



## Treasure Hunt At Sanibel Historical Museum & Village

April is the month to celebrate pirates at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village and tell the story of Black Caesar, who sailed up and down the gulf coast of South Florida, attacking and plundering ships in search of silver and gold. Children who visit the historical village in April are invited to go on a treasure hunt and then pick out a prize from the treasure chest at the Old Bailey Store.

The village is the only place around where can you see a

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Natalie Bouldin wearing a bonnet, purchased in the museum gift shop, with parents Liz and Graham Bouldin, from Oregon

## Sea School's Octifest Supports A Good Cause

On Saturday, March 31, the Sanibel Sea School will celebrate six years on the islands of Sanibel and Captiva with its annual fundraising party – Octifest on the Beach – in a tent on Causeway Island A. Guests can look forward to a sunset that can't be beat, a gourmet local and sustainable dinner, good music, good friends and a good cause.

Proceeds will benefit scholarships to Sanibel Sea School and help bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of the programs for all students who attend the school.

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Dr. Bruce Neill, executive director of Sanibel Sea School

## Top Everglades Biologist To Talk About Snakes

A 15-year-old Eastern indigo snake will be the star attraction at two upcoming lectures at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, March 30. The snake will be accompanied by its owner, Dennis J. Giardina, the Everglades region biologist for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Giardina will show slides and talk about

the importance of native snakes and the problem with exotic snakes in Florida. His presentations take place in the refuge education center at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. as part of the 2012 Refuge Lecture Series.

"I guess you could say I've been a snake lover since I was a little kid," said Giardina. "I grew up in New England dreaming about the snakes of Florida, which is where I have lived since 1991. I will talk about them and their ecology."

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

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Kids having fun on the field with school friends at last year's festival

## Seahorse Festival Is This Saturday

The Sanibel School Seahorse Festival is this Saturday, March 24. Bring the whole family to The Sanibel School, 3840 Sanibel-Captiva Road, from 5 to 9 p.m. for a fun-filled evening of games, bounce houses, obstacle courses, a silent auction, food and drinks. The public is welcome.

The Seahorse Festival committee has been collecting items for the expansive silent auction. Everything from vacation stays to restaurant gift certificates, retail goods and services are all up for grabs. Each classroom has created either original artwork or a themed basket for the auction.

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Face painting is popular for girls and boys

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## International Film Festival Sunday

by Di Saggau

There's still time for you to get tickets to the BIG ARTS International Film Festival to be held Sunday, March 25 in Schein Hall. Two terrific films will be shown. At 3 p.m. is *Poetry*, an acclaimed Korean film about a woman who rises above disturbing events in her life by entering a poetry class. A box dinner and discussion follows.

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Director Mark Wexler, right, with Jack La Lanne

## A Peek At The Unique Returning This Saturday

After months of planning, it's all systems go for this Saturday, March 24, the 11th annual A Peek At The Unique, the signature fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. A few tickets are available at \$65 each. Call 1-888-891-4689, send an e-mail to zontapeektickets@gmail.com or stop by The Community House early on Saturday morning to check with event organizers.

Raffle tickets are also available at \$10 each for a range of prizes. The drawing is late afternoon on Saturday and you do not have to be present to win.

All signs point to another record-breaking event. "Through the generosity of island businesses and individual benefactors, we will meet and possibly exceed our goal," said Linda Robison, co-chair.

Last year, the event raised over \$70,000 and distributed \$54,200 in local grant and pledged \$18,500 to Zonta International. So far this year, more than \$40,000 in sponsorships has been pledged by more than 200 businesses and individuals.

All funds go to projects that advance the status of women in all walks of life, facing challenges that range from poverty and illiteracy to addiction and the risks of human trafficking and spouse abuse. Among other organizations, Zonta supports ACT, Southwest Florida Addiction



**Zontian Jacque Cramer was among the cheerful hostesses at the 2011 Peek**

Services, PACE Center for Girls Lee County, FISH of Sanibel, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, and Head Start/Parent University. Always, the needs far exceed the available funds.

Peekers, many of whom return year after year, gather at The Community House on Periwinkle Way to climb aboard air-conditioned buses, commemorative program book in hand, for a guided tour of four unique island homes. Before the three-hour tour, they experience Zonta hospitality: cheery check-in, tasty bites from island restaurants and food vendors, and seeing old friends. Once aboard, their Zonta guide entertains with tidbits about the next home they will see.

At each stop, a speaker briefly pres-



**Peekers are asked to bring non-perishable food donations for FISH of Sanibel**

ents the home's high points and Zonta docents make everyone feel welcome. And at tour's end, peekers receive a colorful package of Peek Perks, discount coupons and special offers from island businesses.

This year sees a change in location, due to major construction at the Sanibel Community Church.

"We could not provide this popular tour experience, obviously, without the generous island homeowners who agree to open their homes in support of the work of Zonta," said Carolyn Gray, co-chair. "The Peek is such a wonderful example of the community coming together for a cause we all believe in. We are so grateful to everyone who helps make it possible."

In particular, Zonta thanks the following for their generous support in providing the creative and tasty bites before the

tour. Returning favorites include Coffee Bar@Bailey's, Bailey's General Store, Cip's Café, Costco, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Jacaranda, Key Lime Bistro, Pinocchio's Original Italian Ice Cream, Queenie's Real Homemade Ice Cream, Sanibel Café, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, Sanibel Steakhouse, Schnapper's Hots, The Stone Crab, Sweet Melissa's, Timbers Restaurant & Sanibel Grill, Traders, and Twilight Café. Billy's Rentals, as always, provides chilled water.

New this year are The Bagel Factory, Bistro@Beachview, The Blue Giraffe, Geppetto's Beach Foodies, The Great White Grill, Norman Love Chocolates, Radical Rations and The Sanctuary Golf Club.

For more information, visit [www.zontanancap.com](http://www.zontanancap.com).\*

## Meet Carter Smith

Shirley Allen Gallery is proud to present the unique, museum-quality shibori fabrics created by Carter Smith, an internationally-acclaimed fabric artist whose works have been worn by the likes of Elizabeth Taylor, Oprah Winfrey and Jane Fonda.

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"The whole concept of what I'm doing is playing with the fabric, playing with the colors, and creating a unique landscape," said Smith, who formally trained as a professional textile dyer at the University of California - Davis. "The wonderful thing about the shibori process is the more you play with it, the better it gets."

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

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

"My desire is to wrap you in color and luxury," added Smith. "The best compliment I can get is to hear from women who receive compliments while wearing my work. That means I'm doing something right, making a positive difference in their lives."

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*"In order to find oneself, one must be willing to be lost, for it is only in losing our way that we find our way. For if we always knew where we are, we will never know where we can be." - Carter Smith*

## Panel Drafts New Statement On Captiva's Future

submitted by Ken Gooderham

Do you have a vision for Captiva Island? The Captiva Community Panel asked that question of people around the island, and their enthusiastic responses helped guide the panel to draft the following statement about the island's future:

"Captiva Island is a coastal; barrier island with a low-density residential lifestyle supported by commercial activities to serve residents and visitors who are drawn toward a tranquil, unhurried experience in a natural setting. Captiva's natural environment is its most important attraction. Captivans regard the protection of its beaches, wildlife, flora, mangrove fringe, water quality and dark night skies as matters of paramount importance. Toward this end, the Captiva community works together with Lee County and other regulatory bodies to preserve its unique historic character and sustain the fragile and limited resources of the island."

The inspiration for this vision was sparked last fall when Lee County planners updated the plan on plans to review the Lee Plan, the county's comprehensive land use plan, as part of a regular revision process mandated by the state. As part of this update, the various vision statements for communities around the county were being revisited, and planners invited the panel to review the current vision statement and make changes as necessary.

Well, the panel indeed felt changes were imperative, since the generic vision statement in place really didn't reflect the vision many felt for their island home. So the panel invited community members to submit their visions for Captiva in the future, then used those sentiments as the basis for a draft which was presented to the panel at its March meeting.

There, the panel and the audience worked in quick collaboration to distill a much longer statement to the vision presented here. This statement, plus two minor changes in existing policies to reflect current realities, have been sent to Lee County for inclusion in the ongoing Lee Plan update to be completed later this year.

Another phase of implementing this vision, adoption of the Captiva Land Development Code, continues to wind its way through county committees, and an update will be presented at the panel's next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Room at Chadwick's Square, South Seas Island Resort. All panel meetings are open to the public, and community participation is encouraged.

The Captiva Community Panel provides a public forum whereby Captiva property owners can present projects and get feedback from and answer questions of the panel members and other Captivans attending the public meeting. The panel has no decision-making authority but does advise Lee County as to the point of view of the panel and the

point of view expressed by other interested Captivans. The panel is sponsored by the Captiva Property Owners Association Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. More information is available online at [www.captivacommunitypanel.com](http://www.captivacommunitypanel.com).

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

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# Lemonade Stand Grand Opening



Jensen, George and Finn opened a lemonade stand on Periwinkle Way last week  
photo by Beth Warner

Three enterprising young men named Jensen, George and Finn recently held the grand opening for their lemonade stand on Periwinkle Way. Most bicyclists zoomed past them, but for those who did stop for refreshment, George – the “boss” – explained, “There is no set price for a glass of lemonade.” Jensen poured lemonade into cups and Finn disposed of patron’s trash. Thank you, boys, for a great tasting glass of lemonade on a hot afternoon! – *Candid Camera of Sanibel*✧

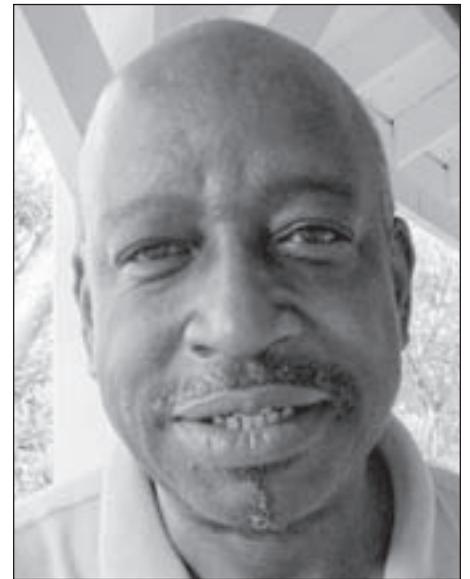
# Twilight Talk Offers Different View Of Sanibel’s History

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village will hold its third Twilight Talk on Friday, March 23 in the Old Schoolhouse in the Village. The speakers will be City of Sanibel Planning Director Jim Jordan and his cousin, Oscar Gavin. Both men have lived on Sanibel since the 1950s and will talk island life from the perspective of black people who settled and lived here.

The Twilight Talk will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$5, and museum members are admitted free but must pick up tickets prior to the event. Seating is limited.

Tickets are available in the museum manager’s office in the old Bailey’s General Store in the Village during museum hours, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call museum manager Emilie Alfino at 472-4648 with any questions.

This is a great time to become a member of the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, priced at \$25 for an individual membership. At the \$50 level, you and three family members (total of four people) are entitled to free entry to the museum for a year as well as free entry to all Twilight Talks. Family members also receive a 10 percent discount on most items in the museum gift shop. Call 472-4648 for an application or pick one up at the next Twilight Talk. By supporting



**Jim Jordan**  
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## Alternative Transportation Meeting Next Week

The project partner agencies – J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, City of Sanibel and LeeTran – will host an open house next week 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 increasing 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 on Sanibel.

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 accessibility and enhance refuge visitor experience.

Based on input received at the public meeting in April of 2011 and an online survey conducted on the project website, the project recommendation has been revised to no longer include circulator service outside the refuge.

The revised project recommendation elements are as follows:

- Improve safety for wildlife to cross Sanibel-Captiva Road
- New trail connecting Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use path
- Enhanced refuge wayfinding plan
- Bailey Tract wayfinding to the Shared Use Path
- Expanded refuge parking options at existing overflow parking
- Bicycle rentals at the refuge
- Enhancements to refuge tram and new Refuge shuttle service

To review project documentation prior to the open house, visit the project website – [www.DingDarlingTransportation.com](http://www.DingDarlingTransportation.com) – after Friday, March 23.✱



Kate and Sean Sawicki want you to remember to “hop” on over to the Spring Festival on April 7

## Children’s Center Spring Festival

The Children’s Education Center of the Islands will be having its annual Spring Festival on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sanibel Community Park.

A fun, family-friendly event for all ages, activities will include an Easter egg

hunt, pony rides, a bounce house, games, crafts, contests, a giant slide and sack races. Also, the Easter Bunny will take time out of his busy schedule for pictures.

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# Louise Johnson Receives Rachel Carson Award

submitted by Andrew Stansell

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education presented its Rachel Carson Award to Dr. Louise M. Johnson at its 8th annual fundraising celebration. The award recognizes her long-time service to the center and the community of Sanibel.

On occasion, not even annually, the center gives its highest award to a recipient who embodies Rachel Carson's contributions most relevant to the center: public policy – based on sound science and ethics, active participation of an ecologically – literate citizenry, and appreciation of the natural world through the literary arts and environmental education.

Dr. Johnson is a dedicated nature lover, environmental activist, and public servant. As former mayor of the City of Sanibel, Dr. Johnson has served as Sanibel city councilor, as well as several terms on the City of Sanibel Planning Commission including the Sanibel wildlife and early affordable housing committees. She was originally drawn to Sanibel for its leaders' commitment to ecological principles and its vision of environmental protection. Dr. Johnson is active in numerous organizations in the barrier islands, and has served in various capacities with Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Dr. Johnson holds degrees from Syracuse University, including a BA in English and education, a master's degree in library science, and a doctorate of arts. She has also completed studies at Ohio State University and the Breadloaf School of English.

Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran



**Dr. Louise M. Johnson at annual fundraising celebration**

said, "Louise's contribution to fulfilling the city's vision as a member of the planning commission and city council are historic. She has advised the center for 10 years.



**Board of advisors member Armand Ball presenting the Rachel Carson Award to Dr. Louise M. Johnson**

We honor her lifelong commitment to the spirit of Rachel Carson."

Approximately 200 people gathered at the beachfront home of Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer to celebrate the most successful year in the center's history. Board of advisors member Armand Ball presented the award in the form of a locally-found lightning whelk.

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

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

Contributions can be sent to the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education, 10501 FGCU Boulevard South, Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565. For more information email [cese@fgcu.edu](mailto:cese@fgcu.edu) or call 590-7166.✪

## Republican Caucus To Feature Aubuchon

On Saturday March 24, the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus will host Congressional candidate Gary Aubuchon at the Sanibel Public Library Meeting Room #4 (ground floor across from the elevator). The meeting is open to the public.

Aubuchon has served as District 74 House Member since 2006 and is currently chairman of the prestigious Rules and Calendar Committee. He also serves on the Select Committee on Government Reorganization and the Committee on Economic Development as well as several other committees.

When not serving in the legislature, Aubuchon is president of the Aubuchon Team of Companies and is an industry leader in home building. He has lived in Southwest Florida for nearly three decades and resides in Cape Coral with his wife and three daughters. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his civic and charitable contributions.

Aubuchon is running in the August 7 Republican primary for the United States Congressional district, which includes Sanibel and Captiva.

Call George Clark at 472-8980 if you have any questions or would like information on the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus.✪



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# Citizens Urged To Speak Out On Preserving Sanibel's Beaches



by Barbara Joy Cooley, president, Committee of the Islands

**A**n important meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, regarding Sanibel's beaches. All who care about the health of our beaches are urged to attend and speak out. Here's why:

About seven years ago, the City Council and Planning Commission decided that the city should do a study of beach carrying capacity. They inserted a requirement to do this study in the Sanibel Plan, explaining that, "The maintenance of a natural beach as a vital natural resource is important to the community's quality of life and the economy of the city. For a variety of environmental, social, economic and historic reasons, it is important

that the carrying capacity of the beach for wildlife is not diminished."

The basis for that rationale hasn't changed, but the city council has changed. The current council is now questioning this requirement in the plan, however, Mayor Kevin Ruane says he wants to hear from the public on this subject before the council decides whether to nix the beach carrying capacity study from the Sanibel Plan.

The first public discussion about this will be at the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 27 at 9 a.m. at Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road. Those who care about Sanibel's beaches are encouraged to attend.

The carrying capacity of the beaches was identified as a "major issue" the last time the Sanibel Plan was reviewed, in 2004-05. This periodic review of the plan, called the "Evaluation and Appraisal Report" – or EAR – is about to begin again at the March 27 meeting.

### Causeway Crossings Highest Since 2004

The Sanibel Plan states that "The carrying capacity and environmental quality of the island's natural coastal areas cannot be sustained if both off-island and on-island physical growth and visitation pressures are not addressed." If that was true in 2004-05, isn't it still true today? Especially with signs that the economy is starting to recover? Is there any real evidence that there are fewer people on the beaches today?

Is there any reason to believe that the number of people using Sanibel's beaches will decline in the future? In fact, the number of vehicles crossing the causeway in 2011 rose by 70,000, to a total of 2,950,000, the highest figure since 2004. And January 2012 crossings were up 4.8 percent from 2011.

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Although the requirement to do this study has been in the Sanibel Plan for seven or so years, it has not yet been done. Is it time to do the study? Or is it time to dismiss the importance of our beaches by eliminating this requirement from the Plan?

The first opportunity for Sanibel citizens to voice their concerns about this issue will be on March 27 at the Planning Commission meeting. The mayor has asked for our input. Let's show up... and speak out.

The Committee of the Islands welcomes your input on this subject. E-mail your comments to [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org). You can find commentaries on other island issues online at [www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org), and you can visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.✪

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## News From The Captiva Library

On Wednesday, March 28, at 4:30 p.m., the Cultural Fest presents Nancie Saxton, author of *Poems by Marines in Combat*. Saxton is the daughter of a marine who served in the Korean War. She was inspired by her father and a marine she had dated who wrote several poems while serving in the Vietnam War. This unforgettable compilation touches the soul and gives an inspirational look at what it was like for those who fought for our freedom.

On Thursday, March 29, at 3 p.m.

kids will not want to miss Scandinavian Folktales at the the Captiva Memorial Library. Bring the entire family to enjoy stories from Scandinavian countries and to make your own friendly troll.

Support for Captiva Memorial Library programs is provided by the Captiva Memorial Library Board and the Captiva Civic Association. All programs are free to the public; no registration required and no reserved seating. For information, call 533-4890.

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10, beginning at 9 a.m. in one of the Cone Rooms in Chadwick's Square at South Seas Island Resort (note

the new location). This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Review of proposed septic system/water quality language.
- Review of panel income and expenses.
- Land Development Code review update.
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
- A Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. Information and background documents are available online at [www.captivacommunitypanel.com](http://www.captivacommunitypanel.com).

The inaugural Monday after the Masters will combine golf and generosity for an afternoon of fun on Monday, April 9 at South Seas Island Resort. The festivities will conclude in a sunset celebration overlooking the gulf, with proceeds to benefit the Captiva Community Panel.

The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the City of Sanibel and Lee Tran will host an open house to share details of the refined draft project recommendation for the Alternative Transportation Study funded by the

Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Public Parks Program. Here, 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, Sanibel.

Currently, the revised project recommendation elements are as follows:

- Improve safety for wildlife to cross Sanibel-Captiva Road
- New trail connecting Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the Shared Use Path
- Enhanced refuge wayfinding plan
- Bay Tract wayfinding to the shared use path
- Expanded refuge parking options at existing overflow parking
- Bicycle rentals at the refuge
- Enhancements to refuge tram and new refuge shuttle service

To review documentation prior to the open house, visit the project website after March 23 at [www.DingDarlingTransportation.com](http://www.DingDarlingTransportation.com).

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in the Bushes being presented by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation on Saturday, April 14, beginning at 7 p.m. Join the sunset celebration with live music, dancing, food and beer (courtesy of Samuel Adams and the Grog Shop), sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. Cost is \$30 per person, and reservations can be made by calling 472-2329. The event will be held at SCCF, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The Sanibel Police Department is currently issuing 2012 hurricane passes to residents, property owners, and business owners and their essential personnel. Hurricane passes are available from the Sanibel Police Department, 800 Dunlop Road, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The pass is color coded with important information regarding hurricane preparedness and island re-entry on the reverse side. The hurricane pass program included a system of nine zones. These zones will be printed on your hurricane pass to allow for phased re-entry, if warranted. Drivers license with a Sanibel or Captiva address may still be used; however, a hurricane pass with zone information will expedite your return to the island in the event of an evacuation. It is suggested that these passes be stored in your vehicle glove box for easy access.

Captiva Island property owners and those with commercial interests should obtain hurricane passes prior to a hurricane warning being issued. If you do not obtain a hurricane pass prior to leaving for the summer, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to the Sanibel Police Department, 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957 (Attention:

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For questions regarding hurricane passes, emergency preparedness and evacuation, contact Stephanie Dowd, emergency management specialist, Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111.

As spring arrives, horseshoe crabs converge along sandy beaches throughout the state to mate. Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) are asking the public for help pinpointing the sites where these horseshoe crabs spawn.

Beachgoers are likely to have the best luck spotting mating horseshoe crabs around high tide, just before, during or after a full or new moon. The conditions around the new moon on March 22 and the full moon on April 6 will create ideal opportunities to view the spawning behavior of horseshoe crabs.

The FWC asks people to report sightings through one of several convenient options. Go to MyFWC.com/Contact and click on the "Submit a Horseshoe Crab Survey" link, then "Florida Horseshoe Crab Spawning Beach Survey." You can also email findings to horseshoe@MyFWC.com or call the FWC at 866-252-9326.

Observers should note the number of horseshoe crabs they see and whether those horseshoe crabs are mating. Mating crabs pair up, with the smaller male on top of the larger female. Other male crabs may be present around the couple. If possible, the observer should specify

roughly how many horseshoe crabs are mating adults and how many are juveniles (four inches wide or smaller). Biologists also want to know the date, time, location, habitat type and environmental conditions – such as tides and moon phase – when a sighting occurs.✧

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Her perspectives will be followed by a questions and answer period.

Currently, Krueger is a Professor Of International Economics at the School for Advanced International Studies at 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



**Anne Krueger**

trade and finance and economic policy reform.

A continental breakfast will be served and reservations are recommended. This is a free event, but reservations are required.

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This year, it will feature talent from Sanibel residents of all ages showing off their skills. There will be a special silent auction with many items on which to bid. The auction includes desserts and many donations from local businesses. Refreshments will follow.

Starry Starry Night is a talent show/fundraiser for SCC Student Ministries to help pay for their upcoming mission trip to Ecuador and Staten Island, New York as well as various camps and activities.

Many of the participating students and adults have been serving the local community needs since the trips to Ecuador and Charleston last summer. This summer, the Staten Island team will be connecting with Urban Hope NYC for a week of their summer camp for inner-city children. The Staten Island team hopes to sponsor three Urban Hope camp

children for every person they bring, allowing Urban Hope to have additional funds for needs that arise this year. The Ecuador team will be meeting and working with children connected to the Ganas Orphanage, construction projects and helping other local organizations.

If you are interested in performing, contact youth pastor Tom Walsh at 472-2684.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's Market. All are welcome and childcare is provided. For more information, call the church office at 472-2684.\*

## Bowman's Beach Bird Walk Offered

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Club-sponsored bird walk will be held this Saturday, March 24 at Bowman's Beach. Participants will meet just before the wooden bridge to the beach at 8 a.m. Non-resident parking is \$2 per hour. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. The suggested donation is \$2.

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## OBITUARY



**JOAN A. MILLER**

Joan A. Miller, 80, of Sanibel died on March 10, 2012 at Joanne's House of Hope Hospice, Bonita Springs. She was born on March 3, 1932 in Waterbury, Connecticut, the daughter of Gordon K. and Florence (LaBrie) Alling Sr.

A resident of Sanibel for the past 26 years, she previously lived in Waterbury, Connecticut, where she graduated from Wilby High School, Waterbury then she worked as a paraprofessional at the Gordon Swift Jr. High School for 27 years.

Since living on Sanibel, she worked as a hostess at the Sundial Resort and enjoyed the beach and collecting many shells. Joan will be missed for her beautiful blue eyes and constant smile.

Joan was a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother, she is survived by her husband of 60 years, Douglas E. Miller Sr., her children, Darlene M. (Joe) Finateri of Las Vegas, Nevada, Debbie (Tom) DeMando of Carrollton, Texas, Sharon Lee (John) Laone of Watertown, Connecticut, Karen Ann Miller of Waterbury, Connecticut and Douglas E. (Dawn) Miller Jr. of Celina, Texas, 14 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, her brother, Gordon K. (Lois) Alling Jr. of NJ and her special friends, Goldie Shopel and Sandy Gittings. She was predeceased by her grandson, Tommy Miller DeMando.

Funeral services will be held privately by the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Friends may sign the guest book at www.dignifiedcremations.com.\*

## SFCA To Host 13th Annual Auction

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# Holocaust Survivor Benninga To Address Unitarian Universalists

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Sanibel resident Carla Benninga, guest speaker at the April 1 service, was born in The Hague, Netherlands. Growing up in her Jewish family, she was an eighth grader in 1940 when the Nazis invaded the Netherlands. Her family spent five years under Nazi occupation, including a number of years in hiding. She will talk about her experiences during those years as well as describe her father's and mother's experience in a Dutch concentration camp after they were caught while in hiding.

Benninga, her parents and her sister are among the few Jewish families to have survived the Holocaust. Out of 140,000 Jews living in Holland just before the beginning



Carla Benninga

of the war, only 30,000 survived.

Recently, she and her husband, Benno Benninga, were honored by the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida in Naples. The museum's 10th anniversary celebration honored 25 Holocaust survivors and six World War II liberators living in Southwest Florida. The event was sold out, with more than 550 guests in attendance.

