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Shell Islands Garden Club Members Decorate Holiday Tree

submitted by Cathy Cangelosi, Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library's Christmas tree is shining brightly thanks to Peggy Hupfeldt, Fay Carney and Sally Parsons of the Shell Islands Garden Club. The tree is decorated with stuffed bears and other toys to delight children and adults. The Shell Islands Garden Club has been decorating the library's tree for several years.*



Shell Islands Garden Club members Peggy Hupfeldt, Fay Carney and Sally Parsons with Tanya Maramag and two little library patrons



CROW board member Melissa Congress joins "Holly Belles" at a planning session with Harriet Pattison, Nicole McHale, Merrill Taylor, Vonnie Dressel, Master Sponsor Al Hanser, of the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, and Sally Hanser

CROW's Holly Ball This Sunday

The Holly Ball, scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 9 at 6 p.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club, will get everyone into a holiday spirit while raising important philanthropic support for the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

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Sanibel Stoop Sets Guinness World Record

Sanibel "stoopers" have stepped into the Guinness Book of World Records.

During the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show last winter, almost 500 registered participants (and 300 plus unregistered) assembled at Bowman's Beach on Sanibel to break the world record for "largest treasure hunt game." They succeeded.

Visitors and locals joined together to show the rest of the world their favorite shell-bent position, the Sanibel Stoop, to hunt for sea shells.

"We wanted to do something special to call attention to the 75th anniversary of the Shell Show & Fair, and to reinforce Sanibel's position as a special place for shelling," said Marge Meek, Sanibel Community Association president. "The Guinness record attempt captured the idea that hunting for shells can be a lot of fun, and there's no better place than Sanibel to do that."

The record affirms the island's reputation as the best shelling location in the world with more than 400 species of multi-colored sea shells, including the

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Volunteers Needed For Bird Count

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday, December 15. The results of the local count will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in the 113th National Christmas Bird Count.

More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this census of early-winter bird populations. The results are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas. Simply put, the Christmas Bird Count - or CBC - is citizen science in action.

Prior to the turn of the 20th century, people engaged in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas Side Hunt. They would choose sides and go into the field with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) quarry won. Conservation was in its infancy around the turn of the century, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations.

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Carol Sing at Chapel by the Sea

Last Week Of Captiva Holiday Village Events

Island hoteliers, merchants, attraction owners and restaurateurs continue the 3rd annual Captiva Holiday Village, a fun-filled extravaganza of sight and sound set against the backdrop of the Gulf of Mexico and evening sunsets. Events take place in Captiva's "village" center, where its colorful restaurants and shops are festively decorated.

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Upcoming Captiva Holiday Village events include:

Thursday, December 6

- Sanibel Art League Paint Out Plein Air on Andy Rosse Lane, 10 a.m.
- Mangrove Mamas: Who Lives Amidst The Mangroves with a live touch tank at 'Tween Waters Inn's Marina Deck, 11 a.m.
- Sea Grass Seining with SCCF Scientists at Captiva Kayak (fee: \$30 per person for kayaks), 1:30 p.m.

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Island Treasures

The Muench Family



The Muench Family

by Jeri Magg, member, Sanibel Historical Museum and Village fundraiser committee

This article is part of the continuing series of "island treasures" foreshadowing of the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum's "fund" raiser on February 5, 2013.

The Early Years - Building A Park

In the early fall of 1963, Al and Betty Muench, accompanied by their two younger children, Missy and Mark, pulled their tiny trailer from New York to Florida, hoping to find a beach campsite in Lee County.

Though a spot was available on Fort Myers Beach, the family had heard about the beautiful barrier island across the bridge. The only park on Sanibel at that time

was located where Loggerhead Cay condominiums currently stand. Disappointed that park was "adults only," the foursome settled on Fort Myers Beach.

While driving home via I-95, 10-year-old Missy asked her father a question that would change the family's life. "Dad, why don't you buy land on Sanibel and build a park so children can stay there?" Though both parents chuckled at their daughter's innocent question, the idea took root.

The following spring, Al revisited Sanibel, contacted Priscilla Murphy and bought 16 acres on Periwinkle Way with beach access.

Eighteen-year-old Jerry Muench and his older brother, Steve, followed that June to help build sites.

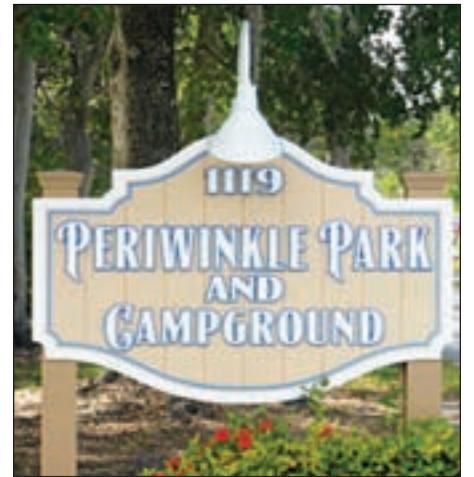
"We did all the hand clearing ourselves, with an old Jeep and one tractor," chuckles Jerry, remembering the experience. There was only a narrow dirt road winding through the property, and Al was insistent that as many trees and natural vegetation as possible be preserved.

Johnson Engineering designed the campsite, but Al, Jerry and Steve put in power lines and sewers one street at a time. The Periwinkle Trailer Park was the first sewer plant on the island, and Jerry attended school to learn how to run it.

At the end of that summer, Steve returned to college and Jerry stayed to help prepare more sites and run the park.

"I was the only 18-year-old on the island," states Jerry.

When Periwinkle Trailer Park opened, there were 50 campsites and travelers happily paid \$3.50 for a night's stay. Jerry



Sign at entrance of Periwinkle Park



Al and Betty Muench at their 50th wedding anniversary

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comed as another pair of hands.

Dick became interested in the birds and added more ducks, swans and roseate spoonbills. Residents and islanders, intrigued by all the feathered additions, were drawn to the pond. Dick, whose fascination with birds spread to exotics – especially parrots of all kinds – decided to build a couple of cages by the pond. Now more park residents and islanders came to watch the birds. One of the residents, Libby Baird, asked to be allowed to handle and play with the birds. Today, that fondness and love for these feathered beauties has grown into a daily bird show attended by children and adults alike.

In 1974, when the gas crisis was at its peak, many of the park's residents wished to leave their mobile homes on site for the summer. This changed the make-up of the park. To accommodate these folks, the owners leased 10 acres east of the park from Francis and Sam Bailey and added permanent RV and mobile sites.

Al and Betty sold the park's 26 acres to their five children in 1978, with Dick and Jerry as the managing partners. The brothers continued to clear land for more sites while preserving the family atmosphere and island tropical ambiance. Around the same time, their competition on the beach decided to sell. The family was not interested in obtaining this land; it would have been too much.

"Besides," laughs Jerry, "the owner didn't like us since many of her former renters were now at our park."

An investor group bought the parcel and built Loggerhead Cay.*

Jerry Muench

and his father continued maintenance duties while Betty and Missy worked in the office.

In 1965, Jerry joined the Navy. After being discharged in 1969, he and new wife June headed to Sanibel to help run what was now a growing business.

At first, the majority of their profits went into improvements. In order to build up some of the sites, they dug a pond. Undecided how to use this new water hole, they bought a couple of ducks to display and fenced it in. In 1972, brother Dick and his wife Emily moved to the island with their young son, David. Dick was a qualified plumber and was wel-

Duplicate Bridge

On November 27, there were four duplicate bridge tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association.

The winners were:

1. Holly and Norman Thomas
2. Judy Harralson and Nancy Traylor
3. Maureen Hnatow and Kenneth Appel

The game runs for six months – November through April – at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at The Community

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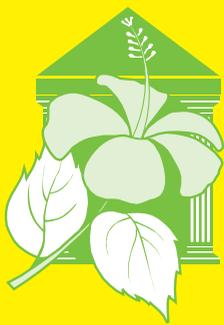
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CASI Kick-Off Breakfast

The CASI (Condominium Associations of Sanibel Island) season kick-off breakfast was at The Sanctuary Golf & Tennis Club on Friday, November 30 featuring Mayor Kevin Ruane. Norris Home Furnishings was the sponsor.*



Judie Zimomra, Bill Tomlinson, CASI President Linda Naton with directors Carmine Rende and Mary Nelson



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Historical Village All Decked Out For Christmas



The 1898 Burnap Cottage ready for Christmas

What did Christmas on Sanibel look like circa 1920? The Historical Village and Museum is the place to find out. Experience "Christmas of Old" and enjoy the simple life that used to be Sanibel.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is decorated for the holidays and waiting for both return guests and newcomers to experience the peace and joy that was Sanibel from the 1880s through the 1940s.

A host of volunteers joined Decorating Committee Chair Pam Magnotto to adorn the village's seven buildings. Paula Newton, Mary McLaughlin and Christel Heidecker decorated Morning Glories, one of the museum's most popular houses for its simple elegance. Visitors step inside and can imagine themselves living there, having everything they need and none of the things they don't – like traffic and stress and smog.

"The village is now decked out in its Christmas finery and we'd love to have folks come enjoy it," said Emilie Alfino, manager of the museum.

The museum also has a one-of-a-kind gift shop located in the old Bailey's General Store. With items for children and adults alike – made in the United States – it's a good place to



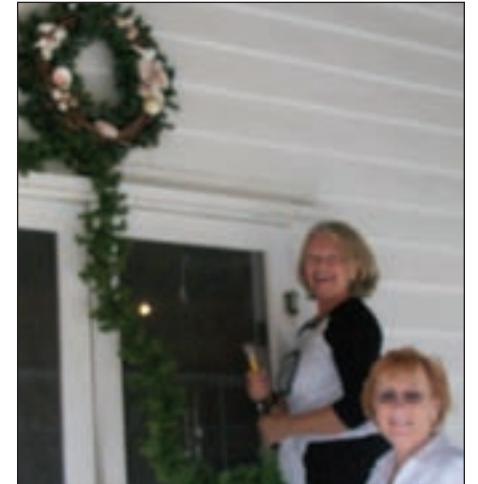
Holiday tree after the decorators performed their magic



Volunteers Terry and Andrew Jacob stand in front of Rutland House, the entrance to the Village



Several of the "people" awaiting Christmas goodies in the kitchen of Morning Glories



Pam Magnotto, chair of the Decorating Committee, decorates the door to the Old Bailey Store with help from Jeri Magg



Morning Glories' built-in buffet decorated and waiting to help serve Christmas dinner

find something different for the person who has everything. And the museum is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the season, perfect for last-minute shopping.

The museum is located at 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS just past Sanibel City Hall. Adult admission is \$5; people under age 18 are free. Learn more online at www.sanibelmuseum.org.*



The front porch of Miss Charlotta's Tea Room, welcoming and festive. Charlotta was aunt to the Bailey boys – Francis, John and Sam



Miss Charlotta's Tea Room, built to be a gas station, is restored to its 1930s look, complete with tables set for cakes and treats – and Aunt Charlotta standing by



Volunteer Maryann McCune sorting the decorations in the back room of the Old Bailey Store



INSIDE CITY HALL

Eagle Scout Spreads Word On Water Quality

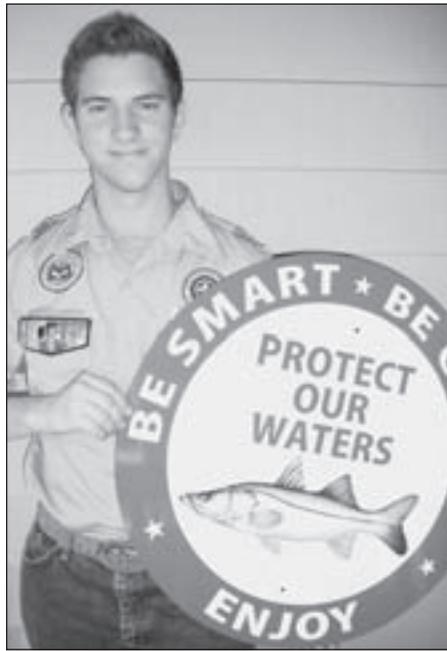
by Anne Mitchell

Growing up on Sanibel, Kenny DeBiase, an Eagle Scout and Life Scout, began noticing poor water quality conditions when he was involved in his favorite pastime – fishing. So, DeBiase began keeping data, which has led to a campaign he is now waging with the message, Be Smart. Be Clean. Protect Our Waters So We Can All Enjoy Them. He took samples twice a week, from 2008 to 2010.

Kenny, a junior at The Canterbury School in Fort Myers, gave a PowerPoint presentation at the city council meeting on Tuesday outlining his efforts to spread the word on protection of water quality. He wants to add educational materials to the welcome packages the city hands out to new residents and businesses. It includes a reminder of Sanibel's fertilizer ordinance and the need to monitor what landscapers are applying, plus advice on the proper disposal of motor oil and other pollutants. He also encourages the use of native plants.

Vice Mayor Mick Denham, the city's leading water quality proponent, said in his efforts to prevent state lawmakers from pre-empting Sanibel's fertilizer ordinance – since adopted by many other municipalities – he could use Kenny's help.

"I ought to take you with me," he said, only half jokingly.*



Kenny DiBiase with one of the signs he has created

Ashby Retires Following 31 Years With Sanibel Police

Sanibel Police Lt. Scott Ashby will retire at the end of the year after logging more than 30 years with the city.

Ashby, who joined the police department as an aide in October 1981 at the age of 18, rose through the ranks. He named "a lot of people" who supported him over the years including former police chiefs and colleagues, his mother and his wife and three children. Ashby turns 50 this month.

Mayor Kevin Ruane read a proclamation stating that during his tenure, Lt. Ashby "has performed his duties in an exceptional manner and has been recognized for outstanding performance and received numerous letters of appreciation for services rendered the citizens of Sanibel."**



Mayor Kevin Ruane, left, and Lt. Scott Ashby

Captiva Community Panel Seeks Input

The Captiva Community Panel seeks public input from interested Captivans on setting goals for the island (and the panel) to pursue, both short-term (six to nine months) and long-term. By working together, residents and property owners have shown they can accomplish great things for the

island. The panel wants to continue to serve as a forum for island issues involving land use, zoning and community concerns to be aired and addressed by building consensus, sharing information and working with Lee County and other entities to achieve its goals.

Following is a list of goals the panel has developed. Input is welcome so some goals and the means to achieve them can be discussed at the panel's public meeting on December 11.

Short-term goals

Rank these in the order you believe they should be pursued, with 1 being

most important and 5 being least important:

- Developing landscaping language for the county's Captiva Code.
- More effective code enforcement for the island.
- Revising and updating the panel bylaws.
- Supporting the work of the Hurricane Preparedness Committee.
- Limiting rental periods to not less than seven days for residential (non-hotel) rentals.

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Orlene Shimberg, Anuradha Kiorala, Kristin Ritts and Michelle Shaw-Hashman

Internationally Lauded Humanitarians Give Moving Presentation On Human Trafficking

submitted by Dalia Jakubauskas

Three globally recognized humanitarians delivered a message of hope and enlightenment to nearly 200 people who attended a presentation on human trafficking on November 29 at the Sanibel Community Church. CNN 2010 Hero of the Year, Anuradha Kiorala of Maiti Nepal; Forbes Hero of Philanthropy Anie Djojohadikusumo, founder of Wadah Foundation, Indonesia; and Sara Djojohadikusumo, founder of Parinama Astha. All three women work to combat human trafficking and sexual slavery in their home countries of Nepal and Indonesia.



Orlene Shimberg greets Anie Djojohadikusumo

The event, the first held at the newly constructed auditorium of the Sanibel Community Church, was a joint effort between social service organizations such as the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP) and members of Sanibel's faith-based community, including the community church, which hosted the event, and Reverend Dr. Ellen Sloan of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, who delivered the closing remarks.

Other organizations represented at the event included Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc, which works with survivors of domestic abuse in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties; Our Mother's Home, which provides housing and life skills for teen moms and their children in Lee County; and Beauty From Ashes, a faith-based organization that works to rescue sex workers in Lee County.

Sanibel resident Linda Linsmayer, a friend to Mrs. Djojohadikusumo and the Wadah Foundation, who was instrumental in bringing the three women to the island, noted in her opening remarks that this was not a religious event. Rather, this was an event to raise public awareness of the tragedy that is human trafficking and open to caring people of all faiths, she said.

Mrs. Djojohadikusumo shared her life's journey from her beginnings as part of 16 siblings growing up in a poor but loving Indonesian family, to her purpose today as philanthropist and founder of the Wadah Foundation. The 5-year-old foundation is based in Jakarta and works to improve the lives of Indonesia's poorest citizens - whom Mrs. Djojohadikusumo calls the "least, the last and the lost."

The foundation, through micro-loans, jobs skills training, education and community outreach, focuses entirely on women as a means to lift the status of Indonesia's poor. "It is our mission to help them so that they can help themselves and their communities," she said.

A close friend of Mrs. Djojohadikusumo and founder of Maiti Nepal, Anuradha Kiorala, spoke matter-of-factly about her organization's work to rescue and rehabilitate thousands of Nepalese women and girls who are tricked or sold into sexual slavery. The 15-year-old organization has rescued and provided refuge and support to over 12,000 women and girls.

Girls as young as 3-years-old are sold to brothels in India, Asia and China. In India alone, nearly 400,000 Nepalese women and girls have been enslaved as sex workers, said Mrs. Kiorala. They are often beaten, tortured and killed. Some have even had their organs sold to illicit organ banks. Many end up dying of their injuries or diseases like AIDS, she said.

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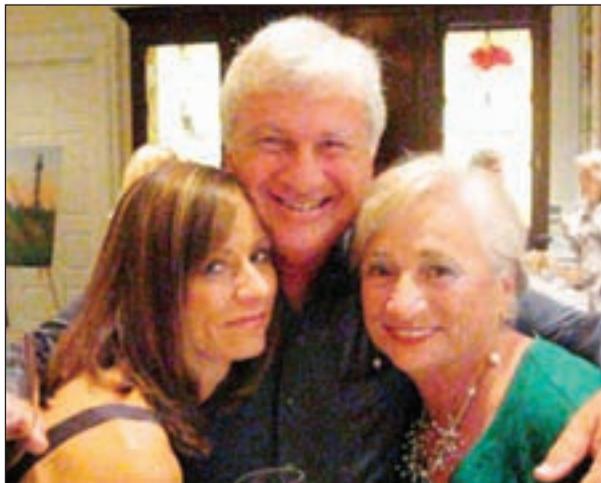
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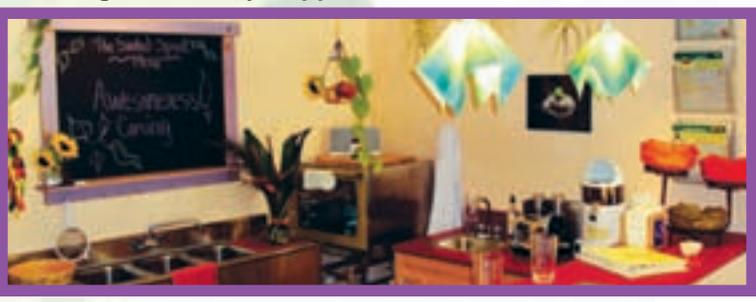
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Humanitarians

The magnitude and horror of human trafficking of human trafficking can be overwhelming. But, "doing nothing is not an option," she said. "Evil triumphs when good people do nothing."

Indonesian television personality and the 26-year-old daughter of Anie Djojohadikusumo, Sara Djojohadikusumo spoke of her newly established organizations work to raise awareness of the crime of human trafficking among Indonesia's youth. Using social media and grassroots networking, Parinama Astha seeks to educate young Indonesians about the stark realities of human trafficking.

"I led a very sheltered existence," she said. "I could not believe this was going on and I decided this could not exist in my world. I had to do something"

Island resident, Zontian and founder of HTAP, Nola Theiss, also gave a brief presentation on the existence of the crime locally and concurred that everyone can do something to eliminate modern-day slavery.

Whether it's simply talking to neighbors about the problem to raise awareness or becoming educated about whether consumer goods, such as chocolate and mobile phones, use slave labor in their production process, "we can all do something," she said.*

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Walk Through Bethlehem

Sanibel Community Church will present the Walk Through Bethlehem experience in its historic chapel on Luminary Night, Friday, December 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, December 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They recreate the imagined streets of Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth. Different shops, clothing and customs of that era will be presented with encounters with Roman guards and the infamous Innkeeper.

"We present Walk Through Bethlehem to holiday weary families to remind them of the true reason for the season of Christmas. That is the birth of Jesus Christ over 2,000 years ago. We strive to remain as true to historical data as possible," said Elaine Donovan, chairwoman and wife of Senior Pastor Daryl Donovan. "This year, we have added Sunday as an additional viewing day. The Friday night performances, on Sanibel Luminary Night, always have long lines that people do not want to stand in."

Sanibel Community Church was begun on Sanibel Island in the 1880s. It is a non-denominational church whose mission statement is: "That every person would come into a life-changing relationship with the person of Jesus Christ."

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Tim Gardner will be held at the Shell Point Village Church, 15100 Shell Point Blvd., on Wednesday, December 12 beginning at 11:15 a.m. There will be a reception following the service.

Tim passed away on November 25. He was a great friend and we will miss him.

Contributions in memory of Tim may be sent to the following charities:

- CROW, P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957
- The International Osprey Foundation, P.O. Box 250, Sanibel, FL 33957
- Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957
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Help Victims Of Hurricane Sandy

Sanibel Community Church and Cheeburger Cheeburger are joining together to bring relief to families on Staten Island who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy in October.

This past summer, Youth Pastor Tom Walsh and a team of students and adults spent a week serving with New Hope Community Church's summer camp for at-risk children. Relationships on many levels were created during that week, and with the news of Sandy hitting Staten Island hard, opportunities to help have come up.

Many families on Staten Island have lost loved ones and belongings, and need help as they recover. You can help make a difference by ordering a meal at Cheeburger Cheeburger any time now through December 21. When you mention "SCC Missions" to your server, Cheeburger Cheeburger will donate 15 percent of your purchase price to New Hope Community Church's relief program through Sanibel Community Church.

If you have any questions about this program, call Pastor Brad Livermon or Pastor Tom Walsh at Sanibel Community Church, 472-2684. ✨

Christmas Celebration

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is holding its 2nd annual WOW! It's Christmas on Sunday, December 9.

This mid-year reunion from last September's WOW! Wednesdays of Wonder is open to both past participants and newcomers. It begins with the 9 a.m. worship service and Sunday School. Following worship, kids and adults will join together in Fellowship Hall for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies, then a chance to make three Christmas crafts together. Families can take part in one

craft or all three.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is at 2050 Periwinkle Way, across from Periwinkle Place. For more information, call 472-0497. ✨

Service Of Hope

The Christmas season can be bitter-sweet, encompassing shadows as well as light. The constant refrain of holiday cheer can accentuate what has been lost or changed. All the urg-

ing to "Have A Merry Christmas" can bring out feelings of sadness, loneliness or depression if one is coping with the loss of a loved one to death or disability, a change in one's own health or life circumstances, or an ongoing difficulty or challenge, no matter if it's a recent or long ago loss.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is offering a service of Shadows and Hope of Christmas on December 9 at 5 p.m. People are invited to gather in support of one another, first in worship at a vespers service in the sanctuary, and then around tables to share dinner in

the Fellowship Hall. This is not a service of mourning; rather it is intended as a time to find the hope of Christmas in the midst of circumstances that can be overshadowing.

Reserve your place for the supper by calling the church office at 472-0497, or call if you have any questions. Supper will be hosted and provided by SCWIM. Feel free to invite any loved ones and friends who you believe would benefit from this time together. Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is at 2050 Periwinkle Way, across from Periwinkle Place. ✨

Christmas

Sanibel Community Church

Luminary Lights AT Sanibel Community Church Friday, December 7

Noon-9:00 p.m. - Guild Christmas Bazaar

Here's a great opportunity to let Christ's light shine around the world as monies are raised for various missions organization. The Bazaar and Bake Sale opens at noon, with lunch available. A fabulous silent auction takes place, with bids closing at 8:00 p.m.

