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Sanibel Music Festival Is In Full Swing

The Sanibel Music Festival is in its 26th season of bringing outstanding repertoire and artists to the island. All concerts will be performed at 8 p.m. throughout the month of March on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the intimate setting of the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

For ticket information and a detailed brochure, contact the festival's hotline at 344-7025 or visit www.sanibelmusicfestival.org. Tickets may be ordered online.

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Claremont Trio

Tickets Available For Peek At The Unique Home Tour

It's not too late to participate in this year's Peek At The Unique house tour for those who still want to help The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva improve the lives of women and girls in need locally and around the world.

A few tickets are still available for the tour, which will be held on Saturday, March 24 and features four gorgeous island homes. Tickets, which are \$65 each and tax deductible, can be purchased by calling 1-888-891-4689.

Even those who don't attend the tour can contribute to Zonta's charitable efforts by purchasing raffle tickets for Six Chances At The Unique, which includes prizes worth thousands of dollars. Raffle

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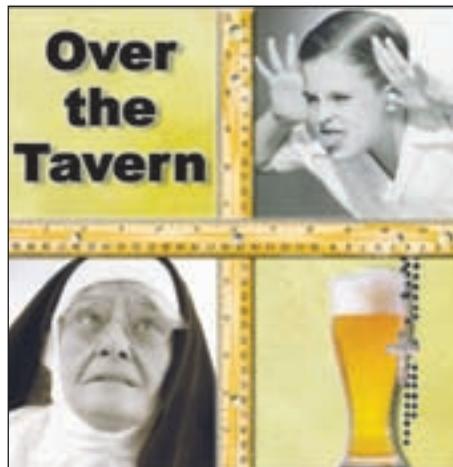


Handmade quilt created by Sheila Rodriguez

Over The Tavern Closes Season At Strauss Theater

A hysterical family comedy/drama will soon take the stage at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater. *Over The Tavern* runs Friday, March 23 through Saturday, April 21, Tuesday through Saturday. There is an opening night reception at 7 p.m. on March 23. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children.

It's 1959 in Buffalo, New York. Elvis, drive-ins and *The Honeymooners* are parts of the everyday culture that make life fun and simple. That is, for everyone but Chet and Ellen Pazinski and their children,



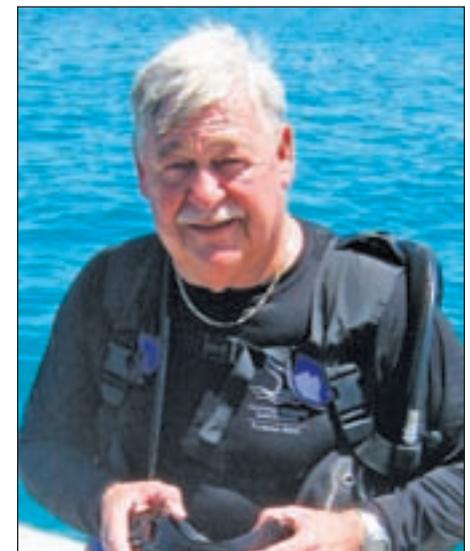
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National Marine Sanctuaries Expert To Talk At Community House

Sanibel Sea School will host An Evening with Billy Causey on Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Dr. Causey will be speaking about the value of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to recreational fisheries.

As the southeast regional director for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Dr. Causey was instrumental in the development of the

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Dr. Bill Causey

Doo-Wop Night

It's time to break out your poodle skirts, saddle shoes, plain white T-shirts and your favorite pair of faded blue jeans as Doo Wop Night returns to The Community House on Wednesday, March 28. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7.

Doo -Wop, in its third year at The Community House, is a 1950s sock hop featuring music by The Del Prados. In addition to the music, there will be a 1950s themed dinner provided by Bailey's Catering.

The Del Prados will perform hits such as *Since I Don't Have You*, *Why Do Fools Fall In Love?* and *Runaround Sue*.

The sponsor is Sanibel Holiday.

The Del Prados, a group of retired doctors and dentists, formed in 2000 just for fun, and quickly became a local favorite with Southwest Floridians. Their name comes from Del Prado Boulevard, the main street in Cape Coral, where they reside.

Call The Community House at 472-2155 for tickets and tables. Tables seat eight people. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$30 for guests. Prepayment is required. Alcoholic beverages are available by donation.*



The Del Prados

NWF President Interviewed For Documentary

By Jeff Lysiak

It isn't every day that the head of the National Wildlife Federation comes to Sanibel, so it's a good thing that Sam Koltinsky and his crew of filmmakers were on the island to preserve the historic visit for others to see in the near future.

Last month, Koltinsky and his team from Marvo Entertainment Group, LLC interviewed Larry Schweiger, president and chief executive officer of the National Wildlife Federation, for the documentary film *America's Darling*. The 60-minute film, scheduled to be released this fall – just in time for the “Ding” Darling Days celebration at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge – shares the life story of Jay Norwood Darling, the legendary conservationist, political cartoonist and part-time resident of Captiva.

After years of extensive travel and research, conducting interviews and scouring through archived treasures and special collections, Koltinsky has currently headquartered his production of the film here in Southwest Florida and was happy to have Schweiger become a part of the documentary.

“I was introduced to Larry through Kip Koss, Darling’s grandson,” explained Koltinsky. “Last year, I made a trip to



Larry Schweiger responds to a question the National Wildlife Federation headquarters and met Larry as well as some of his team there. I was greeted when I walked into the door with Darling’s work. Larry and I connected right away. It was my hope to have the interview here on Sanibel and I am fortunate that it worked with his schedule.”

Schweiger served for eight years as president and CEO of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, where he pioneered watershed restoration and promoted ecological research, land conservation and community outreach. Prior to that, he was the executive secretary of the Joint House/Senate Conservation



Moments before his interview, Larry Schweiger receives a touch-up from production assistant Brigitte Koltinsky. At right is executive producer Sam Koltinsky

Committee for the Pennsylvania General Assembly, senior vice president for Conservation Programs at National Wildlife Federation, and first vice president of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Two weeks ago, Koltinsky sat down with Schweiger for about an hour – on the stage at BIG ARTS’ Schein Performance Hall – and asked him several questions about the connection between Darling and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), how his efforts more than half a century ago are still impacting the environmental movement of today and the importance of educating future generations about how to better preserve wildlife.

“‘Ding’ Darling was a man who grew up hunting, fishing and spending a lot of time outdoors,” said Schweiger. “He was, at heart, someone who loved nature. It permeated his entire life and he understood what a magnificent gift nature was.”

According to Schweiger, Darling founded the NWF when President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened the inaugural National Wildlife Conference in 1936.

“Clearly, he understood the need to have a wildlife organization,” Schweiger continued. “Above all else, ‘Ding’ Darling was a visionary. He saw what was ahead for wildlife and he saw what was ahead for humanity and he became such an inspirational and powerful voice.”

Koltinsky stated that excerpts from Schweiger’s interview will be posted on the production company’s website (www.marvoentertainmentgroup.com) sometime in the coming weeks, adding, “I think that Darling would be pleased to see what his legacy is doing through the NWF.”

They will be conducting additional interviews and filming more footage of people linked to Darling’s family and conservation legacy here on Sanibel and Captiva.

“We have a host of people that we are scheduling over the next four months while in production,” said Koltinsky. “We plan to go into post production in late summer and have the one-hour project ready for ‘Ding’ Darling Days.”

Among the people scheduled to be interviewed for *America’s Darling* are

Douglas Brinkley, professor of history at Rice University; Dr. Mark Madison, historian with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; John McCabe, president of the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society; refuge staff members Paul Tritaik and Toni Westland; Kristie Anders, director of education with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; and Calina Carstens, second place winner from last year’s Conservation Cartoon Contest.

“Ding” Darling Days 2012 will be celebrated October 14 to 20 at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel. ❄️

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Earth, Water And Wind To Premiere On March 20

The Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) will premiere its latest oral history film, *Earth, Water And Wind*, on Tuesday, March 20.

It will be shown at the Captiva Civic Association and Chapel By The Sea. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments, followed by the film at 6 p.m. and then refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres. Admission is free, but reservations are required because seating is limited. A great number of available seats already have been reserved.

Filmmaker Rusty Farst has captured the unique stories of four extraordinary Captiva story tellers: Dottie Wakefield, Bob Sabatino, Kristie Anders and John Dickey.

Wakefield's parents created 'Tween Waters. Sabatino is a legendary local fishing guide. Anders, SCCF's Education Director and a North Captiva resident, draws on her years of knowledge of our unique environment. Dickey is a third generation native who grappled with the aftermath of Hurricane Charley.

The film runs approximately half an hour. It features pictures and video never seen before by the public. A DVD of *Earth, Water And Wind* may be purchased after the showing for \$100 to support the CIHS.

To make a reservation, call the Captiva Civic Association at 472-2111. ✱

American Legion Post 123 Events

Every Friday, American Legion Post 123 hosts a Fish Fry with cole slaw, beans and hushpuppies, served from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$10.

This Saturday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day at the Legion. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary will be serving corned beef and cabbage all day long. Live music with Robby Hutto begins at 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 18 is a Mexican Fiesta from 1 to 8 p.m., with live music provided

by The Troublestarters at 6 p.m.

Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday night at Post 123 starting at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are always welcome.

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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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Zonta Peek

tickets are just \$10 each and available from any club member and will be on sale outside Bailey's General Store on Saturdays and Sundays leading up to the Peek, and at the Sanibel Island Farmer's Market on Sunday, March 18.

Two beautiful handmade quilts, sewn by island resident and long-time Peeker Sheila Rodriguez, will also be raffled off the day of the Peek at The Community House, where the event is being staged. Raffle tickets for the quilts can be purchased for \$20 each and only at that location on Saturday, March 24.

The money raised goes to local and international service organizations in the

form of grants to advance the status of women and girls through specific projects. One such effort is Zonta's grant that helps to pay for a bi-lingual counselor at Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) in Fort Myers. ACT serves victims of domestic abuse in Lee, Charlotte and Hendry counties

Recently, island Zontians learned that their foundation's \$4,400 grant to ACT, which funds 20% of the full-time counselor's salary for 2012, paid off in incalculable terms.

Three years ago, during her first year working full-time as counselor at ACT, Yaro Garcia encountered a domestic abuse victim whom she also identified as a victim of human trafficking. The young woman managed to escape her abusers,

but the traffickers stole her infant daughter and fled to the Dominican Republic.

Since then, Ms. Garcia has worked tirelessly with local law enforcement, the FBI and authorities in the Dominican Republic to rescue the child. Last month, she flew to the Caribbean island with U.S. authorities to retrieve the now 3-year-old girl who has been reunited with her mother.

It's stories like these that drive island Zontians, residents and businesses to support the Peek year after year. Now in its 11th year, the Peek is the main charity event for the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, the fundraising arm of The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva.

Yet these efforts may not be enough to meet the growing needs of the club's service partners that struggle to assist their clients in the face of a still shaky economy and cuts in government funding. For 2011-12, the club's foundation received over \$77,000 in requests but had just \$54,000 to give.

The money was distributed in the form of grants to groups such as The Literacy Council Gulf Coast to teach struggling mothers to read; PACE Center For Girls of Lee County to show troubled teenage

girls how to live responsible productive lives; and for FISH of Sanibel to award grants to island residents struggling to make it through tough times.

"Because the needs are so great, I feel obligated to do everything I can to raise money to help those women trying to get ahead yet held back because of needs for assistance," said Linda Robison, co-chair of the Peek. "This community is in general blessed, but we must keep in mind that is not true for everyone on Sanibel or in the rest of Southwest Florida. That is why I continue to be involved in this effort, year after year. With the Peek, we provide a wonderful day for someone and life-supporting funds for others."

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

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American Chamber Players

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Sanibel Music Festival

The line-up through the end of the season is:

Tuesday, March 20

Widely regarded as the premiere piano trio of its generation, the Claremont Trio was the first winner of the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award and the only piano trio ever to win the Young Concert Artists International Auditions. Twin sisters Emily (violin) and Julia Bruskin formed the Trio with Donna Kwong (piano) at The Juilliard School in 1999. The Trio has received a Critic's Choice Award from *BBC Magazine*. The sisters both play old French instruments.

Their program will include Mozart's Trio in B-flat major, K. 502; Shostakovich's Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op 67; and Mendelssohn's Trio in D minor, Op.49.

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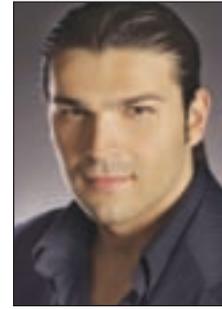


Saturday, March 24

Violist, author and popular NPR music commentator Miles Hoffman is the American Chamber Players' (ACP) founder. Among today's most versatile and innovative chamber music ensembles, the ACP was formed in 1985 from a core group of artists of the Library of Congress Summer Chamber Festival. Hoffman's six member ensemble of piano, string trio, flute and clarinet is known for creating programs with a unique mix of instrumental combinations, ranging from duos through works for the full sextet. The ensemble performs repertoire ranging from familiar masterpieces, to neglected gems, to newly commissioned American works.

Their program will include Mozart's Quartet for Clarinet and Strings in C major, K. 285b; Milhaud's Suite for Clarinet, Violin and Piano, Op. 157b; Bruch's Selections from Eight Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano, Op. 83; Bloch's Concertino for Flute, Viola and Piano; Arnold's Divertimento for Flute, Clarinet and Violin, Op. 37; and Beethoven's Quartet for Piano and Strings in E-flat major, Op. 16.

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Sanibel Music Festival

Tuesday, March 27

For 26 years, the Opera Theater of Connecticut has provided young professional singers the opportunity to practice their craft. This year, OTC will perform opera scenes from Puccini in a program titled "Puccini Brought To Life." Artistic director Alan Mann will add his witty and informative commentary. Several of the company's gifted young singers, who have performed at the festival through the years, have gone on to the Met, the New York City Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago. Kate Ford, co-founder of the company, serves as general director and Kyle Swann is the musical director.

Their program will include opera scenes from *Puccini* and more

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Tickets may be purchased for the seven concert series at \$230, a savings of \$35, 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. Single tickets may be purchased by mail, phone and are available at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way on Sanibel Island.

The Sanibel Music Festival, celebrating its 26th season, presents world renowned artists during the month of March at

the Congregational church on Sanibel. Incorporated in 1987 as a non-for-profit organization, its mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities.

Sanibel Music Festival is grateful for the support of the Lee County and Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Sanibel Music Festival thanks Piano Distributors, Inc. and Yamaha Corporation of America for graciously providing the Yamaha CFIII Concert Grand Piano, sponsored by Mary Paige and Steven Abbott and Congress Jewelers.*

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Bill Causey To Speak

management plan for the 2,900 square nautical mile Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, which is the third largest marine protected area in the United States. He serves as the liaison with local, state and other federal agencies responsible for management of natural resources in the Southeast Region.

Dr. Causey's academic interests are in coral reef ecology, coral reef fishes, sustainable management, marine zoning, climate change and marine policy. He has been observing and documenting the impacts of climate change on coral reefs in the Florida Keys since 1979. Dr. Causey has participated in and presented

at numerous workshops focused on the impacts of climate change to coral reefs, based on his firsthand experience with coral bleaching and the secondary impacts of coral mortality and coral diseases. Most recently, he has become engaged in ocean acidification issues, as they relate to climate change.

Dr. Causey has received numerous awards for his work in coral reef con-

Economics Talk With Krueger At Community House

On Friday, March 23 at 10 a.m. Anne Krueger will use her common sense approach to explain her thoughts on the economic concepts that are shaping our world.



Anne Krueger

The Community House is proud to present another event in its Neighbor To Neighbor Series, this time featuring our own expert in world economics, who lives on Sanibel and travels the world lecturing and working with various countries and universities. You will want to save this date and plan on attending this session at The Community House to listen to her perspectives followed by a questions and

answer period. You will enjoy Krueger's ability to succinctly deliver complex concepts to us in an easily understood manner.

Call the Sanibel Sea School at 472-8585 with questions or for more information.*

Currently, Krueger is a professor of International Economics at the School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. She is a Senior Fellow of the Stanford Center for International Development and a Professor of Sciences and Humanities in the Economics Department at Stanford University. She was the First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund from 2001-06. A recipient of numerous economic prizes and awards, she has published extensively on economic development, international trade and finance and economic policy reform.

A continental breakfast will be served, so reservations are recommended. This is a free event, so those with reservations will be guaranteed a seat. Bring your written questions that you would like to have Anne Krueger answer and turn them in when you arrive.

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Tampa Bay Times Editor To Address Island Democrats

On Thursday, March 22, Adam Smith will address the Democratic Club of the Islands. Named the best political writer in Florida by www.washingtonpost.com, and one of the country's top 10 political reporters by *Columbia Journalism Review*, Smith will discuss his perspective on the state of Florida and national politics.

Smith has been with the *Tampa Bay Times* since 1992. Known to most people as *The St. Petersburg Times*, which won eight Pulitzer Prizes, the paper's name was changed in January to the *Tampa Bay Times*. While working there, Smith has covered local and state government, as well as general assignment and investigative beats. He recently appeared on a panel with Brian Williams of NBC when Williams hosted the Florida debate with the Republican Presidential candidates.

Smith appears most Sundays on *Political Connections* on Bay News 9, and is a primary contributor to *The Buzz* political blog. He grew up in New York City and is a graduate of Kenyon College in Ohio. When not chasing politicians, he tries to keep up with his wife and three kids.

He returns by popular demand after mesmerizing the Democratic Club audi-



Adam Smith

ence two years ago with his savvy political insights. Smith's discussion will begin at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. That will be preceded by a "Democratic Mingle" at 6:30 p.m., which will include refreshments and an opportunity to meet and greet old friends, new progressives and anyone eager to talk about the current political climate or to become more active in Democratic politics. The meeting and "mingle" are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 395-9078 or e-mail demclubislands@gmail.com.*

League Of Women Voters April Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Lee County will conduct their next monthly meeting on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive (corner of Summerlin and College Parkway) in Fort Myers

Nuclear Power As An Alternative Energy Source will be the topic for the meeting. Arthur Weissbach, a retired official with the National Institute of Health, will speak.

Cost to attend the meeting and luncheon is \$20. Meal choices are New York strip steak, turkey wrap or vegetarian. Student rates are available.

League members and the interested public may make reservations by e-mailing fishpatricia@yahoo.com or calling 466-8381.

The League of Women Voters of Lee County Florida is a non-partisan organization that promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Information on the programs and issues of the League of Women Voters is available at www.lwv.org, www.lwvfla.org and www.lwvlee.org. Call 278-1032 or e-mail lwvlee@yahoo.com for more details.*

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ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

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Sanibel School Math Team Scores



Rachel Wexler, Alexandria Cloutier, Madelyn LaBar, Joey Aulino and David Wright

The Sanibel School mathematics team participated in the first annual Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) competition at Florida Gulf Coast University on Thursday, March 8. Members are Joey Aulino, Alexandria Cloutier, Madelyn LaBar, Rachel Wexler and David Wright. The team won three awards at the competition. Rachel Wexler placed third in the Earth and Space Science category, David Wright placed seventh in Physical Science, and the team received fifth place in the middle school team competition.✱✱

Free Beach Walks

To get your spring off to a good start, join the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum for a free Beach Walk at Gulfside City Park/Algiers Beach on Tuesday, March 27 at 9 a.m. Participants meet in the parking lot for a brief presentation.

BMSM volunteer and shelling enthusiast Dotty DeVasure will give tips on finding and identifying mollusks, and she will explain how they live, eat and move. During the walk, which lasts about an hour, Dotty will answer questions and help participants identify shells they find on the beach. The program is free, but parking fees will apply.

For more information, visit www.shellmuseum.org or call 395-2233. ✱

Evening At The Museum

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum (BMSM) is hosting a special Evening At The Museum on Tuesday, March 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the museum after hours and participate in an informal evening of shell education, door prizes, food and refreshments. Also, museum director Dr. José H. Leal will give a brief presentation.

Cost is \$10 for members or \$15 for non-members. If you join the museum as a new member that night, your event ticket is free. All proceeds raised will benefit the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's educational programs.

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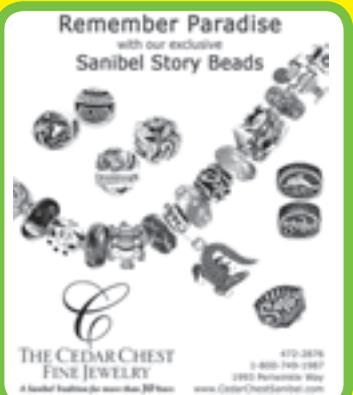
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Radel, Chilmonik Speak At GOP Caucus Meeting

Last Saturday, the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus hosted Trey Radel, candidate for Congress in the Republican primary to be held on August 14.

Their second speaker was Robert "Bob" Chilmonik, who is running for Lee County School Board District 2. The meeting was held at the Sanibel Public Library.

Radel, former TV anchorman and radio personality, has been a strong conservative voice in Southwest Florida. He stressed the need to reduce the size of government, to reform and simplify the tax code and to raise the retirement age of younger people in order to sustain Social Security for present and future recipients. Mr. Radel also supports the Keystone Pipeline from Canada to Texas and for Congressional approval before any future war could be declared.

Chilmonik has served on the Lee County School Board in the past. He is proud to have been considered a maverick because among other positions he favors strict accounting in expenditure of public funds. Mr. Chilmonik has a Master's degree in computer science and currently teaches at Edison College. He spent 25 years in the private sector and brings business acumen to the subject of running the school system.

Chilmonik stressed that the ability to read English is imperative for each child and for the growth and prosperity of America. He pointed out that six of 10 children leaving Lee County Schools cannot read at the tenth grade level. Since not all students are college material, he is for more vocational training. Chilmonik believes in "neighborhood schools," since the cost of busing is \$50 million and has not delivered its goal of academic gains.

The next event sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Caucus will feature Gary Aubuchon, State House Representative, who is running for Congress in the August 14 primary. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 24 in Meeting Room #4 of the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road.*



Savannah Nippa watches the two finalists, Michael Lemmon and Jake Walsh, who remained after about 10 minutes of walking, jumping, holding hands and spinning around

LOGOS Breakfast Spoon Hanging Champ Crowned

The LOGOS kids at Sanibel Community Church had fun at Breakfast Night on March 7. During this year's annual spoon hanging competition, Michael Lemmon was crowned spoon hanging champion.*



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For questions regarding hurricane passes, emergency preparedness and evacuation, contact Stephanie Dowd, Emergency Management Specialist of the Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111.✪

Prescribed Burn Of Botanical Site On Thursday

The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will be setting controlled burns of the botanical site on Sanibel to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires and to help preserve the natural ecology of the area. Based on current weather forecasts, the refuge and its partners are planning for a portion of this prescribed burn to take place on Thursday, March 15. If weather conditions are not favorable, the controlled burn will be postponed until the next favorable weekend.

If weather conditions continue to be favorable for the burn to take place, residents and adjacent landowners will be notified prior to ignition. During the prescribed fire operations, residents and visitors are encouraged to close the windows in your home, cover your pool and – if necessary – stay indoors to minimize the impacts from smoke.

On the days when a controlled burn will take place, portions of the refuge may be closed to public access. Please adhere to all signs, road closures, and instructions about closed areas provided by refuge and fire personnel. Access into the burn unit will be strictly prohibited during the prescribed fire operation.

To find out more information about the benefits of this prescribed burn and to speak with a public information officer, an information booth will be located in the parking area of the Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The Southern Florida and Caribbean Fire District of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will be conducting the prescribed burn with the assistance of the Florida Forest Service, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the City of Sanibel and the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District.

For additional details about prescribed burns, visit www.fire-wise.org.✪

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ROSE THERESA CAVANAUGH LEWIS

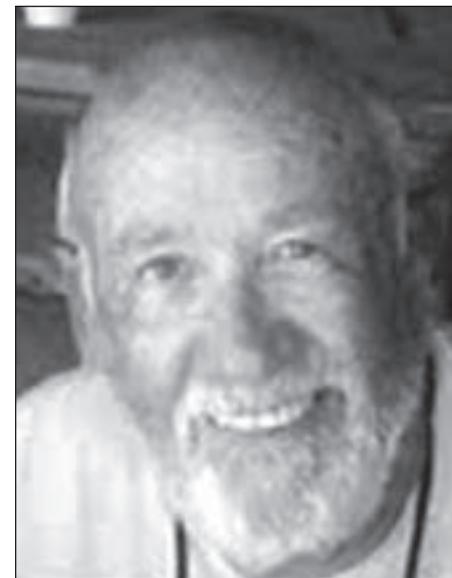
Rose Theresa Cavanaugh Lewis,
88, passed away suddenly on
Saturday, March 3, 2012 at her
home in Fort Myers. The daughter of
the late Thomas Aloysius and Jeannette
Ward Cavanaugh, she was born in
Baltimore, Maryland on February 24,
1924; was preceded in death by her sib-
lings, Phillip, Regina, Thomas and Peter
and her first child, Frederick.

Rose met the love of her life, Frederick
E. Lewis, in 1940, just before he entered
the U.S. Navy, and she the U.S. Coast
Guard. Both served during World War II
and were married on March 17, 1946.
They began their marriage of 66 years
living in Baltimore, Maryland, relocated to
Arnold, Maryland where they raised their
nine children. The Lewis's retired to Fort
Myers in June of 1982.

A celebration of her life was held on
the Sanibel Causeway on March 7, where
the family was joined by many, many
wonderful friends and relatives from near
and far, and we thank you all. She was
an extraordinary person, always smiling,
always caring, always "mom" to all.

