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Santa will be on the run delivering Christmas gifts

## Annual Kiwanis Santa Run

He's been doing it for so many years, Father Christmas' annual Santa Run may be more of a stroll these days – but he promises to make all the deliveries entrusted to him.

Santa, aka several members of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club, will deliver gifts on Sunday, December 23 between 6 and 8 p.m.

If you want a gift personally delivered by the old man in red, drop it off at the Sanibel Fire Station #1, located at 2351 Palm Ridge Road, no later than 5 p.m. on December 23.

Place the gift in a bag with instructions attached. Include the name, address and a brief note about the recipient.

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If you have any questions, call Dick Muench at 472-2812 or any Kiwanian.✪

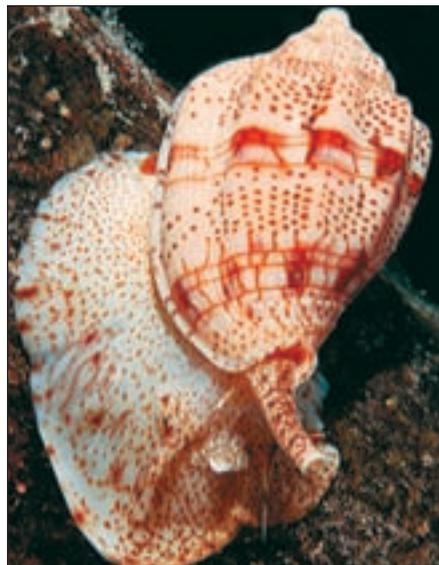
## Shell Museum Announces Photography Contest Winners

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum announced the winners for the 3rd annual Live Mollusk Photography Competition. "This year's response is very encouraging," said Diane Thomas, public programs specialist. "The judges did not have an easy assignment," Thomas added, "but they picked a great image as the winner."

The winner is Charles Rawlings from Winston Salem, North Carolina, who photographed a live volute (*Voluta polypleura*) at Raggedy Cay off Utila, Honduras in 45 feet of water in June of this year.

Henry Domke, MD, John Carney and Bill Frank served as the judges for this year's competition. Domke, a Missouri resident, left family practice medicine in 2007 to pursue art full time, and has established himself as a noted nature photographer in a short time. Carney is a Sanibel resident who has been teaching and judging photography for 40 years in Michigan, New York and Florida.

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*Voluta polypleura*, photographed by Charles Rawlings of Winston-Salem, North Carolina

## CROW's Holly Ball A Huge Success



Nicole McHale; Vonnie Dressel; Al Hanser (Santa), founder, CEO and co-chairman of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company; Sally Hanser; Merrill Taylor, chair; Cindy Crocker; and Harriet Pattison

Sunday evening, December 9, at The Sanctuary Golf Club proved to be a festive evening for guests of the Holly Ball, which raised significant funds for the patients at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company was the Master Sponsor of the evening.

"This event, planned by the Holly Belles, signifies the beginning of the holiday season and we are delighted that it returned," said Al Hanser, founder, CEO and co-chairman of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

More than 130 guests filled The Sanctuary Golf Club's main dining room, which was beautifully decorated by the Holly Belles, led by Merrill Taylor and her "Belles" – Melinda Graham, Sally Hanser, Cindy Crocker, Vonnie Dressel, Nicole McHale and Harriet Pattison. The evening included a raffle basket, live auction and a "give to live" moment that benefits the sea turtle program at CROW.

Hospital director Dr. Heather Barron, DVM, spoke about the importance of our ecosystem and how fortunate we are to live on an island where we value our natural habitat and provide excellent veterinary medicine to native and migratory wildlife.

"Each life is important to me, whether it is a baby bunny or an endangered Kemp's Ridley, my goal is for it to be released," said Dr. Barron.

"Proceeds from the event are still being tallied but we expect to have raised over \$40,000," said CROW President John Schubert. "We want to thank everyone who helped make this such a special evening."

Golden Table Sponsors included The Burns Family Team, Donna and John Schubert, Helene Farrell and Michael Hall, and Libby and Dale Hanson. Live auctions items were donated by The Burns Family Team, Traders, Congress Jewelers, Cindy and Doug Crocker and Krys and Dan Stegmann.

Raffle donors included Surroundings by Melinda Graham, The Spa at Tween Waters Inn, JB Designs, J. McLaughlin, Myra Roberts, Merrill Taylor, Sanibel Olive Oil, Sanibel Day Spa, Floral Artistry, Aqua Beachwear, Sanibel Home Furnishings, Forever Green Ace Hardware, Amy's Something Special, CJ's Island Boutique, Nanny's, Island Pursuit, Peach Republic, Her Sports Closet, Toys Ahoy, Island Style, Shiny Objects, Island Paws, Sanibel Art & Frame, Suncatcher's Dream, Blue Coyote and RS Walsh Landscaping.

The winner of an incredible raffle basket was Donnasue Andozola.

CROW Executive Director Steve Greenstein added, "On behalf of everyone at CROW, we would like to thank everyone for giving our patients a voice in the world and giving us hope for their future. All the money raised will be used to save lives through compassion, care and education."✪

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Sanibel Historical Village docents gather to learn more about Shore Haven and the museum gift shop. Asking a question is Board of Directors member Bill Bachman.

## Museum Docents Attend Monthly Education Event

Nearly 25 docents, both new and experienced, attended an educational session last week at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. The subjects were Shore Haven's history and the museum's gift shop.

These "docent coffees" will be held the first Tuesday of every month, each time focusing on a different topic and, whenever possible, with a speaker to address the subject of the meeting.

After going around the room to learn more about the docents, chairman of the Historical Preservation Committee Deb Gleason, whose family has been on the island since 1957, talked about Shore Haven and its life through the years. One thing she pointed out was that Shore Haven had electricity in 1926 while the island didn't get electricity until the 1940s.

The building's restoration could cost as much as \$200,000; it hasn't yet been decided exactly how the building will be used.

After docents asked questions, some of them related the joy they take in working as docents at the village – the people they meet, learning about the history of the island, sharing it with other interested people, and making friends with other docents.

Annette Cantalupo, a docent since 2004, described how she first got involved.

"I got lost one day and stopped at the museum to ask for directions. I was asked to be a docent, said 'yes,' and I love it! Although I never did get my directions that day!" Cantalupo said.