6:00-9:00 p.m. - Walk-Thru-Bethlehem

Step back in time to the night of Christ's birth. The historic Chapel is transformed to the City of Bethlehem, filled with Bible Characters. This year there will be a special presentation of Walk-Thru-Bethlehem on Sunday, December 9, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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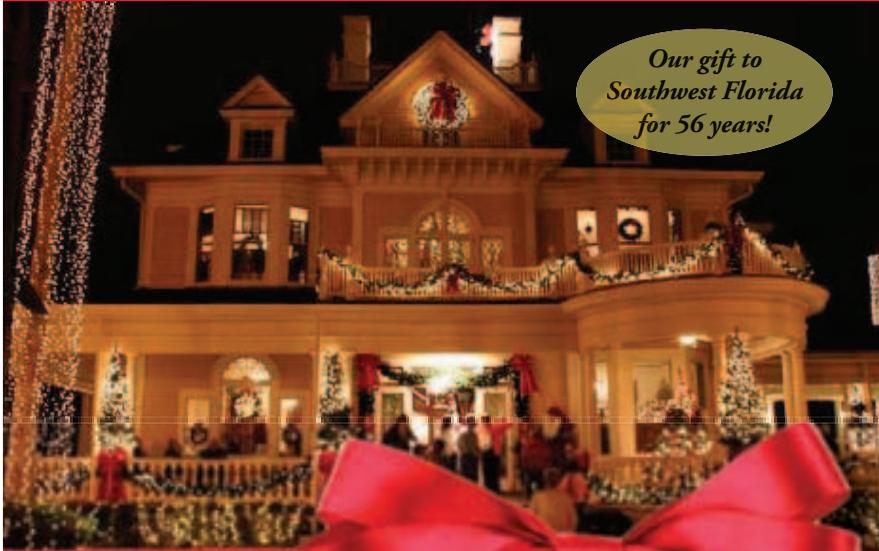
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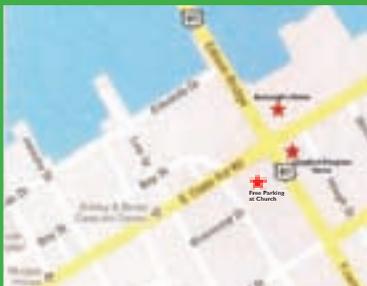
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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Bryan Picco and Cozette Nichols

Cozette Nichols and Bryan Picco were married June 16 on the beach at Captiva Island. Nichols is the daughter of Gay and Jerry Nichols of Aberdeen, South Dakota and Sanibel, Florida. Picco is the son of Bernie and Andrew Picco of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The bride owns and operates her beauty salon, Cozette's Salon in Fort Meyers. The groom owns and operates a commercial and residential pressure cleaning business, Absolute Pressure on Sanibel.✪



Pictured from left are Lily, Lauren, Gina, Andy, Alexandria, Emily and Emma. As members of the St. Isabel High School Youth Ministry, they will be doing a few projects throughout the year to assist those in need in the community. Here, they gathered in the Parish Hall on November 18 to make over 250 cookies for FISH of Sanibel for the Thanksgiving holiday

Students From St. Isabel High School Youth Ministry Make Cookies For FISH

FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel would like to thank the members of St. Isabel High School Youth Ministry for giving us a helping hand during this Thanksgiving holiday.

FISH relies on community support to fund all programs and accepts unopened, unexpired food items which are delivered directly to island families in need. For more information, visit www.fishofsanibel.com.✪

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OBITUARY



TIMOTHY A. GARDNER

Timothy A. Gardner of Sanibel Island, Florida died on November 25, 2012 of an embolism. He was 70 years old.

Tim was born on December 6, 1941 in Cincinnati, Ohio and grew up in Glendale, Ohio. After graduating from Glendale's Princeton High School in 1959, he attended the University of Kentucky, receiving BS degrees in agriculture and chemistry. It was here that he met Carol Bugg of Alexandria, Virginia, and married her in 1965.

Tim served in the U.S. Army

Veterinary Medical Corps during the Vietnam era and, from 1970 to 1988, worked as product manager for regulating agricultural pesticides at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC.

Tim and Carol became full-time residents of Sanibel, Florida in 1988. For the next 24 years, until the time of his death, Tim was an outstanding volunteer in many island organizations. He was a past president of Island Water Association and served on its board of directors for 13 years. He was president of The International Osprey Foundation, the Clam Bayou Preservation Association, and vice president of the Bayous Preservation Association. He was a current board member of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and a past board member of both the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). He was certified as an emergency rescue volunteer for CROW and a "Ding" Darling heavy equipment operator; he was a SCCF Loggerhead Sea Turtle permittee (a program in which he volunteered from May through September for 21 years), and was certified as a member of the City of Sanibel Community Emergency Response Team. He served on a variety of committees including SCCF Research, City of Sanibel Wildlife, and was chairman of the City of Sanibel Conservation Committee. He founded the Save Silver Key project and was instrumental in the key's preservation. He worked on the SCCF Surface Water Quality Monitoring and the Florida Lake Watch program

and the SCCF and "Ding" Darling Small Mammal Survey Studies. In addition, Tim served for four years as a Lee County commissioner for mosquito control and, to top it all off, ran the Island Cinema's projectors two nights a week.

As a co-founder of the Clam Bayou Preservation Association, Tim worked with the City of Sanibel to reconnect Clam Bayou to the Blind Pass Ecosystem. As a co-founder of the Bayous Preservation Association, he brought his many talents to bear on the joint Lee County/CEPD project to reopen Blind Pass.

Tim was the consummate volunteer, a man of great ability, integrity, energy, dedication and humor, working to protect the ecosystems that are critical to Sanibel's native wildlife.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Sanibel, his brother, Tom Gardner, of Elkins, West Virginia, his sister-in law, Valerie Bugg, of Louisville, Colorado, his nephew, Kevin Bugg, of San Mateo, California, and his nieces, Hilary Heath and Pamela Bell, of Lewisville, Colorado.

A memorial service will be held at the Shell Point Village Church, 15100 Shell Point Road, on Wednesday, December 12 at 11:15 a.m.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be sent to the following charities, all on Sanibel, FL 33957: CROW, PO Box 150; The International Osprey Foundation, PO Box 250; Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road; or "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, PO Box 565.*

December Workshops At FISH Of Sanibel

FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel is pleased to announce upcoming free workshops for the month of December:

- Mom & Toddlers Group – Monday, December 17 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 5 are welcome, either alone or with their children. It is a time for fun, refreshments, learning and sharing with other moms and their children. We work together to research and organize new topics of discussion, introduce interesting speakers and maintain regular get-together times. This group is sponsored by FISH, Healthy Start of Lee County and the United Way of Lee County.

- Women's Empowerment Group – Tuesday, December 11 from 10 to 11 a.m.

This group is facilitated by FISH to provide a source of support for women. It will take place at the FISH Walk-In Center.

To sign up or to request more information on these workshops, call Christine or Jessi at the FISH Walk-In Center, 1630 Periwinkle Way, Unit B on Sanibel, at 472-4775.*



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A Mission Fair hosting representatives from 20 non-profit organizations was attended by enthusiastic crowds following services on December 1 and 2 at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel.

The purpose of the Mission Fair was to give parishioners the opportunity to learn about many local and global organizations which aid the less fortunate. Representatives were present to answer questions about their programs and discuss the pressing need for volunteers to assist them in providing their services to those in need.

Mission is an important focus at St. Michael's. Many of the groups participating in this event receive financial grants from the Parish.✱

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OBITUARY



Sewanee, Tennessee and the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. During the Vietnam War, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy (1968-1972), leaving service as the crew chief of an anti-submarine warfare patrol plane.

After serving his country, he graduated from Florida Jr. College in Jacksonville with an associate of arts in fine arts. In 1975, he began making award-winning, high design hardwood furniture which he sold at art festivals throughout the South.

In 1980, having expanded his market, he was joined by brother Jim in Johnson Brothers Furniture. By 2001, Chuck's career path led him to Harvard Jolly architectural firm of Tampa, Florida where he was employed until moving to Sanibel Island in 2011.

Chuck was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his daughter, Lila Holley Johnson, brother, James Winslow Johnson (Genevieve), sister, Paula Johnson Lawrence (Graham); nieces and nephews, Charles Atkinson Johnson IV, Julia Lawrence and Marion Lawrence Snyder (Charles); grand nephew, Charles W. Snyder IV; and his beloved partner, Charlene Black, as well as many close lifelong friends.

A private celebration of life will be held at a time and place to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or www.hopehospice.org/donate. Friends may sign the guest book at www.horizonfunerals.com.*

CHARLES ATKINSON JOHNSON, III

Charles Atkinson Johnson, III, 64, died December 2, 2012, resulting from cancer, with his devoted partner Charlene Black at his side, at home on Sanibel Island, Florida.

"Chuck" was born November 6, 1948, in Atlanta, Georgia to Charles Atkinson Johnson, Jr. and Marion Johnston Johnson.

The family moved to Clearwater, Florida, where Chuck attended public schools, graduating from Clearwater High School in 1966. His college education began at The University of the South in

Captiva Cruises Offers Trips To The Historic Tarpon Lodge And Calusa Indian Mounds On Pine Island

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound, a story of fascinating characters and traditions. This cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and travel to Pineland on Pine Island. Along the way, participants will get an up close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and discuss the area's diverse fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company and to the spectacular Tarpon and sport fishing of today.

Cruise guests will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge will be oriented to this spectacular location, the family run business and its storied tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Passengers then will relax while enjoying "old Florida" charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge where lunch will be savored with waterfront views of Pine Island Sound and mangrove islands. After lunch, the group will walk across the street to The Randell Research Center (RRC). The RRC, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain, at the internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site, a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will guide the group on The Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian Mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

Captiva Cruises also offers cruises to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande, The Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Beach & Shelling excursions to Cayo Costa State Park, Sailing Adventures, Sunset Cruises, and Dolphin Watch & Wildlife Adventures with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. These are excellent opportunities for families and neighborhoods to get together and learn about the history of Southwest Florida while enjoying a day out on the water.

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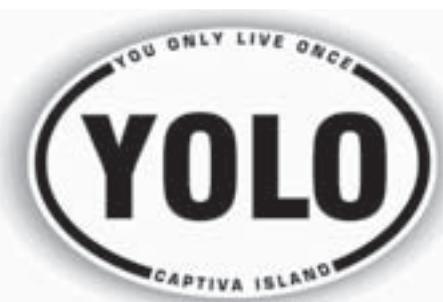
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Fish Caught



Charles Sobczak with his mangrove snapper caught on November 25

Captain Charles Sobczak, past president of the Sanibel Island Fishing Club and president of Lee Reefs (Lee County Artificial Reef) program, holds up a 23.5-inch, five-pound mangrove snapper he caught on one of the reefs he helped establish. Sobczak and his crew also limited out on red grouper, caught plenty of porgies and other snapper on an offshore outing on November 25. The snapper was caught with a piece of cut bait in 45 feet of water.✪

Fish Caught



Elliot Sudal with some of the fish he caught recently

According to Elliot Sudal, fishing for Spanish mackerel, trout and ladyfish has been great around the Causeway Islands and off Lighthouse Point. "When the tide is moving, you can usually just follow the birds," he said. "Trolling or casting small silver spoons and small white or silver Rapalas has been working very well, but remember to use a wire leader. Snook fishing has been great at Blind Pass around the bridge pilings, with fish up to 32 inches caught just yesterday."✪

Fish Caught



Hannah Fay with a large snook

Hannah Fay caught and released this 30" snook on her own on Saturday, December 1 on the east end of Sanibel. Hannah is in 7th grade at The Sanibel School.✪

Meet The Artist

On December 14, from noon to 1 p.m., The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum welcomes Angelika Geerlof, artist, author, poet and photographer, as the featured guest at the monthly Friday Lunch Hour at the Museum series. Geerlof will share how her contemplative walks on the islands' beaches and in the wildlife refuge inspired her new book, *Sanibel Moodscales*.

Geerlof holds a bachelor's degree in art, art history and art education. She first came to Sanibel in 2004. Since her first visit, she has been inspired to create one-of-a-kind visual impressions of the natural surroundings and has designed postcards, calendars, and a new coffee table book



which features an array of landscapes and natural portraits of Sanibel.

Book sales and signings will be available after the presentation. For registration or more information, visit the museum website at shellmuseum.org.✪

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Use Soft Plastic Jigs To Catch Big Fish



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Big minus low tides in the middle of the morning this week called for a change of tactics. Even though the air temperature did not feel like winter, the super

low water had me fishing some of my favorite deep water channels that I had not fished since last winter. Action was good with a great mixed bag of fish all coming on live shrimp fished on or near the bottom.

One surprise species that seemed to be just about everywhere I fished this week was black drum of all sizes. I'm used to catching this species all winter but not in these numbers.

One of my favorite places close to home to fish these super low tides is the Chino Channel. Sure, this natural deep water channel is a well-known fishing area with a few boats always anchored up fishing it. Its super-fast moving current and its close proximity to shallow flats make it a fish heaven. The variety of species here can be crazy.

While fishing the 10-foot deep channel as my first stop of the day with long-time client Nick Basilio of Pennsylvania, we had non-stop action for over an

hour. Along with black drum up to eight pounds, we caught sheepshead, snapper, jacks and a few snook. The big snook of the trip came right from the same shoreline that was holding all the black drum and measured a respectable 31 inches. As conditions get colder, this channel is always worth a shot during the lowest periods of the tide.

During the middle to higher periods of the afternoon incoming tide, I spent some time working mangrove shorelines with soft plastic jigs. If you like to cast, this is an awesome and often very productive way to fish. Throwing soft plastic baits allows you to cover lots of ground and also find productive areas to go back and fish with bait.

I like to work mangrove shorelines on my trolling motor but a push pole or even slow drift will do the same thing, although it will just take a little more work. Keep the boat about 20 yards off the shoreline or as far as you can comfortably cast. Cast to every nook and cranny on the shoreline then slowly bounce the jig back making sure it makes contact with the bottom. I like to work the boat into the tide so my baits are moving in the same direction as the tide. This also allows you to have more boat control and work it slower than if the current is behind you.

When I hook a redfish, I either power-pole down or hit the anchor button on my GPS trolling motor remote and work this area a little harder. Often this will produce a few more reds right from the same little bay or mangrove overhang. Several of the bigger redfish we caught this week had another red or two follow them all the way out of the trees to the boat. We caught several over-slot reds this week along with upper slot fish and a few rats with this tactic. One favorite mile of shoreline was good for over a dozen reds a few trout over 20 inches, plus a snook or two.

What seemed to be the key to catching these fish while jigging was to find a long windblown mangrove shoreline in roughly two to four feet of water, depending on the clarity of the water,



Nick Basilio of Pennsylvania with a 31-inch snook caught fishing the Chino Island Channel with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week



Nick Basilio with a black drum, also caught in the China Island Channel

pick your soft plastic color. I generally match the water color to the color of the soft plastic swim bait. If the water is clear, throw a white or clear colored plastic; when the water is dirty, go with a root beer or new penny color. I don't use very many colors but changing up to match the water color can be the difference between night and day.

I rig my soft plastics on a 1/4 oz. or larger jig head depending on the water depth. Pick a jig head with a strong, wide gap hook. Don't skimp on the hook quality as a big redfish or snook can make short work of straightening out a light wire hook. Also look for a jig head that has barbs to hold the soft plastic on tightly. A small drop of super glue does wonders too.

Throwing jigs this week made for some great action. The soft plastics consistently caught the biggest snook, redfish and trout of the week. This method takes more skill and work than most bait fishing but the payoff can be well worth it. While working one favorite Sanibel shoreline this week, I hooked one of the bigger snook I have seen in months. I tried to tow the pig of a snook clear of the trees

on the trolling motor but this fish just could not be turned on the 15-pound test spinning gear in my hand. One jump and a big head shake under a low mangrove limb and it was all over.

When most people think of throwing soft plastic jigs, they think of being out on a grass flat catching trout. But soft plastics are a universal bait that, with the right size jig head, can be fished just about anywhere in any condition with great results. Give them a shot on a mangrove shoreline near you. They will help you to catch fish that are often just too spread out to find and catch while fishing with live bait.

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

White Pelican Release



by Patricia Molloy

Houdini has come home for Christmas.

As featured in the CROW Case Of The Week for November 30, this once gravely ill bird was successfully rehabilitated by the

medical staff of the Sanibel wildlife clinic.

On November 28, CROW volunteer Ron Frazer returned the former patient to his home on Pine Island after an intensive three-week stay. As soon as the gate was opened, the majestic bird with a nine-foot wingspan eagerly escaped the confines of the carrier and took to the skies. "When it's low tide, there's a sand bar out there that is exposed on which he hangs out with other white pelicans," said property owner Dot Gulnac.

Gulnac found the white pelican laying on the side of the driveway on November 11 and feared that he was far too ill to survive. "I never thought he would make it. I had found one three weeks before that was already dead from red tide." She arranged for him to be taken to the Kindness Animal Hospital in Cape Coral where Frazer picked up the rare bird and transport him to CROW.



He was very eager to fly to his favorite sandbar and greet his flock of friends

"I couldn't believe it when I saw him. He appeared to be unconscious in the back of a carrier with IVs attached," said Frazer.

An avid CROW supporter, Gulnac has rescued a number of sick wildlife patients over the years and particularly enjoys seeing the rehabilitated birds, turtles and otters returned to their homes.

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The pelican was all smiles as he leapt from the carrier (taken by an unmanned camera)



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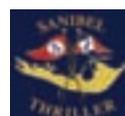


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Going Tribal At Sanibel Sea School

submitted by J. Bruce Neill, Ph.D.

Having a place to belong is a central part of the human experience. We seek community in many ways throughout the course of our lives. This is equally true for humans of all ages, not just us grown-ups. In recognition of this, community building is a central part of the Sanibel Sea School experience. Through their participation in Sanibel Sea School, our kids create a very strong sense of community that transcends both geography and time. This communal, ocean-based experience becomes a thread prominently woven through the fabric of their lives.

This sense of community is not accidental. In fact, one of the main goals of Sanibel Sea School is to remind us all that we are members of a common global community; a community supported by the ocean. We call our global ocean community the Ocean Tribe. As you likely already know, we often create strong interpersonal bonds while joining forces to accomplish a single goal, not related to

bonding; the bonding is a byproduct of our other activities. At Sanibel Sea School, our common goal is to learn more about, and explore the ocean around us.

So, if you know a child who would like to have, possibly, the best holiday experience of their life while learning about the ocean, with other kids like them, look no further than Sanibel Sea School's Holiday Camp, "One Ocean, One Tribe." This year's camp will be a celebration of our connection on our ocean planet.

Kids ages 6 to 13 will learn and explore the concept of unity as it relates to marine life. They'll have fun canoeing through San Carlos Bay and practicing their maneuvering skills like a school of fish, looking for unified pods of dolphins, surfing as teams, playing communal



Spots are going quickly for Sanibel Sea School's Holiday Camp

games, making art and creating sand sculptures. At the end of the week, we will all blow-paint our handprints onto the building as a testament to our lasting membership in the Ocean Tribe.

We are trying to better accommodate the needs of our families during the holidays by offering a half-day camp to provide families with more scheduling flexibility. The first week of camp will run three half-days from December 26 to 28 – choose from either the morning session (9 a.m. to noon) or the afternoon session (1 to 4 p.m.) – priced at \$90 per child per half-day session, plus a one-time \$50 registration fee.

A five-day camp will offer both half-day and full-day sessions from December 31 to January 4. Here, parents can choose from morning sessions (9 a.m. to noon), afternoon sessions (1 to 4 p.m.) or full days (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Tuition for this week will be \$150 per child for a half-day session or \$250 for the full-day option, plus a one-time \$50 registration fee.

For ocean-loving kids, there's no better way to spend their school break than at Sanibel Sea School's Holiday Camp.

Spots are going quickly, so register your child today by calling 472-8585. Gift certificates are available and make a great stocking stuffer.

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Shell Museum Begins Production Of Audio Tours



NBC-2 morning anchor Clay Miller

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is currently in the pre-production stages of an exciting enhancement to the visitor experience. In the coming months, the museum will produce and deliver audio tours for eight of the more than 30 exhibits currently on display in the Great Hall of Shells. The museum is pleased to announce that Fort Myers local NBC affiliate co-anchor Clay Miller has agreed to provide the voice talent for the tours, which will be made available using 21st-century technology.

Working with Watertown Productions, an internationally renowned motion picture and video production company based in Washington, DC, the museum will make the audio tours available at no charge to visitors who have smart phones or other interactive devices. For visitors without the required hardware, the museum will provide small iPods with pre-loaded audio tours for a small fee. The museum is able to fund the production and delivery of the audio tours with proceeds from the 2012 edition of its "Oyster Eating Contest," which Mr. Miller has emceed for the past three years, and with additional funding from the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau's Tourist Development Council grant program, earmarked for arts and attractions visitor enhancements.

With the growing use of smart devices, the museum and the visitors will benefit with a more consistent educational experience while allowing the museum's corps of volunteers who serve as docents to answer questions about other exhibits. The museum intends to increase the number of exhibits included on the audio tour in the future and hopes to fund the development of the same tours in multiple languages, providing the increasing international visitors to learn about shells and mollusks in their native languages.

The non-profit Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum features more than 35 exhibits of mollusks from around the world. Museum exhibits are devoted to shells in art and history, shell habitat, rare specimens, fossil shells, common Southwest Florida shells and more. For additional information, visit www.shellmuseum.org.



Daniel Shimberg and Joshua Lind

Creative Beach Play

Two grandsons of Sanibel residents Orlene and Steve Shimberg got creative on the beach recently. Instigated by Daniel's sister, Naomi, the two cousins had many passersby laughing at the results.*

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Hannah Fay from The Sanibel School shares her photo with a classmate



Photographer Sara Lopez shares a photo opportunity with Sanibel School student Pierce Hobbs

was shining, the birds were feeding and the students fanned out along the drive to capture their photos.

Not only were birds in abundance, but students also discovered flowers, colorful leaves, insects, mangrove tree crabs, horseshoe crabs and even a mangrove water snake. A large female horseshoe crab partially buried in the sand next to the road was returned to the water by ranger Becky while students photographed the rescue.



Students photograph a horseshoe crab prior to its rescue

The annual event is sponsored in part by Edison National Bank and Bank of the Islands. The students choose their best photo to enter in a school contest. Winners are provided with prizes donated by the banks.

Teacher Joy Williams and retired teacher Carolina Gora from Cypress Lake, along with teacher Kurt Schulte from The Sanibel School, were presented with gift bags from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society for their dedication to their students and hard work throughout the year.

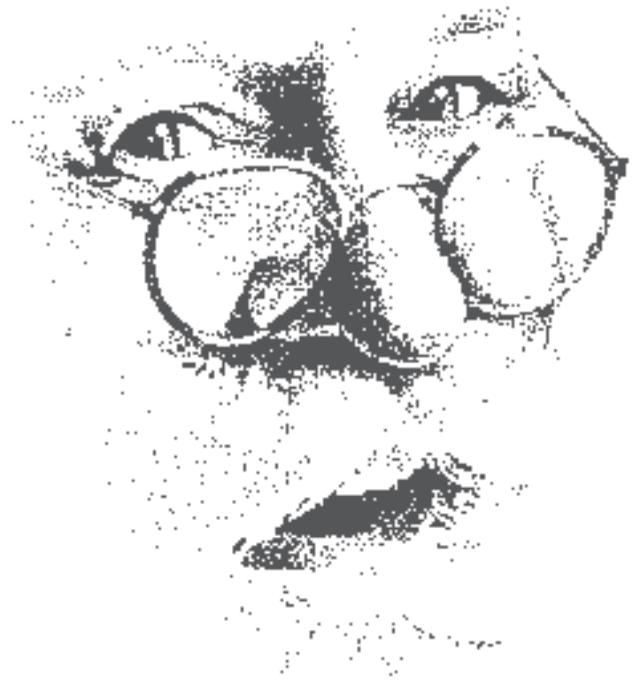
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Plant Smart

Slender Flattop Goldenrod

by Gerri Reaves

Slender flattop goldenrod (*Euthamia caroliniana*) can transform a wild field to a sea of gold.

This native wildflower blooms exuberantly in summer and fall. Colonies of this hardy perennial are usually found in dry sunny areas such as meadows, pinelands and roadsides that have sandy well-drained soil.

Its most common name is a misnomer. A member of the aster family, it is not a true goldenrod but resembles and is related to it. Another common name, slender goldentop, suits it better.

Numerous small flowers make up flowerheads that range from only a few inches to almost a foot in width. The plant is often as wide as it is high, with a maximum height of about three feet.

The very narrow leaves alternate on slender upright stems that branch and into the clusters of flowers.

Fast-growing and low-maintenance, this plant is perfect for a natural or wildflower garden, where it will attract butterflies, birds and bees.

It will tolerate dry periods, but does prefer moisture. It cannot tolerate salty or brackish water.

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Sources: *Wildflowers of Florida* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela,



Slender flattop goldenrod attracts butterflies like this gray hairstreak

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Orchid Society Holiday Luncheon

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Cost for the luncheon is \$20 for San-Cap Orchid Society members and \$24 for guests, which includes tax and gratuity. Luncheon choices include a seafood crepe or an open-faced chicken sandwich with melted cheese, bacon and tomato. All entrees include non-alcoholic beverages, a small tossed salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert. Cocktails, wine and beer are also available for additional purchase. Membership dues for 2012-13 are \$20. Reservations for the luncheon, including choice of entree, should be made with payment to the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society by December 10.