Surviving Rose is her husband,
Frederick, children, Linda (Jim), Fred
Jr. (Debbie), Patricia, Jan, Paige, David
(Terry), Mary Jo (Matt), Steven (Liz),
Thomas (Kirke); grandchildren, Jessica,
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grandchildren Sandy, Nathan, Emily,
Noah, Gracie, Ainsley, Kellen, Kai, Gillian
and soon to be born baby, Cooper.

A very special "thank you" to Matt
Asen for everything, Father Carmen
Caruso for your wonderful words and
anecdotes, to Theresa Rose Shea See
who wonderfully sang Mom's favorite
hymn, the bagpiper and especially Valerie
Leonard, who loved mom as her own.
We are eternally grateful.*



HARRIS D. GILBERT

A long time resident of Sanibel,
Harris D. Gilbert, passed away on
March 5, 2012 at the age of 84.
Born on March 20, 1927 in Newark,
New Jersey to Hyman and Liba Gilbert,
Harris attended New Jersey College of
Engineering and graduated from Upsala
College. He spent most of his working
career with Lockheed Martin (formerly
Martin Marietta).

Harris and Sondra, his wife of 56
years, were regular annual visitors to
Sanibel beginning in 1970, before
becoming year-round residents in 2000.
In this time, Harris came to epitomize the
best of our island life, dedicating count-
less hours to our community. Among
his many contributions, he served as a
docent with Captiva Cruises and was
a photographer for many of our cher-
ished events, including the SCCF Tennis
Tournaments and the annual Fourth of
July Parade. An avid biker, Harris was the
recipient of the 2011 Spirit of Cycling
Award from the Florida Freewheelers.

He was a loving and devoted husband,
father, and grandfather. In addition to
Sondra, he is survived by his daughter,
Linda Luiten and her husband Clive, of
Spokane, Washington; his son, David
Gilbert and his wife Jessica, of Scarsdale,
New York and his son, Richard Gilbert of
Winter Park, Florida, as well as his three
grandchildren, Caitlin, Callie and Kyle.

No formal services will be held but
individuals are encouraged to make dona-
tions in Harris's name to the Sanibel-
Captiva Conservation Foundation or to a
charity of their choice.

Harris's generous spirit and love of life
will live on in all he touched. Whether it
was biking along Periwinkle Way or at the
wheel of his Boston Whaler in San Carlos
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BARBARA CRANE TOBIN

Barbara Crane Tobin of Sanibel, born March 19, 1923, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Tuesday, March 6 at age 88. She was predeceased by her husband John Clarke Tobin and is survived by her four children, Caroline Crane Tobin, Gretchen Krueger Tobin, John Clarke Tobin Jr. and Elizabeth (Betsy) Crane Tobin, as well as her five grandchildren, Eric Tobin Peterson, Amy Chelsea Peterson, Sarah Ellis Tobin, Joshua Adam Tobin, and Jesse Tobin Weiss. Barbara was a resident of Sanibel, Florida; Old Lyme, Connecticut; and Duxbury, Vermont. She graduated from Beard School in Orange, New Jersey in 1941, and Smith College in 1945.

Barbara was a former president of the Amateur Ski Club of New York, secretary of the Duxbury Planning Commission, and board member of the Vermont Mozart Festival. She was a skier, bird-watcher, avid reader, conservation advocate, and *New York Times* crossword puzzle aficionado. She also was a companion and friend of the late EA "Matty" Matthiessen. Barbara was a loyal friend and a wonderful mother and grandmother. Her intelligence, humor, grace, and independent spirit will long be treasured by those who knew her. At her request, there will be no funeral service. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. ✨

Congregational Church To Host Upcoming Events

The following upcoming events will be hosted by Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel:

- Ask The Pharmacist – Thursday, March 22 at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Ask the Pharmacist includes a discussion of how some medications interfere with others. Also, the latest information on common medications used for diabetes, hypertension and cardiac disease will

be covered. Come prepared to ask all your questions of our local CVS pharmacist.

- Life Line Screening – Thursday, March 29 (All Day) in Heron Hall
Sanibel Congregational UCC is happy to host the Life Line Screening event once again in Heron Hall. Pre-registration is required for this all-day event for screenings to detect carotid artery disease, abnormal heart rhythm (such as atrial fibrillation), abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral artery disease and osteoporosis risk assessment. Pre-registration is required by calling 800-772-8260.

- Carol Good, Artist of the Month – Through March 30 (call for viewing times)
A life-long resident of Carbondale,

Illinois, Carol received her Master's degree from Southern Illinois University and served as an academic advisor at the university for 25 years. Good began painting 25 years ago, beginning with watercolors, she found this medium gave her the most passion and reliability for artistic expression.

In addition, Carol likes to work from a photograph to achieve the initial shape and detail. Small brushes are used to layer color upon color until the goals of natural color and a well-defined light source are achieved. Currently in three juried shows, this busy artist's collection is one you won't want to miss.

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club welcomed Chauncey Goss to the speaker's platform last Friday morning. Having the last name of Goss on Sanibel brings with it an impressive pedigree of distinguished service to our city, state and country. Chauncey's father Porter Goss is certainly part of the City of Sanibel's own history, becoming the city's first mayor in 1974, serving as a Lee County Commissioner, spending 15 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, and serving two years as the director of the Central Intelligence Agency under President George W. Bush.

Chauncey Goss has spent most of the last decade working on federal fiscal policy, first in the National Security Division



Chauncey Goss

at the Office of Management and Budget, where he helped prepare defense budgets. From there he went to work as the deputy staff director of the House Budget Committee, where he worked closely with Wisconsin Republican Rep. Paul Ryan.

He and his family moved back to Southwest Florida a few years ago and last December he announced his candidacy for election to represent Florida's 14th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Our Rotary Club did not invite Goss to speak to us as a political candidate in the upcoming elections but to speak to us in regard to the federal budget. He started out with a primer of basic terms for the budget: revenues – taxes (personal, corporate, and payroll); Discretionary outlays, such as 12 annual spending bills (Department of Defense, Homeland Security, etc.); mandatory outlays such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, interest on debts; and balanced budget, when revenues meet outlays.

He stated that the federal budget has only been "in balance" six times since 1950. Our deficits have averaged 2.1 percent of gross domestic product since 1950, today our deficits are up at around 9 percent of GDP. Our percentage of debit is now around 70 percent. Goss stated the obvious: this is not sustainable. The national debt load threatens our national economy. The Congressional Budget Office warns "rising debt would increasingly restrict policymakers' ability to use tax and spending policies to respond to unexpected challenges, such as economic downturns, financial crises, natural disasters and terrorist attacks."

Goss said the No. 1 priority for him – and Southwest Florida – is getting the economy on track. He said politicians need to come up with a plan to "get our economic house in order so our children aren't crushed with debt and the health

and retirement security of our seniors remains intact."

He noted, "Debt limits opportunity, it threatens our future, crowds out freedom, erodes the foundation of the United States." The interest on our current national debt and increasing national debt is halting the United States' abilities in providing a future for the next generations. The national debt is now on an unsustainable path upward.

Goss presented two pie charts that reflect mandatory budget expenditures from 2011 and his projected figures for 2035. They include Social Security rising from 4.8 percent to 6.1 percent, Healthcare from 5.6 percent to 18.3 percent; interest on debt 1.4 percent to 9.3 percent; other, 12.5 percent to 8.5 percent. The total outlays for mandatory spending show an historical increase in mandatory spending, mainly contributed to health care and interest payments.

Goss also brought up figures that reflexed revenues and projected tax increases needed to service our projected government debt. His statement regarding these figures: "Tax rates at such levels would probably not be economically feasible."

Politicians on both sides of the aisle have a responsibility to our country to address the issue of finding a solution to our increasing national debt. Let's provide a future for our children... not the burden of astronomical debt.

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SFWMD Official To Speak At Committee Of The Islands Meeting

This year's annual meeting of the Committee of the Islands will feature Daniel DeLisi of the South Florida Water Management District as its keynote speaker. He will deliver a presentation titled *How We Will Put The Caloosahatchee Estuaries Back On The Path To Recovery*.

The public is invited to the meeting, which will be held at The Community House at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 22. The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

DeLisi, who was appointed by Governor Scott to the SFWMD Governing Board in 2011, represents Lee, Collier, Hendry and Charlotte counties. He also serves as vice chair of the board's Project & Lands Committee.

The SFWMD oversees the quality and distribution of water throughout south Florida. Its special relevance to Sanibel, particularly in recent years, concerns the flow of water from Lake Okeechobee and its impact on the quality of water in our coastal area.

A graduate of Brandeis University, DeLisi also holds a masters degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His professional and service affiliations include the following:

- Member, Estero Community Planning Panel
- Florida Supreme Court – certified circuit civil court mediator
- Adjunct faculty member, Nova Southeastern University
- Member, American Institute of Certified Planners
- Vice president/principal of DeLisi Fitzgerald, Inc.
- Former member of Florida Impact Fee Review Task Force and the Lee County Planning Agency

Coffee and rolls will be served at 9 a.m., with the meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. After opening remarks and DeLisi's keynote address, the audience will have an opportunity ask questions. There will then be a short break followed by a business meeting for members of the Committee of the Islands and election of members to its board of directors.

For more information, e-mail coti@coti.org or visit www.coti.org. Visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.*



Daniel DeLisi

A Night for Life Fundraiser At Broadway Palm

On Monday, March 26, the annual fundraiser A Night For Life, to benefit local organ transplant patients and those on the transplant waiting list, will be held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers. Music this year is provided by The Del Prados and comedy by BJ Odom. Doors open at 5 p.m. for a silent auction and buffet dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. The evening also includes a live auction.

Items to be auctioned include a one-week deeded timeshare in Marco Island, week-end getaways, gift certificates, golf outings, fishing trips, jewelry, paintings by Ellen Shepard and others, prints, photographic art, sports and many unique items.

One hundred percent of all proceeds go to benefit The Fletcher Fund, which assists local transplant patients with the expenses of transplantation not covered by insurance and are in dire financial need.

Tickets are \$35 each and include buffet dinner, live entertainment, and the auctions. A \$10 ticket is also available for entertainment and auctions only.

For tickets and further information, call 936-0211 or 768-1814.

This event is held each year by Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida (OTRSW) a non-profit, all-volunteer group. For details, visit www.organsupport.org.*

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Card Of Thanks

Sanibel Uncorked! The Winter Wine Festival was an outstanding success held by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club at Lily & Co. Jewelers. A number of wine distributors brought a variety of wines to sample. Canapés were prepared and served by Bailey's Catering Services. Chef Karl Hamme, also of Bailey's, provided a cooking demonstration of sumptuous scallops. Music was provided by Buckeye Ken, and incidental music by Frans Kox with Quebbie.

Many thanks go out to the generous people and businesses of our islands. Our major sponsors this year were: Lily & Co., Bailey's General Store, The Sanctuary Golf, our police officer sponsor, the *Island Sun* newspaper, the *Islander/Island Reporter* newspaper, NU WAY & Gerald Rhomberg,

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Donated funds from all sources make it possible for the Optimists to continue to sponsor its current four-year college scholarship program, to continue the Optimist's Junior Anglers summer fishing adventures (through the recreation center), to sponsor a new kids' summer basketball league (also through the recreation center), and to continue a number of other charitable endeavors for kids.

Plan on coming next year and joining in the fun. The date and time will be announced later in the year.

—The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club*



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An osprey with a fish

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SCCF Birding at Sanibel Gardens Preserve March 24

Join experienced birders on this special opportunity to tour the grounds of the Bailey Homestead Preserve, which is not yet open to the public. 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.

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

To access Sanibel Gardens Preserve, enter Island Inn Road from Tarpon Bay Road and park on the side of the road near the trailhead, or enter Island Inn Road from West Gulf Drive, park near road barrier and short walk to trailhead.✪✪

Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society

Memorable Secrets & Tips Of Our Past Speakers will be the topic of the Monday, March 19 meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society. The meeting will be held at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel starting at 1:30 p.m.

Society president and vice president, Ronn Downey and Tom Uhler (aka The Ronn & Tom Show), will address the group on some of the best orchid advice from past meetings' speakers.

There will be no fundamentals session at the March meeting. Instead, there will be an orchid auction from one of the members' orchid collections. As usual, anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during Show & Tell.

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

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Over The Tavern

living above the family's tavern in the heart of the city. Each member of this Polish-Catholic family is struggling in their own unique and sometimes mischievous ways to abide by the true meaning of family values and the strict rules of their Roman Catholic faith. When wise-cracking 12-year-old Rudy explains to his teacher, Sister Clarissa, that he is going to "shop around for a more fun religion," the stage is set for a hilarious and heartwarming family comedy.

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Trout Fishing Just Keeps Getting Better



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

What another great week it was out on the water with fast moving tides and summer-like conditions making for lots of options. Trout fishing remains about as

good as it gets with lots of big fish over that magic 20-inch size being caught throughout the sound. Good afternoon high water also had redfish feeding better than they have for weeks.

Although trout can be found throughout the sound, larger numbers of some real gator-size models have been up around North Captiva. These bigger trout seem to school together and one

sand hole often produces three or four of these larger fish. Large shiners and small pinfish fished two to three feet under a rattling popping cork have been my rigs of choice.

Most of my trout fishing this week was done while targeting sand holes from Redfish Pass to Captiva Pass. This water in the middle to northern end of the sound remains clear even after windy conditions really dirtied the southern portion. Finding this nice clean and clear water seemed to make all the difference in the world when looking for four-pound-plus trout.

There are several natural channels and sloughs on the east side of North Captiva that run from east to west. Clear water makes these easy to spot. During low tide periods the trout have been on the edges and out in these somewhat deeper channels. As the tide comes up, they move up over the grass and into the numerous white sand holes that have salt and pepper bottoms.

I move a lot while targeting these trout. If a sand hole or channel edge does not produce a big trout within five to 10 minutes, I slide down the edge of the channel or move to the next set of holes.

If the trout are laid up, the bite will be almost instant or within a few seconds of the bait slapping the water and the bobber being popped a few times. Often, after you catch half a dozen or more fish, the bite will quit and it's time to move on.

While fishing the back side of North Captiva and areas just north of Chino Island this week, I saw quite a few free-jumping and rolling tarpon. With our water temperature now at an amazing 76 degrees for March and still rising, we will see more and more tarpon pouring into the sound. Although I have not begun to tarpon fish yet this year, I have started to carry a few tarpon rigs with me just in case the opportunity presents itself. Usually my first tarpon hook-up of the season comes while targeting trout and is totally unexpected. Hooking a full size tarpon on a trout rod is like bringing a knife to a gunfight and although fun to see, it's usually over pretty quickly.

Afternoon high water over a two-foot tide mark has been the perfect setup to chase redfish under the bushes. With



Spring break trout and redfish caught on Capt. Matt Mitchell's boat this week

wind directions seeming different almost daily if not hourly, I had the opportunity to fish some favorite shorelines I have not had the right set-up to fish since the last good high water in the fall.

On an afternoon redfish trip this week with longtime client Jerry Raffa from Sea Isle, New Jersey, the wind was blowing hard from the northwest. As we idled out of the canal I had one shoreline on my mind that was just made for this wind direction and incoming tide. For 30 minutes plus it was on fire with redfish coming almost every cast. If the bait landed in the right spot it would not even make it to the bottom before a redfish grabbed it. There were a few slot-sized fish in this little mangrove creek mouth but most of the stacked-up reds were on or just below the 18-inch minimum. What these redfish lacked in size though, they sure made up for in numbers. However, we did manage two nice 23-inch redfish.

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Screech Owl

by Patricia Molloy



Have you ever taken a walk at night and heard a spooky sound from an invisible source? Ever felt the hair stand up on the back of your neck as you imagine being watched by piercing yellow

eyes emanating from the dark? Whoohooooo could it be? Possibly an Eastern screech owl. Unless you are a small mammal or large insect, you have nothing to fear from the majestic raptor that is only seven to 10 inches tall.

Screech owls (*Megascops asio*) are one of the smallest species of owls in the world. They are strictly nocturnal hunters who are difficult to detect during daylight hours due to their habit of occupying the cavities of trees.

On March 1, a screech owl was admitted to CROW after it was hit by a car.

Upon being X-rayed, it was determined that it had not sustained any broken bones, however, it did have internal bleeding resulting in anemia. Dr. Heather immediately administered pain medication, fluids and iron to help it regenerate its red blood cells. After only 24 hours of care at the clinic, it was standing and perching. While still quite weak from the accident, it was able to eat solid foods with a little help from CROW's team of wildlife experts. Fortunately for Dr. Heather, a raptor does not have a lot of strength in its beak to bite; a screeching owl's real power is in its talons (note the raptor gloves being worn in the photos).

This rare Eastern screech owl, patient #0400, is expected to make a full recovery and be released under the cover of night.

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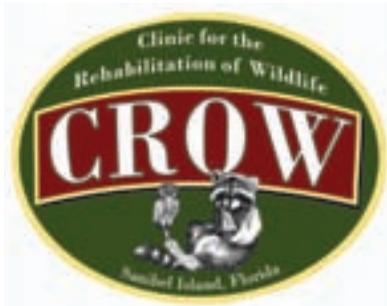
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Along the way, participants will get an up close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and discuss commercial fishing and the fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company and to the spectacular Tarpon and sport fishing of today.

The vessel will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and passengers will be oriented to this spectacular location, the family-run business and their tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Passengers then will relax while enjoying the "old Florida" charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge, where lunch will be savored with waterfront views of Pine Island Sound and mangrove islands.

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

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

For reservations call 472-5300.*

Fish Caught



Sutton Dunlap and the 33-inch snook he reeled-in last week

Susan Dunlap submitted a picture of her 13-year-old son, Sutton Dunlap, with his first snook. He caught it off a dock on Sanibel in the canal during the morning of March 5. The snook was 33 inches long.*

Fish Caught



Dan, Austin and Peter Schuyler recently fished off Sanibel and caught some trout and redfish. They were fishing with Capt. Ozzie Lessinger out of Captiva

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Dr. Dale Gawlik will talk about regional populations of herons, egrets, ibises, spoonbills and wood storks

photo by Joe Mikus

Biologist To Address Wading Birds At Refuge

What effect do southern Florida's water habitat and management practices have on its wading bird populations? Dr. Dale E. Gawlik, associate professor and director of the environmental sciences program at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, has been studying the question for six years, along with his graduate students.

Gawlik will make two PowerPoint presentations on the topic at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, March 16 in the Refuge Education Center at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. as part of the 2012 Refuge Lecture Series.

"There's a really interesting story to tell about how species respond to water manipulation in the Everglades," said Gawlik, who worked for the South Florida Water Management District studying water and wading birds for CERP (Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan) before joining the FAU staff in 2003. "Our lab has really focused intensively on the water habitat relationship with birds in South Florida."

His study of herons, egrets, ibises, spoonbills and wood storks includes Florida's West Coast, he said.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club 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 opportuni-

ties at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

2012 "Ding" Darling Lecture Series Schedule

- 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
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The next Turtle Tracks program will be held on Thursday, March 22 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation at 3333 Santiva-Captiva Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children, \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.✪

Shell Found



Hillary Power

Ontario, Canada resident Hillary Power, 8, found an alphabet cone near East Rocks Beach Access 2. Hillary said, "There is no better place in the world than the paradise of Sanibel."✪✪

Shell Found



Cathy Dohrmann

Cathy Dohrmann from Rome, Georgia found this baby Alphabet cone on the beach at West Wind Inn on March 9. She is staying with friends at Murex Lakes. "We love your wonderful shelling here," said Dohrmann.✪

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Tim Dotson

Tim Dotson of Rutherford, New Jersey, found a junonia at low tide near the Island Inn off West Gulf Drive. He was staying at Loggerhead Key.✪

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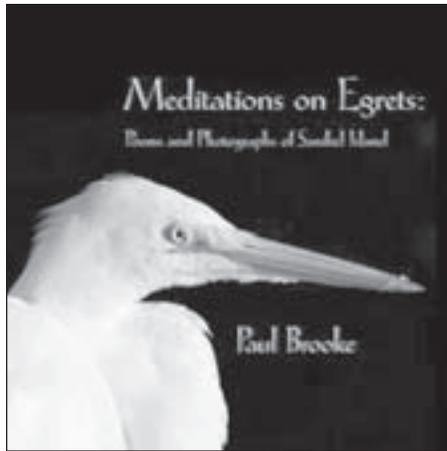
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Dr. Paul Brooke



Dr. Paul Brooke To Discuss Sanibel Wildlife At ARTSalon

BIG ARTS will host author and photographer Dr. Paul Brooke for an afternoon ARTSalon on Thursday, March 22 starting at 3:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

Brooke's poetry has been published internationally in Ireland, Germany, New Zealand and England. In the U.S., his work has been featured in the *North American Review*, *Rocky Mountain Review*, *Flyway*, *International Poetry Review*, *Isotope: A Journal of Literary Nature and Science Writing* and the *Interdisciplinary Study of Literature and the Environment*.

In 1999, he was awarded the Iowa Prize for Poetry for his poem, *Cree Women Cleaning Fish*. His chapbook, *Strings: Two Yakama Indian Women in the 1800s*, was published by A Small Garlic Press in 1998 and subsequently translated into Japanese.

Brooke is a Professor of English at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he teaches Advanced

Creative Writing, Introduction to Creative Writing, The Writer's Workshop, Contemporary American Literature, Major Authors and Literary Theory. He was trained as an undergraduate as an ornithologist and later completed his Bachelor's and Master's at Iowa State University and his Ph.D. in English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Recently, his image of an Atlantic Puffin was chosen for the 2012 Audubon Bird Calendar. Brooke's books include *Light and Matter: Photographs and Poems of Iowa and Meditations on Egrets: Poems and Photographs of Sanibel Island*.

His ARTSalon presentation will track his development as a writer and photographer, from Alaska to Maine to Brazil. Brooke recently returned from a month in the Amazon and the Pantanal. The last half of the talk will focus on Sanibel Island, its wildlife and birdlife.

ARTSalon is an opportunity to talk with professionals in artistic fields to better understand their creative process. Tickets are \$5 each.

For more information on BIG ARTS workshops, events and membership, stop by BIG ARTS, call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or visit www.BIGARTS.org.✪

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Looking For Owls

The nesting season for owls of the islands has begun. The Great Horned owl does not make its own nest but uses one built by an osprey, hawk or eagle. The Screech and Barn owls nest in tree cavities made by woodpeckers or nest boxes. There is a nest box on the side of the SCCF Nature Center where Barn owls have nested off and on since 1980.... will they ever return this year? Island Screech owls are sitting on eggs now.

On Wednesday, March 21 at 10 a.m. you are invited to SCCF to learn more about The Owls of Sanibel & Captiva. The cost of the program is \$5, with SCCF members and children attending for free. Participants are invited to take a guided walk to the Sanibel River following the program.

The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✪



Screech owls



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- Bicycle rentals at the Refuge
- Enhancements to Refuge tram and new Refuge shuttle service

The public is invited to this open house to comment on the revised project recommendation. Your participation continues to guide this project and we encourage you to join us again.

For more project information, please visit
www.DingDarlingTransportation.com

Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Kris Cella via email to kcella@cella.cc or phone (239) 337-1071 prior to the workshop. If you have any questions about the project or would like information prior to the workshop, contact Ms. Cella.

Contact: **Cella Molnar & Associates, inc.**

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An injured gopher tortoise recovers on the grounds of CROW

An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

submitted by Claudia Burns

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

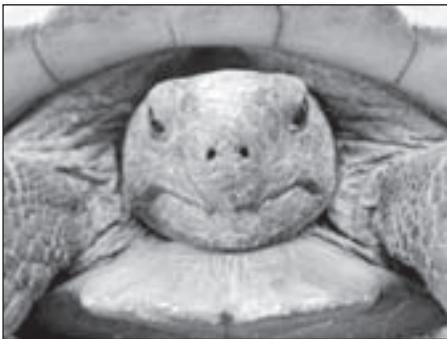
Last year, CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital, cared for 4,239 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 58 percent were birds, 36 percent were mammals and six percent were reptiles.

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 next CROW Picture Show is on Friday March 16 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.



Rehabbing gopher tortoise being grazed at CROW's facility



Gopher tortoise patient

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.

For more information, call 472-3644 ext. 229. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org.

Bird's Eye View

Great White Heron



by Mark "Bird" Westall

As I mentioned last week, lately I have occasionally been seeing a great white heron (*Ardea herodias occidentalis*) during my canoe trips into the wilder-

ness area of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. This bird is a rare visitor to this part of Florida, with them being more commonly seen down in the Keys and throughout the Ten Thousand Islands system (a national wildlife refuge was specifically created there to ensure their survival). But when conditions are right, especially during periods of drought, I have sighted them drifting up into our area. Once during the mid-'80s, I even saw a great white and a great blue (*Ardea Herodias*) on a nest up at Blind Pass raising chicks together.

Whether the great white is a genetic morph of the great blue or a separate species has been an ongoing controversy ever since Audubon first described the great white in 1832. Adding to the confusion is the Ward's heron (*Ardea herodias wardi*), sometimes called the

Wurdemann's heron. This bird looks a lot like the great blue heron, but has a softer grey-colored body and an almost all white neck. Having observed the nesting behavior between the great white and the great blue here on Sanibel puts me in the genetic morph camp for all three different-looking birds. I can even accept the possibility that the Ward's or Wurdemann's heron is the mix between a great blue and a great white.

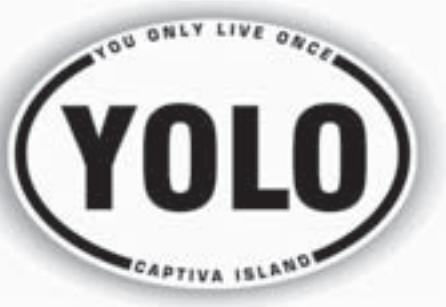
Speciation controversy aside, however, I have to chuckle to myself when I hear visitors to the refuge say, "Oh, it was so beautiful today. I saw 30 great white herons on my trip through the wildlife refuge." They didn't see 30 great white herons; they saw 30 great egrets (*Casmerodius albus*) which are the more common tall, white heron-like birds we see here.

