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Fashion Show Sends Shells Into New Style Realm

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel-Captiva islanders may think they've seen it all when it comes to seashells, but on Monday local mollusks were propelled to the realms of haute couture. Fifteen outfits, ranging from a simple cotton dress to a lavishly-beaded wedding gown to a coordinating owner-and-dog ensemble, were displayed at a fashion show and luncheon as part of Shellabration! 2012.

A full house of about 150 people filled the dining room at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel to watch perhaps the most glamorous parade of seashells ever seen on these islands.

Star of the show and winner of the most audience votes was the bridal gown made and modeled by Melinda Graham. The elegant white and oyster gray satin dress and train encrusted with tiny seashells received "oohs" and "aahs" from the audience as Graham, a local interior

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The entire line-up of models in the show

Anne Morrow Lindbergh Performance

The final event for Shellabration! 2012, honoring the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, is Rusty Brown's performance of *In Celebration of Anne Morrow Lindbergh*, followed by the Incredible Ice Cream Social. Doors open at 1 p.m. at The Community House.

Step back in time with Rusty Brown as she celebrates the life of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, who frequently visited Captiva Island in the '40s and '50s. While on the island, Lindbergh conceived the idea for her book *Gift From the Sea*, based on shells found on the beach. Brown explores the scope of this talented woman's life as flyer, adventurer, author, philosopher, wife and mother. The performance captures Lindbergh's extraordinary spirit, courage and calming presence.

Following the performance is the Incredible Ice Cream Social, featuring Queenie's Homemade Ice Cream. Specially designed toppings for Shellabration include Cherries Junonia (Cherries Jubilee), Buttercup Bananas



Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Foster, Slipper Shell Salted Caramel, King's Crown Chocolate Sauce, Cinnamon Apple Murex, Periwinkle Praline Sauce, Fresh Berries Galore, and other toppings such as nuts, coconut, Heath Pieces, Butterfinger pieces, Reeses' Pieces, pecans and brownies. Top it off with butterscotch, strawberry, praline, marshmallow, or chocolate sauce, whipped cream and a maraschino cherry.

Cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for guests. Pre-payment is required. Call 472-2155 or stop by 2173 Periwinkle Way. Visit www.shellabration2012.com.**

Big Prizes Up For Grabs This Saturday At Captiva's ABC Sale

by Jeff Lysiak

Guests attending this year's ABC Sale & Auction, to be held at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday, March 3 at The Sanctuary Golf Club, will have a wide assortment of fantastic and one-of-a-kind items to bid upon, from a Useppa Island Yacht & Luncheon Cruise to a South Seas Island Resort Social Membership to gift certificates from a variety of island merchants.

The 46th annual fund-raiser, which supports community programs of the CCA Foundation and Captiva Civic Association, will include a cocktail hour, full-course dinner, musical entertainment and a whole lot of fun, according to event planners.

"The CCA has been in existence for 47 years and this is

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Bidders may Ride With The Reverend on Rev. Tom Nyman's Harley-Davidson motorcycle, one of the popular auction prizes available during this week's ABC Sale & Auction at The Sanctuary. Fifty percent of the auction bid for this item will go to Chapel by the Sea's mission fund.

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World War II Vet Returns To Historical Village

Demand was so high for tickets to hear World War II veteran Helldiver Ed Sieber talk about his experiences sinking the Japanese supership *Yamato*, the museum has scheduled a second talk. Sieber was 21 years old at the time and the *Yamato* was the largest battleship in the world. Sieber will speak again on Tuesday, March 13, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse in the village.

The talk is expected to sell out quickly. There is no charge for museum members, non-members are \$5 and tickets are available at the museum office or by calling 472-4648.

The March Twilight Talk will feature Jim and Marguerite Jordan and Oscar Gavin on Friday, March 23, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse. The Jordans and Gavin will discuss life on Sanibel from the 1930s to the present from a Black American viewpoint. Those interested in attending should purchase tickets early.



World War II hero Ed Sieber mesmerizes the crowd with his harrowing tales as a dive bomber in World War II

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS just past Sanibel City Hall. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, closed holidays. Adult admission is \$5; those under age 18 are free. Learn more on the website, www.sanibelmuseum.org.**

Arado, Lilleslåtten To Perform At Cultural Fest

On Wednesday, March 7, Renata Arado and Espen Lilleslåtten return to Captiva Memorial Library's Cultural Fest. This entrancing violin duo is guaranteed to wow the audience with their spirited and touching renditions of music selected for the event, which begins at 4:30 p.m.

Born in Chicago, Arado has appeared with chamber groups around the globe collaborating with Isaac Stern, Robert Mann, Joshua Bell, Sylvia Rosenberg, Anton Kuerti and Camilla Wicks, to name a few. She performs in recitals and chamber series in the United States and Norway as a duo with her husband violinist/violist Espen Lilleslåtten. Renata spends her summers teaching and performing in Colorado, serving on the faculty of the Aspen Music Festival & School since 1996.

Lilleslåtten is currently Associate Professor of Violin at Louisiana State University, a position he took in 2009. He previously served for 15 years as the concertmaster of the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra, a post to which he was appointed in 1994. He began studying the violin at age 5 with his father, a violist with the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra. Last June, Lilleslåtten and Arado premiered the *Concerto of Psalms for two violins and orchestra* by Dinos Constantiniades in Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City.

This event is free of charge and open to the public. Support is provided by the Captiva Memorial Library Board and



Renata Arado and Espen Lilleslåtten

the Captiva Civic Association. There is no reserved seating, registration is not required.

For more information on Captiva Memorial Library's Cultural Fest programs, call 533-4890.

On Thursday, March 8, kids and families can join in on a Saint Paddy's Day Celebration at the Captiva Memorial Library. Hear tales of Ireland and make "magic wishing stones." The free event begins at 3 p.m.**

Shell Fair & Show Raffle Tickets Are On Sale Now

For a donation of \$2 each or three for \$5, you can be a part of a special raffle to benefit The Community House. Tickets are currently being sold and the items are on display at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Raffle tickets can be purchased between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The drawing will be held on Saturday, March 3 at 3 p.m. Ticket holders don't have to be present to win.

Among the raffle prizes are:

Framed original creation "Seaside Garden" – A hint of a New England created of scallop shells and an assortment of shell flowers from various parts of the world. Design by award-winning shell artist Goz Gosselin. Valued at \$1,200.

Handmade pocket watch – Award-winning artist Bill Jordan has created a commemorative pendant created in recognition of 75 years of Sanibel shell art. Sea urchin spine lettering with a miniature junonia shell center set on red velvet. Valued at \$1,200.

'Tween Waters Inn – One week vacation for two on beautiful Captiva Island due to the generosity of 'Tween Waters Inn. Valued at \$1,000. Some restrictions apply.

Sterling silver sealife – Five shell collage slide with an 18-inch wire donated by Congress Jewelers. Valued at \$620.

Floor shell lamp – Five feet tall and filled with shells of the world, topped with a lovely shade. Donated by She Sells Sea Shells. Valued at \$400.

For more information, visit www.Shellabration2012.com, call 472-2155 or visit The Community House.*



The Bailey Matthews's Shell Museum is known for its Sailor's Valentine display

Workshop

Sailors' Valentines have been around since 1830, and they are still as popular as ever with artists and shell lovers.

Many people who visit The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum marvel at the Sailor's Valentine exhibit, and now the shell museum is providing the chance for crafters to learn how to create their own exquisite pieces of art.

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Immokalee Workers Coming To Sanibel Church

An important and timely meeting will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Monday, March 12 at noon to hear the story of workers from Immokalee. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The presentation by the Immokalee workers will begin at 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to hear this topical presentation of the migrant workers' 14 year quest for fair working conditions, without mistreatment or reprisals. To reserve space at the lunch, call Gillian Bath at 395-4550 by Saturday, March 10.

Immokalee Friendship House for the workers has been supported by St. Michael's and its Noah's Ark thrift store since 2002, providing bedding, clothes, food and financial support. We join many churches and synagogues, local and national, who have added their voices and support to the CIW (Coalition of Immokalee Workers) cause.

CIW, an internationally recognized Florida farm worker organization, has reached groundbreaking agreements with nine of the world's leading food retailers, including McDonald's, Subway and Trader Joe's. These buyers, under the CIW Fair Food Agreement, are paying one penny more per pound for tomatoes directly to the workers who have picked them. At present, supermarkets (with the exception of Whole Foods) are not participating.**

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Captiva Historical Society To Show Latest History Film



Dottie Wakefield

On March 20, the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) will premiere its latest oral history film, a second in an ongoing series by island film maker Rusty Farst. It is entitled *Captiva Memories: Earth, Water and Wind*.

Four Captiva story tellers share their extraordinary life stories:



Bob Sabatino

- Dottie Wakefield, daughter of the Price family, founders of 'Tween Waters, reminisces on the founding of the inn;

- Bob Sabatino, legendary fishing guide and author, recalls fishing stories and explains how hunting for birds and animals for food was a way to survive;

- Kristie Anders, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) education director and North Captiva resident, shares the history of Pine Island Sound and Roosevelt Channel;

- John Dickey, whose family goes back three generations on Captiva, recalls challenges of returning to Captiva after Hurricane Charley and the massive clean-



Kristie Anders

up that followed.

The film runs approximately half an hour. It includes pictures and video never seen before by the public.

It will be shown at the CCA and Chapel by the Sea. The event starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres. Admission is free but reservations are required. Seating is limited. Call the Captiva Civic Association at 472-2111 to reserve your place.

DVDs of *Earth, Water and Wind* may be purchased for \$100, which automatically includes a one-year membership in the CIHS.*



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Captiva Community Panel Meeting

There will be a quorum for the next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel, set for Tuesday, March 13 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Wakefield Room at 'Tween Waters Inn.

The draft agenda for the meeting includes:

- 9 a.m. – Introductions and roll call; approval of February 14 minutes
- 9:05 a.m. – CEPD update by Kathy Rooker, CEPD
- 9:10 a.m. – Hurricane Preparedness & Response Committee update by Doris Holzheimer

9:15 a.m. – Committee reports (as necessary):

- Land Development Code by Max Forgey and Rene Miville
- Communications by Susan Stuart
- Finance and budget by Ken Gooderham
- Water quality by John Jensen?
- Fundraising by Rick Hayduk

CCP Revises Land Use, Development Draft At Meeting

submitted by Ken Gooderham

At its February 14 meeting, the Captiva Community Panel continued its multi-year effort to craft a Captiva Land Development Code to help regulate land use and development on the island. Working from suggestions made by Lee County planning staff and a county advisory committee, the panel did a page-by-page review of the draft.

Among its major decisions:

- It revised language addressing rentals of homes in the island's estate-zoned area to more clearly state that such rentals should not be less than seven days in length. While that time limit was considered as currently implied by many, the panel opted to be more explicit.
- It retained language concerning how septic systems must be sited and maintained. With about half of the island's properties relying on such systems, the panel felt it was important to push for regular maintenance and locating new systems further away from tidal waters. County staff had noted there could be an enforcement issue with the proposed language, since the Department of Health – which regulates septic system approvals – is a state agency.

- It removed language proposed by county staff to regulate how close to existing mangroves any fill could be placed. While the panel and Captivans in general remains firmly committed to preserving any remaining mangroves, panel mem-

bers felt the proposed language needed further discussion about possible impact. Mangrove regulation is a multi-jurisdictional issue with very limited county oversight, which makes code action difficult to draft.

- It continued fine-tuning the rewrite of island sign regulations. The current language is considered outdated, but the panel is concerned that any changes achieve the desired results without penalizing existing signs that Captivans want to preserve.

In addition, the panel reviewed all current references to Captiva in the Lee Plan, the county's comprehensive land use plan. With that plan currently being updated by county staff, the panel wanted to see whether there were areas where revisions were necessary, and classify those as short-term (which could be done in the next two months) versus long-term (for discussion once the current code work is completed).

The panel identified one policy in need of short-term updating, along with the need to revise the plan's vision statement for the island. These will be the focus on the panel's next meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Wakefield Room at 'Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive. All panel meetings are open to the public, and community participation is encouraged.

The Captiva Community Panel provides a public forum whereby Captiva property owners can present projects and get feedback from and answer questions of the panel members and other Captivans attending the public meeting. The panel has no decision-making authority but does advise Lee County as to the point of view of the panel and the point of view expressed by other interested Captivans. The panel is sponsored by the Captiva Property Owners Association Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. More information is available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

Current Captiva Community Panel members are Rick Hayduk, chair; Mike Mullins, vice chair; Susan Stuart, secretary; Mike Kelly, treasurer; and Jim Boyle, Jay Brown, Jack Cunningham, Paul McCarthy, Jerry McClure and David Rohn.**

9:25 a.m. – Updating the Captiva Plan and vision statement by Ken Gooderham and Max Forgey

10 a.m. – Other business and public comment

Confirm dates for next meetings (April 10, May 9 and June 12)

Adjourn

The Captiva Community Panel provides a public forum whereby Captiva property owners can present projects requiring variances and get feedback from and answer questions of the panel members and other Captiva neighbors attending the public meeting. The panel has no decision-making authority on variance requests but does advise Lee County as to the point of view of the panel and the point of view expressed by other interested Captivans attending the public meeting at which the variance request was presented."

The next Captiva Community Panel meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 10 in the Wakefield Room at 'Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive on Captiva.**

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Workshop

Shell crafter Connie Miller will teach and supervise a Sailor's Valentine workshop, which includes making flowers, butterflies and shell patterns, during a three-day class at the shell museum March 6, 8, and 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The class fee is \$300 (materials are not included), and additional items are available for purchase. Full kits (box and shells) are \$134, and the box only is \$74.

To register for the class, visit the Events page at www.shellmuseum.org. For more information, contact public programs specialist Diane Thomas at dothomas@shellmuseum.org, or call 395-2233.**



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City Ordinance 86-43 Rises Again 'Like A Phoenix'

by Anne Mitchell

Perhaps the longest-running and most debated ordinance in Sanibel city history – Ordinance 86-43 – was back on the Planning Commission agenda Tuesday and got an airing that lasted nearly two and a half hours.

At issue was an effort to make the cumbersome wording easier to understand and apply to future single family home applications. The ordinance strives to keep too-large homes from being built in neighborhoods where they are incompatible in terms of size, structure and mass. It is also aimed at clearing up the process of notifying neighbors and, where applicable, registered homeowner associations.

It was at the direction of the City Council, which was concerned that the notification process was causing delays to the permitting process, said Planning Commission chairman Mike Valiquette, an island contractor. Commissioner Holly Smith said she was surprised to see it on the agenda, since she had no idea council wanted revisions.

Valiquette said it was placed on the agenda after he voiced concerns to Mayor Kevin Ruane of unnecessary hold-ups caused by the 14-day waiting period following notification.

But as always, any discussion of 86-43 is a contentious and highly complicated topic, one that the Planning Commission wrestled with for 18 months before sending it to council for approval. Planning Department director Jim Jordan wanted the discussion also to address what would trigger a more lengthy review of the application – such as if a new home or

expansion of an existing home would result in a dwelling larger than the largest home in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Paul Reynolds spoke of his interpretation of the intent of 86-43 as one not meant to prevent large homes from being built, but to guide them to neighborhoods where larger homes are compatible. Also, he said, "It is a neighborhood's right to define itself." It is not subject to the whim of "the guy who comes to town with a big checkbook."

"I don't want to see more things kicked to long form with the time and expense (involved). "I don't want to see a 500-square-foot addition trigger a long form," said Smith, referring to a section in the draft ordinance prepared by the planning department. She also noted that she didn't want the commission to spend a lot of time on the ordinance unless City Council was aware of the direction it was heading.

Jordan said he didn't expect a decision that day, just some guidance from the commission.

"I thought we had buried this," remarked commissioner Phillip Marks. "It's like a phoenix."

Valiquette said buyers' expectations as to the type of home they can build should be clarified by their real estate agent, based on by-laws and city codes, and then by their contractor.

Commissioner Tom Krekel wondered whether the city should eliminate the notification process for homes that are not the largest in the neighborhood, reasoning if they met the codes neighbors wouldn't be able to stop the project anyway.

In summation, Jordan said he believes the commission wants to maintain notification for short-form applications to those living within 300 feet and to homeowner association that have current contact information on file, but drop the 14-day waiting period. Applications

for home larger than the largest in the neighborhood, and for expansions that would result in a home being the largest, would trigger a long-form process and would require full notification and a waiting period.

He said he will have an ordinance drafted for the March 13 meeting. In the meantime, he will inform the city manager of the issue so that she can keep council members apprised.**

Backyard Game Night For All Ages At Community Park

Join island families and friends on Saturday, March 3 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Sanibel Community Park for Backyard Game Night. This event is fun for all ages, so bring the whole family.

Ice cold lemonade will be served while games such as volleyball, football, shuffleboard, corn hole toss, ladder ball and bocce ball will be played.

There is no fee to participate and all activities are weather permitting. For more information, contact the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.**



Doug Quelch, president of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA presents an American flag to Imam Mohamed Al-Darsani of the Islamic Center for Peace in Fort Myers

MOAA Speaker

The guest speaker at last week's Lee Coast Chapter MOAA meeting was Imam Mohamed Al-Darsani of the Islamic Center for Peace in Fort Myers. He discussed the commonality of religious thought of the three Abrahamic religions: Islam, Christianity and Judaism with about 85 MOAA members. This was a unique meeting that touched on reaching common objectives rather than military affairs.

For more information on the Lee Coast MOAA contact Corky Boyd at 395-0464 or email corkyboyd@embarqmail.com **

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Windstorm Insurance Changes

At CASI's (Condominiums Association of Sanibel Island) breakfast on Friday, February 24, Gino Littlestone of Oswald Tripp BB&T announced that the Citizens Insurance Board approved proposed changes to windstorm coverage which will dramatically impact windstorm insurance rates and coverage. Littlestone received the news from a fellow BB&T agent who sits on the Citizens Insurance Board.

Littlestone and Chris Heidrick of Heidrick Insurance/Sanibel were addressing a gathering of nearly 90 condominium board members, managers and owners to review insurance coverage and how it has and will continue to change.

Citizens will cap coverage at \$1 million per primary building for some types of properties, include those who allow short term rentals. Citizens is actively seeking to identify such properties. Citizens is also becoming more selective in the types of construction it will insure and also reviewing property valuations. For those properties that lose coverage through Citizens, surplus lines carriers provide insurance,



Gino Littlestone, OTC/BB&T; Mary Nelson, CASI board; Linda Naton, CASI president; Dick Weiss, CASI vice president; Chris Heidrick, Heidrick Insurance/Sanibel

though generally at a higher rate and with less desirable coverage.

To become more financially stable, Citizens had to "depopulate" and otherwise reduce its liabilities. It is estimated that Citizens has a total exposure of more than \$400 billion while the amount it has collected for claims is only about \$16 billion including the recent \$900 million proceeds of a municipal bond offering. Although there is additional money in the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, a state reinsurance entity, Citizen's liabilities are more than double its liquid assets, which puts all Florida taxpayers and poli-

cyholders on the hook when hurricane losses occur. Policyholders are still paying down the Citizens debt incurred in 2005 and are scheduled to continue to pay down that debt for the next 10 years. Losses which will occur in the future will add to that debt. For that reason,

Why I Donate To The United Way



Judie Zimomra, Sanibel City Manager

by Judie Zimomra

On July 15, 2008, the body of a deceased 64-year-old male was discovered in the parking lot of a Sanibel Island convenience store. What we did not know until the time of his death was that the deceased – a Sanibel resident, in addition to losing his small on-island business after Hurricane Charley, had become homeless – was living behind the store and sleeping on the ground with a single blanket.

Prior to this instance, I was aware of individual hardship cases on Sanibel but none as poignant as this case where

intervention may have resulted in literally the difference between life and death. In 2008, our island did not have an on-island organization dedicated to connecting persons in need to the appropriate agencies. Prior to FISH's designation as a United Way House, we had no on-island coordination for not only the indigent but also those struggling with addictions and mental health disorders.

In late 2009, through the efforts of many "Sanibellians," FISH became a United Way House. In 2010, FISH received their first United Way allocation of \$10,000. In 2011, FISH's United Way contribution increased to \$30,000, which was dedicated to supporting FISH's Walk-In Center and the hiring of a licensed Clinical Social Worker. FISH has a current application pending before the United Way for a \$50,000 allocation this year.

I am very selective about becoming involved in any off-island activity. However, in 2010, with City Council approval, I accepted an invitation to join my fellow citizens Tom Uhler and Tony Lapi to serve on the United Way Board of Lee, Glades and Hendry County. Prior to the close of our annual campaign, which this year is chaired by Sanibel's own Tom Uhler, I wanted to share with the community why I donate to our local United Way with a donor directed gift dedicated to FISH.

For more information about the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades County, contact the United Way directly at 433-2000, dial 2-1-1 from a landline phone, visit www.unitedwaylee.org or e-mail info.iris@unitedwaylee.org. *

Governor Scott asked the Citizens Board to restructure the program to improve its financial situation.

Littlestone and Heidrick encouraged property owners to consult with their insurance agents as they budget for next year's insurance renewals. *



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Members Asked To Write On The Walls Of Sanibel Community Church



Jodie Lucke adds a prayer to the wall

Members of the Sanibel Community Church had their first opportunity to enter their new sanctuary being constructed at 1740 Periwinkle Way. From children to adults, all were encouraged to write a prayer or their favorite scripture on the concrete floors or walls, to serve as a memorial to the fact that the building is dedicated to the purposes of God.

The building project includes a 630-seat sanctuary, where both the 9 a.m. contemporary service and the 11 a.m. traditional worship services will be held as well as the restoration of the historic chapel which will continue to be used for the 7:45 a.m. traditional service. The new construction will also include administrative offices, a prayer room, music and fine arts rehearsal center, media center, counseling center and café bookstore. The current family life center is being renovated to double the space des-



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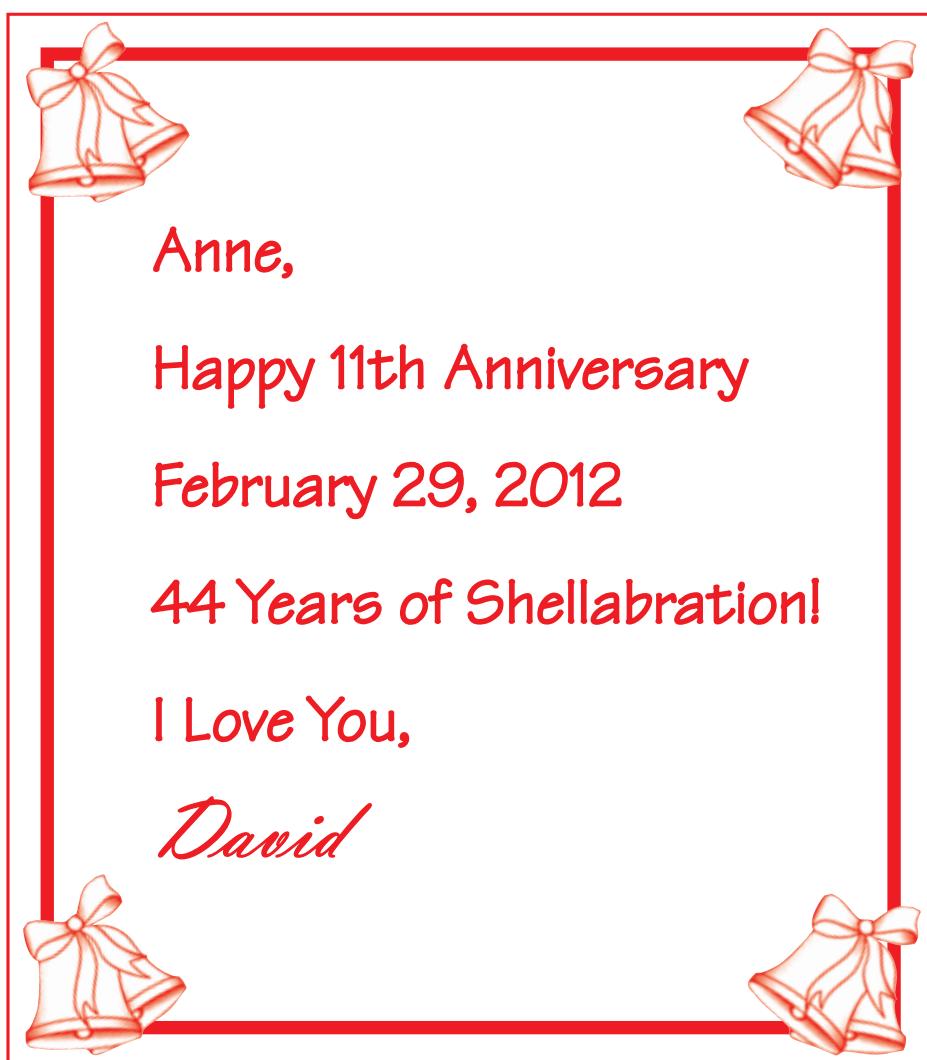
gnated for children and teens. The playground and facilities for the Summit Christian Pre-School are also being enlarged.

Other renovations include the modernization of the current kitchen as well as additional adult meeting rooms. The parking lot is being expanded to add nearly 100 parking spaces. To improve traffic flow, the expanded campus will include two entrances to the property.

Serving the island for nearly 100 years, Sanibel Community Church has a strong desire to serve the community. As a non-denominational evangelical congregation, there is a strong emphasis on Biblical teaching as well as a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. All are welcome to attend.

For more information on the expansion and ministry programs, visit www.sanibel-church.org or call 472-2684. Dr. Daryl Donovan serves as Senior Pastor.**

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Unitarian Universalists To Meet



Reverend Walter H. Schuman

Unitarian Universalists of the Islands will meet on Sunday, March 4 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The service is open to the public. Unitarian Universalists welcome people with diverse beliefs from all religious or philosophical traditions.

The Reverend Walter Schuman will speak on the practice of compassion in all walks of life – compassionate listening, compassionate speaking, compassionate action and compassionate eating. What is the religious community's responsibility to bring about change that will foster love instead of fear, equality rather than exclusivity, interdependence over egotism, sharing rather than hoarding?

Compassion is at the heart of the recent Unitarian Universalist focus on food and social justice, a theme that the Island Unitarian Universalists have explored this season in their services. In June 2011, the UU General Assembly approved a Statement of Conscience that calls on Unitarian Universalists to become aware of the ways that food choices affect personal and family health and the planet's health. Compassion is an integral component of an environmental justice agenda that takes into account how migrant farm workers are treated and in the way industrial farms raise animals, especially those in concentrated animal feeding operations. A goal of the UU Statement of Conscience is to think compassionately and to strive for equitable distribution of both environmental burdens and benefits for populations of residents and workers.

Ghandi said, "We must ourselves become the change that we wish to see in the world." The issue the human community faces today is how to bring about change that will nourish the art of compassion.

The Reverend Schuman, Th. M. Princeton Theological Seminary, is an ordained ELCA Lutheran minister

and retired from his career as professor and chairman of the Department of Religion at Ashland University where he taught theology and ethics from 1971 to 2002. While living in Ohio, he served on the board of ethics for the Samaritan Regional Health System and was a charter trustee for the Hospice of North Central Ohio. He has published numerous articles on theology and end of life concerns, received an NEH Grant for advanced study in theology and medical ethics, and was awarded the Taylor Award by Ashland University for Excellence in Teaching. Since moving to Sanibel, he has taught courses for the Renaissance Program of FGCU and has led study groups and presented forums at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal

Church on the subject of Religion in Public Life. Most recently, he and Dr. Michael Derechin presented a program for the Shared Scholar Community Lecture Series entitled Dying in the

Technological Age: Doctors, Patients and Ethical Choices.

Discussion, fellowship and refreshments follow the service.**

years, so the Chapel doesn't become identified with any one minister or denomination. Rev. Nyman is currently serving his second year and will return next November for his final year. Since he is a Lutheran, he will not be succeeded by a Lutheran.