Anyone interested in being a docent or volunteering for other duties at the museum should call Emilie Alfino, museum manager, at 472-4648 during museum hours.

Learn more at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the Museum Gift Shop, which carries a variety of items that would make perfect Christmas gifts. The gift shop carries sailor's valentines, pine needle baskets and handmade aprons in adult and children's sizes plus aprons to fit American Girl dolls. All the merchandise in the museum store is made in America.

The village operates as a nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve, protect and share the island's history. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$5 for adults over 18; members are free. All buildings have handicap access. For more information, call 472-4648 or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).



Almost 25 docents attended the season's first monthly "docent coffee" to expand their knowledge about the village, its buildings and its operations.

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## A Christmas Wish From FISH Of Sanibel

submitted by Christine Swiersz,  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker, FISH

It's the most wonderful time of the year is a familiar verse of a song that rings true to some ears during the holiday season. However, here at FISH (Friends In Service Here), this time of year isn't that easy for many of our clients.

Picture yourself – a woman in her mid-30s who rents and works on Sanibel with her 8-year-old daughter. Prior to the divorce, you and your former husband owned a home and a business. Both were lost due to the tough economy over the past few years and the cost of the divorce. You pursued the divorce after years of physical and emotional abuse.

After renting a small apartment and continuing to work in a full time clerical position on island, your hours begin to be cut due to a decrease in office business. You drop from 40 to 30 hours weekly and find that it has become a choice to either buy food for you and your daughter or to pay your electric bill and some of the other monthly bills.

A friend told you about FISH contemplating whether to go to ask for help, because you've never had to ask for help before. You lived on two incomes before all this and were financially stable. You sit and swallow your pride and realize help is what you need and you cannot waste any more time.

On arrival at the FISH Walk-In Center, you are greeted by a reassuring face of a kind volunteer who tells you that a social worker will be right with you. The social worker listens to your plight and assists you with the agency's intake process, which includes providing three months of paycheck stubs, three months of all bank records, all financial income and expenditure records, copies of my tax returns for the past two years, and records of all my utilities, additional monthly bills and lease information.

You meet with the social worker for about two hours during which time you cry and share with her about what you have been going through. She listens and provides reassurance regarding your situation. She explains that they have a food pantry that can be used as a supplement

to grocery shopping when a family is in need of food. She talks about a women's empowerment group and about budgeting classes at the Walk-In Center.

Things are really starting to come together and you feel they offer so much that could really help your family. You tell her that you would like to sign up for the programs and for food from the pantry. You then begin your journey knowing there is an agency who will be walking by your side.

FISH of Sanibel is a nonprofit human service agency that has been in existence for over thirty years. The agency provides

human service assistance to individuals and families who reside or work on the islands. FISH is located at 1630-B Periwinkle Way on Sanibel and their phone number is 472-4775. The Walk-In Center hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FISH relies fully on donations to provide assistance for our island neighbors. All donations are tax deductible and are truly appreciated.

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

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## When The Small Becomes Big: Incremental Change On Sanibel



by Barbara Joy Cooley, president, Committee of the Islands

What keeps Sanibel special is control of change. When Sanibel's founding mothers and fathers created the renowned Sanibel Plan, they did so knowing that the island would change, because at that time (the mid-1970s) many acres of land could still be developed. How would it be developed? High rises? Or not? Low density, without high-rises, is what our founders decided upon.

The Sanibel Plan embodies the view that development should be carried out in a way that provides maximum protection to environmentally sensitive areas like mangroves and wetlands while allowing for a greater human imprint on less sensitive areas like upland ridges. That philosophy remains at the heart of the Sanibel Plan today and is implemented by regulations in the Land Development code.

In the past decade, Sanibel has been approaching "build-out," the point where all developable land has been developed. The focus has shifted to redevelopment, and preservation of the environment that we have.

The natural habitat has now been restored on much of the conservation land that had been acquired over the years. Brazilian Pepper is disappearing. Mosquito control ditches have been filled in, and our wetlands now more closely resemble their original, natural state.

In 2005, the voters passed the People's Choice charter amendments, further ensuring the control of change and protection of the environment. Briefly, these amendments protect Sanibel from a weakening of its basic land-use regulations (building height, residential density, and ground coverage) without prior voter approval.

As Committee of the Islands board member Larry Schopp wrote in a newspaper commentary last April, "The People's Choice amendments were about the fundamental right of citizens, by means of referendum at the polls, to prevent or undo unwise or unpopular decisions of their elected officials." Prior to the People's Choice amendments, a vote by three members of city council could result in major change for the Sanibel Plan and Land Development code.

### What changes now?

So what kind of change can occur now? Big changes seem to be precluded by the fact that the island has almost reached "build-out," by the acquisition of almost all land that can be acquired for conservation, and by the People's Choice amendments.

The kind of change that can now occur is small. But the cumulative effect of many small changes is something we must be mindful of and guard against.

For example, the city council recently had an opportunity to write a policy for the Sanibel Plan that would ensure that the island's beaches continue to provide vital habitat for wildlife. At the invitation of the city council, the Committee of the Islands proposed the following, unambiguous policy statement: "Development, redevelopment and commercial activities shall not diminish the usefulness of the beach as habitat for indigenous and migratory wildlife." Instead, by a 3 - 1 vote (Vice Mayor Denham cast the lone "no" vote) the council adopted a policy that would only bar activities that "measurably degrade" the use of the beach as wildlife habitat. The very serious problem with using a qualifier like "measurable" is that the debate over any encroachment or activity that is proposed will always focus on whether the qualifier has been met, with little or no attention paid to cumulative effects.

In other words, many very small changes that individually seem insignificant could accumulate over time, diminishing the quality of the beach environment. Think about it - a hot dog stand here, then a couple of jet skis at a resort there, extra trimming of native vegetation at a condo complex, and then more at another condo complex, and so on and so on, until at last the small changes add up to a big negative cumulative effect. While I am not suggesting that the city council is about to approve jet skis, hot dog stands or excessive trimming of native vegetation on the beaches, unless activities such as those are in conflict with a policy of the Sanibel Plan, council could approve such uses. All it would take is a vote of three members of this or some future city council.