I can understand the confusion. At first glance, both birds look somewhat alike and even our common names for them are similar. Plus you can't forget that people always end up seeing what they are dying to see. But the quick, identifying difference is that great egrets have black legs and great white herons have yellowish legs. And if you see more than two of them together during the same visit, you are most likely seeing great egrets, not herons.

So the next time you are out along Wildlife Drive, if you think you see a great egret that just seems a little different, look at it more closely, particularly at its legs. If the legs are yellowish in color, you are most likely seeing one of our more rare visitors to the islands, the beautiful and regal great white heron.

A former city council member and mayor, Mark "Bird" Westall has owned and operated Canoe Adventures, Inc. on Sanibel for over 33 years. Visit www.canoewithbirdwestall.com for more information.

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Public Input Sought On Refuge Transit Study

The project partner agencies, JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, City of Sanibel and LeeTran, will host an open house to share the details of the refined draft project recommendation for the Alternative Transportation Study funded by the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Public Parks Program. The program was established to address the challenge of increased vehicle congestion in and around national parks and other federal

lands that threatens the environment and diminishes the visitor experience. The recommendation is the result of a four-year process of public engagement, data collection and analysis, and partner agency direction and cooperation. At the open house, the public may view a short slide show, review the project recommendation, ask questions and provide comment. The public is invited to attend anytime from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The goals of the project are to reduce traffic in the refuge, lower emissions and lessen impacts to wildlife and the environment. An additional goal of this project is to improve refuge visitor mobility and

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To review project documentation prior to the open house, visit the project website after Friday, March 23 at www.DingDarlingTransportation.com.*

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Spanish Bayonet

Weeds & Seeds

Weeds & Seeds is a group of amateur botanists who enjoy finding and identifying native plants on Sanibel. Every Monday morning, they gather on the porch of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) at 8:45 a.m. Their walks, lasting for two hours, are guided by a leader with a plant list. Destination habitats include beach, mangroves, wetlands as well as dryer inland areas. Admission for the walks are free, but donations for SCCF are welcome. Also, participants may need parking money. Please bring a hat, water, sunblock/sunscreen and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks. For further information, call SCCF's Native Plant Nursery at 472-2329.*

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Sally-Jane Heit, SCCF executive director Erick Lindblad and famed photographer Annie Leibovitz with a copy of her new book, *Pilgrimage*

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., Heit will be performing *Before I Forget... A Memoir with Music* at The Sanctuary Clubhouse on Sanibel to benefit the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

As an added bonus, internationally known photographer Annie Leibovitz has donated 10 signed copies of her new book, *Pilgrimage*, with photographs tracing her own personal pilgrimage to places and persons with meaning to her, from the power of Niagara Falls to the Gettysburg battlefield to the fine lace and embroidery on a blouse of that belonged to poet Emily Dickinson. The books will be raffled off during the Decadent Dessert Buffet. Tickets are \$10 each, or three for \$25. Tickets will be available in advance at SCCF and the winner need not be present to win.

After the March 24 performance, you can meet Ms. Heit and enjoy a Decadent Dessert Buffet and Champagne and Coffee Bar.

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.

Recently, a small group of islanders were invited to preview the show.

"The show is astonishing," said Luc Century. "Its messages are simple yet as complex and layered as you want them to be."

Performed with musical director Uel Wade, *Before I Forget... A Memoir with Music* 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.

Following this Sanibel performance, *Before I Forget... A Memoir with Music* will open at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. in May. Don't miss this opportunity to see Ms. Heit's performance before she takes the show on the road.

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

What Is That Glob On The Beach?



Didemnum duplicatum

Ever wonder what sea pork and sea squirts are? Have you ever seen something on a beach and thought it was oil and then been told it's a tunicate? Would you like to learn a little bit about these marine creatures and seagrasses?

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Marine Lab Intern Rebecca Flynn will be discussing an often ignored group of marine organisms, the tunicates. Come learn about their history and ecology as well as their relationship and importance to humans. Flynn will also share knowledge about seagrass meadows, their importance to Sanibel, and their conservation status.

Finally, you will hear about her research project on seagrass-dwelling tunicates around Sanibel and their influence on water quality. The program is open to the public and will be held at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Tuesday, March 20 at 10 p.m. Call 472-2329.✧

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CROW Presentation Calendar

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The upcoming schedule is:

Tuesday, March 20 – CROW's Aquatic Patients: Fresh Water and Sea Turtles. Sea turtle patients come from the coastal waters between Sarasota and Miami. Many varieties of fresh water turtles are also found throughout Southwest Florida. A volunteer will list the reasons aquatic patients are admitted to CROW.

Wednesday, March 21 – Rescues And Releases: A History of CROW'S Patients. An expert volunteer offers an insider's view from his 11-year history of rescues, releases and patient support.

Thursday, March 22 – Clinic Rounds. Meet the veterinarian, rehabbers and/or students. Learn about the inner workings of CROW'S hospital which treats over 4,000 patients a year.

Friday, March 23 – Invasion Of The Exotics. Presented by CROW's wildlife partner, Calusa Nature Center. Education Director Adam Pottruck will introduce several species of exotic non-native reptiles that are animal ambassadors. Learn

how and why these exotics are invading our native wildlife habitat and about their life as animal ambassadors.

Saturday, March 24 – Owls Of Southwest Florida. 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.

For more information, visit www.crow-clinic.org or call 472-3644, ext 229.*

Shell Club Meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m. at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. The museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. After the election of club officers and a short business meeting, Dr. Megan Davis, this month's guest speaker, will make a presentation on raising pearl bearing queen conchs in captivity.

Dr. Davis has long been associated with raising queen conchs, first at the Conch Farm in the Turks and Caicos,

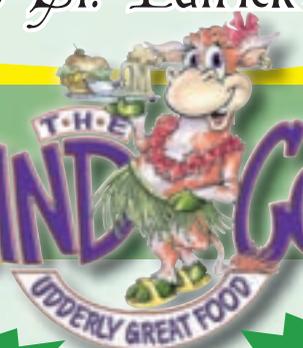
and currently at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Center of the Florida Atlantic University.

Not only has she been successful in doing this, now she has come up with a way – the first ever – to seed these conchs to raise the most valued and desired pearls. She will show some of the conch pearls.

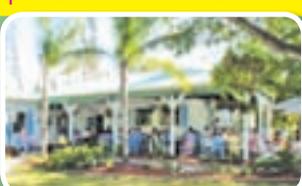
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The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Saturday bird walk will be held March 17 at the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. Meet in the trolley parking lot at 8 a.m. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. Refuge fees apply. The Duck Stamp and Federal Senior Pass are accepted. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.*



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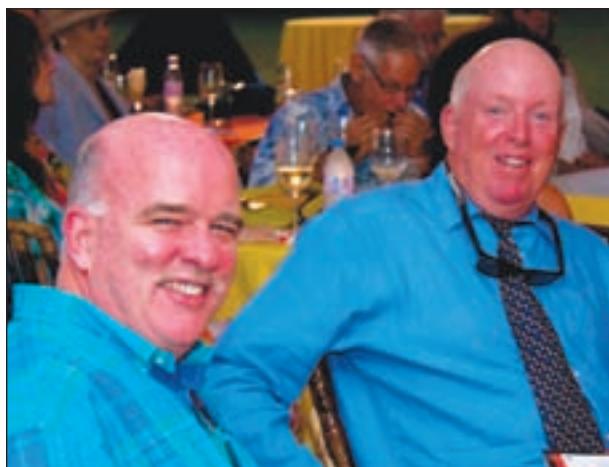
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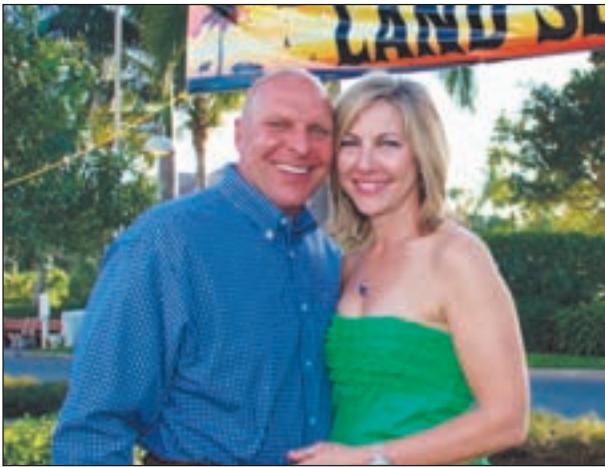
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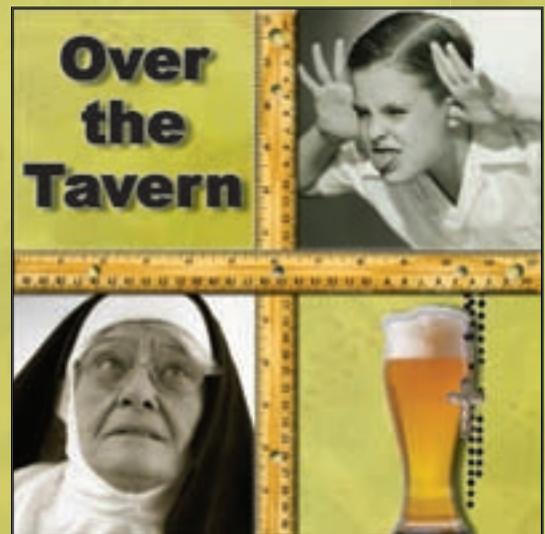
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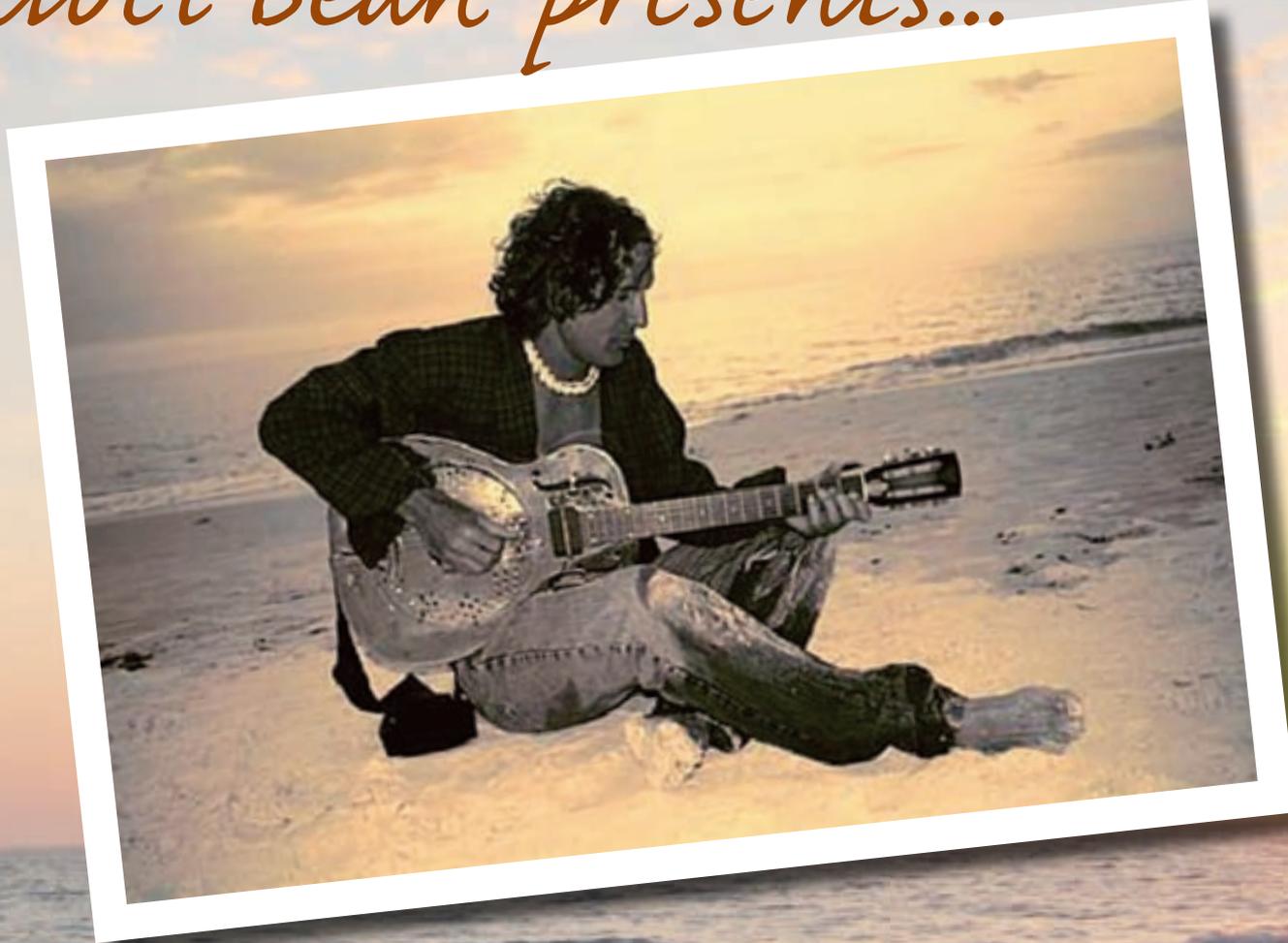


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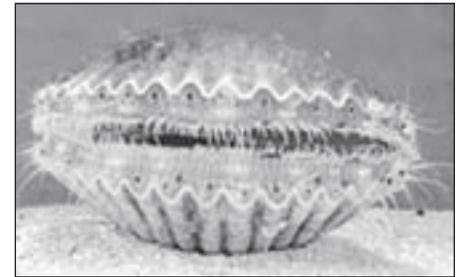


The Scallops Of Pine Island Sound



Harvesting scallops in Pine Island Sound

On Friday, March 23 at 10 a.m. learn about the history of the scallop fishery in Pine Island Sound from Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Marine Lab Research Associate Mark Thompson. Learn about recent scallop surveys and SCCF's scallop farming program which began in 2009. How does water quality and seagrass health affect scallop populations? The cost of the program is \$5 for adults. SCCF members are free. Call 472-2329.*



A live scallop



The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will host fossil expert Dr. Gary Schmelz's lecture on March 21 at 2 p.m.

Presentation On Fossils Coming To Shell Museum

Dr. Gary Schmelz will examine mollusk fossils and what they tell us about Florida's past as part of the 2012 Natural Science Lecture Series hosted by the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on Wednesday, March 21 from 2 to 3 p.m.

"The fossil program will focus upon the ancient environments of Florida," Schmelz said. "It will begin by looking at the formation of the Florida peninsula, and then review the changes which have taken place with the peninsula over time. Included with the changes will be examples of the different ancient life forms found in Florida where some of their remains can be found."

The lecture is free with museum admission or membership. For more information, contact BMSM public programs specialist Diane Thomas at dothomas@shellmuseum.org or call 395-2233.*



Lynda White and an American bald eagle in her care

Eagle Expert to Speak At Osprey Meeting March 25

The annual meeting of The International Osprey Foundation will take place on Sunday, March 25. The featured speaker will be Lynda White, who will bring a bald eagle, to the meeting. Her talk is titled *Radical Raptors: Amazing Adventures With Birds Of Prey*.

Since 1998, White has served as the Audubon EagleWatch coordinator at Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland, Florida. The program is designed to educate volunteer citizen scientists in general eagle nesting biology, applicable laws, identification of nest threats, monitoring techniques and the verification of previously unrecorded active eagle nests, providing valuable information on the nesting habits of Florida's bald eagles.

White's leadership skills in teaching and training volunteers is known statewide and has led her to conduct presentations to high schools, elementary schools, Eagle Scout ceremonies, veterinary conferences, birding festivals, eagle releases from the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, and Audubon chapter meetings. She travels with a live bald eagle, one whose injuries were too severe to permit successful release back into the wild.

There will also be a report on the 2012 osprey nesting season, which continues for at least several more weeks. Last year, 122 osprey chicks and four eaglets fledged. Of 101 nests monitored, 72 were active, of which two were eagle nests.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at a new venue, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Nature Center auditorium, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. All are welcome to attend. A \$3 donation is asked for non-members.*

Bobcat Tales Returns To SCCF

There is a bobcat that calls every inch of Sanibel and Captiva home. Many female bobcats now have kits that they are trying to feed and teach to hunt. Come to SCCF and learn more about these shy felines that live so peacefully amongst us.

The next Bobcat Tales program will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20 at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Cost is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Following the program, take a guided walk on the trails to the Sanibel River or visit the butterfly house.

Call 472-2329 for more information.*



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Birding at the Preserves — March 23

Join experienced birders on an outing to Sanibel Gardens Preserve. Call 472-2329 for directions. *Friday, March 23 at 8 a.m. (no tour Feb. 17)*

Bobcat Tales — March 20

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 20 at 10 a.m.*

Marine Lab Talk: Scallops — March 23

Research Associate Mark Thompson looks at the Lab's scallop surveys in Pine Island Sound and our volunteer scallop "farming" program, begun in 2009, where residents with docks are given scallops and cages, in order to record growth and survival rates of their scallops. Talk is at the Nature Center. *Friday, March 23 at 10 a.m.*

Owl Tales — March 21

The nesting season for Great Horned, Barn, and Screech Owls of the islands has begun. Learn about the different nesting habitats of island owls. *Wednesday, March 21 at 10 a.m.*

Tides and Currents — March 22

Ever wondered why the islands sometimes have just one tide a day? Learn about how the moon as well as the shape of the Gulf affect our local tides and currents. *Thursday, March 22 at 2 p.m.*

Tunicates & Seagrasses — March 20

Ever wonder what sea pork, sea squirts and tunicates are? SCCF Marine Lab Intern, Rebecca Flynn, will be talking about seagrass-dwelling tunicates around Sanibel and how they affect water quality. She'll also talk about the importance of seagrass meadows. *Tuesday, March 20 at 2 p.m.*

Turtle Tracks — March 22

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 22 at 10 a.m.*

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Join this group of amateur botanists on walks guided by a leader with a plant list. Meet on the SCCF porch. *Monday, March 19 at 8:45 a.m.*

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BIG ARTS New Community Players Builds Audience

submitted by Shirley Jewell

An audience is building for a new theatrical entity on Sanibel. BIG ARTS Community Players presented their second play reading on stage at the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater last Sunday and the evening could not have gone better. The audience was brimming with people



interested in being part of the process of bringing a playwright's new script to the stage.

The play *Never Too Late* by local playwright Claudia Burns, and directed by Sanibelian June Koc was a crowd pleaser. A stage reading typically has the actors standing or sitting with script in-hand reading the play as it is written with all the nuances and emotions called for in the script.

Never Too Late centers on an unemployed construction worker who lives with his sister and starts a successful business (What kind of business? Well, that's the question, isn't it?). This play includes several inevitable conflicts and verbal skirmishes when romances also arise and

complications multiply.

The Community Players cast did an outstanding job reading this play. Ernestine McKay, Diandre McGee, Al Richman, Jo Anna Bowers and Troy (Roy) Gibson definitely brought their characters to life. The applause after the reading was well deserved.

Play readings are an important part of developing a play toward full theater production value. Readings are an opportunity to get the play, out of just the playwright's head and off the page. A reading is basically actors coming together, reading out loud and looking for constructive feedback from all evolved; most importantly feedback from the audience.

Never Too Late had a great audi-

ence and a playwright talkback session with Burns provided an additional layer of understanding about the process of writing this play. Where the idea came from, how the characters are developed, how long it took to write the play, when did you make the decision to present the script to the play reading series for entry into this play reading series, and on and on.

On Sunday, April 1, BIG ARTS Community Players will be presenting their last play reading of the season – three one-act plays by local playwrights – *The Lady Godiva of Flamingo Landing* and *Carmin Garmen* by Marcia

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by Jim George

If you're looking for a classical concert next weekend, there is only one game in town – the concert by the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida. The theme is Back To Beethoven: An Epic Journey. And what a musical journey it will be!

Riding on the 140 voices of a combined chorus consisting of the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida and the Ave Maria University Choir with a full orchestra, the choral master composers of Beethoven, Dvorak and Brahms will offer a sparkling musical adventure which will include Antonin Dvorak's *Mass in D Major* and Johannes Brahms' *Schicksalslied*, a short, powerful work for chorus and orchestra.

Topping off the concert will be a rare performance of one of Ludwig Van Beethoven's greatest and most inspiring masterworks, *The Fantasia, Op. 80*. (Choral Fantasy) for piano, orchestra and chorus, a precursor to his powerful *Ninth Symphony*. The featured piano soloist for *Fantasia* is John Robilette. Mr. Robilette has performed extensively internationally and in the United States. European critics have called his concerts a "throwback to the Golden Age of piano playing."

It is also rare that audiences in Southwest Florida are treated to a world class pianist as part of a choral concert. *The Fantasia* is more than worth the price of the ticket in its own right. The audience will be amply rewarded by artistic director Timothy McDonnell's bold programming. McDonnell will conduct the orchestra and chorus

The concert will take place on Sunday, March 25 at South Fort Myers High School at 4 p.m. The school is located at 14020 Plantation Road. Tickets ranging from \$18 to \$22 may be obtained by calling 1-877-283-8648. The concert will benefit the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

The concert is also being presented on Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples.✱

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**A Musical Night
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Futurist Kat Epple, Katalyst Project, The Wholetones and Wendy Webb will be performing smooth jazz, bluegrass and folk music as part of A Musical Night With Nature, scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at the Riverside Park Bandshell, 27300 Old Route 41 in Bonita Springs. The event, to be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m., is a fundraiser for CREW Land Trust.

Katalyst Project, which consists of renowned musicians Kat Epple, DL Turner, Darrell Nutt and David Johnson, specialize in playing smooth celestial jazz. Featuring native flutes, The Rose Crystal Harp, world percussion, bass guitar, jazz flute and EWI (Electronic Wind Instrument), their original music is rich in color and texture, and incorporates unique musical elements from around the world. It will be a rare opportunity to hear these amazing musicians perform together.

The Wholetones performs a unique mix of bluegrass, folk, jazz and metal, all translated through acoustic instruments. This exciting quartet consists of Alex Dorris, Taylor Freyberg, Russ Depa and Mayo Coates. Combining impressive technical skill with the spontaneity of jazz and drive of bluegrass, they put on a captivating live show, jumping from folk to metal as easily as they do from banjo to cello.

Singer/songwriter Wendy Webb has been described as an "undiscovered American treasure" by Tim Cahill of *Outside* magazine. Frequently compared to Joni Mitchell, Norah Jones and Carole King, she has performed in Cuba, Paris and New York. Webb's new CD, entitled *Edge Of Town*, will be released on Spooky Moon Records in 2012.

The concert will also feature fire dancer Christar Damiano.

Tickets to A Musical Night With Nature are \$20, with children 12 and under admitted free. They can be purchased at the gate or in advance by calling 657-2253 or sending an e-mail to crewtrust@earthlink.net.

Concert-goers are advised to bring lawn chairs with them. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase on site.

The event is a fundraiser for CREW Land Trust, Southwest Florida's non-profit organization which coordinates land acquisition, management and public use of the environmentally sensitive Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed.

For more information about CREW, visit www.crewtrust.org.

**FGCU To Host
Film Screening**

Florida Gulf Coast University's Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Human Rights Studies will host a screening of *The Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo and the Search for Identity*, a documentary film produced by Charles Tuggle, director of the journalism program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20 in the Cohen Center ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

The film tells the story of a period in Argentina's history known as "The Dirty War," when a military dictatorship controlled the country. From 1976 to 1983, human rights advocates estimate as many as 30,000 people were tortured and killed, 500 of whom were pregnant women or new mothers. It is believed that many babies born to these women were taken away and given to supporters of the military.

The film focuses on a group of women, Las Abuelas (the grandmothers) who have made it their life's mission to find these children, many of whom are now in their 30s.

Through more than 40 in-depth interviews, historical material and relevant literature, Tuggle and his two daughters – Brynne Miller and Bethany Parker – seek to educate people about what happened in Argentina and the work that continues today by Las Abuelas.

For more information about the documentary, visit www.searchforidentitydocumentary.com.

For further information, contact Myra Mendible, interim director of the FGCU Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Human Rights Studies, at 590-7182 or mendible@fgcu.edu.



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Sanibel Captiva Art League Artists Are Seeing Red

The Sanibel Captiva Art League artists and guests will explore the color red in their final art exhibit of the season, its 36th annual open juried show. The competition is open to all members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida, which is comprised of 16 member art organizations in the region. The show will include many different types of media, and the judge is Sarasota realist artist Charles Miano. Receiving for artists to submit their work is Tuesday, April 3.

The show is entitled Touch Of Red, and artists are called to represent that color in some way in the works that they submit. Red is the color of passion and danger and a favorite of graphic artists and commercial designers. But it also creates focus and interest when used with discretion. It has been the subject of critically acclaimed Broadway production about the work of Mark Rothko, called *Red*.

In the spirit of all this, Deborah Butler, a popular art lecturer at BIG ARTS, gave a presentation earlier this year to the league on the use and meaning of this popular color.

Come and see what this is all about. The show is hosted by BIG ARTS and it will be held at Phillips Gallery on the BIG ARTS campus at 900 Dunlop Road



Medusa, final version

on Sanibel. The public is invited to the exhibit's opening reception there on Friday, April 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The show and reception will involve various parts of the community – including the the Garden Club, the mayor and SCCF – all there to celebrate the art.