To make reservations, contact San-Cap Orchid Society treasurer Marilyn Kloosterman at 472-9408. For all other questions, call Nannette Lehr at 395-3327.✽

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SCCF is one of only two environmental non-profit organizations in Florida to receive Charity Navigator's highest 4-star ranking, and one of 98 environmental non-profits nationwide to achieve that distinction. The Naples-based Conservancy of Southwest Florida was also elevated to a 4-star rating during the November 2012 announcements.

"We are honored to receive Charity Navigator's highest rating," said SCCF President Paul Roth. "This distinction gives our supporters the assurance that we practice good stewardship when applying their donations to the execution of SCCF's mission."

In a letter announcing the 4-star rating, Charity Navigator President and CEO Ken Berger wrote in part that, in receiving the highest possible rating, SCCF "adheres to good governance and other best practices and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way."

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SCCF President Paul Roth, President-elect Linda Uhler and Executive Director Erick Lindblad celebrate earning Charity Navigator's highest 4-star rating

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Celebrating the 45th anniversary of its founding, SCCF is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.✧

Fish Caught



Jesse Burns and his catch

Despite the cool weather conditions during Thanksgiving week, Jesse Burns (11) from Salida, Colorado caught-and-released this jack cravelle on November 21. It weighed in at almost 4 pounds. He was fishing from the rocks at Turner Beach, using light spinning gear with 10 pound test line and live minnow bait. Along with his dad, Brian Burns, Jesse was fishing with Stu and Russ Turner from Madison, Indiana.✧

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Sanibel Youngster Joins Professional Cast At Broadway Palm

by Jeff Lysiak

Almost from the time he was learning to talk, Henry Crater was turning words into songs.

So it may come as no surprise that the 10-year-old Sanibel resident is now using his singing skills and has become a professional actor, part of the ensemble cast of *Miracle On 34th Street* currently playing at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers.

"I don't get nervous when I'm on stage because I'm up there with a lot of other people," said Crater, a former student at The Sanibel School currently a 5th grader enrolled at The Canterbury School. "It's a lot of fun playing a character... learning my lines... doing different scenes... just performing."

According to Crater's mother, Dana, Henry has always been a very musical child, who began taking piano lessons at age four. After the family moved from Charleston, South Carolina to Sanibel in 2009, the aspiring actor decided to attend the Florida Repertory Theatre Summer Camp and took part in a production of *Alice In Wonderland*.

"(Acting) was something I thought I could do during the summer, and something I could do with my best friend, Andrew," said Henry. "And I think that my singing got better when I played the King of Hearts."

Recently, Henry tried out to be part of Broadway Palm's musical version of the



Sanibel resident Henry Crater can be seen in the production of *Miracle On 34th Street* through Christmas Day, December 25 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers

holiday classic *Miracle On 34th Street*, which is based on the 1947 Academy Award-winning film.

Rehearsals for the production started on November 8 and live performances began on November 22. Crater has been cast among the two children's ensemble members who take turns performing.

However, the job requires Henry to attend rehearsals and live performances as well as be available in case another actor does not show up or becomes ill.

"It's a very busy schedule, but because it's what he loves, we make it work," said Dana, whose eight-year-old daughter, Annabel, wants to become an actress.

In the first week since *Miracle On 34th Street* opened, a few of Henry's school friends have come to see him perform in the musical. Although he couldn't remember exactly what they told him after the show, he did recall that his adult admirers tell him, "Very well done."

"I think that his friends are just excited to see him up on the stage and staying in character throughout the entire show," added Dana.

Miracle On 34th Street is playing through Tuesday, December 25 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Crater is scheduled to perform in a total of 20 live shows. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Crater, who will turn 11 on December 13, said that while he enjoys acting, he thinks he may want to pursue a career as a musician or a composer.

"I like the acting style of Jim Carrey, especially his facial expressions," said Henry. "He does a lot of different personalities in a lot of his movies."

Following his work in *Miracle On 34th Street*, Henry has already been cast in Broadway Palm's upcoming production of *The Sound Of Music* in the role of Kurt. And joining the ranks of acting professionals in the Crater family will be Annabel, who also has been cast in the role of Marta. The show will run at the Broadway Palm from February 21 through April 6.

Dana and Scott Crater also have a five-year-old son, Luke.*



Henry Crater, pictured with his fellow *Miracle On 34th Street* castmates at the Broadway Palm

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The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida

Christmas Concert Coming To BIG ARTS

by Jim George

Get ready for an infusion of the Christmas spirit next weekend. The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida brings an old fashioned Christmas concert to BIG ARTS on Saturday, December 15, a holiday potpourri sure to create a warm holiday musical experience. Then on Sunday, December 16, they appear with the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra and Gulf Shore Ballet at Barbara B. Mann Performance Hall in Fort Myers in a concert billed as Deck The Halls.

The BIG ARTS program, called Holiday Evergreens, is a mix of popular holiday favorites with a few classical

offerings, including works by Vaughan Williams, Grant Still and John Rutter. The Chorale is emphasizing a family holiday atmosphere with a mix of popular standards and some classics that will set just the right mood for the Christmas season.

Featured numbers will include *Christmas in the Western World* – Grant Still; *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* – Ralph Vaughan Williams; *The First Noel* – Arthur Harris; *Very Best Time of the Year* – John Rutter; *White Christmas* – Irving Berlin; and *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas* – Martin & Blane.

The orchestra will be featured in *Sleigh Ride* – Leroy Anderson; *A Charlie Brown Christmas* – Vince Guaraldi Trio; and *Fantasia on Greensleeves* – Ralph Vaughan Williams.

And don't be surprised with a couple of Christmas carols that includes the audience.

"This will be an old fashioned con-

cert of Christmas music," said Tim McDonnell, artistic director who will conduct the orchestra and chorus. "Expect to hear and participate in some of the most treasured Christmas music and bring the kids, too."

Formerly the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus, the 80-voice group is now an independent chorus. They quickly established themselves as the premier chorus in the Fort Myers/Naples area noted for the rich texture of their sound, the blend of their voices and their versatility.

They have an active schedule for the season with several concerts planned with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. Their season this year will celebrate *American Song – From Broadway to Main Street*.

BIG ARTS tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 17 and under. Tickets may be purchased by calling BIG ARTS at 395-0900. Early ticket purchase

is suggested.

Tickets for the Barbara B. Mann concert are available online at www.bbmannpah.com.✱

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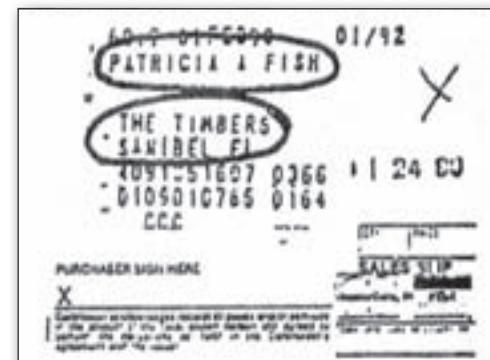
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Miriam Margolyes To Perform At Herb Strauss Theater

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater presents award-winning British actress Miriam Margolyes in her one-woman show, *Dickens' Women*. The opened December 4 and runs through December 9.

The play is as much about Dickens himself as it is about the 23 characters performed by Margolyes. Dickens' popularity has continued long after his death and this year, the 200th anniversary of his birth, he remains one of the best-known and most-read English authors. At least 180 motion pictures and TV adaptations based on Dickens' works have been produced. However, Margolyes offers a different perspective on the man himself. "He's a surprising man," Margolyes said. "Much crueler than people expect, so I hope the show will shock the audience and remove them from the comfort zone people usually expect from Dickens."

Dickens' Women was developed by Miriam Margolyes and Sonia Fraser, and it has traveled worldwide, including London, Jerusalem, Santa Cruz, New York, Boston, Sydney, Auckland and throughout India and South Africa. In 1992 it was nominated for the Olivier Award. The show is produced by Richard Jordan Productions in association with Andrew McKinnon and Pleasance.

A reviewer in the *Herald Sun* wrote, "It's all immense fun, even if you're unfamiliar with the novels. There's an earthiness and a cleverness that feeds into Margolyes's acting. She can pull faces and pull off dozens of voices, but there's so much more to her and her work. There's a creative spirit, a restlessness which helps keep a well-drilled work fresh and utterly live."



Miriam Margolyes in *Dickens' Women*
photo by Chuck Colbert

Margolyes has achieved success on both sides of the Atlantic. Winner of the BAFTA Best Supporting Actress Award in 1993 for *The Age of Innocence*, she also received Best Supporting Actress at the 1989 LA Critics Circle Awards for her role in *Little Dorrit* and a Sony Radio Award for Best Actress on Radio in 1993. She is considered the most famous female voice in England and her award-winning audio book recordings are international best sellers. She is particularly proud of *The Queen and I*, in which she played every member of the Royal Family. She has voiced many animation films and was Fly in *Babe*, the Matchmaker in *Mulan* and voiced *Happy Feet* and *Flushed Away*.

Some of Miriam's most memorable film credits in more than 40 films include *Yentl*; *Little Shop of Horrors*; *I Love You to Death*; *Cold Comfort Farm*; *Romeo + Juliet* (with Leonardo DiCaprio); *End of Days* (with Arnold Schwarzenegger); *Sunshine*; *Magnolia*; *Ladies in Lavender*; *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers* and Professor Pomona Sprout in the Harry Potter franchise.

Margolyes' stage career includes such credits as the Los Angeles production of *Romeo & Juliet*; *She Stoops to Conquer*, and *Orpheus Descending* (all for Sir Peter Hall); *The Killing of Sister George*; *The Threepenny Opera* (Tony Richardson); Yenta the Matchmaker in *Fiddler on the Roof*; and *The Vagina Monologues*. She originated the role of Madame Morrible in *Wicked* in London and subsequently reprised it for the musical's Broadway debut.

Notable television credits include *Freud*; *The Life and Loves of a She-Devil*; *Blackadder I, II and III*; *Oliver Twist*; *Vanity Fair*; and *Supply and Demand*. She played Franny in the CBS sitcom *Frannie's Turn*, and starred in the Miss Marple episode *Murder at the Vicarage*. She has played Queen Victoria twice and toured America in the footsteps of Charles Dickens in a memorable TV documentary, *Dickens in America*.

In 2002, Margolyes was awarded an Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II for her services to drama.

Performances of *Dickens' Women* are 8 p.m. December 8, and a 3 p.m. matinee December 9, with a post-performance Talkback with Margolyes. Tickets are \$42 for adults, \$20 for children and under. Herb Strauss Theater's season continues with *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings*, playing December 17 to 31. For tickets call 395-0900.

Dickens' Women is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor LAT Foundation.

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Groups of 10 or more are eligible for discount rates; prices range from \$25 to \$36 per ticket. Groups of 50 or more receive a greater discount.

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BIG ARTS Dance Season To Feature Hammerstep, Koresh Companies



Garrett Coleman and Jason Oremus of Hammerstep

BIG ARTS presents several dance performances this season, including Irish Step and Hip Hop dance group Hammerstep (January 19) and Koresh Dance Company's "Twenty Years" (February 9).

Created and directed by two-time World Champion Irish step dancer Garrett Coleman and former lead of Riverdance Jason Oremus, Hammerstep made its official U.S. preview in May 2011 with two performances at the Lincoln Center Atrium alongside Grammy Award nominee Dave Eggar. More recently, the company performed at the prestigious Palace Theatre on London's West End.

Oremus and Coleman, with their group of tap and hip-hop dancers, are attempting to break the preconceptions of Irish dance by fusing it with other dance forms, popular culture and comedy. This groundbreaking show integrates traditional Irish step, tap and



Hammerstep Dance Company performing

hip hop dance forms and presents them through cutting edge choreography, lights and sound in a way that reinvents the typical dance show experience.

Hammerstep helped organize an Irish dance flash mob with the cast of Riverdance for St. Patrick's Day 2011 in Sydney, Australia, where 150 dancers staged an "out-break" of Irish dance. The event went viral over the Internet, and gained more than two million hits on YouTube within a year.

General seating is \$42, loge seats are \$47 and student admission is \$15. Tapestry Dance Company's performance is at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 19 at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall.

Hammerstep performance Benefactor Sponsor The Ferguson Foundation and Supporter Traders Café.

BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

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Under the leadership of Office Manager Sandy Simmons, members of the church collected a variety of items for each of the six recipients who are serving in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy, in places ranging from Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf, and Guam. Items packaged up by the church included healthy snacks, toiletries, books, magazines, puzzle books, pens, pencils, small flashlights, hand towels, washcloths, candy, and Christmas stockings. The boxes were all shipped in mid-November to

insure their being received by Christmas. Some of the recipients have already gotten their Christmas packages.

One letter of thanks came from Captain Brian Winter, Afghanistan. In part the note read, "The box the church sent arrived. I am very appreciative of all the support from everyone." The members of the military involved in the project may not be home for Christmas, but a little bit of home has reached each of them with notes of gratitude from the congregation for their willingness to serve our nation.*



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The Nature Store will be selling its new line of privately labeled Naples soap bars and other of its new 30 items to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), which operates the store for the benefit of the refuge.

Holiday music and free spiced hot cider will set a festive mood for Holly-Day. Plan on guest appearances from the Holiday Blue Goose for picture-taking. Free gift-wrapping with recycled holiday paper is available.

In addition to the Holly-Day special offerings, shoppers will find a complete line of birding and nature books, toys, clothing, fine binoculars, and other unique gifts.

The 2012 Luc Century limited-edition etched-glass ornament will be available, this year showcasing a mother manatee and calf. Century is known for his work on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC, and his annual refuge ornaments are collector's items.

The Refuge Nature Store is located within the free "Ding" Darling Education Center. Plan on visiting the new Marvelous Manatee and other free exhibits while there.

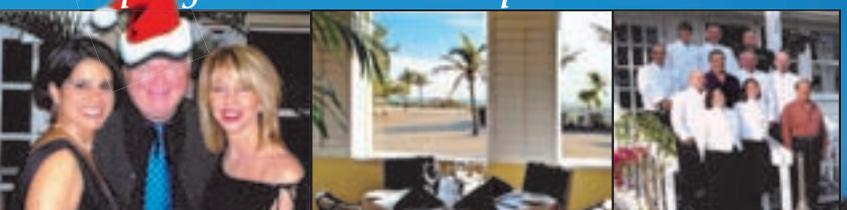
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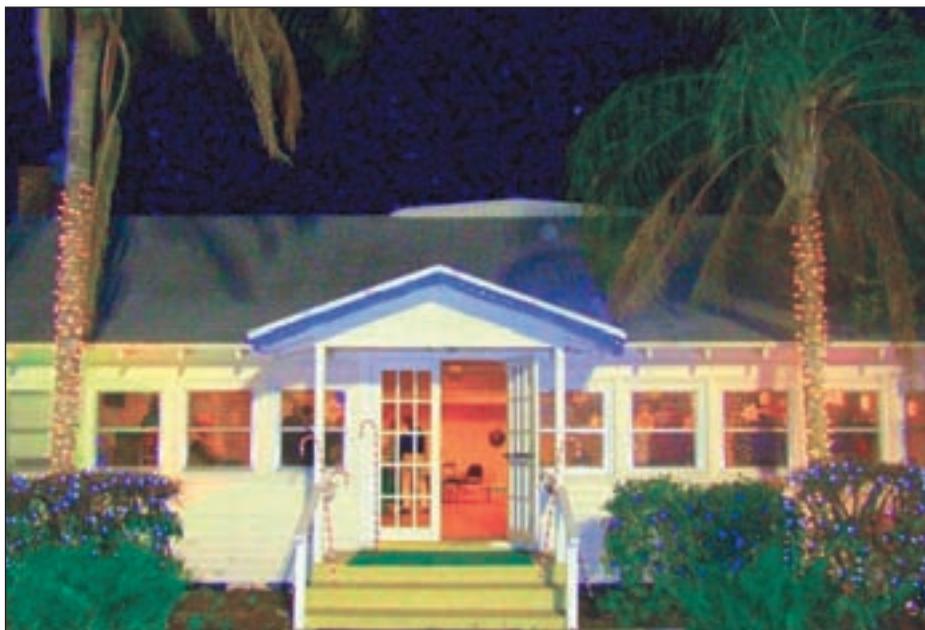
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Students from the Children's Education Center of the Islands will sing on the front steps at 5:30 p.m. Photos with the Gingerbread Man and Snowman will be available for a minimal fee. Hot dogs, chips, popcorn and drinks will be on sale at a nominal price and proceeds will go to support military troops.

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Peter Grimes From La Scala Added To Opera & Ballet In Cinema Season



Peter Grimes opera from La Scala

photo by Brescia Amisano

BIG ARTS continues its 2012-13 Opera & Ballet In Cinema season continues on December 14 with the operas *Peter Grimes*, *Norma* (January 10), *Carmen* (February 27), and ballets *Don Quixote* (March 27) and *The Rite of Spring* (April 11). All screenings begin at 7 p.m. at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. General admission seats are \$20.

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Benjamin Britten's *Peter Grimes* premiered in London in 1945. It is set in a drab fishing village on the east coast of England around 1830, and is described by Britten as "the struggle of the individual against the masses." *Peter Grimes* is about a fisherman accused by his neighbors of committing unspeakable crimes, and how their actions ripple further and further. Britten's incredible score includes the Four Sea Interludes, instrumental music between scenes that perfectly express the mystery and pain at the

heart of this opera. This production, captured live at La Scala in May 2012, stars John Graham-Hall, Susan Grifton, Christopher Purves and Felicity Palmer.

Norma is considered Vincenzo Bellini's magnum opus, and the apex of the bel canto operatic style. The opera is the story of a high priestess forced to choose between duty and desire, due to her treasonous love for a Roman soldier. This production stars Chiara Taigi, Gregory Kunde, Irina Lungu and Giacomo Prestia. Flowing, lyrical melodies – including the infamously difficult soprano aria *Casta Diva* – heighten this sweeping drama.

Carmen is an opera in four acts by Bizet, set in Seville, Spain in the early 1800s. It tells the story of the downfall of Don José, a naïve soldier seduced by the charms of Carmen, a young gypsy maiden. When Carmen abandons José for the toreador Escamillo, José seeks fatal revenge against Carmen for her treachery. *Votre toast, je peux vous le rendre*, the toreador's song from Act 2, is one of the best-known arias in the history of opera.

Based on the epic masterpiece by Cervantes, *Don Quixote* is a ballet which follows the aged don's quest for the love of his dream woman, Dulcinea, whom he believes he has found in the earthly form of peasant girl Kitri. His plans clash, however, with Kitri's father's insistence that she marry a rich nobleman instead of her penniless lover, the barber Basilio. This stunning production from Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet stars Natalia Osipova and Ivan Vasiliev.

From Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow, *The Rite of Spring* is a ballet with music by Igor Stravinsky and choreography by Vaslav Nijinsky. With music by Igor Stravinsky, *The Rite of Spring* had its premiere in Paris in 1913, and has been entirely re-choreographed for the Bolshoi by Wayne McGregor for the 100th anniversary of the work's creation. Bolshoi Ballet artistic director Sergei Filin said, "What makes this program unique is that it will feature four different versions of *The Rite of Spring* to music by Stravinsky." The Finnish National Ballet, the Béjart Ballet Lausanne, the Pina Bausch Dance Theatre, and the Bolshoi will each perform their version of *The Rite of Spring*. In addition, the companies will present some pieces from their current repertoire. *The Rite of Spring* was popularized through Walt Disney's *Fantasia* in 1940, wherein it is the fourth piece in the film's program, depicting the evolution of life on earth.

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Wagner's *Lohengrin* opera from La Scala will not be shown on December 7 at BIG ARTS, as was scheduled; the screening has been cancelled.

Tickets for all Opera & Ballet In Cinema performances may be purchased online at www.BIGARTS.org and also by calling BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900 or visiting BIG ARTS Center at 900 Dunlop Road.

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Golf Cart Parade

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Holiday Village

- Books Make The Best Gifts at the Captiva Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m.
- Captiva Memories: Earth, Wind & Water at the Captiva Community Center, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 7

- Sanibel Luminary Evening, 5:30 to 9 p.m.
- Sunset Arias on the beach at Tween Waters Inn, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

• *America's Darling*, a new documentary on the life of Jay Norwood Darling, screening at the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8

- Golf Cart Parade starts at South Seas Island Resort traveling down Captiva Drive, 3:30 p.m.

• Captiva Luminary Stroll throughout the Captiva Village area and Chadwick's Square

• Photographic Sampler at the Captiva Memorial Library Collection

• Catch the trolley from South Seas Island Resort to Tween Waters Inn with three stops in between to enjoy shopping, entertainment and food, 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

• Carol Sing at Chapel-by-the-Sea, plus a post-carol reception at Captiva Civic Association Hall, 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.CaptivaHolidayVillage.com. ✨



Bank of the Islands' Rob Lisenbee and Pam Edwards with the 2012 Angel Tree

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Master Gardeners To Meet

Attention Sanibel-Captiva gardeners. Due to a special event by the Sanibel Library involving the entire facility, the December meeting of the master gardener lecture series will be held on the second Thursday, December 13 at 10 a.m. at the library. The remainder of the 2013 programs will all be held on the first Thursday of each month has been the case for the past eight years.

The speaker for the December 13 program is Sonja Smith, a master gardener for 23 years, who will speak on Garden Lore – Examination of Gardening Practices. She will validate or debunk many of the commonly accepted good gardening practices. Two of the most respected academic authorities (authors and research professors) state that any planting instructions and many other practices written prior to 1987 are no longer valid.

Smith will discuss and illustrate how to plant a root bound herb or shrub, the proper depth and size of planting hole, the use and amount of organic backfill, to prune or not prune a newly planted herb or shrub or tree, the proper depth and size of planting hole, proper container planting of vegetables, herbs and flowers, best practices in cleaning tools, merits of compost, the leading cause of decline or death of shrubs and trees, and irrigation recommendations for new trees and shrubs. She will compare eight beneficial animal manures and some fascinating facts on organically grown food and recommendations for fertilization of native and non-native plants.

The speaker has taken these guidelines which have been adopted by American Nursery and Landscape Association, American Society of Consulting Arborists, American Society of Landscape Architects and the Tree Care Industry Association and Land Grant American Universities such as University of Florida for her talk.

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Tickets On Sale For *Cirque Vertigo*

Tickets for *Cirque Vertigo* are now on sale. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at The Community House will be held on Saturday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. The show will feature aerials, graceful and daring stage acts, and humor.

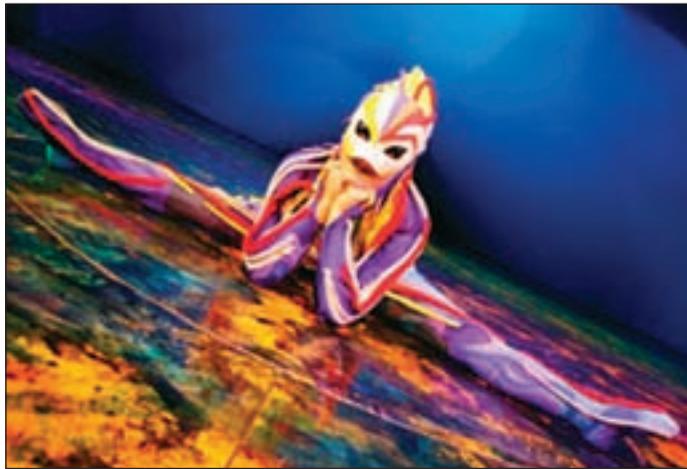
"We wanted our annual fundraiser to bring something totally different and exciting to our versatile Community House," said Marge Meek, president of the Sanibel Community Association. "What fun to have a ringside seat to watch top performers in the cirque tradition!"

The *Cirque Vertigo* troupe brings together two legendary circus families; the Wallendas and the Arestovs, who are well known around the world. Acrobatics, balancing acts and flying aerials will all be a part of the show, designed specifically for The Community House audience.

The evening begins with a sampling of gourmet food and drinks. There will be a martini bar set up for the evening. Atmosphericals, performers who circulate through the crowd, will set the mood with their tricks and daring feats. Then the main event will transform the auditorium into The Greatest Show on Sanibel.

The event sponsor is Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, continuing with financial support for the annual fundraiser. Thanks goes out to the following businesses who are providing the food and the martini bar: Cip's Place, Sweet Melissa's Café, The Sanctuary Golf Club, and Keylime Bistro.

Tickets are \$100, reserved seating, and space is limited. Call 472-2155 or stop by The Community House.✪



The *Cirque Vertigo* troupe is coming to entertain islanders

Shadows And Reflections Exhibit At BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS is presenting Sanibel Captiva Art League's *Shadows and Reflections* juried visual arts exhibit December 6 through January 12 in the Phillips Gallery.

Original works will be displayed in a variety of media with reflections and shadows.