### Creeping, incremental change... it could be a problem.

Or it could be positive, such as with the implementation of the Dark Skies rule on Sanibel. The outdoor lighting which is still not compliant with this rule must be changed during the next two years (prior to January 1, 2015), according to the Sanibel code. For example, lights that shine upward on a sign or façade must be changed to lights that shine downward instead, to reduce light pollution at night. The changing of each light fixture is a small, seemingly insignificant change. But add up all these small changes, and it will be even easier to see the Milky Way at night. Sanibel is one of the few remaining places where that is possible.

The power of incremental change over time is often underestimated. So we must be mindful of those small changes, and keep them positive. That's how we can keep Sanibel special now and in the future.

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# INSIDE CITY HALL

## Shopping Center Owner Speaks Up

by Anne Mitchell

A city overture to allow retailers to hold nearly twice as many sidewalk sales each year received negative comments from an unlikely source Tuesday – the owner of several Sanibel shopping centers.

And as a result, the planning commission noted that more input is needed from both business owners and the Sanibel and Captiva Chamber of Commerce, over how to proceed.

Barbara Harrington, representing RLR Investments, which owns 38 commercial rental units, told the commission that the island's small businesses operate on low profit margins, which shrink even further when they discount their merchandise for sales.

"You might say they don't have to participate in all of them, but if their neighbor has a sale, they will have a sale," Harrington said. She would like to see sidewalk sales held at times retailers need to liquidate merchandise, such as Christmas, Easter, the Fourth of July and end of season sales.

Harrington said she prefers rules that don't "make us look like a discount district."

The planning commission voted 6-0, with Chuck Kettelman absent, to recommend approval of the ordinance. Unless changes are made by the council, retailers will be able to increase from 37 to 67 the

number of sidewalk sales they can have each year. The annual permit fee will be \$50.

Harrington wanted to make comment two weeks earlier, but no comment is allowed on a first hearing.

She got her chance at this week's hearing, but no one else spoke up on the question of whether to recommend passage to the city council. There will be further opportunity for input during two public hearings council will hold prior to a vote.

Commissioner Chris Heidrick said, "I am not sure we received all the public input we should have received on something like this. I am not sure we are prepared to vote on this."

Chairman Mike Valiquette agreed, but said, "We can't assume what people are thinking."\*

## Council Accepting Applications For Committee

The Sanibel City Council is accepting applications for the City of Sanibel representative to the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) pending final appointment by Lee County Board of Commissioners.

The representative will be responsible for advising the Metropolitan Planning

Organization on the policy aspects of issues before the Metropolitan Planning Organization, public involvement programs and other duties assigned it by the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The representative will also report back to Sanibel City Council and keep them apprised of the committee's actions and issues.

The MPO By-laws can be obtained at Sanibel City Hall.

Deadline for submission is Monday, December 31.

An application may be obtained at Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, by calling 472-3700 or by visiting [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).\*

## Commission Approves Plans

by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation received the planning commission's unanimous blessing on Tuesday to move forward with its plan to convert the old Bailey Homestead into an educational and research facility with offices, wildlife habitat, walking trails and a native plant nursery.

Erick Lindblad, SCCF executive director, outlined the plan, which requires conditional use approval. He said they have been working with city staff throughout the summer to hone their plan and work out access and egress for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

The foundation purchased the 28.3-

acre property with community donations last year. About nine acres will be impacted altogether.

Among the monies used for the project are funds from the Starr Thomas Memorial.

Also included in the plans are an observation platform, 75 parking spaces, a pavilion, a pond for use by wading birds as well for surface water management, native plant demonstration gardens and restoration of the old windmill to once again pump water, this time to the native plant nursery. Work began on the Shipley Trail this summer.

In the event extra parking is needed for large events, SCCF wants an access road to link to the parking lot at Il Cielo restaurant nearby.

The Bailey property will be linked by trails from the Sanibel and Captiva Chamber of Commerce and Pond Apple Park to the bike path. And for safety, vehicular access will be from Roadside City Park, rather than the existing driveway at the Periwinkle Way and Donax Street intersection.\*\*

## Variance Denied For 'Self-Imposed' Hardship

by Anne Mitchell

Calling an encroaching boat lift "a self-imposed hardship," the Sanibel Planning Commission on

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## Sundial Approved For Spa, Wedding Facilities

by Anne Mitchell

The new owners of Sundial Beach & Golf Resort now have a permit to establish a spa treatment and wedding preparation facility.

On Tuesday, the Sanibel Planning Commission approved the application unanimously, with Chris Heidrick abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.

John Naumann represented the owners, Sanibel Sundial Partners LLC, which bought the property earlier this year.

The project calls for using space currently designated for offices and conference space at the 1451 Middle Gulf Drive resort. That space is non-forming, the resort having been built before Sanibel incorporated. The applicant and the city agree that the proposed use is less intense than the current use and would generate less traffic.

Commissioner Phillip Marks raised the issue of whether the spa would cater only to resort guests or would be open to the general public.

Planning Director Jim Jordan said the intent was not to have the spa compete with businesses in the commercial district.

However, Jim Banks, of JMB Transportation Engineering, consultant for the applicants, said the main purpose is to serve the guests and if, during the off-season, there are openings for other clients, the staff should be able to accept them. He said 25 extra parking spaces are being added. A free-standing spa operation would call for 13 spaces, but as a feature of a resort, half that number – seven – are required by city codes.

Chairman Mike Valiquette asked Naumann whether he would agree to marking three parking spaces with "For Spa Parking Only," and he said that he would.

Commissioner Marks noted later, "Sundial has gotten old and tired and for them to renovate... to me, it is bringing this particular place into the 21st century."

Heidrick said he would abstain because the potential operator of the spa is a client of his insurance business.\*

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## MOAA Award Presented To Goss



Former CIA Director and U.S. Congressman Porter Goss accepts a gift of a crystal bowl from Roger Triffshauser, president of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America), in appreciation for his timely discussion of current political and military topics at the December membership meeting of MOAA

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IWA is governed by a five member Board of Directors who serve without pay. Directors must be residents of Sanibel or Captiva, so that they can attend all Board meetings, and must be IWA Members or an official representative of a condominium or other IWA Corporate Member. Directors must have no conflict of interest, including but not limited to, active involvement in an enterprise which could potentially do business with IWA or which could benefit from involvement with IWA.

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Directors are elected by the Membership at IWA's Annual Meeting to be held in April. Anyone who would like to run for one of the open seats should contact our Board Recording Secretary, Beau Stanley, at (239) 472-2113 (extension 114) or by e-mail at [beau@islandwater.com](mailto:beau@islandwater.com) by no later than January 4, 2013.