The show prospectus and further information about the Sanibel Captiva Art League is available online at www.sanca-part.com.*



BIG ARTS Community Band in concert

Community Band Spring Concert

BIG ARTS Community Band director Don Knowland invites all to enjoy the music at the Spring Concert, scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

BIG ARTS Community Band will perform *Midway March*, *Genius of Ray Charles*, *Winds A Whisperin'* and *National Emblem March*. Ron Balboni has a solo *Salute to Broadway*. Hannah Czoski also has a solo in Beethoven's

Moonlight Sonata.

The band will perform songs covered by TV phenomenon *Glee*. Tickets for adults are \$10; children 17 and under are free with an adult. The concert will be held in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

As a "new horizons" band (an international organization for musicians who experienced a long hiatus from playing their instruments), the band welcomes participation from new and visiting musicians. The band rehearses on Monday

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Stars Shine At Sanibel Oscars

by Di Saggau

The red carpet was rolled out in high style for Sanibel dignitaries and guests as they attended the 2nd annual Sanibel Oscars on March 5 in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS. Hostesses Mary Buck and Maddy Mayor interviewed attendees as they made their way into the auditorium.

Producer of the glitzy event, Sid Picker, welcomed the sell-out crowd and explained that the Oscars would be presented to those who Sanibel residents felt deserved the award. The Oscars were created by Ann Yarnell, and the huge golden Oscar on stage was the work of Jerry Churchill. Albert Hann again served as emcee and did a splendid job keeping things moving and adding his special humorous touch.

Sanibel Day Spa provided makeup and hair styles and Congress Jewelers loaned sparkling jewelry for the event.

The Sanibel winners were:

- Kenneth Branagh, Best Supporting Actor
- Berenice Bejo, Best Supporting Actress
- Best Foreign Film, *A Separation*
- Best Actor, George Clooney
- Best Actress, Meryl Streep
- Best Director, Woody Allen for *Midnight In Paris*
- Best Picture, *The Artist*

Sanibelians portrayed many of Hollywood's famous actors and also



Sandy Hann as Katharine Hepburn

accepted awards for the winners. There were numerous highlights, including Liz Taylor (Maryann Bell) and seven men representing her eight husbands. She married Richard Burton twice. Sandy Hann and Mike Derechin, as Katharine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart, came on stage pulling a replica of *The African Queen* and Hal Patinkin and Dick Calkin did their version of a scene from *The Godfather*.

Prtscilla Friedersdorf and I were presented an Honorary Academy Award by Visnja Gembicki, chair of the BIG ARTS



Liz Taylor (Maryann Bell) photographed with her many husbands



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Film Society. They were in appreciation for our ongoing contributions to the organization, and were greatly appreciated. Last year's recipient, JR Pascall, was also recognized in the audience. He started the Monday Night Movies 15 years ago with an attendance of around 20 people. The audience has grown to well over 200 during season.

Following the Oscar presentation, there was a screening of the classic movie *The African Queen*. The evening culminated with a lavish champagne reception in Phillips Gallery. Kudos to all who took part in the event, especially Sid Picker, who put it all together. 🍾



Jane and Sid Picker



"Godfather" Hal Patinkin and his wife, June



Mary Buck, Jim Hanlon and Maddy Mayor arrive on the red carpet



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Bestselling Author To Speak Of Memory Enhancing Techniques

by Di Saggau

Remembering to remember will be the focus of a talk on Wednesday, March 21, at BIG ARTS.

Journalist and author Joshua Foer will speak as part of the New Frontiers Science & Health Lecture Series. His talk, titled *The Art and Science of Remembering Everything*, will take place at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

Foer is the recently published author of *Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything*, which debuted as No. 3 on *The New York Times* bestseller list in March 2011.

He received a \$1.2 million advance for the book in 2006 at age 24 from Penguin Publishers. Film rights to the story are being considered by Columbia Pictures.

Moonwalking recounts Foer's experience attending the 2005 U.S. Memory Championship to interview mental athletes for a journal piece on people with enhanced memory capabilities. He quickly became fascinated by the world of mnemonics and immersed himself in the challenge of training his own memory. A year later, Foer returned to the annual competition as a contender and became the Memory Champion of 2006.

I talked to Foer recently and he explained briefly what he will share with the audience at BIG ARTS. He said, "I'll be telling the story of what's in my book, about the year I spent both investigating my memory, trying to understand how it works and also training myself to remember using ancient techniques that were used 2,500 years ago. They are the same techniques that were used by Cicero to memorize his speeches and how medieval scholars memorized entire books."

The entire process sounded impossible to him until he figured it out.

We talked about losing memory powers as one ages and does this happen to everyone? He replied, "Some lose their memories, but not my grandmother. A lot of the tricks I learned have to do with visual imaging to help remember better. They can be very helpful."

Foer said, "My goal is to tell a good story and also to help people understand how our memory works. My book looks at it from a whole lot of angles."

Foer will reveal his most effective memory techniques during his lecture and challenge his audience to become masters at their own game, whether in the boardroom, classroom or living room.

Admission is \$26, \$10 for students. New Frontiers Health & Science Lecture Series is supported by Patron Series Sponsor FineMark National Bank & Trust.

Arrangements for the appearance of Joshua Foer were made through Greater Talent Network, Inc., New York, NY.

Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event information, including links to speaker websites and information about membership and upcoming events. To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, or call BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.*



Joshua Foer

An Astonishing Life At Florida Rep Studio Theatre

by Di Saggau

As the one-man-show *Tru* opens, we find Truman Capote (Mark Chambers) lounging on a gorgeous antique love seat, talking on the phone to a dear friend. His list of friends have dwindled since he wrote his tell-all novel, *Answered Prayers*. It's early in the evening on December 23, 1975 as Capote parades around his lavish apartment in the United Nations Plaza, on New York's East Side. A door bell rings and he is delivered "A very horse trough of unspeakable poinsietta's." He says, "They are the Bob Goulet of botony." As he hangs up from

his friend, he says, "I adore you, you precious thing. Don't you ever die."

Chambers perfectly captures Capote, with his high-pitched drawl and quirky mannerisms, as he makes reference to many of the more infamous events from his storied life. This includes his 1966 Black & White Ball, dubbed "the party of the decade," the struggles he faced writing *In Cold Blood*, an evening of drinking with Ava Gardner, and how he was raised by three aunts after being abandoned by his mother.

"I have lived an astonishing life," said Capote. "I'm not like anyone else. I can type 60 words a minute and I'm an alcoholic." He drops a lot of names as he talks to himself and the audience, adding, "The only thing being famous is good for, they'll cash your checks in small towns."

The play, by Jay Presson Allen, is adapted from Capote's work and taken

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Crotons I, watercolor by Patty Kane

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iPad – Basics with Gerard Damiano is Monday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Open Studio - Clothed Model or Still Life with Eleanor Gause is Tuesday, March 20, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

iPhone – Advanced with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Art of the iPhone with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 21, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Winter Academy – Art History: The Changing Story of Art with Deborah Butler starts March 21, meets Wednesdays 9 a.m. to noon.

iPad – Advanced with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 22, 1 to 5 p.m.

Intermediate Watercolor with Bea Pappas starts March 23, meets Fridays 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Torn Strip Papier-mâché Sculpture with Jerry Churchill is Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Precious Metal Clay Jewelry: Capture the Sea with Mary Ann Devos is Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Art of the iPad with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 28, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Assistive Technology: Universal Access on Apple Products with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Layering of Transparent Watercolor with Patty Kane is Thursday, March 29 and Friday, March 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Advanced Apps (Apple products) with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 30, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Great Themes Book Discussion, with Steve Oberbeck, starts April 2, meets Mondays 2 to 4 p.m.

Adult Tap with Bobby Logue starts Tuesday, April 3, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Adults Jazz/Hip Hop, with Bobby Logue starts Tuesday, April 3, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pilates Mat Class with Marsha Wagner starts Tuesday, April 3, 9 to 10 a.m.

Stand in the Moment: Short Fiction or Memoirs, with Steve Oberbeck, starts Tuesday, April 3, 1 to 3 p.m.

Glass Fusing (Wednesday) with Petra Kaiser starts Wednesday, April 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Glass Fusing (Thursday) with Petra Kaiser starts Thursday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Life Drawing – Open Studio Non-Instructed (morning session) with Carol Rosenberg starts April 6, meets Fridays 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Life Drawing – Open Studio Non-Instructed (afternoon session) with Carol Rosenberg starts April 6, meets Fridays 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

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

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Director Series Opens With Nicholas Ray Film

BIG ARTS Film Society's annual Director Series will feature Nicholas Ray. Ray is best known as the director of *Rebel Without a Cause*, but is appreciated by fans of 1950s and 1960s cinema for such contributions as *Johnny Guitar*, *Bigger Than Life* and *They Live by Night*. Ray was an important influence in the French New Wave cinema movement of this era, which rejected the traditional form of the time and experimented in new visual style and narrative.

The series is hosted by film aficionado Sid Picker, who will lead an in-depth discussion before and after the screenings. All Director Series films are Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5.

They Live by Night (1949) will be screened at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 21. *They Live by Night* is a film noir, based on Edward Anderson's novel, *Thieves Like Us*. It is Ray's first feature film and is considered the prototype for the "couple-on-the-run" genre that includes Bonnie and Clyde. *They Live by Night* stars Farley Granger as Arthur "Bowie" Bowers, Cathy O'Donnell as Catherine "Keechie" Moble and Howard Da Silva as Chicamaw "One-Eye" Moble.

On March 28 Ray's *In a Lonely Place* (1949) will be shown. Starring Humphrey Bogart as Dixon Steele, a cynical screen-



James Dean and Nicholas Ray on the set of *Rebel without a Cause*

writer suspected of murder, *In a Lonely Place* was recently selected for preservation in the National Film Registry by the

Library of Congress for its significant contributions to the world of film. The film also stars Gloria Grahame, Frank Lovejoy

and Carl Benton Reid, and features a special musical performance by the legendary Hadda Brooks.

The Wednesday, April 4 film will be announced. The April 11 film is *Rebel Without a Cause* (1953). This American movie classic with James Dean, Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo, *Rebel Without a Cause* explores the conflicts between generations in its story about a teenage boy who defies his parents' wishes and goes against the schoolyard bullies at his high school. The film is a social commentary on the youth culture in America at the time and was released less than one month after Dean's death in a fatal car crash. Wood and Mineo earned Academy Award nominations for Best Supporting Actress and Actor, respectively, for their performances in the film.

Enhanced by surround sound, films will be shown in Schein Performance Hall, with a high-definition projection system and large screen to provide a superb cinematic presentation. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired.

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Art League Members Exhibit At Sanibel Library

Three award winning members of Sanibel-Captiva Art League – Neil Glaser, Rita Skoczen, and Pat Smart – will be showing their work at the Sanibel Library for the month of March.

Glaser is a traditional watercolor artist. His paintings are clear in design with an emphasis on the play of light and shadow on the environment. His subjects are drawn from everyday life, and range from rural Ohio landscapes to the rugged coast of Maine to the backcountry of Florida.

Glaser divides his time between Lakeside, Ohio and Sanibel, Florida. He is a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League and Fort Myers Art Association and is a frequent exhibitor and award winner in juried and invitational shows in Ohio and Florida. His work is displayed in several galleries and is included in private, public, and corporate collections.

Skoczen is a lifetime artist who has pursued many subjects in her art and in many mediums, including acrylics, watercolor and colored pencil. She has exhibited and won many awards nationally and is a signature member of the International Colored Pencil Society of America. She previously resided in Michigan where she was renowned for her portrait work before she decided to concentrate on painting her favorite themes.

Smart is from the Albany, New York area and spends winters on Sanibel. Nature and travel provide inspiration for her many artistic endeavors, including Batik, monotype, collage and painting

in oil, acrylic, and watercolor. Her work hangs in many private collections and she has received numerous awards in both New York and on Sanibel. Smart is currently serving as president of Sanibel-Captiva Art League.

The Sanibel Library is at 770 Dunlop Road. For more information call 472-2483 or visit www.sanlib.org.



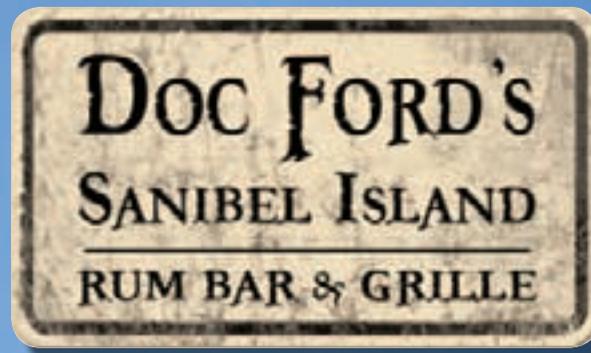
Rita Skoczen, Neil Glaser and Pat Smart

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Community Band

nights at 6:30 p.m. from October through April at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

For further information about BIG ARTS Community Band or to purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.



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Meet The Author!

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Community Players

Rudin, directed by Angie Koch and *The Homecoming for Sergeant Porter* by Wally Kain.

All play readings and productions are presented on the stage of BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way. Tickets for play readings are \$12; play productions are \$17.

Watch for these upcoming play readings and plays from your Community Players: May 10, 11, 12, 13 (matinee), 17, 18 and 19. The Community Players will present their first full production, *Marriage Is Murder* by Nick Hall, directed by Angie Koch.

On July 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14, bring you whole family out to see *Star Spangled Girl* by Neil Simon, directed by June Koc.

Tickets may be purchased at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater Box Office at 2200 Periwinkle Way (472-6862) or at BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 900 Dunlop Road (395-0900).

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Monday Night Movie

Passione



by Ray Buck

This movie in Italian is not about the Gardens of Tivoli, as majestic as they are. And not about the Tower of Pisa or the David statue in Florence, as grand as they are.

The setting is Naples. *Passione* is a movie for the adventurous, not those content to see Naples from a tourist bus window. *Passione* is a musical stopover. Twenty three tunes. Neapolitan "swinging sounds" with "sensual suavity."

The quotes are from a *New York Times* article. The Big Apple in any way of speaking or singing is a long, long way from Naples where the music, "raw and emotional, mixes heartbeat with ecstasy, and acknowledges the hard reality of poverty and injustice that soars above them."

In Sanibel lingo, that suggests pretty heavy stuff. *The Wall Street Journal*, of all papers, called the movie "a must see, the *Buena Vista Social Club* of Naples."

The big time critics have fixed on *Passione's* imaginative and surrealistic aspects. All that's certainly there to absorb, and the viewer also discovers



Fiorenza Calogero, Daniela Fiorentino, and Lorena Tamaggio ascend the stairs of the Piscina Mirabilis cistern, singing *Canto delle Lavandaie del Vomero* (Song of the Washerwomen), from 1200 A.D.

there are more ways to sing *O Sole Mio*, a true Naples folk song, than there are ways to put together an Italian pasta dinner.

Saying that *Passione* is a must see movie for the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy is stretching it a bit. It's certainly not the Naples that great grandpa left for America. Vesuvius, the volcano, still towers over the inland hills and the ocean, out to the Isle of Capri, still beckons. But now there's music with more sensuality than nostalgia and the

reality of a more threatening poverty.

The audience senses what this movie is all about in sight and song; the commentary is spare. Noted director John Turturro seems to feel everyone in Naples, the city of Caruso, has the freedom to sing, and sing and sing. While the sources of the music range from France to Turkey and North Africa, the singers who sing their hearts out are Neapolitans.

The critic Roger Ebert called the movie "a happy ramble through the

streets of Naples with a good friend who takes you to the place he loves."

Naples is also the cradle of world-renowned pizza of many tastes. The viewer may not like them all, but that's how it is. Ogni notte e la liberazione. Ciao.

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 on Sanibel, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.✪

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Astonishing Life

from his own words.

Tru focuses primarily on the alienation Capote experienced after he allowed a chapter from his unfinished *Answered Prayers* to be published in *Esquire* magazine. He is devastated that his friends have deserted him, especially Babe Paley. In a mix of primarily one-sided phone calls, reenactments and monologues, Chambers as Capote justifies everything from his salacious writing to his alcoholism with sharp wit and an entertaining delivery.

Capote, a conflicted, complex and colorful character, truly was not like anyone else.

Christopher Simpson's stylish set contains bookshelves crammed with collectables. Capote calls it "The decorators despair." *Tru* is directed by Jason Parrish and it's an incredibly fun production to watch. The show runs through March 17 in Florida Rep's Studio Theatre.

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Mar.21 The Crucifix in Art and Artistic Portrayals of Women in the Bible

from 10:15am to 2:45 pm. During this Lunch and Learn from the Academy at Shell Point, Professor Roxanne Precopia will offer two ses-

sions about art in religion. Tickets are \$25 (box lunch with the lecturer included). Call (239) 454-2054 to reserve your place.


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Mar.22 **FREE!** Senior Living Speaker Series—How to Approach a Parent about Assisted Living

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. Join Rita Southern as she explains everything you need to know about Assisted Living and tour our new assisted living facility, The Springs at Shell Point. Call (239) 454-2077 to reserve your place.

Mar.23 Bruch and Beethoven – Southwest Florida Symphony

at 7:30pm. The shifting harmonies reflect the dreaminess of a lonely lover in Voyage by the celebrated Academy Award (The Red Violin) winning composer, John Corigliano. Bruch's Violin Concerto in G minor is one of the most popular violin concertos in the repertoire. Tickets are \$20 each. Call (239) 454-2067 or visit shellpoint.org/concerts.



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

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Art For The Cure Auction To Aid Kanzius Research

Mark A. Neidig, executive director of the Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation, will be on Sanibel March 25 to talk about the latest developments on our journey to human trials.

Neidig will attend Art for the Cure, an auction benefiting the foundation, at Traders Store & Cafe.

He will discuss the Kanzius Noninvasive Radiowave Cancer Treatment which is under development, it is named for the late John Kanzius, a Sanibel part-time resident, who came up with the concept.

For information about the fundraiser and to purchase tickets, contact Marian Denk at 395-9159.*



Mark A. Neidig

The Big Year Screening At Sanibel Rec

Join author Mark Obmascik whose book inspired the hit movie *The Big Year*, along with birding experts Don and Lillian Stokes and birding enthusiast Iver Brook for an evening of fun at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Wednesday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m.

This special event includes dinner, auction and a screening of the movie *The Big Year* for \$65 per person. Additionally, tickets are being sold separately for the showing of the movie at 7 p.m. These tickets will be available for \$10 per person or only \$5 per person for Sanibel Rec Center members and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society members.

Make dinner reservations and/or purchase movie tickets at the Sanibel Recreation Center front desk (472-0345) or the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society office (472-1100 ext. 4).

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MacIntosh Books & Paper is located at 2407 Periwinkle Way. If you are unable to attend this event, personalized copies can be purchased by phone prior to the event at 472-1447.*

Helen Ketteman will be appearing at MacIntosh Books & Paper on Thursday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. Ketteman is the author of 21 children's book and a Sanibel resident. Her books are beautifully illustrat-

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Dr. Jay Apt To Speak At New Frontiers Lecture

Dr. Jay Apt, a distinguished Carnegie Mellon University professor of technology, comes to BIG ARTS on Saturday, March 17 to speak as part of its New Frontiers Lecture Program. His lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

As director of Carnegie Mellon University's Electricity Industry Center, Dr. Apt is an esteemed and accomplished professor of technology whose areas of expertise include engineering, public policy and economics. He is a former NASA astronaut, having flown four missions aboard U.S. Space Shuttles *Atlantis* and *Endeavour*, and is the recipient of a NASA Distinguished Service Medal for his significant contributions in the field of engineering.

Dr. Apt is regularly published in *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* and is the co-author of *Near Term Implications Of A Ban On New Coal-Fired Power Plants In The U.S.*, which was cited as one of the top environmental policy papers of 2009 by the American Chemical Society. He is a physics graduate of Harvard College and received a Ph.D. in experimental atomic physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His lecture is called Energy - What's Next? Renewables, Battery

Vehicles, Gas, Coal and Energy Independence.
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Tickets for Dr. Apt's lecture are \$26 for general admission and \$10 for students.

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Chamber Music At The Chamber Of Commerce



Wikipedia defines Chamber Music as "a form of classical music written for a small group of instruments which traditionally could be accommodated in a palace chamber... performed by a small number of performers with one performer to a part... such music can be performed in a small room, often in a private salon with an intimate atmosphere."

On Monday, March 26, Island Brass will put a whole new spin on "Chamber Music" by performing a free outdoor concert at the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, located at 1159 Causeway Road, starting at 4 p.m.

Island Brass features trumpeters Jim Walker and Dick Martin, with French horn player Claudia Burns, trombonist Charley Babb, tuba player Bruce Orlin

and percussionist Carol Martin. The group plays a wide variety of music, including baroque, classical, contemporary, early American, jazz, country, swing and Dixieland.

Bring a lawn chair and settle in for a casual, enjoyable Chamber concert in front of the Chamber of Commerce. Parking is limited, so carpooling is encouraged. Better yet, ride your bicycle.*

Congregational Church Book Sale

Rookery Bookery will be open to the public on Sundays in March from 1 to 3 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

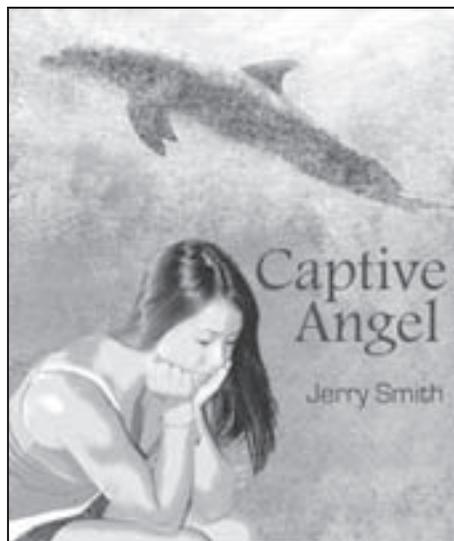
The popular Recycled Book Sale is open to anyone looking for a good read at bargain prices. Included in the sale will be gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games, jewelry and small gift items. Fiction is arranged alphabetically by author, and non-fiction by subject.

The Recycled Book Sale is held in the Rookery Bookery on the church's ground level, beyond the courtyard garden. Proceeds from the sale will benefit local non-profit agencies offering support for children and families.

For additional information, call Sandy Simmons at 472-0497.*

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For more information, contact Gillian Carney at 603-9828, send an e-mail to fortmyersdancers@hotmail.com or visit <http://dancefl.us/ecc/FtMyersECD.shtml>.

Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center is located at 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Call 432-2154 for driving directions.✱

Author Jerry Smith will be signing copies of this book *Captive Angel* Friday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. at Sanibel Island Books and Gifts.

Captive Angel is a story about Becky, who flees to her uncle's dolphin research facility in the Florida Keys. She becomes enthralled with a handsome conservation activist who opposes marine mammal captivity and forces her to question the morality of her uncle's business. Becky nearly destroys the research and education facility in the process.

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Seeing Red At Florida Rep



by Di Saggau

Red, now playing at Florida Repertory Theatre, is a unique character study about a very complex man, artist Mark Rothko. The play begins with the arrival in Rothko's

New York studio of a quiet young man, Ken, played by David McElwee. It's 1958 and Ken is there to assist Rothko as he creates a series of paintings intended to hang in the Four Seasons, an upscale Manhattan restaurant in the new Seagram Building. Considering Rothko is a ferocious defender of artistic integrity, this is an unusual commission for him.

The abusive Rothko rails and pontificates about art history, and his contemporaries such as Pollack, Warhol, Lichtenstein and Rauschenberg.

At one point he says, "Do you really think that an Andy Warhol will be hanging in a museum 100 years from now?" He smokes almost non-stop as he complains about the stupidity and ignorance of people, the corruption of commercial success, and anything else that comes to mind.

It's no surprise that the young man



William McNulty and David McElwee

can only take the verbal abuse for so long. He explodes and hurls mouthfuls of insults back at Rothko.

This prompts the artist to re-evaluate his young helper. They form a bond during a theatrical sequence in which they prime a large canvas with an undercoat of red paint as classical music blares.

Talk about a powerful scene. The set by Richard Crowell is impressive, representing Rothko's hermetically sealed industrial studio – the artist hated natural light.

McNulty and McElwee make their Florida Rep debuts in this powerful drama. Both throw themselves into their roles with great force and skill. McNulty plays Rothko with great defiance and McElwee is equally impressive as the young assistant enthralled with his mentor. A movie is in the works with Broadway stars Alfred Molina and Eddie Redmayne in their original roles.

Directed by Robert Cacioppo, *Red* is the kind of play that gets you thinking. You don't have to appreciate Rothko's contributions to the art world to enjoy this crowd pleasing production. It's a 90-minute show with no intermission and it's one that will sell out fast, so order tickets now. Call the box office at 332-4488, or go online at floridarep.org. *Red* plays through March 25. Florida Repertory Theatre is in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry in the Fort Myers River District. ✨

Portraits In Print



by Jane Vos Hogg

Ardent acquirer

Sanibel... it's just a small island. Its year round population is somewhere near 7,000 and in winter months it probably near quadruples that number. With those figures it's

why I find the library so startling.

No wonder the *Library Journal's* nationwide survey of public libraries ranks Sanibel at a 5-star level, its top rating. Given that it is totally independent helps explain it but just as important is the fact that Duane Shaffer is the person who helps set the stage for what one finds sitting on the shelves. His position? He's both head of their Collection Development Department and the events coordinator.

He landed here in 2006 and was put in charge of Audio Visual; a one-year trial basis sort of job. Obviously, the powers-that-be were pleased for in 2007 they created the position he now occupies and that's where he's been ever since.

Why Sanibel I wondered. "New Hampshire winters can't compare to year-round warmth.... and relatives in the Naples area were an added allure." For 20 years he'd been director at two northeast local libraries. "At the same time" I asked? "Yes," he explained, "neither of them was open full time or all week. Small town budgets don't allow for that.... so splitting my time at least paid me a manageable wage... not great

but livable."