The Chapel is looking for a minister – male or female – who has an ecumenical approach and outlook; is a good preacher; is warm, caring, compassionate and willing and able to provide pastoral

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Chapel By The Sea Begins Search For Next Minister

Chapel By The Sea on Captiva is beginning its traditional triennial search for a new minister to succeed Reverend Tom Nyman in November of 2013.

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Area Churches To Sponsor Special Ecumenical Event

Christian healing is the focus of an Ecumenical panel to be held on Thursday, March 15, when three area churches will join hands to discuss Christian Perspectives On Healing. Rev. Dr. John Danner, senior pastor at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, will join Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan, rector at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, and Christine Driessen, Christian Science practitioner, lecturer and teacher, representing the Christian Science Church of Sanibel.

Discussing the faith traditions of the Congregational United Church of Christ will be Rev. Danner, who holds degrees from Bangor Theological Seminary and Boston University. Trained as a pastoral psychotherapist, he is also a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Rev. Danner began his tenure in January of 2010 as senior pastor at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, where the Ecumenical panel will be held.



Rev. Dr. John Danner



Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan



Christine Driessen

The Christian Science perspective on healing will be shared by Driessen. After earning a law degree, Driessen developed a comprehensive rehabilitation program as an alternative to prison for women offenders and their children. In 1996, she became a full time Christian Science practitioner, and later completed qualifications for Christian Science teacher. At that time, she also served as manager of the international Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Driessen was asked to write a chapter on Christian Science for the book *The Soul of Medicine* from Harvard Medical School, published by John Hopkins University Press.

Rev. Sloan will share her approach to spiritual healing as an Episcopal priest. She spent 25 years in the educational field prior to her ordination. To prepare for her ministry, she completed a master's of divinity from General Theological in 2002. Rev. Sloan previously served as chaplain and dean of community at the General Theological Seminary in New York City for five years, and as a priest in Ridgewood, New Jersey before becoming rector at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

The Ecumenical panel will be held at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, on Thursday, March 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. Brad Murray from the Sanibel Christian Science Church will serve as moderator. Ample time will be provided for questions. Those interested in attending the discussion are invited to a complimentary hors d'oeuvre reception preceding the talk at 6 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. ☀

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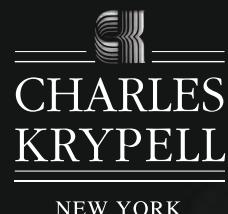
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OBITUARY



VIRGINIA QUIGLEY FOLEY

Virginia Quigley Foley, of Rocky River, Ohio and Sanibel, died on December 23, 2011. Born in 1917 the daughter of Eugene and Beatrice Quigley, she graduated from St. Mary of the Woods College in 1938 and then attended Western Reserve University School of Social Services, Cleveland College and Cleveland Institute of Art.

Mrs. Foley worked under Ernest J. Bohn during the founding and building of the CMHA in the 1930s. Virginia was a committed Clevelander, involved in numerous Boards of Trustees in the

Cleveland area, and did many years of fundraising for the following groups: Child Guidance Center – VP and secretary (she was honored with a special award for fundraising in the early 1990s); Cleveland International Program; Lakewood Hospital – Junior Board President; Cleveland Museum of Art – Women's Council & Director's Circle; Cleveland Print Club – VP (Operations); Beck Center for the Cultural Arts (a gallery for art was dedicated to her in 1997); Catholic Counseling Center; Catholic Charities Corporation; Children's Aid Society, Rocky River Board; Eliza Jennings Home – Junior Board and Lakewood Hospital Foundation. She was a member of Westwood Country Club, The Intown Club, Clifton Club (serving on the Board of Directors), Contemporary Art Society as well as two study clubs, a book club and numerous Bridge groups.

Mrs. Foley was the widow of George M. Foley, who passed away in 1972; mother of Eugene (Inga Duktig), Marilyn Stephen (Scott), Laura Foley (Dan Collins), Virginia K. Findlay (Gregg) and G. Michael Foley (Dianna); grandmother of Christopher Foley (deceased), Megan Stephen, Allison Stephen, Sara Stephen, Kristina Goel, Lara Rawe, Liam Collins, Misha Foley and Alex Foley.

Memorial contributions may be forwarded to Catholic Charities, 1404 E. 9th Street, 8th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114, or Beck Center for the Cultural Arts, 17801 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107, or Applewood Centers, 2525 E. 22nd Street, Cleveland, OH 44115.**

OBITUARY

JOHN JOSEPH BURNEAKAS

John Joseph Burneakas of Sanibel passed away on February 23, 2012. He was 78.

Originally from Connecticut, John moved to Captiva several years ago to work at South Seas Island Resort as a golf instructor. This was where he earned his nickname "Wacky," which is how many people came to know John. Later, Wacky went on to 'Tween Waters Inn, where he lived for several years and worked as head

of their landscape department.

Wacky was a true character and could always be counted on for a funny comment or "lousy" remark. He will be sorely missed by his many friends made on the islands over the years.

Anyone wishing to join in a celebration of Wacky's life is invited to The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn on Friday, March 16 at 5:05 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in John's name to Hope Hospice. For more information on the Crow's Nest celebration, call Stacy at 851-1998.**

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Search For Minister

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The Pulpit Search Committee members are Donna Schubert, chair, Mike Boris, Dick Jacker, Nathalie Pyle, Chip Roach, Ginny Stringer and Susan Stuart.

The Chapel welcomes suggestions of candidates. Contact any member of the

Search Committee or Donna Schubert at 395-8689.

The Captiva Chapel-By-The-Sea is a seasonal Christian ministry open to all, from Thanksgiving through Easter. The historic Mission Chapel is denominationally independent and welcomes everyone regardless of their spiritual beliefs.**

Breakfast Night At LOGOS

The LOGOS kids at Sanibel Community Church are having Breakfast Night on Wednesday, March 7. Participants are invited to wear their pj's and practice hanging spoons from their noses.

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Christian Women's Connection



Patti Warner

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The luncheon program will begin at 11:30 a.m. at The Dunes Golf and

Tennis Club, 949 Sand Castle Road. Cost \$18 per person. Women of all ages are invited. Reservations are required.

Come with your favorite tea cup and saucer to participate in the program. Harpist Methel Gale will provide background music.

For more information and reservations call Anita at 395-9015. Reservation deadline is March 5. Make checks payable to Sanibel-Captiva CWC and mail to Linda Yoder, 9290 Bayberry Bend, Unit 104, Fort Myers, FL 33908. The program is sponsored by SCCWC and Stonecroft Ministries.**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper At St. Michael's

It was not exactly Mardi Gras in New Orleans or Carnival in Rio, but good food, lively music, and friendly crowds marked the traditional pre-Lenten festivities – Shrove Tuesday – at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel. Fifty seven men of the parish, coordinated by Scott Chrysler and Carl Meier, cooked and served pancakes and accompaniments to more than a hundred parishioners and friends.

Members of the youth group, many of whom were recently confirmed, assisted as waiters. Free will contributions from the diners were donated to the youth group for upcoming activities.

Chrysler, who has been organizing the event for the past nine years, called it a



Pancakes were served in the Parish Hall

"great and happy success." Prior to the supper itself, he had planned the event with military efficiency (he served as a supply officer in the U.S. Navy.) With two cooking shifts, waiters, cleaners, and servers, the pancake supper went smoothly, exactly as planned.

Blueberry pancakes were the favorite, two to one, of the parishioners and friends of St. Michael's.

Traditionally known as Shrove Tuesday in the worldwide Anglican communion, the day for centuries was marked by confession and absolution (shriving) of sins and celebrated with good food prior to the meatless days of denial and penance

in Lent. In historically Catholic countries, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) allowed a day of eating meat) and Carnival (putting away meat) were days of enjoyment prior to the more somber 40 days of Lent that begin with Ash Wednesday.**

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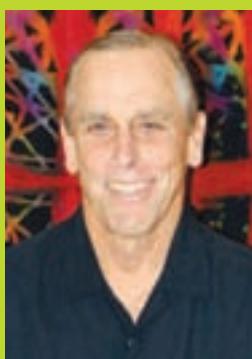
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According to Smith, the pinnacle of his career came when renown Japanese textile artist Itchiku Kubota purchased one of his shibori creations during a visit to Captiva. Kubota then wore the garment to an opening reception of his artwork at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Smith prepares and dyes every piece of silk, enough for a single outfit at a time, before his personally-trained seamstress assembles the fabrics in his studio.

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Power Squadron Change Of Watch

The Change of Watch is the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron's selection of new leadership for the coming "watch" year. The full dress event featured dinner at the St. Charles Yacht Club.

The squadron has over 320 members, all committed to promoting safe boating. Nationally the United States Power Squadron has 400 squadrons and almost 40,000 members. SCSPS is one of the top squadrons and the swearing in ceremony attracted many Southwest Florida squadron and district officers as well as national officers. Also present was Chief Warrant Officer Jeff Kerner of the United States Coast Guard and his wife Sheryl (Fort Myers Beach).

The primary mission of the squadron is safe boating through education. This year over 15 education courses were provided. Under the leadership of Jim Strothers squadron members work with Lee County, the coast guard, and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) making sure that markers and buoys are in position and in good condition so that fellow boaters can find their channels.

Bob Healy and his crew of inspectors do over 100 free vessel safety checks to determine that each examined vessel has at least minimal safety equipment in working order. Marti Squitieri works with The Sanibel School to provide a course in safety on the water. The SERATs (Sanibel Emergency Response and Assistance Team) provides boats, captains, crews and communication, working with the Sanibel Fire Department and other agencies to assist with on the water emergencies. This program, led by Jim



New Commander Sami Lucas



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Strothers, is being adopted by national and other squadrons.

The meeting had its lighter side. Walt Knutzen was awarded the Bent Prop award for missing the channel and going aground. As this is a traveling award, he was able to point out that he was joining an elite group of members who, in prior years, have been so recognized. If you are a dedicated boater, sooner or later you may have a similar experience.

Past Commander Hal Theiss had a banner year and was selected to become a trial member of the Silver Tridents. This exclusive group of past commanders is diligent in making sure the current commander is on the ball.

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The League of Women Voters of Sanibel invites you to join them on Friday, March 16 on the Caloosahatchee Oxbow & Riverlore Cruise.

The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Natural Resource Policy Director. The vessel is a stable and spacious 42-passenger *Manatee Rover* pontoon boat that features daily manatee tours. All seats have a great view for photographs and bird watching.

A Dolphin bus will pick up attendees at 11 a.m. at the far side of the parking lot at Publix Supermarket on Summerlin Road, across from the Tanger Outlet Mall. Since departure is at 11 a.m. and return around 5 p.m., you will need to bring a lunch. The

League will provide water. The cost is \$55 per person, which includes the 2.5 hour boat ride, the guide and the bus.

The cruise will depart at 1 p.m. from the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam off SR 80. The adventure begins by locking through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, you will enter the historic bends of the river and revisit the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of the early settlers and their adventures are blended with an understanding of the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

To reserve a spot, send your reservation checks by Monday, March 5 – with "River Cruise" on the notation line – to: LWV Sanibel, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957. Space is limited to 42 people. Reservations will be on a first-come basis based upon receipt of your check and the names of guests. The U.S. Coast Guard requires the names of all passengers, so include that information along with your check.

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Boardwalk Under Way At 'Ding'

Sufficient donations to begin work have put the new Children's Education Boardwalk project between The Sanibel School and the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge into forward motion.

Recently, refuge staff put on their waders to mark the boardwalk's footprint. Green architect Amy Nowacki, boardwalk donor Carol Strange and Birgie Vertesch, executive director for the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, which raised funds for the project, joined them.

Donations for the project came from the Jim Sprankle Duck Decoy Exhibit sponsorships, Strange's family Martin Foundation, a bequest from the late Syril Rubin, memorials to the late Win Kloosterman, and a contribution from the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

The boardwalk will cross a brackish wetland currently inaccessible to the public en route to the refuge's Indigo Trail. It will give school children and visitors up-close views of alligators, wading birds and more.

The boardwalk will meander through mangroves and expand into an in-the-round venue to accommodate up to 25 students and other groups.

The project is one of only a handful of school-refuge partnerships in the nation that are physically connected by an educational boardwalk, accord-



Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland, Refuge Biologist Tara Wertz, donor Carol Strange and architect Amy Nowacki recently mucked around the wetland to survey the footprint for the forthcoming boardwalk

ing to Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland.

She is currently assembling a focus group of local teachers and education volunteers to share their visions for the boardwalk. Construction will begin as soon as the permitting process is com-

pleted.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.**

Audubon Hosts Pond Apple Park Trail Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be held this Saturday, March 3 at the Pond Apple Park Trail. Participants will meet in the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce parking lot on Causeway Road at 8 a.m.

These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A \$2 donation is appreciated. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for additional details.**

Sanibel Valentine Shells On Beach Identified

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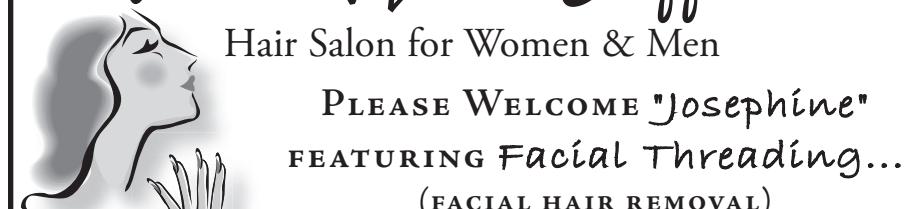
I know the artist for the "romance inspired artwork" (Island Sun, February 24 issue, page 24) and now the shamrock located at Sunset Beach. His name is Robert Kregg of Sea Girt, New Jersey and he made it as a Valentine surprise for his wife, Kathy. He's known for doing things like this along our Atlantic Coast beaches in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Robert and Kathy have been staying in Fort Myers since the first of the year and will soon be heading back up north. They have had a wonderful time enjoying your beaches. We visited them today and got to see "first hand" Robert's artwork!

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Shell Museum Recognizes Volunteers

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum recognized 74 volunteers for their dedication and service at a ceremony February 20.**

Shells Found



Darra Knott and Karin Diekmann

Darra Knott found a junonia at Loggerhead Cay on East Gulf Drive while shelling with Karin Diekmann on February 27. Darra is staying at her sister and brother-in-law at Crown Colony. "I was shelling with my sister-in-law (she taught me to shell)," explained Knott. "I saw it in the water and I picked it up!"**

Shells Found



Grace and Patrick

Grace and Patrick of Boxford, Massachusetts found a junonia on Captiva Cruises' half-day shell-ing cruise to the southern end of Cayo Costa on February 23.**



The longest-tenured volunteers, who have helped the museum for 17 years, include: Hal Pilcher, Marguerite Pilcher, Barb Hansen, Dotty DeVasure, Joyce Matthys, Evelyn Spencer and Ethel Sinow

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Seahorse Festival March 24



Julia Dry and Zoe Ramsey at last year's Seahorse Festival

The parent volunteers at The Sanibel School are busy making preparations for the 2012 Seahorse Festival. This is the largest event of the year for the school, with the proceeds contributing to much needed supplies, electronics, software, teacher support and equipment.

This year's event date is Saturday, March 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. We are once again having a fun and festive evening event. There will be fun for all ages, including music, bounce houses, carnival games, a silent auction, driving range, food and drinks.

A new student to the school, Josh Leon's design was chosen as the winning seahorse for the 2012 t-shirt. Josh's design will become official "autograph" t-shirt that the children's friends can sign, which has made for a fun keepsake and collectible from year to year.

Organizers would like to thank their sponsors that have already contributed to mak-

ing this year a great success: Bailey's General Store, The Bender Family, The Crater Family, The Willis Family, The Kouril Family, The Sprecher Family, The Lebar Family, Cip's Restaurant, Bank of the Islands, Hahn Construction, Periwinkle Park, Coral Veterinary Clinic, Nave Plumbing, Lazy Flamingo, Pfeifer Realty Group, The Sanctuary Golf Club, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank and Tween Waters Inn.

If you would like to become a sponsor or donor, contact PTA President Milissa Sprecher at milissa@special-kids.com, or call 395-1636.

Stay tuned to the *Island Sun* for updates and a sneak peek at all the fun items that will be up for auction at the event.✿

Donation To Locks Of Love

Annabel Crater, age 7, is a 2nd grader at The Sanibel School. She has been growing her hair out for the past year to donate to Locks of Love. The Locks of Love organization makes wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy or children with alopecia. Annabel had 11 inches of her hair cut off this week to send in for children in need.✿



Annabel Crater, age 7



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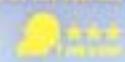
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Refuge To Stage Prescribed Burns During Spring

by Jeff Lysiak

Often when people see a large amount of smoke or flames spreading across a densely vegetated area, their initial reaction may be to panic. Islanders, however, may see some activity during the spring season that is being prescribed in order to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires and to help preserve the natural ecology of the area.

Over the next few weeks, the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will be setting controlled burns of the Botanical Site – located west of Rabbit Road and east of the Gulf Pines development – on Sanibel. They will be assisted by officials from the state Department of Forestry, members of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District, Captiva Fire District, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, SCCF and Sanibel Police Department.

"This has been one of the driest years we've had in the past several years, and right now we have the opportunity to do a controlled burn of this area," said Paul Tritaik, refuge manager. "If we wait (until after the dry season), we might miss this opportunity."

On February 23, members of the refuge staff as well as experts in fire management staged an informational meeting at the "Ding" Darling Education Center to discuss the burn plan and address any questions or concerns.

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According to Toni Westland, supervisory refuge ranger, there have been two "prescribed fires" on refuge lands during her 10-year tenure on Sanibel: at the Bailey Tract and along Legion Curve. The Botanical Site, purchased by the state in 1972, is divided into two sections – the North Unit and the South Unit – split in the middle by the Sanibel River.

Purposely setting and controlling fires can actually help prevent wildfires. This technique, often called a "prescribed fire," will reduce the amount of dried vegetation, or "fuel." When conducting prescribed fires, managers consider environmental conditions such as temperature, relative humidity, recent rainfall, wind speed and direction, soil moisture, fuel conditions and the type of burn that can be conducted. Following a predefined "prescription" allows fire management officers to determine the desired fire behavior (i.e. intensity, flame length, direction of fire spread and smoke).

"Many plants and animals are dependent on and benefit from fire," Tritaik explained. "Without fire, native plants and animals have a much harder time surviving in these habitats."

Several animal species, including the gopher tortoise, Eastern indigo snakes and the Sanibel rice rat, all depend on a fire maintained ecosystem.

Jon Wallace, prescribed fire manager for the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, told the crowd of approximately 20 residents that once a controlled burn has been scheduled – usually within a 72 hour "window of opportunity" – information about when the burn will be staged

will be sent out to local media and posted on various websites, including www.firewise.org and the City of Sanibel's own www.mysanibel.com.

"We are going to conduct these burns on the weekend, so we do not disrupt classes at The Sanibel School," said Wallace. "When kids see smoke and/or fire, they tend to get very excited, so we are very sensitive to planning burns when school is out."

According to Wallace, a "mosaic" type of burn – during which 60 to 70 percent of the defined unit area will be burned – will be ignited from the air using a specially outfitted helicopter. At the same time, refuge employees, fire officials and city staff will be stationed on the ground to ensure the burn goes according to plan. They will use ATVs, mobile fire equipment and a water truck filled with up to 1,000 gallons of water to ensure safety at all times.

Officials stated that the North Unit of the Botanical Site, bordered by Sanibel-Captiva Road to the north and the Sanibel River to the south, will be burned first. The South Unit, which borders Gulf Pines to the west and the Sea Camp, West Rocks, East Rocks and Sea Oats developments along its southern edges, will be burned last.

Asked by one member of the audience how long each prescribed burn will last, Wallace estimated that fires will begin in the early morning hours ("Probably by 9 or 10 a.m.," he said.) and will be extinguished by 3 p.m. Residual smoke caused by the burns should be diffused before

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First Radio-Transmitter Study Under Way At Refuge

It may be the wallflower of the bird world, but during the next year, the mangrove cuckoo is getting big attention thanks to a first-of-its-kind study that started last week at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

"Here you can drive through reasonably intact mangrove forest. It's much easier to work here (than in other mangrove forests), and we know there are birds," said John Lloyd, senior research ecologist with Ecostudies Institute.

The study involves trapping the shy, secretive mangrove cuckoos that breed in the refuge, using recorded vocalizations and fine nylon mesh known as "mist nets," then fitting them with radio transmitter backpacks that will track their movements for about one year.

"We want to find out what elements are critical to them," said Lloyd. "They're here breeding and vocal March through July. Then they quit being vocal. Do they get quieter or are they moving?"

"Ding" Darling Deputy Refuge Manager Joyce Palmer was instrumental in making the study happen. "I worked with (Ecostudies Institute) when I was at Ten Thousand Islands (National Wildlife Refuge) on mangrove birds. Now we have them here working specifically on the mangrove cuckoo."

The non-profit's survey in the Everglades was broader, studying mangrove bird populations in general through point counts. When the biologists found cuckoo populations to be declining in certain areas, they realized there wasn't much natural history available on the birds to explain why.

Funding for the "Ding" Darling project was obtained through the refuge and the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund.

"How can we not know more about these birds?" asked Lloyd. "Our knowledge is remarkably incomplete because it so difficult to get into places where it lives. As far as we know, there's never been any banded."

Lloyd and his assistant, Rachel Frieze, who will spend the year at "Ding" Darling, have set up an Ecostudies Institute Facebook page devoted exclusively to the project, so bird-lovers can keep abreast of results.

"There's real interest in conservation, especially birds here," Lloyd said – one more reason the refuge was a logical place to research mangrove cuckoos. "People really care about the answers." **



Mangrove cuckoo at "Ding" Darling
photo by Patty Smith



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Birding at the Bailey Homestead Preserve — March 9

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Bobcat Tales — March 6

Bobcats seem to be flourishing through most of their North American range. Learn more about this shy feline that moves so peacefully among us. *Tuesday, March 6 at 10 a.m.*

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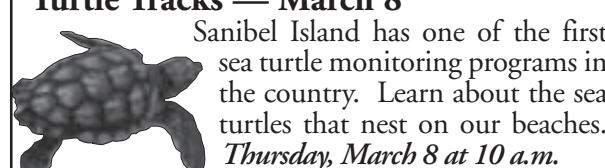
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Otter Tales — March 7

Come and learn about this large, aquatically adapted member of the weasel family. Otter sightings have increased recently on SCCF trails. *Wednesday, March 7 at 10 a.m.*



Turtle Tracks — March 8



Sanibel Island has one of the first sea turtle monitoring programs in the country. Learn about the sea turtles that nest on our beaches. *Thursday, March 8 at 10 a.m.*

SCCF Wildlife Tour at The Dunes — March 6

Alligators, eagles and wading birds will be on the greens at The Dunes this winter. An SCCF interpreter will lead a 45-minute tour by golf cart. Reservations required; call The Dunes at 472-3355 (ask for Julayne). *March 6 at 4:30 p.m.*

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River otter

Otter Tales At SCCF

No one knows how many river otters live on Sanibel and Captiva. Come and learn about this large, aquatically-adapted member of the weasel family. River otters are strong and graceful swimmers that capture the hearts of all who see them. Following the program take a walk on the trail and view an otter communication sight. Otter Tales begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7 in the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) auditorium. Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, SCCF members and children are free. Call 472-2329 for more information.**

Science Lecture At Shell Museum

Dr. Edward J. Petuch of Florida Atlantic University's Department of Geosciences will describe

his research on Western Atlantic mollusks on Wednesday, March 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. as part of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's

Natural Science Lecture Series. The program is free with museum admission or membership.

Dr. Petuch has geology degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and he received his doctorate from the University of Miami. He has traveled the world doing research, written several books, and he has had more than 100 professional papers published.

For additional information, contact shell museum public programs specialist Diane Thomas at dothomas@shellmuseum.org or call 395-2233.**



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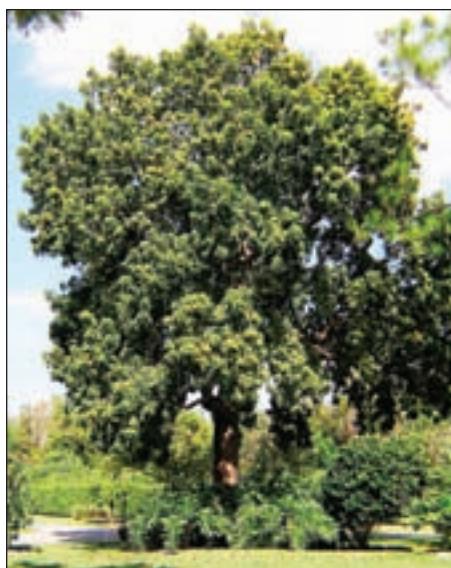
Inconspicuous greenish yellow flowers bloom spring to summer

by Gerri Reaves

Bishopwood (*Bischofia javanica*) is one of many plants introduced to Florida with good intentions. But the tree soon proved to be harmful to the state.

This large evergreen shade tree was imported by a nursery grower as an ornamental, probably in the 1940s.

However, in a relatively short time in South Florida, the native of tropical Asia and the Pacific Islands proved itself an



Invasive bishopwood was introduced to Florida decades ago as an ornamental invader of native habitats such as intact cypress domes and hardwood hammocks.

That is why it has earned a place on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's most damning list of category-1 invasive species.

Bishopwood can reach up to 60 feet in height. The rounded dense crown makes it an attractive, fast-growing tree. Leaves are six to eight inches long with small-toothed margins.

Clusters of tiny inconspicuous flowers are visible on many of the female trees this time of year. Petal-less and greenish yellow, they bloom from spring to summer.



Bishopwood's rough brown bark is distinctive

photos by Gerri Reaves

Later, numerous pea-sized fleshy berries will appear, brown, reddish or blue-black in color.

Unfortunately, birds will eat the fruit and disperse the seeds, continuing the tree's invasion.

The tannin-rich bark contains a red dye used to stain rattan baskets.

Many large bishopwoods in the Fort Myers area date to when they were approved as ornamental shade trees.

Consider replacing bishopwood trees in your yard with native or Florida-friendly

trees that will also provide shade and food for wildlife without posing an environmental threat.

Other reasons to replace the tree include the messy fruit that stains sidewalks, an aggressive root system, and susceptibilities to breakage and pests.

Sources: fleppc.org, worldagroforestry.org, and ifas.ufl.edu.

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Tarpon Sightings And Trout Tactics



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Trout fishing remained one of the most reliable bites out on the water this week. Finally, we are starting to see good numbers of sea trout over that 20-inch mark. After a few warm

days, the larger trout really seemed to make that switch I've been waiting for and began eating baitfish and not just the live shrimp they have been eating all winter.

The sheepshead bite in and around the passes was also still going strong, with spawning sheepshead up to four pounds pretty common. This week also brought some of the first tarpon sightings of the year.

While running out from Hemp Key towards Captiva Rocks mid-week, I saw a free-jumping tarpon. Even though conditions were sloppy, there was no mistaking the 80-pound-or-so silver king going

airborne.

I also had a report this week from a fellow guide of rolling tarpon out a few miles in the gulf around the Sanibel Causeway reef. Another friend of mine just returning from bridge fishing down in the Keys said tarpon were all over down there. It really seems early to be seeing tarpon, but a good run of days in the mid 80s will do that. Generally, my first tarpon hook-up of the year comes while trout fishing and really under gunned tackle wise, after a few jumps the battle is usually over pretty quickly.

Redfish action was a little hit and miss in the mornings until the tide got up high later in the day, then redfish could be found all over mangrove keys throughout the sound. Southwest winds really helped the bite with tides up much higher than the tide charts forecast, making the periods to chase redfish much longer than expected. Most ran on the smaller side but fishing through the shorts generally produced a few keepers.