Benninga majored in English at the University of Amsterdam. She met and married Benno Benninga in the Netherlands in 1950; they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1951, where they lived for the next 50 years. In Cincinnati, she was actively involved in civic affairs. She served on the boards of the League of Women Voters, Easter Seal Society, Woman City Club and the Alcohol Treatment Center for Indigent Women.

Professionally, she was associated with a prominent Cincinnati public relations/public affairs firm where, as vice president, she supervised public affairs accounts, including local and statewide ballot issues and legislative action programs. She played a major role in successful levies for such programs as children's services, hospitals, crime information centers and numerous school districts throughout Ohio and in winning campaigns for many political candidates.

In 1983, she formed her own company, Carla Benninga Associates, offering a wide array of services including public relations/public affairs, legislative affairs and opinion research. She was a member of the Public Relations Society of America and the Education Committee of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

She and her husband have been coming to Southwest Florida for almost 40 years. In 1993, they bought a home on Sanibel where she became involved in civic life. She has served on the boards of the former Pirate Playhouse/J. Howard Wood Theatre, BIG ARTS and the Committee of the Islands (COTI). She is presently on the board of the League of Women Voters of Sanibel.

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The Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week will be held Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30 at Edison State College's Lee Campus.

The 16th annual, week-long event includes survivor talks, lectures, films, book discussions, exhibits, a field of flags representing victims of the Holocaust and tours of a World War II era boxcar on loan from the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida.

This year's theme, "Surviving..." will focus on the stories of the courageous people who survived the Holocaust.

Some of the highlights include:

- A roundtable discussion with nine Holocaust survivors including Rene Beddout, Anneliese Salamon, Gerda Friedeman, Anatole Kurdsjuk, Lore and Fred Rosenstrauch, Jacque and Sabine Van Dam, and Benno Benninga.
- Survivor stories including Anneliese Salamon, 82, who was 12-years-old when she and her Czechoslovakian family were forced in boxcars and transported to the Theresienstadt concentration/transit camp in Czechoslovakia. They lived there for three years.

• Project Tolerance: A collaboration of art and literary work by Sanibel artist Myra Roberts, and local journalist Ella Naylor.

Holocaust Memorial Week events are free and open to the public. For more information, including the 2012 Schedule of Events, go to [www.edison.edu/holocaust](http://www.edison.edu/holocaust). You also may contact Holocaust Memorial Committee co-chairs Rona Axelrod at 432-9437 or [raxelrod@edison.edu](mailto:raxelrod@edison.edu) and JoAnn Lewin at 489-9429 or [jlewin@edison.edu](mailto:jlewin@edison.edu).

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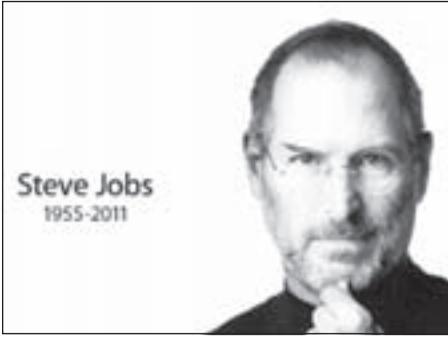


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## Screening Of Jobs Interview A Huge Success

The sold-out showing of the Steve Jobs interview by Walter Isaacson from New York City's 92nd Street Y was a huge success on March 11, with members of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and Temple Bat Yam, as well as others from the community attending. Rabbi Selwyn Geller and Reverend Danner added much to the discussion which followed, playing off each other's comments.

There were questions and comments about Jobs, his personality, his religious encounters and his creative genius which changed lives for now and generations to come.

There was lots of talk about this being the beginning of a new program for Sanibel: Live From New York City's 92nd Street Y.

Send an e-mail to Joint Film Committee member Maddy Mayor at [mmmaddymayor76@gmail.com](mailto:mmmaddymayor76@gmail.com) with your thoughts.\*



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## Missionary And Ex-Hostage To Speak At Church

Sanibel Community Church will host Gracia Burnham on Sunday, March 25, at all three morning worship services, as the concluding speaker of the annual Missions Conference.

In 2001, while serving in the Philippines, Gracia and Martin Burnham were kidnapped by Muslim extremists. After over a year in captivity, Martin was killed in a gun battle between the Islamic terrorist group and the Philippine army. Gracia was injured but was freed.

All are welcome to hear her compelling story at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., or 11 a.m.

Sanibel Community Church is at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's supermarket.✱



Martin and Gracia Burnham

## Free Workshops

FISH of Sanibel (Friends In Service Here) is offering the following free workshops for March and April:

- Mom and Toddlers Group – Monday, March 26 and Monday, April 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. The Island Mom's Group will meet at the FISH Walk-In Center. All island moms of children birth through age five are welcome, either alone or with their children. It is a time for fun, refreshments, learning, and sharing with other moms and their children. This group is sponsored by FISH, Healthy Start of Lee County, and the United Way of Lee County.

- Medicare, Medicaid and Health Insurance Questions – Friday, March 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. FISH will be sponsoring a SHINE Workshop at the FISH Walk-In Center. SHINE is a free program offered by the Department of Elder Affairs in partnership with the local Area Agency on Aging. Jo Marshall, a specially trained SHINE volunteer has over 10 years of experience assisting with Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance questions by providing education, a group question time, and time to answer questions on an individual basis as well. SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential. To sign up or to request more information call Christine at 472-4775.

- Cooking with Kids Workshop, a Live Demonstration – Monday, April 23

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the FISH Walk-In Center. This is the second workshop run for FISH by the Lee County Home Extension Services held at the FISH Walk-In Center. Open to the whole community, this free workshop is for children of all ages and their parents/guardians. It includes a live cooking demonstration and nutrition education at the FISH Food Pantry. Celia Hill, family and consumer sciences agent from Lee County Home Extension Service, will offer a cooking demonstration for kids. Using foods found in the FISH Food Pantry, Hill and her team will demonstrate how to cook tasty, healthy meals to feed an entire family. This session will see kid friendly foods cooked from the food pantry and participants will get to taste the delicious and nutritious meals. To reserve a space for this session, call Christine at 472-4775.

- Free Memory Screening/Assessment Sessions – Wednesday, April 25 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The free screening and assessments will be performed on an individual basis during 15-minute time segments with the social worker from the Alvin A. Dubin Center. Space is limited. Call Christine at 472 4775 to arrange an appointment.✱

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Written and directed by Father Francis Pompei, a Franciscan Friar from Holy Name Province and team member of St. Francis Inn Soup Kitchen in Philadelphia, the presentation includes *The Mystery Plays*, made up of 14 teenagers and four adults. The performances will be in the tradition of the medieval Mystery Plays which were frequently sponsored by Franciscans who advocated popularizing scriptural events.

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The Clinic for the Rehabilitation for Wildlife (CROW) is working with local businesses to raise awareness and support for its efforts to save wildlife. Participating merchants and business owners are asking their patrons to “go wild” and make an extra \$1 donation to their bills for the benefit of CROW. Those who agree to make the donation will get an I’m Going Wild cut-out card to fill out their name and the cards will be prominently posted at the various locations around the islands.

Results of the campaign will be announced on March 30 following the 9th annual Walk On The Wild Side, held at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge followed by an educational presentation at the CROW Visitor Education Center.

CROW is dedicated to maintaining a world class facility that embraces the philosophy that our native and migratory wildlife is an integral part of our local community. CROW will be using the money raised to further its commitment to patient care, education, research and training.\*

## Walk On The Wild Side Next Week

CROW will host its 9th annual Walk on the Wild Side on Friday, March 30 at JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel. This educational 4.1-mile walk through the refuge will introduce the public to the native wildlife of Southwest Florida.

The walk begins at 8:30 a.m. with stops at various observation points to learn about native wildlife and their importance to our environment. After the walk, the event continues at CROW’s Healing Winds Visitor Education Center with refreshments, raffle drawings and a special presentation with hospital director Dr. Heather Barron, DVM. This event is

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## Bird's Eye View

## The Meaning Of Co-existence



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

As a young man still going to college in the mid-1970s, I had heard of Sanibel Island, Florida in school. Here was a community that prided itself in the desire

to co-exist with the natural environment. Being the idealistic dreamer that I was (and still am), that sounded like my type of Utopia. I wanted to check it out.

And like many who have visited Sanibel for the first time, I fell in love with the island.

But I discovered that it was not so much the island's natural beauty that was so attractive, as it was the mentality of the islanders who called Sanibel their home. I remember being invited to a party of locals one night during that first visit and was almost immediately introduced to their idea of what "co-existence" meant.

Not knowing many of the locals attending the party, I was studying closely the neatly framed nautical chart of Sanibel and its surrounding environs that are quite often found prominently displayed in many island homes. Suddenly,

I realized that I was not alone in my close inspection of the chart. There, just a few inches away from my nose, was a creature that brought out an ancient, instinctive response from me. It was the largest spider I had ever seen in real life (it was about four inches from tip to tip), just sitting in the middle of the chart acting as though it belonged there.

Exclaiming a few choice words, I must have jumped back about six feet into the middle of the room with my finger pointing excitedly at my frightening discovery. The other guests hardly took notice. They looked at me quizzically, and eventually, went back to their discussions. Not to be dissuaded from raising the alarm, I tried to get the attention of the hostess. She came over to see what all the commotion was about and upon noticing the monster in the middle of her nautical chart, she calmly placed her hand on my shoulder and gently explained to me that there was no concern.

"It's only a housekeeper, Bird," she said. I nervously chuckled, "Housekeeper! You have to be kidding me! We'd be calling out the National Guard to get rid of this thing in Indiana. You could put a leash on it and take it for a walk. It's HUGE!"

Well, she explained to me that this was not Indiana; this was Sanibel Island. And on Sanibel, the world was seen in a different light.

For years, I had seriously been thinking about leaving Indiana because it did not have enough wilderness left. With every day spent on Sanibel, I was increasingly being drawn closer to this idea of co-existing with the natural world and

now the locals were matter-of-factly showing me what that meant. You see, this type of spider was a wolf spider (*Lycosa sp.*). It does not make a spider web and they love to eat our local roach, the palmetto bug (*Periplanta americana*). So, many islanders allowed these spiders to share their homes with them, and that way, they had very little need for heavy pesticide use inside their homes.

After the initial shock had worn off, I thought, "Wow, now that is what I call co-existence."

I wonder if the people of Sanibel still feel this way or has the mentality of the

island changed over the years. Therefore, I want to try an experiment and ask a question to whomever wants to participate, "How many of you who are reading this article will let housekeepers live in your house today?" Be honest and post your comments on my blog at my website. I'll report the results in two weeks.

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](http://www.canoewithbirdwestall.com) for more information.\*

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## Octifest

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Some highlights of the live auction will be:

- A two-hour floating cocktail party aboard the Sanibel Thriller
- Doc Ford and Doc Bruce – a boat trip with Doc Bruce to lunch with Randy Wayne White at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille on the wharf at Fort Myers Beach
- The Sanibel Sea School Powerwashing Team – The scientist blasters will clean your house or dock

There will be opportunities small and large to contribute and even more importantly, there will be opportunities to learn about Sanibel Sea School, a 501c3 dedicated to a world in which all people value, understand and care for the ocean.

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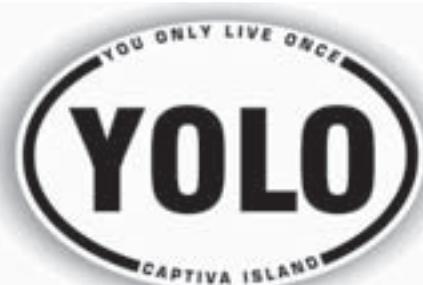
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## School Board Thanks Wildlife Society



Board member Mike Mullins, second from left with Education Committee members Wendy Schnapp, Doris Hardy, Marilyn Kloosterman and Ranger Becky Wolff

The Lee County School Board recently recognized “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society for its support of education. Board member Mike Mullins and Education Committee members Wendy Schnapp, Doris Hardy, Marilyn Kloosterman and Ranger Becky Wolff were on hand to accept the Certificate of Recognition.

Since the Society began awarding teacher grants six years ago, it has contributed a total of \$30,122.83. Teacher grant funding comes from an endowed fund to the society established by gifts from the “Ding” Darling Foundation and Darling’s grandson, Kip Koss.

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

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The revised project recommendation elements are as follows:

- Improve safety for wildlife to cross Sanibel-Captiva Road
- New trail connecting Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the Shared Use Path
- Enhanced Refuge wayfinding plan
- Bailey Tract wayfinding to the Shared Use Path
- Expanded Refuge parking options at existing overflow parking
- 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  
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CROW Case Of The Week:

# Red Shouldered Hawk

by Patricia Molloy



**O**n March 1, a red-shouldered hawk arrived at CROW after being hit by a car. After a quick but thorough examination by Dr. Heather, it was anesthetized



Dr. Heather checking the pupil size and irregular eye movements to determine if there is any head trauma



so that radiographic testing could be performed to check for internal injuries. Fortunately for this raptor, the accident did not cause permanent, life-threatening trauma. As soon as it was awake and alert, it was fed a warm meal by Dr. Heather in order to ensure that its blood sugar was stable. After spending two days inside the clinic, it was transferred to CROW's large flight cage to boost its strength and stamina.

Hawks are common in mythology symbols, often representing swiftness, agility and strength. Red-shouldered hawks (*Buteo lineatus*) are divided into five subspecies. The variety found in south Florida has the palest plumage of those in North America. They are territorial and monogamous avians best known for their distinctive, loud *kee-aah* call. Unlike most hawks, a red-shouldered hawk is a "sit-and-wait" hunter, utilizing perches instead of the ground to hunt for prey.

Dr. Heather anticipates a full recovery and quick release for patient #0403. It will be returned to its home to soar gracefully over the skies of Sanibel.

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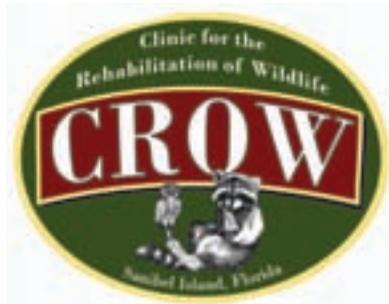
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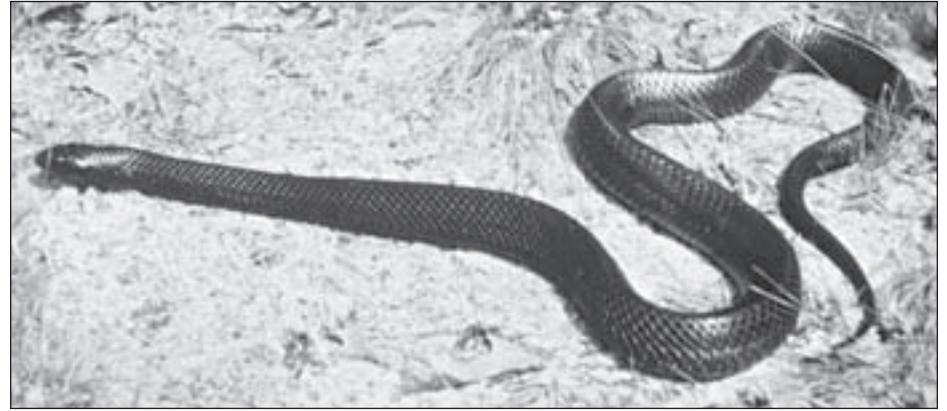
## Fish Caught



Indy Pati with two of the day's biggest

What a gift on a day known for the luck of the Irish! These eight trout were caught by Indy Pati on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, on the grass flats adjacent to Sanibel Causeway. They are big, beautiful fish and they are biting. All you need is a fishing pole, a bobber and bait, he says. ✨

Indy Pati and the eight trout he caught while fishing off Sanibel last Saturday



Giardina will talk about the lifestyles of indigo, above, and other Florida snakes

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## Everglades Biologist

and available on a first-come basis.

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

Remaining 2012 "Ding" Darling Friday Afternoon Lecture Series schedule includes:

- April 6 – Just Ducky! – Unveiling of new Duck Touch Screen computer with guest speakers decoy carver Jim Sprankle and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland
- April 13 – The Osprey Story with Claudia Burns and Mark "Bird" Westall



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- Download and use the Seafood Watch mobile app by Monterey Bay Aquarium, a Seafood Savvy partner, which can help you buy sustainable fish when you are shopping or dining out. (App is available in the iTunes App Store and Android Market)



Seafood Savvy is an initiative of the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of START, supported by funds raised from the San-Cap Cracker Fest.

# Great Mixed Bag Of Fish Out There, Including Tarpon



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Despite a few windy days, it was close to another perfect week on the water. Fishing was easy enough for the most part with just about every deeper flat and sand hole

out on the shallower flats loaded with fish. Some really large Spanish mackerel are moving up on the deeper flats and a very consistent big sea trout bite is still going on. Bigger sharks have begun appearing all over the bay and mangrove redfish action keeps getting better as the afternoon high tides improve.

This week I saw tarpon every day I was out and had several reports of anglers hooking and landing a few tarpon in the bay.

During the slower moving tides the first part of the week, most of my fishing was for big trout along with ladyfish, bluefish and Spanish mackerel. Areas around the power lines, Red Light Shoal, the Sanibel Lighthouse bar, the grassy shoals inside Redfish Pass and the grass flats at White Rock were all great areas for this. Linda Kutney of Virginia got one of the bigger trout of the week on my boat. The fat trout was

a lone fish in a big sand hole off North Captiva and measured 24 inches.

Depending on the skill level of my anglers this week, we caught fish on anything from live shrimp and shiners under a popping cork to soft plastic jigs, spoons and even some plugs. Talk about a wide open bite.

At times everyone on board was hooked up. This type of flats action has been fast and furious. Taking people out who have never experienced this kind of non-stop action is always a good thing. Simply find the clean water and feeding birds and you will be on the fish.

Consistent redfishing is finally here too. Even on the not so high tides, mangroves from Galt Island to Demiere Key held lots of slot-sized fish. Live shrimp and cut ladyfish have been the baits of choice. Soak your bait up close to the mangroves and if you don't get a redfish in five to 10 minutes, keep moving. Once I locate them, I've been getting three or four out of each spot. The big redfish of the week on my boat was 29 inches and caught on Mason island.

Snook have begun to slowly make their move toward the passes with water temperatures warming. I did catch a few while drift-fishing live pinfish in Blind Pass last week. As the water gets warmer this will only get better. Snook were also found around oyster bars in the middle sound although it was tough to get them to eat a bait. These snook are staging on the middle sound oyster bars on their way to the passes and beaches. Snook is still all catch-and-release fishing until at least September, so handle them with care if you're lucky enough to get one.

While snook fishing the gaps in Regla Island one morning this week, a client caught a really big flounder on a big shiner. The flattie measured 19 inches. Now that's a tasty dinner treat.

Though I have not yet taken my first tarpon trip of the season, there are just about enough fish around to give it a shot. This weekend's calm conditions



Linda Kutney from Virginia with a 24-inch trout, pictured with Capt. Matt Mitchell

made the tarpon easy to spot with small pods of fish rolling on the west side of Regla Island to Hemp Key and also on the western side of the sound around Foster's Point.

The last few years our tarpon seasons really did not get rolling until the end of April/early May as the water took much longer to warm up to that magical 78 degrees after the cold winters.

Although a few of my buddies have hooked tarpon already, I have not. With two tarpon rods on board at all times,

rigged and ready to go, I think this will be my week. It's just a matter of being in the right place at the right time to get my clients a shot at a silver king.

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](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).

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Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Director Dr. José H. Leal, left, and emcee Clay Miller of NBC-2 give an oyster eating demonstration before last year's contest

## Shell Museum Oyster Eating Contest Returns

**G**et ready... get set... slurp! The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will hold its 3rd annual Oyster Eating Contest at The Timbers Restaurant and Fish Market on Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each contestant will be given one minute to consume as many oysters as they can. Lamar Williams won last year's contest by downing 48 mollusks. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

Clay Miller of NBC-2 returns as master of ceremonies, and along with oyster eating, there will be face painting,

children's games and crafts, cooking and mollusk workshops, food and drink vendors, an oyster exhibit and a raffle.

Admission is free, and participants may enter the contest with a minimum \$250 sponsorship. All proceeds will benefit the shell museum exhibits and educational programs.

If you are interested in being a contestant and/or a sponsor, contact Clair Beckmann at 472-4524 or e-mail her at clairann2000@yahoo.com.\*

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## Shells Found



Kaitlyn and Ethan Herman and their shells found

**K**aitlyn and Ethan Herman of Kansas City, Missouri found an apple murex and a turkey wing on Sanibel while staying at the Lighthouse Condominiums.\*

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## Fish Caught



Ben Arensman shows off his catch

After a good fight on March 13, Ben Arensman of Sanibel was able to land a 40-inch black tip shark onto the *Tiger Lily*, captained by Paul Rose. Ben used a sardine as bait. Apart from the shark, the young fishing crew of Sammy, Matthew and Aaron Rose, as well as Sam and Ben Arensman, caught

numerous Spanish mackerels, blue runners, permits and other fish.

The fish were caught over the artificial reef that was made out of the remains of the old causeway, just a few miles out near Sanibel's Lighthouse. The mild winter and warming waters are offering great fishing conditions again.✧

## CORRECTION

In last week's *Island Sun*, on page 32, pictured was one of SCCF's volunteers, Greg LeBlanc of Captiva Kayak Company, pictured with a cage. The caption stated "harvesting scallops in Pine Island Sound."

According to Eric Milbrandt, director of the SCCF Marine Lab, harvest of scallops is illegal in Lee County.

"SCCF is trying to restore scallops as there was once abundant scallops in Pine Island Sound in the 1960s. The population has been decimated by water releases from Lake Okeechobee, overharvesting and poaching," wrote Milbrandt. "We are permitted to raise juvenile scallops collected in Tampa Bay in the hopes that they will spawn and increase the populations in Pine Island Sound."

Harvesting of bay scallops in Florida is limited to a few counties, areas near the Pasco-Hernando County line to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County.✧

## Shell Found



Hazel James

Hazel James (16) of Bloomington, Indiana found an alphabet cone at the beach along West Gulf Drive while staying at her grandma and grandpa's house. Hazel said, "It was sticking up in the sand right by my feet, and the tide came in and washed the sand off and I saw this gorgeous alphabet cone."✧

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The upcoming schedule includes:

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.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org) or call 472-3644, ext 229.\*

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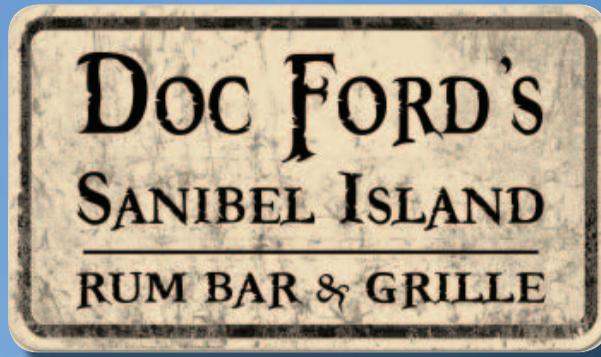
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### Walk On The Wild Side

designed to engage and inform the public about CROW's mission to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

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# American Elm

by Gerri Reaves

**A**merican elm (*Ulmus Americana* or *Ulmus floridana*) is an elegant native shade tree. The type found in Florida, also called Florida elm, is smaller than the elms found in much of the U.S.

The tree grows to a height of 60 to 80 feet with an attractive vase-shaped crown that can be 50 feet wide. In the wild, it inhabits areas with rich moist soil, such as the banks of lakes and streams.

Besides beauty and shade, other winning attributes include a fast growth rate, medium drought tolerance, and pest resistance.

It will adapt to various conditions, but ideally should receive full sun in well-drained soil.

In the fall, the dark green leaves of four to six inches long turn a beautiful yellow before dropping. Oval or oblong, they have toothed edges and pronounced veins.

In spring, the small greenish inconspicuous flowers emerge in clusters of three or four on the bare tree.

The green fruit is a single seed surrounded by a wafer-like wing that aids in dispersal. Trees must reach about 15 years old before bearing seeds.

The seed, which remains closed at maturity, is a food source for birds and other wildlife.

American elm typically develops a single trunk with dark gray deeply ridged bark. The wood is so heavy and strong that it was traditionally used to build boats and ships, barrels, wheel hubs and furniture.



Native American elm is an attractive shade tree



The large toothed leaves of the deciduous American elm turn yellow in fall

photos by Gerri Reaves

Fortunately, Florida's elms do not seem to be greatly affected by the devastating Dutch elm disease that has caused the tree's severe decline in other states.

The tree is the larval – or host – plant for the oddly named Question Mark butterfly, found mostly in northern and central parts of the state.

Propagate American elm with seeds or cuttings.

Sources: *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, edis.ifas.ufl.edu and floridaforest.org.

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Destination habitats include beach, mangroves, wetlands and dryer inland areas. The walks are free but donations for SCCF are welcome. You may need parking money. Bring a hat, water, sunblock and wear comfortable close-toed shoes with socks. For more information call SCCF's Native Plant Nursery at 472-2329.\*

## Shell Museum Offers Beach Walk



Volunteer Dotty DeVasure, right, helps a Beach Walk participant identify a shell

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 March 27 at 9 a.m. Meet in the parking lot for a brief presentation. Volunteer and shelling enthusiast Dotty DeVasure will give tips on finding and identifying mollusks, and will explain how they live, eat and move. During the walk, which lasts about an hour, DeVasure will answer questions and help participants identify shells they find on the beach. The program is free, but parking fees apply.\*



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## Symphonic Chorale Performance This Weekend



Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida

by Jim George

This is one of those “don’t miss it” performances; the combination of two talented choral groups, an orchestra and a world class pianist combined into one epic concert.