What intrigues me is how he makes his acquisition choices, how exactly does he even learn about what's out there. He has nothing to do with orders from either reference or the children's collections; those selections, done solely within those departments, go directly to the purchasing person. But that leaves him with the rest of the library, the entire adult fiction and non-fiction collection, not only the books but the play-aways, all the downloadables, plus the AVs and DVDs. And all that is a sizeable chunk of the library budget, an amount that has been regularly reduced due to cutbacks each year since he's been on board.

For suggestions he draws from three piles. Library Director Margaret Mohundro creates one, librarians Candy Heise and Sandy Ham make the second and he generates the third. "That's not just reading relevant journals but also a wide range of print reviews, letters from other librarians and friends, and even radio... I listen to NPR." He pointed to the e-shelf area, noting that there were currently about 1,000 of them and presently most of them were out and "No," he reassured me, "I see them as a supplement, not a replacement." He continued, explaining, "When phonographs first came our way everyone thought no one would read books anymore. They'd just listen to music. They said the same thing when radio began and later, television. Now it's iPads that they say will end books, but I'll place my bet on books. They'll always be there."

My question, "Where do you think you'll be 20 years down the line?" just gets a laugh. "This is the best job I've ever had. Who knows, I'll probably expire in one of the stacks." ✨

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An Evening With Wendy Webb & Friends At BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS presents a concert with acclaimed singer-songwriter and keyboardist Wendy Webb on Monday, April 2 at 8 p.m. Webb will perform at BIG ARTS Strauss Theater, located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Webb will sing and play piano, accompanied by Danny Morgan on guitar and John G. McLane on saxophone.

Webb weaves poetic lyrics and elements of folk, jazz and blues into a style all her own. Webb's recent CD, *Morning in New York*, features world-renowned musicians Jim Horn, David Grissom, Glenn Worf, Dan Dugmore, David Pomeroy, Jonathan Yudkin and Sam Bacco. This concert will feature favorite songs from *Morning in New York*, and her 2010 release, *Moon Over Havana*, as well as songs from her upcoming album, *Edge of Darkness*.

"Wendy Webb's music is moody, full of wee hours wisdom, it is yearning and soul stirring, soaring toward heights flown by the likes of Joni Mitchell and Emmy Lou Harris," writes Steven Dougherty, senior writer for *People* magazine. He said, "Webb is a newcomer whose music is mined in the timeless chambers of the human heart."

In addition, Webb has received honors in both the John Lennon Songwriting Contest and in the Lilith Fair Songwriting Competition.

There will be a rum-tasting reception at 7:30 p.m., hosted by Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children 17 and under.

Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event and performance information including links to presenters' sites. Tickets are available at both box offices, at 900 Dunlop Road and 2200 Periwinkle Way. The Strauss Theater's phone number is 472-6862 and the BIG ARTS Marks Box Office phone number is 395-0900.*



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These feature films are offered through a partnership between the City of Sanibel Rec Center and Island Cinema.

The Artist is rated PG-13.

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Mastersingers Are Paired With Soloists In March



Candice Hoyes



Abigail E. Wright



James Patterson



Nicholas Houhoulis

Frideric Handel, Gabriel Faure and Franz Joseph Haydn.

Guest soloists are Candice Hoyes, soprano; Abigail E. Wright, mezzo-Soprano; James Patterson, bass, and Nicholas Houhoulis, tenor.

Mastersingers artistic director Jeff Faux announced their appearances by saying, "They are superb singers. Two have just finished engagements with the Metropolitan Opera. Our bass, James Patterson, is a local talent who has sung with the San Francisco Opera and many other opera houses around the country.

"They have all electrified theater and opera goers and we're very anxious to bring them to Southwest Florida audi-

ences."

Hoyes will be singing the lovely *Pie Jesu* from Faure's *Requiem*. That movement is the most famous of the composer's large works and cited by some as the ultimate *Pie Jesu*. Her smooth soprano has been recognized in competitions on the east and west coasts and has taken her to Carnegie Hall and the Amadeus Open Ensemble in Salzburg, Austria.

Wright's credits range from the popular Nellie in *South Pacific* to the challenging mezzo-soprano part in Verdi's *Requiem* and performances with the Metropolitan Opera.

The Washington Post lauded her portrayal of Mary Boleyn in *Anne of the Thousand Days*. Wright also received critical acclaim for performing with "delicious flair" and "in impressively good voice" as Conception.

Patterson makes his home in Naples and performs with major operas and symphonies throughout the United

States and Canada. Internationally, he has sung in France, Spain and with the Netherlands Opera. He has been praised by some of the most respected critics in the country, including Andrew Porter of the *New Yorker* who called called him "a bass to watch – sonorous and beautiful in timbre."

Houhoulis is currently singing in *Gotterdammerung* with the Metropolitan Opera and has also appeared in Met productions of *Aida*, *Boris Gudonov* and *Khovanshchina*. He is respected as an excellent interpreter of romantic and character repertoire.

The Fort Myers concert is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 in Faith United Methodist Church. The Naples concert is at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 25 in Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. To purchase tickets, call 275-5557 (day or evening) or 936-4129 (evenings only).*

Four fine voices whose work has been critically hailed not only across the United States but internationally will perform with the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers in concert on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25.

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selected by Don Brown

At Tarpon Bay Road Beach

by JC Sulzenko

Eighteen pelicans roost in one of four pine trees. The entertainment: white women, mostly sun-hatted, stoop, pan for shells at high tide.

It's not their ocean: those wingless creatures that can't glide, soar and plunge, pouch a fish, swallow it whole, leave a morsel for a tern.

Top heavy, these pines grant superiority to the pelicans. At least on this island's shore their mastery, unchallenged.

JC Sulzenko's poetry has been heard on radio and television and appears in a number of chapbooks and anthologies. Her work for children is often featured at the Ottawa International Writers Festival, which hosted the premiere of her one-act play for families about dementia, *What My Grandma Means to Say*, which a number of Alzheimer Societies use in their education programs. The May, 2011 Festival launched Sulzenko's sixth book for children, the storybook adaptation of this play. She leads writing workshops for emerging writers of all ages.

Sulzenko lives in snowy Ottawa, Canada, and spent a blissful two weeks on Sanibel in mid-February. She cannot wait to return next year. Information: www.jcsulzenko.com, info@jcsulzenko.com.*



International Film Festival Returns

by Di Saggau

The 2nd annual BIG ARTS Young at Heart International Film Festival will take place 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. Two top-notch films will be shown.

At 3 p.m. you'll see the acclaimed Korean film *Poetry*. Treasured Korean actress Yun Jung-hee portrays Mija, a woman whose efforts to write are hindered by the onset of dementia and other disturbing events in her life. Out of her pain, through poetry, Mija finds a way to really see the world, with its flowers, rustling trees, laughing people – and in doing so, turns reality into art, tragedy into the sublime.

It's an extraordinary transformation. The film is an example of how art allows us to rise out of ourselves to feel for others. A discussion and boxed dinner follows the film.

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

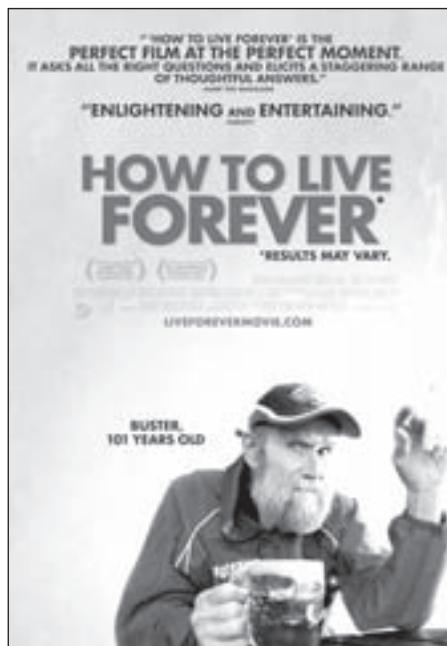
Filmmaker Mark Wexler does a very good job of transcending taboos – social and/or emotional – about the difficult subjects of aging and death, using gentle humor to introduce those who excel at keeping their dread and fear at bay. Famous people expound on everything from consuming a cocktail of hormones, to the beneficial effects of humor, along with physical and intellectual active and forward thinking.

Wonderful centenarians describe their lives. The film is an entertaining compilation of all their various points of view and suggested remedies. A discussion with wine and cheese follows the second film.

Cost for the entire event is \$30 per person. Tell your friends and plan on spending an afternoon and evening that includes two terrific films, boxed dinner, discussions along with wine and cheese.

For tickets, call 395-0900 or stop by the BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. It's best to get your reservations in a few days ahead of the event.

The BIG ARTS International Film Festival, takes place on Sunday, March 25 and we hope to see you there.*



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Half Price Movies

The discount movie ticket offer is good for all showings at the Island Cinema through Thursday, March 15.

John Carter is rated PG-13. The discount movie ticket offer is good for all showings at the Island Cinema through Thursday, March 22.

Watch the City of Sanibel's website (www.mysanibel.com) for future movie dates.

Due to limited capacity in the theatre, Rec Center members wishing to utilize this discount are strongly urged to purchase their tickets at the cinema, located at 535 Tarpon Bay Road, in advance. For more information, contact the Sanibel Rec Center at 472-0345.*

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A Mystical Musical At Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau

Lerner and Loewe's mystical *Brigadoon* is playing at The Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, and it makes for a magical evening. The musical is beautifully played, exquisitely staged, and performed by a phenomenally gifted cast.

Two Americans, Tommy Albright (Jason Fleck) and Jeff Douglas (Victor Legarreta) stumble upon a mythic 18th century Scottish village that appears but once every 100 years. The two are complete opposites. Tommy is the serious one, and Jeff a glib tongued rascal who throws out numerous funny one-liners that have been updated since the production's debut in 1947. Their time on stage together was lots of fun.

The two arrive on the day of a wedding between two of the young townfolks. Tommy becomes mesmerized by a charming Scottish lass, Fiona MacLaren (Jeannie Shubitz), and their strong, clear voices help to weave the magic of the story. They are perfectly paired for several love songs, *The Heather on the Hill*, *The Love of My Life*, *Come to Me*, *Bend to Me*, *There But For You Go I*, and the classic *Almost Like Being in Love*. It's some of the best music ever written.



Meg (Morgan Springer) and Jeff (Victor Legarreta)

Another bright spot is Sal Pavia as Charlie Dalrymple, with his soaring tenor voice in *I'll Go Home with Bonnie Jean*, as well as other numbers. Many in the talented cast get short solos and all are delightful.

Meg Brockie (Morgan Springer) plays an exuberantly amorous milkmaid who bewails her husband-hunting woes to wryly resistant Jeff, the more jaded American visitor. Springer romps through the tale of *My Mother's Wedding Day* with relish.

The dance numbers, choreographed by Dottie Lester White, are lively and



The dramatic Sword Dance

exquisite, especially during the wedding scene. There's a beautiful dance solo by Alyson Bloom who plays Fiona's sister, Jean MacLaren. The sword dance is another highlight.

Brigadoon is romantic and moving and whisks the audience away to another time and another place. There's a wealth of talent, no weak links to be found. Director M. Seth Reines has done a beautiful job with the entire ensemble.

Adding greatly to the show is Len Wood from Phoenix, Arizona playing the bagpipe. He opens the show by coming

down the aisle playing the magnificent pipes and later plays again for the assembling of the clans. Well done Len.

I recommend you see *Brigadoon* before it once again disappears into the mist. It plays through March 31 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, call 278-4422 or stop by the box office.✪

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Local Author To Give Presentation At Captiva Library

On Wednesday, March 21, Sanibel author Charles Sobczak will be doing a PowerPoint presentation at the Captiva Memorial Library, located at 11560 Chapin Lane. The presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m.



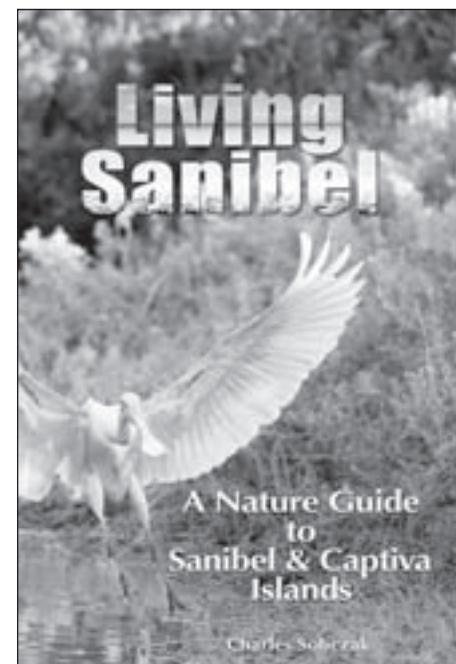
Charles Sobczak

Sobczak's presentation will feature *The Nature of Southwest Florida*. It contains material, including old postcards, photographs and writing, from his last three non-fiction titles: *Alligators, Sharks & Panthers*, *Living Sanibel* and *The Living Gulf Coast*. Many of the slides are from award-winning photographers Alan S. Maltz, Dick Fortune, Sara Lopez and Judd Patterson.

The presentation is a unique and, at times, humorous look at our relationship with the Florida environment: from the arrival of Ponce de Leon in 1513 through the current status of the parks, preserves and the invasive Burmese pythons of today. There is no admission charge to the event and there will be a brief question and answer period directly following the presentation.

Sobczak's latest book, *The Living Gulf Coast – A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida* recently won a gold medal from the Florida's Publishers Association as the best non-fiction title in the Sunshine State, 2011. His first non-fiction book, *Alligators, Sharks & Panthers*, won two silver medals and one regional bronze medal in 2007.

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Iran Plans Nuclear Arsenal, Forum Told



by Max Friedersdorf

Iran is not planning to build just one or two nuclear bombs, according to Dr. Frederick Kagan, during a speech at The Forum at BIG ARTS on March 4, but rather “they are planning to build a nuclear arsenal” containing 50 to 100 weapons.

Kagan, a former professor at West Point and currently a resident scholar at the conservative think tank American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., said he was speaking “very authoritatively” about Iran’s plans and predicted they could “probably” produce their first nuclear bomb by the end of this year.

The speaker asserted there is “no other conceivable explanation for Iran’s nuclear production” and labeled Iran as an “enemy that is trying to kill Americans every day and succeeding.”

Iran is planning on Hiroshima-size weapons and concealed their nuclear facilities too deep for Israeli bombs, according to Kagan, who also reported that Iran is working on intermediate range ballistic missiles to deliver the nuclear war heads.



Dr. Frederick Kagan

“I can assess, with high confidence, they are setting the stage to build a large nuclear arsenal,” he added.

America’s other greatest threat “besides Iran,” Kagan continued, is Al Qaeda which has “not been defeated or destroyed,” and is spreading in places like Yemen, Somalia and Iraq, where Kagan expects a sectarian civil war to erupt.

Kagan argued against U.S. military withdrawal in Afghanistan, citing the possibility of a re-emergence of Al Qaeda if the 75,000 American troops leave and Afghanistan becoming a lawless, failed state.

During a lengthy and lively question session, Kagan said that if Israel attacks the Iranian nuclear sites, Iran “for certain” will retaliate with missile attacks on Israel, and also American bases in the region.

“I also suspect they will try terrorist attacks in the United States,” Kagan continued, as well as oil pipelines and water supplies in Saudi Arabia.

With regard to “isolating” Iran, Kagan pointed out that they have strong friends and allies like Russia, China, and Venezuela, with Russia capable and willing to block any moves against Iran in the United Nations.

Another questioner wanted to know if there is a comparison to be made between the Iranian situation and Iraq where war was sold on misinformation about weapons of mass destruction. Kagan said the situation with Iran is “very, very different, and we know exactly what is going on... this is not hypothetical.”

In response to another question about the usefulness of negotiations, Kagan said this is a “classic” case of “Iran wanting to buy time.” Kagan also expressed “no basis” for expecting any success for sanctions, and said arguments that Iran has not yet decided to build a bomb, are a “skillful divergence of the question.”

Asked about the threat to the United States, Kagan said Iran is not as big a threat as the former Soviet Union was, but if the U.S. abandons the Middle East, Iran could build a threat to us simi-

lar to Germany in World War II.

Kagan, who explained he had supported the move to war against Iraq in 2003, added, “In contrast, a push for war has not been called for (in Washington), and I am not calling for a strike on Iran.”

Kagan’s remarks faulted the Administration on numerous issues, charging that failure to get involved further in the Yemen, Somalia and Syrian conflicts “was a lousy place to be... the decision doesn’t make a whole lot of sense.”✱

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Local Author

His first novel, *Six Mornings On Sanibel*, recently had an unprecedented seventh printing.

The author will also be introducing an excerpt from his new, forthcoming novel, which is set in the year 2043. The work is titled *The Year of the Bad Decision*, and the story line looks back on the effects of climate change between the present time and 30 years from now. It is a futuristic thriller in the tradition of *Brave New World* and 1984. It is the scariest book the author has ever written.

Copies of all of the authors’ books will be made available after the presentation at a discounted price. This program is a part of the Captiva Library’s Cultural Fest and the reading public is cordially invited to attend. For additional information, contact the Captiva Memorial Library at 479-4636.✱

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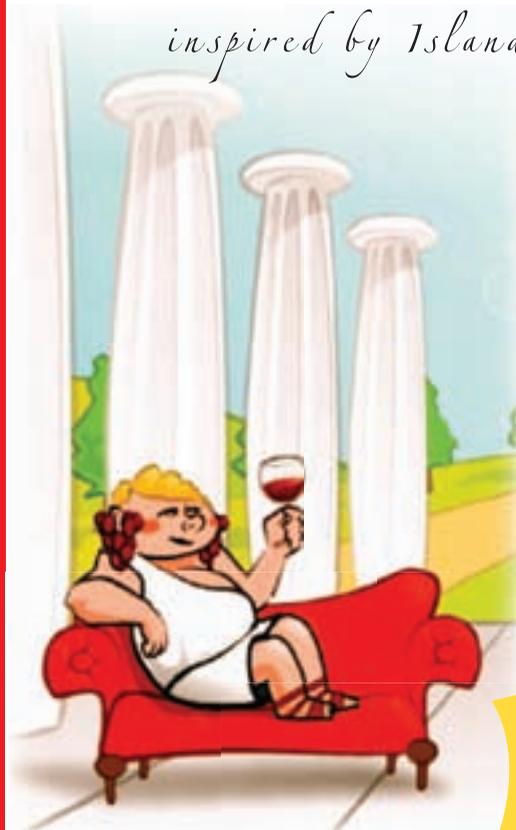
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Island Book Nook To Host Return Visit Of Crawford

Joyce Holton Crawford will be signing copies of her children's books at The Island Book Nook on Tuesday, March 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Island Book Nook is located at 2330 Palm Ridge Road on Sanibel.

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

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

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



Joyce Holton Crawford



Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Chasing Midnight* by Randy Wayne White
 2. *Living, Loving and Losing a Son* by Marilyn Rauth
 3. *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda
 4. *Soldeer's Wife* by Margaret Leroy
 5. *Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom
 6. *Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron Base
 7. *The Room* by Emma Donoghue
 8. *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer
 9. *Sanibel and Captiva: Our Islands in the Sun* by Jim Anderson and Jim George
 10. *Three Sunrises* by Kristen Hartman
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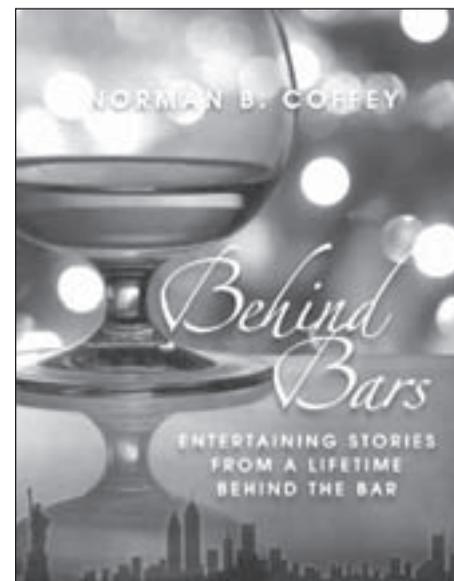
by Di Saggau

Norman B. Coffey, a bartender for the Captiva Island Yacht Club, has written an eBook, cleverly titled *Behind Bars*. It's a novella-length memoir about the things he learned and saw and a lot of the funny things that happened to him during his 44 years tending bar. I laughed out loud reading the first page, but won't spoil it for you by revealing why.

Some of the paragraphs involve St. Patrick's Day. There's one about celebrating the holiday in Manhattan, and another on Long Island. You may never view a Bloody Mary in the same light. You'll also enjoy an amusing tale about volunteer fireman in New York and how a dairy strike affected serving Irish Coffee.

You'll recognize some local names and locations and you'll definitely get a feel for what it's like working behind bars.

Behind Bars is a quick, easy, fun eBook to read. It contains entertaining stories from a lifetime behind the bar and it's available for \$2.99 through



Amazon, Barnes & Noble or by contacting Norman Coffey at Norman@TheBehindBarsBook.com.

Lemmon To Hold Book Signing

Author Christine Lemmon will be doing a talk and book signing at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

Lemmon is a Sanibel resident and the author of a series of novels with the theme of women struggling to realize their true potential. *Sanibel Scribbles* is the story of Vicki Brightman, her best friend Rebecca, a six-month journey to another country, a roster of colorful characters, and the unexpected demands that compel equally unexpected changes in one's life.

Set in 1953 era Florida, *Portion Of The Sea* is the complex story of 15-year-old Lydia Isleworth, who meets Marlina DiPluma, an aspiring Hollywood actress who give Lydia her journal and admonishes that Lydia is capable of accomplishing anything that she wants to achieve.

Sand In My Eyes is the story of Anna Hott, who leaves her high-pressure life, failing marriage and demanding children



Christine Lemmon

behind when she moves from New York City to Sanibel Island.

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

Crawford To Attend Book Signing

Author Joyce Holton Crawford will appear at a book signing on Tuesday, March 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Island Book Nook, 2330 Palm Ridge Road on Sanibel. Crawford will be signing copies of her book, *Don't Call Me Michael*.

Christopher's life was great – until the day Mike Carter moved to Harmony and began attending James Elementary. Mike quickly becomes the meanest kid in school, and his favorite target is Christopher. Mike calls Christopher mean names, plays embarrassing pranks on him, punches him and even gets him in trouble at school and at home.

On the worst day of bullying Christopher has experienced, Mike orders Christopher to meet him at the cemetery well for a big project he needs help with. But when the project doesn't go as planned, Christopher is forced to find the boy behind the bully who yells, "Don't Call Me Michael."

For more information, contact Travis King at 888-361-9473 or tking@tatepublishing.com.



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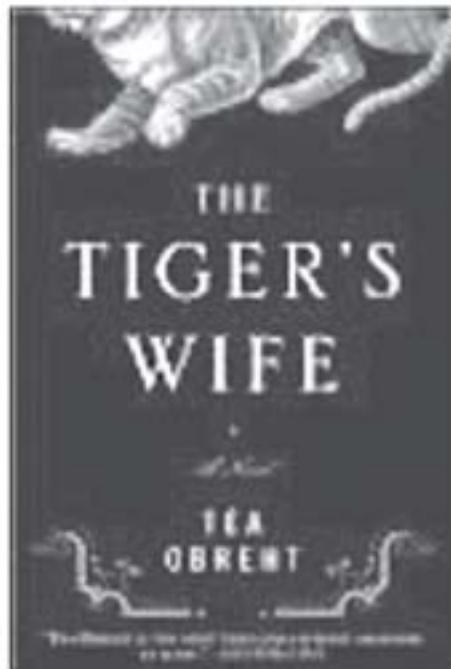
The Tiger's Wife At Library Book Discussion Group

Readers are invited to discuss *The Tiger's Wife* by author Tea Obreht, the focus of the Wednesday, March 28 book discussion meeting at the Sanibel Public Library. There is no charge to attend and the meeting is open to the public.

Remembering childhood stories her grandfather once told her, young physician Natalia becomes convinced that he spent his last days searching for "the deathless man," a vagabond who claimed to be immortal. As Natalia struggles to understand why her grandfather, a deeply rational man would go on such a farfetched journey, she stumbles across a clue that leads her to the extraordinary story of the tiger's wife.

The discussion will begin at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room #4, across from the elevator. Kay Bass will be the leader for the discussion.

Books are available and located in the library near the reference desk. While it is preferable to come having read the book



to be able to join in the lively discussion, all are welcome.

If you have questions, call the library at 472-2483.

Book Signing, Bear Painting By Roberts



Local artist Myra Roberts will make an appearance at MacIntosh Books & Paper on Tuesday, March 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to signing books, she will unveil her latest painting, *The Sanibel Black Bear*.

Roberts is internationally known, with art in galleries and personal collections all over the world, and is one of the best selling artists in Southwest Florida. Her vintage-style oil paintings convey the spirit of the 1920s through the 1950s.

In 2009, Roberts' *Retro Images From The Florida Coast* was written by Brian Johnson. It features 75 of Myra's best known works and is a delight for locals and art enthusiasts. Her latest

book, *Project Tolerance: Faces of Anne Frank*, is a collaboration with Fort Myers journalist Ella Naylor. For the project, Roberts created 30 original oil paintings which feature excerpts from Anne Frank's *Diary of a Young Girl*. Both books will be available for signing and purchase.

MacIntosh Books & Paper is located at 2407 Periwinkle Way. If you are unable to attend the event, personalized copies can be reserved by calling 472-1447.