Judge for this exhibit is Dana Roes, professor of art at Edison State College, Fort Myers. During her studies, Roes spent a year in Iceland on a Fulbright Scholarship which culminated in an exhibition of her series, *The Red Body*, at the Gallery Listamidstodim.

Her work has been included in numerous exhibitions throughout the United States as well as in Sweden, Australia, and China and she has been featured in solo exhibitions at the Fay Gold Gallery in Atlanta and the Larry Siroli Gallery in Chelsea. She joined Edison State in 2009 after teaching at Savannah College of Art and Design and Carnegie-Mellon.

A gallery lecture will be led by Roes on Tuesday, December 4, at 2 p.m. A reception and awards ceremony will take place Friday, December 14, from 5:30 to



Juror Dana Roes

7 p.m. in Phillips Gallery.

Phillips Gallery Patron Sponsor is FineMark National Bank & Trust.

For additional information about these exhibits, BIG ARTS events and membership, or to sign up for workshops, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; call 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.✪

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Holly Ball Festivities

"We are grateful to the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company for being the Master Sponsor of this event," said Steve Greenstein, CROW's executive director. "Their generosity will continue to help us make a difference in the lives of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife."

The "Holly Belles," under the direction of Merrill Taylor, have planned an enjoyable evening to benefit CROW. Belles include Harriet Pattison, Vonnie Dressel, Nicole McHale, Melinda Graham, Sally Hanser and Cindy Crocker. Golden Table Sponsors are The Burns Family Team, John and Donna Schubert, Dale and Libby Hanson, Mike Hall and Helene Farrell.

The "Belles" have put together an exciting raffle basket that features gift certificates from many island businesses including restaurants, boutiques, landscaping, artist, collectibles and spa services. Live auction items include a sunset cruise on Captiva with cocktails and dinner, donated by Dan and Krys Stegmann; an afternoon to Useppa Island aboard a 52-foot Saber, donated by Cindy and Doug Crocker; a three-night Smoky Mountain getaway in a scenic lodge for 14 guests, donated by the Burns Family Team; a shopping spree to Congress Jewelers and a four-course dinner with wine pairings for four at Traders, donated by Melissa and Scot Congress and Traders.

"Our committee is excited about the

auction items since they share the theme of having unique gatherings with friends to celebrate the New Year," said Merrill Taylor.

"The Holly Ball combines first-class Sanctuary hospitality, island neighbors and the incredible holiday generosity that these islands are famous for" added CROW president John Schubert. "We hope to see everyone enjoying the event and supporting CROW at the same time!"

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Bird Count

Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition, a "Christmas bird census" that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them. So began the Christmas Bird Count.

Thanks to the inspiration of Chapman and the enthusiasm of 27 dedicated birders, 25 Christmas Bird Counts were held that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario, to Pacific Grove, California with most counts in or near the population centers in northeastern North America. Those original 27 Christmas Bird Counters tallied a total of 90 species on all the counts combined.

Volunteers are needed for this year's CBC on Sanibel and Captiva. Birding skills are helpful but not necessary. If you would like to participate in this year's

Sanibel-Captiva CBC, you can sign up or get more information by calling 395-3804.

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Sanibel Stoop

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Organizers aren't slowing down for the 76th annual Sanibel Shell Fair & Show scheduled for March 7, 8 and 9. This three-day event is one of the largest and longest running festivals dedicated to shells. With a full and diverse calendar of events, the festival features educational displays, arts and crafts made from shells and competitions for enthusiasts and novice collectors alike.

"Thousands of people come from all over the world to attend our festival," Meek said. "We plan to make it bigger and better than ever. We are going to sell T-shirts with the Guinness seal on the back. We are very proud of our world record title."

The 2013 festival will be held at the Sanibel Community House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The theme will be "Color Your World With Shells."

For a video of the Sanibel Stoop Guinness World Record attempt, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=im1dwxYWI9k.

Sanibel Dog Licenses Now On Sale

Sanibel Dog Licenses officially went on sale Monday, December 3 at the Sanibel Recreation Center, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The cost of a dog license is \$10; proof of current rabies inoculation is required at the time of purchase.

Due to the fact that veterinarians are now giving rabies inoculations with 1 to 3 year validity, please give the expiration date on the dog license application form and not the date the inoculation was given.

Please remember, we all love our pets, but only service animals are allowed inside the Rec Center. Additionally, a \$5 late fee is charged for any dog license obtained after January 31, 2013.

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Councilman Not Impressed With Elections Excuses

by Anne Mitchell

Lee County Supervisor of Elections Sharon Harrington was in the hot seat Tuesday when the Sanibel City Council members quizzed her about what she was doing to make sure that voters would not have to wait in line for seven hours or more in the next election.

Harrington gave council background on Florida's voting procedures, funding and the fact that supervisors are governed by state law on funding and types of amount of equipment used as well as time allowed for early voting. She said that she will attending a meeting of the Association of Supervisors in the next few days and hopes members will opt to lobby for some changes.

She also said that Lee was not the only county with long lines and she planned to confer with other supervisors in search of solutions.

"We will definitely need more money," she added.

Beaches Again Under Discussion During EAR Debate

by Anne Mitchell

More parsing of phrases and splitting of hairs went on Tuesday when the Sanibel City Council held the first reading and public hearing of the state-mandated Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). Municipalities have to update their comprehensive plans every seven years.

Over the many months that the planning commission, and then the council, have been working to update the plan, there have been debates over "should" versus "shall," "recommend" rather than "reaffirm," and, this week, "measurably" instead of "significantly" in terms of the city's position on protecting the natural beaches from degradation for the benefit of wildlife.

Retired attorney and Committee of the Islands (COTI) board member Larry Schopp argued for a different phrase, to wit, "Development, redevelopment and commercial activity shall not diminish the usefulness of the beach habitat for indigenous and migrating wildlife." He said "weasel words" or qualifiers, such as measurably, were mischievous and could be problematic in a courtroom if Sanibel's plan was challenged.

Council had asked Schopp at the last meeting to draft some wording, which he did in collaboration with the city attorney, but the wording presented on Tuesday came from the planning department, opting for any "measurable" degradation of the beaches over "significant" degradation not be tolerated.

As for reports that she gave back \$1.8 million in state funding, Harrington said it was money she couldn't touch and that it had to be returned.

Councilman Doug Congress said while he appreciated her meeting with city officials, he was not satisfied with her responses.

"I am... discouraged. I don't see you coming and telling me that despite all these obstacles, here's what we are going to do not to fail," he said. "There are a lot of legitimate excuses, but at the end of the day, we have got to get this right."

Congress added, "My recommendation is to come up with an optimistic plan... come hell or high water, to succeed. That is why you were voted into office."

Mayor Kevin Ruane noted that Sanibel went from three precincts to two, which had an impact on the wait times.

Vice Mayor Mick Denham asked Harrington to provide Sanibel officials three top issues they can address when meeting with state legislators ahead of the upcoming session.

Resident Gloria Hannen had the final word on the woes at the polls.

"I am impressed with the citizens of Sanibel and their determination to vote in the election," she said.✪

Schopp said either qualifier might allow for activities, such as hot dog stands and jet skis on the beach, if challenged in court.

"It sets the tone for what you are willing to accept. Then we might look like Andy Rosse Lane (on Captiva)," he added.

At a previous hearing, council opted not to commit to a beach carrying capacity study.

Councilman Marty Harrity took offense that Schopp had "so little confidence in our commitment to what Sanibel is," saying the council would never allow such a thing and that city ordinances precluded such activities.

It also prompted Harrity to disclose what he declined to disclose when asked last month about his plans to seek reelection.

"I am running again," he said with conviction.

Council members were mixed on their responses, but in the end they accepted "measurably," on a 3-1 vote with Vice Mayor Mick Denham opposed and Councilman Jim Jennings absent for that part of the meeting.

Another public hearing will be scheduled before the EAR-based amendment to The Sanibel Plan is transmitted to the state.✪

SPD Adds Officer

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel Police Chief Bill Tomlinson asked for – and received – the city's go-ahead to beef up his staff.

The city council on Tuesday voted 4-0 (with councilman Jim Jennings absent) to move \$76,191 from the reserve for contingencies to fund the changes.

Tomlinson asked for \$27,000 for an

entry level police officer for nine months; a five percent salary increase for one sergeant position (\$2,800); and \$3,500 for a 5 percent increase for one additional lieutenant.

That will increase police staffing by one full-time lieutenant. Lt. Scott Ashby, a 31-year veteran of the SPD, is retiring at the end of December.

In a memo, Tomlinson spoke of increased traffic and crime and the need for command level supervision during off hours and weekends.

"I want to make sure we have adequate coverage," he added.✪

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Captiva Community Panel

- Removal of exotic vegetation, including Brazilian pepper.

- Improving and enforcing county leash laws.

- Pedestrian safety.

- Developing a Captiva guidebook with simple explanations of current rules and regulations.

- Pursuing a lobbyist for Captiva to work on the local and state level on island issues.

- Pursuing a Coastal Communities Coalition, an NGO to lobby for the county's coastal communities.

Are there other short-term goals you think the panel and community need to address? Include a brief explanation about what you think needs to be done.

Long-term goals

Rank these in the order you believe

Home For The Holidays Fundraiser

Home for the Holidays is a meaningful phrase for many individuals who will celebrate Christmas at home with their loved ones. Another meaningful way to celebrate this season is by helping to ensure that others in your community have a home. Community Housing and Resources, Inc. (CHR) is conducting a Home for the Holidays fundraiser beginning next week.

Starting on December 10 and running through Christmas Eve, several local businesses will be asking customers if they would like to make a donation to help support affordable housing for island workers. Similar to other national campaigns, individuals will have the opportunity to make a donation as they check out at the grocery store or pay their tab at a restaurant. Donors will have the choice of signing a CHR House which will be displayed at the participating business.

Bailey's General Store, The Coffee Bar at Bailey's, The Sanibel Café, The Great White Grill, Island Pizza, Island BBQ, Sweet Melissa's Café,

they should be pursued, with 1 being most important and 3 being least important:

- A long-range (20 year-plus) vision for Captiva.

- Funding for the panel and other organizations or operations (code enforcement, limited county services on island, etc.).

- Coordination with other island organizations.

Are there other short-term goals you think the panel and community need to address? Include a brief explanation about what you think needs to be done:

Comments on both short- and long-term goals can be shared at the panel's next public meeting, set for Tuesday, December 11, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Room at Chadwicks Square. For those who cannot attend, comments and priorities can be emailed to captivacomcommunitypanel@gmail.com or faxed to 362-9771.✪

Valiquette, Heidrick Reappointed

Chairman Michael Valiquette and member Chris Heidrick were reappointed to their seats on the Sanibel Planning Commission.

Their terms were set to expire in January. The appointments are made by the city council.

Local attorney Jason Maughan and island newcomer Sean Pierce also put their names up for consideration.✪

Lazy Flamingo I and II, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Shiny Objects, Santiva General Store and The Restaurant at Sanibel Island Golf Club (formerly Beachview), Sanibel Captiva Community Bank and Bank of the Islands are the businesses that have signed on so far.

"We are grateful to the local businesses that have agreed to partner with us," said Richard McCurry. McCurry is a member of CHR's development committee and largely responsible for getting the Home for the Holidays fundraiser off the ground.

"People are more than willing to help out," said McCurry. "It shows that many individuals believe it's important to provide housing for island workers," he added.

The Home for the Holidays fundraiser will provide vital operating funds to assist CHR with providing affordable housing on Sanibel. The development committee is also in the planning stages of a Mardi Gras Party fundraiser to be held February 9 at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club.

CHR is a private not-for profit organization primarily dedicated to providing affordable housing to families and individuals who work on or serve the community of Sanibel. The agency oversees 74 rental units in 10 complexes throughout Sanibel Island and administers a Limited Equity Home Ownership program with Coastal Islands Community Land Trust.✪

A Nerdy Situation At Theatre Conspiracy



by Di Saggau

The Nerd by Larry Shue is now playing at Theatre Conspiracy. It's a funny play about the dilemma of a young architect who is suddenly visited by a man he's never met, who

Tansy concoct an uproarious eviction plan that backfires. There is no shortage of laughs during this scene. The play also has a surprise ending which is always a treat.

The Nerd is directed by Karen Goldberg and it's well worth seeing. It plays through December 15 at Theatre Conspiracy, Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, in Fort Myers. Stop by the box office or call 936-3239 for tickets.*

saved his life in Vietnam.

Anyone who remembers the nerdy character played years ago by Jerry Lewis, will see similarities in Jordan Wilson's performance as Rick Steadman, a hopelessly dimwitted nerd who outstays his welcome with a passionate vengeance.

Wilson appears to be made of rubber as he cavorts around the stage.

His voice is high pitched, and his facial expressions are priceless. He totally concentrates on being an obnoxious nerd and he carries it off with great hilarity.

Todd Fleck is Willum, the architect who has trouble making decisions. His two best friends are Tansy, played by Rachael Endrizzi, and Alex played by Christopher Brent. Tansy is Willum's love interest. She is moving to Washington, and Willum is afraid to do anything about it. As the witty Alex, Brent is gifted with many of the play's best lines.

Jim Yarnes is Warnock Waldgrave, a new nightmarish client of Willum's.

His wife Clelia is played by Helena Finnegan and their young daughter Medusa is played by Helen Krupp. To say the family is dysfunctional is an understatement. The combination of all the characters is what makes the play work. Each adds a unique personality to the goings-on.

All of the action takes place in Willum's very tasteful, very beige apartment. It's his birthday party but Willum isn't feeling much like celebrating because his girlfriend is leaving town and his new client is a demanding blockhead. At first, he is delighted when Rick pays him a visit. He feels indebted to him, that is until he discovers that Rick plans to stay forever.

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Todd Fleck and Jordan Willson in *The Nerd*

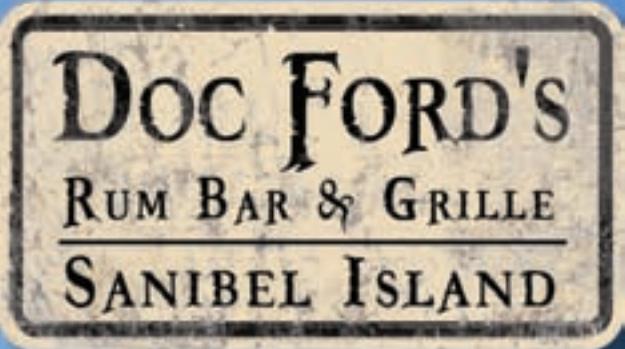
BIG ARTS Community Band Presents Sounds Of The Season

BIG ARTS Community Band Director Don Knowland invites residents and visitors to the holiday concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 11.

BIG ARTS Community Band will to perform many marches and holiday favorites including highlights from *The King and I*, *Bell Carol a la Big Band*, *Hanukkah Dance*, *Christmas on Broadway*, *Christmas Fanfare*, *Appalachian Carol*, *Jubilant Christmas* and *Overture for Winds*. The band will also play *O Holy Night*, accompanied by soloist Kathleen Lamade.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, children 17 and under are free with adult. BIG ARTS Community Chorus Holiday Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 6. Both concerts are in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

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BIG ARTS Film Society's Annual Meeting, Matinee Film Announced

BIG ARTS Film Society screens the final Not-For-Monday-Night Film with the 2011 drama, *In Darkness*. The film will include an introduction and discussion of the film led by longtime film buff Hyde Tucker. Filmgoers will also enjoy the enhanced viewing experience provided by a high-definition projection system and Blu-ray Disc player. Personal listening devices are available.

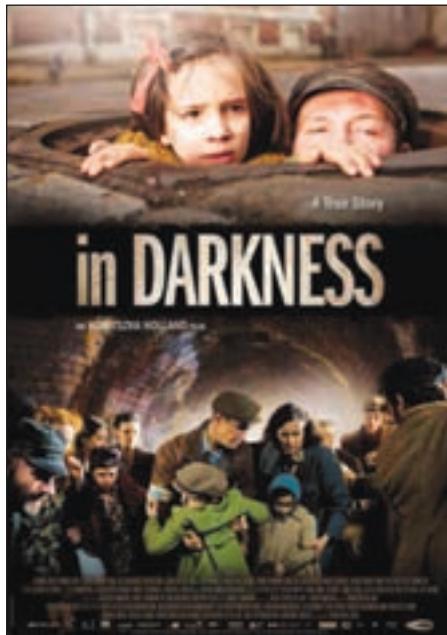
General admission seating is \$5. Rated R, *In Darkness* begins at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12.

A 2012 Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film, *In Darkness* is based on a true story of Leopold Socha, a sewer worker and petty thief in the 1940s Nazi-occupied city of Lvov, Poland who was paid to hide Jews in the labyrinth of the town's underground sewers. What starts out as a straightforward and cynical business arrangement turns into something very unexpected, as the enterprise seeps deeper into Socha's conscience. A.O. Scott of *The New York Times* says the film is "touching, warm and dramatically satisfying."

Also, the BIG ARTS Film Society's annual meeting will be held on Monday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery. All members of the community are invited to attend. The meeting will include an overview of the upcoming season, an introduction to members of the Executive Film Committee, and an open forum for suggestions for future films and Society events. If you are a film lover who believes in the power of movies to touch people's lives, be sure to attend this meeting and bring your ideas.

After the meeting *The Names of Love* will be shown in Schein Performance Hall at 7 p.m., as part of the regularly-scheduled Monday Night Film Series.

For more information, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.



Scene from *In Darkness*



An original oil on canvas by Sherry Collier offered at the Buy It Off the Wall exhibit

Mary Poppins Reduced Rate Tickets Available

Discounted tickets are on sale now for *Mary Poppins: The Broadway Musical* at the Barbara B. Mann on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Sanibel Recreation Center at a special reduced rate of \$69.50 for two tickets (two tickets for the price of one). Ticket sales end on December 14.

Mary Poppins is bringing its own brand of Broadway magic to theaters across the country, which has *Variety* raving, "This is the rare touring production that over-delivers on every level!!!" Featuring an irresistible story and unforgettable songs from one of the most popular Disney films of all time, plus brand-new breathtaking dance numbers and spectacular stage-craft, *Mary Poppins* is everything you could ever want in a hit Broadway show! So get swept up in the fun of this high-flying musical the *New York Post* gives 4 out of 4 stars and calls "a certifiable super hit!"

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.

Writers Present Poetry And Prose At BIG ARTS

The Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers will read original selections from their prose and poetic works 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13 at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

Dawn Schumann, Vince Faraone, Hazel Barber, Jim Gustafson, Mary LaVelle, Lorraine Walker Williams, Alan Smith, Susan Stuart, Joe Pacheco, Ray Buck, Nancy Carlile, Jean Jensen, Jack Chappell, Joyce Rand, Martha Jeffers, Coles Barn, Marcia Rudin and Duke Barron are the writers and poets presenting their works.

Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers have been meeting weekly since 1984 to share their work and help build a community of thriving writers. Selections have been chosen carefully for quality and listener friendliness by a special selection committee.

Admission is \$5. There will be an intermission during the event.

For further information about workshops, events and membership at BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

Buy It Off The Wall Art Exhibit Opening At Founders Gallery

BIG ARTS Buy It Off The Wall Visual Arts Exhibit will feature artworks in many different types of media, size 12-inches by 12-inches or smaller. Artwork will be sold directly off the walls in Founders Gallery, cash and carry.

An artists reception will take place on Friday, December 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The exhibit runs December 6 through January 12.

Founders Gallery Visual Arts Patron Season Sponsor Deborah and John La Gorce. For additional information, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel; call 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.



A Tribute To Ed Sullivan Spreads Holiday Cheer To Audiences And Charities Alike At Davis Art Center

Four Star Entertainment, Inc. a long standing producer of entertainment across the country, is bringing its long running Las Vegas-style revue *A Tribute To Ed Sullivan* to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers for one day only on Saturday, December 8.

The star of the show, veteran Las Vegas performer George Trullinger, has been performing his uncanny impersonation of Ed Sullivan for over 15 years across the nation for hundreds of thousands of amazed guests. Sharing the stage with Trullinger for this special holiday edition of the show are impersonators of Marilyn Monroe, Buddy Holly, Judy Garland and Elvis Presley. The show just finished a sold out casino tour in the Northeast and is heading to Florida for only two 75-minute general admission performances at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center at 6 and 8 p.m.

Lee County resident Bill Haggett, president of Four Star Entertainment, Inc., decided that this proven show would be a perfect must-see holiday attraction for the area. Mr. Haggett, whose daughter spent the first three months of her life at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg while the family lived in Cape Coral, and whose girl friend's son is currently in treatment for leukemia at Lee Memorial Health Park, felt that bringing this show to the area could be just the vehicle he was looking for to help support the ongoing efforts of the new Golisano Children's Hospital Foundation. He then specifically chose the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center because of his belief in their mission statement and the efforts of this not for profit organization.

Four Star Entertainment, Inc. has donated a number of tickets to both the Golisano Children's Hospital Foundation and the American Cancer Society for them to use in fund raising. Also, people that buy tickets online will be given the opportunity to donate to the hospital fund and the company will match their contribution up to \$5 per donation.

"After the hardship that my family went through, I wholeheartedly support what is being done here," said Haggett. "Having a facility that can treat children close to home is paramount to the overall survival of all of the people going through these types of events. If I had the means, I would build this facility myself. This show is what I can do to most effectively help and I am excited to have found a way to be involved."

Tickets are \$24.95 in advance available at www.sbdac.com or at the box office 333-1933 and \$29.95 on the day of show. There is also a special senior group show at 2 p.m. with a highly discounted price of \$15 per ticket or add \$10 to include lunch at the Edison. For more information on the group show, email info@fourstarshow.biz

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The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida brings a full day of bluegrass music to the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, December 8 at the inaugural Palmgrass Bluegrass Fest. Seven bands will play on the outdoor amphitheater stage from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lexington, Kentucky-based headliner NewTown takes the stage at 2:50 p.m. They are preceded by Bill Metts & Friends, Swinging Bridge, Ernie Evans & the Florida State Bluegrass Band, New River Boys & the Bugtussle Ramblers. Keith Bass & The Florida Bluegrass Express will close the festival with a set beginning at 4:40 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 if purchased online or at the Alliance before 5 p.m. on December 7. They are \$20 at the gate. Children under 12 are free if accompanied by an adult. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. No coolers will be allowed. Food and beverages will be available from The Nosh Truck and Captain Bob's Smoking to Go BBQ. Visit www.artinlee.org to purchase tickets or call 939-2787.

Palmgrass Bluegrass Fest Performance Schedule

10 to 10:40 a.m. – Bill Metts & Friends

10:50 to 11:40 a.m. – Swinging Bridge

11:50 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. – Ernie Evans & Florida State Bluegrass Band

12:50 to 1:40 p.m. – New River Boys
1:50 to 2:40 p.m. – Bugtussle Ramblers
2:50 to 4:30 p.m. – NewTown
4:40 to 5:30 p.m. – Keith Bass & Florida Bluegrass Express

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✪

Center 4 Life Programs

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome.

Island Seniors, Inc. members may attend fitness classes held at the Center 4 Life, 2401 Library Way, by presenting a coupon. Booklets of 12 coupons can be purchased at the center; cost is \$42, or buy three coupons for \$10.50. Cash or checks to the City of Sanibel are accepted. Members of the City of Sanibel Recreation Center must show their membership cards to attend.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. with Sandi McDougall.

Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance, core strength and flexibility exercises.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 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 core strength and balance. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

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

Tuesday Kayaking – December 11 and 18, 8:30 a.m.

There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets provided. Bring water, a small snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Stop by the center to sign up.

Island Seniors, Inc. annual Membership Meeting – Friday, December 14 at 11:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Cindi Ryerson, owner of the Mobile Millennium Café, will speak on Brain Fitness. Her café was such a success that now she and her staff are going mobile. They can bring the activities to your home owners associations.

A short meeting highlighting 2012 events will follow lunch. Sign up is required.

Watercolor with Bea Pappas – Fridays, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

If you have some painting experience and would like to work from a still life or photo, join in. Cost is \$20 per session for members, \$25 for non-members.

Florida Repertory Theatre and Herb Strauss Theater

January 5 – *The Little Foxes* by Lillian Hellman. The center has reserved discounted seats for Saturday 2 p.m. matinees. Call the center for details.

Discovering Florida Daytrips

Thursday, January 17 – Flamingo Gardens and lunch in Davie, Florida. Includes transportation, guided gardens tour, wildlife encounter show, narrated tram tour, and lunch at the Gardens.

Flamingo Gardens is one of the oldest botanical gardens in the south and includes over 3,000 tropical and subtropical plants. This is one of the best examples of old Florida that is preserved for the public to enjoy. Fort Myers pick up at 8 a.m. Cost is \$69 for members and \$79 for non-members.