The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida (formerly the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus) is presenting its spring concert Beethoven – An Epic Journey. The combined chorus of 140 voices will fill the auditorium at South Fort Myers High School and will include Antonin Dvorak’s *Mass in D Major* and Johannes Brahms’ *Schicksalslied*, a short, powerful work for chorus and orchestra in a sparkling late Sunday afternoon concert.

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. Robilette has performed extensively internationally and in the United States.

Dr. Timothy McDonnell, artistic director of the Symphonic Chorale will conduct the performance. McDonnell is also the head of the music department at Ave Maria University and brings his own impressive credentials having served as director of liturgical music at the Pontifical North American College in the Vatican. He served as music director of Studio Lirico Opera Festival in Italy in 2001 and has conducted numerous opera productions in Philadelphia and South Carolina, including *Don Giovanni*, *Dido and Aeneas*, *L’Elisir D’Amore*, and *Il Trittico*.

The concert is 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 in Naples on Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church.\*



John Robilette

## SWFL Symphony Masterworks #5

The Southwest Florida Symphony will present Masterworks #5, this year’s season finale, on Saturday, March 24 at 8 p.m. The performance will be staged at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers.

Also, on Friday, March 23, the Southwest Florida Symphony will perform a concert at The Village Church at Shell Point in South Fort Myers. That performance will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Conductor Michael Hall will appear with a number of very talented musi-

cians during both shows, including Mark Kaplan, guest violinist. Selections will include Corigliano’s *Voyage*, Bruch’s *Violin Concerto* with soloist Mark Kaplan, and Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 7*.

Tickets for the Southwest Florida Symphony’s Masterworks Series, sponsored by Uhler & Vertich Financial Planners, are priced from \$20 to \$82. Student seats, priced at \$5 each, are available through Campus Chord Club and Student Rush.

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## Plein Air Painters Capture Historical Village On Canvas

Last week, members of the Sanibel Captiva Art League arrived early in the morning at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village to capture tranquil scenes of days gone by via the plein air method of painting.

"Plein air" painting pertains to a style developed in the mid-19th century, just before the beginning of the Historical Village's past, and is characterized by the representation of the luminous effects of natural light and atmosphere as contrasted with a studio's artificial light and absence of the sense of air and atmosphere. Plein air paintings are executed out of doors and represent a direct response to the scene or subject in front of the artist.

The group's leader, vice president Kathy Taylor, explained the group does what they call "paint-outs" every Thursday in different locations.

"[The Historical Village] is one of our favorite spots because there are so many chances to paint flowers, trees, and buildings," she said. "And it's a very comfortable place. I like when people come around and see what we're doing - but it's not so often that it's overwhelming."

Taylor said the group has exhibited its work in the Historical Village in the past as well as held classes and workshops on the grounds.



Susan Demming works with the Rutland House in the background

Joining her were Holly Nachbar of Springville, New York and Nancy Willott, also from New York. Painter Allan Rae, who set up behind the Morning Glories Cottage, had never been to the Village but said he found it "very calm and scenic, and that's just what you need."

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and is closed on holidays. Beginning May 4, the museum's hours change to 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through August 6, when the museum closes



Nancy Willott painting the Old Bailey Store with the Rutland House in the background

until November 7. On November 7, it resumes its full 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. schedule. Adult admission is \$5; people under age 18 are free.

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Alan Rae paints behind Morning Glories



Holly Nachbar chose a shaded bench to paint the Post Office

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## Scott Still Dancing

Susan Scott, a resident of Captiva and Fort Myers, developed such a love for dancing after her first experience in Dancing With The Island Stars two years ago that she claims her passion for dancing has put her life totally out of balance. However, she continues to tell herself, "Do it while you can!"

Scott is a dedicated competitor and now competes in all 24 smooth and rymthm dances in the American and international styles. In the past year, she and her partner, David Flory from Fred Astaire Dance Studio, have competed in Bermuda, Las Vegas, New York City as well as all stops in Florida. The pair will be heading to San Francisco in March. Their true excitement was having the opportunity to travel to Ireland and London in October.

This past weekend, they competed in The Freddy Ball in Boca Raton, the Academy Awards of dancing. To both their surprises, Susan won Top Bronze, Top Competitor, Top Female Student and the Top Overall Competitor for 2011. Not to be outdone by Susan, David was awarded Third Top Instructor and Top Choice Instructor.

Again this season, Dancing With the Island Stars was such a wonderful success and Scott enjoyed watching each star begin to develop their own love of dance. She said plans are in the works to open a dance studio on Sanibel. She cannot



Susan Scott and David Flory

stress enough that dancing is so much more than learning steps – it covers every aspect of personal growth and health.

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Flory and Scott with their trophies

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# Islanders, Families Featured In New Art Exhibition

submitted by Carol Rosenberg

Sanibel artist Carol Rosenberg is sharing exhibit space in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery with her granddaughter, Rachel Rosenberg. Each is showing a self-portrait along with a collaborative work using the same colors with different facial shapes.

Rachel's work emphasizes the interaction of color in the depiction of one's self image and public image. Her work shows how something is seen through the artist's eyes and may be seen differently through the viewer's eyes. She participated in Studio Studies in the summer residency program in Auvillar, France, producing over 350 works that were all inspired by the same sculptural form she created.

A college senior, she is an art major and team captain of the Yale Bulldogs women's swimming and diving team where she recently set the Ivy League three-meter diving record. One of her sculptures has been selected for a Museum of Modern Art exhibit shown in California.

Island artist Ellie Gause and her daughter, San Francisco artist Alison Gause-Sausedo, also have their paintings on view. Alison's work, *Cadmium Container Ship*, is a thoughtful and painterly study expressing her concern about harmful imports coming into the United States. Her work often shows the historical context of social issues. Alison holds a BFA from Wayne State University and has participated in intense study in paint-



Alison Gause-Sausedo, left, and her mother, Ellie Gause

ing and art history in Florence and post-graduate work in Montagnana, Italy. Currently, she is focusing on the creative relationships of art materials with image and space on the canvas. Alison's paintings have been exhibited in the United States and Europe.

The current invitational exhibit of 30 artists, *Guests Will Be Hung*, will be on display through Thursday, March 29. ✨



Rachel Rosenberg, left, and grandmother Carol Rosenberg

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Tickets also available on-line at [www.sanibelmusicfestival.org](http://www.sanibelmusicfestival.org) or by phone at 239-344-7025

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## The Community House Hosts Third 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.\*

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## Call For Scripts For Community Theater Series

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

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

Play submission criteria:

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

Submission instructions:

- All plays are considered anonymously. Submissions must include two attachments:
  - Attachment One: Cover sheet with name of play and author contact information.
  - Attachment Two: Full script with no author identification. The script should include a list of characters and a synopsis of the play.

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

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Sign-ups are ongoing for BIG ARTS workshops. The full workshop schedules are available online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org), or by contacting the main BIG ARTS office at 395-0900.

Intermediate Watercolor with Bea Pappas starts March 23, meets Fridays from 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.

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

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

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 noon.

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

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

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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 from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

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

Spanish I, II and III with Barbara Peterson starts Monday, April 9. Check BIG ARTS' website or call the office at 395-0900 for class times.

Decorative Painting and More with

Lois Ferguson starts April 11, meets Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Precious Metal Clay Jewelry: Color Explosion on Silver with Mary Ann Devos is Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

BIG ARTS workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.

There is a 20 percent discount for BIG ARTS members. Contact BIG ARTS or visit the website for class locations.\*

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BIG ARTS Community Band in concert

## From Marches To Mancini: BIG ARTS Community Band Spring Concert

The BIG ARTS Community Band director Don Knowland invites all islanders to enjoy the music at the Spring Concert, to be held on Tuesday, March 29 starting at 7 p.m.

The band will perform *Midway March*, Irish Songs, *Georgia On My Mind*, Henry Mancini at the Oscars and *Amparico Roca*. Ron Balboni and Roger Studer have a solo in *Salute To Broadway*. *Bugler's Holiday* will feature solos by Dick Martin, Steve Mondora and Don Schneff. They will also perform songs covered by the hit TV show, *Glee*.

Tickets for adults are \$7, with children 17 and under admitted 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. No auditions are required to join. The band rehearses Mondays at 6:30 p.m. from October through April at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

For further information about BIG ARTS Community Band or to purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.✧

## Community Players At Strauss Theater Showcasing Works By Local Playwrights

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater has recently launched a program for community theater and play readings of works by Sanibel playwrights. The next play reading event will feature three plays – *Carmen Garmin*, *Lady Godiva of Flamingo Landing* and *Homecoming for Sergeant Porter* – held on Sunday, April 1. All play readings feature local talent both onstage and backstage. Readings will begin at 7:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 17 and under.

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

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

*Homecoming for Sergeant Porter*, written by Wally Kain and directed by Edina Lessack, deals with a fraught encounter between an angry Iraq war veteran and the widow of a fallen Marine in the same war.

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

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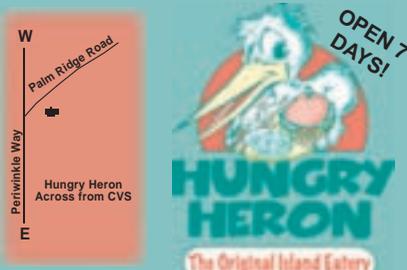
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## Euro Likely To Survive, Forum Told

by Max Friedersdorf

International financial expert and former International Monetary Fund Deputy Director Dr. Desmond Lachman expressed confidence that the European common currency, the Euro, will survive "and likely be a currency for a long time," during remarks before a capacity audience in Schein Hall during the final 2012 Forum at BIG ARTS on March 7.

Despite his rosy long-term prediction for the Euro, Dr. Lachman said Greece has a "dysfunctional political system" and he expects the country to be out of the Euro currency system by the end of the year. Portugal, Ireland and Spain could also be out within two or three years, Lachman added.

"I am not optimistic. Europe is like watching a slow motion train wreck," Lachman continued, while describing the origins and impact of the European financial crisis and its threat to the U.S. economy.

Lachman said the debt crisis originated in Greece and spread to Ireland and Portugal and then to Italy and Spain which are the third and fourth largest economies in Europe. These countries are moving into depression, Lachman explained, and all have had considerable "political pain" resulting in changes of government leadership.



Dr. Desmond Lachman

Europe represents one third of the world economy and is the largest U.S. market, Lachman, who is a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, pointed out. They are "very relevant to the United States."

Europe got into "this mess," Lachman explained "by making the mistake in 1999 of adopting a common currency in 12 different countries" without heeding warnings from U.S. economist Milton Friedman that it wasn't a good idea to create a monetary union before attaining political union. They were trying to emulate the U.S. but the situations were different.

The affected nations, Lachman

explained, have run up enormous debts totaling \$4 to \$5 trillion, owed mostly to French and German banks; have huge unemployment (23 percent in Spain and Ireland); and given up their exchange rate capability to re-value their currency, leaving them with no maneuverability, and are highly non-competitive.

Ireland had a booming economy between 1990 and 2000, Lachman noted, but when a housing bubble developed the government made the mistake of assuming all the bank debts, and now people are leaving Ireland "by the droves."

During the question period, Lachman said that Germany historically was quite happy with the Mark currency and its own national bank and did not want to go on the Euro, but was the price France required to permit German reunification. "The Germans mistrusted the Euro from the start. They don't believe in the Euro. Holland has asked how to get out. To keep it together will cost a lot of money. Four or five years out the core will survive and it could be a strong currency," Lachman observed.

Lachman also mentioned the social unrest and radicalization of the political parties resulting from the financial upheaval and the need for a financial firewall to protect Italy and Spain.

Dr. Lachman's lecture concluded the 2012 series at The Forum. Chairman Dick Wright put together another marvelous group of speakers, exhibiting a prescient ability to arrange programs on the most topical issues of the day. He is already hard at work on next year's lineup.\*

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## Food Bank To Benefit From Art Exhibition

The Harry Chapin Food Bank will be the beneficiary of the Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1 art sale of original paintings of internationally renowned artist David Lee of Hawaii. Don and Ann-Marie Wildman of Sterling Collections International Fine Art, in conjunction with the food bank, are hosting the art sale. A portion of the proceeds of all sales will be donated to the food bank.

The art show will be held at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, on Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. A champagne reception will be hosted from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. The public is encouraged to attend and join in the festivities of this exciting weekend event on Sanibel.

Rudyard Kipling's classic statement, "East is east and west is west and never the twain shall meet" has been successfully challenged by the talented brushes of Lee. In a world where cultures are growing closer every day, Lee's art parallels this attitude in a subtle blend of technique and tradition of the east, with the brilliance and clarity of color of the west.

Born in Canton, China, Lee studied at the National Taiwan University, Kao Shiung University, and the Far East Academy of Art. He taught at the Far East Academy of Art, the Church College

in Hawaii and the Taiwan University Art Center for Students.

At the age of 21, he entered his works in the prestigious National Historical Museum juried art show and received the "Best of Show" award, making Lee the youngest recipient of that title. Since that time, his awards as well as the shows in which he has exhibited have been numerous.

His painting is based on calligraphy or Chinese writing. Light and active, his quick, deft brush strokes are in perfect harmony with one another. Lee utilizes suggestion and negative space, symbolic method and subjective imagination, which reflect the principles of Buddhism and its influences in Chinese art. He works with a special blend of Chinese watercolor on treated raw silk imported from China. Using a native Chinese powder mixed with water, he creates subtle colors and textures.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank, David Lee and the Wildman family are working together to increase awareness of the food assistance needs of the food bank in their hard work to provide hunger relief. Lee has agreed to offer his paintings at special lower prices for this weekend only and the Wildman family will be donating a beautiful, original David Lee painting with 100 percent of the proceeds from that painting going to the food bank.

For more information about the Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 334-7007 or visit [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org).

## Wendy Webb & Friends To Perform At Strauss Theater

BIG ARTS presents a concert with singer-songwriter Wendy Webb on Monday, April 2 starting at 8 p.m. Webb will perform at BIG ARTS Herb 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.

Weaving 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*, her 2010 release, *Moon Over Havana*, as well as songs from her upcoming album, *Edge Of Darkness*.

Webb has been described as an "undiscovered American treasure," by Tim Cahill of *Outside* magazine. *People* magazine's Steven Dougherty, says her music is "tough, fragile and enduring." Jeff Klinkenberg, columnist for *The St. Pete Times* says her voice is "achingly beautiful."

There will be a 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.



Singer-songwriter Wendy Webb in concert

Visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) for more event and performance information, including links to performers' websites. Tickets are available at both box offices, BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road, or at the Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way. The theater's phone number is 472-6862. BIG ARTS Marks Box Office phone number is 395-0900.✪

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# Guests Will Be Hung Exhibition Opens At BIG ARTS



Pat Dews and Joan Klutch

**B**IG ARTS hosted a reception for its invitational Guests Will Be Hung exhibit on March 9 in Phillips Gallery. For this exhibit, a group of local artists invited artists whom they admire to exhibit with them. More than 50 artists and a variety of mediums are represented. All works on dis-



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## Travel The World Via Film On Monday Nights At BIG ARTS

**B**IG ARTS Film Society presents four exciting films on Monday nights in April. All Monday night films are \$8 and begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road.

Monday Night films:

April 2 – *A Separation* (2011) Iran; not rated, subtitles

April 9 – *Le Havre* (2011) France; not rated, subtitles

April 16 – *Page One: Inside The New York Times* (2011) U.S.; not rated

April 23 – *Mysteries of Lisbon – Part I* (2010) France; not rated, subtitles

April 30 – *Mysteries of Lisbon – Part II* (2010) France; not rated, subtitles

*A Separation* won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 2012, becoming the first Iranian movie to win the award. The film was also nominated for the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay, a rare occurrence for a foreign language film. It received the Golden Bear for Best Film at the 2011 Berlin International Film Festival, and won the Golden Globe Award for the Best Foreign Language Film in January 2012. The film focuses on an Iranian middle-class couple who separate, and explores the intrigues which follow when the husband hires a lower-class caretaker for his elderly father.

*Le Havre* tells the story of a shoeshiner who attempts to rescue an immigrant child in the port city of Le Havre, France. It was selected as the Finnish entry for Best Foreign Language Film for the 2012 Academy Awards. Of the film, Roger Ebert writes, "Four stars! There is nothing cynical or cheap about it, it tells a good story with clear eyes and a level gaze, and it just plain makes you feel good."

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## Family Comedy At Strauss Theater

**O**ver *The Tavern*, a hysterical family comedy/drama takes the stage in March at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater. The show runs from Friday, March 23 through Saturday, April 21, Tuesday through Saturday. There is an opening night reception at 7 p.m. this Friday, March 23. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

Often referred to by theater critics as “the Catholic Neil Simon,” Tom Dudzick created a trilogy of semi-autobiographical comedies, *Over The Tavern* is the first in the series. Chris Jones of the *Chicago Tribune* called the trilogy, “one of the biggest grass-roots successes in American regional theatre of the last few years.”

The story is set in the 1950s, a time when life was simpler than today. That is, if you weren't 12-year-old Rudy Pazinski.

Rudy and the rest of his Polish-Catholic family each struggle to reconcile conservative family values with the pursuit of happiness. Preparing for his catechism, Rudy is hard-pressed to find support for his theory that God put people on earth to have fun and his sister, Clarissa, is beginning to grapple with the confusion of her sexual awakening. Answers are few and doubt certainly abounds in this play, which the *Chicago Sun Times* calls “utterly charming.” Parental guidance suggested due to some mild adult language.

The production stars Thomas Mothershed, Jenny Smith, Tommy Short, Jake Mann, Justen Montgomery, Angelina Torre and Nancy Antonio.

*Over The Tavern* is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor Congress Jewelers.

For more information the show and to purchase tickets, visit the Herb Strauss Theater Box Office at 2200 Periwinkle Way, call 472-6962 or 395-0900, or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).\*



Monday Night Movie

## The Hedgehog

by Di Saggau

**O**n March 26, the Monday Night Movie is *The Hedgehog*. It's a wise, sweet, (with a touch of sour) comedy-drama that brings together three unlikely protagonists who inhabit the same posh Parisian apartment building and share a surprising bond. It's based on the international best-selling novel, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*.

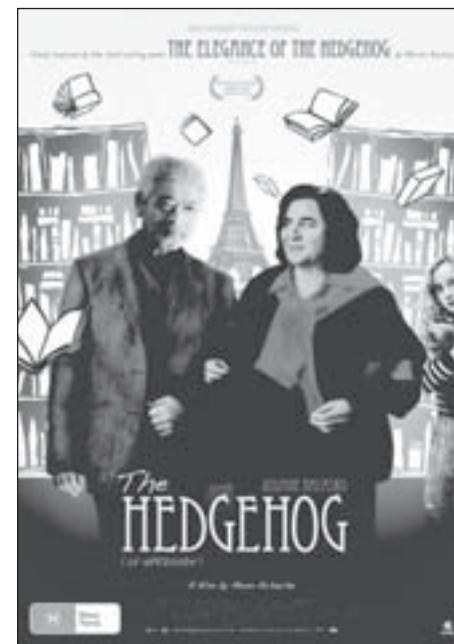
Featuring gifted French star Josiane Balasko, the movie is a showcase of artful cinematic touches. The film first introduces us to Paloma, an 11-year-old who is seriously out of sync with her stuffy upper-class Parisian family and rebelling appropriately except for her meticulous preparation for suicide when she reaches 12. While the solution to her alienation is extreme, its origins are understandable.

She's also intellectually precocious and unusually sensitive, who prefers communication with her plants. Her father gave her an old camcorder which she uses – to the family's displeasure – to capture the absurdities and inanities of the lies around her. The things that come out of Paloma's mouth can be startling, like her statement that only psychoanalysis rivals religion in its love of suffering.

Paloma does find a friend in Renee (Balasko), the gruff, dour, frumpy concierge who lives in modest quarters on the ground floor of the posh building she efficiently tends to. The girl eventually discovers that beneath Renee's rough surface lies unexpected elegance, hence the hedgehog of the title, “prickly on the outside but elegant and refined on the inside.” Renee is an avid reader and devotee of film classics.

Like Paloma, she is an outsider. It's no surprise that the two bond.

Balasko's understated portrayal of Renee is the very center of the film. “Ugly, short and fat” is her self-description. A widow for 15 years, she sees herself as the stereotype of a concierge, never amiable but always polite. She



Scene from *The Hedgehog*

has become all but invisible to the apartment's residents, and she retreats to her tiny apartment's backroom with its shelves lined with books to escape her banal, marginal existence.

*The Hedgehog* has bigger surprises. One emerges with the arrival of a new tenant Kakuro Ozu (Togo Igawa), a wealthy widower of undeniable refinement and grace who, like Paloma, discovers that there's more to Renee than meets the eye. The convergence of the unlikely trio (and a goldfish) leads to a joyous but unexpected journey.

The film is a charming, daring, clever attack against class prejudice, social barriers, conformity and materialism. Hypocrisy too, takes a hit. *The Hedgehog* is also a meditation on mortality and comes to terms with the inevitable in a most inspired way.

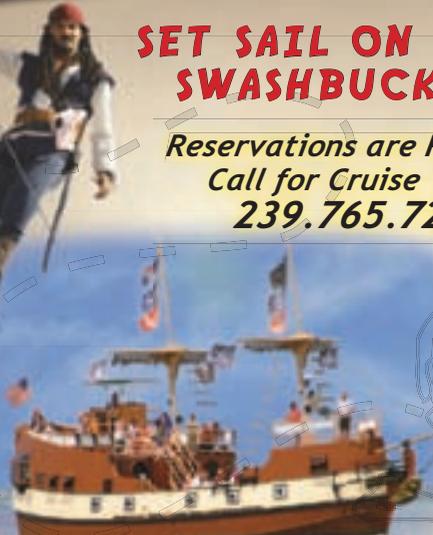
*The Hedgehog* shows at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 26 in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS.

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.



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Garance LeGuillemic, left, and Josiane Balasko star in *The Hedgehog*

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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](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org) or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

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## April Movieviews

A documentary about the behind-the-scenes action at *The New York Times, Page One* premiered at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival and has been described by *The Boston Globe* as a "severely engrossing documentary about the value of what many daily journalists do: their best." It earned a spot on Roger Ebert's Best of Year film list, and was nominated for several awards. John Lopez writes in *Vanity Fair, Page One* is "slick, fun, and surprisingly sexy."

On Monday, April 21 the first half of the lush film *Mysteries of Lisbon* will be shown; the second half will screen April 30. Adapted from a novel which follows a jealous countess, a wealthy businessman, and young orphan as they travel across Portugal, France, Italy and Brazil in the 19th century, *Mysteries of Lisbon* won the Best Film Award at the 2011 Portuguese Golden Globe Awards, and has won several film festival awards. *New York Times* film reviewer AO Scott writes of *Mysteries*, "(Filmmaker Raúl Ruiz) keeps you hooked, pulled in by the sympathetic and comically off-putting performances and by his delightful, supple, fully cinematic storytelling."

Films will be shown on high definition Blu-ray. Assistive listening devices are

available. Following each film, there will be refreshments and discussion led by a variety of local film buffs.

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## Captiva Yacht Club Hosts Change Of Watch Ball

On March 17, the Captiva Island Yacht Club “Celebrated the Brass” at their Change of Watch Ball. This annual ball is one of the clubs biggest events and is part of the tradition at the Yacht Club. The past Commodore steps down and is welcomed into the racks of Past Commodore’s while the new Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore are pinned and sworn in for the next year.\*



Current Flag Officers include Mel Jager, Commodore; Ada Shissler, Vice Commodore; and Ed Stringer, Rear Commodore

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### Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell



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

- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.
- Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back are forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.
- Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

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## Sanibel Treasure Hunt



Natalie Bouldin tries out a pirate's eye patch as the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village's annual treasure hunt gets underway

mammoth bone, an original Sanibel Lighthouse lens Fresnel Order 3, and the telegraph machine that brought the news to the world that the *U.S.S. Maine* had been sunk. Take a step back in time during the month of April to visit and explore seven historic buildings brought from various island locations and pre-

## Fish Caught



David Tonti

Nine-year-old David Tonti caught a 22-inch long, 2.5-pound Spanish mackerel at Blind Pass on March 15 using shrimp from The Bait Box.\*

served at the Historical Village. Docents are on hand to present an overview of the museum and share Sanibel stories. Audio recordings in each building tell the story of Sanibel's pioneers and life on the island from the 1880s to the 1940s.

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS), is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission is \$5 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are admitted free. For more information, call 472-4648 during business hours.\*

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## Film Festival

At 6 p.m., the documentary *How To Live Forever* will be shown. It's a humorous look at how people face the difficult subjects of aging and death. This includes health guru Jack La Lanne, who said he couldn't afford to die because it would ruin his image. La Lanne died in January 2011, but he appears in the film and is a delight to see. A wine and cheese reception and discussion follows. Price for the full day is \$30. Tickets are available at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, or by calling 395-0900.\*



Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers

## Mastersingers To Take Audiences Back In Time

Using the original orchestrations of three great composers and the vocal techniques of the baroque and classical eras of music, the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers plan to transport audiences back in time with their annual spring concert.

"We are excited to be able to offer these performances that strip away years of changes and so-called improvements to reveal the powerful beauty and drama as they were originally conceived," said Mastersingers artistic director and conductor Jeff Faux.

On Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m., the Mastersingers will present the concert in Faith United Methodist Church in

Fort Myers. On Sunday, March 25, the concert will begin at 4 p.m. in Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples.

The program will consist of the great works of George Frideric Handel, including *Coronation Anthem No. 4*; Franz Joseph Haydn's *The Lord Nelson Mass* and Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*.

"All three pieces take the listener on a dramatic journey," Faux said. "We want our audiences to fully understand the journey and, to aid in that, there will be a video interview shown 20 minutes before the start of the concert."

The 70-person chorus will be joined by four critically-acclaimed guest soloists: Candice Hoyes, soprano; Abigail E. Wright, mezzo-soprano; James Patterson, bass; and Nicholas Houhoulis, tenor.