The Big Chill To Be Screened At The Sanibel Library

Jump way back to the 1960s for an afternoon matinee at the Sanibel Public Library on Tuesday, March 20 at 2 p.m. The library will show the modern classic *The Big Chill*.

The film is about a reunion of baby-boomer college friends who get together after the suicide of one of their friends. Directed by Lawrence Kasdan, the film was nominated for three Oscars and received the Toronto International Film Festival People's Choice Award. The screenplay received the Writers Guild of America Award for Best Comedy Written Directly for the Screen.

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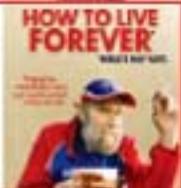
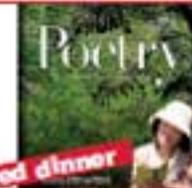
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Bike Collection Drive Delivers Over 100 Bikes To Immokalee



Volunteers load Sanibel bikes bound for Immokalee. Pictured from left are Bryan James, Billy Kirkland, Bill Sartoris, George Sousa, Norm and Helen Flemington

For the fifth consecutive year, residents of Sanibel and Captiva dug into their garages and storage spaces and came up with over 100 used or unneeded bicycles for donation to the 2012 Bike Collection Drive. The effort was created as a way to collect surplus bicycles from the islands and place them with new owners in the Immokalee farm worker community, where bikes help meet basic transportation needs.

Since it began, this effort has delivered over 600 bikes to the Immokalee community. This year's collection placed 17 bikes and helmets with deserving new owners in the

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Shared Use Path Clean-up Day

Volunteers are invited to participate in the annual Shared Use Path Clean-up Day on Wednesday, March 21. Sponsored by the Sanibel Bicycle Club, this event is an opportunity for everyone who uses and enjoys the island's path system to spend a few hours helping to keep the paths clean and safe.

Clean-up activities are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. at four different points on the shared use paths:

(1) East End: Starts at the bike racks at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Bailey Road;

(2) Middle Island: Starts at the Holiday Inn at the corner of Donax Street and Middle Gulf Road;

(3) West Gulf and Tarpon Bay Road Area: Starts at the corner of Tarpon Bay and Palm Ridge Road;

(4) Sanibel-Captiva Road to Blind Pass: Starts at the Rabbit Road/San-Cap path crosswalk.

Participants should choose their preferred area and arrive at the start point by 8:30

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Amy Lou Waters of Sanibel with granddaughters Abby, Eliza and Louisa Wright, visiting from Massachusetts, at last year's Shared Use Path Clean-up

Eagle Nesting Platform Installed In SCCF Preserve



Mark "Bird" Westall with the platform on its temporary legs

A platform for the eagle nest at SCCF's West Sanibel River Preserve on Sanibel was installed on March 6 by SCCF and Lee County Electric Coop (LCEC), with assistance by Sanibel eagle expert Mark "Bird" Westall.

Last fall, the eagles had begun working on their nest in a dead tree on the West Sanibel River Preserve, which had been their nesting site for several years. In the early hours on October 18, before there were eggs in the nest, the tree snapped in half and fell. SCCF staffers and many others began watching the eagle pair closely to see how they would cope. Within a week, both eagles were seen flying with nesting materials in their talons and began working on at least two nests, one in the original Gulf Pines site and one nearby. Usually, only one nest will be used for nesting in any given nesting season, but field studies have shown that bald eagles often build multiple nests within their territory, with an average of 1.5 nests per territory, and ranging from one to five nests.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the new nest also came down (there were not yet any eggs in the nest). The pair remained on the nearby nest but that nest was ultimately abandoned. The eagles had recently begun working again on a nest at



The platform standing next to where the hole was dug, still supported by the crane the original site.

Building a new platform

Once the nest came down in October, SCCF Living With Wildlife educator Dee Serage, biologist/sea turtle Coordinator Amanda Bryant and Biologist/Shorebird Monitoring Coordinator Joel Caouette met with Westall to talk about putting up a platform at the original Gulf Pines site in order to help this pair remain there.

There are several reports of bald eagles successfully raising young in nests on man-made platforms. Westall designed the platform based on his experience plus examples in the scientific literature, and SCCF's chief Hammerhead, Dean Skaugstad, built the platform. (There is a half-size model in SCCF's Nature Center.) A handful of eagle nesting platforms have been built in the U.S. in northern states, but little formal research has been conducted.

Westall, who has worked with LCEC for years on osprey nesting platforms, approached LCEC about participation in the project last fall. LCEC offered to provide the 80-foot wood transmission pole as well as the equipment, manpower and expertise needed to install it. The platform's final height is approximately

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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. 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.

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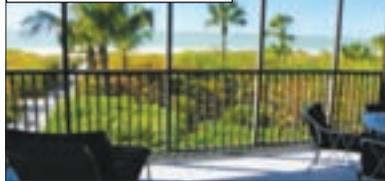


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SFRD Conducts Training Exercise At Empty Home

by Jeff Lysick

When the owners of a West Gulf Drive property decided to completely renovate their home, they knew their plans included completely demolishing the existing structure. But before being razed, the three-story waterfront house would offer one final benefit to the island community.

Earlier this month, the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District (SFRD) conducted several days of training exercises at the grey and white home, located just west of Rabbit Road. According to training officer Tim Barrett, the SFRD conducts similar drills throughout the year on structures scheduled for demolition.

"We do about eight or nine of these every year," said Barrett. "We like to use them for a few days, if possible, right before they're demolished. That way, the neighbors don't have to look at a house that looks like it's falling apart for too long."

Barrett, along with fellow firefighters Kevin Barbot, Bill Briscoe, Brittany Gydosch, Carl Johanson, Josh Koza and John Reitenbach, arrived at the home shortly after 1 p.m. to prep the structure for that day's exercise. To begin, the group assessed the damage sustained during the drill staged the previous day. Next, windows were closed and holes covered up using fallen drywall and debris.



The Sanibel Fire & Rescue District team goes over their game plan to fight a house fire

"They're gonna take out some windows and breach a few of these walls," Barrett explained. "If one of our firefighters gets trapped inside of a room, they have the equipment to punch through drywall to get out."

Finally, the building was evacuated while Barrett ignited a steel drum filled with moist hay, which filled the entire house with smoke within 10 minutes. Before allowing his team to enter the building and execute their real-life rescue scenario, he went through a list of safety precautions and last minute equipment checks.

"I run these drills almost like a football coach - I say 'This is our plan and this is how we're gonna practice it,'" said Barrett. "We do this so when it comes to game day, we know exactly who does what."

The scenario on this day included

Briscoe and Johanson leading the team into the house, breaking through the front door and conducting an initial search for two fictitious children trapped on the third floor. Gydosch and Koza followed by bringing hoses inside and extinguishing the fire. Barbot and Reitenbach provided ground support from outside the home.

"In about 90 percent of all house fires we deal with, you put water on it and it goes out," added Barrett. "But in those rare cases where people get trapped inside, we have to be prepared to deal with it." **



After breaking out of a second-story window, firefighter Brittany Gydosch escapes the structure using a ladder



Training officer Tim Barrett delivers instructions to fellow firefighters Carl Johanson and Josh Koza



Members of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District break through the front door of a West Gulf Drive property, where firefighters conducted several days of training



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Adding a child's seat makes an instant "bicycle built for two"

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Bike Collection

new owners in the Sanibel community, most of whom were identified through FISH of Sanibel. The Bike Collection Drive is a classic example of how one person's unwanted item can be turned into someone else's treasure.

Island bikes were collected over the past two months and put through a "rehabilitation workshop" staffed by volunteers to make them operational and safe for their new owners. Workshop volunteers, headed by Sanibel Bicycle Club members Norm and Helen Flemington, held weekly work sessions in space provided by the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. After many mechanical repairs, tube and tire replace-



Sanibel Bike Club member Bebe Panepinto helps a little one get started on her new set of wheels

ments, seat and handlebar adjustments, rust removal and lubrication, the bikes were finally made ready for their new owners.

"Many of the bikes that were collected came in looking a little rough. However, with some cleanup and maintenance we got them working just fine, and we've made sure they are safe to ride," said Norm Flemington. "Their new owners will be very happy to get them."

Last Friday, the rehabbed bikes bound for Immokalee were loaded onto trucks

and trailers and sent on their way. This year's Immokalee shipment included 100 two-wheeler bikes, a pair of three-wheeler adult trikes, 10 trail bikes, numerous child seats and jogging strollers, plus 39 new children's helmets.

Several local organizations participate in conducting the local Bike Collection Drive, including the Sanibel Bicycle Club and Billy's Rentals, who provide volunteers for collection, cleaning, repair and transport of the bikes; Soon Come Contract Hauling, who coordinate pickups and cash donations; and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, who provide storage and repair space, plus financial support. Cash donations from LCD Trucking and from several local private individuals were used to help with purchase of repair parts, and the Kiwanis Club of Sanibel-Captiva donated funds to purchase helmets so that each child receiving a bike also got a helmet.

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

"Thanks to everyone who helped with the effort - those who donated bikes, made cash contributions, or volunteered their time and energy to make the Collection Drive happen," added Patti Sousa, coordinator for the Collection Drive. "Your efforts have made a real, positive impact on the lives of our less fortunate neighbors."*

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Path Clean-Up Day

a.m. Come by bike, foot or car. (Cars should be parked in a nearby public parking lot.)

Sanibel Bicycle Club team leaders will provide participants with orange safety vests, trash and recycling bags, along with recycling instructions.

Billy's Rentals is again joining with the Bicycle Club to promote Shared Use Path Clean-up Day with its customers. For those who want to participate but don't have a bike, Billy's Rentals will provide a bike for the day at no charge, along with small litter bags to be returned at the end of the day with the bikes. Billy's Rentals is also picking up all the bags of trash and recyclables collected by the teams at the end of the event.

Participants should bring/wear the following items:

- Helmet (if coming by bike)
- Old shoes (you may get dirty)
- Gardening gloves
- Bandana or towel
- Drinking water

For further information, contact Bill Madsen at 395-0963. Information on the Sanibel Bicycle Club can be found at www.sanibelbicycleclub.org.

Assisted Living

Psst! Hot Watts



by Priscilla Friedersdorf

The government in its infinite wisdom has eliminated our Right to Bear Light Bulbs. This recent directive mandates, in the interest of energy preservation, light

bulbs that have a longer life span and use less electricity but cast an eerie pallor over our lives.

Condo hallways, newly carpeted and redecorated at great expense, are fitted out with the new light fixtures and now have all the charm of a seedy hotel or Health Park's emergency room.

"I mean, really, Honey, tell me, didn't we just redecorate the kitchen and bathroom 20 years ago by removing those ghastly florescent tubes?"

A cafeteria I frequent has lost its cozy aura; the meat loaf has a gray, unappetizing pallor, green beans lie limp and wan, cherry and lime jello no longer shimmer jewel-like but radiate an unearthly glow.

Even Angelina Jolie and George Clooney would lose their radiance, cower and wilt under this pale, ephemeral glare; well, maybe Jolie, heh, heh.

You can troll the makeup aisle at CVS in vain for an affordable matte that will mask or camouflage the flaws the harsh glare of these bulbs reveal.

Can't we just be happy saving civiliza-
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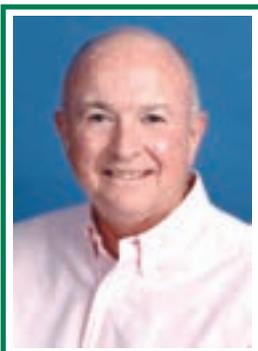
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- GULF views! New tile, remodeled kitchen/baths.
- Nicely furnished corner unit with extra windows.
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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



RE/MAX of the Islands



Westfall worked with LCEC's crew to attach the platform to the top of the pole



Drilling the hole

From page 1B

Eagle Nesting Platform

70 feet because 10 percent of the pole length – plus an additional two feet of the pole – goes into the ground. Installation of the new platform was delayed until March because the ground has been too wet for LCEC's heavy equipment to be able to get to the nest site.

A slatted shade structure was created on the south side of the platform to create shade for the chicks since, unlike nests in trees, there's nothing to shade the nest during the hottest part of the day. The platform was placed near the

original nest site. Biologists have shown that an eagle pair will continue to nest in the territory where they have successfully fledged young before. Even if a pair skips a year raising young, they may remain loyal to that site.

During Tuesday's installation, an eagle, an osprey and a red-shouldered hawk flew by for a closer look at the platform.

SCCF worked with both the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on permitting for the platform. SCCF is formulating a research project to be associated with the platform, which was also requested by the permitting agencies.

SCCF's Wildlife Habitat Management staff has been monitoring eagle nesting on Sanibel since 2004, and Caouette currently reports his findings to Lee County's Eagle Technical Advisory Committee.

For more information about the nest, call Dee Serage at 472-2329 or Amanda Bryant at 472-3984.

There will also be a presentation at SCCF with photos of the platform raising on Wednesday, March 28 at 2 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. at the SCCF Nature Center. Both programs will be free.*

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Assisted Living

tion by bombing some god-forsaken terrain? Must we now bring horror to our bathroom mirrors? I still have "hope" but I didn't know "change" meant the light bulbs.

I have calculated an approximation of how many more soft glowing 100 watters I'll need for my remaining life span minus and considering how many years I can no longer stand on a stool to change them, plus a few in reserve to leave to my descendants. That is 10 burned out bulbs a year, minus the stash of 30 in the pantry and 10 cartons in the linen closet, times... well you figure it out. I am off to Bailey's Hardware.

Note: Bailey's sells a 4-pack of 40, 60, 75 or 100 watt bulbs for \$1.79; 3-way soft white bulbs are \$2.99; a 4-pack of cylindrical new bulbs (23-100 watts) which last 10 years, is \$16.99.*



Finally, a LCEC crew member went up to the platform in a cherry picker in order to cut all of the twine which had been woven into the nest to keep it in place during the installation process

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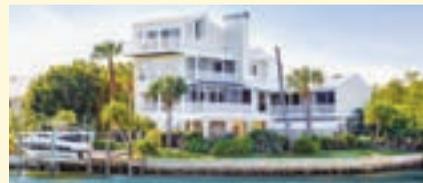
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Bug Spray Born On Sanibel In National Contest

by Jeff Lysick

For nearly two years, the war against no-see-ums, mosquitoes, midges, black flies and other biting insects is now being won by human populations following the invention of No No-See-Um, an all-natural, skin-safe bug repellent created by a pair of Sanibel residents.

But now, the popular and effective anti-insect spray is facing another battle, and the locally owned and operated company could use the assistance of some fellow islanders to claim another important victory.

Beginning on March 7, No No-See-Um became one of more than 4,000 products to be entered into Get On The Shelf, an online contest sponsored by retail giant Walmart. The top three products – as selected by two rounds of voting (via Facebook and text messaging) – will become eligible to be distributed by the world's leading retailer.

"We are a local product looking to go national," said Caroline Semerjian, COO and co-founder of No No-See-Um. "There's a huge need with a safe, effective product like this out there. It's so frustrating when people call us up and ask where they can buy our spray where they live, and I have to tell them that – outside



Caroline Semerjian and Kip Buntrock with a bottle of No No-See-Um, an all-natural insect repellent developed here on Sanibel

of Sanibel and Captiva and a few places in Florida – they can only get it online. Winning this contest would be a really big boost for us."

Currently, the all-natural, DEET, PABA and paraben-free insect repellent is distributed at more than 60 locations on the islands as well as several retailers in Southwest Florida. It is also available at single outlet stores in Arizona, Georgia and South Carolina.

According to Kip Buntrock, director of sales for No No-See-Um, his sister alerted him to the Get On The Shelf competition after she saw it televised on a morning

news program.

"I called Caroline and told her we had to get in on this," said Buntrock. "We bounced around a couple of ideas for a video, which we shot during the second week in February. And some of it was even filmed right here on Sanibel."

In the two-minute, five-second commercial, several humorous scenarios where the No No-See-Um spray is used – including a wedding, golf outing and fishing trip – show the Waterside Inn, Bailey's General Store, Beachview Golf Club and Island Pharmacy.

"We wanted it to be funny, but we

also wanted to show how No No-See-Um spray is able to help out in many ways," added Buntrock.

The first round of Get On The Shelf voting will end on April 3, with the top 10 products receiving the most votes moving on to the second round. Between April 11 and 24, the final round of voting will take place, with one grand prize winner and two first prize winners selected. The grand prize winner will receive an opportunity to have their product sold on Walmart.com and in retail stores across the county, or be issued a check for \$12,500. Each first prize winner will also receive the same opportunity, or be issued a check for \$10,000.

"This is a great opportunity for a Mom and Pop business to get some national exposure for their product," said Semerjian. "Perhaps other chain stores will hear about our product and want to carry it, so something like this could be a huge stepping stone for us."

To watch the No No-See-Um video and vote for it to win the Get On The Shelf competition, visit www.getontheshelf.com/product/4245/No-No-See-Um (<http://goo.gl/lb7Na>). There is a link to vote for the product via Facebook or by sending a text from your mobile phone to 38383, with the message 4245. People may vote once per day using each method.

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Around The Islands With Anne

Sanibel Offers Plenty of Ways To Celebrate St. Paddy's Day



by Anne Mitchell

Around the island this weekend, there are lots of opportunities for the wearing of the green and the drinking of the green beer, not to mention the eating of traditional Irish foods.

- Celtic Stew Irish Band will be entertaining Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. on the patio at **Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille**, 975 Rabbit Road, Sanibel, phone 472-8311.

- **Traditions on the Beach** is throwing a two-day celebration this weekend, starting Friday with a St. Patrick's Eve Extravaganza. Guests will be entertained with Irish sing-alongs with Irish Joe McCormick and Barbara Smith. Be ready for lots

of dancing. The Extravaganza continues Saturday with more sing-alongs and dancing, this time with Marvilla Marzan joining McCormick on vocals.

Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559 for reservations.

- Green beer will be flowing on St Patrick's Day at **The Island Cow**, 2163 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-0606.

- **The Bistro @ Beachview** will celebrate St. Paddy's Day with traditional fare and libations on Saturday. The restaurant is at 1100 Par View Drive, off Donax Street, phone 472-4394.

- **George & Wendy's Seafood Grille** is having a St. Patrick's Day bash on Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot at Bailey's shopping center, 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel with Chris Casdia and Friends.

On the menu will be a traditional reuben sandwich, grouper reuben, shepherd's pie and corned beef and cabbage as well as special drinks. The party will continue inside with Billy Metts, folk guitarist, from 8 to 11 p.m. Phone 395-1263 for reservations.

- And St. Paddy's Day would hardly be complete without something for those with a sweet tooth. **Pinocchio's Original Italian Home Made Ice Cream** has created two flavors for the occasion, Peppermint Patty and Irish Cream. The store is on Sanibel's east end at 362 Periwinkle Way.

- If you don't care for green beer or corned beef and cabbage, you can still go green on St. Paddy's Day. Treat yourself to some native plants from **Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Native Plant Nursery** at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, phone 472-1932. Nursery staff also make house calls to help you design a customized low-maintenance yardscape.

Here's a money-saving tip. Sign up for a family membership to SCCF and you get a one-time complimentary consultation.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn has live entertainment nightly. In addition to Friday and Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Extravaganza, this week's lineup includes: Monday and Tuesday, Sanibel "Pianoman" Joe McCormick with 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 is back on the keys playing audience favorites; Sunday, the popular Dusk Duo with Dean and Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and



Celtic Stew Irish Band will be playing at Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille on Saturday, St. Patrick's Day

vocals. Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

- **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.

- **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.

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- **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.

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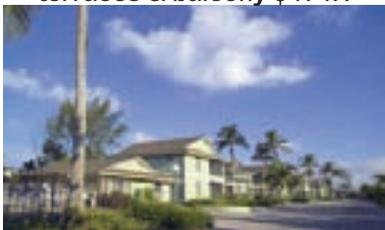
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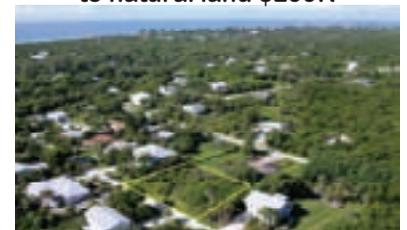
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A College Scholarship Or A \$1 Million Twins Signing Bonus – The Dilemma Faced By Fort Myers’ Hudson Boyd

by Ed Frank



When you’re 18 years old and have the opportunity to pitch for the University of Florida on a full-ride scholarship or garner a \$1 million signing bonus from the Minnesota Twins, which do you choose?

That was the dilemma that confronted Fort Myers native Hudson Boyd last summer.

The burly fireballing graduate of Bishop Verot High School, whose fastball has been clocked in the high 90s, pondered a decision until the last day and the last hour of the contract-signing deadline before accepting the Twins’ seven-figure offer.

And last week, Boyd was one of more than 100 Twins’

minor leaguers who reported to spring training at the Lee County Sports Complex.

“Pro baseball has always been my dream. I need to prove myself to the Twins’ organization. I’m anxious to get going and want to be the best,” the six-foot-two, 240-pound Boyd said.

The youngster was selected by the Twins in the first round (55th overall player) of the 2011 Major League Draft after a phenomenal high school record. In his senior year he went 12-0 with a miniscule 0.46 ERA with 123 strikeouts in 73 innings pitched. That included a complete game shutout in the Class 3-A state semifinals.

A fast ball and a curve ball are his favorite pitches and, in fact, Baseball America, the “bible” of professional baseball, rates his curve ball as the best in the Twins’ minor league system.

He smiled when told of this distinction, saying, “I have to learn to be more consistent.”

Boyd knows full well that high school baseball and professional baseball, even at the lowest level, are far different.

After spring training and extended spring training, Boyd is likely to be assigned to the rookie Gulf Coast League Twins whose home field is at the Lee County Sports Complex.

“I grew up watching the Twins here in spring training so it will be pretty neat starting out in my home town,” he said.

Despite his youth, the young pitcher showed maturity on several accounts. He still lives with his dad “to save money” and has turned to an uncle, who is a financial planner, to manage his hefty signing bonus.

“I got what I was asking for... what it would take to pass up college,” Boyd said, but that doesn’t mean he will forego a college education. Professional baseball clubs provides college scholarships for their players, and Boyd plans to enroll in some online courses once he settles in on his pro career.

In his outstanding high school play, Boyd also served as designated hitter when not pitching. As a senior, he batted .391 with nine home runs and 39 RBIs and drove in the winning run in a 4-3 victory over Pensacola Catholic in the 3-A championship game.

But he was quick to say that he was drafted by the Twins for his pitching, and that will be sole concentration in professional baseball.

We’ve written so often – and it’s a proven fact – that minor league baseball here, the Gulf Coast League Twins and the Fort Myers Miracle, have developed numerous major league stars.

But Hudson Boyd might be the first Fort Myers native to earn that distinction.

The New Florida Tarpons Win First Game

The Florida Tarpons are the fourth local indoor football team – the first three failed – but the Tarpons of the Ultimate Indoor Football League got off to a good start last week defeating the Mississippi Hound Dogs 58-35 at Germain Arena.

The Tarpons were led by quarterback Brian Harris, a veteran of two seasons with other indoor football teams, who threw for six touchdowns.

Tarpons co-owner Andrew Haines was pleased with his team’s first-game performance and the attendance at Germain. He said approximately 4,000 tickets had been sold for the contest.

Florida does not return to action until Sunday, March 25, when it hosts the Lakeland Raiders.

Everblades Win Two of Three on the Road

The Florida Everblades improved their post-season hopes by winning two of three games on the road last weekend.

The local hockey team split a pair against the Wheeling Nailers and defeated Trenton 8-2 Sunday, moving into seventh place in the ECHL Eastern Conference. The top eight teams qualify for post-season play.

The Everblades are home at Germain Arena for three games this week against the South Carolina Stingrays -- Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.✪



Fort Myers native Hudson Boyd, left, poses with Jim Rantz, senior director, minor leagues, Minnesota Twins, prior to the start of 2012 spring training



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Spring Training Home Baseball Schedule

Boston Red Sox – JetBlue Stadium

Thursday, March 15 – St. Louis Cardinals; 2:35 p.m.
Friday, March 16 – Minnesota Twins; 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 17 – Baltimore Orioles; 1:35 p.m. (split squad)
Monday, March 19 – Minnesota Twins; 1:35 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20 – Toronto Blue Jays; 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota Twins – Hammond Stadium

Thursday, March 15 – Pittsburgh Pirates; 1:05 p.m.
Friday, March 16 – Baltimore Orioles, 1:05 p.m.
Sunday, March 18 – Pittsburgh Pirates; 1:05 p.m.
Thursday, March 22 – Baltimore Orioles, 1:05 p.m.✪

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Rec Department Member Of The Month Lisa Stasi

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department has recognize Lisa Stasi as the member of the month.

Stasi and her family have lived on Sanibel for 10 years and have been members of the center since it opened in December of 2007. They joined as a family to take advantage of everything the facility has to offer. Stasi's favorite feature of the Sanibel Recreation Center is the weight room and all of the nice people she meets while working out.

When asked how the facility has impacted her life, she responded, "It is part of my everyday life. I even pass up going out for lunch if it's my exercise day."

Stasi has had diabetes for 30 years, which lead to heart disease. About five years ago, she had a stent put in and was required to follow up with cardio rehab. She wanted to continue with her fitness plan and the recreation center fit all of her criteria between the weight room, fitness classes and the pool.

The women in Stasi's family have a history of osteoporosis but as a result of her dedication to weight training and staying active her bone density test came back showing she has the bones of a 36-year-old woman.

Stasi is originally from New Jersey,



Lisa Stasi

where she was a special education teacher until she met her husband, Stanley "Beaver" Stasi. They raised their two daughters in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania, where they owned a restaurant for 25 years. They had vacationed on Sanibel for 15 years before deciding to make the move.