Finding good numbers of trout was as simple as finding the clean water. Most of the open water at the southern end of the sound remained coffee colored all week with the windy conditions we have experienced. The water color got much prettier once you got a little further north or up around the Flamingo Bay channel

on the eastern side of the sound and up past Redfish Pass on the western side.

On cooler mornings, I have been catching trout while bouncing the bottom with live shrimp on a jig. Deeper channels and sand holes just off the grass flats have held lots of trout just around slot size or better. Fast-moving tidal creeks with clearer water that are sheltered from the open wind churned bay also held good numbers of trout during colder mornings.

As conditions quickly rebounded and warmed back up, the trout moved back out onto the clearer flats and on the edges of the flats.

Sandholes and channels from Redfish Pass north produced some of the bigger trout of the week. During periods of southwesterly winds, I concentrated my efforts on the leeward western side of the bay. Then during periods of strong eastern winds, I worked the leeward eastern side. The leeward side of the bay will always have the cleaner water and that really has been the main factor in finding good numbers of quality trout.

When fishing shallow flats and sandholes, a rattling popping cork like a Cajun Thunder is really hard to beat. Advantages these floats have over the traditional tried and true popping cork is that they make a lot more noise, do not tangle up as easy and cast be cast a mile. I prefer the type with the concave top as its the loudest. Not only do these rigs work well out on the flat they also catch redfish while mangrove fishing. I like to rig mine with about 2 or 3 feet of 20# leader and a 1/4 oz. jig head. Use just enough leader that the bait will be seen when the fish come in to investigate the noise. The popping sound these bobbers must sound like other fish feeding or a bait splashing around on the surface. Rattling popping corks can be fished either with a soft plastic bait or a live bait. Although they are very effective with a soft plastic bait they are deadly with a live bait.



One of the better redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

Working sandhole to sandhole on the eastern side of North Captiva with small pinfish and shiners popped loudly caught trout after trout. Simply pick a sandhole out in the grass flat, anchor just within casting distance and cast into it, if you don't hook a trout within a few casts, keep moving. Move sandhole to sandhole, some held no trout while others held 20-plus fish.

Certain periods while fishing for redfish this week were really tough. I often went for an hour or more on my boat without a single bite, so it was great to be able to mix it up and chase another species. We would simply take a break from the redfish hunt and go to non-stop trout and sheepshead action. Once dinner was in the live well and the conditions and tide got just right, we would go back and try for redfish, usually getting it done. Several times this week, I would set up on redfish and simply could not get them to eat a bait until I returned later when the conditions were just right.

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, e-mail captmattmitchell@aol.com. *

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ABC Sale

our primary fundraising event of the year," said Jack Cunningham, CCA treasurer and event chairman. "We're going to have a great dinner with music, complimentary drinks and dancing afterwards. It's a wonderful way to meet and greet your neighbors, buy some great items and have a good time."

Cunningham noted that among this year's ABC auction items are a \$2,500 gift certificate with dinner, flowers and chocolates from Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery, a 12-foot Peak-a-boo ocean kayak, a Robert Rauschenberg limited edition signed lithograph, SCCF Outback Safari Jeep Tour, a guided fishing or shelling trip, a \$2,000 gift certificate to Congress Jewelers, an in-home catered party, a sailing trip aboard the *New Moon*, YOLO Water Sports activities, a round of golf and lunch at The Sanctuary Golf Club, a full-day powerboat rental from Jensen's Marina, a Kay Casperson Spa gift certificate for a day of pampered luxury, the ever popular Ride With The Reverend Harley-Davidson Island Tour and the traditional Merchant & Restaurant Extravaganza Package.

In addition, this year's ABC Auction Art Project is four, one-of-a-kind designer Barrington Benches created by Captiva artists Susan Scott, Sue Sherlock, Laura Meyer and Lauri Kihlmanen. Each bench will be awarded to the top four bidders.

"This is a traditional, community-wide event and people have a lot of fun at it," added Paul Garvey, executive director of

the CCA. "The money raised by the sale and auction supports the CCA's mission and its operations throughout the year."

The Captiva Civic Association is a non-profit, community based membership organization operating exclusively for the betterment of the Captiva area. Its mission is the preservation of the quality of life, ambiance, and environmental integrity of this unique barrier island community. Among other functions, it sponsors and provides exhibit space for local artists, provides workroom and meeting facilities for the Captiva Island Historical Society and administers the CCA Scholarship Fund, helping children of residents and island public service employees meet post-secondary educational expenses.

Tickets for the 46th annual ABC Sale & Auction are \$90 per person (includes an open bar, dinner and music) and are still available. Reservations may be made by calling the CCA office at 472-2111.**

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Birding With SCCF At The Bailey Homestead Preserve

Join experienced birders on this special opportunity to tour the grounds of the Bailey Homestead Preserve, which is not yet open to the public. The outing will take place on Friday, March 9. Participants should park at Roadside City Park on Periwinkle Way and meet in the parking lot. Call 472-2329 for directions.

Non-native vegetation previously dominated areas of the 28.3-acre property and clearing is still in progress but birds are now discovering the newly available habitat. SCCF biologist and shorebird monitoring coordinator Joel Caouette will also be on the walk to talk about SCCF's restoration work and the birds that will be attracted to the site when restoration is complete.

These bi-weekly outings are to preserves owned and managed by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Both new and experienced birders will enjoy a variety of birds in a diversity of wildlife habitat. Botany enthusiasts are also welcome to help identify plants along the trails.

The final Birding at the Preserves of the season will be held on Friday, March 23 at Sanibel Gardens. Enter Island Inn Road from Tarpon Bay Road and park on the side of the road near the trailhead or enter Island Inn Road from West Gulf Drive, park near road barrier and short walk to trailhead.

All walks begin at 8 a.m., but the locations do vary. All outings are free for everyone to attend. Call SCCF at 472-2329 or 472-4031 for more details.**



Red-shouldered awks have been seen at the Bailey Homestead Preserve

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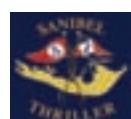
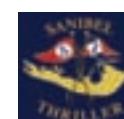
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CROW Case Of The Week:

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by Patricia Molloy
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1978, it has been classified as a threatened species by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission since 1971 and by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 1978. It is illegal to capture, harm or kill an eastern indigo snake without special federal and/or state permits.

On February 10, Chris Lechowicz, director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, found an injured indigo at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel. The adult male had become entangled in construction equipment, possibly in an effort to find a warm place to rest during the recent cold snap. Like all reptiles, he is a cold-blooded creature that is at the mercy of environmental temperature extremes.

CROW's team quickly went to work cleaning and bandaging his multiple wounds. Topical and systemic antibiotics were administered along with fluids to keep him hydrated. Dr. Heather noted that while being an extremely good-tempered patient, the indigo has a habit of regularly "snaking" out of his bandages. Between feedings and medical treatments, he spends his time basking under a heat lamp in the clinic's reptile room.

CROW's staff is particularly excited to have the opportunity to treat and release this eastern indigo snake; as a sexually mature male, he can play a vital role in saving his own species.

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This adult male indigo is approximately five to six feet long



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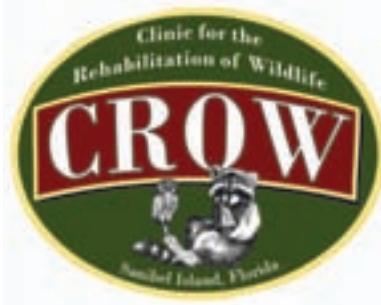
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JN "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik (right) presented Bill and Jeanne Rankin with their 20-year awards

The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge celebrated its annual volunteer awards luncheon on February 24 at The Community House.

"The awards we're going to present represent a small token of our appreciation," said Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik.

He went on to report that in 2011, 268 volunteers worked more than 26,800 hours at the refuge, representing a labor savings of 13 staff members and more than \$574,071.

Following is a list of volunteers who earned awards for attaining hour and year achievement levels. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) helps support the annual luncheon that the refuge staff hosts.

20-Year Award

Bill Rankin
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Melinda Graham won first prize with her shell-encrusted wedding dress

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Shellabration Fashion Show

designer, made a grand entrance with two flower/shell girls, Laura and Valya Blevins.

Graham wins two round-trip airline



Karen Temporiti in a seashell print dress, hat and necklace, which she made herself tickets on JetBlue Airlines to her choice of U.S. and Caribbean destinations.

The further gild the models, Melissa Congress of Congress Jewelers, made a surprise visit with a collection of Sea Life Series necklaces, bracelets and earrings in gold and silver.

The show was hosted by the Sanibel Community Association and sponsored by the *Island Sun*. Proceeds will benefit The Community House. Chairperson for the show was Isabella Rasi.

A silent auction featured shell-themed works of art and other items, and there was a live auction of a shell mirror made by Jane Henshaw.

Shellabration 2012! is a three-week series of events to mark the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Show & Fair taking place on March 1 to 3 at The Community House. ☀



Marianne Kanzius won second place with her intricately beaded dress that she made herself from scratch



Ethel Sinow, a docent at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, wore a Lily Pulitzer shell-embellished overdress she purchased at the museum store – then added flamingo glasses



Tish Molloy of the *Island Sun* wearing a dress by Mary Bates



Mary Buck wearing a cape edged with capiz shells, made by Karen Temporiti



Harriet Witt in a hooded dress bedazzled with shells



Joan Justice in a red, white and blue ensemble



Susen Berg as Spirit of the Sea, reads a poem. She wore an outfit made from yards of tulle with seashell-crusted ribbons



Kerry Trapp took the stage in a red balloon-skirted dress accompanied by dog Rosemary, in a coordinating outfit. Trapp and Judy Valestri designed the outfits.



Joyce Palmer modeled Nikki Zuko jewelry from the Education Center gift shop at the "Ding" Darling NWR. She assembled the outfit with the help of Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland.



Sarah Crooks of the *Island Sun* wore a shell, orchid and raffia garland created by Floral Artistry of Sanibel



Edie Ethridge represented the Sanibel Island Garden Club in a black and pink outfit with embellished shawl



Connie Mara, representing Three Crafty Ladies, wore a "Christmas Tree Dress" lavishly trimmed with seashells



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Students On Hand To Answer Questions At Shell Fair Booth



Sanibel School 6th graders run the live mollusk exhibit at the shell fair and show

A team of three-dozen Sanibel School 6th graders will answer questions about mollusks at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's booth during the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show March 1 through 3 at The Community House.✿

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Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation staff and volunteers have begun beach monitoring for these state-protected birds, observing plover groups and looking for mating pairs. Snowy plovers nest and lay their camouflaged eggs on the beach where all of us are walking these days. When a nest is found, SCCF staff will mark it and begin monitoring the adults, eggs, and chicks until they can fly. Snowy chicks come out of their eggs running and feeding within hours moving up and down the beach with mom and dad close behind.

Join SCCF for their first Snowy Plover program on Thursday, March 15 at 10 a.m. at the Nature Center. Meet the staff and interns that run the monitoring program. People can also "Adopt-A-Plover" to support this program. A snowy plover display, coloring books and brochures are available at the SCCF Nature Center. Call 472-2329 for more information. To report a plover sighting, call Joel Caouette at 472-3984.

Beachgoers, please keep a few things in mind as you walk and look for plovers:

- Honor the leash law. An unleashed dog can kill an adult bird or chick or trample a nest.
- Respect marked nesting areas. Too much human disturbance can cause birds to abandon their nest. Always remain outside of the staked area.
- Avoid flying kites near nesting areas. Plovers view kites as predators. A kite flying overhead can cause a bird to abandon its nest.
- Never chase birds on the beach. Shorebirds use the beach to nest, rest and feed. Forcing them to fly interferes with all of these activities.
- Fill in holes. Holes on the beach can trap chicks unable to fly. If trapped, chicks can die from predators or exposure.*

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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 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, March 8 at 10 a.m. at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children, and \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.*



Volunteers dig a sea turtle nest

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Refuge Biologist To Address Island's Alligator Population



Why did the gator cross the road? This and more questions to be answered
photo by Jim Mathiesen

Jeremy Conrad, a wildlife biologist at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, will give two pictorial alligator presentations that take an historical look at population surveys conducted on the island and the status of the alligator population on Sanibel Island today.

His presentations take place on Friday, March 9 in the Refuge Education Center at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. as part of the 2012 Refuge Lecture Series.

Conrad joined refuge staff in March 2010. Before that, he served as an invasive species biologist at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Boynton Beach, Florida, and earlier spent four years at Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club of Sanibel and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, 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.

Remaining "Ding" Darling Friday Afternoon Lecture Series Schedule

- 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 – Live indigo snake presentation by Dennis Giardina, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist
- 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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One of the fishing shacks

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Passengers will be greeted at the family run Tarpon Lodge and hear about the tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Lunch will be served at the 1926 Tarpon Lodge which offers waterfront views of

Pine Island Sound and the mangrove islands. After lunch, walk to The Randell Research Center (RRC), located across the street. The RRC is a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History. An RRC educator will lead the group on the Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

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

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FISH Cooking Demonstration with Lacey Miller, left, and Pam Abbott

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Some lucky FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel clients and friends were treated to a live cookery demonstration and nutrition education at the FISH Food Pantry. Celia Hill, Family and Consumer Sciences agent from Lee County Home Extension Service, offered a cooking demonstration at the FISH Walk-In Center. Using foods found in the FISH Food Pantry, Celia's team demonstrated how to cook tasty, healthy meals to feed an entire family.

Using inexpensive ingredients from the pantry, Canadian Dietetic Intern Lacey Miller and Pam Abbott of Lee County Home Extension Services created a ground beef, noodle and vegetable skillet meal. Miller and Abbott also talked about the im-

tance of creating nutritious, budget conscious meals using the "new plate" method. The new plate method incorporates fruits vegetables and whole grains by dividing your plate into equal portions of each, and adding a lean protein. Of course, avoiding sugary drinks and high fat products is always recommended.

Hill and her team will be back visiting FISH for another cooking date later in the spring, where they offer a Cooking With Kids Demonstration for both adults and children, again using the Food Pantry ingredients to create a nutritious and healthy meal. Call the FISH Walk-In Center at 472-4775 if you would like to take part in the next cooking demonstration and nutritional education workshop.

The FISH Walk-in-Center, 1630 Periwinkle Way, Unit B on Sanibel, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

CROW Calendar Of Presentations

All educational and informative presentations for the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife take place at CROW's Healing Winds Visitor Education Center and Gift Shop, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. Presenters are experts in their fields, clinic volunteers or partners in wildlife preservation.

- CROW's Aquatic Patients: Freshwater And Sea Turtles – Tuesday, March 6 at 11 a.m. Our sea turtle patients come from the coastal waters between Sarasota and Miami. Many varieties of fresh water turtles are also found throughout southwest Florida. Our very knowledgeable volunteer will list the reasons aquatic patients are admitted to CROW.

- Rescues & Releases: A History of CROW's Patients – Wednesday, March 7 at 11 a.m. Our expert volunteer offers an exciting insider's view from his 11-year

history of rescues, releases and patient support.

- Clinic Rounds – Thursday, March 8 at 11 a.m. Meet our veterinarian, rehabbers and/or students. Learn about the inner workings of CROW's hospital, which treats more than 4,000 patients per year.

- Meet An Animal Ambassador – Friday, March 9 at 11 a.m. Presented by CROW volunteer Dot Lee and Kyle Miller. Meet "Troup," a blind raccoon who can no longer live in the wild due to physical injuries. Learn about the personal and natural histories of these special animals.

- Owls Of Southwest Florida – Saturday, March 25 at 11 a.m. Presentation by CROW staff. Learn about our local owl species – the great horned owl, Eastern screech owl and barred owl – including their adaptations for hearing, sight and hunting. Learn what makes these species so unique.

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Two baby great horned owls
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Three baby skunks

The CROW Picture Show offers an insider's look at why critters come to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, and features photos of the wild animals who wind up there.

Last year, Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital cared for 4,239 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 58 percent were birds, 36 percent were mammals and six percent were reptiles.

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

The CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, March 2 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teenagers and free for members and children 12 and under.

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

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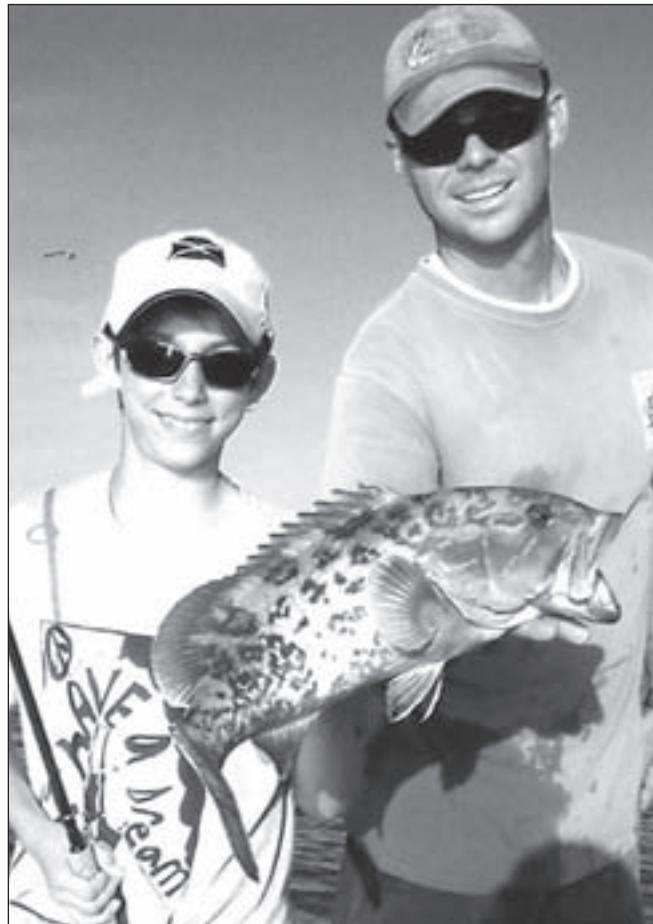
Fish Caught

On Tuesday, February 21, the Burns family fishermen had a successful day on the water with Capt. Jeff Zasadny from Jensen's Marina. Continuing their tradition, they kept score with their catches... first fish, most fish, biggest fish and unusual fish.

Under a partly cloudy sky, the day started with sight fishing near Pine Island.

Capt. Jeff spotted a tripletail, and right after that, Jesse Burns, 11, caught the first one. Brian Burns, his father, caught another tripletail. They are visiting Sanibel from Salida, Colorado. Capt. Jeff was thrilled and said this is an unusual fish that is seldom caught. Both fish were released.

At another location in the bay, a large pompano was caught by grandfather Bill Burns from Clarence, New York. This one was



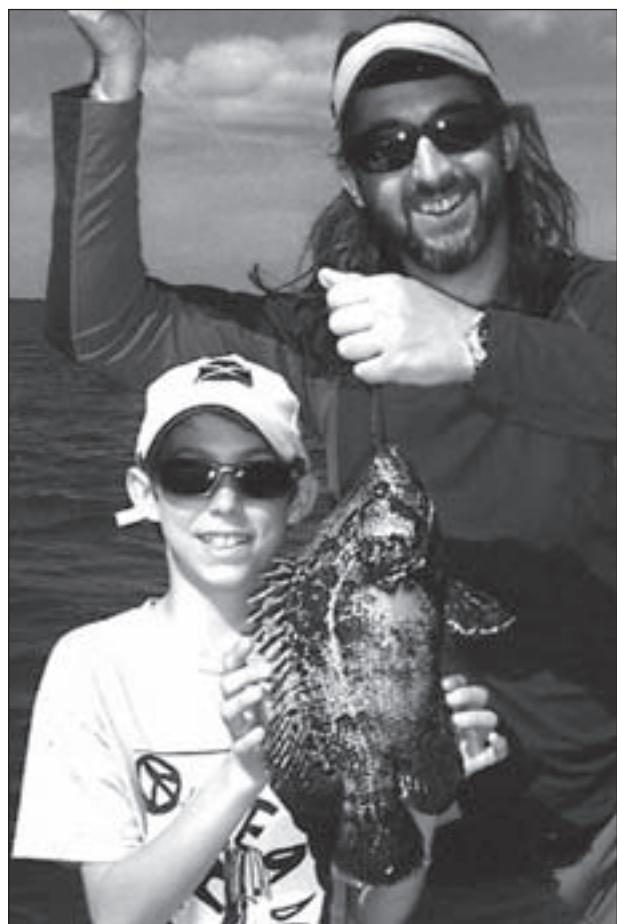
Jesse Burns, with Capt. Jeff Zasadny, caught the biggest fish

kept for a fine dinner that evening.

Before leaving the bay they fished on the grass flats where several trout were caught and then released; the largest was 18 inches. Shrimp were used for bait throughout the day.

Capt. Jeff moved out of the bay in mid-afternoon for reef fishing far out in the gulf. Action was non-stop with Jesse taking honors for the biggest fish of the day. He caught a hefty grouper which he released after photos were taken.

Everyone had a fun and productive day on their annual fishing trip with Capt. Jeff. ☀



Jesse and Brian Burns each caught a tripletail



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Book Signing

With Gary McLouth
Wednesday, March 7
from 11am-1pm

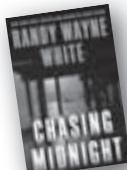
Examines the connection between father and son and the people and places that have shaped their lives.



Book Signing

With Randy Wayne White
Wednesday, March 7
6:30 pm

At a reception hosted by a notorious Russian black marketer, Doc Ford uses darkness, and his friend Tomlinson, as cover to get an underwater look at the billionaire's yacht. By the time Ford surfaces, everything has changed.



Book Signing

With Marilyn Rauth
Friday, March 9
from 11am-1pm

Living, Loving, and Losing a Son tells the story of how the family survived Robb's death, how they went on, year after year, eventually moving into a place of peace and acceptance.



Book Signing

With George Daughan
1812: The Navy's War
Tuesday, March 13
11am-1pm

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Controlled Burns



Cass Palmer, Susan Heisey, Jon Wallace and Patrick Pearson took part in Thursday's presentation



Supervisory refuge ranger Toni Westland

4 p.m. that same day.

Prescribed fire burn plans have been approved by regional fire experts and authorization will be obtained from the State of Florida immediately prior to conducting burns. The refuge will implement burning as soon as the proper conditions are present.

"The refuge is committed to the safety of our neighbors. These controlled burns are being conducted to reduce hazardous fuels adjacent to private lands which may pose a wildfire threat," added Tritaik. "These burns will also restore grassland areas, control brush and invasive woody vegetation, and increase the diversity of native plants and wildlife."

Controlled burns have been conducted for many years at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and are considered a good tool for reducing the risk of serious wildfires. Due to difficulties in predicting weather, the refuge is not able to notify the public of the exact day the burn will be conducted. Landowners adjacent to the burn areas and local fire departments will be notified prior to igniting the fire. Signs along roadways which border the affected area will be posted.



Paul Tritaik, manager of the J.N. "Ding" Darling NWR

Officials also noted that during controlled burns, portions of the refuge may be closed to public access. A Public Information Officer will be available on the day of the burn in the parking lot of the Sanibel Recreation Center. Questions about the controlled burns can be answered by calling the refuge office at 472-1100 ext. 237.

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Mar.6 The Miracle on the Hudson – Dave Sanderson

at 7:00pm.
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at 10am. Join us for a group presentation about the Lifestyle and Lifecare available at Shell Point followed by a narrated bus tour of the community. Light refreshments will be provided. Call (239) 466-1131 to reserve your place.



Mar.8 Senior Living Speaker Series – Long Term Planning: Finances, Advanced Directives, and Insurance

at 6:00pm.
Shell Point Retirement Community is hosting an educational series that will provide you with tools to understand the needs of your loved ones. Tim Stephenson will provide you with information about financial and medical needs.

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Mar.13 **FREE**

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at 2:15pm. Comprised of midshipmen from various places, races and creeds, the Gospel Choir is truly reflective of the diverse interests and ethnicities within the Brigade of Midshipmen. This event is free, but tickets are limited and must be reserved in advance. Call (239) 454-2054 to reserve your place.



Mar.16 **Shell Point Fashion Show & Luncheon**

at 12pm. Shine a new light on your personal style with the charming fashions that are just right for Spring! Tickets are \$35. Call (239) 454-2152 to reserve your place.



Mar.19 **The Story of China – From the Boxers to Today**

at 7:15pm. Join Professor Adrian Kerr as he examines the history of this immense and varied country from the Boxer Rebellion in the 1890s to the Mao control to reform and westernization, and China the superpower. Tickets are \$10. Call (239) 454-2054 to reserve your place.



Visit www.shellpoint.org/LES for full listings of this month's events!

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Wallace's Work Selected For Mosaic Art Exhibit

The Society of American Mosaic Art (SAMA) has selected work by Dorothy Wallace to be included in this year's Mosaic Arts International, an annual juried exhibition of the best in contemporary mosaic art. The exhibition takes place at the Lexington Center Museum and Gallery in Lexington, Kentucky from March 1 to April 30.

Mosaic art, one of the world's oldest art forms, is experiencing a major revival both in the United States and internationally. Fine artists are discovering the unrivaled and compelling magnificence of the art form and material in achieving their artistic vision.

"This exhibition provides a unique opportunity to view outstanding examples of mosaic art from around the world in one venue, to allow the audience to experience the exciting ways that artists are utilizing this ancient art form with a modern and contemporary approach," said Shug Jones, president of the SAMA Board of Trustees. "These artists are using both traditional and non-traditional materials to really propel the art form to a degree unseen in recent history."

Wallace's selected work is titled *Invasive Species*. It is a combination of hand-formed concrete, driftwood and glass, symbolizing the invasion of exotic species in our environment.



Invasive Species

MAI features the work of 56 mosaic artists from 24 different states in the U.S. as well as from Turkey, Italy, the United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa and Israel. A vast array of material such as smalti, glass, ceramic, and metal are featured within the works of these artists. The exhibit includes two-dimensional, three-dimensional and architectural works. Prizes totaling \$5,000 will be awarded for the best in each of these cat-

egories as well as for 'Best in Show'.

The panel of jurors for this year's exhibition included Josh Blanc, president, Handmade Tile Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Amy Gundrum Green, curator, Headley-Whitney Museum, Lexington, Kentucky; and Arturo Alonzo Sandoval, Professor of Art, University of Kentucky.

The Society of American Mosaic Artists, a dynamic group of more than 1,200 members, is a non-profit organiza-

tion dedicated to educating, inspiring, and promoting excellence in mosaic arts. Find out more about SAMA at www.americanmosaics.org.

Wallace's work has been shown locally at BIG ARTS on Sanibel and Arts For ACT in Fort Myers. Her work is currently part of a month long two-person exhibit at BIG ARTS. Commissions are always available and samples of work can be seen on her website, at www.dmdart.com.*

Open Call For Community Theater Auditions

BIG ARTS invites local talent to audition at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 18 for upcoming community theater productions. Auditions will be held at BIG ARTS Center, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

This is an open call to recruit volunteer actors for two full-length plays to be performed at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater. The first play is *Marriage Is Murder* by Nick Hall, with evening performances May 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 and a matinee on Sunday, May 13.

Performances of Neil Simon's *Star-Spangled Girl* will be on the evenings of July 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14.

Marriage Is Murder is a murder mystery comedy calling for one man and one

woman ages 25 to 60. *Star-Spangled Girl* is a classic Simon comedy calling for two men and one woman in the 20 to 40 age range. Auditions will be cold readings from the scripts and actors are encouraged to bring their availability dates to the auditions.

Both plays will be performed at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, located at 2244 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this new community theater program are welcome to attend auditions or pick up a volunteer form at BIG ARTS Center.

For more information about upcoming events, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, stop by BIG ARTS Center or call 395-0900.*

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Le Corsaire To Screen Live At BIG ARTS From The Bolshoi Theatre In Moscow



The Bolshoi's *Le Corsaire*

photo by Mikhael Logvinov

Le Corsaire, a ballet performed by the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, will screen live via satellite on Sunday, March 11 at 11 a.m. at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall. The screening is part of the BIG ARTS Opera & Ballet In Cinema Series, a new program in which both live and pre-recorded opera and ballet performances are screened on the island through satellite technology from the world's most distinguished theaters. Admission is \$20 per person.