"They are superb," Faux commented. "Two have just finished an engagement with the Metropolitan Opera and James Patterson is a local talent who has sung

with the San Francisco Opera and in many other opera houses around the country."

The Mastersingers 11th season has been highly successful, starting with a sold out Philharmonic Hall in Naples on September 11 to honor the victims of the 9/11 attacks in 2001, reported Mastersingers president Jill Janda-Kanner.

"At our concert in Fort Myers' St. Luke's Episcopal Church, we collected nearly \$1,400 in a free will offering to benefit CCMI," she added. "That organization will also share in the spring concert proceeds and we have asked our members to donate two hours of time each, in lieu of two of our rehearsals, to CCMI, as part of our community outreach.

To purchase tickets for the spring concert, call 275-5557 (day or evening) or 936-4129 (evenings only).\*

## Dreamscapes Exhibit To Open

Contemporary fiber artists Donna Kjonaas and Vicki Kessler present their dynamic new series, *Dreamscapes*, in the BIG ARTS Founder's Gallery in Sanibel from April 5 through April 29. Exploring the mystery of the inner world of dreams, Kjonaas and Kessler express the complex relationships that deepen awareness and understanding.

A series of seven Night Dreams and eight Day Dreams form the foundation

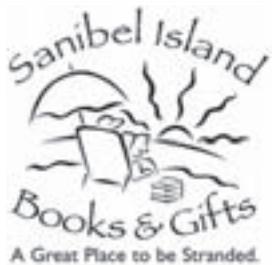
of the exhibit. Comprised of cloth paper and mixed-media fiber squares, the dense, abstract compositions alternately surprise, disarm or comfort us, extending an invitation to consider our place within a larger pool of consciousness.

Additional work by these artists features sculpted, three-dimensional elements deftly integrated into two-dimensional backgrounds. *Tide Pool*, *Energy Field*, *The Deep* and *Remembering Chihuly* most prominently display this effect.

Kjonaas and Kessler have worked collaboratively for more than 20 years. Their materials include historic, vintage and reclaimed fibers subjected to a variety of manipulations and processing to produce rich and detailed backgrounds. Embellishment with stitch, beads, buttons and felting completes each piece of art. Infinitely tactile, their work encourages viewers to move toward the inside. Their compositions focus on color, connection and imaginative use of commonplace materials.

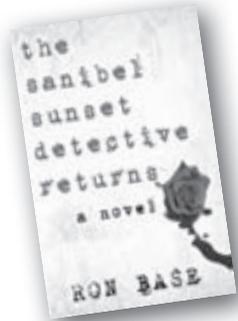
The BIG ARTS Founder's Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, April 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.\*

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## Last Chance For Stories For Grownups

Dr. Sidney B. Simon, winner of the Angels of the Arts Literary Artist of the Year 2011, will be the final story teller in the First Friday Stories for Grownups season.

Simon will tell his tales Friday, April 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Sanibel Library.

A reporter from one of the local newspapers, in his review of an earlier Simon program wrote, "Whether the stories were long, or short, each one elicited laughs and familiar feelings due to Simon's magic as a story teller. The effortless way in which he wove tales from his own life with stories that have endeared themselves to him along the way had the audience amused and awed."

After the first half hour, members of the audience are invited to share their stories.

If you've never been to Stories for Grownups, plan to attend. Seating fills up fast so arrive early.

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# Redneck Humor At Off Broadway Palm Theatre



by Di Saggau

**S**tereotypical trailer-trash behavior is elevated to new heights in *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, now showing at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre. Genuinely

silly, often funny and occasionally a tad vulgar, the show gathers momentum from one rollicking song to the next and has the audience in stitches. With songs like *This Side of the Tracks*, *Flushed Down the Pipes* and *Road Kill*, this is a musical unlike others you've seen.

The action takes place in Armadillo Acres, a north Florida trailer park in a town called Starke. There are also various trips to a local strip club and a mall in Oklahoma City. The shabby trailer park is complete with rusty maiboxes, an assortment of webbed plastic lawn chairs and strings of bright left-over Christmas tree lights. Nothing matches.

The story centers around Norbert (Bryan Robinson) and his agoraphobic wife, Jeannie (Jessica Unice), whose marriage is threatened by a young stripper



Linoleum, Betty and Pickles basking in the sun

Pippi (Shannon McMillan).

The trailer park is also home to a trio of lively women, Linoleum (April Monte), Betty (Kathi Osborne) and Pickles (Kaitlin Doughty). They serve as narration and general commentary throughout the show. Linoleum's hubby is on death row at the state pen. Pickles is a 17-year-old with hysterical pregnancy syndrome. And Betty is a flashy widow who inherited the trailer park.

The cast is amazing and the audience reaction is phenomenal. A tacky as these characters may be, there's something about them that grabs you and won't let

go. Pippi is on the run from her ex-boyfriend, Duke (Adam Clough). She turns up the heat with pole-dancing and gyrations that get Norbert's – and everyone else's – attention. Soon, they are an item and Jeannie is distraught. Then Duke arrives on the scene and all bets are off. We don't see much of him in the first act, but in the second he's unforgettable as the magic marker-sniffing tough guy with a big secret.

There is a whole lot of talent in this show. If you enjoy redneck humor, you're going to love it.

Directed by Paul Bernier, *The Great*

*American Trailer Park Musical* plays through April 29 at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets are available online at [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com), at the box office or by calling 278-4422.✧

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Reverend Tom Nyman, left, prepared the brief ceremony celebrating the beauty of the lignum vitae tree and all living things

## Tree Dedicated At Chapel By The Sea

submitted by Susan Stuart

Following the Sunday Service at Captiva's Chapel By The Sea on March 18, Reverend Tom Nyman led the congregation in dedicating the newly-planted lignum vitae tree in the church yard. The tree, also known as the "Wood of Life," was selected by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation staff, and is a gift from the Chapel's Board of Associates.



The tree, which was in full bud at the time of the dedication, produces beautiful purple and yellow blossoms

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Following the dedication ceremony, officers and board members each shoveled some soil back into the hole where the lignum vitae now stands.✧

## 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 Chamber of Commerce, 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.

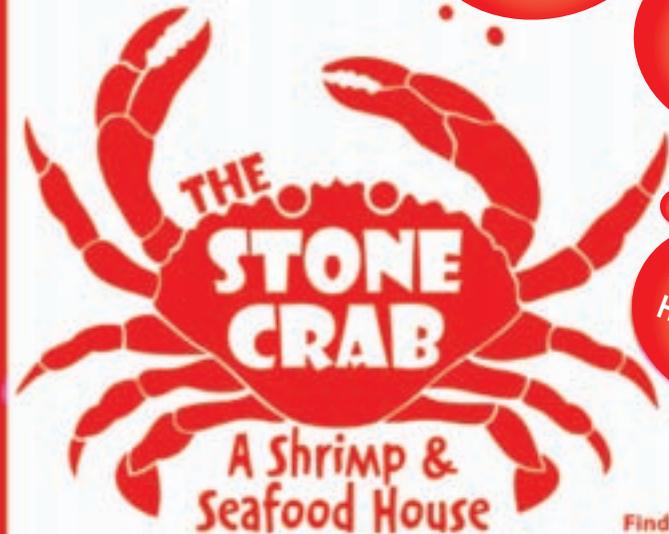
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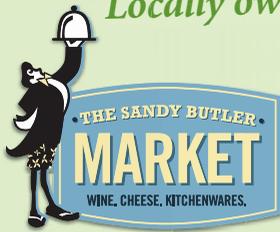
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selected by Don Brown

### Leave It (inspired by my dog, Buddy)

by Carol Kaplan

"Leave it," I shouted  
As we took our morning walk;  
He, full of vigor,  
Immune to my talk.

"Leave it," I insisted  
As we crossed the berry patch  
And headed to a bed of ferns  
Just beyond the latch.

"Leave it," I repeated

With a powerful decree,  
Overcoming my pup's instinct  
To ever be free.  
Enforcing my will  
On this creature of delight,  
Divulging my need to limit his flight.

Then in a flicker on this beautiful day,  
I heard my own "leave its" creep up the bay;  
The times I too wanted the forbidden treat  
And fell back in longing amidst my defeat.

In a flash of weakness and despair,  
I let my dog wander anywhere.

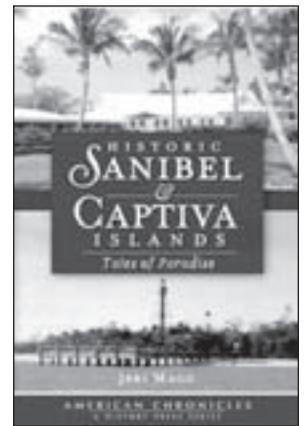
Carol L. Kaplan, Ph. D., is professor emerita of French at California University of Pennsylvania. She is a specialist in the 20th century French novel. Her research centers on the relationship of painting and literature in the novels of André Gide. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has a condo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

## Island Writer At Author Celebration

Jeri Magg, author of *Historic Sanibel and Captiva Islands – Tales of Paradise*, will be participating in the annual Local Author Celebration at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, March 24.

More than 25 local authors will be at the store talking with customers and signing copies of their books from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information visit [www.jerimagg.com](http://www.jerimagg.com)\*



## Book Signing At Sanibel Library

Local Author Charles Wells will be at the Sanibel Public Library on Tuesday, March 27 at 10 a.m. for a program and book signing on his book *Nude Nuns and Other Peculiar People*. He will also discuss lessons he learned about self-publishing in the eBook world.

Follow the adventures of an ordinary man's encounters with a host of very ordinary people. The scene changes from Ft. Polk to New Orleans to Harvard to Prairie Village to Bowling Green to China and to American's heartland, but the theme remains the same; the pervasive ubiquity of peculiar people.

Wells was born in West Plains, Missouri in 1945. He grew up in Bowling Green, Missouri and Prairie Village, Kansas. He is the CEO of Healthcare Financial Advisers, Inc., a firm specializing in advising community hospitals. He is a graduate of Drury University (BA, 1967) and Harvard Business School (MBA, 1969). He currently lives in Mission Hills, Kansas and Sanibel.\*

## Author Program At The Library

Local author Neil Volz will be doing a program and book signing at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday, April 4 at 2 p.m. on his book *Into the Sun*.

Volz was a chief of staff for a member of Congress, a staff director for a full Congressional Committee, and a Washington lobbyist who represented a variety of clients. Volz now lives in Fort Myers, where he works as a homeless advocate and public affairs professional.

*Into the Sun* puts a human face on the business of American politics. It also makes you rethink what you believe about Washington.

When Volz moved from small-town Ohio to Capitol Hill, he was a young idealistic college student. Twelve years later, he was a high-profile symbol of Washington.\*

## White's Latest Places On Times Best Sellers List

Local celebrity author Randy Wayne White once again will make the *New York Times* best sellers list, coming in at number 7 on the March 25 list for his latest thriller *Chasing Midnight*, which released on March 6, 2012.

A resident of Sanibel Island, White is known for his Doc Ford's series of murder-mysteries that take place in and around Sanibel and other exotic locations.

*Chasing Midnight* spins out along Florida's West Coast, where protagonist and marine biologist Doc Ford, along with sidekick Tomlinson, are out to thwart the black market trade on gulf sturgeon caviar.

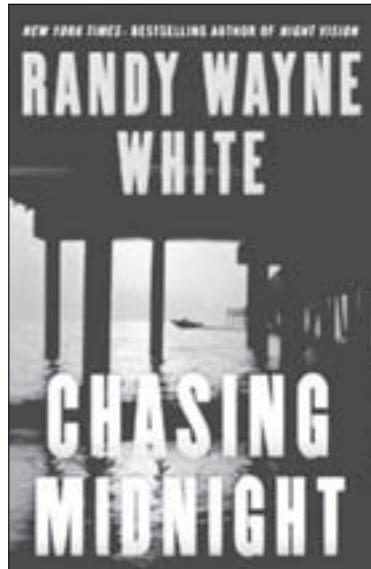
"I think this is Tomlinson and Ford interplaying at their best," said White. "The dialogue between the two was a joy to write, and reveals much about the complicated polarity that, at once, adjoins and separates these two good men."

The Doc Ford series is the inspiration for Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille on Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach. The Sanibel restaurant debuted the book with an author signing before the official publication date.

White, a partner in the restaurant enterprise, will be signing again at the Fort Myers Beach location at Fisherman's Wharf from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 22.

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille serves food and fun based on the tropical settings and Caribbean flavors of White's bestselling novels.

For more information, visit [www.randywaynewhite.com](http://www.randywaynewhite.com) and [www.docfords.com](http://www.docfords.com).✧



Randy Wayne White's latest best-seller

## Pacharis Book Signing, Talk At Sanibel Library

Local author Dottie Pacharis will be on hand at the Sanibel Public Library on Thursday, March 28 at 2 p.m. for a book signing and program on her book, *Mind On The Run*.

*Mind On The Run* chronicles a family tragedy the life and death of Scott C. Baker. It's a story of a family's efforts to help Scott through five major, prolonged bipolar manic episodes. It's the story of a suicide that proper treatment would have prevented. The book tells a compelling story of love and loss. It's a tragic account, filled with sadness and frustration, of a family's futile attempts to save their loved one. Readers will grieve for Scott as they watch him lose his successful business, his family and – ultimately – his life.

Pacharis is retired from a law firm in Washington, D.C. and lives with her husband, George, also retired. They divide their time between Fort Myers Beach and West River, Maryland. Since her son's battle with bipolar disorder, she has become an advocate for the mentally ill and a volunteer in family support organizations.

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

## Book Signing

Author and Sanibel resident Robert N. Risch will present a program and hold a book signing on his book *Warrior: The CIA's #1 Assassin-Spy, Who Nearly Killed Castro but Was Ambushed by Watergate* on Monday, March 26 at 2 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library.

Risch grew up in Cincinnati and moved to Boston, where he practiced law for 40 years. He and co-author Jim Hunt have known each other since the 1960s, when they recorded songs for Columbia Records. Risch has published music, poetry, history books, and literary articles. He and his wife Nancy share their time between Boston and Sanibel.✧

## Book Signing With Nonemaker

Author Laura Allen Nonemaker will be appearing at The Island Book Nook on Saturday, March 31.

A resident of Cape Coral, Nonemaker will be signing copies of her latest book, *Benny's Angel: A God's Secret Garden Adventure*, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Who stole the flowers in God's Secret Garden? Find out in *Benny's Angel*, a delightful tale which uses animals, nature and a visit from an angel to teach the importance of prayer and the value of trusting God. The book also makes a wonderful addition to an Easter basket.

The Island Book Nook is located at 2330 Palm Ridge Road on Sanibel. For more information, contact Traci Jones at 888-361-9473 or [traci@tate-publishing.com](mailto:traci@tate-publishing.com).✧

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Sanibel-Captiva Cares Committee

## Sanibel-Captiva Cares Hoists The Jolly Roger For The Children's Hospital Of Southwest Florida

submitted by Evelyn Neill

**Y**arh Matey! Pirates we are and we take care of our own! Sunday night Sanibel-Captiva Cares held a sold-out event to mark the 12th year of supporting The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. And what a year it was! Marty Harrity, revealing his true piratititude as Gasparilla the auctioneer, teamed up with Holly Smith as his captured lady fair. By the end of the night every scallywag in the house was contributing to raise another record – \$475,000 for the hospital in much-needed support. Thanks to Sanibel-Captiva Cares and the generosity of our community, the children of Southwest Florida now have a special pediatric and infant operating table, and they can rely on the diagnostic training of our second SimBaby to assure the

best possible care to our expanding needs as The Children's Hospital grows to meet its future.

A few lucky attendees walked away from The Sanctuary event with VIP concert tickets and the opportunity to meet the "Boss" Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. Others won a lunch and tour with the first responder firefighters and paramedics of our community. And a few trusty mates won a lunch with Sanibel's first mayor, former U.S. Congressman Porter Goss. The ever-popular Name That Drink! from Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille was bought for an astounding amount – yo ho, ho and a bottle of rum!

For nine years, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has been master sponsor of this event. And this year's co-chairs Amanda Cross, Sherry Gentry and Julie Smith have collectively been involved since the beginning.

"We have come so far, when we think back to the first days. We weren't even sure how to begin. Now we are making a significant difference in the lives of so many children. We are committed to The Children's Hospital at HealthPark as it grows into a state-of-the-art world-class facility. And we will have the opportunity to name the Emergency Room after our strong island group that has worked so hard every year!"

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## Lions Annual Arts & Crafts Fair Draws Huge Weekend Crowds

**M**ore than 4,000 people attended the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club's 29th annual Arts & Crafts Fair this year, rivaling the event's best ever numbers. More than 135 exhibitors from 19 states participated in the show, held on Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17 at The Community House.

The fair featured a huge range of hand-crafted creations: original paintings in water colors and oils, basketry, wood carvings, sculptures, photography, jewelry, furniture, and clothing. The popular raffle offered more than 100 prizes and the lucky winners collected original artworks from the fair's exhibitors, each of whom contributed a raffle item, specially donated items from Lions' supporters, cash and gift certificates. A silent auction rewarded the very active bidders with prizes ranging from a vacation in Cancun (won by Lion Henry Glissman) and one on Sanibel, to jewelry, art and restaurant discount coupons.

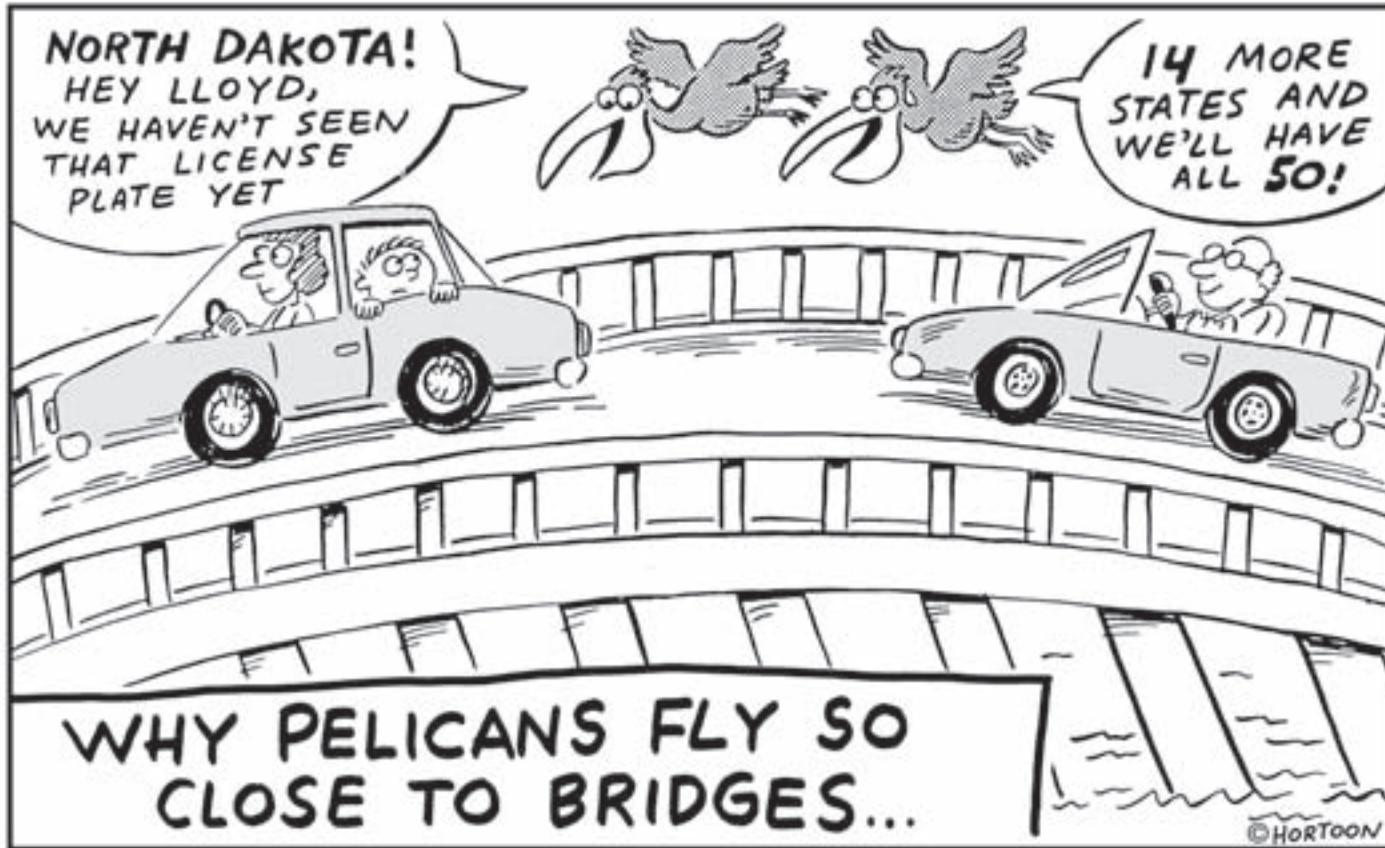
The Best of Show award went to David King for his display of watercolor paintings. Other major awards went to Patty Stern (first place, creative crafts) for architectural sculptures: Laurie Hein (first place, two-dimensional exhibits) for oil painting and Jan Byron (first place, three-dimensional exhibits) for figurines.

Twelve major sponsors donated to support the show and over 120 Lions members and volunteers worked to make the event a success. All the proceeds from the arts and crafts fair will be used to support Lions approved charities, especially those that aid the visually impaired.\*



Betty Barrus and Francis Bailey greeted visitors to the show and, at the same time, celebraed St. Patrick's Day

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## American Legion Post 123 Events

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

This Sunday, March 25, the Legion will be serving BBQ chicken and ribs from 1 to 8 p.m. Live music with Chris Coile is featured from 5:30 to 7:30 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.

Every Friday, the Legion offers a 6 oz. ribeye steak sandwich all day and Fish Fry from 4 to 8 p.m. Stop in and try one of our half-pound burgers. Check out our daily specials and the entire menu. They serve food every day, all day long.

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

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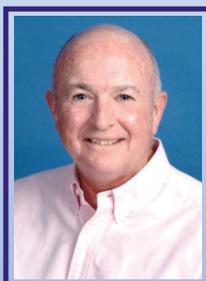


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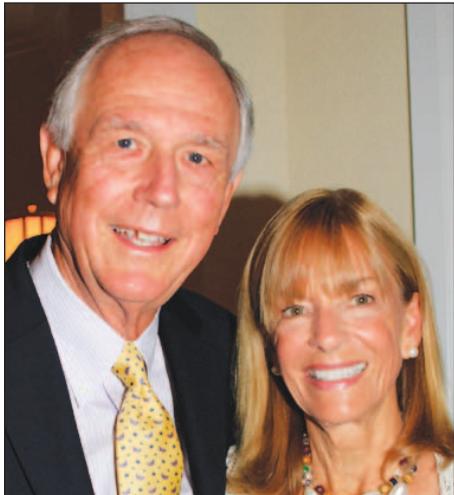




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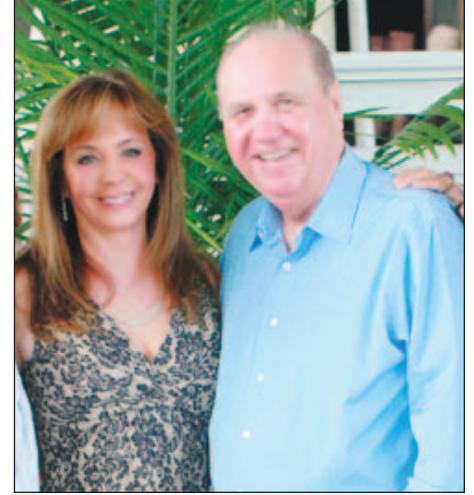
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Eileen and Lex Roulston, center, with Sanibel Firefighters



Marianne Kanzius, Dave and Linda Essig, Susan Nolte with two pirates

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## Sanibel-Captiva Cares Benefit

said Cross. Sanibel-Captiva Cares is particularly honored to support The Children's Hospital as Lee Memorial Health System embarks on its plan to build a new children's hospital to answer the needs of the children in our community.

This year's success brings the 12-year total of contributions to The Children's Hospital to \$3.9 million and continues the mission to provide great resources to the community so that families can be treated here at home. If you were unable to attend the event and would like to make a contribution, contact Amanda Cross at 472-2082 or [SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com](mailto:SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com)\*



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### Jump For Joy

**A**nd what a jump this was! I find it amazing when someone picks up, moves far from home, totally surrounded by a whole new world... and somehow adapts,

adjusts and makes it work.

Joy Bonhayag did it.

Born and brought up in the Philippines, in the capital city of Bohol province, she was one of three children and – while rather distant from her father – really close to her mother. Education was important to her so like most of her friends, she went to college. “We called it CV, but it’s real name was CVSCAFT. I got my bachelor’s degree in science and technology there.”

Her languages? “My first was Visayan, a provincial dialect. The next was Tagalog, my country’s national language. And then, of course, there was English, which was taught in school at all grades starting with first.”

Next, the working Joy. Moving up the job ladder, she was section manager in a shop at one of the larger malls in her city. Enter Mark Thompson, a Peace Corps volunteer in an outlying

district. Every week, he’d drive into town to do basic shopping and that’s where he spotted Joy.

Spotted isn’t the same as talking to – he didn’t know how to bridge that gap. One day, he bought a small box of chocolates and gave them to her. Inside was a note – one that she still has – where he explained he was too shy to even ask her name but he did give his own, along with his e-mail address. They began a texting relationship which eventually led to a date. By now Mark was visiting the mall more often. Bit by bit, the romance grew. Finally, he proposed... and Joy said “Yes!”