A background check will be run on all Board candidates.



Chamber board members and friends get together to light the Christmas tree

## Chamber Of Commerce Lights Holiday Tree

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce lit their 14-foot tree on Causeway Road this week. Dignitaries from the City of Sanibel, Chamber board members and Chamber staff were some of those in attendance at this year's annual lighting. Sanibel Vice Mayor Mick Denham did the honors of switching on the lights. Stop by the Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, located on the right hand side after you cross the last causeway bridge, to take a photo with the beautifully decorated tree. ✨

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Zontians Carolyn Gray, left, and Wendy West share books with Zonta dog Beaux at MacIntosh Books. Donate books also at the Sanibel Island Bookshop

## Zonta Repeats Gift Of Reading In Support Of Literacy Programs

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is repeating the success of last year's Give The Gift Of Reading, a holiday initiative based at two island book stores. This plan allows shoppers – for a few extra dollars – to provide a new copy of one of America's best-loved children's books for use by families participating in Zonta's literacy service project at Head Start's Parent University in East Fort Myers.

Parent University holds regular sessions with parents, typically mothers, of children enrolled in the Head Start program. Its focus is to teach English (reading and speaking) and family life skills. The Zonta Club has partnered with Parent University for three years, providing literacy volunteers on a regular schedule and grants to fund teacher salaries, bus passes for the families, and supplies.

Each mother who commits to reading to her child or children will receive a new book on a regular schedule. The presence of books in the home, experts say, is important for several reasons, including the fact that a love of reading can affect a child's progress in school. Studies show that a child's academic achievement is directly related to the reading level of his or her mother, and that success comes more easily to children who are read to.

At Sanibel Island Bookshop or MacIntosh Books, shoppers can select one or more books from the list and the modest cost is added to the customer's bill (most of the books are relatively inexpensive). The book store will then order the books for collection by a Zonta literacy team member.

"This is a wonderful way for islanders to provide a quality learning experience for people working to improve their language skills," said Carolyn Gray, team leader. "New books are especially valuable as they are more likely to be appreciated and treasured."

The book list at both island book stores is the same: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear; The Very Hungry Caterpillar; Jamberry; If You Give a Mouse a Cookie; Big Red Barn; Goodnight, Moon; Chicka Chicka Boom Boom; Peter's Chair; Good Dog, Carl; Owl Babies; Goodnight, Gorilla; Old MacDonald Had a Farm; Caps For Sale; Are You My Mother?* and *Rosie's Walk*.

Look for the display at the Sanibel Island Bookshop or MacIntosh Books and enjoy helping families succeed.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. For more information, visit [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com).✧

# Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

No Sanibel-Captiva Rotary meeting on Friday, December 14.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." – Benjamin Franklin



Why the quote? Well, because the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary welcomed Dr. Ron Toll, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, at last Friday morning's meeting. The first thing Dr. Toll tried to explain to us is what a Provost does. Ever an educator, Ron started with trying to define the word "Provost" – the origins "keeper of a prison" – a provost was in charge of the punishment of the prisoners and enjoyed handing out merciless cruelty. Not exactly the accurate definition these days, but as Ron says, close as far as the faculty and student thinking goes at the university. If you're called to the Provost's office, you could be in trouble.

Dr. Toll has an awesome responsibility at the university. As chief of Academic Affairs, he is responsible for the fulfillment of the university's academic mission. He serves on the responsibility-ladder right under FGCU president Wilson Bradshaw. "The Academic Affairs office is responsible and oversees: five colleges and their centers and institutes, Library Services, WGPU Television and Radio, the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, the Office of Planning and Institutional Performance, Graduate Studies and Admissions, the Office of the Registrar, Off-Campus and Continuing Education, Global Initiatives and International Services, and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs." Wow! FGCU offers 52 undergraduate degree programs, 30 graduate degree programs, one specialist program, and two doctorate degree programs. The student body is represented by Lee County (35 percent), Collier (15 percent), Charlotte (4 percent), Sarasota (2.5 percent) and Broward (2.3 percent). Students attend from approximately 40 states and FGCU has approximately 150 to 200 foreign students from 85 countries around the world. FGCU serves somewhere around 13,500 students a year. That is a totally remarkable number.

The numbers speak for themselves; we have young people who want an education. The university's aim is to fulfill the academic, cultural, social and career expectations of its students. In the Florida State University system, FGCU ranks 49th in tuition cost of \$6,200 per year. The most popular majors at the university are Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services; Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs; Health Professions and Related Programs; and Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services.



Ron Toll, FGCU Provost

Although tuition costs are relatively low, half of FGCU students graduate \$17,000 in debt. Toll says that number should not discourage pursuit of a college degree for the payoff is after graduation; college graduates earn over their lifetime more than a million dollars more than those that only have a high-school diploma. A Bachelor's degree is a calling card in finding employment for your future.

FGCU has seen tremendous growth since its founding in 1991. The campus in Fort Myers has grown exponentially over the last decade with generous funding from the state but in these economic times Florida state budget has been cut for capital expenditures on campuses. New building is at a standstill, which

may stunt continued growth. FGCU growth has contributed heavily to the economy in the area around campus and throughout the nearby communities, construction and building projects on campus are now on hold and this will definitely impact the local economy. The university itself employs 328 full-time faculty, 170 part-time faculty, 233 full-time staff and 85 part-time staff. Student numbers drive this employment.

FGCU is a remarkable asset to our community. The student body and campus profile has grown over the last nineteen years, the university is well respected for its academic offerings, and its graduates are well sought after throughout Florida and beyond. If you

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Karen Pagel, Emma Hall, Courtney Livermon, Amy Selby, Summer Kilgore and Kari Wheeler

## Soup's On At MOPS Meeting

MOPS moms gathered on December 4 at Sanibel Community Church. Vicki Ashton shared her cooking talents with the moms and taught them how to make chicken stock and vegetable soup.

MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers) will be meeting again on Tuesday, January 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All mothers of preschoolers are welcome to come. Contact Amy Selby at [amyselby27@gmail.com](mailto:amyselby27@gmail.com) or Emma Hall at [emh411@gmail.com](mailto:emh411@gmail.com).