Stasi's daughters Brittney and Courtney attended The Sanibel Middle School and are now attending Florida Gulf Coast University and the University of South Florida.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is

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

be played at the Sanibel Ball Fields on Wednesday nights starting on March 21.

There will be a team trophy displayed at the Sanibel Recreation Center. The winning team name will be placed on the trophy at season's end.

Participating teams need to be registered no later than Monday, March 19. The fee is \$495 per team.

For more information, or if you are looking for a team, contact the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345.

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who holds the Los Angeles Dodgers record for longest hitting streak?
2. Since 1940, name the only two players to retire with a career batting average better than .335.
3. Who holds the NFL record for most consecutive games with at least one touchdown pass?
4. Name the last Wooden Award winner (top collegiate player) before Kevin Durant to go on to win an NBA season scoring title.
5. Which No. 1 overall draft pick recorded a hat trick the earliest in his NHL career?
6. Name the only two drivers to win from the pole position in NASCAR Cup's Homestead-Miami Speedway.
7. When was the last time before 2012 that no male U.S. tennis player made the final 16 at the Australian Open?

ANSWERS

1. Willie Davis hit in 31 consecutive games in 1969. 2. Ted Williams (.344) and Tony Gwynn (.338). 3. Johnny Unitas, 1956-60. 4. David Robinson, in the 1993-94 season. (Durant's came in the 2009-10 season.) 5. In 2011, Edmonton's Ryan Nugent-Hopkins had three goals in this third NHL game. 6. Bill Elliott (2001) and Kurt Busch (2002). 7. It was 1973.

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SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE
Standings through March 5

| Standing | Team Name | Won | Lost |
|----------|---------------------|-----|------|
| First | Bathroom Magiv | 248 | 88 |
| Second | Bunt's Ball Busters | 247 | 89 |
| Third | Odd Balls | 190 | 146 |
| Fourth | Sanibel Café | 152 | 168 |
| Fifth | Fresh Legion Crew | 143 | 193 |
| Sixth | Sandycappers | 132 | 188 |
| Seventh | Chalk & Awe | 121 | 215 |
| Eighth | George & Wendy's | 95 | 241 |

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|-------------------|---|
| Bathroom Magic | 15 | Chalk & Awe | 1 |
| Odd Balls | 15 | George & Wendy's | 1 |
| Bunt's Ball Busters | 11 | Fresh Legion Crew | 5 |
| Sanibel Café | * | Sandycappers | * |

* Sanibel Café vs. Sandycappers (postponed)

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Bathroom Magic Takes First Place

Bathroom Magic pounded Chalk & Awe 15-1 and won first place honors for the year by one game over Bunt's Ball Busters. Captain Dennis Bender, Joe Steamer and John Gonzalez posted 4-0 scores for the Magic team.

The Ball Busters had topped the league for the past three years until they finally succumbed to the superior fire power from the Fort Myers team composed of shooters from throughout Lee

County.

In the match between Bunt's Ball Busters and Fresh Legion Crew, Pattee Frank again showed she could keep up with the boys as she notched two wins to bring her win total to 21 for the year. Frank is the top woman player in the league by 25 percentage points.

Kelly Greten, Doc Lubinski and Jimbo Gaubatz went undefeated for their Odd Ball team and helped their Odd teammates to a 15-1 submerging of George & Wendy's.

The League's Single Game Double Elimination Tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, March 19, at Legion Post 123.*

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The Dunes Womens Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Women's Golf Association event results from the March 9 Club Championship - Championship Flight

RD1 RD2 RD3 Total

Round 3 of 3 Results

| | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| 1st | Karen Hendricks | 75 | 83 | 90 | 248 |
| 2nd | Nancy Greenberg | 82 | 87 | 85 | 254 |
| | Irmingard Markusch | 85 | 89 | 85 | 259 |

Round 2 of 2 for Flights A, B, C, & D

Flight A

| | | | | |
|------|------------------|----|----|-----|
| 1st | Daphne Hellmuth | 90 | 85 | 175 |
| 2nd* | Gussie Blue | 90 | 92 | 182 |
| | June Muench | 94 | 88 | 182 |
| | Annie Wainwright | 91 | 96 | 187 |

Flight B

| | | | | |
|------|--------------------|----|----|-----|
| 1st | Judy Wellons | 94 | 97 | 191 |
| 2nd* | Jana Stone | 99 | 95 | 194 |
| | Claudia Finzen | 99 | 95 | 194 |
| | Grethe Christensen | 98 | 97 | 195 |

Flight C

| | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----|-----|-----|
| 1st | Betsy Cox | 95 | 95 | 190 |
| 2nd | Pat Wentling | 95 | 96 | 191 |
| | Sally Knaub | 94 | 101 | 195 |

Flight D

| | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1st | Doris Dewitt | 96 | 104 | 200 |
| 2nd | Lee Bogan | 106 | 102 | 208 |
| | Wanda Malone | 103 | 109 | 212 |

* Indicates winner in a sudden-death playoff.*

The Dunes Vs. Beachview Match Results

The results of the March 7 match between members of The Dunes Golf Club vs. Beachview Golf Club have been announced.

| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Total |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| The Dunes | 200.5 | 216 | 416.5 |
| Beachview | 195.5 | 180 | 375.5 |

Interclub Qualifiers

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Bruce McLaughlin | +6 |
| Bob Schoen | +5 |
| Dave Jones | +4 |
| Olivier Perrotte | +3 |
| Joe Raboy | +3 |
| Gordon Rains | +3 |
| Jim Boughton | +1 |
| Bill Hotchkiss | +1 |
| Dave Blue | -1 |
| Bob Kent | -1 |
| Ron Leavitt | -2 |
| Phil Pilibosian | -3 |

Alternates

| | | |
|-----|-------------------|----|
| 1st | Russell Broadwell | -9 |
| 2nd | Norbert Kunz | -9 |

Congratulations to all the winners.*

Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Nifty Niners event results from Thursday, March 8.

Format: 4 Person Shamble/Back Nine

| | | |
|-----|--------------------|----|
| 1st | Joan Kelly | 53 |
| | Judy Yenkolé | |
| | Dorothy Hirschfeld | |
| | * Blind Draw * | |

(won by scorecard playoff)

| | | |
|-----|------------------|----|
| 2nd | Roberta Rohl | 53 |
| | Maureen O'Brien | |
| | Trudy Burkholder | |
| | Gwen Trautwein | |

| | | |
|-----|----------------|----|
| 3rd | Sue Norpell | 56 |
| | Aud Kunz | |
| | Joann McKelvey | |
| | * Blind Draw * | |

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Dunes Mixed Golf

The Dunes Sunday Mixed Golf results from March 11, format 1,2,3 Net Better Balls of 4, are:

| | |
|-----|----------------|
| 1st | Bob Rohl |
| | Roberta Rohl |
| | Tom Winkler |
| | Willie Winkler |
| 2nd | Howard Dwyer |
| | Margaret Dwyer |
| | Jim Drover |
| | Wanda Malone |

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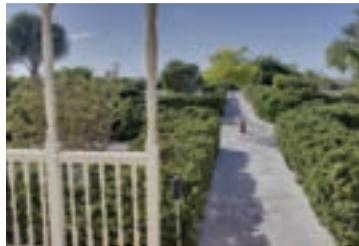
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Jim Mulka, who scored a hole in one March 6 at Beachview



Golfer in distress



Tony Baldino, winner on Saturday March 10 at Beachview

Beachview Men Make A Big Splash At The Dunes

submitted by Jack Tukey

On Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6 and 7, the annual Beachview/Dunes exchange tournament was held. Twenty-two two-man teams from each course are paired against each other for the two-day scramble. It was a hard-fought battle, but in the end The Dunes retained the perpetual trophy. Beachview held their own on their home course, but once they got to The Dunes on Wednesday they lost too many balls in the water and succumbed to the good play of their opponents.

There were a couple of noteworthy highlights for Beachview. On Tuesday, Jim Mulka had a hole in one on the third hole when his pitching wedge sailed up to the par three third hole and rolled into the hole. He and his partner and opponents did not realize it until a man from a nearby porch hollered, "You did it, you made a hole in one."

The other happening occurred on the 11th par 3 hole at The Dunes on Wednesday. Tony Baldino hit a shot over water that did not splash, and was found in the hazard perilously close to the water's edge. He said he could hit the ball up to the green and avoid a penalty.

With one foot on the edge of the bank, almost in the water, he struck the ball and almost put it on the green, but the backward momentum of his uneven stance took over and he fell into the pond. It was a deep pond and his partner Jack Tukey held Baldino's head above water but could not pull him out. Dick Hopkins and Gordon Raines, their Dunes opponents, rushed to the rescue and the three men pulled up to the bank. We thought the game was over with five holes to go, but Baldino oweled off and said, "Absolutely not!" and squished his way to the finish.

On Saturday, March 10, the men played a modified stableford: 1 point for a net par, 2 points for a net birdie, 3 points for a net eagle. Teams add up the points per hole to determine the team score. The winners were a dry Tony Baldino, Bruce Cutler, Guy Tober and a blind draw with a score of 95. In second place was the team of Rich Rompala, Dave Wiseley, Dick Arnould, and Bill Blankenship with a score of 93. In third with a score of 92 were Jim Sauer, Gus Young, Rene Lohser and Roger Triftshauer.✪



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PGA Tips

The Proper Footwork for Golf



by Matt Oakley,
PGA Golf
Professional

I've been fortunate enough to watch the best players in the world play golf over the years. One of the common traits of these players is that they all have

the proper footwork for golf. Proper footwork leads to proper balance. When you watch the PGA Tour on television, the thing most amateurs marvel at is they make it look like they are not even trying. Proper footwork is the cornerstone of that easy look.

Here are a few points to get your footwork to help you have a balanced golf swing:

1. A golfer's weight must be moving in the same direction as the golf club.

When we want to propel an object like a ball or a stick we all understand this concept. Next time you are on the practice tee, take your golf club like you were going to throw it down the range like a javelin. Notice when you do that, you move your weight to your back foot and then transfer it to your forward foot and then your arms throw the object. This is

the proper weight rotation for golf, too.

2. Watch the pitcher in baseball.

He rocks back to his back foot, raises the forward foot and drives towards the catcher when he throws. This is the proper footwork for golf. I've never seen a pitcher try to throw from his back foot, but I see golfers try to hit golf balls from their back foot every day.

3. Watch the quarterback in football.

He shuffles back to the pocket. As he raises the ball to throw it, he plants his back foot and as the arm comes forward, he strides towards the target and throws off of his front foot. This is the proper footwork for golf. When the quarterback throws off of his back foot, it is almost always intercepted because it has no zip to it.

4. The reason why the weight transfer in golf is so much harder than in these other sports is because you are stationary the entire swing.

Gary Player used to hit his ball and start walking. Use this visual next time you practice. There is something to having the feet stay still that makes us want to use a reverse weight shift (weight goes on the front foot in the backswing to the back foot on the forward swing). If we think about the back foot having no weight on it at impact, we will hit our ball better right away.*

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Future Of American Tennis Coming To The Landings

On Saturday, March 31, the next generation of American tennis stars are coming to Southwest Florida for the first time in many years. This rare display of professional tennis will showcase former #2 world-ranked Junior and current #82 ATP world-ranked Ryan Sweeting playing against 19-year-old rising American star and current #65 ATP world-ranked Ryan Harrison in the feature singles exhibition match. Both players have played all across the world and at the Grand Slams.

Guests at the event can see them up close and personal at The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club in Fort Myers on Saturday, March 31 as part of Madisen's Match, an annual clinic, Pro-Am exhibition tennis charity event benefiting Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center and Barbara's Friends - The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund.

The singles match will be preceded by a Legends doubles match with former U.S. Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson, former French Open champion Murphy Jensen, former Wimbledon champion Don Johnson and French Open singles finalist Mikael Pernfors. Complimentary food and beverages from local restaurants are included with exhibition ticket pur-

chase. Exhibition match seating begins at 4 p.m. with matches starting at 4:15 p.m.

Madisen's Match will also offer 50 participants the rare opportunity to get instruction and play alongside current and former world ranked tennis players in an intimate setting at the luxurious Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club. The Madisen's Match clinic begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a catered lunch, with the Pro-Am beginning at 1:30 p.m. Players are paired by skill level and will receive individual instruction from the celebrity world class tennis pro's. Clinic and Pro-Am packages include admission to exhibition matches and post party dinner and auction. Post party and auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Live and silent auctions will feature autographed sports memorabilia, U.S. Open and PGA Masters travel and ticket packages, and other exciting items.

Ticket packages start at \$50 for exhibition matches; clinic and Pro-Am packages start at \$300. Ticket purchases and registration can be done online at www.madisensmatch.com or by calling Robin Grande at 482-3211. The event is expected to sell out quickly, so advance registration and ticket purchase is preferred.

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FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention, now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's

attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping off of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

arts.

- On March 23, 1836, in hopes of keeping pace with the furious march of technology, the U.S. Mint unveils its first steam-powered press. The new-fangled contraption helped crank out coins more efficiently.

- On March 25, 1911, at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York's Lower East Side, a fire quickly engulfs the factory and claims 146 lives, mostly young women. Because management had locked the exit doors, many of the garment workers either expired from asphyxiation or leapt from windows -- a fatal, 10-story fall. The factory's owners were eventually found guilty on

charges of manslaughter.

- On March 20, 1920, Bugatti delivers its first 16-valve car to a customer in Switzerland. The Bugatti was a symbol of wealth and status, and its cars were equipped with massive racing engines. The renowned American dancer Isadora Duncan was riding in a Bugatti when her trademark long scarf caught in a rear wheel of the vehicle, and she was instantly strangled to death.

- On March 22, 1947, President Harry Truman issues an executive decree establishing a sweeping loyalty investigation of federal employees in every department and agency. The program uncovered only a few employees whose loyalty could be "reasonably" doubted.

- On March 19, 1952, the one-millionth Jeep is produced. The name "Jeep" is reportedly derived from the Army's 1941 request that car manufacturers develop a "General Purpose" vehicle. "G.P." turned to "Jeep" somewhere along the battle lines.

- On March 21, 1971, "The Andromeda Strain," the first movie to use computer animation, opens. The sci-fi thriller, featuring scientists racing against time and an alien virus, was the first of many films to be made from a Michael Crichton book.

- On March 24, 1989, the worst oil spill in U.S. territory begins when the supertanker Exxon Valdez runs aground on a reef in Prince William Sound in Alaska. An estimated 11 million gallons of oil eventually spilled into the water, polluting more than 700 miles

STRANGE BUT TRUE

of coastline.

- It's still not known who made this sage observation: "Wisdom is divided into two parts: a) having a great deal to say, and b) not saying it."

- In 1931, the Newspaper Enterprise

Association predicted that crime would be nearly gone in 20 years.

- Do you subscribe to the adage "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet"? Consider this: Would that teen heartthrob of an earlier day, Bobby Darin, have become so popular if he had been known by his given name, Walden Cassotto?

- At one time, Canada's CBC network banned the children's cartoon "Rocky and Bullwinkle" because of its sometimes unflattering portrayal of the Mounties.

- The Goodrich company, known primarily for its tires, also invented the first modern golf ball.

- Sometimes scientists get to express their creativity when they have the opportunity to name things. Take deep-sea sites, for example: in the North Atlantic is the Porcupine Abyssal Plain. Clam Acres is off the west coast of Mexico, and there's a site near the Galapagos Islands called Hole-to-Hell.

- Those who study such things have found that a sneeze leaves your mouth at more than 100 m.p.h.

- Donald Duck's middle name is "Fauntleroy."

- The game of chess originated in India in about 2,000 B.C. -- it was called "chaturanga." And it didn't look quite like the modern version that is played all over the world today. Chaturanga had only four kinds of pieces: elephants, chariots, horses and foot soldiers.

- A Rochester, Mich., law states that anyone who is bathing in public must be wearing a bathing suit that has been inspected by a

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

police officer.

"You may do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm." -- Colette

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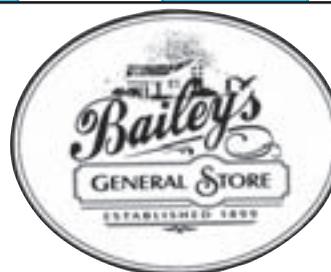


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 Salt and pepper, to taste
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 1 tablespoon shrimp boil or seafood seasoning
 4 six- to eight-ounce pompano fillets, skinless
 1 bunch fresh parsley, chopped

Combine wine, shallots and lemon juice in small saucepan. Boil over medium-high heat until mixture is reduced to 1/3 cup. Add cream; simmer 5 minutes until thickened. Add butter cubes a few at a time and whisk until melted. Stir in lemon peel. Add crabmeat to sauce and heat through. Add salt and pepper to taste; set aside and keep warm. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat.

Season fillets with seafood seasoning and add to pan; cook 4 minutes per side until opaque in center. Place fillet



Florida Pompano with Blue Crab in Citrus Cream

in center of serving plate and top with crabmeat. Spoon additional sauce over all; sprinkle with parsley and serve.

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Wiener Dog Derby

The 3rd annual Florida Wiener Dog Derby will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers. Pre-race ceremonies begin at 10:45 a.m. and the races commence at 11 a.m. This will be a fun-filled family day with vendors, dog demonstrations, entertainment and activities. A new event, the Wiener Wannabe Race will be debuted. All

leashed dogs are welcome. There is no fee for admission but there is a \$5 Lee County parking fee. Race registration is available online at www.floridawienerdogderby.com. Prospective vendors and sponsors can visit the website or contact Donna Ellis at donna@floridawienerdogderby.com.

The Florida Wiener Dog Derby, Inc. is a non-profit organization devoted to the support of local animal welfare organizations.*



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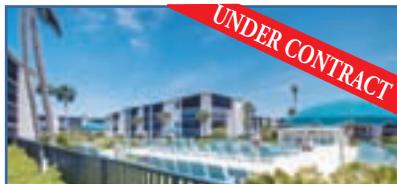


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Students who have professional goals to pursue visual arts, music, dance, theater, literary arts or film are invited to apply for one of the awards. Funds may be used for an educational institution's tuition, books, art supplies and equipment. A scholarship committee will consider funding for, but not limited to, tuition associated with any arts-related degree or advanced workshops.

Applicants are eligible to apply if they meet any of the following criteria:

- High school senior planning to study the arts
 - Student currently enrolled in accredited undergraduate or graduate programs
- And also must meet one of the following criteria:

- Current resident of Sanibel or Captiva for at least two years
- Currently employed on Sanibel or

Captiva (or have a parent employed) for at least two years

- Current member of BIG ARTS for two years (one year for students)
- Current resident of Lee County

Applications are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road. All application materials and complete scholarship program information may also be downloaded online at www.BIGARTS.org/scholar.php. Scholarship inquiries may be e-mailed to BIG ARTS at info@BIGARTS.org.

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.

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, There are many slogans that support the importance of reading for children such as Reading Is Fundamental, Blast Off With

Books, Reading Rocks and many, many more. These slogans are all true. Being a competent reader and having a love of reading are two of the most important behaviors for children to acquire.

Children's literature started to become popular in the early 1800's with Mother Goose and The Brother's Grimm tales and stories. In 1837, novels for children appeared and illustrated children's books became widely available in the 1890's. Since then we have seen this genre develop and grow enormously. Children's books now make up about 25 percent of all books sold.

Children's literacy is a major focus for both parents and educators. Literacy skills are strongly linked to success in school and in life. Access to books is a key factor for developing reading skills. Studies indicate that the number of books in the home typically can predict a child's achievement. In middle-income neighborhoods, the ratio is 13 books per child. In low-income neighborhoods, the ratio is one book per 300 children.

Outcome data are not favorable for children with low literacy levels. Half of youth with substance abuse problems have reading problems and only 2 percent of children with low literacy skills graduate from a four-year college. Further bad news is that 85 percent of all juve-

niles who have contact with the juvenile court system are functionally non-literate, that means that they read at about a third grade level. In 2003, the National Institute for Literacy reported that limited literacy skills cost businesses and taxpayers approximately \$20 billion a year in lost wages, profits and productivity.

Clearly literacy skills must be a primary focus for families and schools. Teaching children to be strong readers will give them many more opportunities for a successful life. Right now as many of our textbooks and pleasure reading books shift to a digital format, we may be able to encourage children to read more since the digital format offers many interactive tools to aid reading skills, But no matter the format, the key to reading is access to books and encouragement to read.

In the United States, March is National Reading Month, which began March 2 with National Reading Day in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. There are many celebrations, contests and activities held all over the country to engage both children and adults in this most wonderful pastime. Locally, one of the best events to celebrate reading is the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. This year's Festival will be held at Centennial Park, on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be authors for all to meet, book signings, presentations, story telling, technology exhibits, contests and, of course, food. The event is held rain or shine and it is free to attend.

For a schedule of events see <http://readfest.org/>. See you there!

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Superior Interiors

Get Into Decorating



by Jeanie Tinch

Set a mood! Accent space! Create your own style! By using a few tried and true decorating techniques, and spending a little time doing some pre-planning, you can definitely express

your own unique tastes and help shape the interior of your home.

Professional decorators' techniques for using texture, shape and pattern are often well kept secrets. But the fact is that these techniques are not that difficult. You can use elements of texture, shape and pattern to create winning combinations for your home. The key to your success is careful planning.

Texture, for example can be used for contrast. Can you visualize the texture combinations of bricks and silks? Texture can be found in drapery and upholstery fabrics, wall coverings, area rugs, tapestry wall hangings, metal sculpture and iron

work accents – just to name a few. It's the artful combination of mixing unique textures together in a room that give that room its distinct personality!

Utilizing pattern in your room's overall design scheme can be just a bit trickier. A large pattern will make walls in a smaller room seem even smaller. Fabric patterns can add a strong accent in any room. Rich floral patterns in lively colors will add pizzazz and surprise when used in upholstered furniture pieces.

Shape, too, will change a room. A round or oval area rug could add just the right touch to a living room seating arrangement. Window treatments can also be designed to add interesting shapes to your windows and ultimately your entire room.

Careful planning lets you use the elements of shape, pattern and texture to their maximum effect. And when teamed with color, you've created a distinctive look for your home. It's fun, it's easy and I guarantee you'll be thrilled with your new look. If you need any assistance your local decorator will be more than happy to help.

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

Bank Gives To FISH, Sanibel Church



Winner Gary Decker with Bank of the Islands' Rob Lisenbee and Betsy Heizmann, and Shelton Gwaltney from the Sanibel Community Church

Gary Decker is the most recent winner of the We Love Our Islands promotion sponsored by Bank of the Islands. Decker 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 \$200. This contribution marks \$46,400 given to island non-profits through the bank's We Love Our Islands program.

Decker chose to split his gift between the Sanibel Community Church and FISH of Sanibel.

"We're so happy Jim with Gary's selection for our donation," said Bank of the Islands vice president/Sanibel office manager Rob Lisenbee. "The Sanibel Community Church and FISH are both pillars in our community, finding ways to support neighbors and the neediest among us. Gary Decker really helped us show how much we appreciate being your island bank."

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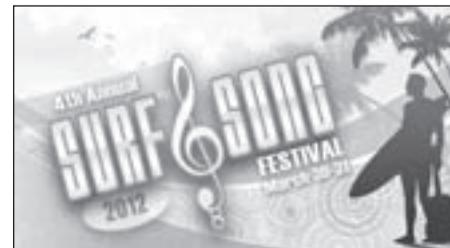
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Foundation To Host Navigating Autism Program

The Surf & Song Foundation will host its annual Surf and Song Festival on March 30 and 31 at Centennial Park and in the River District in downtown Fort Myers, featuring more than 100 musicians, arts and crafts, a Kids Zone and great food and drinks. All proceeds from the event will benefit the new Navigating Autism program at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

"We hope the community will come out and be a part of the largest all-charity music festival in Florida," said Fritz Caraher, Surf & Song Foundation president and festival chairman. "We have gathered some great national music acts and local arts and crafts vendors to help shed light on an important issue affecting a growing number of local families. We hope everyone will join us for a weekend of great entertainment benefiting local children with autism."

The Surf & Song Festival will feature 15 music stages throughout a six block area of downtown Fort Myers. Thousands of fans are expected to cheer on multiple national headline acts including Cracker, Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, John Waite, Matthew Ryan and Johnny Rzeznik, lead guitarist, singer and songwriter for the Goo Goo Dolls. More than



90 local and regional bands are performing. For the full concert lineup, visit www.surfandsongfestival.com/band-lineup/.

The event kicks-off March 30 in Centennial Park. Gates open at 4 p.m. and the music starts at 5 p.m. On March 31, gates will re-open at 11 a.m., with performances beginning at noon. Advanced tickets are \$25 and are available at www.surfandsongfestival.com/tickets/. Tickets are \$30 at the gate.

"Our singular focus is to support The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and help meet the challenges presented to children in our community who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)," said Mike VonPlinsky, the Surf & Song Foundation executive director and festival vice-chairman. "We are delighted to be an integral part of the creation and maintenance of the hospital's Navigating Autism program through the funds raised at our annual festival and all pre-festival events."

According to Dr. Guillermo Philipps, the newest Pediatric Neurology Specialist at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, autism now impacts 1 in 110

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Beth Kindt

daughter of past island residents Liz and Chuck Kindt. She graduated from FGCU in 1999 with a BS in Education. Following a teaching career in the Lee County School District, she obtained Florida licenses in real estate and insurance and was the founder and director of Phoebe's Nest, a preschool on Sanibel.

She has worked in concert promotion and has extensive experience in marketing and public relations.

She has served on the Children's Education Center Board of Directors as fundraising chairman and vice-president. Kindt has two children, Hudson, 6 and Phoebe, 2. Her husband, Jonas Stirner, is an archivist at The Robert Rauschenberg Studio on Captiva.