Mark’s project in the Philippines was nearing its end when he was offered a job in Florida at Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation as a research assistant working in oyster restoration and water quality. A Purdue University graduate with degrees in marine science and engineering, he’d come to realize that engineering wasn’t for him. But since he loved the water, SCCF seemed a perfect fit.

Meanwhile, half a world away from Joy, technology helped bridge the gap – texting, e-mail, skype, telephone – the romance stayed constant. Joy was pregnant and Mark wanted her here in Florida before the baby was born. He flew back overseas to make sure all her paperwork was in order to guarantee her green card. She arrived in a special category, a fiancée visa, which specifies you must marry within three months... a matter they took care of immediately

with a City Hall wedding.

Where to live was no problem... they’d be in staff housing at SCCF. But what would Joy do all day? That would take some learning.

First, she got a bike. Mark had told her about Noah’s Ark, describing it as a fun place with things to look at, great things to buy and filled with welcoming wanderers. It was a starter.

Next on her agenda was arranging for the baby’s baptism. One day, passing by the office at St. Michael, she ran into Reverend Sloane. The minister’s immediate reaction to baby Yuan was enthusiastic gushing. And when Joy asked about the possibility of his being baptized there, explaining they weren’t church members, the answer was a direct “Of course. The church is open to all.” Baptism was set for Easter Sunday, immediately following the services, and that was nearly two years ago.

“I feel totally comfortable there. It’s become part of my everyday life,” says Joy.

Almost daily, they arrive at the Ark and Yuan goes directly to the children’s area. When one of workers there stopped by to show him a new toy, she gave him a hug hello, saying “I’ve known you since you were still in your mommy’s tummy.” For him, it must seem like a world of substitute grands, aunts and uncles.

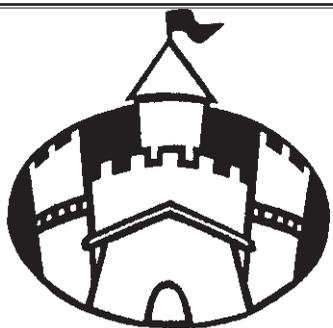
How do the pair get around? Biking mom has a stable carrier attached, which provides zipped in comfort. Yuan can be strapped in and safely seated, able to observe the passing scene or, when worn out, stretched out to nap. They have a well-established route

which includes the Ark, the community playground, sometimes the lighthouse, story time at the library, bird and lemur visits at Periwinkle Park, the macaws at Jerry’s, the butterfly house at SCCF and, of course, “Ding” Darling and CROW to round things out.

Mark is a wonderful resource for filling in about things not well-known. A Filipino woman cuts his hair and it’s she who told him about one of the vendors at the Sanibel Island Farmers Market... not only was Jan, the owner, from the Philippines but so too were all the people who worked for her. One Sunday, Joy went to check it out and stayed to talk. Still early in the season, Jan said “When the berries start to come in, that’s when I need people. Come back then. I’ll hire you.” Now, come early Sunday morning, it’s one more island place you’ll see Joy.

“And your own dream?” I asked. “What would you like to be doing once Yuan is off in school?” Joy smiled. “Work in a restaurant – cook there, manage it, own it. That’s what I’ve always wanted to do. I love cooking... to take whatever is available and mix it together and see what happens. What I miss most about being far from the Philippines is the food. And what makes it even more complicated here is my husband is a vegetarian. He’ll eat fish and we catch tilapia and mullet, but a wider variety would make it more appealing. Cooking here, for me, is a work in progress.”

And so is Joy. ✨



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sus wouldn’t leave our hatchlings until too late. I tried to hurry her along but she just lost heart. She thought she had found the perfect spot... a bit of sand under some undergrowth and within a short crawl of the Sanibel River for the little ones.

“But your ears look a little lippy, if you don’t mind my saying. No, not all, oh, no, when the blaze began, I envied you your speed, I forgot about the babies. You and Mrs. Brown had wrapped them so carefully in a fur blanket; are you sure, have you gone back? I don’t know what to say, but well, I hope you won’t think me crass but you do multiply; like rabbits,

if you will excuse the expression.

“Yes, I moved here for the same reasons. I particularly like the look of the turtle crossing signs. I know you enjoyed the cachet of the address on Rabbit Road. To be honest, I sent all my mail from Turtle Gait Lane when I was in the area.

“The pelican family that always enjoyed the twilight in the tallest cabbage palm savoring their catch of the day got away except for one of their fledglings. The cardinals are sending a delegation to protest this treatment of innocent birds to the oldest owl in the refuge. But Rabbit Brown, you know how those things go, the crows will be there squawking and carrying on and the mockingbirds will just imitate, not initiate; they take whatever side is the most vocal. The woodpeckers are useless, so addle-brained, hammering away on this and that and looking first one way and then the other to see if anyone is admiring them. You can’t count on those sand pipers for a thing. They feel superior because they have beachfront property even though they never get their feet wet. The gulls all stand together and face the same way if their fishing isn’t at risk.

“Well, yes, I know I’m young for a turtle, Mr. Brown, but I can’t imagine finding another mate like the missus. Tears? Oh, well, perhaps, but you know how smoke gets in your eyes.” ✨

## Rotary Presents Check



Gary Israel, Joel Ospa and Tony Gropp

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club presented a \$5,000 check to Gary Israel, board member of Barbara's Friends, for designated funding of the Lee Memorial Hospital Foundation's Helping Kids with Cancer campaign. The club has a long history of supporting Barbara's Friends, named after a fellow Rotarian's daughter who died of cancer.\*

## Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

It was a familiar face at the podium this week, one of our Rotary District #6960 outstanding Rotarians, Steve Agius. We like to call Agius our Rotary Energizer Bunny. He is a person who keeps on giving of his time and energy to the causes he so passionately believes in. He is a board member of the Gift of Life Program, a worldwide Rotary International Service Program, whose primary purpose is to help children who require corrective heart surgery.

On Friday, though, he came to speak about Rotary's partnership with the Wheelchair Foundation. Rotary has been partnering with the Wheelchair Foundation to help provide a free wheelchair to people of all ages in the world. The motivation to create this organization in 2000 came from Ken Behring, successful businessman and former owner of the Seattle Seahawks, after observing the so named "crawlers" on his travels in poor foreign countries. They touched his heart and he set out to improve their lives from a lack of mobility and bring back a person's dignity deprived by birth defects, war, disease (including polio), accidents, natural disaster, and advanced age. Rotary clubs worldwide became a partner of the Wheelchair Foundation in 2001 and to date the Wheelchair Foundation and Rotary have provided 900,000 wheelchairs in over 100 countries. Rotary now purchases wheelchairs in bulk and then distributes them through the local Rotary clubs in receiving countries. The cost to Rotarians for each specially designed wheelchair is \$100.

A video produced by the Wheelchair



Steve Agius

Foundation showed a number of recipients receiving these specially designed wheelchairs for rugged terrain and unpaved roads. Each recipient's face expressed a new hope for the future, a future that will bring mobility and provide them personal independence.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club has supported the foundation with donations and has received additional funding from individuals in our community, but the need continues.

This is the best use of \$100 you can ever make. So the challenge is can we give up one dinner out to change a life forever? Can we give up going to the theater for one evening, to change a life forever? Can we explain to our children or grandchildren that instead of buying one new video game for their birthday that we are going to donate, in their name, \$100 to the Wheelchair Foundation and this will change another young person's life forever.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary will continue to support the Wheelchair Foundation and will be joining other

District #6960 Rotary clubs in providing enough funding to purchase and send a small shipping container with 110 wheelchairs to an area in the Caribbean. If you would like to join us and make a donation to the Wheelchair Foundation, call me at 337-1099.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Bistro At Beachview, 1100 Par View Drive. For further information regarding the Sanibel Rotary or Rotary International, call 337-1099.\*

## Center 4 Life Programs

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

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought. Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance exercises, core strength and flexibility exercises. Strengthen, lengthen and gain flexibility. Sandi McDougall is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while

improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

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

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

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

Fitness Opportunities at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Phone 472-0345 or go to [www.mysanibel.com](http://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](mailto:annrodman@aol.com) or at 395-2191.

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

Games at the Center  
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# Highlights From The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Arts & Crafts Fair



Lions staffing the raffle table included, from left: Geri and George Podlin, Regina Wolczek and Clare Mallon



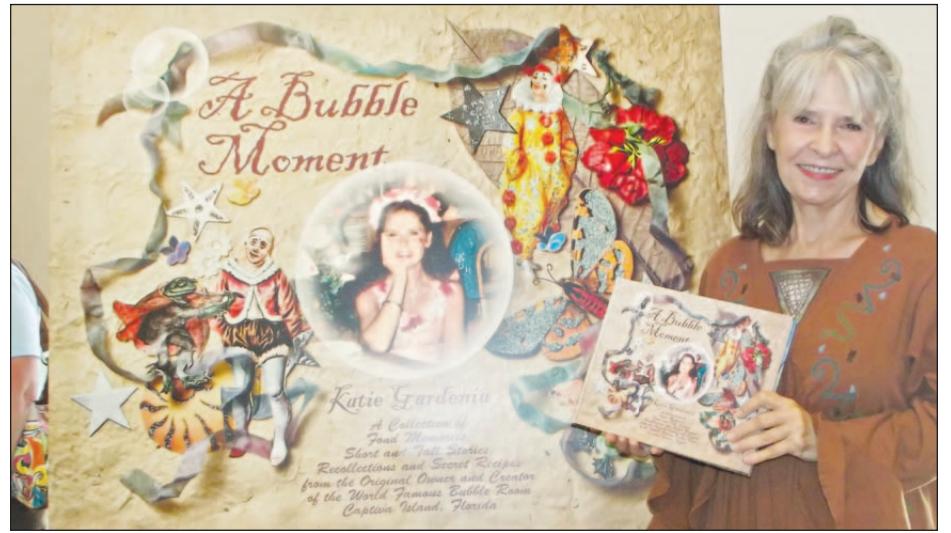
Artist Melissa Landon of Port Charlotte stands next to one of her hand-painted furniture pieces



Martha's Vineyard resident Brian Kirkpatrick creates a new work of art during the fair



Making another batch of kettle corn are Carl and Carolene Applegate of Cape Coral



Katie Gardenia was on hand to sign copies of her book, *A Bubble Moment*



Bob and Patti Stern from Moreland Hills, Ohio turn architectural artifacts into art

photos by Jeff Lysiak



Visitors stroll through the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Arts & Crafts Fair last weekend

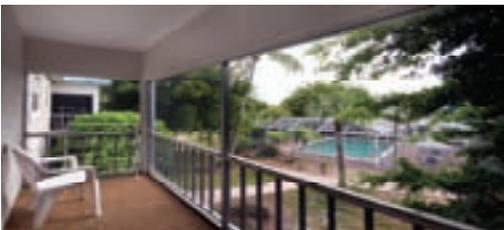


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# Trust Company Annual Meeting



Al Hanser and Dolph W. von Arx



Chip Lesch and Dr. Stephen Brown



Al Hanser, John Schubert and William Crowder

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company held its 11th annual shareholders meeting on March 14 at The Sanctuary Golf Club.

S. Albert D. Hanser, CEO and co-chairman, introduced the management team and the board of directors. He recapped the successful year both for the company and for the clients, concluding his remarks saying, "This was an important year for us as we accomplished some significant milestones, the establishment of our holding company, the Tampa Trust Company and our Chicago presence with The Sanibel Captiva Investment

Advisor division. Clearly the addition of Pat Dorsey (former director of research at Morningstar) as director of research of the trust companies and president of SanCap Investors, gave our business a tremendous boost. I am grateful to our entire staff and board for the way they have stepped up this year. We all love what we do and appreciate our clients as well as our ability to give back, in so many ways, to the community."

Donald (Chip) Lesch, co-chairman, presented a financial overview of the company, highlighting the record levels of assets-under-management, total revenues, client relationships, and book value growth. He also discussed the company's

strategic direction, mentioning new product introductions, developing markets in Tampa and Chicago, and the addition of Dorsey.

"Overall, this was a solid year for the trust company, and we are all very excited about the opportunities for growth in the future," said Lesch.

Adria D. Starkey, COO of SCTC and president of The Naples Trust Company, spoke about growth of the companies, new business development and highlighted the success of the WOW Seminars.

Dorsey gave a market overview and sited strong investment returns for client

portfolios.

Terrence M. Igo, president, Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Tampa Bay Trust Company, concluded with, "Our growth has come as a result of taking good care of our clients, referrals continue to be the major source of new business for us."

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## Center 4 Life

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

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

Indian Heart Basket Weaving – Monday, April 23. Learn the art of basket weaving when you weave the "Indian Heart" (or elbow) basket. The basket can dress up a door or wall when you insert flowers, greens, pine needles or holiday decorations into each side. The instructor

is Martha Kehoe, occupational therapist and basket weaver from Wisconsin. Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members. Bring a small towel and an apron.

Computer Classes, What's a Spreadsheet? – Wednesday and Thursday, April 25 and 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Balance your checkbook, manage rentals and expenses or keep your address lists with the spreadsheet program from Microsoft Works or Excel. You need to be familiar with the mouse and keyboard. Cost is \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members. Class limited to six.

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## Ribbon Cut At Sanibel Fitness By Meta



John McLane (holding Didgee), Joyce Greim, Paul and Meta Roth and Mitch Goodwin  
photo by Jeff Lysick

On March 14, the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Sanibel Fitness by Meta, located in The Promenade, 695 Tarpon Bay Road. The state-of-the-art workout facility features personal training, Pilates classes and The Boler Beast, a multi-station exercise machine.\*

## Pioneer Picnic Returns April 28

The Pioneer Club of Lee County will hold its 63rd annual picnic on Saturday, April 28 at the Lee County Civic Center's Tinsley Pavilion, located on Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The eligibility requirement for membership in the Pioneer Club is that a person was a resident of Lee County prior to 1962.

The Pioneer Picnic provides an opportunity for the old families of Lee County to come together to preserve and memorialize the history of the county where they spent so many years of their lives. Discovering old friends, neighbors and school friends makes for a happy lunch bunch. Members are welcome to bring a guest.

The classes of 1962 from Fort Myers Senior High School, Dunbar Senior High School and Alva High School will be recognized at the picnic as celebrating their 50th class reunions. Also recognized at the picnic will be the man and woman who have lived here the longest number of years; the couple married the most years and the person who traveled the longest distance to come to the picnic.

Approximately 1,000 invitations are mailed out for the picnic, of which two-

thirds are sent to local residents and the remainder to those people who live out of the area. There are normally 700 to 800 people in attendance and lunch is served to around 650. There is no charge to attend the picnic and parking is free. Barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, chocolate chip cookies and iced tea are available to the attendees for \$10 per plate. It is not mandatory that you eat.

To receive an invitation, send the following information to Pioneer Club, 2233 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901:

- Your name/s (any woman registering is asked to provide her maiden name if applicable)
- The year you arrived in Lee County
- Your mailing address
- Which school you attended and the year you graduated

You may register on the day of the picnic.

Through the generosity of the City of Fort Myers, free admission on that weekend is given to the members of the Pioneer Club by showing their membership card to the Edison & Ford Estates, Southwest Florida Museum of History (Friday through Sunday, April 27 to 29) and the Burroughs Home & Garden Tour (Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27 at 11 a.m. only).\*

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Around The Islands With Anne

# Family-Owned Beauty Salon Sets Another Milestone; Garden Center Now Carries 'Ancient Artifact' Planters



by Anne Mitchell

Few, if any, island businesses have the distinction of being in operation for more than six decades. Even rarer is the business that has remained in the same family for so long.

**Sanibel Beauty Salon** has been a local fixture for three generations and with the youngest, Deena Banta, only in her early 20s, this business can look forward to many more years of keeping islanders well-groomed.

Sunday, March 25 marks the day in 1951 – 61 years ago – that Mary Aleck opened the salon on a sparsely-developed Periwinkle Way, near where Bailey's Shopping Center stands.



Three generations at Sanibel Beauty Salon, Mary Aleck, the founder, her daughter Mary Anne Banta and grand-daughter Deena Banta pictured about 24 years ago



Deena Banta and her mother Mary Anne Banta, salon owners



The little salon was on a sparsely-developed portion of Periwinkle Way when it opened 61 years ago

It's ironic that March 25 is Greek Independence Day, but women's independence was still some time off – at least in Lee County. Aleck was a member of the Kontinos family, which has Greek ancestry, and which settled on Sanibel years before. Such were the attitudes back then that Aleck's husband had to vouch for her to Lee County officials so that, as a woman, she could get her business license. A document to that effect still hangs in the salon.

Back then, women sat under dryers for hours with curlers in their hair. But on March 25, 1951, the dryers had not been delivered and the salon opened without them. Clients sat outside in the warm sun to get their hair to set. A cistern behind the shop collected rain water for shampoos and such.

As the years passed, Aleck's daughter Mary Anne Banta and her husband Joe purchased the salon and as their daughter Deena became old enough, she became part of the business too. Today, mother and daughter they operate a modern salon that is now in its third location at 2330 Palm Ridge Road. For many years, Sanibel Beauty operated out of Bailey's Shopping Center.

Mary Anne Banta is proud that many of her employees have been with her for generations. For instance, stylist Connie Mahaney has logged 38 years, making her the longest-serving employee, and stylist Tom Comella has worked there on and off since the early '70s. Others have similar tenures and have known their clients for years.

Mary Aleck, now deceased, would hardly recognize the place these days. It's sleek and modern with a computer up front, six chairs, manicure stations, eight stylists and several nail techs. And the salon not only does temporary tattoos, it also offers hair-braiding and beading, waxing and facial treatments. The salon also caters to men.

Call 472-1111 for appointments.

Speaking of longtime, family-owned island businesses, the garden center at **Forever Green Ace Hardware** is now carrying a very creative line of garden planters, birdbaths and other items that look like ancient artifacts.

Forever Green has been selected as the exclusive dealer in the Sanibel-Captiva area for the work of garden décor designer Les Williams of Mount Dora and Highlands, North Carolina.

"In most cases, it is lighter than conventional concrete products," he said. "The textures and patina processes used in these pieces make them resemble weathered, ancient, hand-carved artifacts."

Williams said objects carved from lava rock, limestone, coral and other porous rocks have long been referred to as Tufa. His version is hand-made from Hypertufa, a cement-based, manufactured version, and each is unique. The collection consists of planters, birdbaths and stools.

In addition, Williams will custom make items.

The newest items are dog bowls. They have two-quart stainless steel inserts that are easily removed for cleaning.



Objects from the Hypertufa garden collection, available at Forever Green Ace Hardware include reversible smooth rock planter, left, that doubles as a bird bath, and oval planter

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## Around The Islands

Sue Ritchie, who runs the garden center at Forever Green, is one of only 10 other dealers in Florida and western North Carolina, according to Williams.

Forever Green Ace Hardware is at 2025 Periwinkle Way, Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-5354.

On Saturday, March 24, **Eileen Fisher** is having Sips with Sweets and offering \$25 off and a gift with purchase with 10 percent of proceeds to benefit PACE Center for Girls in Lee and Collier counties. The store is in the Forever Green Center, 2055 Periwinkle Place, Sanibel, phone 472-4655

### LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

**Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn has live entertainment nightly. This week's lineup includes: Thursday, March 22, Pianoman Joe McCormick for popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, Jazz and Pop for dancing; Friday, Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick and vocalist Marvilla Marzan; Sunday, Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals with pop, R&B, country and jazz for dancing and listening; Monday, Joe McCormick; Tuesday, Joe McCormick; Wednesday, Prime Rib & Prime Jazz with Father Al & the Jazz Congregation featuring vocalist "Mr. Swing" Paul Ventura performing smooth jazz classics.

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.

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

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

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

**The Island Cow** on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment from 6 to 9:30

p.m. nightly. The line-up: Monday, Dan Confrey; Tuesday, Jeff Key; Wednesday, Ken Wasiniak; Thursday, Diana Lynn; Friday, Greg Watts; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Ken Wasiniak. Phone 472-0606.

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

Live entertainment at **George & Wendy's Corner Grille**: Wednesdays, Robbie Hutto, Thursdays Karaoke,

Fridays Chris Workman. The restaurant is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

Restaurant owners/managers, please e-mail or fax your entertainment schedule to Anne Mitchell at [islandsuncity@aol.com](mailto:islandsuncity@aol.com) or 395-2299.\*

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Families Of Fallen Soldiers To Receive Paintings Of Their Sons At Film Screening



Kaziah Hancock in her studio

In 2003, Kaziah Hancock founded Project Compassion with the goal of painting the portrait of every soldier killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since September 11, 2001. She does this for the soldier's families, with their blessings. She herself has painted more than 1,000 and Project Compassion has so far finished more than 2,600 paintings in all.

On Saturday, March 24 at 2 p.m., the families of two fallen soldiers will receive portraits painted by Kaziah at the Alliance for the Arts after the screening of *Kaziah the Goat Woman*, an independent documentary about her life as an off-the-grid Utah rancher and artist.

The screening is part of the Fort Myers Film Festival. Its founder and host, Eric Raddatz, will present Kaziah's oil paintings to the family of Daniel W. Eggers of Cape Coral, who was 28 when he died in Kandahar, Afghanistan in May 2004, when his vehicle hit a land mine. He was a Green Beret assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The family of Michael E. McGahan of Orlando will also receive a portrait of their son. The University of Florida graduate was assigned to the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 187th Infantry Regt, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was 23 when he died in Nangarhar province, Afghanistan in June 2010 while leading a platoon. Both are now buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The event is free, with a \$5 suggested donation, a portion of which will go to Project Compassion. Films begin at 2 p.m. *Kaziah the Goat Woman* will run at 2:30 p.m. with the portrait presentations immediately after. Space is limited, so arrive early to guarantee a seat in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance.

The Fort Myers Film Festival runs from March 21 through March 25 with screenings at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center and the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. More information is available at [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) or [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com).



Kaziah Hancock working on a portrait

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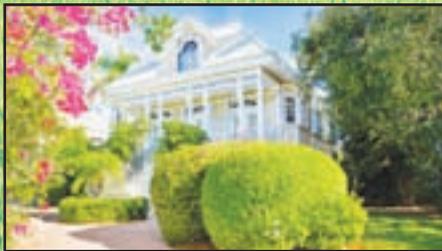
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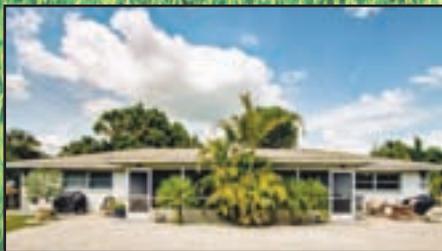
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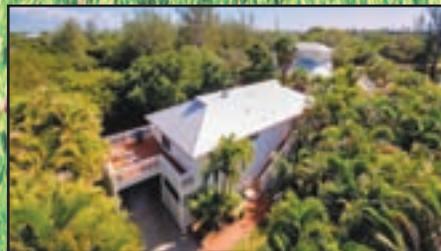
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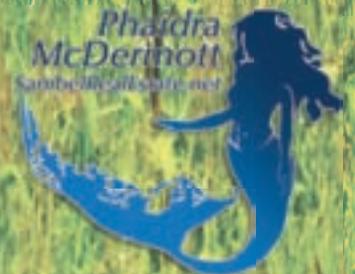
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Winner Craig Albert, left, with Beachview Golf Club Pro Gene Taylor

## BMGA Member/Guest And A New Meaning For The Word 'Sand-Save'

Beachview Golf Club hosted their annual Member/Guest Tournament on March 13. The first event, however, took place the prior evening with a cocktail party at Beachveiw Bistro, where participants and friends got a chance to bid and bet on which teams would win. A lot of fun was enjoyed, with BMGA president Jay Allen serving as the auctioneer. Some teams were bid up as high as \$90, and those who bet on the first place team won slightly over \$500.

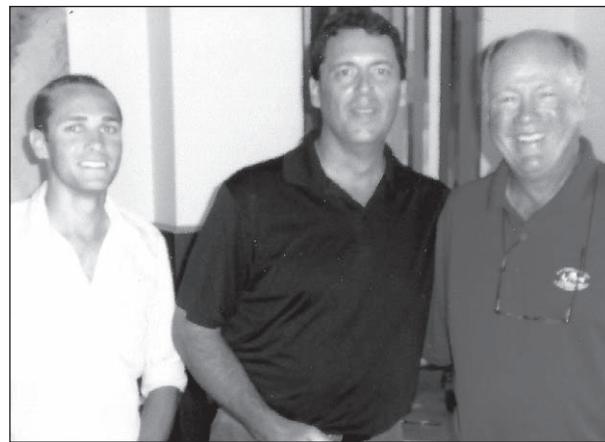
Then on Tuesday, 26 two-man teams played a two-man best net ball scramble. The winners were the youngest team of Craig Albert and Jeff Burns with a score of 47.0. Second place went to the Ware Brothers, Tom and Jim, with a score of 49.0. In third was the pairing of Roger Triftshauer and his guest Richard Vining, with a score of 50.

After lunch, several teams played a nine-hole Pinehurst alternate shot format. The winners were Jay Allen and his guest Allen Schwocho, with a score of 26.05. Close behind in second place were Dick Waterhouse and his guest George Harrington, with a score of 26.25.

That evening, there was an awards ceremony with important envelopes presented to the winners and raffle prizes, which were obtained by Jerry Mader, who was in charge of organizing the entire special event and his helper on the raffle prizes Guy Tober. Tickets were scrambled between each drawing by club pro Gene Taylor and spread among several winners. However, Cecilia Olsson was the lucky winner of several raffle prizes. A nice dinner followed the awards presentation.

On March 17, the men again played a two man best ball scramble. In the now established tradition of always having an interesting golf related event, one of the foursomes gave a new meaning the to the golf phase "a sandy." That's when you make a great shot from a bunker and then sink the putt. One of the team's cart drivers got a little too close to examining the upcoming shot and drove the golf cart right into the bunker. With great effort by both two-man teams, the cart was finally extricated and play was resumed. We do have a picture of this special event, but out of deference (and threats) by those involved, we agreed not to show you the hilarious image.