January 22 to 24 – Three-day tour to Key West. Trip includes transportation, admission and lunch at Theater of the Sea in Islamorada, two nights accommodations at LaConcha Hotel on Duval Street with breakfast, one dinner, guided tram tour with hop-on, hop-off privileges and two-day pass, tickets to either Hemmingway House or Truman Whitehouse, and Mallory Square sunset celebration. Fort Myers pick up at 7 a.m. Cost is \$499 per person, double-occupancy for members and \$549 per person double occupancy for non-members; \$749 single for members and \$799 single for non-members.

Tuesday, January 29 – Boca Raton Museum of Art plus Mizner Park. Includes transportation, admission to the Boca Raton Museum, shopping and lunch (on your own) at Mizner Park.

Cost is \$49 for members and \$59 for non-members. Fort Myers pick up at 7:30 a.m.

Backgammon and Mahjongg lessons schedule will be announced soon.

Bridge – 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

Hand & Foot – 1 p.m. Tuesday

Mahjongg – 1 p.m. Thursday

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A Romantic Duet At Florida Rep

by Di Saggau

Langford Wilson's 1980 Pulitzer Prize-winning *Talley's Folly*, now showing at Florida Repertory Theatre, runs exactly 97 minutes without an intermission. We are reminded of this through the character of Matt Friedman, played with extraordinary charm by the talented Chris Clavelli. In the opening moments, he notifies the audience about the play's duration, the life expectancy of bees and a few other things that flit into his mind. For anyone arriving late to the theater, he repeats the monologue at lightning speed. It's a winning and playful way to set the mood and tone for this enchanting two-person play.

The time is July 4, 1944 and the action takes place early evening in an old boathouse on the Talley ancestral home near Lebanon, Missouri. The set by Richard Crowell is something to behold. The boathouse has seen better days. Built in 1870 it is a victim of neglect, which ties into the central characters. Cattails and wild rushes poke through the rotting wooden walkways at the water's edge.

The play is a romantic duet for the characters of Matt Friedman and Sally Talley, who is played by the delightful Rachel Burttram. Matt is a 42-year-old Jewish accountant from St. Louis, who met Sally briefly the summer before and has been trying to rekindle their relation-



Rachel Burttram (Sally Talley) and Chris Clavelli (Matt Friedman) in *Talley's Folly*

ship. Sally has not answered his letters, so he simply barges onto the family estate uninvited and waits for her to show up. Matt is a gregarious soul with a head full of memories and he also likes to do impersonations of the Talley family and

others. This is a dream of a role for any actor and Clavelli is up to the challenge. He exhibits endless energy and never misses a beat.

Sally is a 31-year-old nurses aid, a spinster who is a bit of a disgrace to the Talley family. Burttram exerts anxiety and insecurity into the role, but while Matt may seem like the stronger person, we soon learn that Sally has a strength of her own. Both have secrets that, once revealed, force them to confront their past and their future. The play is so well written and so well performed one has to feel privileged to watch. It's directed by Jackson Phippin, an internationally known stage director, making his Florida Rep debut.

Talley's Folly plays through December 16 at Florida Repertory Theatre, located on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry in the Historic Arcade Theatre, in the Fort Myers River District. Tickets are available online at floridarep.org or call 332-4488.*

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The Sanibel School Music Department limited edition Sanibel Island Christmas ornaments are now available. Each year the music department custom designs a new ornament to raise funds for the music program. All proceeds will help with the purchase of music, instruments and equipment for the program to benefit grades K-8. This year's ornament features shades of silver with blue seahorses. There is a limited quantity of 300 ornaments. They are \$10 each and can be purchased at Bailey's General Store and Bank of the Islands.*



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Barb Walling's shell art display at the Sanibel Public Library includes this arrangement of bittersweet, made of painted cup shells with red seeds and tiny snails in the center. The viney effect is done by curling the wires and placing it on driftwood. There are some curly fig branches and a few insects for interest, also made from shells

Shell Art On Display At Library

Barb Walling has been an avid sheller for years. The shells just ended up in a box or a bowl and gathered dust back in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Wallings are now Sanibel residents all year long, so Barb can collect shells non-stop. You may see her on the beach picking up small shells with tweezers. She joined Shell Crafters a few years ago and began making flow-

ers from shells. Her arrangements have won several prizes at the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show and many of her flowers are available at Shell Crafters at The Community House.

Interested people can come to Shell Crafters on Mondays at 10 a.m. and learn techniques first hand from experts in making shell flowers or other shell creations. There is no charge and all you need is imagination and some ingenuity.

The arrangements on display at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road, are all made from shells or sea life collected here on Sanibel by Barb Walling.✧

Archaeology Program At Library With Dr. Rachel K. Wentz Offered

Dr. Rachel K. Wentz, Regional Director of the Florida Public Archaeology Network, will speak at the Sanibel Public Library on Tuesday, December 11 at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room #4.

In 1982, a backhoe operator working at what would become the new Windover Farms housing development in Titusville, Florida uncovered a human skull. The bones of several other individuals soon emerged from the peat bog. It would be determined that the human remains uncovered at Windover were between 7,000 and 8,000 years old, making them 3,200 years older than King Tutankhamen and 2,000 years older than the Great Pyramids of Egypt. This was just the beginning of an archaeological adventure that continues today. As a bioarchaeologist, she has spent many years studying the Windover skeletons.

"Windover is truly a unique site that continues to astonish. Dr. Wentz does a wonderful job of telling the two stories of Windover," said Dr. Glen H. Doran, principal archaeologist of the Windover site. "One is the story of the people who lived in the area and are buried in the pond. The other story introduces you to the amazing people and circumstances which made the excavation possible."

Dr. Wentz graduated from Florida State University with a PhD in Anthropology and specializes in the analysis of human remains with foci on ancient disease and population health. Her master's thesis was an analysis of fracture frequencies among the Windover skeletal population; a 7,000-year-old site in Titusville. Her doctoral dissertation was a bioarchaeological assessment of the same population. Dr. Wentz has also analyzed remains from Little Salt Spring and Calico Hill, both prehistoric sites in Florida. She has done skeletal work in St. Croix, England, and Ukraine and obtained experience in forensics at the C.A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory at the University of Florida, Gainesville. She has taught courses in physical anthropology, human osteology and forensic anthropology at Florida State University and serves on the Brevard County Historical Commission.

Join us for this exciting Florida program and as we prepare for VIVA Florida 500, the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida (1513-2013). There is no charge to attend this program. For more information, call the library at 472-2483.✧



Shell art wildflowers on display at the library include this arrangement of dandelions in a trowel. Dandelions are sea urchin spines glued on lucines. The puff balls are spines from deep water sea urchins glued on a bead. Buds are made with spines glued on a barnacle. Acrylic paint is the final touch

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Honorable Lies* by Robert Macomber
2. *Racketeer* by John Grisham
3. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
4. *There's a Secret on Sanibel and Captiva* by Karen Richards

5. *Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
 6. *At the Edge of Honor* by Robert Macomber
 7. *Killing Lincoln* by Bill O'Reilly
 8. *I Declare: 31 Promises to Speak Over Your Life* by Joel Osteen
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Mary Oliver's Poetry Rekindles Rachel Carson's 'Sense Of Wonder'



Rachel Carson



Mary Oliver

photo by Rob Howard

by Andrew Stansell

The work of Rachel Carson is the inspiration for the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education. Her contributions most relevant to the mission of the Center are public policies that are based on sound science and ethics,

active participation of an ecologically literate citizenry, and appreciation of the natural world through the literary arts and environmental education.

The Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture is a signature event of the Center that brings public intellectuals to Southwest Florida to discuss issues such as sustainability, ethics, democracy and literature, and will occur on February 8. The Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner Mary Oliver has been chosen to do a poetry reading with commentary for the Lecture because her poetry urges readers to reconsider the role of nature in our everyday lives. Oliver's poems rekindle what Rachel Carson calls the "sense of wonder" for the natural world. Rachel Carson was celebrated for her scientific revelations regarding the environment and the literary artistry that permeated her texts.

Award-winning poet and Center board member Alison Hawthorne Deming will be introducing Mary Oliver. In honor of Oliver, Deming wrote "Her poems have spread like seeds, dispersing on the wind, in the paws of animals, the beaks of birds. Her work and its broad following speaks to the power of poetry to make our lives resonate with the more-than-human world that embraces us. She is our talismanic poet of ponds and woods, bears and marsh hawks, body and spirit."

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

The Center's Annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture is being held Friday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Michael and All Angels Church on Sanibel. The lecture will be free and open to the public, but seats will be reserved for contributors to the 9th annual Fundraising Celebration. The Celebration will be held the following evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the island beachfront home of Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer. This is the major fundraising event for the Center and helps to further sustainability initiatives locally and globally.

For more information on these events or to request an invitation, call Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran at 590-7166, email cese@fgcu.edu or visit www.fgcu.edu/cese.

An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery



Baby screech owl



Baby raccoon

submitted by Claudia Burns

photos courtesy of CROW

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

Last year, CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital, cared for 4,253 sick, injured and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 58 percent were birds, with 36 percent mammals and six percent reptiles/amphibians.

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

The next CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, December 7 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road (across from The Sanibel School). Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under.

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

For more information, call 472-3644 ext. 228. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org.

Monday Night Movie

The Names Of Love



by Wendy Humphrey

Anyone familiar with the divisiveness of the U.S. election last month won't be surprised that online dating site Match.com reported that more singles are rejecting

potential matches on the basis of political leanings.

But in *The Names Of Love*, the next Monday Night Movie at BIG ARTS, gorgeous and uninhibited wild child Baya Benmahmoud takes a different tack. When she finds a man with politics opposed to hers, she vows to seduce him to her cause. Her motto: "Make Love, Not War."

So when she meets scientist Arthur Martin who she deems right wing, she immediately plans to sleep with him to reform him.

Baya and Arthur appear to be as different as their names indicate. Baya, who claims there is no-one else in France who has the same name as hers, is the daughter of a '60s hippie and an Algerian painter. She's a free spirit who bares and shares her body with abandon.

Arthur, has the same name as a brand of cooker and a multitude of other people in France. He is the son of tight lipped and rigid engineer and Jewish refugee, and is conservative in his behavior.

Despite these differences, Arthur

and Baya hit it off even though he has trouble getting used to a girlfriend so exuberantly absorbed in doing things for other people that she accidentally leaves the house naked.

Both of this film's unlikely lovers come with considerable baggage from their parents and from world events beyond their control, and although *The Names of Love* is essentially a high spirited, playfully sexy screwball comedy, it touches upon some real world issues: immigration, integration, child abuse and the holocaust.

Director Michel Leclerc juggles this comedy and drama with adult-narrated flashbacks to childhood, an *Annie Hall*-type cameo by socialist Lionel Jospin and consultation with Arthur's teenage self on what to do in current situations.

Sara Forestier is exuberant, provocative and disarming as Baya and the film is energetic, high spirited and fun. The discussion after will examine whether the film is pure fun or something more.

BIG ARTS Film Society's Monday Night Film Series presents a mixture of critically-acclaimed independent and foreign films and documentaries. After each movie, a group of film buffs leads discussions on The Gainer Veranda, complemented by refreshments.

Films are \$8 and begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, located at 900 Dunlop Road.

Films are shown in high-definition on a large screen with surround sound. Assistive listening devices are available.

Sponsors are Bank of the Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters are Sanibel Taxi and Jerry's Foods of Sanibel.

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Poet's Corner



Tanya Hochschild writes, "The Island Sun has asked me to manage a poetry column. We are inviting submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to tutsie@comcast.net.

Each week, individual work will be showcased. I am a member of a Sanibel writing group, have participated in Artpoems and Writer's Reads on the island and had two books published. Much of my work, as the poem today indicates, is influenced by the country of my birth, South Africa, a place we return to every year."

selected by Tanya Hochschild

Sonnet

by David Barber

Sweet spring with joy adorns the cherry trees
And April's yellow harbingers unfold

But summer songs soon stilled, then
Autumn flees

To winter thinness, shriveled, gray
and cold.

We learn grim season's message as
we age,
And ever-restless time chills every
heart,

Each morning fresh springs lightly to
the stage,

Till crippled evening limps to take his
part.

For you the rising sun still decks the
flowers

And noontide still a gleaming march
away,

But time will steal your youth's long
golden hours

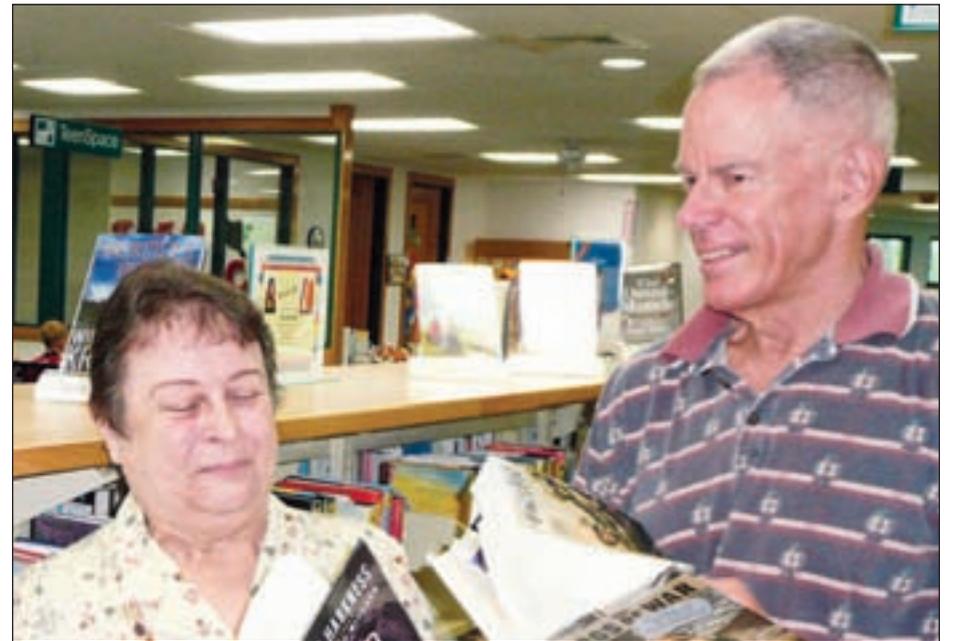
And night may turn your gladness all
to clay,

And so, with me, believe in this dear
friend

Flowers cannot die, nor summer ever
end.

David Barber is a retired businessman from England and with his wife, Hazel, has been wintering on Sanibel for almost 20 years. He has had a lifelong interest in poetry.✳

Library Adds New Large Type Books To Collection



Sanibel Public Library patrons check out the Large Type Book Collection

submitted by Cathy Cangelosi, Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library has expanded its Large Type Book Collection. More than 50 new titles have been added including bestselling fiction by Clive Cussler, Mary Kay Andrews, Alan Furst, Jodi Piccolt, Janet Evanovich and Amanda Quick along with nonfiction including *Facebook & Twitter For Seniors*, *The Pacific* by Hugh Ambrose and *Moonwalking with Einstein* by Joshua Foer. Stop by and check out our newest editions. Books can be checked out to Sanibel Public Library cardholders for a period of two weeks.✳

In Darkness



submitted by
Hyde Tucker

In Darkness is a film about a small group of Jewish people who seek to avoid the Holocaust in Lvov, Poland* by entering the sewers under the city. It is also about a Polish sewer worker

and part time burglar who helps them. It is based on a true story. The film will be shown at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 12 in Schein Performance Hall at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road.

The sewer worker progressively changes his attitude toward the group of Jewish people. He starts by helping them for money. As David Denby says in the *New Yorker*, "Slowly, he develops a sense of responsibility, increased by vanity."

The group of Jewish people is diverse in a way similar to soldiers in a World War II *Platoon* film as AO Scott said in a review in *The New York Times*.

The film is honest in that good or bad things done by people are clearly and directly shown.

The film was nominated for an

Academy Award for best foreign film.

I think the directing by Agnieszka Holland and the acting by the hard-working Polish and German actors are excellent. The Polish actor who plays the sewer worker is outstanding. The screen-play by David Shamoon is clear and direct. The film is especially effective in drawing contrast between the people living in unspeakable conditions in the sewer and the apparently unconcerned people going about their lives above ground.

It is a German, Polish, and Canadian film.

There will be a brief introduction before the film and an open discussion following. All who stay will be encouraged to participate.

The film is R rated for graphic violence and terror, language, nudity and sex. It runs for two hours and 23 minutes. It is in German, Yiddish, Polish, and Ukrainian with English subtitles.

This is the last film of the Not for Monday Night series for 2012. These films are outstanding and they are selected though they may be controversial and have other aspects that do not fit the Monday Night model.

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*Lvov, Poland, is now Lviv, Ukraine.✳

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Travel Channel To Film Captiva Golf Cart Parade

A production crew from the Travel Channel will be on Captiva on Saturday, December 8 to film the island's annual Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade as part of a proposed show based on unique Christmas events across the United States.

"We have a research office that was looking for stories but not your typical Christmas festivals," Travel Channel creative producer Nicole Dunn said. "We are looking to showcase the best of the best across America but wanted to get away from the typical stories like the Radio City Rockettes or the lighting of the Rockefeller Center tree in New York City."

The show, which will also feature a festival in Jennings, Louisiana, a parade in New Mexico and Trappist monks in Missouri making fruitcakes for the holidays, has a tentative working title of *Cross Country Christmas*.

The Captiva segment will focus on the 3rd annual Captiva Holiday Village Golf

Cart Parade featuring the event's history, organizers, judges, parade participants, including previous year's winners, and participating resorts.

"This is such a great opportunity to bring our quirky island festivities to the world," said Golf Cart Parade chair Denise Beggs. "This parade is such a unique and fun event for locals to be involved in. The competition has really increased, and many participants plan their decorations a year in advance."

"We'd love for as many people to come out to the event as possible," Dunn said. "The segment will be filmed in the style of reality format as everyone is preparing for the event, decorating, watching and having fun. It will almost be like we weren't there."

Each year, Captiva locals try to outdo their neighbor by decorating their personal golf carts in lights, garland, hats and even plastic flamingos. Fun, festive and sometimes gaudy outfits go along with the tradition.

The three-weekend-long Captiva Holiday Village launched its 2012 spectacular the Friday after Thanksgiving with fireworks, tree lightings, holiday readings, and musical performances.

Each special-themed weekend is a



Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade

fun-filled extravaganza of sight and sound set against the backdrop of the Gulf of Mexico and evening sunsets. In addition to the Golf Cart Parade, there will be the

Lighted Boat Parade to Junkanoo and fire dancers, live music and even a Marching Mullet Parade.

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Santa To Appear On Fire Truck During Sanibel Luminary Night

Santa is making his annual appearance on Sanibel during the 28th annual Luminary Festival this weekend. Visitors and residents are invited to this special event.

Santa's schedule is as follows on Friday, December 7:

- 6 to 6:15 p.m. at the Bailey's Center
- 6:25 to 6:40 p.m. at Tahitian Gardens
- 6:50 to 7:05 p.m. at the East End Shops

Everyone is invited to visit Santa as he travels up and down Periwinkle Way on his fire truck before returning to the North Pole.

Trolley services will be provided across the island on Friday, December 7. For trolley stops and more information on the Luminary Festival, visit the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce website at www.sanibel-captiva.org/luminary.

List of events on the Luminary Trail:

1. East end/Pinocchio's/Lighthouse Café – Refreshments, food



Santa and his elves

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Movember Campaign Ends, Firefighters Shave 'Stashes

by Jeff Lysiak

As the calendar flipped to 2012's final month, several members of Sanibel Fire & Rescue District breathed a sigh of relief. That's because simultaneous with the ending of November came the end of the Movember.

According to Sanibel firefighter/EMT Josh Koza, a dozen members of Fire & Rescue District participated in Movember – the international campaign raising both money and awareness for men's health issues – by growing mustaches during the entire month of November.

"I think that what we did helped raise a lot more awareness in the community," said Koza, who noted that during the month, the SFRD crew raised \$610 in donations.

"Sometimes, it was something as simple as people asking to take a picture in front of the fire trucks – which are decorated with mustaches, too. They'll ask us why we have them on the trucks, so it'll start a little conversation."

In an effort called Movember, which began in Australia back in 2003, big steps have

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Lt. John Murray wasted no time in shaving off his mustache last Friday morning

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The Lazy Flamingo Comes Of Age



Dick Muench, left, and Larry Thompson, owners of The Lazy Flamingo on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, congratulate each other on the restaurant's 21st anniversary as they get ready to cut the birthday cake on November 28



Fort Myers detention basin

Engineering Excellence Award

The City of Fort Myers earned a Grand Award in the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FICE) 2012 Engineering Excellence Awards competition for the newly constructed Downtown Detention Basin.

Phase I of the Riverfront Development Project is the first step toward bringing the vision of the downtown plan to reality.

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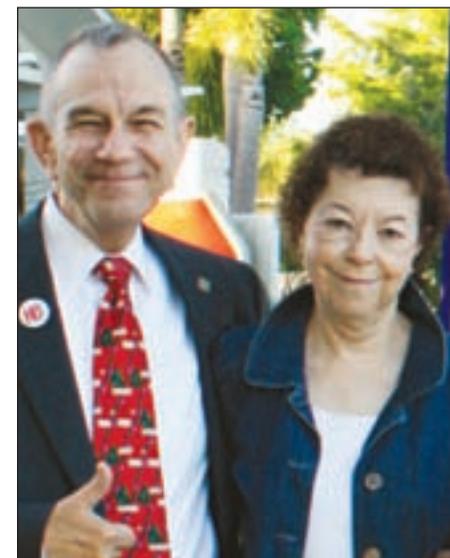
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Why I Support United Way



Tom and Linda Uhler

submitted by Tom Uhler

Many of us who came to our beautiful islands from other areas might have supported a United Way in that community, but are you aware of the strength and depth of the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties?

The backbone of the United Way, and the part most of us know, is the partnerships it has with social service organizations. Locally, the focus is on education, financial stability and health because these are the building blocks for a better quality of life. Contributions to the annual campaign support more than 140 programs run by our 70 partner agencies.

But our United Way does much more than this. It provides strong leadership to all social service agencies, providing board improvement programs, planning, coaching and, when the opportunity arises, advocating for cooperation and partnering. It acts as a community planning agency, identifying areas of concern and finding innovative solutions such as the United Way 211 help line. By dialing 211, individuals who need help with food, utility and rent payments, health and many other issues are all directed to the most effective resources to meet their needs. The help line staff is currently offering solutions to over 5,000 callers each month.

Here on Sanibel and Captiva, our own FISH is now a United Way House, providing "one-stop shopping" on site for island residents and employees to agencies as diverse as the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Amigos Center, and the Literacy Council of the Gulf Coast. FISH also hosts VITA, a United Way initiative which assists lower to middle income individuals and families with free income tax preparation to ensure that they receive all tax credits to which they are entitled. Area wide this service has returned over \$2.2 million to local taxpayers and our economy since its inception.

Another United Way funded program is a weekly class for Parkinson's Disease patients run by Hope Healthcare

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

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The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has met our Rotary Trust Wheelchair Challenge. We have raised over \$5,500 from private donors, T-shirt and holiday card sales at the Sanibel Center4Life, the Farmer's Market and from our weekly club Happy Bucs collections from the last two months. Now, that \$5,500 will be matched by the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust and sent to the Wheelchair Foundation for the purchase of a cargo container of wheelchairs going to an area of need somewhere around the world.

Special thanks go to club Rotarians Bunny Ospa, Lee Almas and Dan Cohn for driving this fundraising effort.

"The aim of the Wheelchair Foundation is to deliver one million wheelchairs to people who cannot afford to buy one, and to further the awareness that a wheelchair is no longer an unaffordable relief option for delivery to developing countries around the world. Since its establishment on June 13, 2000, the Wheelchair Foundation has witnessed hundreds of thousands of examples of how mobility creates independence and new possibilities for recipients and their

families. A mobile child is able to attend school. A mobile adult is able to get a job and provide for their family, or care for the children at home so the spouse can work. An elderly person can rejoin society or family activities after years of staying in a bed. The joy and hope that a simple mobility device can deliver is what gives people a new outlook on life and hope for the future."

It is always amazing what a gift of a few dollars can make in the lives' of others. Rotary encourages you to be mindful of that this holiday season; there are many great causes that are in need of financial support and are struggling in this current economy.

Fundraising efforts continue throughout the year for Rotarians, but basically our annual Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair (this year on Saturday and Sunday, February 16 and 17) is how the club raises funding for our club projects. Projects that include local support for Kids Who Care, FISH, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, CHR, SCCF, Blessing's In A Backpack, Harlem Heights Foundation and a number of other great organizations close to us. We also support Wounded Warriors, NAMI, Special Equestrians, Barbara's Friends (Lee Memorial Hospital) headquartered on mainland Lee County; along with International Rotary projects such as disaster ShelterBoxes and Global Polo immunizations.

This year, the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club also took on a major project to find funding to build \$75,000 modern restroom facility at the Mary Austin

School, Haute de St. Marc, Haiti that was done with the help of a \$10,000 gift from a private donor in Captiva, a Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Trust Fund Gift and matching funding from our Rotary District #6960 and National Rotary International.