Presented in three acts, *Le Corsaire* is loosely based on the poem *The Corsair* by Lord Byron and was first presented in Paris in 1856. The ballet introduces audiences to Medora, a young Greek girl, and Conrad, a dashing pirate, as they journey through a tapestry of captive maidens, rich sultans, swashbuckling abductions and dramatic res-



Scene from *Le Corsaire*

photo by Damir Yusupov

cue – all culminating in a shipwreck that's one of the most breathtaking spectacles in all of ballet. This lavish revival production by Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet is believed to be the most expensive production of a ballet ever mounted, estimated at \$1.5 million.

The digital projection system BIG ARTS has installed for this new program is the same as that used by Pixar, NFL and Disney Studios. All Opera & Ballet In Cinema screenings are presented in surround sound and high-definition.

Opera & Ballet In Cinema Series Sponsor The Sanctuary Golf Club.

To learn more about BIG ARTS as well as information about membership, workshops and upcoming events, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.**



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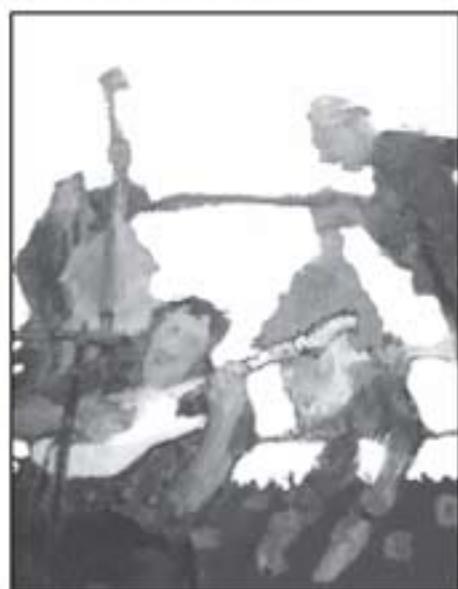
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The Beat Goes On Exhibit Opens At BIG ARTS



The Beat Goes On, oil painting by Peter Zell

The Beat Goes On, an exhibit with music-themed artworks by Renée Rey and Peter Zell, will be on display in BIG ARTS Founders Gallery on Friday, March 2 through Thursday, March 29. An artists reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

Rey is an award-winning artist from Naples who specializes in creating contemporary drawings, paintings and

portraits. Rey is also well-known for her unique line of avant-garde wearable sculpture, which includes necklaces, bracelets and earrings for both women and men.

Zell is an award-winning artist living and painting year-round in southwest Florida. He works mostly in oils but also paints in acrylics and watercolors.

"I like the celebratory nature of music, the architecture of the instruments and the forms of the musicians themselves," said Zell. "This exhibit will feature oil paintings of musicians or music in different contexts."

Zell enjoys painting en plein air at different locations on Sanibel and Captiva Islands and the Fort Myers area. He is an active member of Sanibel-Captiva Art League, BIG ARTS, Alliance for the Arts and Naples Art Association. His work can also be seen at Hirdie Girdle Gallery.

Founders Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Exhibit supported by Founders Gallery Grand Patron Series Sponsor Deborah and John La Gorce.

Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event and performance information. To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, or call the BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.*

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San-Cap Lions Club member Betty Cater with one of her paintings

Local Artist Donates To San-Cap Lions

One of Sanibel's own will be donating a painting to the Sanibel Captiva Lions Club for use in their annual Arts & Crafts Fair. Local painter and photographer Betty

Cater was kind enough to paint a special piece that will be revealed at the show.

"My goal is to take you into a special place," said Cater. "That may be a colorful garden filled with wonderful smells, a landscape you have never visited, or people doing what they love to do."

Cater's painting, along with many other art pieces, will be up for raffle during the 29th Annual Sanibel Captiva Lion's Club Arts & Crafts Fair. The show

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Annette Trossbach and Robert Runcke perform during a play reading

Local Playwrights

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater has recently launched a program for community theater and play readings of works by Sanibel playwrights. Upcoming play readings include *Never Too Late* on March 11, and *Carmen Garmin, Lady Godiva of Flamingo Landing* and *Homecoming For Sergeant Porter* on April 1.

All play readings feature local talent both onstage and backstage. All play readings begin at 7:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Cost to attend is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 17 and under.

Never Too Late, written by Claudia Burns, centers around an unemployed construction worker living with his sister who starts a successful business. As the story unfolds, inevitable conflicts and verbal skirmishes arise as romance and other complications multiply. Director June Koc and readers Deandre McGee as Ellie, Al Richmond as Ted, Jo Anna

Call For Scripts

BIG ARTS invites local talent to submit plays for 2012-13 Community Theater play reading series. All submissions will be reviewed by the Community Theater selection committee and the deadline is Monday, April 2.

BIG ARTS Community Players is a new program which will feature local playwrights, actors, and directors, performing at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Play submission criteria includes:

- Plays can be any length (10 to 20 minutes, one act or full length).
- Small to medium size casts are preferred. Rehearsals for large casts are difficult to schedule during season.

All plays are considered anonymously. Submissions must include two attachments:

Attachment One: Cover sheet with name of play and author contact information.

Attachment Two: Full script with no author identification.

The script should include a list of characters and a synopsis of the play.

Please e-mail script to info@BIGARTS.org. Put "Community Theater Play Submission" in the subject line. If you cannot submit by e-mail, you may drop your play submission off at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. Call 395-0900 or visit www.BIGARTS.org for more information.*

Bowers as Fran, Bill Schiller as Jimmy, and Ernestine McKay as the Narrator stage this romantic comedy.

Carmen Garmin, written by Marci Rudin and directed by Angie Koch, is about a driver who experiences his GPS voice coming to life, castigating him for his neglect of his former wife and young son, which leads him to change his ways.

Lady Godiva of Flamingo Landing, also by Rudin and directed by Koch, is about three couples on an Amtrak car train to Florida, and what transpires after a naked woman is discovered in a country club locker room.

Homecoming For Sergeant Porter, written by Wally Kain and directed by Edina Lessack, deals with a fraught encounter between an angry Iraq war vet-

eran and the widow of a fallen Marine in the same war.

Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event information, including ticket prices and links to performers' websites. To purchase tickets, go online, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.*

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Local Artist

will be held on March 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

The fair will host a raffle with five drawings every hour. In addition, a silent auction will be held featuring items such

as Cancun vacations, Sundial of Sanibel vacations and original jewelry. A food court will be available along with 136 exhibitors featuring displays of hand-crafted creations, including original paintings, basketry, wood carvings, sculptures, photography, jewelry, furniture, clothing and much more. Free parking will also be provided.

More than 120 Lions Club members and volunteers will be working to make the event a success. The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club has been dedicated to helping the less fortunate since its inception in 1967. All the proceeds from the Arts & Crafts Fair will be used to support Lions approved charities, especially those that aid the visually impaired.*

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Van Slyke Brings The Music Of Pop Legend Neil Sedaka To BIG ARTS



Regis Philbin, Jim Van Slyke and Neil Sedaka

Critically-acclaimed and award-winning singer/songwriter Jim Van Slyke brings his popular Sedaka Show to BIG ARTS on Friday, March 2 at 8 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Tickets are \$42 for general admission, \$47 for logo and children 17 and under are \$15.

Van Slyke's intoxicating tribute to pop music legend Neil Sedaka lights up the stage. Directed and conceived by Tony-nominated singer/actor Brian Lane Green, Van Slyke lends his beautiful voice and charm to Sedaka's intimate melodies, including *Laughter In The Rain*, *Hungry Years*, *Solitaire* and classic Sedaka hits like *Oh Carol*, *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do*, *Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen*, *Where The Boys Are* and the blockbuster hit, *Love Will Keep Us Together*.

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Regis Philbin exclaimed, "The most remarkable hour and a half of show I have ever seen!"

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From an Elle magazine photo shoot with Lea Michele, photo by "guest" artist Carter Smith

Guests Will Be Hung Exhibit Opens

BIG ARTS opens its invitational Guests Will Be Hung exhibit on Friday, March 2 in Phillips Gallery, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. For this exhibit, a group of artists invited artists they admire to exhibit with them. The exhibit will feature artists whose work is typically not shown in this part of Florida. More than 50 artists will display a variety of mediums.

An artists reception will take place on Friday, March 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All continued on page 55

Cavani String Quartet To Open Sanibel Music Fest



Cavani String Quartet

This Saturday, March 3, The Sanibel Music Festival will begin its 26th consecutive season of bringing outstanding repertoire and artists to the Island.

Opening the season will be the Cavani String Quartet, who will perform at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way, at 8 p.m. The all-female Cavani String Quartet, winner of the prestigious Naumberg Chamber Music Award, has been described by the *Washington Post* as "completely engrossing, powerful and elegant." Appearances include Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York, the Corcoran Gallery of Art and Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., major TV and public radio stations, and a series of children's concerts for the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Itzhak Perlman wrote, "I have seen them in action and was very impressed."

The Cavani String Quartet have also been chosen to do the festival's 2012 Educational Outreach Program at The Sanibel School, sponsored by Sanibel Captiva Community Bank.

The program will include Haydn's *Quartet in C major, Op.20, No.2*; Bartok from *Quartet No.5* and from *Quartet No.4*; and Ravel's *Quartet in F major*.

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Tickets may be purchased for \$35 each by contacting the Sanibel Music Festival, P.O. Box 1623, Sanibel, FL 33957-1623, by calling 344-7025, or by logging on to www.sanibelmusicfestival.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way.**

Season Of Praise Concert Series Welcomes Courtney To Shell Point

The Village Church at Shell Point Retirement Community will welcome Craig Courtney, American composer/arranger/pianist and senior editor of the Beckenhorst Press to perform on Sunday, March 18. This concert will be held at 6:15 p.m. in the Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point, and is part of the 2011-12 Season of Praise Concert Series.

"Because of Craig Courtney's significant contributions of quality sacred music to the church; it will be a very special privilege for our choir to sing his music with him," said Pastor Randy Woods, minister of worship and music for The Village Church. "Craig's music gives melody to inspirational messages with his creative compositions and arrangements."

Courtney will be in concert with The Village Church Choir. Church community choirs and university choirs around the world enjoy singing Courtney's choral music. This program will feature the inspired stories behind the music that Courtney has composed.

Tickets are available for purchase at \$10 each and can be purchased online at www.shellpoint.org/villagechurch/events. For more information about the series, call 454-2147.**



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Italian Olympian Joins Museum To Inspire Youth

Art, sport and the Olympic history will come to life in Southwest Florida in the coming weeks.

Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery (AOTO) is celebrating the 2012 Olympic Games through an array of engaging and inspiring programs each month leading up to the opening ceremonies. This month, the non-profit organization welcomes Italian Olympian Emanuela Pierantozzi and renowned concert pianist Nadia Fanganza to Southwest Florida to aide in its public outreach programs.

At its core, AOTO is a global learning center founded and supported by Olympians dedicated to promoting Olympic ideals and a spirit of cooperation to inspire individuals to achieve personal excellence.

During a two-week visit, Pierantozzi and Fanganza will help the community come alive with an Olympic passion. The duo will visit with students in Lee County schools, children at the Southwest Florida Children's Hospital and will participate in both art and cultural programs through the museum and community events.

Fanganza is a renowned Italian concert pianist. She graduated with honors from the music academy Conservatorio G. Frescobaldi, Ferrara (Italy), under the leadership of the Bulgarian pianist Ruth Pardo and has had a successful career as both a solo concert pianist and as part of an orchestra ensemble.

Pierantozzi began training in judo and in 1989, she won a gold medal at the World Championships, an honor she duplicated in 1991. Her passion for sport and raw talent earned her a place on the Italian Olympic Judo Team at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona where she brought home a silver medal. Her passion only grew. Pierantozzi competed in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and



Pierantozzi working on a new sculpture

went on to the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney where she earned a bronze medal.

Like many Olympian athletes, Pierantozzi's accomplishments in the athletics arena are equally matched in both academics and artistic talents. Pierantozzi transitioned her love of sport into a passion for the arts, particularly focused on the core of man and the beauty of the human physique. Today, Pierantozzi is a professional sculptor, judo instructor, and is on the faculty of the University of Bologna.

Pierantozzi's passion for art and sport comes to life in her sculptural works. She uses bronze, stone, and other natural materials to capture the strength of the human form. Her works will be on display in a new exhibit, Chiseled: The Core of Man, in AOTO's Olympic Art Gallery through May.

Pierantozzi and Fanganza will also be

featured guests at both the Fort Myers and Naples fundraising event, Una Bella Notte, to support the enrichment of children through arts, education and Olympic values. Tickets are still available for the Naples fundraiser on Tuesday, March 6. For ticket information, call 239-332-5055.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

For general museum information, visit our web site at www.artoftheolympians.com. Follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/artofolympians, fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/artoftheolympians or call 332-5055.*



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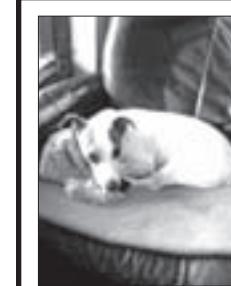
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Sally-Jane Heit Performance To Benefit SCCF

With an acting career that spans decades in television, film and theater, Sanibel resident and neighbor Sally-Jane Heit feels it's time to give back. On Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m., she will be performing *Before I Forget... A Memoir With Music* at The Sanctuary Clubhouse on Sanibel to benefit the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Heit has been performing her production of *Before I Forget... A Memoir With Music* as a benefit for community organizations around the country, including The Guthrie Center in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. George Laye, director of The Guthrie Center, said, "Sally-Jane's exuberant personality, truthful storytelling, and soaring voice had the audience captivated."

Performed with musical director Uel Wade, *Before I Forget* blends comedy and song into a poignant portrayal of real life that leaves audiences enlightened and smiling. Songs familiar and original help to tell the story as her life's journey unfolds in a musical and theatrical evening.

"The show is about the absurdity of life – in particular, my life in relation to that absurdity," said Heit.

Reserve your seats for this intimate evening by calling SCCF at 472-2329. Benefit tickets are \$45. This performance is graciously underwritten by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

Meet Ms. Heit after the performance and enjoy a decadent dessert buffet and champagne and coffee bar.

The Sanctuary Clubhouse is located at 2801 Wulfert Road on Sanibel. ☀

Southwest Florida History Cruise

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

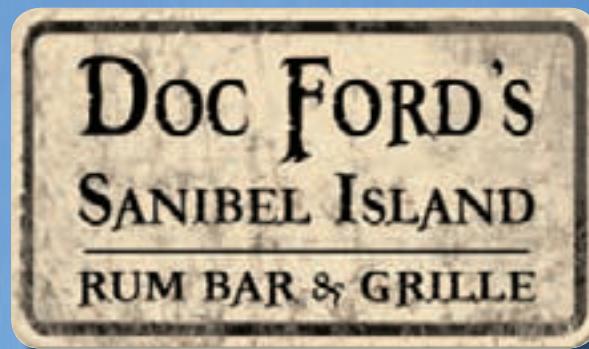
Along the way you will get an up close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and learn about commercial fishing and the fishing cultures, from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish

Company and to tarpon and sport fishing of today.

Passengers will be greeted at the family run Tarpon Lodge and hear about the tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Lunch will be served at the 1926 Tarpon Lodge which offers waterfront views of Pine Island Sound and the mangrove islands. After lunch, walk to The Randell Research Center (RRC), located across the street. The RRC is a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History. An RRC educator will lead the group on the Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

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

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I Love New York Coming To The Davis Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is thrilled to welcome home Zack Dobbins for a one night performance and art installation, I Love New York: There's No Place Like Home, on Saturday, March 17.

Combining his performing career and success as a sculptor, window designer and conceptual artist in Manhattan, Dobbins not only will give guests a performance of music from Broadway and a never before heard original single from his upcoming album, but will also transform the space at the Davis into his vision of a modern day Oz through the lens of his Manhattan home.

Dobbins returns to Fort Myers for his first local performance in more than 15 years. He attended high school at Cypress Lake Center for the Arts and was awarded the Van Sickle Scholarship by the Southwest Symphony Orchestra. He was given a full scholarship to New York University, where he studied acting, singing and liberal arts.

Dobbins was cast as the youngest member of the world premiere of Elton John's and Tim Rice's *Elaborate Lives* (later renamed *Aida*) and understudied and performed the leading role of Radames. He left the theater and went into the recording studio as well as sold out music venues around Manhattan such as the legendary Joe's Pub and the beloved Metropolitan Room. He then, by a twist of fate, was hired to design windows and interiors for fashion's tour de force Barneys New York on Madison Avenue. Following his passion for fashion design has led him to engagements with



Zack Dobbins

the icons of modern fashion including Ralph Lauren, Valentino and Tory Burch.

Recently, Zack partnered with long-time friend and designer David Wright to establish Dobbins & Wright Creative. They have created windows and sculpture for brands including Debeers Diamonds, Christian Louboutin, The Soho Grand Hotel and The Tribeca Grand Hotel.

Dobbins continues to write and record music as well as act and sing. He and his work have been published in the *New York Times*, the *L.A. Times*, *ELLE UK*, *WWD* as well as other publications. He is thrilled to be home designing and performing and honored to be working for The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center's "I Love New York."

Fukuoka will be accompanying Dobbins on piano. An award-winning composer/pianist, Fukuoka began his music career at the age of 15 when a local TV producer discovered him. By the age of 18, he had already composed and arranged for TV, film and concerts. His works include music for orchestra, TV, film, theater, multimedia as well as various concert pieces.



Yasuhiko "Yaz" Fukuoka

Fukuoka has performed at Carnegie Hall, Steinway Hall, Birdland, Webster Hall and Berklee Performance Center, and his works have been performed in North America, Asia and Europe. He resides in New York City and works with various artists internationally. His new orchestra work will be premiered at Alice Tully Hall (Lincoln Center) in June 2012. For more information, visit www.yahzy.com.

Wonderful tapas will be served all evening. Andi Horowitz is chairing the event, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at The Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

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Das Barbecü cast members Trey Compton and Lara Hayhurst

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Good times, song and dance fill this Das Barbecü production

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Das Barbecü Messes With Texas

Das Barbecü, a new musical comedy, makes its Southwest Florida debut at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The show runs through Saturday, March 17, with performances Monday through Saturday. All shows begin at 8 p.m., excluding a special matinee performance on Wednesday, March 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets may be purchased online at www.BIGARTS.org.

Das Barbecü uses five performers to play more than 30 outrageous characters at breakneck speed. Lara Hayhurst, Cheyenne Nelson, Anne Chamberlain and Trey Compton – all of whom performed to critical acclaim in Herb Strauss Theater's recent production of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* – return for this production to play the characters, joined by the talented Robby May. Songs run the gamut from Broadway to Texas swing to jazz.

The musical and its story are inspired by Wagner's *Ring Cycle* and see its characters set in modern day Texas. Its composer, Scott Warrender, and librettist Jim Luigs, compare the process of imagining this dramatic change in scenery to *West Side Story* and the classic Shakespearean story which inspired it, *Romeo And Juliet*. Luigs says he found the Texas setting particularly appropriate to the source material because of "the grandeur of the landscape and the size and scale of the people." The show is not a spoof or parody. "That implies you have to know the source material," Warrender added.

Di Saggau writes in the *Island Sun*, "... terrific talent and a ton of laughs with heroes and villains who are gun-toting, guitar-slinging cowboys and gals who croon out their miseries with a country western twang."

Das Barbecü is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor Tween Waters Inn.

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All classes are held at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, unless noted:

- Pine Needle Basketry with Giseala Damandi is Thursday, March 1 and Friday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser starts March 1; meets Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Photography with Denny Souers starts March 1; meets Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

- Intermediate Tap with Bobby Logue starts March 2; meets Fridays from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

- Beginners Tap with Bobby Logue starts March 2; meets Fridays from 10:40 to 11:40 a.m.
- Life Drawing (Open Studio, Non-Instructed) with Carol Rosenberg starts March 2; meets Fridays from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.
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- Winter Academy – History of Jazz: The Early Years with Jack Bailey starts March 2; meets Fridays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

- Life Drawing (Open Studio, Non-Instructed) with Carol Rosenberg starts March 5; meets Mondays from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

- Open Studio – Clothed Model or Still Life with Eleanor Gause is Tuesday, March 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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- Winter Academy – Thinking Creatively with Doug MacGregor starts March 6; meets Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

- iPhone Basics with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- iPad Basics with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 8 from 1 to 5 p.m.

- Introduction to Macintosh OS X with Dick Holmes starts March 8; meets Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

- Experimental Watermedia Two with Bea Pappas starts March 8; meets Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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

For further information about workshops, classes and events at BIG ARTS, or to become a member, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

MozART To Perform At Shell Point



MozART

The final concert in Shell Point's 2011-12 Fine & Performing Arts Concert Series will be MozART. This concert will take place in The Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point on Saturday, March 10 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"This year's Fine & Performing Arts concert series has been amazing," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life. "And we know that our final concert of the season with MozART will delight audience members with their sophisticated, perfectly arranged, humorous performance."

With an *a la Victor Borge* style, the MozART group is a string quartet that consists of well-educated instrumentalists who graduated from the prestigious Academies of Music in Warsaw and Łódź, and decided to play classical music in a humorous way. They created a worldwide unique musical cabaret where the music, not the words, is the source of joy and laughter.

The musicians of the MozART have been playing together since 1995. They made their debut in 1997 at the PAKA competition of young Polish cabarets in Krakow. In the same year, they presented their first cabaret program entitled Mozart's Still Alive. Since then, they have presented concerts in all of Europe, Canada, the United States and Asia.

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Poets And Artists Unite

by Di Saggau

The 6th annual ArtPoems took place last Friday at BIG ARTS and it has grown into a spectacular evening of creative works between 12 artists and 12 poets from Southwest Florida. Artists were inspired by poets and poets were inspired by artists.

Before the performance everyone was able to view the artworks and poems up close and personal. Peg Cullen's *She Hated the Heart Attack* inspired poet Sandy Greco. Sheila Hoen's *Beach Beauty* inspired poet Lorraine Vail and poet Carol Drummond wrote *The News of Impossible Impossibilities* to go with Pascale Doxy's painting *The News*. Every work of art and poem shows the extensive creativity that exists in our area.

ArtPoems is the brainchild of Sanibel poets Lorraine Vail and Joe Pacheco. As the various artists stepped on stage to read their poems and explain how they were inspired by one another, beautiful digital images of the artwork taken by Pam Brodersen were shown on a large screen. This included paintings, sculpture, photography and mixed media artwork.

Adding to the enjoyment this year were members of Dance Alliance who performed during three of the readings. For some of the other readings, violin, flute and guitar music filled the air. The show's finale involved 20 drummers from Pine Island, who performed three different works on the African drums. It was a memorable multi-dimensional, artistic



Poet Cheryl Fausel with artists Pascale Doxy and Sheila Hoen



Chuck and Nancy Bonser with Sheila Hoen's *Beach Beauty*



Nancy Carlile with Peg Cullen's *She Hated the Heart Attack* evening.

A beautiful commemorative booklet showing the artwork and poems is available at BIG ARTS for \$5 or you can view them on line at artpoems.org. ArtPoems

will be on exhibit through March at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. *



Drummers Terry Benco and Christar Damiano with *Thinking Back* by JR Roberts



Poet Carol Drummond with Pascale Doxy's *The News*



Jean Jensen with poet Marsha Perlman by Andi McCarter's *Dancing in the Stars*



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Monday Night Movie

Academy Awards Coming To Sanibel

by Ray Buck



The glam and glitz of Hollywood! The gowns. The oohs and aahs when winners are announced. The "sincere" modesty of the anointed. Cheers. Applause. Perhaps tears. With all the trimmings! Except the handprints in cement.

The Academy Awards at the Monday Night Movie at BIG ARTS, like no other Academy Award ceremony, here in sunny Sanibel Island. Again. Bigger and better than last year's laughs riot. Featuring not George Clooney (too involved with genealogy) but John Wayne and Marilyn Monroe (you loved her last year, she's bigger and better this year.)

The Academy Awards at BIG ARTS will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5. A red carpet ceremony with two snazzy babes with mikes taking interviews with early arrivals, broadcast on BIG ARTS' big screen as they take place, will set the stage (as they say in showbiz).



Edina Lessack as Barbra Streisand, Maryann Bell as Liz Taylor, Mike McCray as Richard Burton

Beauty, variety, the latest fashions, from the runways of the world as seen in paradise. Sanibel paradise.

The Sanibel Island Academy Awards ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. It will conclude with the screening of the Academy Award winner *The African Queen*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn, both of whom will be among the celebrities at this smash spectacular.

Following the film screening there will be a special Hollywood Gala champagne reception where guests will mingle with Barbra Streisand, Elizabeth Taylor and her husbands (Richard Burton and six others), Hedy Lamarr, Robert Redford

and Natalie Wood. The champagne challenge will be matching the Hollywood actors and actresses with those in the Sanibel cast portraying them: Maryann Bell, Sandy Hann, Hal Stevelman, Walt Schuman, Heidi Keevins, Mike Derechin, Marsha Wagner, Sandy Greco and Edina Lessack.

Al Hann will once again be the engaging Master of Ceremonies; he will be assisted by a host of Sanibel notables serving as presenters and accepters. Many A-list celebs will be dripping with diamonds from Congress Jewelers, with hair and makeup styled by Sanibel Day Spa and by Josie Crown.

There will be no television coverage. You'll have to be on the red carpet, at Schein Hall and at Phillips Gallery. This is the "must attend" event of 2012 winter season.

Enhanced by surround sound, the digitally-restored *The African Queen* will be shown at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. Listening devices are available. The \$15 ticket includes film, "Sanibel Oscar" ceremony and champagne reception.

All are invited to vote in the Sanibel Oscar contest. Ballots are available at BIG ARTS Center, Bailey's General Store, George & Wendy's Corner Grill, Island Cinema and Watson McRae Gallery.

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.

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

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BIG ARTS Film Festival

Mark your calendars now for the 2nd annual Young at Heart Film Festival to be held Sunday, March 25 in Schein Hall. The festival features age-affirming foreign and independent films about people living and thriving in their 60s, 70s, 80s and beyond.

At 3 p.m. the acclaimed Korean film *Poetry* will be shown. Through poetry a woman finds a way to really see the world and in doing so turns reality into art, tragedy into the sublime. A discussion and box dinner follows the film.

At 6 p.m. the documentary *How to Live Forever* will be screened.

Using gentle humor, you will be introduced to a number of people, some famous, some centenarians, who describe their lives and how they transcend the difficult subjects of aging. A wine and cheese discussion will follow.

Cost for the entire event is \$30 per person. For tickets call 395-0900 or stop by the BIG ARTS box office, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. Watch this paper for more information in future issues.**

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Sponsors Announced For CCMI Benefit

A number of businesses have stepped up as sponsors for the 2nd annual Land Sea Air event to be held Saturday, March 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva.

Arriving in style or in a unique way is the idea for this fundraising event where guests choose their method of arrival by land, sea or air and enjoy cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, a live and a silent auction.

The event raises funds for Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., the umbrella agency for the Everyday Café and Marketplace, Home Delivered Meals, Community Montessori Preschool and Social and Homeless Services.

Sponsors include Northern Trust, Sam Galloway Ford Lincoln, Huff Insurance, Peoples Gas, Myers, Bretholtz & Company, PA and Thank You For The Dance Entertainment. In kind sponsors include South Seas Island Resort, The News-Press Media Group, *Island Sun*, Harmon's Audio Visual, TOTI Media Inc. and Island Events.

"We are so appreciative to the business owners and individuals who have stepped up to make this event a success," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI. "With the money we raised last year, we were not only able to continue helping our community but also develop new and innovative ways to fight hunger and homelessness across Southwest Florida."