The winners of the round were our "Aquaman" Tony Baldino and his long hitting partner David Bugby, with a score of 68.8. Followed closely were "Too Tall" Fred Zimmer and our fire engine builder Tom Sutphen, with a score of 68.8. In third place was the team of Roger "Mr. Boston" Cogswell and our hole-in-one man Jim Mulka, who finished with a score of 69.\*



March 13 nine-hole winners Allen Schwocho, Gene Taylor and Jay Allen, BMGA president



March 17 winners Tony Baldino and Dave Bugby

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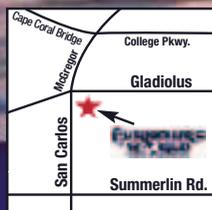
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## Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, March 13, there were nine tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association.

The winners were:

**North/South**

1. Kenneth Appel and Albert Simon
2. Mary and Dick Butler
3. Helen and Jim McCartney
4. Susan Freund and Judy Harralson

**East/West**

1. Marlyn and James Stewart
2. Ann and Lee Cooper
3. Gini Gersack and Ann Lindberg
4. Susan Heisler and Nancy Traylor

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

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As a member of the Sanibel Recreation Center, an online account is available for you to renew your membership, reserve tennis courts, register for programs and view volunteer opportunities. Visit us at [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com) to view our current weekly schedule and special events.

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](http://www.mysanibel.com).

## Lifeguard Course At Sanibel Rec

An American Red Cross Lifeguard Course will be held at the Sanibel Recreation Center this Friday, March 23 from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday, March 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 25 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Upon completion of this three-day course, participants will be certified as Professional Rescuers in lifeguarding, first aid and adult, child and infant CPR/AED.

The American Red Cross now offers course manuals online. Participants must bring a printed copy of the lifeguarding manual to all class sessions. For step-by-step instructions for downloading and printing the course manuals, contact the

Rec Center.

Course cost is \$180 for Rec Center members and \$225 for non-members. Must be at least 15 years old to register and able to attend all class sessions. Call the Rec Center at 472-0345 for swimming ability prerequisites. Class size is limited.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).

## Volunteer Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Volunteer of the Month Al Nagel.

Nagel joined the team of volunteers this year. He has volunteered by assisting at Backyard Game Nights at Sanibel Community Park as well as a few other special events. He is happy to jump in and help wherever he is needed. When asked what he enjoys most about volunteering Nagel responded, "Giving back to the community and this wonderful recreation center. I see so many things here that inspire me and make me committed to staying fit for life." He also enjoys meeting so many great people.

Nagel grew up in the Boston area and was a founder of a computer software company. Now, at age 70, he is retired. He first came to Sanibel in 1996 on a two-week vacation and as he says, "the rest was history." Nagel spends his summers in Cape Cod but his heart is always on Sanibel. He is an avid runner although instead of running marathons, as in the past, most of his running is now on the treadmills at the rec center.



Al Nagel

For information on joining your friends and neighbors who serve as recreation center volunteers call 472-0345.

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2. Name the player who had the most hits in a modern-era season for the Braves franchise.
3. Who was the head coach of the University of Texas football team before Mack Brown took the job in 1998?
4. How many times did 7-foot-7-inch center Manute Bol lead the NBA in blocked shots per game for a season?
5. Who holds the New York Rangers record for most goals and points in a season?
6. How many times has the 60-point mark in the regular-season standings been exceeded by a Major League Soccer team?
7. Name two of the last three WBA heavyweight boxing titleholders before Mike Tyson won the crown in 1987.

### ANSWERS

1. Mark Reynolds, with a high of 223 in 2009. 2. Tommy Holmes had 224 hits in 1945. 3. John Mackovic (1992-97). 4. Twice (5.0 blocks per game in 1985-86; 4.3 bpg in 1988-89). 5. Jaromir Jagr had 54 goals and 123 points in 2005-06. 6. Three -- the Los Angeles Galaxy in 1998 (68 points) and 2011 (67 points), and the San Jose Earthquakes in 2005 (64 points). 7. Tony Tubbs, Tim Witherspoon and James "Bonecrusher" Smith.

	Match #6	Total
	Verandah	
	3/14/2012	
Gateway	33	63
Dunes	24	52
Gulf Harbour	25	37
Magnolia	6	16
Olde Hickory	35	11
Kelly Greens	8	8
Legends	23	-2
Verandah	28	-101

## Dunes Men's Interclub Results

The Dunes Men's Interclub Team kept pace with the field by finishing in fourth place on Wednesday, March 14 at Verandah. Dunes had +24 points after quota for the day and are now only 11 points off the lead in second place overall, with only two matches remaining.

The next match will be at Olde Hickory on Thursday, April 12. A sign-up sheet is on the board. A dozen spots will be available (Noel Davis cannot play). If more than 12 sign up, they will have a qualifier in the regular DMGA game on Wednesday, April 4.\*

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## Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Nifty Niners event results from Thursday, March 15 2012 Championship Round 1 of 2 for Flights A, B & C

Flight A	RD1
Lesley Simmons	30
Ann Levensohn	31
Maureen O'Brient	31
Bridget Funk	32
Joan Kelly	32
Robin Cohan	32
Flight B	
Sue Altum	30
Gay Nichols	32
Jeanette McLaughlin	33
Flight C	
Gerri Perkins	30
Pat Haggerty	30
Dorothy Hirschfeld	32
Trudy Burkholder	35*

## Hole-In-One Hit At The Dunes

On March 14, Sandy Cortopassi scored a hole-in-one on the 132-yard sixth hole at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. Cortopassi used a 5 iron and a Maxfli Noodle ball. It was the second hole-in-one of Cortopassi's golfing career.\*

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## Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Men's Golf Association event results from Wednesday, March 14.

Format: 2 Man - 2 Best Ball

1st	Wilf Mannion	100
	Don Weymouth	
	Don Evans	
	Jack Strothman	
2nd	Jack Pagel	111*
	Allen Larson	
	Ed Hannon	
	Charles Simms	
3rd	Jerry Nichols	111
	Roger Blouin	
	Bill Swain	

\* Blind Draw

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## PGA Tips

## Proper Alignment



by Matt Oakley,  
PGA Golf  
Professional

If we don't know where we want to go, it is hard to get there. That sounds simple enough, but proper alignment in golf is critical to both hitting good shots and

being able to diagnose and correct the bad ones. Every day, I see golfers who are poorly aligned to their target and then when they hit an off-target shot blame their golf swing!

behind your ball before the shot and find something in front of your ball to use as an aiming guide. I can't tell you how many people I have played with that are aimed 30 yards right of their target then hit it 30 yards right of their target and blame their golf swing for it. "Jeez, I keep pushing it to the right." When actually they hit it dead straight to where they were aimed. Then, they try to correct why they think they are pushing it with their swing. Then on the next hole, they mess it up and actually aim straight and pull one 30 yards to the left with the incorrect swing correction! Now what?

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

being able to diagnose and correct the bad ones. Every day, I see golfers who are poorly aligned to their target and then when they hit an off-target shot blame their golf swing!

Here are some ways to make sure that every shot you hit is on target... and if it isn't that, you will be able to correct it quickly:

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

2. Pre-Shot Routine – When you are on the course, make it a habit to line up every shot towards an intermediate target on the ground within a few feet of your ball. Old divots, leaves, tees and debris make a great thing to line up with. Get

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Matt Oakley, Chris Shaul, Cathe Ransavage, Matt Oakley, Bill Hensel and Kristina Carvalho

## Dunes Hosts PGA Birdie-A-Thon

The Dunes Golf Club would like to offer a thank you to everyone who donated for the annual PGA Birdie-A-Thon. The team of Matt Oakley, Chris Shaul, Cathe Ransavage, Kristina Carvalho and Bill Hensel played on March 12 and made 28 birdies in 36 holes in a four-person scramble. (Some of the pros played 18 and some 36, so they needed five pros.)

If you donated, please make a check payable to "South Florida PGA

Foundation." If you bid, for example \$2 per birdie, please make your check for \$56. If you were unable to sign-up and still want to support the local charities, just drop a check for any amount to the Golf Shop. Please submit all checks by March 27.

Once again, thank you for helping The Dunes support local charities like Junior Golf, The First Tee Program, Florida Gulf Coast University's men's and women's golf programs and Addictive Services of Southwest Florida. The PGA has raised over \$1.65 million in the past 30-plus years in this area.\*

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Stand-Up Paddleboards lined up prior to an event

## Race Planned For Paddleboarders

A seven-mile Stand-Up Paddleboard race in the Gulf of Mexico is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 5, drawing SUPers to Fort Myers Beach's newest watersport event: the CaluSUP Race.

Also included in the one-day event is a one-mile race, a family-friendly race, free demonstrations for the public and SUP activities for Lee County Special Olympic athletes. Festivities run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crescent Beach Family Park, Lee County Parks & Recreation's newest beach park, located at 1100 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach.

The event name – CaluSUP – celebrates the fast-growing watersport of Stand-Up Paddleboarding as well as Lee County's 190-mile canoe, kayak and SUP trail, the Great Calusa Blueway. The SWFL SUP Club is organizing the race day with partnership assistance from Lee County Parks & Recreation and the Best Western PLUS Beach Resort. Proceeds will benefit Lee County Special Olympics.

CaluSUP is a spinoff of the successful 2011 Bay to Gulf SUP Race, which drew 50 racers and 200 spectators to Bunche Beach/San Carlos Bay Preserve last May. SWFL SUP Club organizers expect this Gulf-based race course to offer equal fun with a more challenging, longer course for advanced SUPers, a short course for beginners and opportunities for the public that wants to sample the sport of SUPing along Southwest Florida's sandy shores.

Racers of all abilities are welcome. Sponsorship opportunities are available. The entry fee is \$15 for club members, \$30 for the public (before April 24) or \$40 on race day. Special Olympic athletes can compete for free by contacting Dorothy Barilla at 432-2031. All others should contact SWFL SUP Club at info@swflsupclub.org or 404-7453.

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## Manatee Book Featured At 'Ding' Lecture

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Reep, a neuroscientist and professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida, has studied manatee biology since 1983. Bonde, a biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, Sirenia Project, began studying manatees in 1978.

"The Florida manatee exemplifies the conflict between human affluence and wildlife, and this small volume deserves thoughtful reading," wrote the *Quarterly Review of Biology*.

Geared for the general reader, *The Florida Manatee* weaves fact with real-life scenarios to explain what science has learned about this unusual, well-loved Florida marine animal that has survived since prehistoric times, but whose population is in danger.

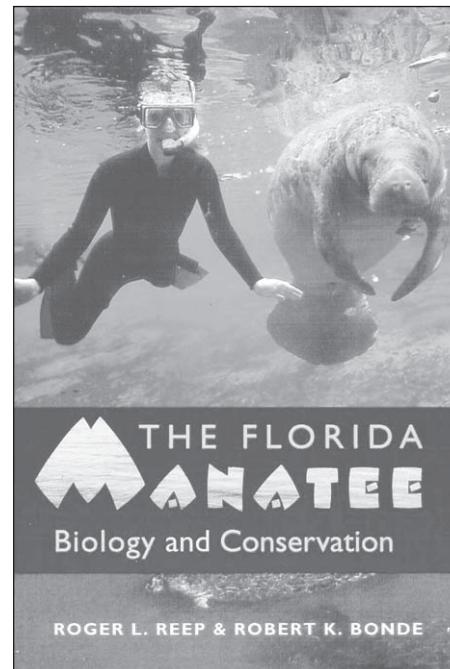
A book-signing with the two authors will follow the lecture. The book is available for purchase at the Refuge Nature Store, proceeds from which benefit refuge wildlife.

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the event as part of its Friday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

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

Remaining 2012 "Ding" Darling Friday Afternoon Lecture Series events include:

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



biologist

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

- April 13 – The Osprey Story with Claudia Burns and Mark "Bird" Westall

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## Dunes Women's Golf



The Dunes Women's Golf Association championship winners included Karen Hendricks, club champion, and Nancy Greenberg, second place winner

Following The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club's Women's Golf Association Championship Tournament, winners were presented their awards at the DWGA luncheon held on March 16.\*



"A" Flight champion Daphne Hellmuth and Gussie Blue, second place winner



"B" Flight champion Judy Wellons and second place winner Jana Stone



"C" Flight champion Betsy Cox with Pat Wentling, second place winner



"D" Flight champion Doris DeWitt, left, and Lee Bogan, second place

## The Dunes Wins Annual Match Against Beachview



Gene Taylor, golf professional at Beachview, left, with Matt Oakley, head golf professional at The Dunes (holding the trophy), Chris Shaul, assistant golf professional at The Dunes, and Scott Hatto, director of golf at Beachview

On March 6 and 7, The Dunes and Beachview men's golf teams played their annual match that began in 1987 and has been played every year since. The Dunes team was victorious this year by a score of 416.5 to 375.5. The two teams played well and the camaraderie of the matches was outstanding. These neighbor golf clubs look forward to next year's matches and an equally exciting finish.\*



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## Red Sox Present Non-Profits With Yard Sale Check

Three local non-profit agencies recently received a portion of proceeds from the Boston Red Sox yard sale held at City of Palms Park in December.

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc. and the Police Athletic League of Fort Myers each received \$3,333 presented by the Red Sox Director of Florida Business Operations Katie Haas.

The yard sale was held on December 17 to coincide with spring training tickets going on sale at City of Palms Park and gave fans an opportunity to purchase a selection of items from the Red Sox' 20-year history at the ballpark. Items featured memorabilia from former and cur-

rent players including jerseys and signed artwork to ballpark furniture, collectables and more. Prices for the items began at \$1.

Lee County has been the spring training home of the Red Sox since 1993. The team moved into their new 106-acre spring training and player development complex, JetBlue Park at Fenway South, in February. The new lease at JetBlue Park provides for a 30-year extension from the date JetBlue Park opened. The new complex provides a single, state-of-the-art, year-round site where both Major and Minor League teams can train together. The ballpark includes improved features and amenities such as new food options, an HD video board as well as interactive family areas. Fenway South Drive, on the road positioned immediately south of JetBlue Park during spring training, mimics Yawkey Way in Boston and adds to the ballpark's concourse with a street festival feel including entertainment, concessions and other activities. ✨

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## This Weekend's Basketball Sweet 16 Overpowers Spring Training Baseball

by Ed Frank



The Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins have been center stage here the past few weeks, but baseball spring training will diminish in importance this weekend for snowbirds and permanent residents alike.

The reason is that the NCAA Men's Basketball Sweet 16 has something for everyone – particularly since it is dominated by four teams from Ohio, four teams from the Big Ten, a total of seven teams from the Midwest including Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan State, and our own Florida Gators.

There's a storyline for each of the 16 teams and here are just a few:

Ohio is the first state to send four teams to the Sweet 16: Ohio State, Ohio, Cincinnati and Xavier.

The four Number 1 seeds are still alive: Kentucky, Michigan State, Syracuse and North Carolina. But only once have all four Number 1s made it to the Final Four. Could this be occur again this year?

The Sweet 16 is dominated by heavy hitters, teams with 1 to 4 seeds, but upstart Ohio with a No. 13 seed is the lowest, having knocked off No. 12 South Florida last Sunday.

Friday night's warfare between No. 4 Indiana and No. 1 Kentucky might resemble the Hatfields and McCoys. It was IU that delivered Kentucky its only regular season loss on a last second three-pointer by Christian Watford.

Indiana's return to basketball prominence has been a four-year struggle after NCAA penalties and sanctions brought on by disgraced former coach Kelvin Sampson.

And here's more:

The Big Ten is represented by four teams: Michigan State, Ohio State, Wisconsin and Indiana followed by three teams from the Big East, Syracuse, Louisville and Marquette.

Saturday's clash between Michigan State and No. 4 Louisville will find two coaching legends, Michigan State's Tom Izzo and Louisville's Rick Pitino, matching basketball brilliance. The Spartans have been to the Sweet 16 10 of the last 15 years and are led by Draymond Green, a strong candidate for Player of the Year.

And let's not forget Florida coach Billy Donovan, who once again has brought the Gators to the elite basketball stage after a somewhat up and down, injury-riddled regular season. It was Donovan who coached the Gators to back-to-back NCAA championships in 2006-07.

No. 7 Florida faced No. 3 Marquette Thursday.

North Carolina advanced to the Sweet 16 for the 23rd time in the last 29 NCAA tournaments, but suffered a serious setback when point guard Kendall Marshall broke his wrist in last Sunday's victory over Creighton. Despite the injury, North Carolina will be heavily favored over this year's Cinderella team, Ohio, in a Friday tussle.

This is just a glimpse of the drama to unfold this weekend – 12 games on the Road to the Final Four.

**Everblades Improve Post-Season Position with Three Road Wins**

Winning three of four games on the road last week against Reading and Elmira improved the post-season position of the Florida Everblades.

With a season record of 34-25-7, Florida retained a solid seventh place hold in the American Conference of the ECHL. The top eight teams qualify for the Kelley Cup playoffs.

The Everblades are home for three games at Germain Arena this week: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night against the South Carolina Stingrays. ✨

## Spring Training Baseball Schedule

**Minnesota Twins – Hammond Stadium**

Thursday, March 22 – Baltimore, 1:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 24 – Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.

Monday, March 26 – Tampa Bay, 1:05 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28 – Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.

**Boston Red Sox – JetBlue Park**

Thursday, March 22 – New York Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 24 – Philadelphia, 1:35 (split squad)

Tuesday, March 27 – Tampa Bay, 1:35 p.m.

Thursday, March 29 – Toronto, 1:35 p.m. ✨



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As one of the original principal shareholders of BTS Development Corporation founded in 1979, John has served as President since its inception. BTS has created many of the premier developments on Sanibel Island and in Southwest Florida, including: By the Sea, Beachcomber, High Tide, Somerset, Tantara, Tamarind, The Sanctuary Golf Club, Westminster Golf Club, and Jonathan Harbour. John was also a co-developer of The Westshore Condominiums on Sanibel Island, The Cypress Condominiums, Ft. Myers, FL, and Admiral's Walk in Cape Coral, FL.

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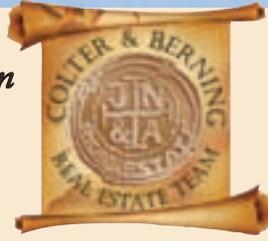
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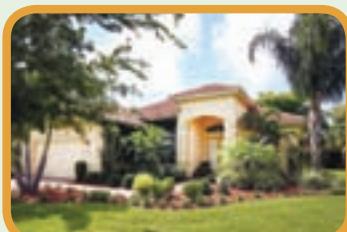
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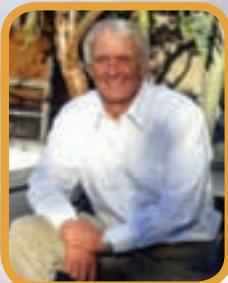
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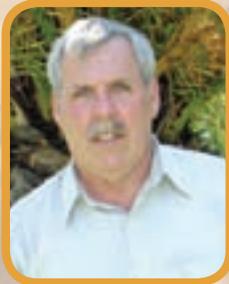
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## Guest Speakers Announced For Red Carpet Fundraising Gala



Donna Colaco



Joi Gordon

Barbara Dell, executive director of Dress for Success SW Florida, has announced that Donna Noce-Colaco, president of White House-Black Market, and Joi Gordon, chief executive officer of Dress for Success Worldwide, will be the guest speakers for A Hollywood Night in Black and White.

"Having Joi and Donna as our special guests at A Hollywood Night in Black and White is a true honor," said Dell. "Even before we opened our doors in 2010, Joi and Donna were the two women most responsible for making the dream of Dress for Success SW Florida become a reality."

Since joining Dress for Success in 1999 and taking the helm in 2002, Gordon has

been devoted to establishing Dress for Success as a recognized leader in the economic and social development of disadvantaged women. She has global responsibility for 118 affiliates in 14 countries.

In recent years, several prominent institutions have recognized Gordon for her achievements. In 2011, she was profiled in *Crain's New York Business*, the *Financial Times*, and *Black Enterprise* magazine. She was also named among *Working Mother* magazine's Most Powerful Moms in Non-Profit. Under her leadership, Dress for Success now serves more than 50,000 women globally each year and has touched the lives of more than 600,000 women around the world.

"Joi motivates, she encourages and she is contagious," Dell said. "And she is always a phone call away for the 118 affiliates throughout the world."

Colaco and her team at White House-Black Market responded immediately after Dell reached out to them about starting a Dress for Success chapter to benefit Southwest Florida women.

"When I met Donna, I asked her to do us the honor of being our board president," said Dell. "In her charismatic manner, she accepted without hesitation, and within weeks we received a \$10,000 check. That generosity allowed us to open our doors. Since then, White House-Black Market has donated numerous items of clothing to our boutique, and Donna's commitment has allowed this community to serve and empower hundreds of women."

A Hollywood Night in Black and White will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 28 at Clive Daniel Home in Naples. Guests will be treated to fashion, photos, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, entertainment and client testimonials. Tickets are \$60 each or \$100 for VIP passes, and can be purchased online at <http://www.dressforsuccess.org/swflorida> or by calling 689-4992.✱

## Golden Apple Tickets On Sale

The Golden Apple Teacher recognition banquet will be held on Friday, April 13 from 5 to 9 p.m. with an after party from 9 to 11 p.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

This year's honorees are Billy Lansberry, North Fort Myers High; Heather Millican, Cypress Lake Middle; Eric Riemenschneider, Fort Myers High; Kim Smith, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts; Charles O'Connor, Lexington Middle; and Laura Reed, Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary.

Reservations are \$150 per person and include a reception and sit down dinner. To make reservations, contact Gerri Langelier at [Gerri@leeschoolfoundation.org](mailto:Gerri@leeschoolfoundation.org) or 337-0433.

The Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program was the first major project founded and developed by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. After a rigorous selection

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FOR WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2012

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Put your restlessness to good use by indulging the Arian love of exploring new places and seeking new challenges. There also could be a new romance waiting to be "discovered."

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your self-confidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Turnabout could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Put the lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purrfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel also is favored.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Most problems surrounding that recent personal situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Spend this weekend recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to

your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Be careful how you advise a troubled friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professional help.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some mixed signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on your own.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A patch of roiling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and have a great time with loved ones.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your extraordinary leadership qualities mark you as someone people can turn to for guidance in difficult situations.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 1, 1700, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of playing April Fool's jokes. In keeping with the fun, in 1957 the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees.

- On March 29, 1806, the Great National Pike, also known as the Cumberland Road, becomes the first highway funded by the national treasury. The initial appropriation of \$30,000 was made by congressional act and covered the first leg through the Appalachian Mountains to Wheeling on the Ohio River.

- On March 30, 1867, the U.S. government puts the finishing touches a deal to purchase Alaska. It paid Alaska's owner, Russia, \$7.2 million, or roughly 2 cents per acre of land. Among many Republicans the deal was derisively known as "Seward's Folly," after U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward.

- On March 31, 1889, the Eiffel Tower is dedicated in Paris. Gustave Eiffel's tower was greeted with skepticism from critics, who argued that it would be structurally unsound. Within a few decades the tower came to be regarded as an architectural masterpiece.

- On March 26, 1937, America's first monument to a comic strip hero is unveiled in Crystal City, Texas. The 6-foot-tall, brightly colored concrete statue of Popeye was unveiled in Popeye Park during the city's second annual Spinach Festival.

- On March 27, 1964, the strongest earthquake in American history, measuring 8.4 on the Richter scale, slams southern Alaska, creating a deadly tsunami. Some 125 people were killed and thousands injured. The tidal wave devastated towns along the Gulf of Alaska and caused carnage in British Columbia, Canada; Hawaii and the West Coast of the United States.

- On March 28, 1979, the worst accident in the history of the U.S. nuclear power industry begins when a pressure valve in the Unit-2 reactor at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania fails to close. As engineers struggled to understand what had happened, the reactor came within less than an hour of a complete meltdown.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted American science fiction author Philip K. Dick who made the following sage observation: "Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away."

- The first chocolate factory in the United States was established even before the states were united. Back in 1765, two enterprising men named John Hanan and James Baker chose Dorchester, Mass., as the site for their factory, which they mechanized by using waterpower.

- If you're like the average American, you eat 23 quarts of ice cream every year.

- You might be surprised to learn that the given name of iconic Apache leader Geronimo, Goyathlay, translates as "one who yawns." And the very name Apache isn't what the tribe originally called itself; it's word from the Zuni Indian language, and it means "enemy."

- In a scant 100 years, from 1500 to 1600, the population of the city of London quadrupled in size.

- Singer and songwriter Roger Miller, best known for his hit song "King of the Road," had a passion for music early, even though his family was poor. When he was in grade school, he spent his weekends picking cotton so he could save up enough money to buy a guitar. After eighth grade he quit school and went to work herding cattle and riding in rodeos.

- Interestingly, the word "pudding" came into the English language from the German word "puddek," which means "sausage."