Our Rotary Club's Arts & Crafts Fair is already at work organizing their efforts to make our 30th Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair just amazing. Tony Gropp and his committee have received hundreds of applications for entry into this year's juried Arts & Crafts Fair. They whittle the number down and then turn over the process of judging the entries to artist Susan Sadler and her committee to select the vendors for this year's event. Rotarian John Harries is leading the way on our sponsorship and fair-guide ad sales efforts and Rotarians are now in the process of approaching businesses on the island for their support. Proceeds for this fair help make a difference in the lives of so many.

*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.**

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United Way

Services at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Participants engage in stretching, strength training and aerobic exercises which help with activities of daily living and improve balance and mobility. Monthly support groups follow the exercise classes once a month.

This year, I'm chairing the allocations process, which puts over 300 of our peers into the agencies, analyzing the services they deliver and insuring that our dollars provide the benefits they're intended to deliver. And no other organization does so much with so little as your United Way; over 90 cents of every dollar donated goes where it's needed.

This accountability, the low overhead and the ability to make a big impact with just one gift are several of the reasons why Linda and I strongly support the United Way. Our islands do, too. Last year, Captiva and Sanibel residents contributed over \$307,000 toward the overall \$8 million campaign. As last year's campaign chair, I'm proud to say that we met that goal.

The needs have not gone away and our community always steps up. This year, our Sanibel-Captiva Steering Committee has set a goal of \$315,000. Whether you are a full time or part time resident, I invite you to join me and Give United!, Live United! and help us reach our goal.

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The Flood Insurance Myths

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

Every major coastal disaster brings with it a flood of new (or not so new) myths concerning the federal flood insurance system. It's a favorite target for coastal naysayers, who bring up these false claims as consistently as the tides.

But just because someone says something over and over doesn't make it true, so we offer some factual responses to the usual charges:

- "They're just going to build back what was there before."

No, they won't. In order for coastal communities to be part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), they have to agree to abide by certain rebuilding standards... usually along the lines of "higher, stronger and further back." That's on top of evolving building codes that also reflect the knowledge gleaned from prior storm damage, that mandate stricter standards for a structure's strength and survivability.

Want to see proof? Look at post-storm photos when there's a mix of building types and ages. The older, at-grade buildings are usually gone, while the newer, stronger and higher structures are usually still standing. That's also why the devastation looks the worst when the coast area that's hit hasn't faced a storm's fury in a while – older structures and older standards wash away, but they're replaced with better buildings better able to survive.

- "Flood insurance is a subsidy for rich people and their fancy beachfront second homes"

No on both counts. It's not an outright subsidy, since those being covered have to pay premiums and meet certain standards (at least on a community level). And it doesn't offer enough coverage to dramatically entice to the spread of multi-million-dollar manses. The top NFIP coverage is for \$250,000 for residential structures and \$100,000 for residential contents (non-residential limits are \$500,000 in each category). So NFIP doesn't really benefit someone whose home is worth \$2.5 million (although 10 percent coverage is better than nothing) – but it can make a big financial difference if your flood-possible home is valued at \$250,000 (which is not very much home if you've priced waterfront or water-adjacent properties lately).

- "Flood insurance rewards risk, rather than making the coast safer."

Actually, quite the contrary: NFIP works to make coastal dwellings safer, recognizing that people want to live near the water whether you give them insurance or not. Look at all those structures Sandy laid waste to along the Jersey Shore. Many of them were built long before there was a federal flood insurance program, so their owners were drawn to the coast because they loved the living there – not because Uncle Sam gave them a few bucks in coverage. Now that they have to be rebuilt (and, have no doubt, they will be rebuilt), these structures are going to have to meet higher building

standards in order to qualify for NFIP coverage – and that will make them stronger and safer, more likely to survive the next big storm.

- "Government has to back flood insurance because private-sector insurers won't touch such a risk-laden market."

Not exactly true. Government typically backs flood insurance coverage because:

1) It's the carrot (affordable rates) that enables government to apply the stick (better flood mitigation and building standards) to help reduce the overall risk of flood damage to properties.

2) If government is going to be on the hook for post-flood disaster recovery anyway, it makes much more sense to have a system that makes property owners pay into it in advance (via premiums) and have to meet certain standards to lessen risk (through the NFIP program).

3) If the federal government requires flood insurance for properties whose mortgages are guaranteed by federal agencies (a path to home ownership that's been pursued by Washington for decades), then it better have reasonable access to affordable flood policies to make this program work.

Flood coverage is a very volatile and seasonal market, one that's not very attractive to a profit-driven, stability seeking private insurer. That's doesn't mean it's not essential coverage to have – and that's where government has to step in. (And it doesn't mean that the current NFIP couldn't stand a little reform – a process that was started earlier this year and one that needs to continue to make the program stronger and more self-sustaining.)

- "Federal money should not be used to rebuild storm-damaged beaches – that just rewards risky behavior."

The federal government (among others) has a considerable investment in a healthy coastline. It protects citizens and infrastructure; it generates a lot of economic energy through tourism and commerce; it plays a vital ecological role for habitat, protection of unique species and an important link in a delicate estuarine system; and much more.

Further, it is proven (and clear again, post-Sandy) that millions spent on beach restoration protects billions in property, infrastructure and livelihoods.

The current NFIP program is not perfect, and changes enacted in the last Congress to correct some of its flaws are only a first step to making the system more sustainable and more effective. More needs to be done, and storms such as Sandy are an impetus to action if the powers-that-be are inclined to put aside politics and put people and pragmatism first.

But protecting our shorelines is simply the smart thing to do. Retreat is never a realistic answer (as much as a small group would like to wish it were); leaving these properties exposed to the next natural disaster through inattention or inaction. That's the real risky behavior.

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Havana

submitted by Tanya Hochschild

Driving into Havana – or Habana, as it is spelled in Cuba – was a multi-sensory experience. Havana is a museum for old cars and we enjoyed seeing and later riding in the 1950's fishtail, wide bodied, ice cream-colored vehicles. The traffic, the people and the noise was such a contrast to the quiet, rural areas we had traveled through. Coming into port was a container ship filled with Crowley containers. Crowley's headquarters are in Jacksonville, Florida. There is limited trade with Cuba, but both Cuba and the U.S. differ in the scope of this trade and the pace of change. China, meanwhile,



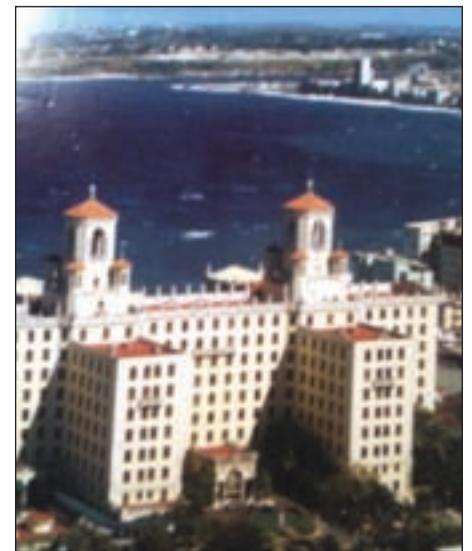
El Quitrin seamstress workshop



Revolution Square

is looking at Cuba and indeed doing more than just looking.

We were offloaded from the bus into the musical arms of three troubadours greeting us with a loud rendition of *Guantanamera*. The well known song of a young country lass from the area of Guantanamo, and our group of laughing, singing women were serenaded towards the Plaza Armas, where we began our tour of Habana Vieja (Old Havana). The architecture is beautiful and the history is fascinating, but what we could not help seeing were decayed and decaying buildings, some showing the faded paint from the 1950's. Hurricane Sandy hit the Santiago state of Cuba and many cement trucks and construction equipment were directed to that area. Havana continues



Nacional de Cuba Hotel

to wait. We were there on November 16, the anniversary of the birth of the city of Havana, founded in the year 1519. We were always aware of musicians, playing on the street and in the bars and restaurants. Cuban music has many influences, including Spanish flamenco and African rhythms. Fidel Castro silenced music for many years – the Buena Vista Social Club musicians were not heard outside of the country for decades.

We spent one evening at the club enthralled by the music and dancing. We visited the Museum of Fine Arts and were led through the Cuban Arts section by an excellent guide. Raul Martinez, Rita Longa and Santiago Armada's paintings



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Music and dancing at Bueno Vista Social Club

were well represented, three famous Cuban contemporary artists. Visual arts is an integral part of Cuba's cultural vitality. We also visited a print making workshop where old lithograph presses turn out graphic prints.

Unlike many other Caribbean destinations, Cuba – or at least Havana – offers chamber music, ballet, theater, lectures and, of course, dancing at The Tropicana and other nightclubs in the evenings. Since we were there under the auspices of the League's program (so far, they have brought 250 women from the U.S. to Cuba) "Sisters Across The Straits," every day we met women from different walks of Cuban life. We visited El Quitrin, a seamstresses workshop, where women are taught sewing. The clothes are sold to the public in showrooms in Cuban cit-

ies and the income generated is invested into women's co-ops. During the school vacations, they have projects there for children.

We had a meeting with a professor of Women's Studies who has been a visiting professor at both Harvard and Brown Universities and she also teaches American undergraduates who study in Havana. She told us the majority of her students are women. Women represent two-thirds of the work force, 42 percent of the labor force, 57 percent of the doctors, 52 percent of the scientists, 53 percent of the lawyers and 43 percent of Parliament members.

Cuban men still believe in the patriarchal society, so like everything else in Cuba, there is a shift taking place. As has been said, it is all about the range

and the pace. It costs \$4 to marry and \$4 to divorce! She gave us far too much information to be contained in this article, as did the editor of *La Mujer*, a women's magazine, who publishes 20 books yearly, the topics of which include reproduction rights and gender issues. They train journalists all over Latin America.

After these intense and serious subjects, we needed light relief and took a tour of the National Hotel, where we were staying. What fun to be shown the rooms where Lucky Luciano, Meyer Lansky and Vito Genovese stayed. Where Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner spent their honeymoon, where the mob and the movie people mixed, where presidents and poets congregated, Winston Churchill, Jean Paul Sartre, Wallis Simpson and the Duke of Windsor, Rita Hayworth... the list is endless. The hotel has a bunker and tunnels from the Missile Crisis days. It is a luxurious facility overlooking the Malecon, the road along the Havana coast, where every night people gather to sit and talk on the coastal wall.

After a week filled with information, misinformation and our own thoughts that Cubans are hesitatingly dancing towards a limited capitalism, two steps forward, one step back, we boarded the charter flight – a short 40 minutes to Miami, where the customs official's words were loud and clear: "Welcome Home!"✱



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Around The Islands With Anne

New Frozen Yogurt Store Earns Its Stripes; Bailey's Limited Edition Christmas Ornament On Sale Now

by Anne Mitchell



Frozen yogurt lovers, rejoice! This creamy treat with a reputation for having healthy qualities is now available in six flavors with 52 different toppings at **Zebra Frozen Yogurt** in Bailey's Shopping Center, Sanibel.

Inspired by the Zebra longwing butterfly, the Florida state butterfly, the business has its genesis on Sanibel, where its first location opened about two weeks ago. Owners Jeremy Kane and Blanaid Colley got their training as "yogologists" at Honey Hill Farm, Russellville, Arkansas, which produces the yogurt.

Some of the flavors are fat free no sugar added and the rest are low in fat and sugar. All contain live active cultures.

Kane said after settling on the brand of frozen yogurt, he and Colley studied the nation's favorite toppings to come up with their selection. The choices include the latest taste sensation, juice-filled Popping Bobas, or bubbles, that pop inside your mouth. I tried some and they reminded me visually of overly large caviar eggs, except that they are filled with intense fruit flavor.

There's also mini M&Ms, chopped Butterfinger and Kit Kat, cookie dough balls, fresh fruit, coconut, peanuts and tiny chocolate caramel turtles, to mention just a few. And now we know where this zebra gets its stripes. You can add fruit syrup "stripes" to any yogurt, adding just 10 calories per serving. Sprinkles come in all colors, including school color combinations for The Green Wave, The Sanibel School, The Florida Gators and The Florida State Seminoles.

As for the yogurt flavors, they are Tahitian Vanilla, Strawberry Sensation, Strawberries & Cream, Dreamy Dark Chocolate, Chocolate Covered Pretzel and - my favorite - Sea Salt Caramel Pretzel. Prices start at \$2.95 for small cones and tubs plus 50 cents per topping.

Kane said he's delighted to hand out mini samples to all-comers. He can also whip up smoothies, sundaes, Hurricanes and Banana Splits using frozen yogurt.

The newest addition to Zebra Frozen Yogurt went into service this week - a hot fudge machine to take the chill off your yogurt.

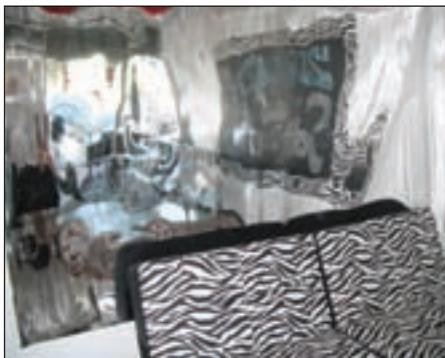
You can eat in or take out. For youngsters, there's an area with a distorting mirror and a chalkboard where they can write messages. Adults can take advantage of the free wi-fi. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, phone 579-0860.

This year's **Bailey's General Store** limited edition Christmas ornament is the iconic brown paper sack with handles, depicting the Sanibel Lighthouse.

Like the other ornaments - this is the fourth in the series - it's made of 24k gold over brass and comes in a royal blue presentation folder containing a certificate and description of the design.



Jeremy Kane, owner of Zebra Frozen Yogurt, with a freshly swirled cone



An area for children and families features a distorting mirror



There are 52 toppings at Zebra Frozen Yogurt including Popping Bobas, pictured in the top four containers



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The tote has a special place in the Sanibel experience. Some visitors, we're told, like the old-fashioned handled bags so much they take them home in their luggage.

The brown paper tote is recyclable and has been put to use as a laundry bag, beach bag, trash container, book cover, artist canvas and wrapping paper.

The ornaments are produced by The Charleston Mint of Brevard, North Carolina, and are available at Bailey's General Store, or by calling 472-1516.

A new exhibit at **Watson McRae Gallery**, titled *Peaceable Kingdom*, will have its opening reception on Tuesday, December 11 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit was inspired by a series of paintings titled *The Peaceable Kingdom* by Edward Hicks (1780-1849), which features different creatures - predator and prey - around a watering hole living in peace.

"I thought that an exhibition with different creatures gathered around the gallery would be a fabulous show, especially for the islands, where we try to live in harmony with nature," said gallery owner Maureen Watson. There are eight artists in this exhibit.

"Many (of the exhibitors) knew of these paintings and were excited to create specific work with this theme. At the gallery we will have creatures great and small in paint, paper, clay and glass," she added.

The exhibit will continue through January 5.

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

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn

has live entertainment most nights. This week's lineup includes: Friday, Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, Joe McCormick and singer Marvilla Marzan; Sunday, closed; Wednesday and Thursday, dancing to Joe McCormick with popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop. Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn features live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays. The Crow's Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

Sweet Melissa's Café features Michael David playing light acoustic background music Wednesday through Saturday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sweet Melissa's is at 1625 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-1956.

George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille has live entertainment every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as well as every other Tuesday. On Friday, December 7, in conjunction with the Luminary Festival, Billy Metts, folk guitar and vocals, will play outside from 6 to 9 p.m. and Chris Workman, keyboard and vocals, will play inside from 9 p.m. to midnight. Karaoke is on Wednesdays; on Thursday, December 13, Anthony Wayne with entertain with guitar and vocals. The restaurant is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

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 on Sundays and 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.

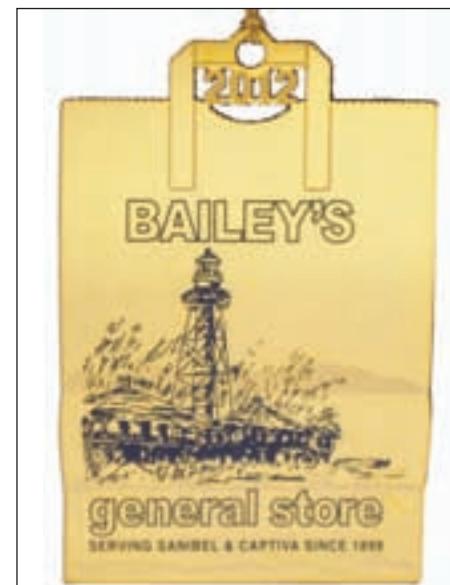
The Mucky Duck on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, features music by Mark Dupuy on Mondays; Rich Lancaster, Wednesdays; Gene Federico, Thursdays and Saturdays; and Buckeye Ken, Fridays.

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Dan Confrey; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Buckeye Ken. Phone 472-0606.

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

Keylime Bistro features live music days and nights seven days a week. New to the line-up is Ken Limeri playing jazz sax from 6 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. The bistro is

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The 2012 Bailey's General Store limited edition Christmas ornament



Some of the exhibits for The Peaceable Kingdom show that opens at the Watson McRae Gallery December 11

Visit Santa, Donate Pantry Food For FISH

by Jeff Lysiak

The staff at Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery is inviting holiday shoppers to spend some time with jolly old St. Nicholas in the days leading up to Christmas.

From noon to 2 p.m. daily on Friday, December 21 through Monday, December 24, Santa Claus will be on hand at the jewelry gallery and available to chat with children about their holiday wish lists as well as pose for photographs. And all that Santa asks for in return is a non-perishable food item to be donated to FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel.

"Kids can come in and talk with Santa about their wish lists, and parents can bring their cameras and take pictures," said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. "And there will be refreshments for everyone, whether they've been naughty or nice."

According to Schuyler, every year around the holidays, the FISH Food Pantry levels get dangerously low. Therefore, he and business co-owner Karen Bell decided to host a food drive for the island non-profit.

"This is the first time we've done this," said Schuyler. "It's a great way to help fill the pantry shelves, kids get to come here



The staff at Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery all dressed up and ready for the holidays

and talk to Santa and everybody gets to have some fun."

"An event like this isn't just for kids," added Bell. "I, as an adult, have sat on Santa's lap. It's for all of us who are still kids at heart."

During each day of the food drive, Lily & Co. will offer special savings on holiday gifts in a variety of price ranges.

In addition, cash contributions for FISH will be accepted.

"Everyone should have a proper meal for the holidays," said Schuyler. "That's why we wanted to do our part."

Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery is located at 520 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel. For more information, call 472-2888 or visit www.lilyjewelers.com.*

Optimists Island Dining Raffle

Island Temptations, a winner-takes-all raffle of gift certificates to many fine island restaurants, is being offered to the public by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club. There are more than a dozen participating restaurants at this time. Each restaurant is providing a gift certificate for two diners. The prizes will be good for a year and may be used by the winner or by the winner's guests.

The raffle will be held at Sanibel Grill (Timbers) on December 18 at 5 p.m. The winner does not have to be present. Tickets are a \$10 donation each and are on sale at Bailey's General Store, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Sanibel Café, early evenings from an Optimist Club member at the Sanibel Grill, and at sales tables in front of numerous island stores.

For more information call Richard McCurry at 292-4631 or Randy Carson at 699-8739.

The proceeds from the raffle will help fund the Optimist Club's support of local youth needs, including child cancer care, City of Sanibel Recreation Center programs, and college scholarships.*

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Joanne Bedient, raku artist, Sheila Hoen, painter, and Christine Reichow, wildlife painter and new member

Former Members' Art Displayed At Gallery's Birthday

Tower Gallery celebrated its 30th anniversary recently with a new display containing works by former members of the cooperative who assisted in the purchase of the property on August 5, 2004.

They are Lois Ferguson, Charlie Frese, Deborah Kleinow, Francine Litofsky, Cathy Simmons and Lindy Wiggins.

They joined with a number of present gallery members to buy the Tower Gallery and the building that now houses



Katie Gardenia reconnects with Francine Litofsky, former wildlife photographer at the Tower Gallery



Katie Gardenia, whose dolls are a gallery feature, with friend Dave Wackerman



Lois Ferguson, former member of the gallery, with her oil painting *Iris*



Deborah Kleinow, former member and child portrait artist, left, with member Sheila Hoen



Shelly Brown, wife of girotaku artist Charlie Brown, left, with new member and expressionist painter Sarah Kiser

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Jack Thomas, former owner of Tower Gallery, Sheila Hoen, expressionist painter, and Charlie Frese, wood artist and former member

Il Tesoro Italian Restaurant from Jack and the late Starr Thomas.

The buildings were part of the 1915 Cassidy House on West Gulf Drive – built from Lee County pine. They were moved from the original site on a flatbed truck operated by Gus Llandl to 751 Tarpon Bay Road, a property that had been purchased on October 1, 1986 by Ikki and Polly Matsumoto and their friends, Jack and Starr Thomas.

Meanwhile, the Tower Gallery artists had opened their gallery in 1982 at the Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers.

They moved to Sanibel in 1992 and

soon shared half of the main floor of the then-named Matsumoto Gallery. Shirley Vail, recently retired from the Tower, and raku artist JoAnne Bedient, a present member, were part of this group.

The Tower Gallery Artists' Cooperative took over the entire house in 1997 when the Matsumotos left, and the Twilight Restaurant found a home in the other small building.

The Tower Gallery artists took control of their future when on August 5, 2004 about 18 of the artists formed Gallery Place LLC, and joined by former owners Jack and Starr Thomas, bought shares in

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**Duffy Cofer, husband of
mixed media artist and
member Lalita Cofer, works
at the bar**



**Barry Litofsky helped out
with the food**

Raffle For Bea Pappas Original

The Center 4 Life is holding a raffle drawing for an original painting by local artist Bea Pappas. Pappas has been painting for 47 years and teaching for 32 years. She continues to study with artists she respects and admires. She is an exhibiting artist at the North Shore Art Association in Gloucester, Massachusetts and a signature member of ISEA (International Society of Experimental Artists).

Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and are available at the front desk at the Center 4 Life on Library Way. The painting is on display at the center. The drawing will be held December 14 at the Island Seniors, Inc. annual meeting. For more information call 472-5743.✪

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We Love Our Islands Program Reaches \$50,000 Plateau

by Jeff Lysiak

In the 10 years since Bank of the Islands implemented the We Love Our Islands program, an impressive \$50,000 has been distributed to 29 local non-profit groups, houses of worship and service organizations.

Created by CEO Geoff Roepstorff in 2002 to engage islanders in supporting local charities, and to put a spotlight on their island causes, Bank of the Islands recently hosted a get-together of the non-profits who have been supported by the bank's customers' generosity over the past decade.

"We believe in giving back to the community we serve," Roepstorff said. "We designed this program so that as many island residents and visitors as possible could participate in choosing the charities we support. It's a win-win for everybody."

Bank customers and island neighbors are invited to pick up a We Love Our Islands decal at the bank's Sanibel or Captiva office. Every Monday morning, the bank staff looks for a vehicle with a decal on it. They note the license plate and post it in the bank lobbies, at the Sanibel drive-thru window, and on the www.bankoftheislands.com website. The driver has one week to claim their tag number as the winner. If they do not claim it, the charitable donation grows weekly – in



On the morning of November 14, several of the non-profit organizations supported through the Bank of the Islands' We Love Our Islands program had their photograph taken on the front steps of the bank's Sanibel branch. Here, photographer Nick Adams arranges the group into position.

photo by Jeff Lysiak

\$100 increments – until a new chosen license plate holder contacts the bank. Once they do, the winner receives a program T-shirt and gets to choose which charity will receive the bank's gift.

On November 14, representatives from several non-profit groups and organizations – including Steve Greenstein from the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), Birgie Vertesch from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, Erick Lindblad from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), Chief Danny Duncan from the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and Barbara Von Harten from The Sanibel School – took part in the morning thank-you gathering and commemorative photograph.

"The We Love Our Islands program is Geoff's brainchild and we love it," said Bank of the Islands president Robbie Roepstorff. "Hitting the \$50,000 mark means the world to us."

In promoting each We Love Our Islands donation, the bank tries to highlight the good work that charity is doing for Sanibel and Captiva. The program is just one of the ways the bank shows its support for the community. Others include board and committee service, group volunteering activities and financial sponsorships.

"We want as many customers, neighbors and visitors involved as possible," said vice president and Sanibel office manager Rob Lisenbee. "We look forward to the winners coming in so we can learn where the next donation is going. Please visit us on Sanibel or Captiva to get your decal."

"This is one of our favorite partnerships with the non-profit community," added Captiva office manager Willy Ocasio. "It's a great way to lend financial support, while also reminding people about the good work these charities are doing."*

Lily & Co. To Host Ladies Night Out

On Friday, December 14, Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery is bringing back its Ladies Night Out, with great appetizers, champagne, and a fondue chocolate fountain from 5 to 9 p.m.