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# Episcopal Church Donates Sneakers To Laces Of Love

by Jeff Lysiak

Proving that it is better to give than to receive, several parishioners of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church were delighted on Monday afternoon when they were able to donate more than 100 new pairs of sneakers to Laces of Love, an organization which provides footwear to needy children in Lee and Collier counties.

According to Christina Salerno, who organized the shoe drive, this was the first year that the church has helped support Laces of Love. More than 110 new pairs of sneakers and shoes were collected during the drive.

"And more shoes may still be coming in," Salerno added.

In addition, a \$100 gift card to Walmart was donated to the effort.

Jeanne Nealon, co-founder and president of Laces of Love, was on hand to accept the donation from St. Michael and All Angels, along with volunteer Patti Spicer.

"In 2011, over 6,500 needy kids received a pair of new shoes from Laces of Love," said Nealon, who noted that since the organization was founded in 2005, more than 40,000 children have received new shoes.

Shoes collected for Laces of Love are distributed throughout Lee and Collier county public schools as well as human service agencies that serve "Laces" kids. Shoes are fitted and given in the privacy of staff offices.

For additional information, visit [www.lacesoflove.org](http://www.lacesoflove.org).



Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan and Christina Salerno from St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church (left) with the more than 100 new pairs of sneakers donated to Laces of Love, an organization represented by Patti Spicer and Jeanne Nealon (right)



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The raffle will be held at Sanibel Grill

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

For further 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, Recreation Center programs, college scholarships, etc.\*

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## Rotary

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The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Bistro At Beachview, 1100 Par View Drive. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club president John Grey at John@JohnGreyPainting.com or president-elect Scot Congress at Scot@scongress.com.\*

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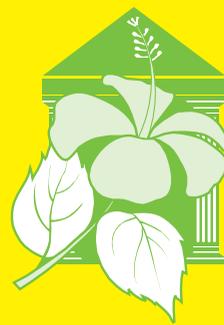
Coincidentally, December 14 was also on a Friday 11 years ago when, at 5:30 p.m., you and I stood on the beach on Captiva and promised each other a lifetime of sunshine and laughter. Thank you, Milissa, for 11 wonderful years of all that and a lot more happiness, joy, support, trust, confidence and positive influence. Now, let's try to meet up this week at 5:30 p.m. again. What's that? We've got hockey? Or dance? Or football? Or something else with the kids? Of course. Well, happy anniversary anyway, love of my life.\*



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Betty Anholt

## Island Treasure: Betty Anholt

submitted by Emilie Alfino, Manager, Sanibel Historical Museum and Village

This year, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is honoring Sanibel's "island treasures" – people who make a difference to the island – at its annual fundraiser February 5. Called It's Paradise ... because, the event will feature a production focusing on two tourists who are having an afternoon of fun during their first visit to the island. They will encounter four island VIPs who helped make Sanibel what it is today. Of course, there are more than four island VIPs, so the museum has prepared a series of articles to recognize some of them.

Our fourth island treasure is Betty Anholt.

Maybe John Donne was right and no man is an island, but Betty Anholt is Sanibel. Known as the island historian, Anholt has lived on the island permanently since 1965. Originally from South New Jersey, that is not what she answers when asked where she's from. "I'm from here," she answers. "This is home."

She visited Sanibel for the first time in the mid-1950s. "My stepfather had both



Betty Anholt reflects on old Sanibel

a great urge and a great fear to move to Florida," Anholt explained. "Every year we would come and spend a couple of weeks going all around the state. It was a great education because it was before things changed so much."

"It's always been a tourism state, but then it was cattle, oranges, mangroves, fishing. It was a much more naïve place," Anholt said. "There were a lot of people who were running away from something, partly because of the war. You could call them wounded people, and this was definitely a place where people were hiding away or looking for isolation. We were on the edges."

Still, she recalls, "Everybody helped everybody; there was no showing off. Mostly there were two-bedroom little cottages here. When I came in 1965, all the land to the left as you crossed the causeway was flat green land. For so long we would come across the bridge and see Bailey's store and half-a-dozen buildings."

Gradually those buildings disappeared and were replaced by the huge houses some old-time islanders definitely do not favor.

"There was a time Shore Haven was the biggest place; then it became the smallest place by far," Anholt said. If it's any comfort, Shore Haven, now settled in at the historical village, is once again the "biggest house on the block."

How did Anholt become the island historian? Not on purpose.

"I wanted to learn about where we had landed. It wasn't a planned thing. I was

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## Orchid Society

The Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society is pleased to present a Holiday Luncheon at the Sundial Resort's Windows On The Water on Monday, December 17 at 11:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Rafael Romero of Plantio la Orquidea, who will discuss "Spectacular Schomburgkias."

Plantio la Orquidea has the largest orchid reproduction laboratory in Venezuela, and more than half of its capacity is dedicated to orchid species in South America as well as from around the world. To provide better service to U.S. customers, Plantio opened a facility in Sarasota in 2003.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$20 for

San-Cap Orchid Society members and \$24 for guests. The price 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.

Also, membership dues for 2012-13 are due and are \$20 per person.

Reservations for the luncheon, including choice of entree, should be made by December 10, with payment to the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. To make reservations, contact San-Cap Orchid Society treasurer Marilyn Kloosterman at 472-9408.\*

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Captiva Cruises' *Lady Chadwick* makes her way down Roosevelt channel



Jim Seton's vessel *Paving the Way*



Tim and Nicole Hickey from Making Waves Charter Service

## Captiva Lighted Boat Parade Winners

Winners of the 3rd annual Captiva Lighted Boat Parade were announced and honored on Saturday, December 1, as part of the

Captiva Holiday Village festivities. Sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, 25 vessels entered this year's parade that took place just outside Roosevelt Channel, Marker #2. The route followed Roosevelt Channel to 'Tween Waters Inn and back. There was no entry fee for the boat parade; however, a minimum of 100 lights was required for entry.

The winning sailboats were Captiva Cruises' *Adventure*, decorated by the Captiva Yacht Club; runner-up was Lee Hanmer on *Sun Catcher*. The best decorated 35' or less powerboat winner was Chris Draa on *Best Boat Club*; runner up was Greg LeBlanc and Barbara Reneke on *Island Syle*. The first-place winner for the best decorated 36' or more powerboat was Al Seiders on *Second Time Around*; Charlie Smart on *Impulsive* took second place.