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people." -- John F. Kennedy

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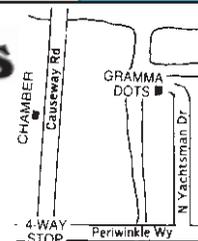
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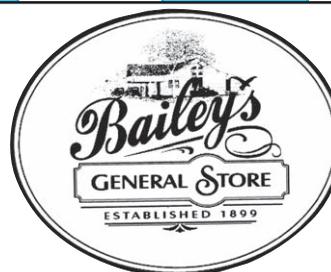
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### Tropical Pan-Asian Calamari Salad

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 2 tablespoons light or low-sodium soy sauce  
 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar  
 2 tablespoons sesame oil  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 1 teaspoon ginger root, freshly minced  
 1 small red onion, halved lengthwise, then thinly sliced across (about 1 cup)  
 1 red bell pepper, sliced paper-thin  
 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped  
 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)  
 2 cups seedless watermelon, cut into small pieces  
 Salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Clean and rinse calamari under cold running water, lightly pat dry with clean paper towels, cut tentacles and bodies into the same size, about 1/3 inch wide. Quickly cook calamari in a 5 to 6 quart pot of rapidly boiling salted water until opaque, about 30 to 40 seconds. Drain and immediately immerse in a bath of ice water to stop cooking. In a mixing



### Tropical Pan-Asian Calamari Salad

bowl, whisk together soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, garlic, ginger, sesame oil and pepper (red and black). Let stand at room temperature for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine calamari, bell pepper, watermelon, and cilantro in a large bowl, toss with dressing, allow to marinate at least 15 minutes. Garnish with

pepper curls and fresh cilantro.

Yields 6 servings

Look for "Fresh from Florida" ingredients at your grocery store.\*

## Charitable Trust Gives To Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida has received a \$25,000.00 grant from the CVS Caremark Charitable Trust, the private foundation created by CVS Caremark Corporation whose purpose is to help people on their path to better health by providing funding for health care, education and community involvement initiatives. The grant to Goodwill is part of \$4.3 million in grants awarded to 98 non-profit organizations across the country as part of the 2011 grant cycle and includes multi-year grants from previous years.

Goodwill provides programs and services for people with disabilities and other disadvantages, with the goal of helping them become more independent and self-sufficient. The grant will assist Goodwill's High School/High-Tech (HS/HT) program, which provides career exploration, mentoring and job shadowing opportunities to high school students with disabilities in Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

"This is tremendous. It's the largest grant that we've received for High School/High-Tech," said Tim Goodman, HS/HT program manager. "Last year, we could only provide 13 paid internships to our students. This grant will help us expand our internship opportunities this summer."

Goodman continued, "Now we can turn our focus to finding businesses and agencies that want to host a summer

intern at no cost to them."

"We are so excited to help these non-profit organizations start 2012 in a positive way with much-needed funding," said Eileen Howard Boone, vice president, CVS Caremark Charitable Trust. "All of the non-profit organizations we support share our commitment to improving the lives of children with disabilities and we look forward to working with them in the year ahead."

A number of these grants align with CVS Caremark All Kids Can, the company's signature philanthropic program, focused on increasing access to early-intervention programs that help children develop strong foundations early in life, reducing barriers to medical rehabilitation and health care services and creating greater opportunities for physical activity and creativity.

Other CVS Caremark Charitable Trust grants provide support for medical services for the uninsured, grants to pharmacy schools, scholarships for the children of CVS Caremark colleagues and funding for community organizations for which CVS Caremark colleagues act as volunteers.

Goodwill's HS/HT program is operated in cooperation with the Able Trust. Goodwill also offers other youth-based initiatives, including the Goodwill L.I.F.E. Academy, a charter school for students with developmental disabilities. HS/HT has also recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Computer Science Collaboration Project, which will be utilized to provide information technology internships.\*

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Will Power

# Why Didn't You Tell Me Sooner That Auntie Died - And Where's My Inheritance Check Already?



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

**Y**ou can't make this stuff up. I received a letter just this week that said, in essence "Why didn't you tell me sooner that my aunt died - and why haven't I

received my inheritance check yet?"

to make sure that all of the decedent's proper bills have been paid and that tax returns are all filed and approved. Usually the beneficiaries of the estate learn about the death through loved ones before the estate lawyer's office sends a notice of the administration. The beneficiaries are generally entitled to receive a copy of the will and/or trust as well as documents that would show who the trustee will be during the administrative process.

The trustee may need to sell assets. Perhaps there is a house or other properties that need to be sold. This obviously takes some time. Stocks or brokerage accounts may have to be liquidated to cash. Personal belongings need to be dealt with.

The whole process may take as little time as three months or might take a few years. This depends upon the types of assets that the decedent owned - as well as the estate plan itself. Estates heavy in real estate and closely held business interests are going to take more time to administer than would an estate that has one brokerage account and a couple of certificates of deposit.

Estates that have irrevocable life insurance trusts, charitable trusts, grantor

retained annuity trusts and private foundations will obviously take longer to administer than those that have a revocable living trust with straightforward distributions.

The value of the estate matters as well. Estates that are required to file a federal or state estate tax return will also take longer since the tax return itself is filed nine months or more (depending upon whether extensions are necessary) following the decedent's death. Where estate tax returns are required, the trustee must get appraisals and date of death valuations on all of the assets. Professional appraisals take time.

Once the tax return is filed, it may take a year or longer before the IRS issues its tax clearance letter releasing the trustee from any further liability. And if there are any state death tax returns due, those offices usually don't issue their releases until after the federal government has issued its release.

Until the trustee is released, he or she really can't make a full and final distribution of the estate funds. Once he's made distribution, if the IRS comes back and says that more money is owed, the trustee is personally responsible to make that payment - even if it must come out of his own money.

So we hope that most estate beneficiaries understand that an estate administration is a process that can't be completed in just a few days. Part of this is setting expectations. The estate attorney will often communicate with the beneficiaries to advise what that estate administration timeline looks like.

As an aside, if you go to my law firm's website you'll find a free guide and video entitled "Legal Matters When a Loved One Dies" that offers useful information on the issues and timelines I'm addressing in this column.

Returning to the topic at hand, it's been my experience that the farther degree of relation the beneficiary is from the decedent the more likely it is that the beneficiary is going to be demanding. The nephew writing me that letter is a classic example. Children rarely make demands before the administrative process has run its course - mostly because they understand what their parents owned and what needs to happen. The children also tend to be more emotionally attached to the decedent and that will often make a difference.

But people sometimes act oddly. Another beneficiary once wrote my office a letter asking when the estate administration was going to be completed because he just purchased a new car and needed the money to pay for it.

I wondered what he would have done had his relative not died!

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I almost forwarded a reply that read, "Dear Nephew - You should be ashamed of yourself that you weren't close enough with your aunt (who lovingly included you in her will) to know of her demise, nevertheless to send a demand for your inheritance when we are so early in the estate administration process."

But I didn't send it. The nephew's letter points out a few things that I thought worthy of mention today. When someone dies - even if there is a revocable living trust involved, the trustee of that trust has certain duties that he or she must perform before the assets of the estate are distributed to the beneficiaries. The trustee not only has a duty to the estate beneficiaries, but also to the decedent's creditors. So before making a final distribution, the trustee needs

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## Beaches Of Fort Myers & Sanibel Makes Push In Canadian Market

Research commissioned by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) shows that Ontario and Calgary consists of the largest market of Canadian visitors to The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel. The market research was carried out in the first quarter of 2012 to determine top Canadian prospects for the area by Vancouver-based Generation 5 research company. Results from the study were determined by data collected from hotels in Lee County that received Canadian visitors in 2011.

The research conducted was segmented by four regions: West and Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada from a sample size of 1,800 current customers that were profiled. Through these profiles over four million households were identified as potential visitors to the area. The highest concentration of Canadian visitors to The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel comes from West and Prairies as well as Ontario, with an average age band of 40 to 54 years old.

Based on the findings, the research identified the target customer by profiling

individual travel patterns such as: media, communication, leisure, recreation, lifestyle and shopping. To identify and analyze top customer groups, market segmentation was built using G5 databases consisting of SuperCensus, NADbank and family expenditures. The average household income of the target customer falls among the top income bracket in Canada. With significantly higher than average incomes, the West and Prairies region has the highest opportunity for visitor growth to the destination. The research also indicates that Quebec and Atlantic Canada travel on average one or more times per year to the U.S focusing on beach resort destinations, golf and cruise packages.

"The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel is thrilled about the potential new customers that has been identified through this market research, we are now able to focus

on the regions that require more of our marketing efforts, through the help from our Canadian office VoX International," said Woody Peek, VCB deputy director.

"The survey gives us invaluable information to effectively develop targeted marketing and sales strategies in the Canadian market. With the research findings we are able to effectively promote the Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel to the key regions, but also look at new partnerships in developing markets that can result in significant increases of visitations to Lee County," remarked Susan Webb, president of VoX International, The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel Canadian representative.

Canada has made great gains this year ranking number one for international travelers to Florida as well as to the Fort Myers area. Efforts by the VCB have been essential in keeping Canadian visitation high by ensuring Canadians are aware of the diverse nature and history of the destination. With a number of new product offerings and the promise of a great year, The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel have much to offer Canadian visitors.

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## DDWS Welcomes New Awards Sponsor At 'Ding'

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation of Fort Myers has joined Tarpon Bay Explorers and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fleischner to sponsor the inaugural "Ding" Darling Conservation Education Awards ("Ding" Awards) that will take place on Tuesday, May 8 in Fort Myers.

The ceremony will award local middle school teachers and students for their

achievements in conservation. Author and *Tropicalia* editor Amy Bennett Williams will deliver the keynote address.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society will present checks amounting to \$8,000 to 2012 conservation scholarship winners.

This year's scholarship sponsors include:

- Tarpon Bay Explorers Scholarship for Environmental Studies (two scholarships) – Now in its seventh consecutive year

- Jane Werner Environmental Scholarship – The first permanently endowed scholarship received at "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society

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It is still possible to honor friends and family members with a conservation scholarship in their name. To learn more, contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

To apply for a DDWS conservation education scholarships, high school seniors and college students in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties can visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org). The entry deadline is Saturday, March 31.✪

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley,

Most of my eighth grade son's teachers say they emphasize critical thinking skills in their classrooms. I think that's great, but what exactly do they mean by critical thinking skills? How does this work with all the state tests?

Alyssa M., Fort Myers

**Dear Alyssa,**

I am encouraged to hear that your son's teachers want to include critical thinking skills in their classrooms. It is a key skill for long-term academic success. Dictionary.com defines critical thinking as "The mental process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing and evaluating information to reach an answer or conclusion." It is the process of "thinking" that questions assumptions and is a way of deciding whether a statement is true, false or sometimes true, or partly true. The idea of critical thinking can be traced back to Socrates and other ancient philosophers.

Teaching critical thinking skills is not necessarily more work for students or teachers. It's really the teaching methods that the teacher uses to teach the academic content. Teachers who present their lessons to encourage critical thinking often use questioning techniques as a method to encourage this type of thinking. Teachers can infuse questioning into lessons and do not need to change entire lesson plans, or the scope and sequences of the curriculum.

It is possible to both teach students critical thinking and prepare them for the

state tests. Most state tests are content-based; they don't require kids to do much critical thinking. When content is presented in the classroom by having the children analyze it and evaluate it using critical thinking skills, the learning tends to stick and they can perform better on any test.

The College Board recently announced that they will be piloting two new Advanced Placement (AP) courses that emphasize critical thinking and research. Right now, these courses will only be taught in 15 to 18 high schools across the country, including four schools in Miami-Dade County. The goal is for students' to design, plan, and manage a major research project, analyze information, and communicate their findings. The expectation is that these courses would be expanded nationwide if the pilot is successful.

Critical thinking training can start very early in a child's education. A simple and easy way to develop a child's thinking skills is by wording questions in the appropriate way. Parents can learn to ask questions that stimulate children's thinking processes. The Council for Exceptional Children wrote an excellent article on this topic. This article includes many examples of how to phrase questions and comments to encourage critical thinking in younger children and can be found at <http://school.familyeducation.com/gifted-education/cognitive-psychology/38660.html>.

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

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# The Soft Beauty Of Fabric Window Treatments



by Jeanie Tinch

**F**abric window treatments are time-honored and still the favorite of homeowners. Fabric can hang in soft folds, adding a sense of abundant luxury, or it can have a tailored, contemporary

look when mounted to a cornice board or fabricated into roman shades. It is wonderfully adaptable to all styles, from traditional to contemporary.

Some fabrics naturally lend themselves to formal, elegant treatments while others are more suited to casual or tailored window treatments. The trick is in selecting a fabric whose unique characteristics – such as pattern and texture – will show off your style in all its glory.

Pattern and texture are only two considerations when determining a fabric's personality. Weight, color and fiber content must also be taken into account. Pattern is the factor that establishes a fabric's character. The pattern may be reminiscent of a period, such as Victorian lace or Federal stripes.

Fabric is often characterized by its weight. Window treatments can be made form sheer, lightweight or medium-weight fabrics, while heavyweight fabrics are usually reserved for upholstery. With so many options in window treatment fabrics, it's important to choose the correct weight for every style of treatment.

For example, café curtains can be designed of lightweight, almost sheer fabric, while floor length draperies should be sewn from medium-weight fabric and fully lined so that they hang straight.

Soft, fabric window treatments are a wonderful option if you need to soften the angularity of a room. Softly hanging draperies bring a sense of grace to a room by subduing the rigid planes of walls, floor and ceiling. However, fabric can also complement an angular, contemporary look if, for example, it hangs from unusual or artistic hooks.

No matter what your window challenge, there is perfect fabric treatment for you.

*Jeanie Tinch is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at [jeanie@decden.net](mailto:jeanie@decden.net).*

# The Tale Of A Missing Dog



by Bryan Hayes

**S**o, here's something we don't get to see every day, but gives me a great opportunity to step away from a/c talk and tell you a funny story.

Recently, our guys were on an air conditioning installation job at South Seas. The homeowner decided to leave for the day. Meanwhile, they asked if one of our technicians could do them a favor and walk the dog while they were away. At some point, my brother Todd went downstairs to check on something and noticed that there was an area that was blocked off in the kitchen. He glanced inside and saw that there was a big stuffed animal in the center of the pen, but there was no dog.

Panicking that someone had accidentally let the animal out, he ran back upstairs and asked one of our installers, Joe, if he had seen the dog. Joe said that the dog was in there last time he'd checked. They both ran right back downstairs preparing to execute a thorough search only to discover that the dog was there all along. It had curled up against the stuffed toy and was so tiny that it was

perfectly camouflaged and nearly impossible to see.

Needless to say, they finished the job and walked the dog, but I'm willing to bet Todd will remember that install job for a while.

*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](mailto:Bryan@Sanibelair.com).*

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## Trust Company Appoints New Coordinator

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"We are so pleased to sponsor as many wonderful causes as we do each year; however, because they are so numerous now we have decided to hire a public relations and special event coordinator," said S. Albert Hanser, founder, CEO and co-chairman. "Kathleen is per-

fect! She not only understands our business, but also knows Sanibel and Captiva, its people and organizations. Already she is busy organizing, coordinating and advising. We are blessed to have her as a member of our team and she fits in beautifully."

McClanahan-Gruhl, originally from Zionsville, Indiana is a graduate of Ball State University and spent 23 years in the investment business, specializing in financial planning for women. Retiring in 2002, she and her husband, Tom Gruhl, now spend eight months a year on Sanibel and return to Indiana just for the summer months. They have owned property on Sanibel for more than 30 years. For over 25 years, she was actively involved with many charitable organizations in Indianapolis, including Kiwanis International, Indianapolis Ballet Theatre, the American Cancer Society, Mental Health Association of Indiana, Kappa Alpha Theta, American Cabaret Theatre, Methodist Hospital Foundation, St. Marys' Child Center and is a graduate of the Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series. Kathleen currently serves on the Allocation Committee for the United Way of Lee County.

"The position with The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is a dream for me. This outstanding organization donates literally hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to worthwhile causes on Sanibel and Captiva and I hope I can assist in those charitable events and make certain the the Trust Company received the recognition they so deserve for their generosity," stated McClanahan-Gruhl. "Everyone at SCTC truly cares about this community we all call home."\*

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### Top Producers



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RE/MAX of the Islands recognized Brooke Brownyard as the top marketing associate in February.

Chuck and Kimberley Andrews were honored as the top sales associates in February. \*



Kimberley Andrews

### Top Producers

The top listing team and top producing sales team for the month of February at Royal Shell Real Estate was McMurray & Nette. The McMurray & Nette Team also includes agents Brooks Selby, Arika Bjorkedal, Chad Reedy and Chris Smith.



Sarah Ashton

Top producing sales (individual) honors go to Sarah Ashton for the month of February. \*

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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
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    - Currently employed on Sanibel or Captiva (or have a parent employed) for at least two years
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- 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](http://www.BIGARTS.org/scholar.php). Scholarship inquiries may be e-mailed to BIG ARTS at [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org). \*

Dr. Dave

## A Work Of Art



by Dr. Dave  
Hepburn

Recently I went to New Mexico to get to Georgia.

Discovered Georgia O'Keefe. A remarkable woman who lived life uniquely. Painted

over 2,200 paintings in her 98 short years and never signed one. I sign my art when I sketch a Sherman tank in Sunday School. I am not an art aficionado, in fact, I don't even think I can spell aficionado even with a spell check. But anyone who drew art through a pelvic bone (not her own) like Ms. O'Keefe deserved a second look.

Living in the New Mexican desert she couldn't exactly wander out her front door and pluck an Easter lily, plop it in a vase and draw a likeness of an Easter lily plopped in a vase that no guy would look at for more than seven nanoseconds without thinking of beer and pretzels.

No, she plucked bones from the desert floor. Apparently there were a lot of them, which is why you should never venture out on a desert excursion without a truckload of dessert.

She had a penchant for pelvises, much like my hockey team. She would peer through the gaping hole of the pelvic bone and what she saw, she drew; sunsets over the mesa, a desert sky punctuated by hawks, an ovary, Coors Light.

Life was often seen peering through a petrified pelvis.

Gynecologists spend their lives peering through a petrified pelvis which house several terrified organs that the rest of the body gratefully do not. If an ovary tries to sneak into a thorax it is thoroughly rebuked by a lung nun and quickly sent back to the pelvis.

(The male pelvis only holds the bladder, prostate and a spare remote control for emergencies, otherwise it is of little interest here or anywhere else.)

The queen of the pelvis is not Georgia but rather the uterus, the womb with a queue, and it's evil court jester of this queen is the infamous fibroid.

Fibroids are very common benign (emphasis on the word benign) tumours, which grow on the outside, inside or within the muscle wall of the uterus. Why they happen is a mystery not unlike why men would go to Sunday School and draw a Sherman tank.

Most fibroids cause no symptoms, nor interfere with pregnancy, and do not need to be treated. But some do get your attention.

The two most common symptoms of problem fibroids are heavy menstrual bleeding and pelvic pressure which is sort of like blood pressure except it involves the pelvis and has nothing to do with blood. They just get big and press on the Bladder who gets a little irritated by the pushy fibroid and so piddles a lot which is its way of saying "Hmmmmmph!" Fibroids complete their triple B pushing by also exerting pressure on the Bowel and the Back causing grief in both.

Since estrogen appears to encourage their growth, fibroids usually shrink at

menopause and rarely cause problems after this time.

Treatment includes surgical removal, once a procedure known as myomectomy due to the fact that the surgical nurse often exclaims "My oh my, I'm glad that's not me. It's as big as a Sherman tank." Fibroid embolization involves blocking the blood supply to the fibroid. For those not wanting surgery there are medications

designed to shrink the fibroid. A monthly injection of Lupron can stop fibroid growth and even male androgen hormones stop growth of the fibroid but as I'm constantly reminded also stop growth of any tissue between the ears except ear hair. There is a new fangled medicated IUD which can also reduce the size of fibroids. The newest treatment option

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## Letter Carriers Food Drive To Be Held On May 12

Letter carriers in Lee and Collier counties are gearing up for the 20th annual national letter carrier food drive. The food drive will be held on Saturday, May 12, the country's largest single-day drive to help needy families fight hunger in America. With the increased need for food and related supplies in the two counties, the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is especially important.

This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes. Food collected in Lee County goes to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other food banks; in Collier County, food goes to Collier Harvest. All food collected will be distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

According to the Agriculture Department, in 2009 the number of Americans living in so-called "food insecure" homes topped 50 million. Of those, 17.2 million are children. The drive has become so successful over the years in more than 10,000 cities and towns that it is now part of the fabric of fighting hunger in America.

Food banks literally circle the second Saturday in May on their calendars, knowing that carriers will again fill their shelves – shelves that, by then, will be depleted of holiday-time donations. The national drive began with a pilot program in 1991.

Northerners who are returning home prior to May 12 may drop off their contributions at any Post Office; the items will be saved and added to the May 12 contributions. Businesses can set up collection boxes for employees and customers who may not be able to leave food by their mailboxes on May 12. Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, nonbreakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Volunteers are needed to assist letter carriers with their pickups on May 12. Volunteers collecting food on the street will receive a free t-shirt featuring the Bill Keane Family Circus artwork. Contact Debi Mitchell in Lee County at 573-9638 or Jesse Costin in Collier County at 643-4716.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with preliminary food sorting on May 12. Contact Bedzaida Bryen at Harry Chapin Food Bank in Lee County at 334-7007; Collier Harvest at 455-3663; or Kim Berghs of the United Way at 433-1000 ext. 260.✱

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## Accreditation Recommended

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) has recommended full accreditation for Edison State College's bachelor of science in nursing program.

The announcement came after the NLNAC concluded its onsite visit of Edison State Wednesday, March 14. The formal recommendation will be made in July.

"This is excellent news for not just Edison State College but the entire Southwest Florida community," Interim District President J. Dudley Goodlette said. "This is yet another example of the exceptional faculty and staff we have at Edison State. So many people deserve praise for not only getting this done but doing so under unique circumstances."

Full accreditation for the BSN ensures that all Edison State graduates will remain highly sought after by employers throughout not only Southwest Florida but the entire country. Graduates also will be eligible for master's degree programs nationwide.

Edison's associate in science nursing program also is fully accredited through

the NLNAC.

"I'm just so happy for our students," said Dr. Denise McNulty, Edison's interim director of nursing. "We've known from the start that securing the NLNAC accreditation was a process and one we always felt extremely confident would result in full accreditation. It's just a wonderful feeling for that faith to be rewarded."

The NLNAC onsite visit concluded with a public meeting in which Edison received much praise for not only the BSN program but the overwhelming community support from current students, alumni, community leaders and medical professionals.

Edison's BSN program was found in compliance with all six NLNAC standards – Mission and Administrative Capacity; Faculty and Staff; Students; Curriculum; Resources; and Outcomes.

"Health Sciences are a vital part of the Southwest Florida community and something we take tremendous pride in here at Edison State College," Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Erin Harrel said. "The college maintains a high standard for each of our academic programs, and to have that recognized by a national accrediting body such as the NLNAC is something the entire region

should celebrate."

For more information about Edison State College visit [www.edison.edu](http://www.edison.edu) or call 800-749-2322.✱

## Pink Flamingo Fundraiser For Autism

The Adonis Autism Assistance Foundation (AAAF) announced that the annual Pink Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser will now take place during the entire month of April to commemorate autism awareness month.

"AAAF is starting off the year with more grant requests than ever. We desperately need a successful fundraiser to replenish our grant fund," said Debbie Umphries, grant committee chair.

Grant applications are as unique as each individual with autism. Requests include things such as extensive dental work, respite care, occupational therapy, equine therapy, summer camp and vision therapy.

Here are some ways you can help by visiting [adonisaautism.org](http://adonisaautism.org) (Flamingo Flocking tab) :

- Give a flock – for a \$30 donation, 15 plastic flamingos will be delivered to a destination of your choice in Lee County.
- Purchase Anti-Flocking Insurance
- Become a sponsor (or send a sponsor)
- Join the flocking crew! (e-mail [info@adonisaautism.org](mailto:info@adonisaautism.org) for more information). This gives you the opportunity to be a little mischievous for a great cause.
- Participate in the Flocktion. Check out last year's decorated flamingos on the website. The 2012 flock will make its debut April 1.

• Off-season flocking requests will be considered.

Meet The Flockers. Join AAAF at the Surf and Song Festival March 31, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Fort Myers. Check [www.adonisaautism.org](http://www.adonisaautism.org) for the exact locations. There will be donation tables set up all around the festival entry points.

Call the Pink Flamingo Hotline at 671-5387 to place your Flamingo Flocking order.✱

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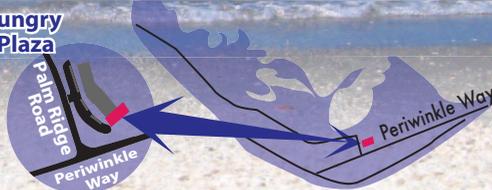
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# High Heels & High Rollers Casino Luncheon Planned

**B**rightest Horizons is hosting High Heels & High Rollers, a casino luncheon on Wednesday, March 28. Partnering with Primetime Events to demonstrate professional strategy for two of the most popular casino games, blackjack and Texas Hold'em, this is a unique opportunity for novice players to learn the fundamentals and advanced players to pick up a few new tricks.

Guests will also be treated to a lesson in luxury fashion with a fashion show featuring resort wear designs from local boutiques and a silent auction.

This ladies luncheon will be hosted at Gulf Harbour from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$50 which includes lunch, gaming lesson, silent auction and resort wear fashion show. Pat Ostrom, Reading Buddies coordinator and former educator, is the chairperson for this year's event.

Proceeds of this event will benefit the early education and literacy programs offered at Brightest Horizons Child Development Center. Table and Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information about Brightest Horizons Child Development Center, visit <http://brightesthorizons.org> or contact Connie Martin at 481-2100.✪

# Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** I have been struggling with some post traumatic stress that keeps me from working at times and even leaving my home. What can you suggest other than medication as I feel

this is only a temporary solution for my issues?

**A:** Your post trauma experiences are keeping you from living your life fully in the present. I have a few options for you in terms of treatment modalities.

First, there is Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). A trained EMDR therapist can work with you to reduce the traumatic events that have occurred in your life so they are no longer locked in your central nervous system and you can live a normal existence. You can read about it at [www.emdr.com](http://www.emdr.com).