"This event celebrates sisterhood and savings," said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of the gallery on Sanibel. "It was a huge hit the first year we held Ladies Night, and we hope to continue that success this year."

Schuyler will be serving champagne and 'catering' to the ladies' every need for the evening. Dan Confrey, a local professional musician, will provide entertainment with his multi-instrumental talent. Confrey sings and plays guitar, steel pans, tenor saxophone and keyboards.

"Ladies Night Out is the chance for women to get out and let their hair down, while enjoying special savings on exquisite jewelry and the other special treats," said Schuyler. "The food will be spectacular, and we invite everyone to Ladies Night Out."

During the event, Lily & Co. will offer special savings of 25 to 50 percent off select items throughout the store. In addition, there will be two special guests: Marcia Smith, creator of Villa Cora Gems, and Sue Lindel, who is representing James Breski as well as The Touch by Steven Edwards. Both guests will present full jewelry lines from each collection.

As always, Lily & Co. will team up with a local charitable organization during Ladies Night Out. Guests are asked to bring an unwrapped gift to be donated to Friends Who Care, a program designed to educate children on what it means to be a young person with a disability, to accept their peers with disabilities as people, and to find ways to include everyone in school and after-school activities.*

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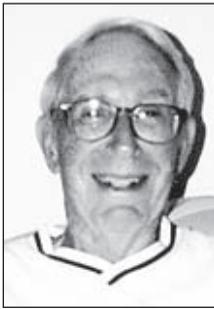
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At 6-Foot, 9-Inches, Just Acquired Alex Meyer Instantly Became The Twins Top Pitching Prospect

by Ed Frank



When the Minnesota Twins and their Minor League entourage assemble here in little more than two months for spring training, it will be hard for you to miss a flame-throwing 6-foot, 9-inch youngster named Alex Meyer, who is now the Twins' top pitching prospect.

Last week, the Twins traded centerfielder Denard Span to the Washington Nationals for Meyer, who was their first-round pick (22nd overall) in the 2011 Major League draft.

The move surprised many as Span had hit a solid .284 with 230 RBIs over five Major League seasons with the Twins. It highlighted, however, the Twins desperate need for top-flight pitching

after their last two dismal, last-place seasons.

Span was a product of the Twins farm system, having been a first-round selection in 2002. In 2005, he batted .339 in 49 games here with the Fort Myers Miracle Class-A team.

A native of Greensburg, Indiana, Meyer was highly impressive in his inaugural professional season. The 220-pound right-hander began the 2012 year at Low-A Hagerstown of the South Atlantic League, where he recorded a 3.10 ERA in 90 innings. He was promoted to High-A Potomac of the Carolina League, where he continued to excel until he reached the team-imposed innings limit.

His first-season performance earned the lanky hurler a spot on the Team USA roster for the XM Futures Game.

Perhaps now you will begin to understand why the Twins traded for the promising pitcher.

Meyer is probably a year or two away from the Majors and could begin the 2013 season here with Fort Myers. However, since he already pitched well in High-A ball at Potomac, it is more likely that he will begin his career with the Twins organization at Double-A New Britain of the Eastern League.

Prior to the acquisition of Meyer, right-hander Kyle Gibson was the Twins top pitching prospect and remains highly regarded. However, he missed most of the 2011 and

2012 seasons recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Gibson did make a few late-season starts last year at the Triple-A level and was successful in this year's Arizona Fall League.

Until the recent two-year demise of the Major League Twins, pitching had been the key to their year-after-year successes.

Meyer and Gibson could provide that sorely-needed future success.

Greg Norman's Franklin Templeton Shootout Here This Weekend

The 24th edition of Greg Norman's Franklin Templeton Shootout will be held here this weekend at the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples.

Featuring 24 of the top golfers in the world, the popular event is the 12th consecutive year that it has been staged in Southwest Florida.

The 12 two-man teams will compete for the \$3 million purse with the first-place team earning \$750,000.

Returning to defend their 2011 Shootout title are Keegan Bradley and Brendan Steele.

Everblades Depart On Seven-Game Road Trip

After splitting a pair of home games last weekend with Greenville, the Florida Everblades hockey team departed on a seven-game road trip this week that will take them to Reading, Wheeling, Cincinnati and Kalamazoo over the next two weeks.

Florida will not return home to Germain Arena until December 16, when they face Toledo.

Last weekend's split with Greenville included a 5-4 shootout lost Friday and a 4-3 win Saturday.

The defending Kelly Cup champions started the week with an 8-7-1-4 record and a fourth place standing in the ECHL South Division.*



Alex Meyer

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SANIBEL BICYCLE CLUB

Run To Key West Raises Awareness For Panthers

A team of 10 Florida Gulf Coast University honors students and faculty will run from Fort Myers to Key West and back December 15 to 21 in order to raise money and awareness of the challenges faced by the Florida panther. "Trails For Tails" will run through and around panther habitat for seven days during a 600-mile run.

A kickoff party will take place at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 14 at Bar Louie at Gulf Coast Town Center. On Saturday, December 15, runners will take off from Alico Arena following FGCU's commencement ceremonies.

With approximately 120 panthers left in South Florida, they are critically endangered. Loss of habitat combined with rapid development has led to scores of panther deaths due to vehicle collision.

To support the cause, please contribute at www.indiegogo.com/T4Tails. Donations will go to The Conservation Fund, a 501(c)3 charity that supports conservation efforts around the country, and will be earmarked for projects protecting Florida wildlife and its habitat.

For more information, contact Sean Kelly, director of the FGCU Honors Program, at 590-7440 or skelly@fgcu.edu.*



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The Sanctuary's Hope Hospice Tennis Tournament Yields \$10K

The 10th annual Hope Hospice Tennis Tournament produced over \$10,000 at The Sanctuary Golf Club. A two-day event held earlier this month that had 60 players competing. This event is one of the signature charity events at The Sanctuary Golf Club and they have been the venue and title sponsor for 10 years. This year's champions include:

- Women's Doubles – Tracy DiBiase and Vicki Wise
- Men's Doubles – Jim Monahan and Ken Monahan
- Men's Open Doubles – Ed Bolter and Andy Rundie
- Women's Open Doubles – Edita Hedrick and Kerry Kendrick

"Thank you to all the sponsors," stated Christie Bradley, Director of Tennis & Fitness at the Sanctuary Golf Club. "In addition, thank you to all those competitors who participated in making the event so successful. This was a fantastic event and the weather could not have been better."

The Sanctuary Golf Club was the title sponsor. The Grand Slam Sponsors are Bank of the Islands, Tween Waters Inn, Lily & Co. Jewelry, Phoenix File, Luc Century, and Excel Sportswear. The Raffle Sponsors consisted of The Sanctuary Golf Club, Lily & Co. Jewelry, Luc Century, Tween Waters Spa, Traders Store & Café, Flex Appeal, MacIntosh Books & Paper, Tribeca Salon and Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory.

"Christie does a fantastic job organizing and arranging the days for the Hope Hospice Tennis Tournament," said Ken Kouril, general manager and COO of The Sanctuary Golf Club. "It seems to become more popular each year between island friends, neighbors and members. The Sanctuary Golf Club members are proud to sponsor Hope Hospice."

If you would like to donate to Hope Hospice, visit www.hopehospice.org. For membership information about The Sanctuary Golf Club, contact Sheryl Tatum at statum@sanctuarygc.net or 322-5182.✪

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7. Periwinkle Place – Pictures with Santa: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Children's Center School Choir: 5:45 p.m., Live music: 6 to 9 p.m., refreshments
7. Sanibel Congregational Church – Refreshments and music
8. The Community House – Open house, shell crafters, Lions Fish Fry
9. The Village Shops – Music, food, refreshments
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SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2012 Standings through December 3

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	77	35
Second	Bathroom Magic	71	41
Third	Sanibel Café	66	46
Fourth	Odd Balls	52	60
Fifth	Sandycappers	48	64
Sixth	Fresh Legion Crew	47	65
Seventh	Island Lifers	44	68
Eighth	Deep Pockets	43	69

Bunt's Ball Busters	9	Bathroom Magic	7
Island Lifers	9	Odd Balls	7
Deep Pockets	8	Fresh Legion Crew	8
Sanibel Café	8	Sandycappers	8

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Ball Busters Edge Magicians Again

Four wins came from Rich Ennis and Dave Doane racked up three wins as first place Bunt's Ball Busters jumped off to a 7-1 lead over second place Bathroom Magic, then limped home to a 9-7 victory. This is the fourth time in two years that the Busters have flushed Magic's bathroom by identical 9-7 scores.

The Island Lifer team was mired in last place by 10 games on November 12. With their 9-7 victory over the fading Odd Ball guys, the Lifer team moved out of the cellar by one game, leaving Deep Pockets in their dust. Gary Murza and Tom Walters each had three wins for Island Lifers and Captain Connie Martin added to the Odd Ball woes with two wins over Matt Hall.

"I was distracted," Hall said later when he reviewed his performance with this reporter.

The Lifer win followed up on last week's 11-5 pasting of Fresh Legion Crew, when Joe Martin had his first 4-0 night of the season to lead his team.

Captain Tom Schaner and Jack Cunningham had 4-0 nights for Deep Pockets and Tom Yorgey and Gator Gates matched them for the Fresh Legion Crew as the teams played to an 8-8 tie.✪

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Where is Tim Wakefield on the list of most career victories by a Boston Red Sox pitcher?
2. In 2012, Toronto and Cleveland played the longest Opening Day game in history (16 innings). Which teams played in the previously longest game?
3. Who is the only player in NFL history to have eight seasons of at least 290 rushing attempts and 50 receptions?
4. Name the first men's basketball coach to be named both an ACC and a Big East Coach of the Year.
5. Beginning in 1917 with the Seattle Metropolitans, how many times has a U.S.-based team won the Stanley Cup?
6. Who was the last American male runner before Leonel Manzano (silver medal) in 2012 to medal in the Olympic 1500 meter race?
7. In how many of the past 16 Ryder Cups (1981-2012) has the team trailing after the first day of golf play gone on to with the event?

ANSWERS

1. Third with 186 victories; behind Cy Young and Roger Clemens (192 each). 2. Cleveland and Detroit (1960) and Washington and Philadelphia (1926) each played 15 innings. 3. Laddarian Tomlinson (2001-08, with San Diego). 4. Leonard Hamilton (Big East: 1995, '99; ACC: 2009, '12). 5. Forty-five times. 6. Jim Ryan won the silver medal in 1968. 7. Eight times.

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Saturday winners Dave Bugby, Tony Baldino, Bill Stell and Jim Hopson

Beachview Men Start The Month With Shamble And A Special Guest



Tuesday winners Dick Chocol, Dave Lewis and Jim Hopson

On Saturday, December 1 the Beachview Men played a shamble, where you take the best drive in the foursome, then each person plays his own ball into the hole and the best two net scores are used. The result was a close one separated by one stroke.

The winners were the fivesome of Tony Baldino, Jim Hopson, Dave Bugby, Jay Allen and Bill Stell with a score of 95. In second was the team of Fred Zimmer, Al Krause, Joel Goodman and Marty Gallagher with a score of 96. In third were Bjorn Olsson, Hunt Ethridge, Rene Lohser and Jack Tukey with a 97.

There is always a lunch on the first Saturday of the month and members were honored to have a special guest, 91-year-old Truman Wilson. He was instrumental in the development and history of the Beachview golf course. He told the little known story of how Hugo Lindgren, who owned the property, got his friend and famous golfer Byron Nelson to come to Florida and evaluate the area for a golf course. Nelson said, "What, in this swamp." But he was persuaded by Lindgren and Truman to come back the next day and take a second look and they decided it could be done. Truman actually laid out and helped construct the course. This was an entertaining history lesson for the golfers.

On Tuesday, November 27, the men played a variable better ball and the winners were Wayne Turner, Jim Hopson, David Lewis and Dick Chocol with a score of 115. Mike Zembko, Rene Lohser, Roger Triftshauer, and Dick Waterhouse were second with a 125. Dan Keys, Jim Purviance, Ralph Barton and Bob Ritchlin also had a score on 125 but were awarded third place as a result of a scorecard playoff.*



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Dunes Women's Golf Results

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Dunes Women's Golf Association event results from November 2. Format: Best Ball Of The Foursome (With A Twist)

1st Grethe Christensen 98

Jana Stone
Judy Wellons
Lesley Simmons

2nd Margaret Dwyer 99

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Chip-In's
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Anne Frymoyer #13.☆



Grethe Christensen



Jana Stone



Judy Wellons



Lesley Simmons



Margaret Dwyer



Joan Kent



Anne Frymoyer



Lil Gailius



Noel Barbee

Beachview Women's Golf Results

The Beachview Women's Golf Association recently held a two-week Ringer Tournament. Using the best score on each hole on either day, top honors for the 18 holers went to Sharon Ellen with a score of 83. Second place went to Cecilia Olsson and Jill Bugby finished third.

The BWGA 9-holers saw Debbie Smith run away with a five-stroke victory. Joan Miller claimed second and Geri Harrand won a match of scorecards for third place.☆

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All three weekends of events take place in Captiva's village center, where its colorful restaurants and shops will be festively decorated.

As a highlight of this annual event, local hoteliers and restaurants have again teamed up to offer six free two-night Captiva Holiday Village weekends. Online entries are now being accepted at www.captivaholidayvillage.com.

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Heights Foundation's Thanksgiving Outreach Helps Nearly 400 Families



The Heights Foundation Thanksgiving Outreach assisted nearly 400 families

The Heights Foundation held the 13th annual Bountiful Blessings Thanksgiving Food outreach on November 18. Since 1999, the program has helped families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood make a traditional Thanksgiving meal to share with their families. This year, partner agencies, businesses, philanthropic organizations and more than 150 volunteers provided turkey dinners with all of the fixings to nearly 400 families.

Families enjoyed crafts, activities and the opportunity to have family photographs taken. Attendees were also able to get a free health needs assessment to help plan a future free clinic.

"The Heights Foundation works to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. The success of our Thanksgiving outreach is due to the generous support of our neighbors who contribute their time and money to support our mission," said Julie Workman, director of programs and community relations for the Heights Foundation.

For more information about the Heights Foundation and the Heights Center, call 482-7706 or visit www.heightsfoundation.org.*

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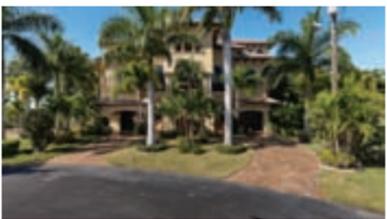
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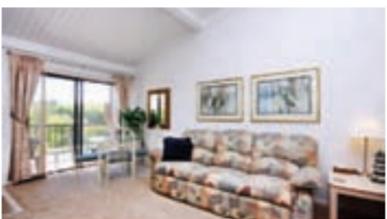
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My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Start preparing now to make sure you get the credit you're due for all that effort you put in to get that project off the ground. A new challenge emerges after the 15th.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're still charging full steam ahead on the job -- and that's fine. But take time to share the joy of preparing for the upcoming holidays with folks you love.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workaday duties and spend time with your family.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who

admires you and wants to help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable expressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that personal situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An old friend gives confusing signals. Best advice: Don't assume that things will necessarily work themselves out. Ask questions and demand straight answers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natural sense of caution. Meanwhile, check out that new job offer.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of right and wrong sometimes causes you to come into conflict with others. But you invariably come out ahead.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 13, 1621, under the care of Robert Cushman, the first American furs to be exported from the continent leave for England aboard the Fortune. During the crossing, the Fortune was captured by the French, and its valuable cargo of furs was taken. Cushman was detained on the Ile d'Dieu before being returned to England.

- On Dec. 14, 1799, George Washington, the first U.S. president, dies at age 67. Two days earlier, he rode out into a freezing sleet to survey business affairs on his estate. He returned home late for a dinner engagement and refused to take the time to change out of his wet clothes. The next day, Washington

developed a severe respiratory infection and died the following day. His last words were "'Tis well."

- On Dec. 16, 1811, the greatest series of earthquakes in U.S. history begins in the Mississippi River Valley near New Madrid, Mo., when a quake of an estimated 8.6 magnitude slams the region. The earthquake raised and lowered parts of the Mississippi Valley by as much as 15 feet and changed the course of the Mississippi River.

- On Dec. 10, 1915, the one-millionth Ford car rolls off the assembly line at the River Rouge plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford sold more than 15 million Model Ts in all; they initially cost \$850 (about \$20,000 in today's dollars).

- On Dec. 11, 1946, the United Nations votes to establish the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to provide relief and support to children. Only two countries have failed to ratify the treaty -- Somalia and the United States.

- On Dec. 15, 1973, Sandy Hawley becomes the first jockey to win 500 races in a single year. Hawley achieved his historic win aboard Charlie Jr., in the third race at Maryland's Laurel Park race track.

- On Dec. 12, 1989, hotel magnate Leona Helmsley receives a four-year prison sentence, 750 hours of community service and a \$7.1 million tax fraud fine in New York. Helmsley became the object of loathing and disgust when she quipped that "only the little people pay taxes."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was British biologist and author Richard Dawkins who made the following sage observation: "When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity,

the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong."

- If you're like 20 percent of American women, you think your feet are too big.

- Did you ever wonder why we say, "I smell a rat" when we sense that something is amiss? The phrase dates back to a time before effective means of pest control, when it was not uncommon for a home to be infested by rodents. If a rat died inside a wall, the residents wouldn't be aware of it until the smell of the decaying body became noticeable.

- If you'd like to have a festive New Year's Eve but don't want to deal with the crowds in New York City for the iconic ball drop, consider heading to Mount Olive, N.C. Every year the town hosts a celebration in which a 3-foot lighted pickle is dropped into a barrel at midnight.

- Ancient Romans believed that a sneeze was the body's way of expelling evil spirits that caused disease. Thus, if one tried to suppress a sneeze, it was regarded as an invitation to illness and death.

- The 14-foot model of the Starship Enterprise that was used during shooting of the original "Star Trek" series is now displayed in the Smithsonian.

- If you are over the age of 40, you've lived longer than the average gorilla.

- The first woman to appear on the cover of Business Week magazine, in 1954, was Brownie Wise, the originator of the Tupperware Party.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." -- Lewis Carroll

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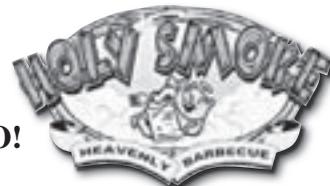
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Sanibel firemen who took part in the Movember fundraiser and prostate cancer awareness campaign included, from left, John Murray, Ron Ritchie, Tim Barrett, John Reitenbach, John Griffith, Josh Koza, Joe Nygaard and Michael Martin

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Movember Campaign Ends

been taken towards changing attitudes – and habits – related to men's health around the world. But unlike the women's health movement, much work remains to be done.

Using the moustache as a symbol, Movember aims to fulfill its vision of having an everlasting impact on "the face of men's health" by continuing to spark conversation and spread awareness of men's

health issues each and every year.

"The mustaches on the trucks always starts a conversation," added captain/medic John Griffith. "Delivering that kind of information to people is important, but we had a lot of fun doing it."

Last Friday morning, following a ceremonial photograph of SFRD's Movember participants, Lt. John Murray was the first member of the team to grab an electric razor and shave off his mustache. Other firefighters promised to rid their faces of their whiskers in short order.

"I dunno... I've kinda gotten used to the look," added Koza with a smile.

Funds raised by the Sanibel firefighters – as well as other fire departments and participating agencies across the United States and around the world – will go towards supporting prostate cancer and testicular cancer initiatives. That money will be directed to programs run directly by Movember and its men's health partners: the Prostate Cancer Foundation and The Livestrong Foundation.✪



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IB Students Recieve Hoodies



One hundred and fifty members of the Class of 2013 Fort Myers High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Program after a luncheon to receive the "Being SMART is COOL" Hoodies in the Gulfstream Service Center hangar sponsored by and at PrivateSky Aviation Services, Inc. an affiliate of Wolanin Companies Ltd photo by Rene Miville

College Receives Accreditation From NCATE

The College of Education at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) received accreditation through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Accreditation was granted at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. This accreditation decision

indicates that the unit and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. The next onsite visit will take place in spring 2019.

"We are so proud to be the only nationally accredited teacher preparation program in Southwest Florida," said Dean for the College of Education Marci Greene. "This is indeed the highest stamp of quality a college of education can receive. Our stellar education faculty, programs and school partnerships, our emphasis on rigorous entrance requirements, small classes, field experiences

across urban-suburban and rural schools, and assessments linked to best practices all contribute to making the College of Education distinct. We are committed to preparing highly qualified candidates who are highly competent to serve in diverse communities."

Founded in 1954, NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges, and departments of education. NCATE and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) have consolidated and are now transitioning into the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).*

skill to have.

According to Dr. Perry Klass in a recent *New York Times* article, children who have regular music lessons develop their attention and memory skills, critical for scholastic success. There are also some studies that suggest that math skills are increased by music instruction.

Additionally, children strengthen their auditory skills through music instruction and recent studies suggest that these benefits extend all through life or at least for those who continue to be involved with music.

Scientists are beginning to understand the relationship between music instruction and language-based learning activities such as reading. They're finding that musical training improves the brain's ability to discern the various components of sound such as pitch, timing and timbre. This relates to reading skills because when a child learns to read they must have a good working memory, be able to understand small speech units and make sound to meaning connections.

Further as a life long benefit, studies now suggest that older musician's central auditory processing skills are better preserved than non-musicians which leads to better understanding of speech, a skill we all want and need.

Does this mean that all children should have intensive music instruction in preschool? Absolutely not. Music instruction should not be seen as a back door for educational tutoring or some type of therapy. Children should want to take music lessons and the hope is that they enjoy music instruction for what it is; an opportunity to develop a life long skill and interest that may also bring with it many social opportunities and fulfillment.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My son is in preschool and there is an opportunity for him to take music lessons there. My husband doesn't think that music lessons for a 4-year-old are worthwhile, but I do. What do you think?

Sanji G., Fort Myers

Sanji, Music lessons for young children have been popular for many years. Clearly, it's the first step in learning how to enjoy and appreciate music. Most children get a sense of accomplishment and pride from early lessons and learn many valuable concepts through music instruction.

Children will begin to understand the idea of how practice leads to mastery, an important study skill. Through the recital process that usually accompanies music instruction, children get the chance to understand how a performance works and they will begin to learn how to self regulate any feelings of nervousness and stage fright they might experience in this process. Again, this is a good life long

Will Power

Heavy Lifting And The Do-It-Yourselfer



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

Twice a week, I train with a personal trainer to help keep myself physically fit. During the training sessions, I will often bench press free weights. For a guy

approaching 49 years of age, I don't do too badly. But my trainer always "spots" me, making sure that if the weight I'm lifting is too much, then he's there to keep it from crushing my chest.

Sometimes I lift when I'm alone and not in a training session. When I do this, I tend to lift less weight than I know I can handle, because I don't want to be crushed when no one is there to help me if I find myself having unexpected trouble.

Which leads me to today's estate planning topic – "do-it-yourselfers" with financial planning. I have come across many intelligent people who have invested quite well for themselves over the years. They shun financial advisors, wealth managers and trust companies. "Why should I pay them to manage my money when I do a better job on my own?" I'm asked.

Keep in mind that I am an attorney and not a financial advisor, so I don't

have any skin in the game. I'm here to tell you, though, like the guy who tries to lift too much weight without a spotter, it's probably a mistake to go it alone with your financial plan, especially as one ages.

Allow me to illustrate with two examples. First, we'll consider Charlie and Lucy who have been married 50 years. Charlie has always done well investing in the market, and is adept at moving in and out of certain stocks and bonds when he should. He understands the capital gains ramifications of his decisions, and knows what he wants to sell if he needs cash to pay larger or unexpected expenses that arise from time to time.

Lucy has never been involved in any of those decisions. In fact, she enjoys the freedom of leaving these matters to Charlie. So guess what happens if Charlie has a sudden stroke and can't carry out his normal duties anymore? Where does Lucy turn? Who can step in and show her everything that Charlie knows so she can carry forward on her own? What costly mistakes might Lucy make without Charlie's guidance?

Next let's consider Sally the widow. After her husband died she actually did quite well for herself. She studied the markets, read *The Wall Street Journal*

regularly and managed her money quite conservatively. She didn't see the need to employ a financial advisor since things were working out quite well on her own.

But then Sally became forgetful. The neurologist's report indicated that she had some form of dementia. Sally already had a revocable living trust that named her daughter Peggy as the trustee. Sally had the utmost confidence in Peggy, and explained everything that Sally knew about investments to her. But Peggy was busy raising her children and had a busy career.

Managing her mother's money and paying her bills became a much bigger job than Peggy anticipated, so as Sally regressed into further dementia, Peggy decided to engage the services of a financial advisor on her mother's behalf.