First-place prizes included the following: three-day and two-night stays at South Seas Island Resort, 'Tween Waters Inn, and Jensen's Marina and Cottages; gift certificates from The Green Flash Waterfront Restaurant and the Old Captiva House; and a water-sports pack-



Guests from the Title Sponsor, Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, board the *Lady Chadwick* to watch the parade from the water

age from Best Boats & Carts. Runner up prizes included a \$500 gift certificate from Offshore Sailing School, golf for four at The Sanctuary Country Club, private charter from Captiva Cruises on the *Adventure* sailing catamaran and kayak rentals from Captiva Kayak Company.

Sponsored by hoteliers, merchants, attractions owners and restaurateurs of Captiva Island, the two-week-long Captiva Holiday Village launched its 2012 spectacular the Friday after Thanksgiving with fireworks, tree lightings, holiday readings and musical performances.\*



Captiva Cruises' sailboat *Adventure*, decorated by the Captiva Yacht Club



Guests aboard *Lady Chadwick* prepare to leave the dock for the Captiva Boat Parade

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# Tarpon Bay Explorers Reaches Milestone Birthday



Tarpon Bay Explorers co-owners Winston Spurgeon and Wendy Schnapp



Tarpon Bay Explorers staff and working partners celebrating the Explorers 10th birthday

Reaching your 10th birthday usually involves a gathering of friends to celebrate. Such was the case for Tarpon Bay Explorers as they invited staff, working partners and visitors to help them celebrate the Explorers 10th birthday as the official concessionaire for The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The birthday festivities were held in the picnic area outside Tarpon Bay Explorers headquarters on a delightfully warm December day. Cake and coffee was served to Explorers staff along with USFWS partners from the Refuge, and representatives from

the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. Birgie Vertesch, the Wildlife Society's executive director, remarked to the group about what a great partnership they have with Tarpon Bay Explorers and the USFWS staff at "Ding."

Visitors to Tarpon Bay were invited to join the celebration. A Pennsylvania family of three generations was treated to cake before they embarked on a Sea Life & Nature Cruise. The birthday party was actually a capping off of a week-long celebration. The prior weekend, visitors were treated to \$10 off any watercraft rental on Tarpon Bay just for saying "Happy Birthday."

Visit Tarpon Bay Explorers at 900 Tarpon Bay Road, seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on tours and rentals to explore the Refuge, call 472-8900, visit [www.tarponbayexplorers.com](http://www.tarponbayexplorers.com) or [www.facebook.com/TarponBayExplorers](http://www.facebook.com/TarponBayExplorers).\*



Tarpon Bay visitors joining the Explorers 10th birthday celebration, from left, Lyle Good, John Good, Celia Good, Tessa Fix and April Fix



From left, Birgie Vertesch, executive director of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, Wendy Schnapp, Tarpon Bay Explorers co-owner, and USFWS Ranger Toni Westland celebrating their 10-year partnership

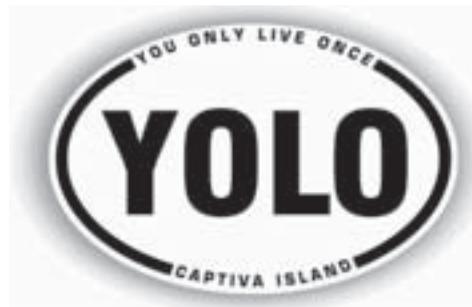


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## Museum Advances Collaboration With Local Partners



Gifts From The Seas of Sanibel & Captiva exhibit in the Great Hall of Shells at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is advancing a collaborative initiative with some partner hotels, resorts and tourist information centers to assist with their existing shell displays. The initiative is designed to assist the museum's partner venues by providing educational information to help their visitors and guests with the proper identification of local shells.

The museum will provide basic information about Sanibel and Captiva shells and mollusks and adapt their current shells on display based one of the first and most fundamental exhibits in the Great Hall of Shells, "Gifts From The Seas of Sanibel & Captiva." The presentations will include information about the very coveted junonia shell, a simple and educational display of quality specimens of local shells, including samples from the museum collection if needed, and an island map situating important shelling and other natural and historic resources on Sanibel in relation to the partner venue.

In the cooperative effort, the exhibits will help to improve the quality of information in the shell displays while providing awareness about other members of the collaborative Tales & Trails, a marketing collaboration between the museum, the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village. The collaboration will help to advance the core mission of the Museum - educating the public about shells and mollusks - and will assist our partners' visitors with way-finding on the island.

The Island Inn and the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce are the first two venues that will take advantage of the museum collaboration. The museum staff and volunteers are busy customizing the information content and selecting shells for a mid-January launch at both venues.

To learn more about the exhibits, contact John Suau at [jsuau@shellmuseum.org](mailto:jsuau@shellmuseum.org) or call 395-2233.✽

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# Endangered Species Tales



Smalltooth Sawfish

Florida has 133 animal species and 565 plants listed as threatened or endangered. Come to SCCF and learn about local listed species like the Smalltooth Sawfish, Kemp's Ridley turtle, the Eastern Indigo snake and a group of rare plants found by Calusa Indian mounds. Observe "Indie" the endangered indigo snake who lives at the Nature Center. Endangered Species Tales will be held on Tuesday, December 18 beginning at 10 a.m.



Loggerhead turtle trapped in a net

The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information. Cost of the program is \$5, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Take a walk on the Nature Center trails or visit the butterfly house after the program.✧

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Alligator at sign at hole #3 at The Sanctuary Golf Course

## Gator And Crocodile Tales

The biology of alligators and crocodiles is an ancient tale of survival. On Wednesday, December 19 at 10 a.m., come to the SCCF Nature Center and learn about these living dinosaurs to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. Alligator nests on the island have hatched. The eggs hatch as a male or female, depending upon the incubation temperature of each individual egg. Cost of the program is \$5 for adults, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Call 472-2329 for more information. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✧

## SCCF's Owl Tales

The nesting season for owls of the islands has begun. The Great Horned owl does not make its own nest but uses one built by an osprey, hawk or eagle. The Screech and Barn owls nest in tree cavities made by woodpeckers or nest boxes. There is a nest box on the side of the SCCF Nature Center, where Barn owls have nested off and on since 1980. Will they ever return? Island Screech owls are in the courting phase now... you can hear them calling at dusk and dawn.