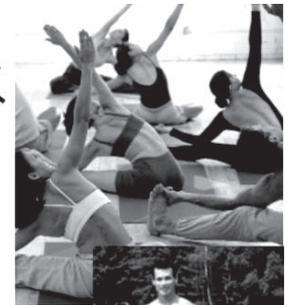
Another helpful tool is Guided Imagery. It works for everything from phobias, weight loss to headaches to reducing stress and tension in daily life. Research shows that guided imagery lowers blood pressure, reduces anxiety, alleviates pain and heightens immunity. It is also known to ease nausea during

chemotherapy or pregnancy.

Also, a helpful tool for trauma is an ancient Japanese energy technique known as Reiki. It is used to balance energies in the body. It works on all levels, mind, body and spirit to help the body heal.

*Dr. Clancy is a licensed mental health therapist, certified hypnotherapist, life coach, author and public speaker. You may e-mail Dr. Connie at [connie@drconstance.com](mailto:connie@drconstance.com).✪*

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## LMHS Adds \$223 Million, Discloses Increase In Community Benefits

The community benefit contributed by Lee Memorial Health System in 2011 totaled more than \$223 million, an increase of 17.5 percent compared to 2010, according to an audited report presented by PricewaterhouseCoopers to the health system's publicly elected board of directors.

One of the important ways that Lee Memorial Health System contributes to the community is by providing high quality health care including patients in need of vital services who are uninsured and economically challenged.

The difference between the cost to provide medical care to patients participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and the reimbursement received is a significant driver of the health system's community contribution. In 2011, the unpaid cost of Medicare increased by \$20 million and the unpaid cost to provide Medicaid services increased by \$8 million.

Another reason for the uptick in community benefit was that charity care provided to low income patients rose to \$39.1 million from \$35.3 million. An additional \$12 million was spent on community outreach, educational programs, and one-of-a-kind medical services.

"The benefits provided by our health system go well beyond providing high quality medical care to our community," said Jim Nathan, president of Lee Memorial Health System. "We also contribute cash and in kind services and programs that benefit the community."

Examples of this include support of We Care, a Salvation Army program that coordinates specialty medical care given voluntarily to medically challenged and uninsured people in our community, and the Bob Janes Triage Center, a low demand shelter for individuals suffering from behavioral health problems who are at risk for committing minor non-violent crimes.

Lee Memorial Health System continues to provide benefits to the community well in excess of the value of its tax exempt status. As a public, not-for-profit entity Lee Memorial Health System was exempted from paying approximately \$22 million in taxes for fiscal year 2011, an amount that is overwhelmingly outweighed by the \$223 million the health system provided in benefits given back to the community.

For more information about the Lee Memorial Health System, visit [www.leememorial.org](http://www.leememorial.org). Also, visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LeeMemorialHealthSystem](http://www.facebook.com/LeeMemorialHealthSystem).✧

## 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 am an older business woman working in a very stressful business. All of the women and some of the men realize that a youthful appearance is a must, so we all try our very best – surgery, skincare exercise, clothing, etc., etc.

What baffles me is how can you keep your age a secret when you are always asked for your birth date and/or driver's license? Where I live, this is your identification – sometimes even in the grocery store.

Nothing seems to be private any more. Privacy seems to be a thing of the past and our birthdate is how we are

judged. How do you suggest I get around giving this information?

Vera

### Dear Vera,

Protect your private information as much as you can. If someone asks to see your license, ask why. A cell phone company required copying my license for the two-year contract. I asked why and the staff member said it was "policy." I told them they could look at my license and verify my name and address but not copy it. I also told them that if that was not enough, I would take my business elsewhere. Apparently, that was good enough for them... they did not copy my license and they got my business.

And, apparently, so many people complained that it is no longer their policy. A friend of mine will not allow any clerk to look at her license when writing a check... she writes her license number on the check herself. Another friend will show her license but hold it in a way to cover up her birth date.

I believe everyone has the right to protect their privacy, and in this day and age it is a necessity.

Pryce

### Dear Vera,

You are absolutely right; privacy seems to be a thing of the past in our modern society. Some cultures keep private information private and residents have to fight to get the information, but here we all must fight to keep our private information private and it is becoming a losing battle in most areas.

Pryce has given you some suggestions. Otherwise, just keep up your routine. Good health gives an air of youthful

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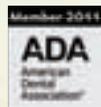
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## Advice For Ulcers And H. Pylori Infections



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Pharmacist:

I took the stool test you recommended called "GI Effects" by Metamatrix Labs, and it's positive for high levels of a bacteria called H. pylori.

My doctor is treating me aggressively since it causes ulcers and stomach cancer. I'm so glad you recommended this test, it sheds light on all my symptoms! What natural supplements can help?

SN, Gainesville, Florida

Awesome, it's great to hear good feedback, and that you've discovered the underlying cause of your pain. Nothing bugs me more than people getting treated with 17 different antibiotics and long-term acid blockers, which may help temporarily but tend to wreak a lot of havoc in some individuals because of the drug mugging effect and high incidence of intestinal hyperpermeability (termed leaky gut). Most people take a breath test to find H. pylori, you don't necessarily need a stool test.

Lots of you reading this are infected with Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) and don't know it because you only associate with ulcers, reflux, bloating, nausea or a deep gnawing pain in your stomach.

Oh no, there are many more symptoms, including frequent belching (it's almost uncontrollable), a change in appetite (usually reduced), unexplained weight loss, joint or muscle pain, chronic fatigue and lots of psychological symptoms.

Seriously, the bug best known for causing gastric and duodenal ulcers can also mess with your head. H. pylori can put you in a brain fog where you feel like you can't figure anything out, make clear decisions or concentrate well. It can even contribute to depression.

Now, what are you going to do since you've been diagnosed with H. pylori infection? Follow your physician's advice, and discuss all my suggestions below. Ask him about the following natural treatments, in no particular order:

Mastic gum – Shown in a 2010 Phytomedicine study to eradicate H. pylori, the researchers used 350 milligrams three times daily for 14 days.

Cranberry juice – Not the sugary beverages, I mean pure cranberry juice (or supplements). You can make your own at home, too.

Probiotics – These supplements don't eradicate H. pylori, but restoring your friendly microflora reduces colonization of bad bacteria. I'd supplement, versus eating yogurt.

Coconut Oil – This contains "monolaurin," a natural anti-fungal and anti-microbial; this is a totally harmless approach to help eradicate H. pylori. Include about two teaspoons a day in your diet.

Broccoli sprouts – They contain "sulforaphane" compounds, which repair gastric mucosa even after it's been damaged by H. pylori. A 2011 study suggests broccoli sprouts helps reduce risk of H. pylori-induced gastric cancer. Also,

in *Cancer Prevention Research 2009*, researchers concluded that "Daily intake of sulforaphane-rich broccoli sprouts for two months reduces H. pylori colonization..." There is no correlation with alfalfa sprouts. Health food stores sell broccoli extracts called "I3C" and another version called "DIM."

Oregano and garlic – These are two spices you should cook with to your heart's content. You can also buy supplements of "Oregano Oil" and "Aged Garlic Extract" if you want a more potent dose.

*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](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).*

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## Mom And Me

enthusiasm and you seem to be on the right track. Best of luck.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).



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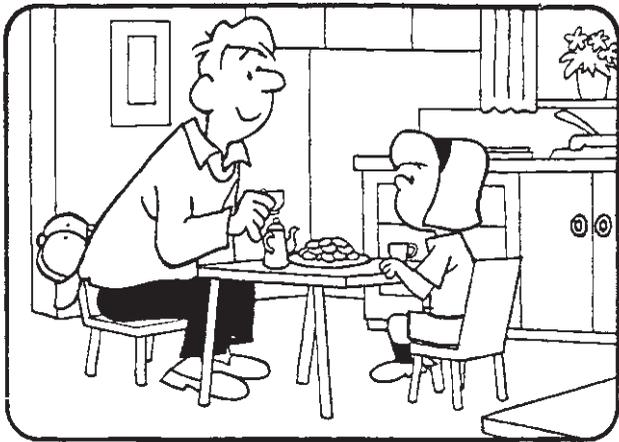
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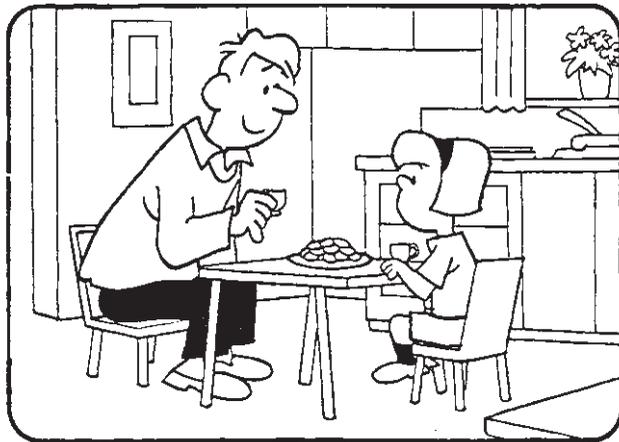
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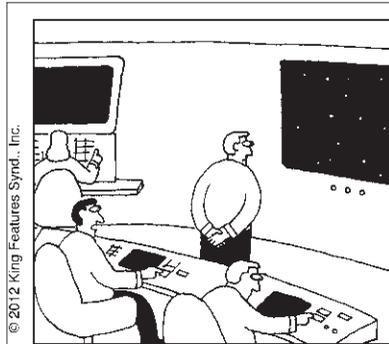
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Disclose  
**LEAVER** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Deny  
**FURSEE** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Sway  
**ARENCE** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Lift  
**AIRES** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**TODAY'S WORD**

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

**SUDOKU**

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

answer on page 42B

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

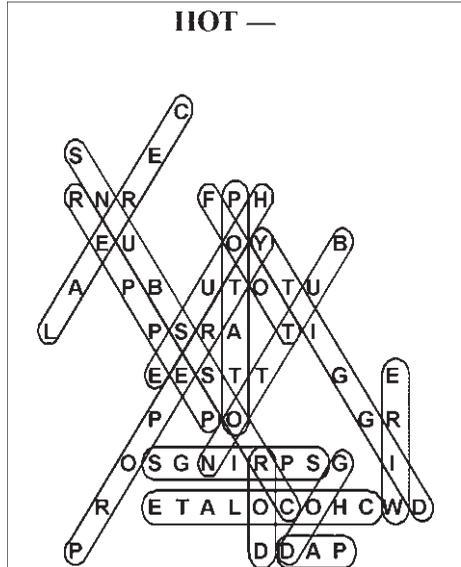
## SUDOKU

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

## KING CROSSWORD

F	B	I		B	A	I	T		A	L	M	A
C	O	S		U	N	D	O		L	E	A	R
C	O	L	A	N	D	E	R		L	I	L	O
		A	C	K		A	C	C	U	S	E	D
W	I	N	T	E	R		H	O	D			
E	N	D		R	U	G		G	E	O	D	E
E	K	E	D		M	O	W		S	L	U	G
P	Y	R	E	X		D	A	D		E	T	O
			S	I	R		R	E	P	A	Y	S
S	P	E	C	I	E	S		B	U	N		
W	I	D	E		S	Q	U	A	N	D	E	R
A	K	I	N		A	M	P	S		E	M	O
N	E	E	D		W	I	N	E		R	U	B

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## SUPER CROSSWORD

G	A	V	E	L		D	O	R	I	C		S	P	A	T		L	E	W		
I	N	C	O	M	E		A	R	B	O	R		A	I	R	Y		O	W	E	
C	A	R	L	O	G	A	M	B	I	N	O		L	E	O	S	A	Y	E	R	
E	W	E			E	Y	E				A	L	A	R	M		W	A	L	E	
			P	E	N	N		C	O	A	T	E	D		A	T	A	L	L		
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V	E	R	D	I		C	A	M	E	R	A		C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	
I	T	A		C	H	A	N	E	L		P	R	I	C	E		I	V	E		
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I	D	I		A	R	L	O		E	R	O	D	E		O	R	N	E	R	Y	
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Matlacha Shores	Matlacha	1969	5,000	999,000	999,000	130
Gulf Harbour Yacht & CC	Fort Myers	1998	4,006	950,000	950,000	22
Pelican Landing	Bonita Springs	1998	2,664	835,000	790,000	75
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2011	2,992	799,900	750,000	307
Pelican Landing	Bonita Springs	1994	3,450	679,900	640,000	131
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1994	3,490	650,000	625,000	197
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Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2000	3,417	650,000	575,000	23

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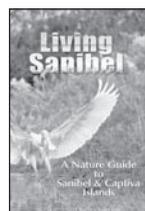
FRIDAY, MARCH 30 from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.  
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## Pets Of The Week

**H**i, my name is Bobbi Magoo and I'm an eight-year-old Yorkshire terrier. By my picture you would never know how rough my life was until I came to Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS). I was abandoned and matted and had really bad skin. Oh, and did I mention that I am almost blind? I am getting lots of TLC in a foster home where I am spoiled. My foster mom says I'm very loving. I love my daily grooming, I walk well on a leash, and I'm housebroken. Even though I don't see very well, I get around just fine and enjoy being with other pets. I miss having a home of my own so I would love to be adopted soon. If you are interested in meeting me, please email [kennel@leegov.com](mailto:kennel@leegov.com) to make arrangements.

My adoption fee is \$25. 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.

I'm Mariska, a four-year-old domestic short hair. If you like affectionate girls with lots to say, then I could be your BFF! My foster mom says I'm a talker and will follow you wherever you go. I have a calm personality and will make a super companion.

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 Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://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, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

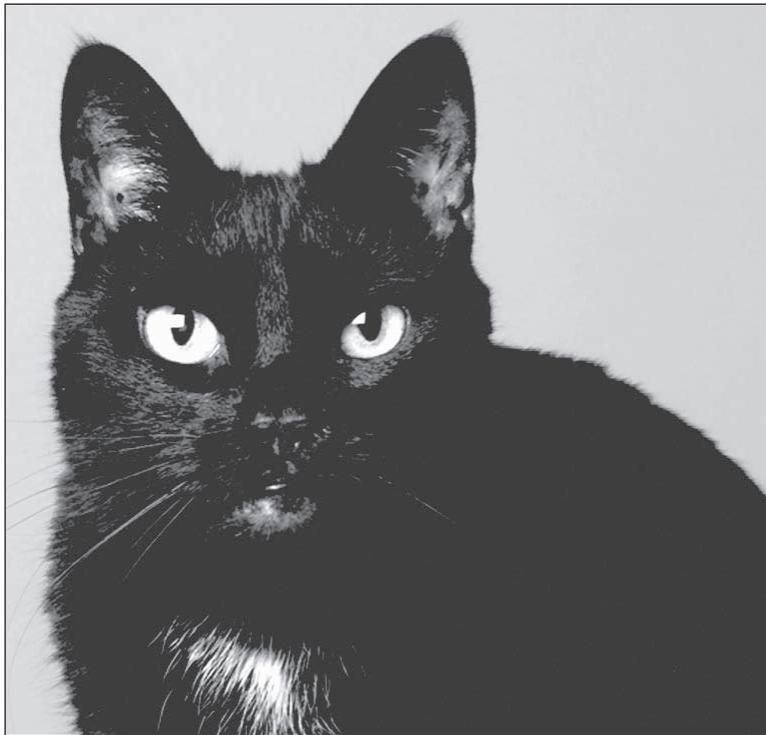
All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.✪



Bobbi Magoo ID#: 529493

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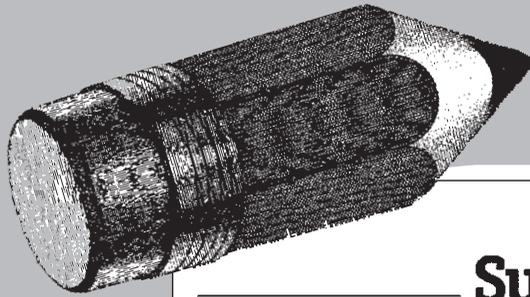
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Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva .....	274-5900
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<a href="http://www.sanibelsoccer.org">www.sanibelsoccer.org</a>	
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(MOAA, Alex MacKenzie).....	395-9232
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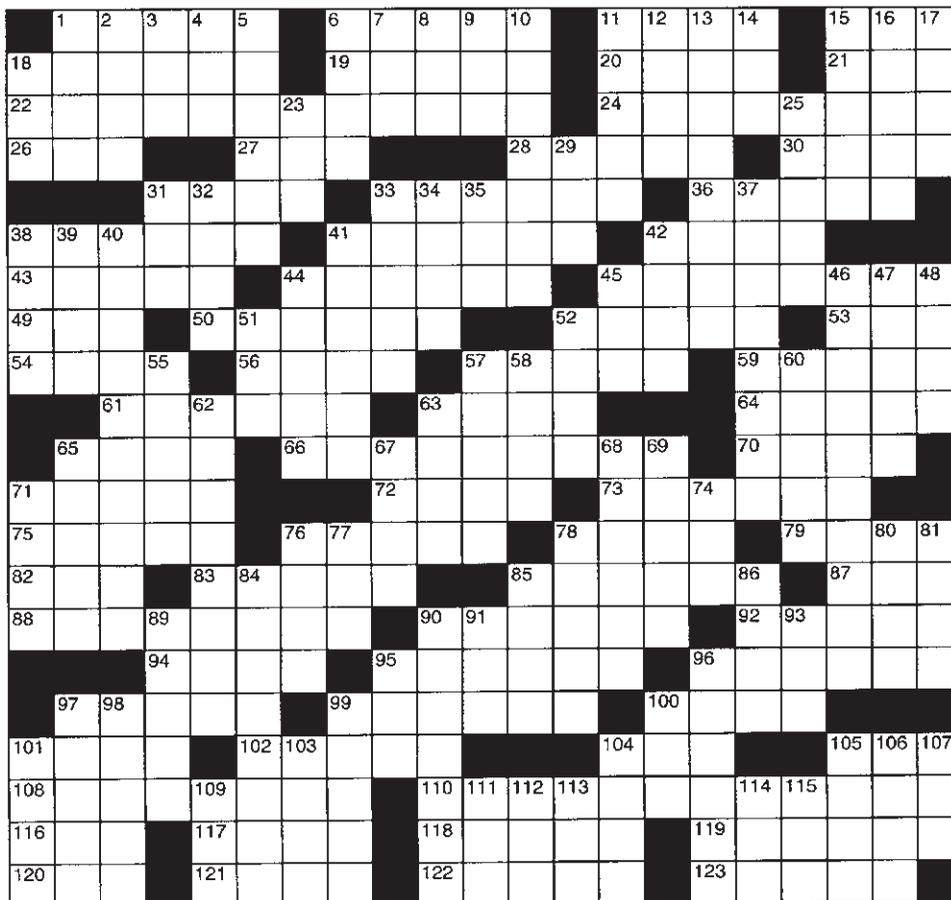
# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 42B

## Super Crossword

Everybody's Irish

- ACROSS**
- 1 Auctioneer's item
  - 6 Column style
  - 11 Tiff
  - 15 Wallace or Ayres
  - 18 Revenue
  - 19 Ann —, MI
  - 20 Well-ventilated
  - 21 Have bills
  - 22 Irish mobster?
  - 24 Irish singer?
  - 26 Fluffy female
  - 27 — contact
  - 28 Frighten
  - 30 Corduroy ridge
  - 31 Sean of "Colors"
  - 33 Covered thickly
  - 36 In any way
  - 38 Furnish
  - 41 "The Dating Game" producer
  - 42 Young follower?
  - 43 "Rigoletto" composer
  - 44 Adams' apparatus
  - 45 Home wreckers?
  - 49 "Make — double!"
  - 50 Last name in fashion
  - 52 Diva
  - 53 "— been had!"
  - 54 Baseball's Bucky
  - 56 Evangelist
  - 57 Sag
  - 59 Bottled spirits?
  - 61 Box
  - 63 Kind of carpet
  - 64 Fit for a king
  - 65 Easy stride
  - 66 Irish explorer?
  - 70 "East of Eden" character
  - 71 Dancer
  - 72 They may be wild
  - 73 Porthos' pal
  - 75 Turn inside out
  - 76 Cremona craftsman
  - 78 Clarinetist
  - 79 School founded in 1440
  - 82 Always, to Auden
  - 83 Less available
  - 85 Bartlett bits
  - 87 Space —
  - 88 Ally Walker series
  - 90 Country gentleman
  - 92 — cotta
  - 94 Bruins' sch.
  - 95 Compare
  - 96 Castle feature
  - 97 Greek island
  - 99 Celtic cultists
  - 100 Sociable
  - 101 Bluenose
  - 102 Actress
  - 104 Rainbow shape
  - 105 Scholastic abbr.
  - 108 Irish composer?
  - 110 Irish boxer?
  - 116 Infamous Amin
  - 117 Chip off Woody's block
  - 118 Carve a canyon
  - 119 Ill-tempered
  - 120 Rock's —
  - 121 AMEX rival
  - 122 Impres-sionist painter
  - 123 Elbow
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Tackle a bone
  - 2 Lot size
  - 3 Cubic meas.
  - 4 Philips of "UHF"
  - 5 Saga
  - 6 Knight's wife
  - 7 Planet, for one
  - 8 McGwire stat
  - 9 Noun suffix
  - 10 Balkan area
  - 11 Bar food?
  - 12 Wharf
  - 13 Like potpourri
  - 14 Cobb and Hardin
  - 15 True-blue
  - 16 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
  - 17 "You — on My Mind" ('65 hit)
  - 18 Complete the cake
  - 23 Writer Rand
  - 25 Oscar or Tony
  - 29 Meyerbeer's "—"
  - 31 Seal school
  - 32 Author
  - 33 Sahara sight
  - 34 Turgenev's birthplace
  - 35 O'Hare info
  - 37 Wire
  - 38 Fired up
  - 39 Jubilee
  - 40 Irish actor?
  - 41 Bite for Bonzo
  - 42 Freighter or ferry
  - 44 Pool shot
  - 45 — -Magnon
  - 46 Irish musician?
  - 47 European health resort
  - 48 — Patrick Harris
  - 51 Torrid
  - 52 Kelly's possum
  - 55 Candle
  - 57 Delhi wrap
  - 58 Shoots the breeze
  - 60 A la King?
  - 62 Curb
  - 63 "Git, Garfield!"
  - 65 Bile producer
  - 67 Circus sound
  - 68 City in Pakistan
  - 69 Talk really big
  - 71 Dickens villain
  - 74 Veneration
  - 76 — code
  - 77 Sea, to Seurat
  - 78 Decks have four
  - 80 Grimm creature
  - 81 Tidy
  - 84 Extended metaphor
  - 85 College courtyard
  - 86 Amaze
  - 89 Tierra del —
  - 90 Multiplied 2 X 2
  - 91 On the — vive
  - 93 Significant years
  - 95 Directional suffix
  - 96 Industrialist
  - 97 — oil
  - 98 Unbending
  - 99 Crusoe's creator
  - 100 "The A-Team" actor
  - 101 Skier Mahre
  - 103 Architectural features
  - 104 Aphrodite's lover
  - 105 Evigan or Gumbel
  - 106 Unwind a rind
  - 107 Some
  - 109 Ashen
  - 111 Northwest-ern st.
  - 112 Marsh
  - 113 Author
  - 114 Joanne of "Red River"
  - 115 Sturm — Drang



## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Feds' org.
  - 4 Cheese in a mousetrap
  - 8 — mater
  - 12 Romaine
  - 13 Loosen
  - 14 Shakespear —ean king
  - 15 Kitchen strainer
  - 17 Movie pal of Stitch
  - 18 Charlie Brown: "Good grief" :: Cathy: —
  - 19 Defendant
  - 21 Cold spell
  - 24 Scuttle
  - 25 Conclude
  - 26 Carpet
  - 28 Crystal-lined rock
  - 32 — out (sup-plemented)
  - 34 Do lawn work
  - 36 Phony coin
  - 37 Heat-resis-tant glass
  - 39 Father
  - 41 Ike's command
  - 42 Round Table address
  - 44 Settles a debt
  - 46 Genus sub-group
  - 50 Chignon
  - 51 Broad
  - 52 Waste
  - 56 Related gear
  - 57 Rock band's Philips
  - 58 Comic
  - 59 Require
  - 60 Sommelier's suggestion
  - 61 Massage
  - 8 Refers (to) wreaths
  - 9 Luau
  - 10 Guy
  - 11 Yankee nick name from 2004
  - 16 Performance
  - 20 Gear tooth
  - 21 Cry
  - 22 Black
  - 23 Pirates' potato
  - 27 Deity
  - 29 Ornamental dogbane
  - 30 Responsi-bility
  - 31 Hollywood clashers
  - 33 Drop
  - 35 Sherman
  - 38 Noon, in a way
  - 40 Adulterate
  - 43 Cut smaller boards
  - 45 Piece of wordplay
  - 46 Graceful bird
  - 47 Toll road, for short
  - 48 Adams or Falco
  - 49 640 acres (Abbr.)
  - 53 Bygone TV channel
  - 54 Flightless bird
  - 55 Plagiary
- DOWN**
- 1 Radio watchdog grp.
  - 2 Greet the villain
  - 3 Crusoe, e.g.
  - 4 Sand trap
  - 5 Moreover
  - 6 Concept
  - 7 Liberty's prop

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 Q S N K E H D S A X U R P M J  
 G R N R D A F P H X V S Q N K  
 I F E U D A X O Y V T B Q O M  
 J A H P B F U T O T U C A Y W  
 L U R P P S R A N T I L J H F  
 D B Z X E E S T T V T G R E Q  
 O M K I P H P O F D B Z G R Y  
 W V T O S G N I R P S G R I Q  
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 K P I H F D C A D D A P Z X W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Button
- Diggity
- Pad
- Rod
- Cereal
- Dog
- Pepper
- Springs
- Chocolate
- Foot
- Potato
- Wire
- Cross buns
- House
- Property

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