Those things included opening Southwest Florida's second customer centered Choice Marketplace, establishing Baby U classes for expectant families, serving more schools last summer with CCMI's Mobile Food Pantry, converting the former Soup Kitchen into the Everyday Café and Marketplace and adding more schools and students to its weekend backpack program.

Ticket prices begin at \$250 and depend upon the type of arrival method chosen by guests, including a sea plane, helicopter, yacht, fire truck, chartered boats, personal watercraft, limousine, parasail, kayak, golf cart, or celebrity chauffeur. According to organizers, the event will be capped at 100 couples.

Last year the event raised \$75,000. "The latest astonishing statistics we are seeing is that over 1,200 Lee County school children are considered homeless,"



Trevor Nette and Kay Casperson, 2011

Galloway said. "And if they are homeless, I guarantee they are also hungry."

"Guests really went all out last year in being unique and fun in their arrivals from driving an antique 1906 Ford Model N to a cow themed convertible, antique Rolls Royce and even decked out golf carts," said Galloway. "It was exciting to see the helicopter and sea plane circle above before landing nearby and we can't wait to see how creative our friends and neighbors are in their choices of arrival this year."

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are still available from \$1,000 to \$20,000. For more information or tickets call 274-0001. South Seas Island Resort is offering a special rate of \$249 (plus resort fee and taxes) for event guests and sponsors on Saturday, March 10 by calling 472-5111 ext. 3305.

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



Ken and Isabella Rasi arrived by firetruck with baby Luke Sanders last year



Betsy and Marcel Ventura in 2011



Rick and Evette Zurbriggen arrived by seaplane last year

Book Signing and Talk! Randy Wayne White Wednesday, March 7 6:30 pm

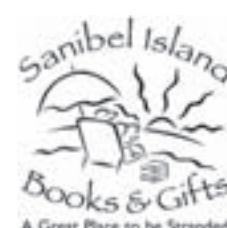
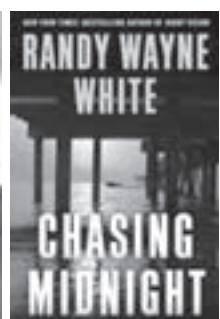
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At a reception hosted by a notorious Russian black marketeer, Doc Ford uses darkness, and his friend

Tomlinson, as cover to get an underwater look at the billionaire's yacht. By the time Ford surfaces, everything has changed.

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Dr. Kagan To Speak At BIG ARTS Lecture

BIG ARTS FORUM Lecture Series welcomes war strategy expert and author Dr. Frederick W. Kagan to Sanibel this Sunday, March 4, to speak about the most recent strategic developments in wars abroad. Dr. Kagan speaks at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall.

An American resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, U.S. Army General David Petraeus – appointed by President Obama to head international forces in Afghanistan – hired Dr. Kagan in 2010 as an expert on fighting corruption. A former professor of military history at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he is also co-author with his father, Donald Kagan, of *While America Sleeps: Self-Delusion, Military Weakness and the Threat To Peace Today*. Dr. Kagan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Soviet and East European studies and a Ph.D. in Russian and Soviet military history, both from Yale University.

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. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis for \$35.

In its 10th season, The FORUM Lecture Series is nationally recognized for inviting distinguished speakers and



Dr. Frederick Kagan

experts each year to Sanibel to speak about the key issues of our time. The final FORUM speaker is Desmond Lachman, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, who will speak on March 7.

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

To learn more about The FORUM Lecture Series at BIG ARTS as well as information about membership and upcoming events, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org. *

Lecture Honors Beloved Poet

by Andrew Stansell

The Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture Weekend was recently held on Sanibel and featured a productive board of advisors meeting as well as a successful 8th annual fundraising celebration for the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education.

The board of advisors met early on Saturday at Sanibel's West Wind Inn to discuss future plans for the center. The board includes 20 local, national, international scholars. They reviewed and adopted the center's new strategic plan for the five years, 2012 to 2017.

Approximately 200 people joined the center at the beachfront home of Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer to celebrate the most successful year in the center's history. At the event, guests enjoyed a dazzling array of hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and a breathtaking sunset. The wonderful music of harpist Leslie Gregory and the harp and fiddle duo, Castlebay, was also heard throughout the evening.

Board of advisors member Armand Ball presented the Rachel Carson Award to Dr. Louise M. Johnson for her long time service to the center and the greater community of Sanibel. This is the highest honor given by the center and took the form of a locally-found lightning whelk.

Co-chairs of the board of advisors, David Orr and Mary Evelyn Tucker, gave thoughtful reflections on the work of

the center as part of the night's celebrations. During her stay on Sanibel, board member and award-winning poet Alison Hawthorne Deming wrote a poem for Mary Oliver entitled *What Continues*. She concluded the evening by reading her poem aloud. She then went on to announce the Haffenreffer Challenge. (The full poem can be found online at www.facu.edu/cese)

In addition to their generosity in hosting the fundraising celebration, the Haffenreffers have continued an annual tradition of energizing donor participation with the Haffenreffer Challenge. They will match any donations to the center up to a total of \$10,000.

Center director Peter Blaze Corcoran said, "Thanks to Deming's poem and the Haffenreffer's creativity, the event was a heartfelt tribute to our seriously ill, beloved poet, Mary Oliver. It was full of spirit and meaning."

The center extends its gratitude to all those who contributed to its fundraising efforts. The center truly appreciates every contribution and hopes to continue to receive ongoing support from friends, colleagues, and stakeholders. Such support is vital to the center's efforts and allows it to continue to "work toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for earth through scholarship, education and action."

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Bombing Iran 'No Piece Of Cake,' Forum Told



by Max Friedersdorf

Middle East expert Dr. Geoffrey Kemp warned that an Israeli military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities would be "no piece of cake" during a lecture last Sunday night before a capacity audience at THE FORUM at BIG ARTS in Schein Hall.

Dr. Kemp, former National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan and Department of Defense official, described the present situation as "totally different" than when Israel used F-16's in 1981 to take out Iraqi facilities, and bombed Syrian plants in 2008 that had been built by the North Koreans.

A strike on Iran, Dr. Kemp explained, could involve dozens of target sites thousands of miles away requiring mid-air refueling over hostile territory. Even an assault by U.S. military would probably call for more than an air strike that would require a campaign to hit air defenses, control and command installations and the Iranian Air Force.

Kemp stated such conflict would be dangerous for the region and the world and expressed doubt that such operations would be approved "by this president or the Republicans." Kemp also



Emcee Sid Simon beckons to the crowd

Stories For Grownups

Friday, March 2 means the Sanibel Library parking lot will be crowded because First Fridays Stories for Grownups begins at 2 p.m.

This Friday's stories will come from six story tellers out of the Island Writers' Group: Wally Kain, Di Saggau, Mike Derechin, Jane Hogg, Carole Fallon and Mort Levy. There will be stories about teen age dating, baby dolls, and days when girdles did the job.

This unique monthly event has been a favorite for many on the island. That's because the featured story tellers are always fascinating, but in the second half of the program, the people in the audience get to tell a story as well. Dr. Sid

Dr. Geoffrey Kemp

said that Israel and Iran have had good relations in the past, particularly during the rule of the Shah, but good relations are impossible under the current regime.

The earth's current population of seven billion is expected to exceed nine billion by mid-century, Dr. Kemp observed, "creating a fundamental and phenomenal demand for resources, including water, energy, food, minerals and land."

With regard to rising gas prices, Kemp explained that the hike in the U.S. was not totally attributable to the Middle East as only 20 percent of U.S. consumption comes from that region while Canada, Mexico, Venezuela and West Africa are the chief sources of oil used in the United States.**

Simon is the emcee.

For more information call the library at 472-2483.**

Book Signings

Don't miss these upcoming book signings at the Sanibel Island Books & Gifts, located at 1571 Periwinkle Way.

On Saturday, March 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jim Ingraham will be signing copies of his latest book, *Sahara Dust*.

On Wednesday, March 7, there will be two book signings. Gary McLouth will be signing copies of his collection of stories *Do No Harm* from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On the evening of March 7, Randy Wayne White will be signing his latest Doc Ford novel, *Chasing Midnight*. White will be giving a brief talk at 6:30 p.m. and there will be refreshments from Island Pizza.

Marilyn Rauth will be signing copies of her memoir *Living, Loving and Losing A Son* on Friday, March 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

George Daughan will be signing copies of his book *1812: The Navy's War* on Tuesday, March 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you would like any more information on any of these book signings or if you can't make any of the author signings but would like to order a copy, call 472-5223.**

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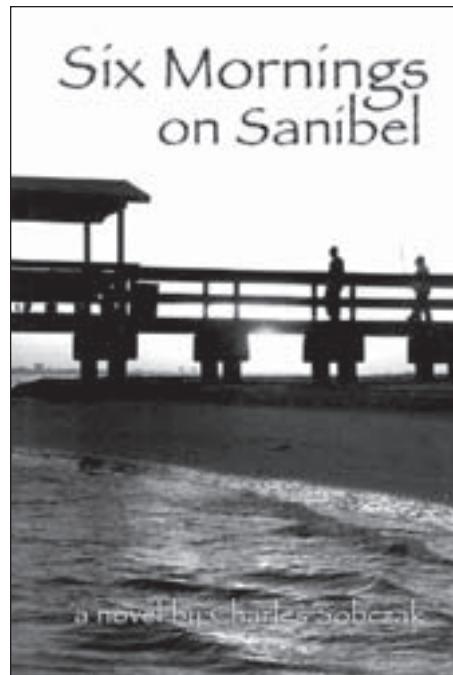
A Record Seventh Printing For Sobczak Title

The average first novel printed in the United States by a well-established publishing house, such as Putnam Penguin or Random House, sells an average of 5,000 copies nationwide, then more often than not goes out of print. The sales of self-published titles is considerably lower than that, averaging around 75 copies total.

To date, this first novel by Sanibel author Charles Sobczak, *Six Mornings*



Charles Sobczak



On Sanibel, has sold more than 25,000 copies and has currently in a record seventh printing.

The novel was originally published in 1999 with an initial print run of 3,000 copies. It quickly sold through that first printing, and was followed over the years by six additional print runs. These runs varied from 3,000 to 5,500 books, all of them printed in the United States. More importantly, the book has received critical acclaim from readers across the globe, from Japan – where it was a Japanese book club selection – to England and Germany.

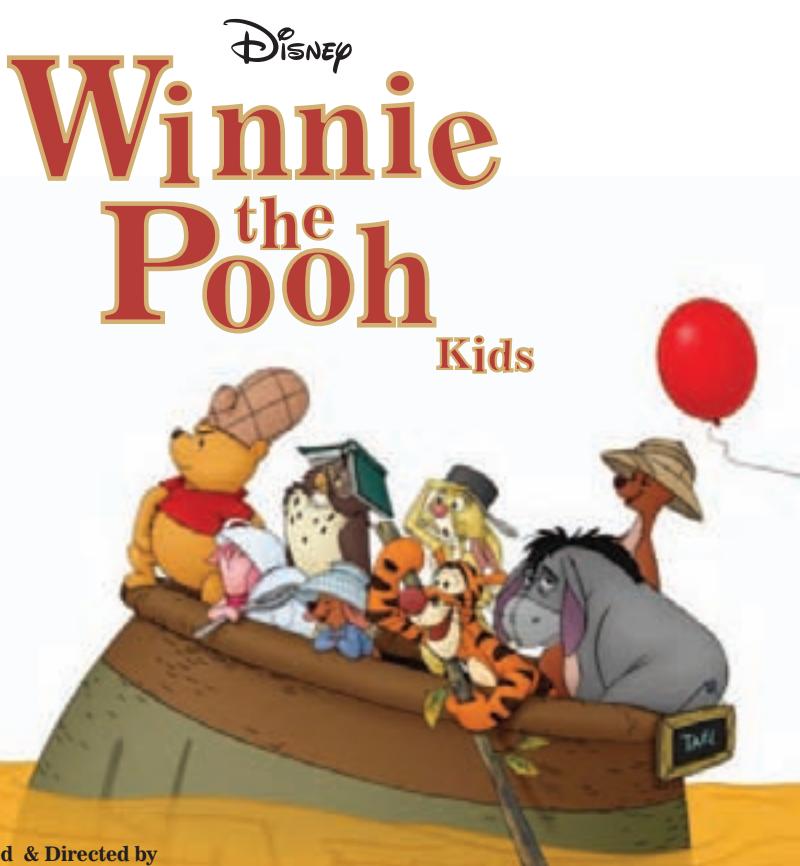
Because of the demand to see the book in other formats, Indigo Press, in collaboration with Book Baby, an e-book company based out of Portland, Oregon, has converted the novel into a wide array of e-book formats including Amazon's Kindle, Apple's I-pad, the Nook and many others. In addition, Indigo Press has also recently added *Way Under Contract - A Florida Story* to the e-book market-

place. The novel itself has been out of print for five years.

Forthcoming additions to Indigo's e-book publishing list include *A Choice of Angels* (a novel) and the eco-destination section of *The Living Gulf Coast - A Nature Guide To Southwest Florida*. Sobczak's forthcoming novel, *The Year of the Bad Decision*, will be simultaneously published in trade paperback as well as all e-book formats.

To learn more about this novel, visit www.Indigopress.net or look inside the book at www.Amazon.com. The story takes place on the Sanibel Island Fishing Pier and its message appears to be timeless.★

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Local Author On Best Seller List



Sanibel resident and best-selling author Jocelyn Miller

Sanibel writer Jocelyn Miller is a bestselling author on Amazon Kindle. Her new novel *Tanglewood Plantation* is in its 10th straight week as a top paid best seller in the ghost category in Kindle books at www.amazon.com. Her book cover was created by Cambridge, Maryland artist Annie McCoy.

Tanglewood Plantation is the tale of Summer Woodfield who finds more than she bargains for when she inherits the family estate in Georgia. Once a beautiful antebellum rice plantation, it now sits on the banks of the Savannah River, a former shell of itself. Not only is Summer overwhelmed by the decayed state of her inheritance, but by the ghost of a former slave who continues to haunt her. Through a series of events, Summer is whisked back in time to the Civil War, not as heiress, but as a slave on her own plantation! What ensues is a desperate attempt to escape her new life

in slavery and return to the 21st century, coupled with the discovery of the secret of her inheritance and the rekindling of a 150-year-old love affair.

Miller writes from her home on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay and from Sanibel.

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Dennis Lehane

Lehane At Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library is pleased to have author Dennis Lehane as its guest speaker on Thursday, March 1. Mr. Lehane's appearance is part of the 2011-12 Author Series. (This ticketed event is wait-listed.)

Lehane is the author of nine novels, including the New York Times best-seller *Gone, Baby, Gone*, *Mystic River*,

Shutter Island and *The Given Day*. The film version of *Mystic River* received an Academy Award and the film adaptation of *Gone, Baby, Gone* was nominated for an Academy Award. *Shutter Island* was made into a film by Martin Scorsese in 2010.

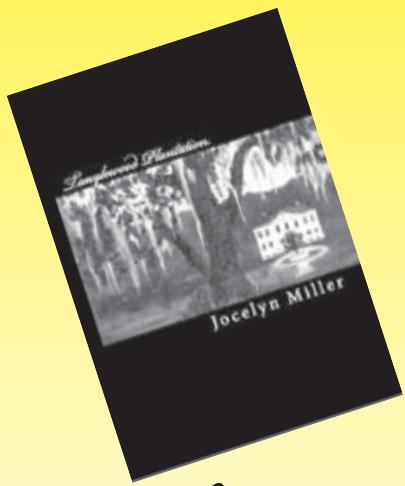
Prior to his full-time writing career, Lehane worked as a counselor for mentally handicapped and abused children, waited tables, drove limos, and worked in bookstores. Born and raised in the Dorchester area of Boston, Massachusetts, Lehane still resides in the area and features Boston as a setting for many of his books.

A graduate of Boston College High School and Eckerd College, Lehane pursued his passion for writing attending the graduate program for creative writing at Florida International University. He earned an Edgar Award and a Writer's Guild of America Award for his work on the television series, *The Wire*. Occasionally, Lehane can be seen on the ABC comedy/drama *Castle*, where he makes guest appearances.

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

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Children's Author To Sign Books At Shell Museum

Marianne Berkes, a children's author who has penned 11 books and has received several dozen awards for her work, will sign books at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on Sunday, March 4 from noon to 1 p.m.

Her second book, *Seashells By The Seashore*, was inspired by her shell collecting on Sanibel.

Exhibit supported by Visual Arts Patron Season Sponsor June Rosner and Russ Bilgore.

For additional information about this exhibit, BIG ARTS events and membership, or to sign up for workshops, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.**

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Exhibit Opens

work is for sale.

Film director and photographer Carter Smith is one of the "guest" artists in this exhibit. He was invited by Sanibel digital imagery artist Pam Brodersen. Smith lives in New York City, and has shot photo spreads for *Vogue*, *GQ* and *W Magazine*, as well as numerous celebrity photo shoots. In 2006, Smith directed the short horror film *Bugcrush*, which won the Short Filmmaking Award at the Sundance Film Festival. His latest film, *Yearbook*, debuted at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival.

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It's In The Bag A Smashing Success

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village's fundraiser, It's in the Bag, was held on Tuesday, February 21 at The Sanctuary Golf Club. The event celebrated clothes and stories about Sanibel from the late 1950s to the 1990s. In carrying out the theme of purses, the models carried purses and hand bags from the different time periods. Beautiful, unique hand-made purses decorated the tables. Two hundred fifty attended the function and a wonderful, fun time was had by all.

The village and the It's in the Bag committee thanks everyone who made the event possible and such a smashing success. The proceeds will go to the village's future development and expansion.

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Pomeranz To Perform Chaplin Show At BIG ARTS

Critically-acclaimed and award-winning performer/composer David Pomeranz brings his massively popular *Chaplin: A Life In Concert* show to BIG ARTS on Friday, March 9 at 8 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are \$42 for general admission, \$47 for loge seats and \$15 for children 17 and under.

Chaplin, with music and lyrics by Pomeranz, is a multimedia dramatization of the life story of the brilliant and controversial artist, Charlie Chaplin. The show opens backstage as Chaplin is to receive an honorary Academy Award. Having been falsely accused of being a Communist and banned from re-entry into the United States 20 years earlier, Chaplin is both bitter and afraid. He recalls how his early childhood on the impoverished streets of London led to his creation of one of the world's most iconic characters and his ultimate legacy, The Little Tramp.

Great American Songbook revivalist Michael Feinstein said, "Part concert, part stage musical, *Chaplin: A Life In Concert* is an imaginative, emotional and inspiring journey that leaves the audience walking on air, humming its tunes, and in love with



David Pomeranz

the artistry of the great Chaplin. The score is a knockout ... touching, clever, theatrical...wonderful!"

During his career, Pomeranz has made memorable musical appearances at the Hollywood Bowl, Kennedy Center and Olympic Stadium in Munich, Germany. His songs include *Tryin' To Get The Feeling Again* and *The Old Songs*, both of which have been recorded by Barry Manilow, and *It's In Every One Of Us*, which was featured at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, Korea. Pomeranz's

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The Weilerstein Trio At Sanibel Music Festival

The Weilerstein Trio will perform at the Sanibel Music Festival on Tuesday, March 6 at the intimate setting of the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way, beginning at 8 p.m. The Trio includes renowned violinist and teacher Donald Weilerstein, his wife, pianist Vivian Hornik Weilerstein, and their daughter, cellist Alisa, who is now one of the busiest soloists in the world. For this performance, cellist Dan McDonough of the Jupiter String Quartet has been engaged to replace Alisa, who has a scheduling conflict.

Donald Weilerstein has concertized extensively as soloist and chamber musician. For 20 years (1969 to 1989), Weilerstein was the first violinist of the renowned Cleveland Quartet with whom he toured the world. Vivian Hornik Weilerstein has performed as a soloist and chamber musician and is a frequent collaborator with many of today's most eminent artists and ensembles. She has recently been a soloist with the Kansas City Symphony and the Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale di Torino, and has toured throughout Europe and Japan.

Donald and Vivian Weilerstein are pro-



Weilerstein Trio

fessors at the New England Conservatory and at Juilliard. The *Boston Globe* wrote that "passion is the hallmark of the Weilersteins' playing."

The program will include Schumann's *Duos pour violon et violoncelle avec accompagnement de piano d'après les Études en Forme de Canon, Op. 56*; Beethoven's *Piano Trio in D major, Op. 70, No. 1, Ghost*; and Dvorak's *Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 26*.

The Weilerstein Trio is sponsored by Roz and Jim Marks

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HORTOONS



Assisted Living



by Priscilla Friedersdorf

Often as I wheel around the corner of the packaged cheese section or hover over the meat counter, dividing and subtracting, I see them. The wife leads the way and the husband lags by several yards. The space belies the tension between them, an invisible type of monofilament line you dare not sever. She turns over the packages, counts slices, peers at the prices per ounce and revels in her mastery of value for money. He slouches, mutters, shuffles and never glances at

the array of plenty.

Wives are asked as the car is being maneuvered into a slot, "What do you want here at the supermarket?" Well, we all know the answer to that is "I don't know until I see it." Wives, to be satiated, must loop up and down every aisle examining foodstuffs and products, picking them up, turning them over, reading the labels and putting them back.

Swing into Kmart or Target and the question is, "What do you need?" Well, I don't need anything but this is a cultural experience that comes as close to the Museum of Modern Art as I am likely to get anytime soon. The imagination and plethora of ever changing contemporary artifacts delights the female soul and eye. Michael Graves designs the tea kettles, toasters and pancake turners. Martha Stewart, the denizen of the cozy family, fussily furnishes the bed and bath and plumps the pillows of our lives.

He grumbles and knows they are here in this paradise because he was a captain of industry, making big decisions with big money, swift certitude and competence. She gazes at the can of peas and knows they are here with the night sounds of tree frogs and shore birds floating in the open windows on balmy spring air and not living on the edge of some desolate field listening to the rattle of cornstalks in the cold winds from the frozen plains... because pricing peas was her job. *

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Rec Center March Fun Day

Register your child now for the upcoming Fun Day on Friday, March 9 at the Sanibel Recreation Center. There will be a variety of athletic games, craft projects and entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through 8th grade. The program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

Register by March 2 and receive the Early Bird rate of \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. On or after March 3, the cost is \$25 for members, \$27.50 for non-members.

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

American Legion Post 123 Events

Every Friday, American Legion Post 123 serves up a fish fry with cole slaw, beans and hushpuppies from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

This Sunday, March 4, Gator's spaghetti and meatballs will be served all day. Then on Tuesday, March 6, the Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held starting at 6 p.m.

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

Every Friday, the 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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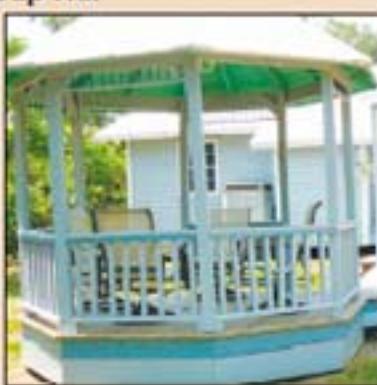
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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

At each of our Friday morning Rotary Club meetings, we have a guest speaker. This past week, we invited Bill Schiller, senior editor for the *Island Reporter*, Breeze Newspapers (a division of Ogden Publications).



Schiller has been enthralled with the magic of words and language for most of his life. He told the story of when he was a kid his brother called him a bastard. When he went to his mother and asked her what that meant, mom sent him to the dictionary. Seems like a familiar story for most of us, of a certain age. But the story doesn't end there. Schiller misread the definition and somehow confused the word illegitimate for the word intelligent. At school one day a classmate of his excelled at his scholarly work, so he called him a bastard. Of course, that didn't sit well with his teacher and immediately he grasped the idea that he had better know the meanings of words and how to use them correctly.

A 30-year career in communication and media is the result. You will find his name connected with his work in radio, television, magazines, newspapers and publishing.

While working at a newspaper in Dade County, Florida, he was responsible for investigative reporting on Internet child predators (this was before the TV series *To Catch A Predator*). It was here that Schiller realized the impact that his stories made on the lives of others. But over time, the grimy stories of the city brought him to the realization that he needed to recapture and believe again in the good in the world. He needed time to rejuvenate himself. He left the paper and collaborated on the publishing of more than 100 books, of which most involve military history.

After working in larger media markets, he wanted to be able to connect with the community he worked in. His media focus is now towards positive reporting. He has found that Sanibel

and Captiva have a plethora of people and organizations contributing to their community, across the nation and the world in such outstanding ways. "This does matter, it makes a difference, this community stands for something," said Schiller.

There have been some changes made at the paper since Schiller arrived. The paper used to publish three newspapers: the *Island Reporter*, *The Captiva Current* and *The Islander*. Each of these papers had three different distribution points and the news was sometimes repetitive. The decision to combine the three papers under the one name – *The Islander* – was not without controversy. Islanders don't like change. This decision was mostly based on cost efficiency but with a determination to make the *Island Reporter* a better paper serving our island communities. So Schiller asks "that we keep those stories coming."

Upcoming Rotary club speakers are (March 9) Chauncey Goss, whose topic is Government Budgets. Goss is the former deputy staff director at Committee on the Budget, U.S. House of Representative and program examiner at Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; (March 16) Steve Agius, representing the Wheelchair Foundation, providing essential mobility to those in need across the globe; (March 23) Rotary Group Study Exchange Group from South Korea, young professionals learning more about their American counterparts and the business environment in the U.S.; and (March 30) Sam Tucker, Packard Foundation, who will talk about conservation responsibilities in the Colorado River Basin.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday morning at Bistro At Beachview, 1100 Par View Drive. If you would like further information regarding the Sanibel Rotary or Rotary International, call 337-1099. ☀



Bill Schiller, Island Reporter senior editor

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Zonta House Tour Features Home Bursting With Color

Ican't live without color," declared Rita Jaeger, explaining the explosion of hues that blanket just about everything in her home on the east end of Sanibel. Tropical greens and blues and sunburst shades of orange and yellow are splashed on every wall, piece of furniture and accessory in the house that will be one of four featured this year on Zonta's A Peek at the Unique.

The Peek is the main fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva and will be held on Saturday, March 24. Peekers, as tour participants are called, can purchase tickets for \$65 by calling 1-888-891-4689.

Green is a neutral color to me," Jaeger said of her home's dominant brilliant color. "I wanted to work with what was coming in from the outside," she explained pointing to the tropical palms and foliage just outside her windows.

Purchased two years ago by Rita and her husband Stephen Jaeger, the 3,200-square-foot house was built in 1976 by former U.S. Vice President and Senator from Minnesota, the late Hubert Humphrey and his wife Muriel. A successful designer from Norwalk, Connecticut, where the couple still owns a home, Jaeger said the house presented a real design challenge with its cramped spaces and layout that practically hid the beautiful, wide canal views.



Main living area of the Jaeger house

The young couple who had owned the home before the Jaegers had changed little of the original floor plan, so she set out to open the house up and brighten its plain, white interior.

Where a dining area once blocked the views of the pool deck and water, a bank of doors was installed to bring the outdoors in.

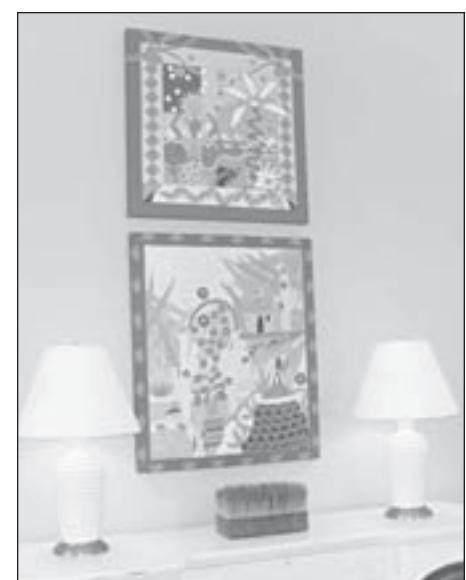
A crowded children's playroom was reconfigured to make a family and extra guest room that flows into a whimsical bathroom, where tiny beach umbrellas dot the walls. The bathroom opens into a space that doubles as a tidy storage closet and also as an entry or exit into the main

living area of the house.