The recommendation was through a friend of a friend, and you can guess where it headed. The financial advisor didn't do well at all, with Sally's portfolio suffering. It's likely that had Sally been well and was convinced that she needed a financial professional on her team, she would have chosen a more seasoned advisor to manage her money.

In both cases, wouldn't it have been better had the "do-it-yourselfers" engaged the services of a professional who at a minimum shadowed them for a time? That way the professional would know what their client would do in a certain situation, and have knowledge as to the investment strategies followed, the unrealized capital gains that existed in the account, and a host of other facts that would likely result in a more successful

outcome?

One never wants to "transition in a time of crisis" and that's exactly what happens in many do-it-yourself scenarios. There is no "spotter" there who can help with the heavy lifting if the do-it-yourselfer becomes too weak to act for one reason or another. When there is no spotter there's always the danger that the weight of the job and responsibilities crush the do-it-yourselfer or their spouse or adult children.

So if you see any part of yourself in these stories, please consider engaging the services of a professional that you take the time to interview and select. It will make life easier on you if anything should happen, and certainly will make life easier on your spouse or adult children who depend upon you to do the heavy lifting in your financial life.

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From left, Ric Base, president of the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce, Vasanta Senerat, owner and CPA of Vasanta Senerat, CPA, P.A., Randolph Boone, and Bridgit Stone-Budd, director of marketing for the Chamber

Vasanta Senerat Becomes Luminary 2012 Gold Sponsor

Luminary Weekend is upon us and the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce has added one final gold sponsor to the list – Vasanta Senerat, CPA, P.A. This Friday, December 7, the Luminary Festival will kick off on Sanibel and continues on Saturday, December 8 on Captiva.

"I'm glad to be able to sponsor an event the whole community enjoys and kicks off the season," said Vasanta Senerat, owner and CPA of Vasanta Senerat, CPA, P.A.

Luminary Festival is a great way to enjoy the holiday season on the islands. It is the one time a year that the island streets are lined with illuminated candles, decorated trees and other festive trimmings. Everyone can enjoy the free trolley ride on the Luminary Trail, which will make stops at shopping centers, galleries and local businesses that are offering something special. Even Santa stops by on his fire truck.

"The Chamber is grateful to have Vasanta Senerat be a gold sponsor for this magical weekend," said Ric Base, president of the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce.

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Culinary And Hospitality Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Culinary and Hospitality Education Foundation of Southwest Florida, Inc. (CHEF) has awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to students in FGCU's School of Resort & Hospitality Management.

The CHEF is a charitable organization that serves the culinary and hospitality arts professions by providing scholarships, awards, financial incentives and skills development opportunities to deserving individuals committed to furthering their education and enhancing their careers.

"We share with FGCU the goal of supporting the most promising students who need financial aid to attain the fine education that Florida Gulf Coast University provides," said CHEF President Judith M. Hushon.

According to Dr. Sherie Brezina, director of the School of Resort & Hospitality Management, "Each year the CHEF scholarships provide more and more RHM students who have a career interest in food and beverage management the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree and turn their hopes and dreams into reality upon graduation."

CHEF members were invited to meet scholarship recipients Thursday, November 29 during a reception, wine tasting and dinner at FGCU. Full-time resort and hospitality management majors from Lee and Collier counties were awarded grants based on financial need and academic standing. The bachelor's degree program prepares students for high-demand careers in resort, private club, spa, hotel, event, restaurant and tourism-destination management.

"The generosity of the Culinary and Hospitality Education Foundation helps ensure that students needing financial assistance can enter the professional world with a solid foundation of skills and critical thinking," said Linda Lehtomaa, interim vice president of university advancement and executive director of the FGCU Foundation, which administers the scholarships. "Their success brings distinction to FGCU and to the School of Resort & Hospitality Management."

For more information, call 590-1071.*

Superior Interiors

First Impressions Always Count



by Jeanie Tinch

There is one single room in your home that is guaranteed to make a first and lasting impression. Any idea which room that might be? Why, it's your foyer, of course.

This special keynote area should definitely say "welcome" to family and friends. It should reflect your personality and help to introduce your guests to the mood and style of your home.

So, how can you achieve so much in what is usually such a small space?

Often, space limitation actually allows your ingenuity and imagination to soar. And since one seldom lingers in your foyer, why not try some way-out design ideas incorporating unusual objects. Even a striking color scheme could be the perfect solution for your entryway.

Because foyers come in countless shapes and sizes, you will need to pay attention to maximizing your specific entry. If it's rather small, then I suggest you make this space as interesting as possible – perhaps with a dramatic display of artwork. If it's rather large, you might want to consider creating a space with more warmth – perhaps by incorporating a neutral color scheme.

Because these spaces are generally high traffic area, floors should be durable and easy to maintain. Good lighting is also an important consideration for your guests. A center chandelier is usually sufficient in a small foyer, with care being taken that your chandelier isn't hung so low that it brushes the heads of your taller guests. Attractive wall sconces – perhaps flanking a mirror – will also provide sufficient light in a smaller space.

In larger foyers, consider the addition of one unique and inspired piece of furniture to set your "stage." And, the addition of matching candlestick lamps would provide you with the perfect amount of welcoming ambiance.

Put your best decorating foot forward and make your entrance a GRAND one!

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at jeanie@decden.net.*

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Foundation Awards Scholarships

A \$5,000 gift has provided for scholarships to help deserving students in the School of Resort & Hospitality Management at Florida Gulf Coast University.

The funds were raised by members of the Bonita Springs and Naples Chapters of The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs and matched by The Chaîne Foundation, a tax-exempt organization of the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, Bailliage des Etats-Unis, which provides scholarships to culinary, oenological and hospitality students.

Sandi Moran, president of the Naples Chapter of the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs and a Foundation trustee, presented the check to Dr. Sherie Brezina, director of the School of Resort & Hospitality Management, during a reception, wine tasting and dinner on November 29 at FGCU.

"The Chaîne Foundation's grants help culinary and hospitality students, who will someday be staffing the restaurants and hotels we all enjoy, to passionately pursue their studies," Moran said. "Our goal is to ease the financial strain of the costs of education, allowing the students to concentrate on their studies and develop their talent."

FGCU's Bachelor of Science degree in resort and hospitality management prepares students for high-demand careers in all aspects of the industry, including resort, private club, spa, hotel, event, restaurant and tourism-destination management.

"Many of today's students wouldn't be able to complete their programs and

compete in the workforce without the generous financial support of organizations like The Chaîne Foundation," said Linda Lehtomaa, interim vice president of University Advancement and Executive Director of the FGCU Foundation, which administers the scholarships.*

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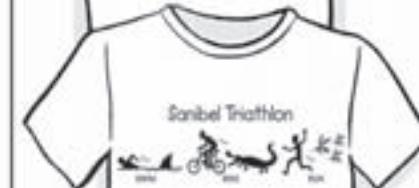


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by Marge Meek

When you purchase insurance coverage, you assume you are getting the best coverage at the lowest price. Often, the lowest price is because your comparison quote is dif-

ferent than another quote, although the general headings on the coverage page look the same. Ask questions as to why.

Basic to insurance is that there are two generally used categories of risk that the insurance will cover. "Named peril" refers to specific and limited issues that the policy will cover and is less expensive. Causes like some explosions, smoke, falling objects and water damage are in this limited coverage form.

The more inclusive coverage that most of us think we are getting is called specific coverage, open perils subject to policy exclusions or "all risk." Unless specifically excluded, the damage is covered. Check your policies but typical examples that could be covered under this policy are: a window left open and rain damages carpet and furniture; mysterious disappearance of personal property; damage

from a falling chandelier; waterbed bursts; power surges damage electronics; theft of personal property from a secondary residence when the insured isn't living there; damage caused by weight of people or animals; non-malicious acts of children; nail polish on furniture; dropped computer; luggage lost by airlines; stone disappears from jewelry.

This special, more inclusive coverage is available on homes, condos and commercial properties. Always check with your agent and be aware that all policies are not the same.

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press@islandsunnews.comChristmas Lights
And Safety

by Bryan Hayes

The holidays are on everyone's mind, and I'm sure that I'm not alone in calling it my favorite time of the year. Now that Thanksgiving has passed, everyone is putting up their

beautiful trees, and the more dedicated of us are stringing up those bright, colorful lights around their properties.

This is that time of year for me to talk electrical safety again. So, how many Christmas lights can you plug into that one receptacle on your lanai? Perhaps some of you are familiar with the movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*? (I just can't resist the reference). Even though Clark Griswold's intentions to make everything perfect for the holidays were good-natured and sweet, his idea to turn his house into a Christmas light extravaganza that forced the local power company to switch on their auxiliary nuclear generator – not so much.

Clark boasted that he had used 250 strands of lights with 100 bulbs in each one... totaling a 25,000-bulb display inferno that only added to the disastrous

holiday scenario that didn't quite go as well as he had intended. Now, with proper electrical expertise and good planning, it's possible to create such enormous light displays, but before you get ahead of yourself and create a situation where your circuit board is overwhelmed or you create unsafe electrical conditions in and around your home, keep in mind this:

- You can only put (3) 100-foot strands of lights on each 15 amp plug – that's it. (Note: Most of your receptacles are a minimum of 15 amps. It's the safest way to go.)

Now if you do decide to go all out and plan out and extravagant holiday display, you might want to give me a call before you do that.

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The Burns Family Team of Royal Shell Real Estate is a Golden Table Sponsor at this year's Holly Ball. The Holly Ball is a festive holiday celebration that benefits the Clinic for the

Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW). The Burns Family also donated a three-night getaway in a scenic lodge for 14 guests near Gatlinburg, Tennessee, located in the heart of the Smoky Mountains, as an item for the live auction.

"We welcome this opportunity to support CROW's mission to save wildlife," said Jeff Burns, partner with The Burns Family Team and CROW board member. Merrill Taylor, event chair, accepted



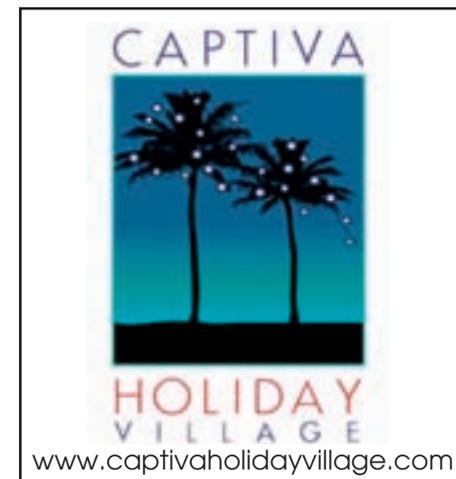
Melinda Graham

the donation for the Holly Ball. "We appreciate the generosity of the Burns Family in helping us raise funds to benefit CROW and support their efforts to save the wildlife," said Taylor.

This year's Holly Belles include Sanibel

business owner Melinda Graham, who has been working to help plan the 2012 Holly Ball. Graham is the proprietor of Surroundings by Melinda, a home decor and gift shop on Library Way.

Graham has been inspired by her role as a "Belle" and is offering a 10 percent discount on all ornament purchases at her store. Proceeds will benefit CROW.*



Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I was in a relationship with a man whom I cared for very much for four months. He abruptly ended it and I am heartbroken. I had a hunch not to get involved, but he pursued it.

What can I do next time to avoid this from happening again?

A: I often hear from women that they blame themselves for turning their head and ignoring what their "gut feelings" were telling them. This is common, especially in relationship issues.

Everyone is on their best behavior in the beginning. There may be little red flags the first few months of the relationship, however, those red flags are quickly ignored because there are too many good things going on. After the fact, when things don't work out, you say, "I should have paid more attention to his or her self-absorption, drinking too much, gambling, overspending, stinginess when it comes to the others needs, not following through on things that were planned, etc." They blame themselves. Why? Low self-worth, this is how they were programmed. Most likely, this stemmed from our own family of origin.

Since our early years, we have heard our families, friends, teachers, news media tell us how and to what to think. Consider to listen to yourself more than any of those people above. Stop using low self-worth as an excuse not to live life to its fullest with the utmost self-confidence. Learn to accept situations

as they are and consider what is the best appropriate action.

So why not choose to trust yourself? People who have a genuine sense of self worth are able to relax and live in the present. They handle stressors with ease. Pay attention to the people in your life who seem to be comfortable with whom they are. They have high self-worth and are not overwhelmed with stress and tension. They live in the present moment and do what is necessary for that moment.*

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Backbones



by Dr. Dave
Hepburn

Gotta love hood ornaments. I've noticed that they often make hoods more ornamental. Personally, I'd love to own one of the animal ones, like a jaguar, particu-

larly if it came attached to the hood. Certainly, whenever a Dodge Ram – with those massive curled horns – pulls up into my rear view mirror, I tend to clench most of my rear view clenchable parts, sort of doing my own Kegels.

Alas, I don't own a vehicle with any hood ornaments... unless mosquitoes, dragonflies and motorized wheelchairs are classified as ornaments. But last month, while sitting behind my steering wheel on the side of a road, I glanced at the hood and thought I imagined the ram tough horns at the end of my hood. Yes! Looked very much like the hood ornament I loved... with one exception. These ones moved. And furthermore, they turned out to be attached to a ram, a tough one.

I had, in fact, just crested the Continental Divide, the backbone of the world, in Glacier National Park in Montana and was sitting in my non-Dodge rental car when two massive big-horn sheep took a shining to my rental. As they menacingly hoofed it around to my door, I desperately fumbled about trying to locate the electric window buttons, managing only to turn on the windshield wipers, headlights and both seat warmers. I ended up doing everything but roll up the window. So I laid on the big horn just to get this bighorn out of my grill, so to speak.

Excitement on the Continental Divide, aka the backbone of the world. And you needed some backbone to sit there and confront Mr. Ram Tough from the safety of your rental car.

Backbones are the backbone of many practices as 90 percent of the population will have some problem with their back at some time. Entire careers and mortgages are built on the backs of those whose back are built incorrectly.

Driving to the top of the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park was a real pain as it involved so many hairpin curves that by the time I reached the top, my toupee had turned sideways on my head.

So it is with curves of the spine. Some curves in our spine can turn us in all sorts of unwanted, unsightly directions and cause no shortage of pain.

The most well known is scoliosis, an "S" or even "C" shaped curving of the spine. If you have a child in the early teens, the time when a growth spurt often can reveal an underlying scoliosis, you can perform a perfunctory test to see if they are abnormal, or more abnormal than is normal at that age. Teens, of course, love for their parents to test them on anything so adding the painless "bend forward test" will be a unpredict-

able joy to them. Though I do recall that when my mother had me bend over, it was followed by a predictable pain, courtesy of the wooden spoon. Stand behind him/teen or her/teen (scoliosis much more prevalent in girls) as they slowly bend forward and then back up again. Look for any asymmetry of the spine, shoulder blades or oriental mafia tattoos.

Treatment of scoliosis depends on when it is found and how severe it is, and can range from braces to surgery to physical therapy to skillful neglect (how I treat most things.)

Kyphosis is the infamous hump of the upper back that can have you swinging off church bells. There can be several causes depending at the age of onset. Adolescents may have a condition where several vertebrae wedge together called

Scheuermann's Disease, named after the man who discovered it, Dr Disease. (For those of you who already completed that last sentence... you know me too well.) In a geriatric population i.e., older adolescents, osteoporosis' slow disintegration of the spinal column leads to this very common and painful kyphosis.

Finally, lordosis aka swayback is the exaggerated low back (lumbar) inward tilt demonstrated so beautifully by pregnant women or most of West Virginia. Should small pets be able to do the backstroke in the sweat pooled in the small of your hyperlordotic back, then consider physiotherapy to strengthen your hamstrings or loosen your hip flexors. Alternatively, give birth to those twins, Krispy and Kream.

When it comes to curves of the spine, though there is no need to be Dodge ram

rod straight, should you have too much curve in the wrong places, not only could you have all sorts of back pain, more importantly, you could be less ornamental.

Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

We were a very happy family. Our four children, three daughters and a son, all were happy achievers. I hate to admit it, but the youngest daughter, the baby of the family, was my favorite child.

Suddenly one day, my wife had a very bad pain, and that was the beginning of what became her terminal illness. I cared for her and raised our children through their teen and college years. I was alone for five years and then I met a delightful lady who became my wife. Two daughters and my son refused to accept my

new wife. My special daughter was married and living in Scotland, so I decided we should go to Scotland for our honeymoon so my wife could meet Susan. We planned to stay with them for a week. Susan took an instant dislike to my wife and treated her terribly. On the third day, I said to Susan, "We are leaving; take a good look at me because I never want to see you again."

Five years have passed, and my wife and I are very happy. I do not see my children or grandchildren, and at times it is troubling.

Why can't my adult children accept my choice in a wife and be happy for me? I accepted and never interfered in their choices... but I guess that is different.

Todd

Dear Todd,

Most children are always very selfish and self-centered, but it is sad when they mature and become adults that they remain selfish and self-centered.

Frequently, the motivating force for their anger is the fear of not getting the inheritance they think they deserve. Many adult children think that it is just automatic that they get their parents money, but this is not true.

The parents are free to give their hard earned money to whomever they decide, providing, of course, there is not proven mental impairment or that the parent has been victimized by a con artist. You have done your best by your family. You and your wife deserve to enjoy your retirement years without interference of uncaring adult children. Best of luck.

Lizzie

like the second spouse.

Nothing complex or deep. The personalities just do not mesh. It is unfortunate when differences cannot be put aside for visits between parents and adult children.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.*

Lee Memorial Health System Hospitals Named Among Top 10 Percent In The Nation

Hospitals in the Lee Memorial Health System rank in the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation according to a new report from Healthgrades, the leading provider of information to help consumers make an informed decision about a physician or hospital. The report, American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation, evaluates how approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide performed on risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates for nearly 30 of the most common conditions treated and procedures performed from 2009 through 2011.

Lee Memorial Health System was recognized for many of its specialties, most notably, Lee Memorial Hospital received the Joint Replacement Excellence Award, is among the top 5 percent in the nation for Joint Replacement in both 2012 and 2013, and ranked second statewide in 2013. Lee Memorial Hospital was named one of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement for 2012 and 2013.

HealthPark Medical Center received the Healthgrades Coronary Intervention Excellence Award for 2013, ranked 4th statewide, and was among the top 10 percent in the nation for Cardiology Services in 2013.

Collectively, these two hospitals were the recipient of Healthgrades Stroke Care Excellence Award, ranked among the top 10 percent in the nation for treatment of stroke, for five consecutive years (2009 to 2013), and ranked in the top 10 in Florida for Neurosciences in 2013.

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dearPharmacist

Tired of Being Tired? Measure Thyroid Properly



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

I went through your timeline on Facebook, and learned why I'm still tired and overweight. My physician says my TSH is normal, just like you said he would. Can you discuss hypothyroidism in your column?

GÖ, Decatur, Illinois

There's an epidemic of tired, overweight folks who don't know they're hypothyroid because of improper testing. Some old school physicians are still drawing blood levels of TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) as the sole method to evaluate thyroid function.

TSH is incapable of telling you or your doctor what's happening inside your cells. It's fine to check as part of a comprehensive profile, but not by itself. People are often told they have "normal" thyroid levels, based upon their "normal" TSH.

TSH is a brain hormone and has nothing to do with intracellular (mitochondrial) levels of active thyroid hormone called "T3." You see, TSH may very well

be normal, while T3, (the hormone you want) is desperately low. You will hold on to weight, have dry skin, suffer with hair loss, fatigue, muscle aches, arrhythmias, depression, forgetfulness, anxiety and low libido.

Regardless of your misery, you may still be told your okay, because your TSH is okay. Big mistake. Huge!

TSH is just a messenger hormone. It's not active although levels are ideal around 0.1 to 1.0 mIU/l. People who feel fantastic have adequate levels of T3 inside their cells. Measuring a "free T3" gives you relevant, usable data. I'd shoot for 3.5 to 4.2 pg/ml myself.

During the same blood test, you should also measure T4 (which is inactive hormone, but it converts to T3). This is important to ascertain because it gives you a gauge to see how much hormone is available to eventually become active.

Evaluating blood levels of Reverse T3 also called "Reverse thyronine" and abbreviated as "rT3" is equally important. Reverse T3 is a mirror image of active T3. Elevated rT3 causes all the symptoms of clinical hypothyroidism I just mentioned. It's often high in people with heavy metals. I lecture around the world, and still meet physicians who dismiss rT3.

Did you know that hypothyroidism is a major cause for diabetes? When rT3 is high, that means it's poised like a pitbull on your cells' receptor sites preventing the real deal (T3) from entering the cell. The net result of elevated rT3 is you feel like zombie. But again, if your TSH is normal, or your rT3 is never measured,

you will be dismissed as normal.

I prefer natural desiccated thyroid (NDT) for medication treatment, such as Nature-Throid, and Armour over levothyroxine (Synthroid). My rationale is that NDT drugs contain both T3 and T4. Remember T3 is what you ultimately want. Synthroid is exclusively T4, so your body has to convert it to T3 before you can use it.

Unfortunately, people with metabolic issues, or digestive problems can't convert

well. Your physician can also prescribe plain "T3 compounded" if that is more appropriate for your individual case.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.

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Top 10 Percent In Nation

Gulf Coast Medical Center was recognized as one of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Pulmonary Care for both 2012 and 2013, and ranked best in the state for Overall Pulmonary Services, 2013. Cape Coral Hospital received the Healthgrades Pulmonary Care Excellence Award and ranked among the top 10 percent in the nation for Overall Pulmonary Services in 2013.

Hospital outcomes and complication rates are important in the eyes of consumers making choices today about their healthcare. According to new research conducted by Harris Interactive for Healthgrades, 90 percent of Americans in 27 top designated market areas agree they would be more likely to choose – or not choose – a hospital if they could learn

ahead of time their chances of complications for a certain procedure.

"We are honored by this recognition and proud of our reputation as we continue to rank among the best in the nation. These achievements are the result of each and every person involved in our health system and their dedication to the safety and well-being of our patients. Lee Memorial Health System is defined by the compassionate hands that heal our families, friends and neighbors – our community – every day," said Jim Nathan, president of Lee Memorial Health System.

More information on the American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation, including the complete methodology, can be found online at www.LeeMemorial.org/awards.

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Ridge	Bonita Springs	1996	3,245	1,100,000	875,000	113
Hawthorne	Bonita Springs	2005	2,879	774,000	727,825	330
Blackhawk	Fort Myers	2002	3,736	525,000	511,000	53
Glen Eagles	Estero	1999	2,106	529,900	500,000	255
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1973	2,460	515,000	485,000	114
Verandah	Fort Myers	2007	2,487	499,900	480,000	80
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2005	2,249	488,500	475,000	183
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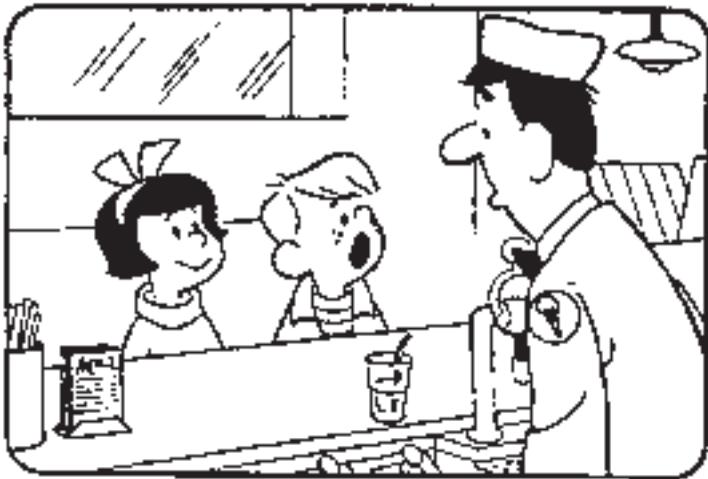
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Peas: CLANGE

Empty: VOIDED

Strong: BUSTOR

None: THROWY

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35B

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answer on page 35B

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- 1/2 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup orange or tangerine juice
- 8 hearts of palm, fresh or canned
- 1/4 cup red onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup red bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup yellow bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced
- 2 medium oranges or tangerines, peeled and sectioned
- 1/4 cup fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 2 cups fresh spinach, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar

2 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped
 Crack claws; remove shell and movable pincer, leaving the meat attached to the remaining pincer. Set aside. In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, vinegar, honey and orange or tangerine juice. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened to syrup. Remove from heat, cool and set aside. Slice hearts of palm into thin strips. In a bowl, combine the hearts of palm, onions, peppers, orange or tangerine segments, tarragon and spinach. Dress salad with olive oil and vinegar; toss until moistened. Serve salad in the center of each plate with stone crab claws arranged around the edge. Drizzle the honey citrus sauce over all and garnish with chopped parsley. Serve extra honey citrus sauce on the side.

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