On Thursday, December 20 at 10 a.m., visit SCCF to learn more about the owls of Sanibel and Captiva. The cost of the program is \$5, with SCCF members and children attending for free.

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Screech owls

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Pair of young squirrels



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## An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

submitted by Claudia Burns

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

Last year, CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital, cared for 4,253 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 is on Friday, December 21 beginning 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 and free for members and children 12 and under. The fee includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's hands-on educational facility and become familiar with CROW's efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information, call 472-3644 ext. 228. To learn more about CROW, visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).

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# Conditions Perfect For Avoiding Holiday Crowds



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

For the last week, weather conditions have been near perfect, and as of now, short term we really have no cold fronts in sight. Calm conditions

I simply cannot think of a better time to be out on the water.

Redfish action remained strong this week, with fish being caught a variety of ways. During the low tides, tailing fish could be targeted in the shallows often following mullet schools. Areas off Cayo Costa, just south of Cabbage Key, held good numbers of tailing fish which were easy to spot during the super calm conditions.

Look for the reds pushing water in or around the mullet schools. The bar that runs in close to Sanibel from Tarpon Bay to Wulfert Keys was also another good place to locate these reds during the lower stages of the tide. Working the sandholes on the drop-off of the bar with soft plastic jigs was most productive for me this week.

Catch-and-release snook fishing was a little more hit and miss, although we did manage a few snook this week in the 30-inch size range. Docks right off the

ing options, whether it be in the sound or out along the beaches. Add to that, no one is out on the water, with this being the lull before the storm of winter residents and visitors arriving.



Eli Jolly with a catch-and-release snook

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

The *Island Sun* would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the *Island Sun*, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, or email to [islandsuncity@aol.com](mailto:islandsuncity@aol.com); or call Anne Mitchell at 395-1213.

intracoastal and the edges of the passes held lots of snook, although getting them to eat a bait was tougher than just locating them. I like to fish most docks on a falling tide, so first thing in the morning or late night with the tide pattern we have been on was your best bet to hook into a quality snook. Many of my favorite lighted docks have been loaded up with snook at night.

Our usual winter go-to of sheephead fishing has been a little slower than I would have thought. Although I have caught a few here and there, conditions just have not been cold enough yet to push good numbers of the fish into the sound. The middle of December is usually the start of prime time for catching these fish, but I really have no complaints as the redfish bite is still going on instead.

Out along the beaches, action on tripletail has been getting more and more consistent. Running crab pots anywhere from north Naples to Boca Grande has been a good bet to catch a medium-sized tripletail. Most of these fish have been less than 10 pounds so far, but you never know when you could run into that 15- to 20-pound giant. Live freeline shrimp are

the bait of choice. Once you start locating fish, target crab buoys in that same depth. With thousands of crab pots out in the gulf right now, it's a great way to spend the day sight fishing.

I will often talk to local crab boat captains who keep their boats near mine to give me a better idea of where to search. Although you probably don't have this same luxury, it's just a matter of covering lots of water to find these fish.

This is some of my favorite winter time fishing. Generally, when tripletail fishing, I prefer to go out later in the day when the sun is up high and the fish seem to sun themselves, making them easier to spot laid up on the surface.

As the frenzy with Christmas holiday shopping builds the next few weeks, I cannot think of a better place to get away from the craziness than out on the water with a fishing rod in my hand.

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

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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Royal Tern



by Patricia Molloy

“It looks fabulous and is eating like a pig,” happily noted Dr. Heather at CROW. “It takes a lot of energy to recover from a surgery.”

A downed royal tern (*Thalasseus maximus*) was brought to CROW from the lighthouse pier on Sanibel. Radiographs determined that the bird had a broken bone in its wing. “We used a stainless steel pin to hold the bone together until it healed. The bone has healed well, but the tern still seems to be favoring the joint closest to the fracture,” said Dr. Heather.

A group of royal terns is collectively known as a “highness” of terns. As part of the courtship display, the male will offer the female a fish after plunge-diving for its prey. Royal tern couples then make their nest scrapes on the ground on low-lying islands. Both parents defecate on the nest rim causing it to harden in an effort to reinforce the nest against flooding.

Chicks leave the nest scrape within one day after hatching and congregate together in a group known as a crèche, which can contain thousands of youngsters from the age of two to 35 days old.

A pair will feed only their own chick, managing to find it in the crowd, most likely by recognizing its call. Royal terns feed primarily on fish rather than crab, unlike other terns.

After three weeks, the CROW team returned the patient to the operating table and removed the pin holding the bone together. “Now we are just giving it a little more time to see if it can use the wing normally.”

Post-op patients need to be fed two to three times their normal caloric intake for maintenance in order to recover from surgery. It’s very rare to see such a good appetite in a captive tern, much less one which has been through the physical trauma of two surgeries. “We are feeding it in its cage instead of the tub, only because we don’t want the water dirty so its incisions remain clean. I give him his med fish first for breakfast, then it eats approximately 15 smelt per day, which is remarkable,” added Dr. Aundria.

This royal tern will remain in ICU until it can be returned to its home at Lighthouse Beach. If you would like to help it on its road to recovery, go to CROW’s website and make a donation to patient #3156.

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# CROW's Holly Ball



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Dr. Heather Barron, CROW hospital director



Steve Greenstein, CROW executive director; Melinda Graham, Holly Belle; and Melissa Congress, CROW vice president



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Molly Clements; Ava Hinojosa, CROW managing director; and Pat Middendorf



Back row, from left, is Griffin Kupsaw, Matthew Lucker, Haley Keller, Jacob Goodman, Isha Mehrarz and Diane Cortese. Front row is Colin Maw, Mitchell Rice, Deanna Craig and Anna Kjoller. In front is Olin Peck

## Sanibel School Math Team Earns Fifth Place In Algebra I Division

The Sanibel School math team participated in the 10th annual Mathematics Competition at Florida Gulf Coast University on December 5. Members of the team are Deanna Craig, Jacob Goodman, Haley Keller, Anna Kjoller, Griffin Kupsaw, Colin Maw, Isha Mehrarz, Olin Peck and Mitchell Rice. There were 1,250 students and more than 50 middle and high schools enrolled in the competition. The team received fifth place in the Algebra I division. Congratulations to all!✪

## Applicant Should Get Fee Refund, Say Commissioners

by Anne Mitchell

Due to wording in the new resort redevelopment guidelines, enacted to encourage renovation of aging lodgings, Loggerhead Cay had to undergo an expensive variance application procedure to enable it to replace asphalt with permeable pavers.