In the second-floor master bath, a huge tub, that was too deep for a normal-size person to get into easily, was removed to practically double the space.

White is now just and accent color in the three-bedroom house where tropical color, textures, artwork and whimsical accessories fill every room and nook. Even the area under the stairs is utilized as a small, colorful office space.

She scours second-hand stores, where she loves to unearth hidden treasures, for furniture that she refinishes herself adding a truly personal touch to the décor. Every piece of furniture, artwork, photograph



Colorful artwork in the Jaeger house

and sculpture reflects tropical elements such as water, sky and sun – all of it as unique as the talented designer who put it together. Visitors could return numerous times and continue to discover bright, whimsical touches they had not noticed before.

Attendees can expect many delightful surprises during The Peek. Now in its 11th year, the event has sold out in years past and organizers expect this year to be no different.

Even those who don't attend the tour can contribute to Zonta's charitable

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Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought. 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 and 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. Susan Riley will lead a discussion on *The Little Giant of Aberdeen County* by Tiffany Baker on March 14.

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.

Knit Wits – Tuesdays at 1 p.m. If you knit or crochet, bring your project to the center and share tips with others.

Games at the Center
Bridge – 1 p.m. Monday and
Wednesday

Hand & Foot – 1 p.m. Tuesday
Mahjongg – 1 p.m. Thursday
Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday
Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes awarded.

Bridge Lessons with Bruce and Christl Smith – Tuesday and Thursday, March 6, 8, 13 and 15, 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.

Mahjongg Lessons with Katie Reid – Mondays and Thursdays, March 5, 8, 12, 15 and 19, 9 a.m. to noon. You must be able to attend all five classes. Cost is \$12.50 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Leisure Lunchers and Thrift and Consignment Connoisseurs – Tuesday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m., celebrate St. Patty's Day early at Ball Yorkey Irish Pub, 13851 South Tamiami Trail.

Florida Travels – Tickets are available for the Sunday, March 11 Twins vs. Yankees baseball game at 1:05 p.m. and the Friday, March 30 Twins vs. Red Sox game at 1:05 p.m. Both games are at the Hammond Stadium on Six Mile Cypress. First come, first served.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota is the destination Wednesday, March 14 – home to over 6,000 orchids and 20,000 bromeliads. Cost is \$79 for members, \$89 for non-members and includes round-trip transportation, tour of gardens and museum, and lunch.

Introduction to Computers and Windows 7 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 3 p.m. March 5, 7, 9, 12 and 14. 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.

Car Fit Workshop with Lee County Sheriff's Department – Friday, March 2. Trained technicians and health professionals will check how you fit your vehicle for maximum comfort and safety.

Wheat-free & Gluten-free Products – Thursday, March 22 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. (limit of six participants at each one-hour session). Hosted by Bailey's General Store, which offers more than 1,000 wheat-free/gluten-free products, this seminar with Rachel Lammers will include product samples and manufacturer representatives.

9th Annual Coping With Life Series – 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.

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Apioneer in the nutraceutical industry, on specialized nutrition, anti-aging and cellular regeneration, Dr. Doug Gabbert, DC will be holding a seminar based on his latest discoveries for anti-aging and cellular regeneration. Dr. Ernesto J. Fernandez, DOM, AP, LMHC is hosting the seminar on Tuesday, March 6 from 7 to 9 p.m.. at the Pelican Preserve Town Center Theater Room.

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tory, we can naturally and inexpensively intervene in the aging process, restore many aspects of youth, resist disease, substantially improve quality of life and perhaps extend the life span itself," states Gabbert. "I am positive this investment of a few hours time will greatly benefit anyone over 40 years old."

Dr. Gabbert will show the seminar attendees innovative breakthroughs in anti-aging including specific and practical steps to increase your cellular health and add quality years to your life right now. He will also point out the common breakdowns in cellular health that makes you age faster.

Admission is free. The Pelican Preserve Town Center Theater Room is located at 10561 Veneto Drive, Fort Myers. For more information, call Dr. Fernandez at 813-298-9862. ☀

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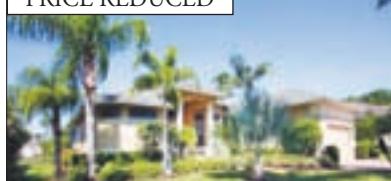


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Around The Islands With Anne

The Dunes Restaurant Is Revitalized, Puts Out Welcome Mat For Community

by Anne Mitchell



One of the most "happening" places on the islands – though few but its members know it – is **The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club** and its lively social scene.

Before you dismiss the idea because you're not a paid up member, I have to tell you that the restaurant is open to the public for lunch and dinner as well as for a monthly dinner dances, trivia nights and ethnic cooking classes weekly.

This is a great time to give The Dunes a whirl if you've never been – or haven't been lately. During March, any Sanibel resident gets 30 percent off dinner.

Members get a discount, of course, but the prices are very reasonable. For example, a Valentine's celebration last month with five-course dinner and an entertaining Newlywed/Oldywed game, was \$35 per person for non-members. In March, it's Irish Country Club Friday Dining at \$25 per person; in April, it's Indian specialties. Free TLC (Taste it, Like it, Cook it) cooking classes feature dishes served at the various ethnic dinners.

General manager Leilani Sivsov says she wants island residents to realize that The Dunes is not just for golf and tennis, but is a social hub for all ages. Herself a mother of an 8-year-old, she is striving to attract younger families with children.

"I want an at-home feel. I don't advertise off-island – I want islanders," she added.

Sivsov has created a line-up of kid-friendly activities such as Penny Play Days from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The children take part in crafts and games in the pavilion while their parents – or grandparents – have time alone to relax over dinner or drinks. Kids can eat from a small buffet for 99 cents.

Sivsov was previously the food and beverage manager at sister property, South Seas Island Resort on Captiva, from 2008 until she transferred to The Dunes five months ago. She says she's proud to be an islander and part of the community.

For everyday lunch, the menu ranges from soup and sandwich du jour for \$9, great-looking fish tacos for \$12, and a variety of salads, burgers and pizzas.

The new dinner menu features seafood and meats including Cowboy Steak, Denver Lamb Rack and calf's liver and onions. Entrée prices are \$12 to \$28. The Sunday prime rib buffet is \$19.95 or there's Nine & Dine with nine holes of golf and dinner for \$65, a \$15 savings.

Executive chef Roro Garat has been there for 15 years and also oversees other company restaurants on the island.

Sivsov says a social membership is a good deal at \$1,150 for a family – less than \$100 a month – and \$900 for an individual. Membership includes complimentary green fees and golf cart rates, free driving range balls and 50 percent discount on tennis court fees from May 1 through October 31. From November through April, social members get discounted greens and cart fees, free range balls, advanced starting times and weekend privileges. All members, social and otherwise, get 10 percent off food and beverages at The Dunes and two other company-owned island restaurants, plus 20 percent off apparel in the shops.

The clubhouse and restaurant have been repainted and work by local artists, including member Pam Broderson, decorates the walls.

The dining room is a perfect vantage point for watching a legendary Sanibel sunset over cocktails or dinner. Outside, the bridge has been repaired and the trees are being illuminated.

"I am trying to tell people that The Dunes is back," says Sivsov. "I want to re-energize it."



Leilani Sivsov, general manager, left, and Julie Grzeszak, restaurant manager, at The Dunes

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club is at 949 Sand Castle Road, Sanibel, phone 472-3355.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS
The Stone Crab – A Shrimp & Seafood House, features Danny Morgan & Friends on Wednesdays and Buckeye Ken on Saturday. The restaurant is at 2761 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel I, phone 472-0305.

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.

Traditions on the Beach has live music seven days a week with Sanibel's 'Pianoman' Joe McCormick and his guests. This week's lineup includes: Monday and Tuesday Joe McCormick, classic piano favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop; Wednesday, Prime Rib & Prime Jazz with Father Al & the Jazz Congregation featuring vocalist Paul Ventura; Thursday, Joe McCormick playing favorites; Friday, Freestyle Fridays, dancing to McCormick and Barbara Smith; Saturday, McCormick welcomes back Marvella Marzan performing Broadway, Latin and jazz; Sunday sees the return of Dusk Duo with Dean and Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals.

Traditions on the Beach is at the Island Inn, 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

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

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

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

The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn, Captiva has entertainment Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races are Mondays and Thursdays with the family show at 5:30 p.m. and grown-up races at 9 p.m. The Crow's 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 line-up: Monday, Dan Confrey; Tuesday, Jeff Key; Wednesday, Ken Wasiniak; Thursday, Diana Lynn; Friday, Greg Watts; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Ken Wasiniak. Phone 472-0606.

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

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



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Steve Jobs To Be Seen On Sanibel Live From New York's 92nd Street Y



Joint Film Committee includes Rev. John Danner, Ed Greenberg, Vivian Pyke, Sue Danford, Maddy Mayor and Rabbi Selwyn Geller

The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and Temple Bat Yam announce their collaboration in bringing to the public for the first time a Live from New York film presentation from the famed 92nd Street Y.

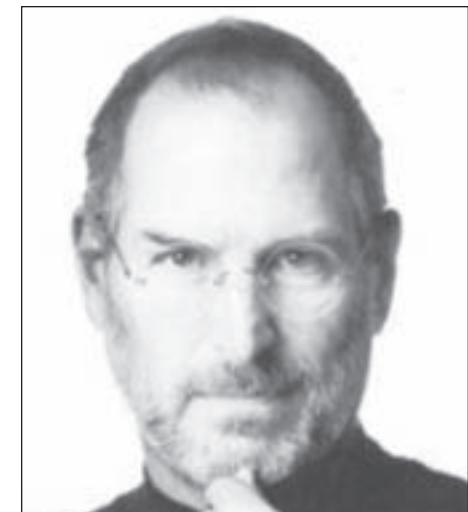
A joint committee from the two congregations has succeeded in procuring this special, timely film for viewing right here on Sanibel.

Richard (Rick) Stengel, journalist, author and the current managing editor of *Time* magazine, will be seen in a compelling interview with author Walter Isaacson regarding his latest book, *Steve Jobs* (2011).

Isaacson, a native of New Orleans, is the esteemed author of *Einstein: His Life and Universe* (2006), *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* (2003), *Kissinger: A Biography* (1992), and co-author of *The Wise Men: Six Friends and the World They Made* (1986). A graduate of Harvard, a Rhodes Scholar at Pembroke College of Oxford University, a past reporter for *The Sunday Times* of London and the *New Orleans Times*, he joined *Time* in 1978 and served as a political correspondent, national editor and editor of new media before becoming the magazine's 14th editor in 1996. He became chairman and CEO of CNN in 2001, and then president and CEO of the Aspen Institute in 2003. Isaacson is chairman of the board of Teach For America, which recruits recent college graduates to teach in underserved communities. He was appointed by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate to serve



Author Walter Isaacson



Steve Jobs

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as the chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, which oversees Voice Of America, Radio Free Europe and other international broadcasts of the U.S. He is vice-chair of Partners for a New Beginning, a public-private group tasked with forging ties between the U.S. and the Muslim world. He currently lives in Washington, D.C.

Jobs, who passed away earlier this year, was a brilliant college dropout who taught the world how to think differently. In the film, Isaacson discusses the significance of Jobs' contribution to the business world and explains his drive as it revolutionized six industries: personal computers, animated movies, music, phones, tablet computing and digital publishing. Steve Jobs stands as the ultimate icon of inventiveness and applied imagination. He built a company where leaps of imagination were combined with remarkable feats of engineering. No other CEO has had wreaths laid in his memory at locations where people bought his Apple computer products.

The film will be shown in the Fellowship Hall of the Congregational Church on Sunday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. It is open to the public. A \$5 contribution is requested. Reservations are necessary since there is limited seating. Call the church office at 472-0497 to reserve your space.**



JetBlue Airways personnel

JetBlue To Debut RSW Living Magazine

JetBlue Airways announced that it will begin distributing *RSW Living* magazine on Thursday, March 1.

Beginning on JetBlue's flight 468 departing from Fort Myers at 6 a.m. that day, *RSW Living* will be available to those customers traveling to and from Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, Florida as well as distributed at their gates in Fort Myers. In addition, every JetBlue passenger traveling in and out of Fort Myers on March 1 will be offered a one-year complimentary subscription to *RSW Living* courtesy of JetBlue.

The cover of the in-flight *RSW Living* will bear the JetBlue logo, and passengers will be encouraged to take the magazine with JetBlue's compliments. Each issue of the magazine will highlight the beauty of Southwest Florida as a destination through TOTI Media's distinctive style, content, high standards and expert editorial planning.

RSW Living is published by TOTI Media bimonthly with each issue encompassing 100 pages exploring the intriguing personalities, fine dining, top-notch shopping and cultural attractions that can be found among the region's coastal communities and barrier islands.

"Whether JetBlue passengers are first-time visitors looking for restaurant recommendations or longtime residents wanting to learn more about their fellow Southwest Floridians, readers will enjoy the colorful and informative ways stories are presented through *RSW Living*," said Friedrich Jaeger, publisher of TOTI Media. "We are excited to be entering into this new agreement with JetBlue and look forward to sharing our coverage of the area's inland and coastal populations, as well as myriad new ways to be entertained and informed on all things Southwest Florida with JetBlue travelers."

From Fort Myers, JetBlue currently schedules nine flights per day servicing

New York/JFK, Newark, Boston, Buffalo and White Plains. The company recently announced plans to add a daily round-trip flight to LaGuardia International Airport from RSW.

For more information, visit www.jetblue.com or www.totimedia.com.**

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Zonta House Tour



Mermaid in a guest room of the Jaeger house

efforts helping women and girls locally and around the globe by purchasing raffle tickets for "Six Chances at The Unique," which include prizes worth thousands of dollars. Raffle tickets are just \$10 each and available from any club member and will be on sale outside Bailey's General Store on weekends in March leading up to the Peek and at the Sanibel Island Farmer's Market on Sunday, March 18.

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

Volunteer Of The Month



John Brown

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Volunteer of the Month John Brown.

Brown has been a volunteer at the Center 4 Life for three years, where he is also a member. He spends his volunteer time serving on the Island Seniors, Inc. board of directors, as the current treasurer, the bridge director and the self-appointed one person entertainment committee for the potluck events with help from his creative consultant Susan, his wife.

The members of the Center 4 Life are the reason why Brown enjoys being so involved. He refers to them as his second family and seeing everyone actively participate in the events is a very rewarding fun experience. He has also made many new friends since volunteering.

When asked about his experience as a Center 4 Life volunteer, Brown said, "I never thought I would be a volunteer at the Center 4 Life. The program administrator, Sandi McDougall, has so much spirit and her energy is contagious. I think she is a major reason the Center 4 Life is so popular and is continuing to grow. She was very influential in my decision to join and become an active volunteer."

In addition to volunteering at the Center 4 Life, Brown has spent time with the Youth Summer Camp Program organizing Minute-To-Win-It games and "hosting the show" while the children participated in a variety of challenges.

Brown and his wife of 42 years have been visiting Sanibel for over 35 years. They knew they would want to retire here and so in 2001 they purchased a lot and built their home. The Browns have one daughter who lives in Tampa and they also have a one-year-old Jack Russell terrier named Britainye. Brown was previously an executive in the computer business before retiring. He has received two degrees from the University of Georgia and is an avid Bulldog football fan.

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



Sanctuary Golf Club Head Golf Professional and committee member Drew Donnelly, Sanctuary General Manager Ken Kouril, Charitable Foundation of the Islands Chairman Al Hanser and committee member Bob Berendt

Community Golf Challenge Raises Over \$100,000

The Sanctuary Golf Club hosted the 10th annual Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge benefitting the Charitable Foundation of the Islands. The challenge raised over \$100,000 bringing the total to \$802,000 over the past 10 years.

"On behalf of all those who have been

helped and those who will be helped by the generosity of The Sanctuary, its members and staff, the board of the Charitable Foundation of the Islands gratefully thanks you for the wonderful partnership that has developed over the years. The success of The Sanctuary's Community Challenge continues to grow and the benefits multiply," said Al Hanser, board chairman of the Charitable Foundation of the Islands.

Art and Susan Cassell, honorary chairs, addressed the participants before the event that included brunch, golf, helicopter drop, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and an awards ceremony.

"The event was a complete success. It is a wonderful to see the community come together for such a great cause. I am very fortunate to work for such a generous group of people and to be able to play a small role in the success of such a fantastic organization," said Drew Donnelly, head golf professional.

To make a donation or for more information about the Charitable Foundation of the Islands, contact Al Hanser at 472-8300.*

Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, February 21 there were 10 tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association. The winners were:

North/South

1. Susan Willoughby and Kenneth Appel

2. Carolyn Combi and Bernie Newell
3. Alaine and Herman E. Jass
4. Merrill Taylor and Tom Tucker

East/West

1. Sylvia Levine and Bob Ogden
2. Connie Braun and Harriet Edwards
3. Gini Gersack and Ann Levinsohn
4. Vicki Sears and Ellie Svenson

The game ran for six months, November through April, at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. For further information, call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.*



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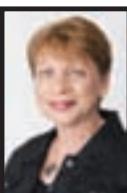
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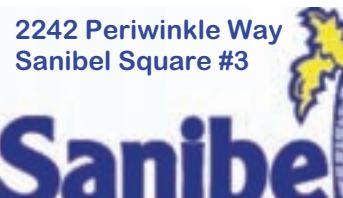
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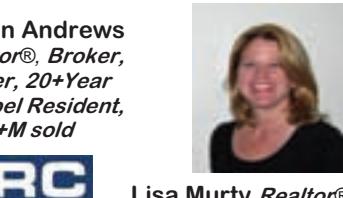


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Bridget Funk, Mary Coddens, Judy Yenoke and Geri Perkins

Dunes Nifty Niners Celebrate Birds Of SW Florida

Chairpersons Trudy Burkholder and Peggy Hogg co-chaired a wonderful themed luncheon, Birds of Southwest Florida, following a golfing event on February 23. The tables were decorated with Birds of Paradise flowers surrounded by bird's nests. The nests featured golf balls on a bed of green moss sculptured into the shape of a putting green.

Awards for the event were handed out. First place winners were Mary Coddens, Bridget Funk, Geri Perkins and



Bridget Funk



Gwen Trautwein

Judy Yenoke.

In addition, the winner of the Longest Drive was awarded to Bridget Funk, and Closest To The Pin was won by Gwen Trautwein.★

Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Nifty Niners event results Thursday, February 23, 1 net better ball of 4.

1st	Bridget Funk	22
	Mary Coddens	
	Judy Yenoke	
	Gerri Perkins	
2nd	Robin Cohan	26
	Willie Winkler	
	Aud Kunz	
	Phyllis Koury	
3rd	Ann Levinsohn	27
	Gay Nichols	
	Maureen O'Brien	
	Pat Haggerty	

Congratulations to all the Winners.★

Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Men's Golf Association event results from Wednesday, February 22.

Format: 2 Better Balls of 4

Front Nine Winners

Richard Giangiorgi	46
Don Sikkema	
Bruce Nobel	
Tim O'Neill	
Back Nine Winners	56
Bob Rohl	
Felix Cururu	
Douglas Mallon	
Jack Czarnecki	
Total Score Winners	
Skip Jewett	108
Jack Strothman	
Dan Alton	
Michael Funk	

Congratulations to all the winners.★

Hole-In-One

On February 23, Bob Rohl scored a 101-yard hole-in-one on the second hole at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. Rohl was using a gap wedge and Taylor Made Penta ball. Bill Hotchkiss and Felix Cururu witnessed the shot. This is Rohl's sixth hole-in-one.★

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by Matt Oakley,
PGA Golf Professional



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

So, when they get down here on vacation they love to get in a round or two. Unfortunately, they haven't played golf since last fall and that first round each spring can be a tough one for the body and the ego.

Here are a few tips to get you ready to play golf while you are visiting:

1. The Day Before

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

2. The Day of the First Round

- Arrive early and stretch. Gently loosen your back, shoulders and legs.
- Go to the practice tee and hit about 30 balls at most. Use the clubs you hit the most during the round.

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

- During the round drink at least one bottle of water per 9 holes. It is much warmer and humid in Florida than up north and you will get dehydrated quickly in the heat. Avoid caffeine and alcohol while you play; they will both dehydrate you.

- Eat a small sandwich and fruit at the turn, at most. A heavy meal will sap your strength for the back 9.

• Lower your score expectations.

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

3. The Next Day

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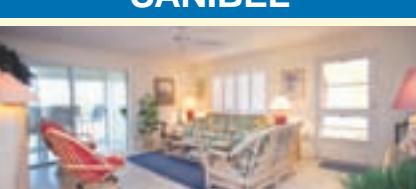
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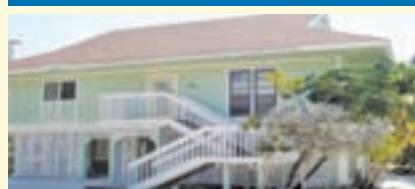


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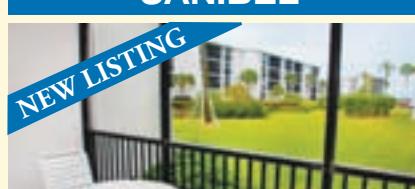
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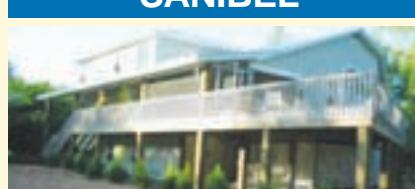
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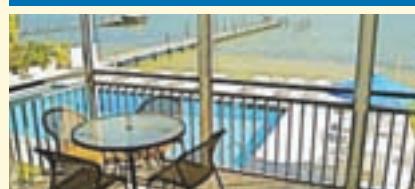
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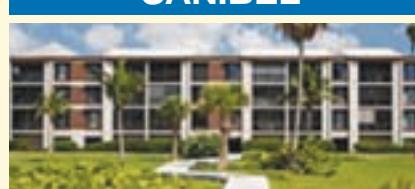
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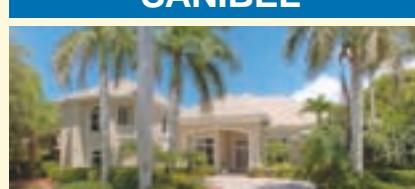
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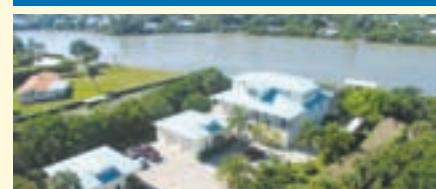
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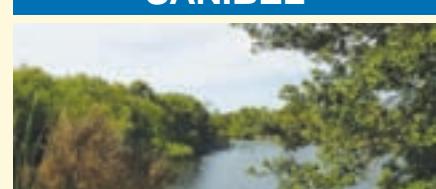
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Dunes Women's Golf Results

The Dunes Women's Golf Association Friday, February 25 results, format ringer tournament – round 2, are:

Flight A (10.3 – 21.7 HDCP Range)

1st	Annie Wainwright	57
2nd	Daphne Hellmuth	57
3rd	Karen Hendricks	59
4th	Nancy Greenberg	60



Annie Wainwright



Daphne Hellmuth



Karen Hendricks



Nancy Greenberg



Nancy Orr



Maureen Rains

Flight B (22.1 – 26.6 HDCP Range)

1st	Nancy Orr	56
2nd	Maureen Rains	58
3rd	Judy Wellons	59
4th	Jana Stone	60



Nancy Orr



Maureen Rains



Linda Defrancisco



Carol Brodersen



Joan Kent



Betsy Cox

Flight C (27.9 – 31.4 HDCP Range)

1st	Linda Defrancisco	54
2nd	Carol Brodersen	58
3rd	Joan Kent	61
4th	Betsy Cox	65

Flight D (32.1 – 39.3 HDCP Range)

1st	Pat Wentling	55
2nd	Maureen O'Brien	58
3rd	Linda Drasnin	60
4th	Rosemary Ryan	73

Congratulations to all the winners.*



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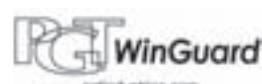
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'Ding' Darling, Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament Welcomes New Sponsor



Taz Papanikolaou, DYS general manager; Mark Marinello of Doc Ford's, the tournament's title sponsor; Birgie Vertesch, DDWS executive director; Ryan Levi, DYS chief operating officer; and Gary Rolfe, DYS sales manager, attended the sponsorship check presentation at DYS' Fort Myers Beach building site

Diversified Yacht Services (DYS) has joined forces with "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille for an inaugural tarpon tournament to take place on Saturday, May 5.

DYS, which is opening a 60,000 square-feet boatyard facility north of the bridge to Fort Myers Beach this summer, will be a Presenting Sponsor with its donation of \$5,000.

"Diversified Yacht Services is excited about the opportunity to help bring a tarpon tournament back to Fort Myers Beach and to support 'Ding' Darling's mission of conservation and wildlife protection," said Ryan Levi, DYS chief operating officer.

Registration for the tournament is now open. Forms and rules are available at www.dingdarlingsociety.org, or by calling 292-0566. Cost is \$400 per team of four (\$100 for extras), 100 percent of which will be distributed as tournament awards.

The Captain's Dinner will take place the evening previous to the tournament, on May 4, at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille on Fort Myers Beach. The awards ceremony following the tournament will also take place there.

Doc Ford's, with locations on both Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach, is the tournament's title sponsor in support of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge through DDWS. Other sponsors have been stepping up and include Gold Sponsor (\$1,000) Dan Hahn Custom Builders and Silver Sponsor (\$500) Sanibel Island Fishing Club.

"It's great to have Diversified join our list of sponsors, and it is our hope other individuals and businesses will join with them in supporting the J.N. 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge's important work – important to our wildlife and our economy," said Birgie Vertesch, DDWS executive director.

Anyone interested in becoming a tournament sponsor should contact Vertesch at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.**

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the last rookie manager before Don Mattingly of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2011 to beat the defending World Series champions on Opening Day.
2. Only two major-league teams since 1900 started a season 0-6 and made the playoffs. Name either one.
3. Name the last 11-win team to not make the NFL playoffs.
4. In 2011, Doc (1980) and Austin Rivers became the second father-son basketball duo to be named McDonald's All-Americans. Who was the first?
5. When was the last time an NHL team won back-to-back Northeast Division titles?
6. Name the first Major League Soccer team to win consecutive U.S. Open Cups?
7. In 2011, Joseph O'Brien became the youngest jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race. How old was he?

ANSWERS

1. The New York Yankees' Lou Piniella, in 1986. 2. The 1974 Pittsburgh Pirates and the 1995 Cincinnati Reds. 3. The New England Patriots, in 2008. 4. Mitt (1981) and Djuna (2001) Wagner. 5. Never since the division was formed before the 1993-94 season. 6. Seattle Sounders FC won three consecutive Cups in 2009-11. 7. Eighteen.

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2012 Standings through February 27, 2012

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	224	80
Second	Bathroom Magic	222	82
Third	Odd Balls	170	134
Fourth	Sanibel Café	143	161
Fifth	Sandycappers	123	165
Sixth	Chalk & Awe	120	168
Seventh	Fresh Legion Crew	113	191
Eighth	George & Wendy's	85	219

Bathroom Magic	11	George & Wendy's	5
Bunt's Ball Busters	10	Sanibel Café	6
Odd Balls	8	Chalk & Awe	8
Sandycappers	*	Fresh Legion Crew	*

* Sandycappers vs Fresh Legion Crew (postponed)

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Ball Busters Move Into First Place

Bunt's Ball Buster's notched a victory over the Odd Balls 14-2 in a postponed match and then edged by Sanibel Café 10-6 to move back into first place. In the Odd Ball match Terry Ricotta, Rich Ennis, and Bob Buntrock went undefeated. Against Sanibel Café only Terry Ricotta posted a 4-0 score.