Regarding the new addition to his staff, Igo stated, "Beth's background is perfectly suited for our company... she and her family have a strong commitment to the island. Our staff and clients will benefit from her talents." ❄️

Will You Outlive Your Money?

Will you outlive your money, or will your money outlive you?

That question is on the minds of many individuals today. As a result, Fort Myers wealth manager A. Scott White and attorney Joshua Dorcey have created a free seminar to give people resources so they can plan to outlive their money.

The seminar will be offered on Thursday, March 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and on Wednesday, March 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sundial Beach and Golf Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive on Sanibel. The seminar is free and reservations are required; call 936-6300 for reservations.

According to White, in today's uncertain economic times, many people are not on track to reach and maintain financial independence. "Our seminar will address the strategies to use to help minimize the impact of the volatile economy on retirement plans," White said. The seminar will also cover strategies designed to provide enough lifetime income.

Dorcey says that a comprehensive financial plan should always be complemented by a comprehensive estate and asset protection plan.

White has 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. As president of Scott White Advisors, he provides financial planning services including asset diversification, estate

planning, trusts, investments and retirement planning. He is a Certified Financial Planner, a Chartered Financial Consultant, a Chartered Life Underwriter, and holds a Masters degree in Business Administration.

Dorcey focuses his legal practice in the area of Florida estate planning, asset protection, Florida probate, business planning, and small business litigation. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Florida Bar Association's Business Law Section, Real Property and Probate Section and the Wills, Trust and Estate Planning Section. ❄️

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has announced that Beth Kindt has joined the organization as assistant vice president responsible for marketing, client relations and assisting president Terry Igo and the entire San Cap Trust staff.

Originally from Philadelphia, Kindt moved to Sanibel in 1994 and is the

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Punta Gorda Seeking Bicyclists To Pedal & Play

Bicyclists of all skill levels are invited to Punta Gorda, Fla., on Saturday, March 31 to Pedal & Play In Paradise with proceeds benefiting Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and TEAM Punta Gorda's Bicycle-friendly Community Initiatives.

Participants have five bicycle rides to choose: 15-mile, 30-mile, 62-mile, a 10-mile Mystery Tour and the City Manager's History Tour with Punta Gorda's City Manager Howard Kunik and local historian Captain Louis Desquin. The event is being hosted by TEAM Punta Gorda and Isles Yacht Club.

Laishley Marina in historic Punta Gorda serves as the hub of activity on March 31. The day will begin with a welcome breakfast provided by Jack's Restaurant. Those who pre-register for the event by March 21 pay a registration fee of \$35 and receive a commemorative t-shirt, lunch provided by Jack's Restaurant, free beer to those of legal drinking age at noon, and enjoy steel drum music provided by Island Vibes. Event day registration is \$40 and does not include a t-shirt.

Sign-in and registration begins at 7 a.m. at the Laishley Marina Pavilions. Riders will be happy knowing the 62-, 30- and 15-mile rides will not be mass start events. Rest stops will be set up

along the way for the morning rides. The City Manager's History Tour begins at 1 p.m. For a special bonus, all morning riders may participate in the afternoon ride at no additional charge.

The City of Punta Gorda was recognized as the 2010 Florida Bicycle-Friendly Community of the Year by the Florida Bicycle Association and is the first and only Florida community to offer a free bicycle-loaner program. Called the Yellow Bicycle-Loaner Program, TEAM Punta Gorda led the way by purchasing bicycles and coordinating rental locations. All that is required to loan a bicycle for an hour or a day is a credit card, driver's license and signature of a waiver.

Currently, bicycles are available on a space-available basis and can be picked up at six locations: Charlotte Regional Medical Center-Wellness Center (733 E. Olympia Avenue, Fishermen's Village Marina (1200 W. Retta Esplanade), Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside (33 Tamiami Trail), Isles Yacht Club (1780 West Marion Avenue), Laishley Park Municipal Marina (120 Laishley Court) and The Wyvern Hotel (101 E. Retta Esplanade).

Additional information for Pedal & Play In Paradise including online registration can be found on their website (www.pedalandplayinparadise.com), at the Pedal & Play Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PedalAndPlay) and by viewing a YouTube video at <http://bit.ly/pedal-play2012>.✱

The Environmentalist In All Of Us

by Bryan Hayes

The environment I am talking about here, though, is your immediate environment – your home. As spring approaches, I'm reminded by either friends or people out and about that allergy season is here. While I can't help you control the dust and pollen outdoors, I can definitely help you control the flow of allergens through your home's comfort system.

Inside our homes, excessive moisture can create growths, pets can dust every surface with their dander, carpets collect anything and everything that can be considered an allergen, dust collects in hard to reach places, and unpleasant microorganisms love to seek out various places to crop up in. I've talked about these things before, but it doesn't hurt to throw in a reminder, especially in case you're reading my article for the first time.

The first line of defense is filtration. I have written many articles on this subject. Another great defense is a rather simple

solution for helping maintain a healthier indoor environment. It's a UV light system. This device is installed inside your air handler, your air handler happens to be best place for collecting all the aforementioned allergens. Why? Your air handler is just like a plush beach resort for allergens. It puts out the welcome sign that says open for business. It is dark and moist inside, and provides the perfect environment for their proliferation.

A UV light uses the ultraviolet C wave (like the sun's) to help sterilize the inside of the air handler and the air that passes through it. It reduces the output of these unhealthy nasties and prevents them from being put back into your home. If you already have one installed, that's great news. Just make sure that it gets inspected regularly and that old and burned out bulbs are replaced with new ones.

Your HVAC contractor should have a few options that you can consider to help you decide what air purification method can better suit your home and budget.

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

Diamond Dinner At JetBlue Park

The Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced last week that tickets are now on sale for the Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital 15th Annual Diamond Dinner, scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 6 p.m.

This one-of-a-kind event offers guests the opportunity to dine on the beautiful grounds at JetBlue Park. Guests will enjoy a delicious dinner provided by Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers, an interactive panel discussion with Boston Red Sox players and management and the chance to bid on a great selection of fantastic auction items including hand-signed Boston Red Sox memorabilia and a chance to watch a game from atop Fenway Park's famed Green Monster.

Boston Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine (scheduled to appear) serves as Honorary Chair for the event. Proceeds will benefit an expansion of The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. All funds raised will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous philanthropist.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$375 for a table of eight. Children under 10 are \$20 per ticket.

To purchase tickets or for more information, e-mail BostonGolf@leememorial.org or call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 343-6067.

Tickets to the March 27 game are not included in the Diamond Dinner ticket price. In the event of inclement weather,

attendees are asked to consider their ticket purchase a donation to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.✱

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Navigating Autism

children. The diagnosis of autism can be devastating to a family, and the choices for treatment can be overwhelming. The Children's Hospital's Navigating Autism program is designed to ensure all families receive the best possible services and care. The "navigator" provides support and connections to medical and community resources. With the help of a medical navigator, families are able to receive the support they need to ensure the best outcomes for their children.

The Surf & Song Foundation is a charitable, nonprofit organization supported by musicians, artists, businesses and the public to raise awareness and funds for local charities in the community.

For more information on the Surf & Song Foundation and this year's festival, visit www.surfandsongfestival.com.✱

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Red Sox, JetBlue Launch Community Corner Program

As part of their continuing outreach efforts, the Boston Red Sox and JetBlue are helping raise awareness of and support for local community groups through their second annual day-of-game initiative, the JetBlue Community Corner program.

JetBlue is the sponsor of JetBlue Park at Fenway South, the Red Sox's new 106-acre spring training and player development complex located at 11581 Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers.

A different non-profit organization will occupy a kiosk booth on Fenway South Drive at each home game where they can distribute information to the 11,000 fans that regularly attend Red Sox spring training games.

"The JetBlue Community Corner initiative invites nonprofit groups to bring a small number of volunteers to a Spring Training game to distribute literature and bring awareness about their organization to fans attending a game at JetBlue Park," said Katie Haas, director of Florida business operations.

"JetBlue strives to be a part of the

communities we serve," said Tracy Morgan, airport manager Fort Myers, JetBlue Airways. "We have proudly served Lee County for more than 11 years and we are excited about this new partnership which will allow us to encourage Red Sox fans to also become engaged in this great community."

Community Corners include:

Thursday, March 15 vs. St. Louis – Island Coast AIDS Network

Friday, March 16 vs. Minnesota – Special Equestrians

Monday, March 19 vs. Minnesota – Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium

Tuesday, March 20 vs. Toronto – Wake Up America

Thursday, March 22 vs. New York – Brotherhood Ride

Saturday March 24 vs. Philadelphia – March of Dimes

Tuesday, March 27 vs. Tampa – The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

Thursday, March 29 vs. Toronto – Cajun Classic Foundation

Sunday, April 1 vs. Minnesota – The Harry Chapin Food Bank

Monday, April 2 vs. Washington – PACE Center for Girls

The April 1 game will feature a food drive for the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Ticket holders are asked to bring non-perishable food donations to these games.✱

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The Karen Bell Team was recognized as top producing team while Robin Humphrey and Martha Smith were recognized as top producing agent.✪



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Dr. Dave Oprah Called... Dr. Dave!



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Oprah: Is this Dr. Dave, the Canadian?

Dr Dave: Depends. Is this Revenue Canada?

Oprah: This is Oprah Winfrey. I'll get right to it. Oz is

skipping on down the yellow brick road somewhere over the rainbow. Besides, he's a cardiologist and as such we figure he knows little of common topics like toenail fungus. We took one look at you, and immediately we thought "FUNGUS!"

Dr. Dave: I see.

Oprah: We'd like you to cohost a show on OWN, a show that deals with embarrassing yet common problems that folks have a hard time discussing with their doctor.

Dr. Dave: Well as you know medical integrity is important to me so let me ask, does it pay well?

Oprah: You'll make 1/9987239792606206884th of my salary.

Dr Dave (hand covering the phone): Honey, we're rich!

And then I woke up. Sort of.

It wasn't really Oprah, but it was close. It was Erin Redden, who is one step away from my wonderfully warped soul sista Heather Hawthorn Doyle, half a step away from Bag Media, a step below Mitt Romney (who bows to Pope Benny Rat), a few feathers away from the archangel Michael and finally, up to Oprah. Like I said... close.

The OWN network features shows like *Shania Twain Sings Like An Ostrich* and *Anna and Kristina's Shoplifting Bags*. Not a lot of shows with wrenches, Sherman tanks or hockey player hilights, unless they're undergoing blonde hilights in the latest metrosexual makeover show. No, when it comes to OWN, there are a lot of women involved. The bidet in the executive washroom was a bit of a hint. So, at our very first team meeting, I looked around the room at all of these lovely estrogenic executives. "We have decided that the first topic for our show will be..."

Now I'm the kind of guy who prefers to shop at places with a tire or a burger on the roof. I like monster truck rallies and hockey fights - better yet, monster hockey fights. If I ever accidentally find myself in the wrong (monarch butterflies and absorbent clouds) aisle at a grocery store, I all but go catatonic. "... will be female orgasms."

My jaw fell so hard that it knocked the lint out of my navel. They're testing me. I looked around for a camera. Nothing. The little Oompa Loompas running around my frontal lobe were heading to their panic stations. "Dr. Dave, as our expert what do you think of..."

"Expert?? I don't even know how to use a bidet, for Oprah's sake!"

So I don't think we're doing that topic first thing. But I might be wrong. We

tackle common yet embarrassing medical topics, ranging from foot odor to halitosis to infinity and beyond. And we pop up in malls and bars and such to impart some fascinating, pertinent and very useful tidbits that you - the everyday health consumer - can use.

I have been tutored by bonny Scottish co-host Isla Traquair. Together, we are the stunning and the stunned. And she's very, very funny. Not funny as in "Mrs. Hepburn, that son of yours is, well, a little funny." She is worth the price of admission alone.

If you don't own OWN you won't see Isla or I, as apparently Oprah doesn't share her shows with ESPN, meaning the only way I will ever get on ESPN is if I climb the hockey glass naked again.

To my patients and staff, I beg your

forgiveness for the past several months as I have had to leave town to film. Arnold, I will be right back to close up your biopsy wound. Heather, please keep compressions going on Mrs. Boggins, until I'm back. Remember, two breaths for every 30 compressions.

So please join me at the ranch for the launch of Buy.o.logic on April 3 at 9:30 p.m. So far it is me, my dog Leo and my wife, who promises to peek her head in during commercials. I'll have peanuts, chips, wobbly pops, fluffy pillows and for those of you so inclined... I've got a new water fountain in my executive washroom.

Like the column? You'll LOVE the book *the Doctor is In(sane)*, available at Sanibel Island Books & Gifts. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.



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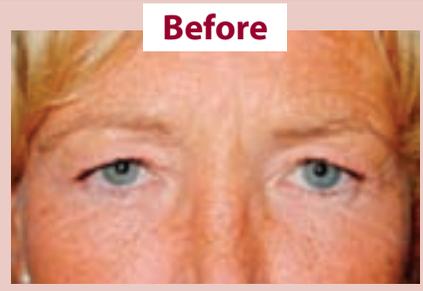
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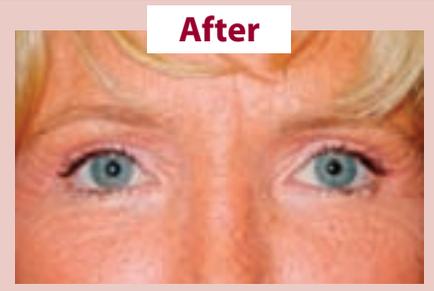
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Mom And Me



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,

I have enjoyed very good health and feel compassion for those less fortunate.

I have tried to help when people were sick with meals, gifts and taking people to their doctors. I felt that I should help those in need.

Recently, I had to have an operation with a long recovery. My "friends" and those I had helped were nowhere to be found. No telephone calls, cards, food or anything. I was completely dependent on my husband and hired help. I am very disappointed that when in need, I was ignored and I am going to rethink my

generosity.

Have you heard this from others?

Bessie

Dear Bessie,

Yes, I have. Many people are takers and not givers – they accept all of the help from others, but will give nothing in return.

Many people in our mobile society just seem to disconnect and keep the focus on themselves and disregard their weakened friends.

I recently heard about a family that moved from a third world country to the USA. They were delightful people and showed compassion to their neighbors, and especially to a sick elderly neighbor.

Good people are everywhere, but there are also many self-centered individuals who just keep their eyes totally on themselves.

Lizzie

Dear Bessie,

I understand your situation and how you feel. I can relate that to my work life. I have helped many people with increasing their referrals, making introductions and assisting a few start their own business. More times than not, my time and kindness were not returned in any way. I have not stopped helping people because that would change who I am. However, I am a little more selective in my attention.

So maybe you should rethink your generosity. You will choose to continue to give to others, but be a little more selective.

Pryce

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

Free Autism Screening For Young Children

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years of age.

The next screening will be held on Friday, March 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sanctuary Outpatient Center, 8950 Colonial Center Drive in Fort Myers.

It is estimated that one in every 150 children is diagnosed with some form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

The ASD screening is conducted by the Neurosciences Center at The Children's Hospital, under the guidance of pediatric neurologist Jose Colon, MD, MPH. The screenings are administered by an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.*

March Is National Nutrition Month

Each March, the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (formerly The American Dietetic Association), the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals, encourages consumers to follow the dietary Guidelines for Americans which were revised in 2010.

In 1973, National Nutrition Month was initiated as a week long event and, in 1980, became a month long observation in response to growing public interest in nutrition.

March annually gives us an opportunity to remind consumers that there is science and evidence based research

they can understand and apply to their everyday lives. As of June 2011, the "My Plate" theme replaced the "My Pyramid" by dividing a plate into four sections for each food recommended, with a glass to represent dairy products, all which will benefit us for a lifetime.

The 2010 guidelines recommend:

- Consume "increased" fruits and vegetables, grains and proteins.
- Balance calories with physical activities to manage a healthy weight.

National Nutrition Month will help to remind ourselves what foods to eat and amounts that should be on our plate, creative ways to combine foods and to think outside the box to make meals both healthy and enjoyable.

For more information, visit www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines.org.*

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Antibiotics Are Stupid: It's Up To You To Be Smart



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

My son takes an antibiotic for acne and I need one for urinary tract infections. My question is not about natural alternatives – I don't believe in that stuff. I just want

to know what the side effects are of antibiotics and any other safety precautions. Thanks for letting you pick your brain.

TE, Decatur, Illinois

There are well over 100 antibiotics and they are the single most frequently prescribed medication of our time. Some people with viral and fungal infections are often prescribed antibiotics, which only target bacteria. Big mistake. Antibiotics are actually derived from mold/fungus so it's recommended that you avoid antibiotics if you have any fungal infection or various immune system disorders.

The first patented antibiotic was penicillin. We have hundreds of prescription antibiotics today, but prior to that, doctors prescribed colloidal silver, turmeric, oregano oil, olive leaf

extract, garlic or other naturally-occurring antimicrobials. These are all still available in health food stores for others who are interested.

Physicians often prescribe antibiotics based on the tissue that is infected. So your son is taking doxycycline, a drug that penetrates the skin cells well, while you are on an antibiotic that goes into your kidney, bladder and/or urethra with the sole task of annihilating foreign bacteria that have taken up residence. Kids with ear infections are often given cephalexin or amoxicillin because those two drugs really get into the ear canal.

Some experts suggest taking your antibiotic on an empty stomach to achieve higher blood levels but this often backfires. As a pharmacist for 23 years, I've noticed that people commonly throw up when they do this, so I think it's better to take your antibiotic with food (and keep it down) than to take it on an empty stomach and potentially lose it. The final word on this should come from your personal health care advisor.

Antibiotics are stupid. They can't distinguish bad bacteria from good ones, which means your camp of friendly flora or "probiotics" is destroyed. So to answer your question about long-term side effects, they are tied to the potent drug mugging effect, meaning antibiotic drugs literally "mug" you of your probiotics.

You said you don't believe in dietary supplements, but I would be remiss if I didn't suggest a probiotic supplement (especially those containing lactic acid bacteria) which rejuvenates your gut integ-

rity and replenishes your friendly camp of "good gut bugs." B complex would be excellent, too.

I promise you, poor probiotic status can lead to unspeakable misery, with problems that put you on a medication merry-go-round. Short term effects are indigestion, stomach pain, gas, nausea, constipation and irritable bowel symptoms. Long-term suppression of probiotics can lead to weight gain, yeast overgrowth, vaginal yeast infections, skin problems, chronic fatigue, body aches, joint pain, immune suppression and a

leaky gut (which then promotes sudden food sensitivities to wheat and dairy, for example). That last one is a life-changer!

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.

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My name is Benson (ID# 525243) and I am a 4-year-old male brown, black and white catahoula leopard hound. The volunteers and staff at the shelter would like you to know that I'm a very sociable dog who likes other pets and people. In fact, when the officer came to pick me up I ran over and put my head right in her lap and then jumped in her van.

Catahoulas make good family pets and I'm no exception. I'm smart and energetic but not overly active, as long as I get my daily exercise and time to be with my family.

My adoption fee is \$45 during Animal Services "Find Your Lucky Charm" adoption promotion (regularly \$75). If you volunteer for any organization, you can adopt me for only \$8 (LCDAS says thank you to all volunteers for everything they do for the community!).

My name is Madeline (ID# 524899) and I am a 4-year-old female black and white domestic short hair. I was shy at first, but quickly warmed up to the shelter staff. I love to follow them around while they clean. It's fun to jump in their way! They must think it's fun, too, because they always give me more attention. I get along great with other cats and love to play, play, play.

My adoption fee is \$25 during Animal Services "Find Your Lucky Charm" adoption promotion (regularly \$50). If you volunteer for any organization you can adopt me for only \$8.

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

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

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if 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.✪



Benson ID# 525243

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Madeline ID# 524899

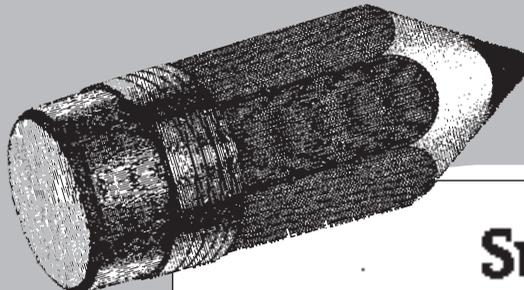
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| Sanibel Police | 472-3111 |
| Lee County Sheriff's Office | 477-1200 |
| On Call Captiva Deputy | 477-1000 |
| Fire Department | |
| Sanibel | 472-5525 |
| Captiva | 472-9494 |
| Florida Marine Patrol..... | 332-6966 |
| Florida Highway Patrol | 278-7100 |
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| 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 |
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| Captiva | 472-1674 |
| Sanibel Community Association | 472-2155 |
| Senior Center..... | 472-5743 |
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| 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 | sanibelbicycleclub.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

STRICTLY SPEAKING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Summer singer
 - 5 Saucer's quaff
 - 9 In the sack
 - 13 Mustelid, in Madras
 - 18 'Dues —'
 - 19 Malediction
 - 20 ——— Willey
 - 21 We red capriciously
 - 22 Tens, red?
 - 24 Ex-wife, same mes?
 - 26 Roman official
 - 27 Umpire
 - 29 Bull, bigwig
 - 30 Plant part
 - 31 Writer
 - 33 Tiktaka
 - 37 Act like a
 - 40 Woke bows?
 - 44 Evis
 - 45 Tinty cloth inscription
 - 46 Cookbook author
 - 47 Deed
 - 49 Wraps up
 - 52 Incompetent
 - 55 Neighbor of — Alvin
 - 57 TV's "The — Game"
 - 58 Male dreamboat
 - 60 Progress
 - 61 Chick's Kean's group
 - 63 Pigeon English?
 - 64 To boot
 - 68 Spud bud
 - 67 Bu dog for one
 - 68 "Blam — Rio" (84 film)
 - 69 Japanese impersonation
 - 73 Hire a private eye?
 - 76 Landed
 - 76 Palm Sunday animal
 - 77 Hamburg lead-in
 - 79 Act like an antelope
 - 80 Oxford figure
 - 81 Vain in
 - 83 Watership Down author
 - 85 Duty a cleric
 - 89 Salad veggie
 - 91 Geronimo's hairstyle
 - 93 Draw
 - 94 Quoted
 - 95 Swedish currency
 - 96 Mardi —
 - 98 "I may be white
 - 99 Signor Felice
 - 101 Stock brokers?
 - 105 Petting pal
 - 106 Blood con-parents
 - 109 Kid at court
 - 110 Fairhair
 - 111 Carpenter
 - 113 Wine valley
 - 116 Exc
 - 120 FDA-approved snack?
 - 126 "Equus," for instance?
 - 128 Inventor
 - 129 Dingy digs
 - 130 Fat on the bum?
 - 131 Kuwait ruler
 - 132 Backboard figure
 - 133 Type of chutney
 - 134 Hole
 - 135 Odense denizen
- DOWN**
- 1 Man's altar ego?
 - 2 Like Big Kahuna
 - 3 Agra attire
 - 4 Prepared a pineapple
 - 5 Whopper's warning
 - 6 Keep the shaves
 - 7 Crumb's cousin
 - 8 Sail support
 - 9 Furniture wood
 - 10 Jacket tie
 - 11 Big bird
 - 12 — brakes
 - 13 Canonized Mile
 - 14 " — you for real?"
 - 15 Was an optometrist
 - 16 Unimproved
 - 17 Juicy fruit
 - 21 Yeast word
 - 23 Awful judgment
 - 25 Macabre
 - 26 Lanka
 - 32 Tennis pro
 - 34 Miss Hunt's auto biography
 - 35 " — Game" (77 film)
 - 36 Up and about
 - 38 Requests
 - 39 Air flight?
 - 40 Spanish sherry
 - 41 Author
 - 42 "Peter Pan" pirate
 - 43 Tied a snuff
 - 45 "What?"
 - 46 Crack up
 - 50 Proclaimations
 - 51 A nose that shows
 - 53 Cool-er arm's guns
 - 54 Lowell or Waggoner
 - 56 His an
 - 57 Ignominious
 - 58 Use an
 - 60 Goggle gun
 - 62 Wood and gas
 - 65 Self-mentary stuff
 - 68 Force
 - 69 Last luster
 - 70 " — Games" Mary
 - 71 Dana of
 - 72 Messy Madison
 - 73 Nickels and dimes
 - 74 Designer
 - 77 Church sale
 - 78 Hoalla
 - 81 Happening
 - 82 Let in class
 - 84 Scares the surface
 - 86 Zodiac animal
 - 87 Bull's eye
 - 88 Actor
 - 89 Horley
 - 90 Currier's partner
 - 92 Memo start
 - 93 On a whole watch
 - 95 Asian nation
 - 97 Clothes
 - 100 African accent
 - 102 Quis & or
 - 103 Eye appreciatively
 - 104 Acted like a chick
 - 105 Garden supplies
 - 106 In the lightest degree
 - 107 "Good-byes" group
 - 112 Return address?
 - 114 "Hi, sweet"
 - 115 Baldy cat
 - 117 — main
 - 118 Self-smitten
 - 119 Thumblike
 - 121 Cornerstone labor
 - 122 "Evil" character
 - 123 " — Tiki"
 - 124 TV Tarzan
 - 125 King's handle?
 - 127 Costa
 - 128 —

King Crossword

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- 1 Most
- 5 English item
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MAGIC MAZE • YARD

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 KJNHFFREICODMBZ
 YLXONOVGLUODIRK
 LQMPWOMISKGLIGA

- Take a look at the words in the maze. They are all related to —
 forward, backward, up, down and the words:
- Arm
 - Bird
 - Darts
 - Donkey
 - Goods
 - Glass
 - Lines
 - Man
 - Maker
 - Master
 - Of ale
 - Ramp
 - Stalk
 - Stick
 - Work



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