Bathroom Magic pounded George & Wendy's 11-5 to remain only two games behind the league leaders. Magic's Joe Steamer shot the only 4-0 score for the winning team. Bathroom Magic plays the third place Odd Ball team next week and then completes the season against seventh place Chalk & Awe. Remaining matches for Bunt's Ball Busters are against sixth place Sandycappers and fifth place Fresh Legion Crew. All matches are at American Legion Post 123 and start at 6 p.m. Spectators are welcome.

Chalk & Awe's Don Lee produced his second 4-0 victory of the season as he man-handled Odd Ball Matt Hall. His win put Chalk & Awe ahead by four games in the match but their next three shooters only managed to pick up another four wins and the match ended at an 8-8 tie.**

CONGRATULATIONS



Dr. Toniann Conte, left, and Sharon Michie

Congratulations to Sanibel residents Dr. Toniann Conte of Conte Family Dental, Sharon Michie, Cottages to Castles, Dr. Linda Stevens of Stevens Family Chiropractic, for completing the 2012 Disney Princess Half Marathon at Walt Disney World on February 26. Dr. Conte will be running in the Boston Marathon on April 16.**

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Beachview Men Scramble From The Red White And Blues



February 21 winners: Skip Tutor, Bill Blankenship and Dick Arnould, (not pictured, Al Krause)

submitted by Jack Tukey

On Saturday February 25, the Beachview Men played a Red, White, and Blue Patriotic Scramble. Six shots are played from red tees, six from white and six from blue tees.

Most of the men do not play from the blue tees except for this once-a-year time and never play from the red (as far as we know), so it is a different game. Each player in the foursome has to hit at least three drives and cannot follow himself until they are all on the green.

The winning team of Dan "the man" (for his long drives) Keys, Joe (looking thinner) Barbieri, Dick "the talker" Chocol and "Smiling" Bill Blankenship turned in a low score of 65.2. In second place with a score of 67 were Fred Zimmer, Gene Mennen, Roger Cogswell, and Bill Sartoris. In third place, winning a scorecard playoff was the team of Skip Tutor, Bob Ritchlin, David Lewis, and Rene Lohser with a score of 67.5.

On Tuesday, February 21, the men played a Four Person Variable Better Ball for-



February 25 winners: Dick Chocol, Joe Barbieri, Bill Blankenship and Dan Keys

mat. On par threes you count three best balls, par fours it is the two best balls and on par fives one best ball. The winners were Skip Tutor, Dick Arnould, Al Krause, and Bill Blankenship with a score of 111. In second with a score of 115 was the team of Bill Sartoris, Bill Stell, Jack Schmidt and a blind draw. Right behind for third with a score of 116 was the team of Rod Verblaauw, Jim Sauer, Rene Lohser, and Dick Waterhouse.★

Second Golf Classic To Benefit Food Bank

Golfers in Southwest Florida are invited to participate in the second annual Harry Chapin Food Bank golf classic being held at Grandezza Golf and Country Club in Estero on Wednesday, May 9. The four-player scramble shotgun start begins at 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Golfers, sponsors at all levels, and silent auction items are all needed for the event. The \$125 cost per player includes green fees with cart, awards, and dinner. Grandezza is a challenging course that will test golfers of every ability. Every dollar raised at this event enables the food bank to distribute \$6 worth of food to those in need.

If you're not a golfer, there are many ways to support this event without actually playing, including auction donations, volunteering, and a variety of sponsorships.

Co-chairs of the golf classic are JoAnna Bradshaw and Nancy Klaas. To register for the classic, to obtain sponsorships, to donate silent auction items, or to be a volunteer, contact Chris Robinson at chrisrobinson@harrychapinfoodbank.org or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org for additional information.★

Wa-Ke Hatchee Park Presents Family Fun Day

Come out to Wa-Ke Hatchee Park on Saturday, March 3 and enjoy their Family Fun Day with lots of free activities for everyone.

Guests can arrive at 10 a.m. for their annual Arts & Crafts Show, with a wide variety of vendors on site until 3 p.m. The band Catalyst will be performing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition, a Car Cruise sponsored by the Gulf Coast Mustang Club will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. and will feature various cars, trucks and bikes. They will also have a free bounce house set up from 5 to 7 p.m. for the kids to enjoy.

At 7 p.m., the last activity will be their annual Movie In The Park, featuring Yogi Bear, sponsored by Chick-Fil-A, Cypress Lake Plaza. Free popcorn will be sponsored by Lexington Country Club.

A variety of food vendors will be available all day long. Admission to all activities are free. Please use the park entrance at 16760 Bass Road to access the event.

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Jim Colbert's Pending Retirement Will Leave A Big Void In Pro Golf

by Ed Frank



An icon of professional golf appears headed for retirement as 70-year-old Jim Colbert revealed at the recent Ace Group Classic that his competitive days are nearing the end.

Colbert, who will turn 71 this month, has played in more than 500 Champions Tour events over the past two decades, including 18 of the 25 Ace Group Classics, more than any other golfer who competed here in the tournament. Adding to the 18 are three years he served as an ESPN analyst for the local event.

"I'll play in three or more tournaments this year and that will probably be it," Colbert said in an interview with *The Island Sun* and *The River Weekly News*.

One of the more recognizable golfers on the senior circuit with his distinctive walk and floppy sun hat, Colbert will leave behind an impressive legacy of professional golf spanning 47 years.

He turned professional in 1965 upon graduation from Kansas State University and has recorded 33 tournament victories, eight on the regular PGA Tour, 20 on the Champions Tour and five other senior victories. His earnings total more than \$13 million, \$11 of which came from the senior circuit golf.

But when you've battled back problems, prostate cancer and knee injuries (he had knee replacement surgery this past year), and when it has become more and more difficult to compete, Colbert has decided that 2012 will be his tournament "swan song."

At the recent Ace Group Classic, he recorded scores of 75, 74 and 78 for a total of 227, 31 strokes higher than Kenny Perry's winning score. And he earned just \$992 for the weekend, hardly enough to pay his caddy and his plane ticket from Palm Desert, California where he lives. The \$992 is a far cry from Perry's \$240,000 winning share.

Colbert is one of only nine golfers who have played in more than 500 Champions Tour tournaments and he figures that all told he has competed in more than 1,000 over his nearly five decades of competitive golf. He believes that Miller Barber holds the Champions record of more than 600 tournaments, pointing out that in the early days of the tour as many as 39 tournaments were held annually.



Jim Colbert

The fact is that there are few if any pros over 70 still regulars on the Champions Tour. Gary Player and Lee Trevino play on occasion, but few others. Player has competed 23 times in the Naples event, but did not play in the 2012 tournament.

Asked what has driven him to play so long, Colbert was quick to say the "love of the game."

"I enjoy the time alone on the practice tee fiddling with my game," he noted.

Training and exercise are other factors that have enabled him to compete for decades. Colbert has long been an advocate of using magnets to alleviate pain. Serious lower back pain was alleviated through the use of magnets and he still uses magnets on both wrists.

It's somewhat ironic that Colbert chose the Ace Group Classic, a tournament of which he has been so closely identified, to disclose his pending retirement. The local tournament has the second longest span in one metropolitan area of those on the 2012 schedule.

Only the AT&T Tournament in San Antonio has been played longer in the same city.

Like any professional sport, age becomes a factor in the competitiveness of any athlete. But the name Jim Colbert has been so closely identified with the game of golf both on the PGA Tour and the Champions Tour for so long, his departure will leave a void difficult to replace. *

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Ryan Answers Why He Resumed GM Role After Team Lost 99 Games

by Ed Frank

The question is "why?" Why would you step back into an all-consuming, high-pressure job – a job you held for 13 years – to return as general manager of a team that lost 99 games last season, worst in the American League?

"Because the owner asked me to," was the quick response from Terry Ryan, who resumed the GM job of the Minnesota Twins last November after a four-year absence.

"Whether you win 99 games or lose 99 games, baseball is always a challenge. The St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series last year and I guarantee you they face tough challenges this year," Ryan said.

The likeable Ryan resumed the GM role on an interim basis when the Twins' ownership fired Bill Smith, his successor, after the 2011 season disaster. Just as Ryan had remained as a senior adviser during his four-year sabbatical, Smith likewise remains with the Twins in an advisory role – a trademark of Twins family-like operation.

As the Twins began spring training last week, Ryan was upbeat and optimistic pointing out that "we won a lot of games over the last 11 to 12 years." Those wins included four American League Central Division titles in his former GM reign during which time he was twice named Sporting News Executive of the Year.

The bullpen is the No. 1 problem facing the Twins this year, Ryan said. The lack of an effective bullpen in 2011 was a major factor in last season's collapse. "We need some people to step up and we do have capable people," he said.

"We need Matt Capps to get back to where he was in 2010," he said of his closer. Glen Perkins, who Ryan said had a great year in 2011, is his set-up reliever, but the remainder of the bullpen slots are up for grabs.

Although the Twins brought 33 pitchers to spring training in the hopes of finding the right bullpen mix, one hopeful, Joel Zumaya, was lost for the season just one day into spring training.

The flame-throwing Zumaya, who has a long history of injuries, was signed to a one-year deal, but suffered a season-ending elbow injury after throwing just a few pitches.

Health is Issue No. 2 for the Twins this year as the team topped the Majors last season with players on the disability list. Zumaya's early flame out is certainly not a good omen for the Twins.

Zumaya aside, Ryan said "everyone reported here in good health," not the case a year ago.

Former MVP and twice League Batting Champion, Joe Mauer, is healthy as is first-baseman Justin Morneau, another former MVP. Both missed major portions of last season to multiple injuries.

With Mauer out for half the season, the catcher's position was a major disappointment as both fill-ins batted less than .200. As a result, Ryan signed the veteran Ryan Doumit in the off-season in a \$3 million deal. Doumit also can play the outfield and serve as designated hitter.

Obviously finishing last in the AL Central last year leaves the 2012 Twins nowhere to go but up. But Ryan said the defending division champion Detroit Tigers will be the team to beat. Their signing of slugger Prince Fielder will likely make them even stronger, he said.

Asked whether the Twins even considered going after Fielder, who signed a \$214 million contract with the Tigers, Ryan pointed down the field and said, "We have our first baseman." Morneau.

Throughout baseball, Ryan is recognized as a shrewd evaluator of talent and one of the best deal makers. But these attributes will be tested to the fullest as he attempts to return the Twins to winning baseball.

Everblades Face Uphill Playoff Battle

The Florida Everblades enter the final month of the regular 2011-2012 season facing an uphill battle to reach post-season play.

The local hockey team is home this week at Germain Arena for three games against the tough Kalamazoo Wings who are first in the ECHL North Division. Following the series opener Wednesday night, the Everblades face off against Kalamazoo Friday and Saturday nights.

Florida lost two of three road games last weekend, splitting a pair against the Chicago Express and losing to the Cincinnati Cyclones.

The Everblades began the week with a 27-23-6 season record (58 points) with just 16 games remaining in the season, nine at home and seven away.**



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Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine optimism will soon dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Be careful not to let yourself be pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open the way to

an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 6, 1899, the Imperial Patent Office in Berlin registers Aspirin, the brand name for acetylsalicylic acid, on behalf of the German pharmaceutical company Friedrich Bayer & Co. In its primitive form, the active ingredient, salicin, was used for centuries in folk medicine.

- On March 10, 1902, in the case of Edison v. American Mutoscope Company, the U.S. Court of Appeals rules that despite his claims, Thomas Edison did not invent the movie camera. The court did, however, admit that Edison invented the sprocket system that moved per-

forated film through the movie camera.

- On March 9, 1913, English author Virginia Woolf delivers the manuscript of her first novel, "The Voyage Out," to her publisher. In 1941, fearful for her own mental state and afraid of the coming world war, she filled her pockets with rocks and drowned herself.

- On March 7, 1923, the New Republic publishes Robert Frost's poem "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening." The poem begins with the famous line "Whose woods these are, I think I know." Although Frost never graduated from a university, he had collected 44 honorary degrees before he died in 1963.

- On March 5, 1963, the Hula-Hoop, a hip-swiveling toy that became a huge fad across America when it was first marketed by Wham-O in 1958, is patented by the company's co-founder, Arthur "Spud" Melin. An estimated 25 million Hula-Hoops were sold in its first four months of production alone.

- On March 11, 1970, author Erle Stanley Gardner, creator of Perry Mason, dies. The crime-solving attorney Perry Mason appeared in numerous novels and became the star of a top-rated TV show starting in 1957. The show starred Raymond Burr as the titular hero and ran for nine years.

- On March 8, 1986, "Mask," starring Eric Stoltz and Cher, opens in theaters. Cher, who had launched a serious acting career with her appearance in Robert Altman's film "Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" in 1982, received the Best Actress prize at the Cannes Film Festival for her role in "Mask."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was English philosopher Francis Bacon who made the following sage observation: "The root of all superstition is that men

observe when a thing hits, but not when it misses."

- I'm sure you've seen photos of those picturesque covered bridges. It seems that they would have provided a welcome haven for people driving buggies caught out in the rain. You may be surprised to learn, though, that the bridges weren't designed with a roof for the comfort of travelers. Being made of wood in an era before protective sealants, the bridges themselves needed to be protected from the elements.

- Most frogs lay their eggs in the water; that way, when the tadpoles hatch they are already in their element. The red-eyed tree frog, however, protects its eggs from aquatic predators by attaching its eggs to the underside of leaves that hang out over a body of water. Once the eggs hatch, the tadpoles fall into the water.

- The next time you travel to the United Kingdom, if you visit the university towns of Cambridge or Oxford, you should keep off the grass. Professors are the only ones allowed to walk on most of the green swards in those towns.

- In ancient Rome, it was widely believed that holding in gas could cause a person to catch a disease or become poisoned. This was such a concern to public health that Emperor Claudius went so far as to pass a law making it legal to fart at banquets.

- Have you ever known someone who keeps making the same error over and over again despite being corrected? The next time you run into this person, you'll know what to call him or her: a mumpsimus.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious." -- Albert Einstein

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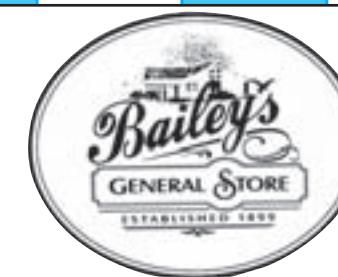
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Pedal Power

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considered hot items. Sleek frame, thin tires, Sturmey-Archer three-speed gears. Snazzy – that's how I used to describe myself.

I know I'm getting on in years. So what! I still believe I'm wonderful... and so does my rider. Thirty years ago, she took me to her local bike store for a routine tune-up... what she called seasonal road-readiness. "Why bother?" asked the man in charge. "It'll cost at least fifty bucks and for just a little more I could sell you a new one." Chances are he didn't understand where she was coming from. "I don't want a new bike. I love the one I have. Just clean up her chain, remove all her rust spots, put air in her tires, check out her foot brakes and we're good to go."

Seven years ago, I came to Sanibel. It was a wow of a trip down. I was strapped to the car roof and got to see almost 2,000 miles of America. And then – best of all – I met Gene Moyes,

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the bike man in Periwinkle Park. He was like a family doctor... my family doctor. Never had to send me to a specialist... he could fix any part of me that needed fixing.

First off was my bell. It had lost its ring... just was down to a feeble click. No surgery required, just routine shots of WD-40 prescribed. Gene, who lived long enough to celebrate his 90th birthday, died last year and my bell ring seems to have followed him. No matter. Now, my rider just yells passing left when necessary and it works just as well.

A side-view mirror was another matter. Mine had fallen off years ago and it seems they're not made anymore. But the fifth year I was in Sanibel, just in time for Christmas, Gene came to my corner, mirror and wrench in hand, and within minutes it had been installed. It took a bit of innertubing to make a collar for me because the clasp was too loose. But now it's perfect.

And then there were the baskets. I'm a three-basket wheeling beauty now. I never had them up in the north. In Sanibel, my rider takes me grocery shopping regularly... and to the Farmer's Market, Noah's Ark and the library as well. And, of course, to the Senior Center, all equipped for her kayaking Tuesdays. That's me with the folded yellow life vest in my front basket and a pair of paddles bungee corded at my rear being pedaled west along Periwinkle Way.

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School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,

I think it's very important for children to have arts education, but my wife does not. She wants to enroll our children in more of an academic boot camp-type charter school. I have heard that the arts help kids learn. Is this true?

Jose P., Fort Myers

Jose,

There is ample evidence that the arts support learning across the curriculum. The National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education collected research on this topic about 10 years ago. Their report was based on an analysis of 62 studies of various categories of art ranging from dance, drama, music and visual arts, by nearly 100 researchers. It was the first to combine all the arts and make comparisons with academic achievement, performance on standardized tests, and improvements in social skills and student motivation.

The study reported that, "School children exposed to drama, music and dance may do a better job at mastering reading, writing and math than those who focus solely on academics." It also suggested "arts education may be especially helpful to low income students and those in need of remedial instruction."

The following academic and personal growth skills increased by various arts instruction include the teaching of drama that helps with understanding social relationships, complex issues and emotions; concentrated thought and story comprehension.

Teaching music improves math achievement and proficiency, reading and cognitive development; boosts SAT verbal scores and skills for second-language learners.

Dance instruction helps with creative thinking, originality, elaboration and flexibility; improves expressive skills, social tolerance, self-confidence, and persistence.

Visual arts instruction improves content and organization of writing; promote sophisticated reading skills and interpretation of text, reasoning about scientific images and reading readiness.

Instruction in multi-arts or combination of art forms helps with reading, verbal and math skills; improves the ability to collaborate and higher-order thinking skills.

A more recent study in California has supported what was learned previously and with dramatic results. The Developing Reading Education with Arts Methods – or DREAM – led by California State University San Marcos and the San Diego County Office of Education, is in its third year of implementation and trains third- and fourth-grade teachers to integrate the arts into their lessons and sends artists into the classroom to provide weekly coaching. "By using everything from performance to puppetry, CSUSM faculty helped local elementary school teachers create lessons to boost reading," said CSUSM President Karen Haynes.

In January 2012, officials announced their findings, including what they described as an "astonishing" 87-point average gain on the state standardized reading test for third graders in 2010-11.

"That's more than three times the control group", said Patti Saraniero, the independent program evaluator hired by the county Office of Education to gather and analyze all the data, which is then reported to the Department of Education. "And the lowest performing kids made the most dramatic gains."

While there is no one magic cure to solve all the problems that schools face today, this data strongly suggests that the arts are a key element for increasing academic skills and learning. Here's a link to a very interesting article on this topic: www.edutopia.org/arts-music-curriculum-child-development.

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Kindergarten Orientation

The Sanibel School Kindergarten Orientation is Thursday, March 22 for children who will be five on or before September 1, and who plan to attend school in the fall. Orientation for students is at 9 a.m. and orientation for parents is at 6:30 p.m. the same day. Call registrar Donna Marks at the school at 472-1617 for more information. The Sanibel School is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, located at 3840 Sanibel-Captiva Road.**

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Do I Want It Simple Or Do I Want It Right?



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

Nothing is easy or simple these days is it? Turning on the television isn't simple anymore. I'm still trying to figure out my Comcast Xfinity remote control and I've had it a few years now! I can't seem to make an airline reservation without having to input all sorts of superfluous information, only to be told that I'm getting a middle seat without paying any extra. And back in the day, I used to be able to replace the alternator in my car if I had to. Now I don't even know where under the hood that contraption might be.

But we all crave simplicity. We all want to go back to the days when things were simpler.

So it's understandable when someone says, "my estate plan is going to be simple." Who wants a complicated will or trust? No one does. And there's nothing wrong with that. Until, of course, you look at the situation. Then you have to ask yourself, "Do I want it simple or do I want it right?"

I once had a client tell me that their

estate plan should be simple when they were on their fourth marriage, had four children, two of whom were a product of the first, the second a product of the second and the third a product of the fourth. The kids were decades apart in age. Most of this fellow's net worth was tied up in a closely held business, but he did have large retirement accounts that he wanted his spouse to benefit from and whatever was left at her death would be distributed to his children.

And he owned an Italian villa that had been passed down through the generations in his family.

Simple? Far from it! But it doesn't take that complicated of a situation to require an estate plan that needs something more than a simple will. Retirement accounts such as 401(k)s and IRAs are a perfect example of this.

Consider the individual who has a significant portion of his net worth in an IRA. He wants his spouse to benefit from the IRA for the rest of her life, and he wants his children to receive what's left over after her death. He doesn't want his wife to be able to change the beneficiaries after he dies.

That can become a big problem. Normally the man would name his wife as the outright beneficiary of the IRA

account. Upon the man's death, his wife then takes the IRA account and rolls it over into her own name. Now it is her IRA account. Who he had on the account as his contingent beneficiary (his children) doesn't matter anymore. She needs to name both a primary and contingent beneficiary on her account.

So suppose that she gets remarried. She might name her new spouse as the primary beneficiary of the IRA account. Do the children who were the formerly named beneficiaries have any recourse? No!

What if she keeps his children on as her primary beneficiary and gets remarried without a nuptial agreement? Can her new spouse claim rights to the IRA account on her death even though the new spouse is not the named beneficiary? You betcha!

So what are the alternatives? One alternative is to name a trust as the beneficiary of the IRA rather than the spouse herself. Are there any problems with that? Of course there are! First, the trust must meet five certain tax law requirements or else all of the income in the trust that hasn't been taxed yet will be taxed in the year following the original IRA owner's death. That could result in the loss of 40 percent or more of the IRA account to taxes right off the bat.

Assuming that the trust does qualify under the tax law for continued income tax deferral for the surviving spouse's lifetime, there remains the problem of Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). The trust must withdraw an increasingly large percentage of the IRA each year. The RMDs will be larger than they were

for the original owner because a trust beneficiary has a more aggressive withdrawal schedule. What this translates to is that if the surviving spouse lives a normal or longer life expectancy, even with the trust, the IRA may be totally consumed before her death and his children will get nothing.

All of these issues must be considered when creating an estate plan with IRAs. And that's just one issue. Florida homestead presents similarly complicated scenarios, as will a variety of other types of assets that people commonly own. All of these issues can be addressed with a good result but more thought usually has to go into the planning to make it all work out.

So like most things in our modern society, there's nothing simple about most people's estate plans anymore. It really breaks down to, is the estate plan going to be simple, or is it going to be right?

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Jim Beth is the most recent winner of the We Love Our Islands promotion sponsored by Bank of the Islands. Beth was spotted with a We Love Our Islands decal on his vehicle. That won him the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a charitable contribution of \$100 from Bank of the Islands. This contribution marks \$46,200 given to island non-profits through the bank's We Love Our Islands program.

Beth chose to direct the contribution to the Sanibel Public Library.

"We're so happy Jim chose the library for our donation," said Bank of the Islands vice president/Sanibel office manager Rob Lisenbee. "Under Margaret Mohundro's leadership, the library is a true community resource. Whether it is children's reading programs, internet access, or the wonderful Author's Series, everything they do is first-rate. Jim Beth really helped us show how much we appreciate being your island bank."

All islanders are invited to stop by the bank's Sanibel and Captiva offices to get a free We Love Our Islands decal and details on how you and your favorite charity can become our next lucky winners. Bank of the Islands is located at 1699 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel and 14812 Captiva Drive on Captiva.★

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Pedal Power

Five years ago, I thought it was all over for me. I had a major breakdown. My chain fell off, my gears locked and my front wheel froze in place. I couldn't even be walked home. Finally, a sympathetic trucker offered to give me a lift. Dr. Gene made a house call but said there was no way he could work on me there. Roofed-over to his place atop my rider's car was the only option. Good old Gene. It took two days and a hasty hunt for missing pieces in his floor-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall well-stocked with parts shed and – can you imagine it – near new again for only \$25.

"But," he cautioned. "those gears are on their way out." My rider said "Gears, schmears. Who needs them on nearly flat Sanibel?" And she suggested, he just set them at one speed permanently... which explains why she seems to pedal a little harder than others on the path.

I'm due for a new seat soon, just as soon as someone figures out how to break the rusted-in-place condition of my connecting shaft. And if you'd like to meet me, just check out all the racks in town. I'm the never-chained-in-place golden beauty.

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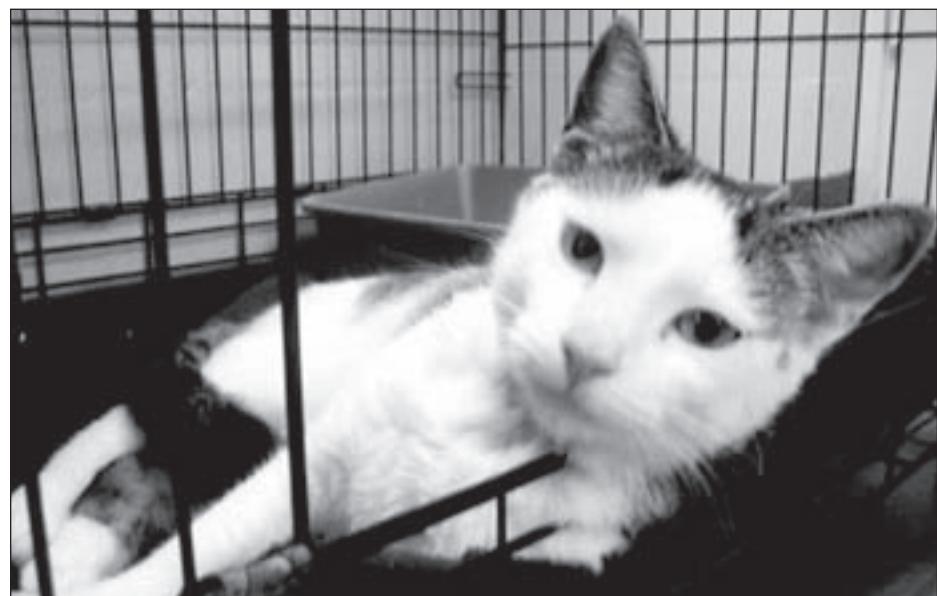
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Lily Rose is very sweet with people, but seems fearful of dogs, so might do best in a doggie free home. She is healthy, up to date on her shots and spayed.

To adopt Lily Rose, call PAWS volunteer Pam at 472-4823.★

Maltese Available For Adoption

My name is Sammie and I am an adorable 4-year-old, nine pound neutered male Maltese. My foster parents live on Sanibel and I am looking for a forever home. I am up to date on all my shots and housebroken.

I love everyone and am cuddly and playful. I love walks, running into the waves on the beach, playing with my toys and even my bath.

I am very healthy except I have dry eyes and will need eye drops every few hours during the day for the rest of my life, so I need someone who is home during the day.

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Mason Retires From San Cap Trust Company

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company announced that Linda A. Mason is retiring as assistant vice president of administration/marketing the end of February. Mason joined the company in 2005 and has been responsible for all administrative duties that pertain to the daily operation as well as marketing. She has coordinated all of the seminars, marketing, vendors, presentations, mailing and special events, while answering all phone calls and greeting everyone that walks in the door of San Cap Trust.

"Over the years, Linda Mason has been instrumental in helping to create our culture of high-touch client care. She's been with us almost since our inception, and she will be missed. We wish her retirement years to be filled with much happiness and adventure," said Terry Igo, president of the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

With retirement, Mason concludes an almost 40 year career as a professional office administrator having previously worked with Stauffer Chemical Corp., Control Data Corp and in the newspaper industry.

"I'm mostly going to miss the people at San Cap Trust Company – they have been so special," said Mason, "but I am so looking forward to traveling with my husband, Joe, specifically in our RV so



Linda Mason

we can take along our beloved Havanese, Poppy."

Joe and Linda have already been to 30 of the Florida State Parks and hope to visit all 108 within the next few years.

Chip Lesch, co-chairman of SCTC, added, "Linda elevated all of us with her high level of professionalism and infectious happiness no matter what the situation. We will miss her terribly, but wish her only the best on this new phase of her life."

Mason has been an active volunteer for FISH, is a former board member of the Schoolhouse Theatre and hopes to become a docent for the Sanibel

Historical Museum & Village.

Asked why she wants to do even more for FISH, Linda explained, "I love what they do – they are so good to people on this island who might otherwise be forgotten. I love delivering meals for FISH, especially during the off-season when many of the volunteers are away."

Al Hanser, founder, co-chairman and CEO stated, "Linda was one of our first employees and has contributed not only to our growth, but also to the professional image that we have earned. Her contribution has been immense, in fact, in many aspects she is the face of the company. She is the first person that cli-

ents talk to, the first person they see and the last as they say good bye. Linda has represented us at so many events both in arranging them and attending them. She will be sorely missed and we will miss her husband, Joe, who built things for us and fixed whatever went wrong. They are a great team and have a wonderful family. All of us wish Linda and her family the very best."

Linda and Joe have lived on Captiva and Sanibel full-time since 2003 and are blessed to have their two children along with a granddaughter, 14, and a new grandson living here as well.**

Social Security Workshop



Tom Uhler



Scott Schatzle

Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners will present Social Security Unlocked Tuesday, March 6 at 2 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

The one-hour complimentary workshop will address when to begin collecting Social Security benefits, file-and-suspend options, strategies that can maximize benefits, the impact of inflation, and how taking Social Security early may affect one's family.

Attendance is limited to allow for questions. Make reservations through the 24-hour reservation line at 424-9197.

"The workshop information will be particularly useful to members of the baby-boomer generation, which is approaching retirement," said firm Principal and Financial Planner Tom Uhler, one of the workshop facilitators. "We provide easy-to-understand information designed to clear up confusion about Social Security issues. We have held similar sessions and found that having accurate knowledge lowers stress levels for those facing retirement, either in the near future or in several years."**

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Miller Opens Full Service CPA Firm At Village Shops

Michael P. Miller has opened a full service CPA firm on Sanibel in The Village Shops. Services include taxes, bookkeeping, auditing, CFO services and small business/non-profit consulting.

Miller's firm will provide a full range of services to individuals and businesses in Southwest Florida. Those services include individual income taxes, business taxes, bookkeeping, accounting, auditing, CFO services and small business/non-profit consulting.

The firm specializes in services to small to medium size organizations including retail, commercial, non-profit, condo and homeowner associations, clubs and real estate related entities. Miller has spent the last eight years practicing in the CP+profession in the Fort Myers, Bonita, Naples and Sanibel communities. Prior to that, he was in the CPA practice in Wisconsin where he worked in large and small firms.

Miller is committed to service to the community and is presently the chair-elect of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, a member of Sanibel Kiwanis Club, former board member and treasurer for the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW),



Michael Miller, CPA

a member of the audit committee for the Naples Zoo and, along with his wife Linda, volunteer for numerous charities. He is a licensed CPA in Florida and is also a licensed Community Association Manager. He has his undergraduate degree and his MEA from the University of Wisconsin.

Linda Miller serves as the office manager and client relationship coordinator for the firm.

The office for Michael P. Miller CPA, P.L. is located at The Village Shops, 2340 Periwinkle Way, Suite J-2. The

firm's website can be found at www.sanibelcaptivacpa.com. Office hours are

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.**

Museum Adds New Marketing, PR Manager

Dr. José H. Leal, director of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, announced that John T. Suau has joined the museum as public relations and marketing manager.

The Illinois native previously worked as executive director for the Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums and as manager of meetings, professional education and diversity at the American Association of Museums before relocating to Florida to be closer to family in the Sarasota area. Suau has an extensive museum background (including stints in Italy and Spain) involving branding, marketing, public relation, fund-raising and program development.

Suau has a bachelor's degree in Industrial Design from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in Arts Administration from American University. He has also studied abroad and is fluent in Spanish and Italian.

When he's not working, Suau, who



John Suau will handle public relations and marketing for the Shell Museum

plans to add windsurfing as a hobby, enjoys running, biking, swimming, lifting weights and spending time with his dog, George.**

Realtors Honored At Ceremony

During its 2011 awards ceremony, VIP Realty Group awarded Mary Lou Bailey the 2011 Associate of the Year Award for Sanibel and Captiva. She was also awarded All Company Associate of the Year.

In addition, the Karen Bell Team was awarded 2011 Team of the Year for Sanibel and Captiva.

Also, Joel Goodman was awarded 2011 Rookie of the Year for Sanibel and Captiva.

The awards ceremony was held on February 17 at The Forest Country Club in Fort Myers. Realtors from the Sanibel and Captiva, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach and Naples VIP Realty Group offices were in attendance.**



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Dining In Style



by Marcia Feeney

Your probably think the dining room is the easiest of all rooms to furnish. Once you have your table and chairs, that's all there is to it!

And while that's the biggest part of your overall dining room plan, it's far from all. It's important to provide for the comfort of your guests, and the convenience of you, the host and or hostess.

I have found that there is usually a big problem unique to this room. Any ideas what that might be? To me, as a decorator, it's keeping the overall décor of this room warm and inviting despite all the inevitable wood that usually ends up taking center stage. Providing a successful mix of wood dining room pieces – along with window treatments, area rugs and lighting – takes careful consideration and planning.

Chairs alone are a far from simple choice. Massive ones take up too much space, so you must find well-designed chairs that are comfortable as well. Upholstered slipper chairs are a wonderful addition and mix well with any wood tones.

Tables, too, come in all shapes and sizes. The size should fit both the room and your family, and, ideally, be designed for easy expansion. Round and oval dining room tables provide for an ease of conversation that most of my clients find very appealing. Also, expandable tables with drop leaves, built-in extensions, board inserts and the like are all practical. Today's designs take up little "closed" space, and can instantly be enlarged when guests are expected.

It's also extremely easy and convenient to have silverware, linens and serving pieces stored right in the room. A sideboard, chest or armoire will give you the storage, and provide another wonderful decorative element.

If your design style tends to lean toward the traditional, then draping your windows in luxurious side panels or even an elegant swag and jabot treatment, will help provide this room with another great focal point.

*Marcia Feeney is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at marcia@decden.net.***

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Insurance Tip

Condo Flood Insurances



by Marge Meek

What items are on the condominium master association flood policy? What is the unit owner's responsibility? Federal requirements are quite clear and since the federal government writes all basic flood policies, there are few gray areas in this insurance law.

Condo associations sometimes write specific items in their bi-laws, so there are two places to check when determining your flood coverage needs.

Generally, the master policy is responsible for the roof, roof covering, exterior walls, insulation, studs, unfinished drywall, common area air conditioners, common area electrical and the like. In case of flooding the national flood insurance program also identifies permanently affixed items inside the unit, like appliances, cabinets, floor, wall and ceiling finishes.

The flood program will insure only up to \$250,000 per unit, which encompasses both the master policy as well as the unit owners policy. For this reason, many unit owners forego flood insurance, giving the responsibility for that

coverage to the master association.

It is common to think that because the unit is on the third or fourth floor, a flood is not likely. However, if the building is significantly damaged in a tidal surge and needs to be torn down and rebuilt, flood insurance is the policy that is going to respond. Be sure the association has flood insurance up to appraiser's valuation or the maximum allowed and each unit owner needs to look at their personal property coverage along with knowing how their unit will be treated by the master association.

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



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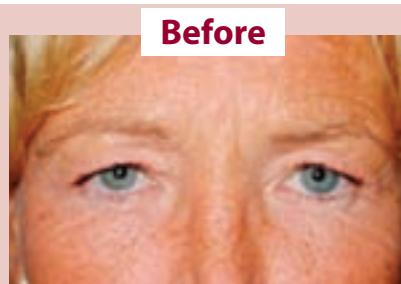
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Mom And Me



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,

We moved around a lot because of my husband's job. We always quickly adjusted, made new friends and then moved to the next place.

But now that we have retired, making friends is not so easy, and I miss having a female confidante.

All I want is another gal to discuss my problems with, but this is very difficult and my husband is totally unable to comprehend female concerns.

What would you suggest I do?

Betty Sue

Dear Betty Sue,

Use the skills you developed earlier in your life! It may be harder now, but you developed your networking skills, were successful in the past and will be successful in the future. As far as your husband not understanding your concerns... well, what can I say? That is a harder nut to crack!

Pryce

Dear Betty Sue,

Making new friends gets increasingly more difficult as we age.

Many seniors are isolated, have health problems and cannot travel around to clubs and other meeting places. Senior couples also have difficulty meeting other well functioning senior couples, but with perseverance and an element of luck, new friendships can be formed.

As far as a female confidante is concerned, a lot of senior women will not discuss any of their problems with others and only if absolutely needed will they consult a family member or a professional.

Lizzie

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Firefighters To Perform At Fundraiser

by Jeff Lysiak

The Cincinnati Firefighters have returned to Southwest Florida and will return to the stage at the Lani Kai Resort on Fort Myers Beach in support of the 9th annual Pete Renner Foundation Fundraiser on Sunday, March 11.

A variety of performers and entertainment will be there between noon and 11 p.m. as the foundation raises funds for this year's special recipient, Emalynn Roberts, a three-year-old girl from Sarasota diagnosed with chronic inflammatory polyneuropathy.

"Every year, we heard about a child who is suffering, either from somebody with The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, social workers or friends of the foundation," said Tim Renner, president of the charitable organization. "Our board of directors selects the child who is in need of assistance the most."

Roberts, whose father James is a Sarasota County sheriff's deputy, suffers from chronic inflammatory polyneuropathy (CIP), which causes swelling of the nerves, irritation and loss of sensation in the extremities. As a result, Emalynn has lost some of her vision and hearing, and her balance is impacted. She and her

family are expected to attend the fundraiser next weekend.

In addition to the Cincinnati Firefighters, who stage an outrageous and sometimes raucous dance revue for several weeks during Spring Break at the Lani Kai, entertainment will be provided by comedian and event emcee Brian Hamilton as well as local bands Myth, DVS and 10,000 Views. There will also be drink specials throughout the day and a hog roast.

Renner started the foundation shortly after his son Pete was diagnosed with a glioblastoma multiforme brain tumor in 2004. At the time, the youngster was given approximately one year to live. To assist with the cost of doctor visits, travel expenses, hospital and surgery costs, Tim organized a Poker Run which was supported by more than 1,200 people.

Today, Pete is alive and well – and cancer-free – living in Lehigh Acres. His dad decided to keep running fundraisers, which have benefitted a different child in the Southwest Florida region each year.

"It's a way of giving back to the community after the community gave so much to my son," added Renner of the foundation. "Every board member and person that helps put on these events are volunteers. No one receives a penny for their efforts and all of the money collected goes to the child and their family to help with medical bills."

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by Suzy Cohen, RPh



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The effects of nourishing your brain with these brain-loving compounds can't be bad. In fact, I think after six weeks of supplementation (with either citicoline, phosphatidylserine or phosphatidylcholine), you might see improvement in memory, problem solving, mood, tremors, mental clarity and orientation. I'm not promising, I'm just thinking out loud and shining a flashlight into a dark room in case you have been told there's no more time or "there's nothing more we can do for you."

Citicoline may help stroke patients as I mentioned earlier. Stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability in the United States, and each year, about 795,000 people suffer one! Ask your neurologist to look up studies on pubmed that show cytidine 5' diphosphocholine to prevent "neuronal cell death" (brain decay), and increase "sphingomyelin" while simultaneously reducing the neurotoxin "arachidonic acid." This is huge to a recovering person and hard to accomplish with medication alone. Early intervention is key.

A 2006 study from Barcelona, Spain concluded "Citicoline has also been shown to be effective in Parkinson disease, drug addictions and alcoholism, as

well as in amblyopia and glaucoma. No serious side effects have occurred..."

The three supplements I've shared today have promise for many of you. Some contain soy, a common allergen, so read labels carefully. Also, be patient, optimal effects take two or three months and most importantly, gain your physician's approval, especially if you take blood thinners, antihypertensives, psychostimulants or antidepressants.

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. ☀

Support Group

A support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 10 a.m. at the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 10051 McGregor Blvd., Suite 101 in Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns, and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or assisted living residents at no charge.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational, and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers.

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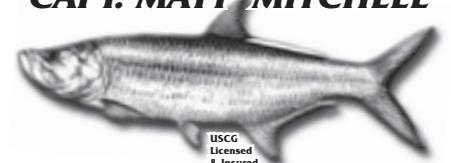
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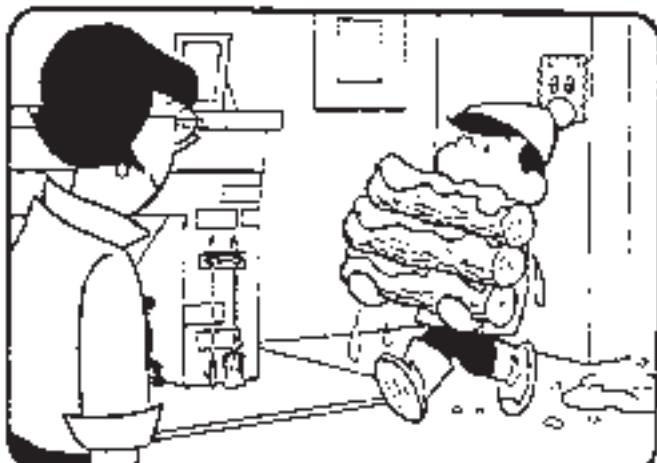
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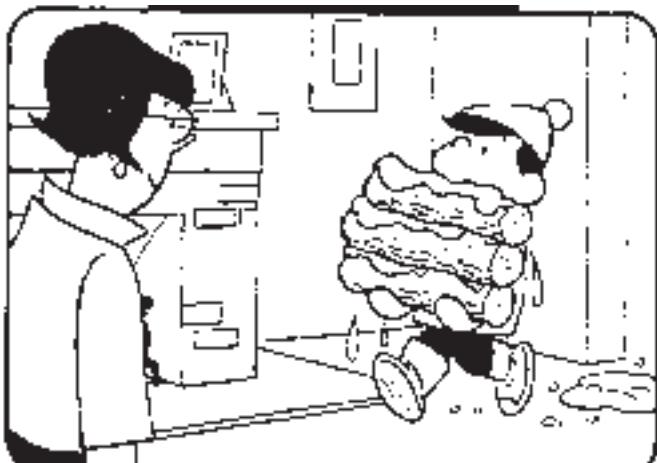
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2. Boy's shirt has a pocket on the right side.
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Honor
TURVIE

Rebuke
GRONTS

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35B

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

SUDOKU**To play Sudoku:**

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

answer on page 35B

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HUGE MUL-TI-FAMILY YARD SALE
SATURDAY, MARCH 3 from 9 AM - 1 PM
KITTIWAKE CIRCLE (in the Dunes), Sanibel.
Home/holiday decor, household items,
tools, sport/exercise equipment,
lots of treasures!
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ESTATE SALE

Saturday March 3, 8am - 2pm,
1708 Sand Pebble Way, Sanibel.
Appliances, furniture, boat, grill,
clothes & lots of misc.
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PRIVATE ORCHID COLLECTION
FOR SALE
Many rare species. ALL MUST GO!
Sat., 3/3 from 10-4
3061 Poinciana Circle, Sanibel
*NR 3/2 CC 3/2

GARAGE SALE

Lots of toys, books, clothes (some adult,
mostly children) and household items.
Saturday, March 10 from 9am to 2pm
at 5307 Ladyfinger Lake Drive
on Sanibel Island.
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GARAGE SALE

Sat, March 3rd, 8 a.m.
Hundreds of great items,
high quality stuff, no junk.
1694 Bunting Lane, Gumbo Limbo, Sanibel
(off Dixie Beach)
*NS 3/2 CC 3/2

Pets Of The Week



Lee ID# 528614

Lee's name is Lee and I am a 1-year-old male hound mix, white with brown spots. Are you looking for an "extreme" pet? I'm extremely handsome, extremely playful and would be extremely happy to focus all my attention on a loving family. In short, I'm extremely charming!

My adoption fee is \$45 during Animal Services "Find Your Lucky Charm" adoption promotion (regularly \$75).

My name is Eric and I am a 5-year-old male brown tiger domestic short hair.

Hey, I'm super cute, inquisitive but not annoying, cuddly but not clingy. With all my charms, you'll wonder how you ever got along without me.

My adoption fee is \$25 during Animal Services "Find Your Lucky Charm" adoption promotion (regularly \$25).

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

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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, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.**

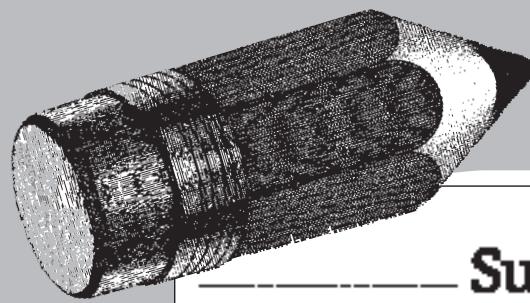


Eric ID# 528426

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Emergency	911
Sanibel Police	472-3111
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel	472-5525
Captiva	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources	472-1189
Planning Department	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel	472-2483
Captiva	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Senior Center	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony	418-0996
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.)	472-2929
American Legion Post 123	472-9979
Angel Flight SE	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society	472-3156
Sanibel Bike Club	sanibelpcycleclub.org
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	274-5900
CROW (Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife)	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here)	472-0404
Sanibel Island Fishing Club	472-7257
Horticultural Society of the Islands	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva	472-8334
Kiwanis Club	472-2121
League of Women Voters	472-6689
Lions Club (Tom Rothman)	395-3248
Master Gardeners of the Islands	472-6940
Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-4823
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	395-2040
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
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation)	472-2329



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 35B

Super Crossword

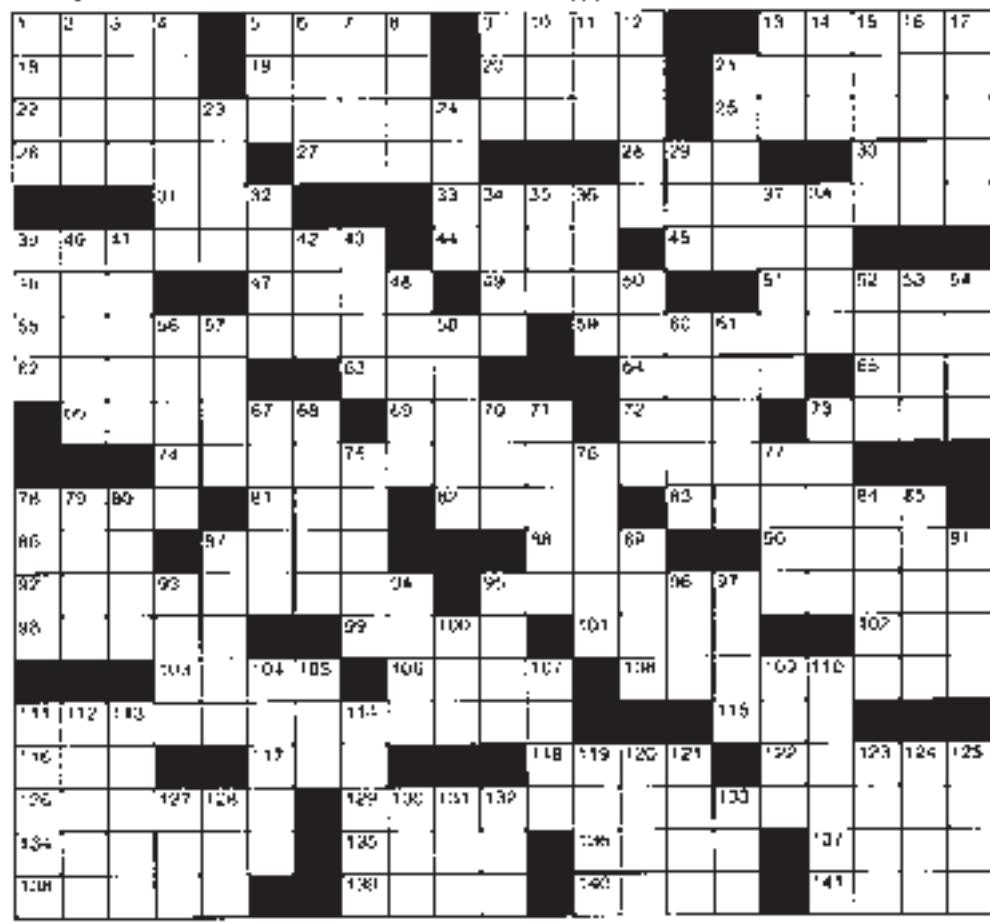
HOLLYWOOD HEADLINE

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25 Author Lh Gh. it	72 Pragm-
26 Prepare to propose	99
27 VANDERBILT	73 Zilla
28 Hum blz?	"help?"
30 ABA, member	74 SANDBER
31 F. n. 12L	Goes ON
33 "WHEEL" PATIERS	TOUR
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39 More milkmen	author
44 "G"—	51 Suggers
45 Navigation hazard	soil
46 R-m, for start	52 Athlone*
47 Cashless cigarette	53 Suky
49 Con-tone:	58 Meppa
51 Arm bobs	crawd'
55 CARNEY	87 — o'Graig
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	88 "TV & The Patrol"
	90 Pidgin
	92 Purrning
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	OSCAR!
	98 Ho f
	99 — Kang
	101 Root parl
	102 "tutu cow!"
	103 "Glastonbury"
	commodore

105 Cross

9	“OI course”	53 Fighter- pilot’s	94 Circle dance
10	Haram room	54 “S” bar	95 Sapirof of Stravinsky
11	Appy party	55 Haunted house sound	96 First ottoman
12	Persie parasite	57 Oklahoma city	97 Jay’s house
13	Mangie	58 Alex Haley book	100 Negative come alive
14	Owls	60 Picard	104 It may be tall
15	Nothing special	Chasins	105 Internet archivist
16	Mander- ranean island	61 Burdickley Perez	107 Dalmatius duds
17	Brooklyn school	67 Berganza on Ponzi	109 Dalmatius’ duds
21	Supress	68 “Waves of grain” color	110 Inc red
23	Saint Jeanne	70 East Hill	111 Sweet and Saucy
24	Saints	71 Bright	112 Dumstrud
	mooca	73 Between them	113 Brings down the house
29	White rice	75 Rum & India	114 Troublesome provoking
32	Present	76 Humble	119 Paul Gia
34	Datesbook after	77 Soprano’s showcase	120 Malliaris Downing
35	Avv	78 Jussiech ol “Dark Angel”	121 Petty Cash?
38	Craiges	79 Comic Daniel	123 Prepare to fly
37	“The March King”	80 Melville novel	124 — even hub
38	Fedora	84 Play around?	125 Gia’s husband
39	Erico	85 Great Lakes natives	127 Cleverest suff x
39	Mineral springs	87 Fortard	128 PC why
40	Saint Jeanne out the beast in men	89 I’ll give you a life	130 Lang of Peoples
41	Pain owner?	91 Change for a life	131 Joused
42	Urban transport	93 Holespot sound	132 Dadism laudier
43	Absorbed		133 Unjaded
48	Hugs mother-in law		
50	Model		
52	Burnt tales		



King Crossword

ACROSS

- A crossword puzzle grid with numbered clues. The grid consists of white squares for letters and black squares for shading. The clues are as follows:

ACROSS

 - 1. Found exists
 - 5. Life story; life event
 - 6. Snake's attack
 - 12. Cricket tube
 - 13. Conducive
 - 14. Observe, consider
 - 15. Painter Chagall
 - 16. Poetry predilection
 - 18. Dx. indifference
 - 20. Solid sleep熟睡
 - 21. Due to propensity
 - 23. Two hours
 - 24. To
 - 26. Anticipate & postpone
 - 31. Mischief
 - 32. Weary
 - 33. Form a unit
 - 35. Departed
 - 37. Chuck cancellation
 - 39. Events
 - 41. Garbage storage
 - 42. Anchored
 - 45. Ingest the lead eat
 - 49. Iniquitated
 - 51. Staff member
 - 52. Uva
 - 53. Express
 - 54. Ends

DOWN

 - 2. Not likely
 - 4. Across
 - 5. P.R.
 - 6. March
 - 7. Preferred costume
 - 10. Intensity
 - 11. Intensity
 - 12. Author
 - 13. Author
 - 14. Author
 - 15. Author
 - 16. Author
 - 17. See 13- Down
 - 18. Author
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**WORDS USING
ALL 8 TYPING
FINGERS**

R G E C A N V P M A C K R O W
 P A N E L I S T O G U R P N I
 B J U T F F S P A N H S E G D
 U B Y X S V T R P T T N O M
 P K I G E P D C A P T I O N S
 I S E N T I A R P L S D A B Z
 A X W D F R Q I O A N T C I
 N I G A H P O S E C L A G E S
 L S R E N I P L A S D L C A Y
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- 2 BR/1 ½ BA clean and fully equipped unit.
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- Beautifully landscaped. WEEKLY RENTALS!
- Only minutes to the Gulf by bike or boat.
- Boat dockage available to owners. Great location.

\$255,000

3861 Coquina Dr.



- Gorgeous 3 BR/3 BA near the beach in West Rocks.
- Beautifully remodeled and nicely furnished!
- Multiple french doors leading to lanai and pool area.
- Large master suite with fireplace and walk in closet.
- Enclosed pool and lanai. Short walk to the beach.

\$749,000

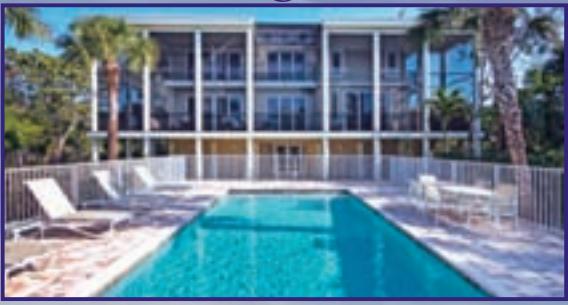
9319 Kincaid Ct.



- Brand new 3 BR/2 BA elevated home. Overlooks river.
- Cathedral ceiling, Hickory wood floors, granite counters.
- Kitchen with large pantry, S/S appliances, 42" cabinets.
- Impact glass, 2 car garage with large storage area.
- Huge lot with new sod. Professionally landscaped.

\$629,000

4203 Dingman Dr.



- Fabulous renovation on this 4BR/3BA on West Gulf Dr.
- Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, Birch wood floors.
- New baths, granite and quartz counters, gas fireplace.
- 10' ceilings, impact glass, new elevator, large screened porch.
- Large pool on an approximate acre parcel across from beach.

\$2,595,000

Loggerhead Cay 434



- Gorgeous top floor 2 BR/2 BA. Nice Gulf view.
- Completely remodeled. Beautifully furnished.
- Updated kitchen with breakfast bar, desk, appliances.
- New tile in kitchen/baths/lanai. WEEKLY RENTALS.
- Wonderful beachfront complex with lots of AMENITIES.

\$625,000

476 Las Tiendas Ln.



- 3 BR/2 BA Old Florida style home on the East end.
- Remodeled kitchen with stainless appliances.
- Bright, open with vaulted ceilings and wood floors.
- Enclosed lanai and large, heated, screened pool.
- Great location near beach, bay and shopping!

\$599,000

557 N. Yachtsman Dr.



- Private and beautifully furnished 4 BR/3 BA.
- Large master suite with sitting area and fireplace.
- Screened lanai, open balconies, covered parking.
- Enjoy the community pool and tennis court nearby.
- Near beach, marina, restaurants and shopping.

\$729,000

Sandalfoot 3D1



- Bright and beautifully updated 2 BR/2 BA.
- GULF views! New tile, remodeled kitchen/baths.
- Nicely furnished corner unit with extra windows.
- WEEKLY RENTALS with on site Management office.
- AMENITIES!!! Pool, tennis court, grills, shuffleboard...

\$449,900



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