It didn't sound right to Planning Commission Chairman Michael Valiquette, nor to Vice Chairman Phillip Marks.

"Why are we even seeing this?" asked Valiquette.

City codes favor permeable surfaces which allow rain to filter back down. Impermeable surfaces such as asphalt send polluted water into drains and such.

So, why was a variance required for such an environmentally-friendly move?

That's what some commissioners wondered on Tuesday.

"This is a substantial gain of permeability," said City Planner Ben Popple, who noted that staff recommended granting the variance.

Marks noted, "The price tag is \$2,000 for the variance." He added that the services of a consultant were not free either. "We need to change it. This is a perfect example of over-regulation."

He suggested refunding \$500 or \$1,000 of the application fee," to which Valiquette said the applicant "might want to ask the council to address this issue."

Planning Director Jim Jordan said because of portion of the driveway being

paved is in the Gulf Beach Zone, it is not a permitted use and as such requires a variance.

"It is the way the code was designed," Jordan added.✪

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## Variance Denied

Tuesday denied an after-the-fact variance for Kenneth and Pamela Roessler of 572 Kinzie Island Court.

City Planner Ben Popple said the four-foot encroachment was discovered when city staff inspected the completed job and saw that "the mangrove root line depicted on the survey" was inaccurate.

Contractor Dan Stovall of Honc Docks & Lift told the commissioners that it was an error, but said, "Our thought is, let's look at the impact we have created. Are we making it better by redesigning and restructuring it?"

But after considerable discussion, the commissioners voted unanimously to deny the variance, leaving the applicant to come up with an alternative design, remove the encroaching lift or seek some other way to comply.

Chairman Mike Valiquette said, "You have a 21-foot boat on 29-foot lift." He also noted that a second, smaller lift holds two Jet Skis. "A three-boat capability is another thumbing of the nose," he commented.

Said Commissioner Phillip Marks, "I get tired of things being done and we are supposed to approve them after they are done." He also complained about the pointed caps on the dock pilings, which the city discourages because they deter birds from resting on them.

Marks said later, "If he were smart, he would eliminate the smaller lift."✪

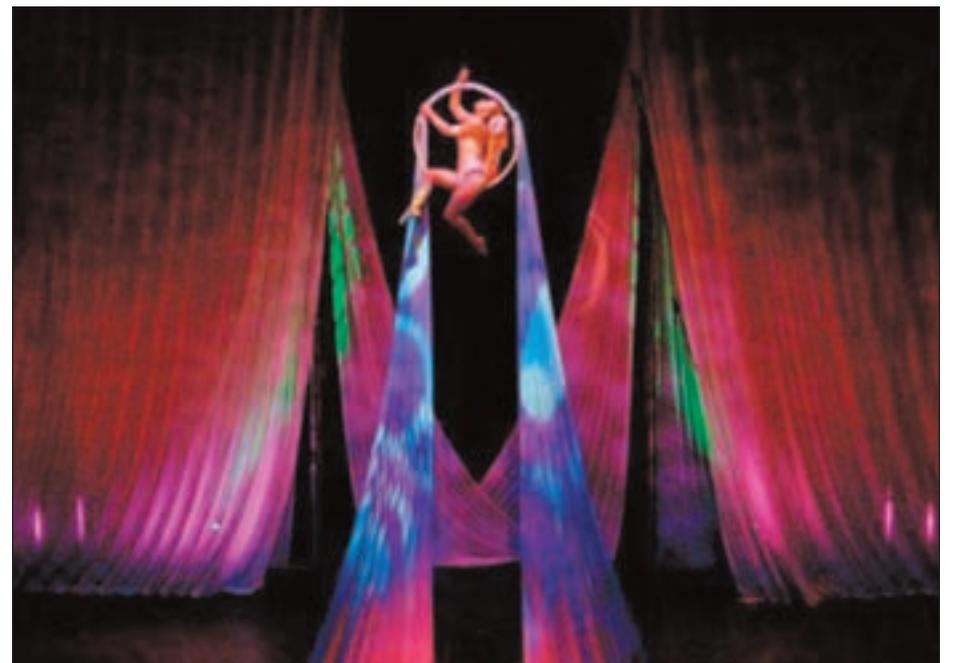


The main math team who placed fifth in the Algebra I category is, from left, Haley Keller, Matthew Lucker, Jacob Goodman, Deanna Craig and coach Diane Cortese

## Cirque Vertigo Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets to see Cirque Vertigo performing on Sanibel are now on sale. On Saturday, January 26 starting at 6:30 p.m., The Community House transforms itself into a cirque, complete with chiffon aerials, graceful and daring stage acts and humor.

"We wanted our annual fund raiser 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



Cirque Vertigo will perform on January 26 at The Community House

the cirque tradition!"

This Cirque Vertigo troupe brings together two legendary circus families, the Wallenda's and the Arestov's, who are well known around the world. Acrobatics, balancing acts and the popular "flying" aerials create a show developed specifically for The Community House audience.

The evening of excitement begins as soon as guests enter to enjoy a sampling of gourmet food and drinks; even a martini bar has been added. "Atmosphericals," performers who will 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." You will experience thrills and excitement and will be asking yourself, "How is that possible?"

The event sponsor is Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, continuing their much-appreciated financial support for the annual fundraiser. Thanks to the support of the businesses that are providing the food and the martini bar: Cip's Place, Sweet Melissa's Café, The Sanctuary Golf Club, Traders Restaurant and KeyLime Bistro.

Tickets are \$100 and are on sale now at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Space is limited. There is reserved seating, so call 472-2155 or stop by to get your tickets as soon as possible.✪

## Bird's Eye View

## My Trip To Peru



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

**W**ell, some of you may have noticed I was gone for a few weeks. I did not go on any "birding" trips, per say, but always kept my eyes open for anything inter-

esting.

For many people from the western world, if someone says they are going to Peru, it is automatically assumed they are travelling to Cuzco and Machu Picchu or the Amazon... or maybe all three.

Unfortunately, I was not in Peru on vacation; I was there for family matters and a potential wildlife project. I spent most of my time in Lima, where the wildlife is limited to the west Peruvian dove, the internationally exotic rock dove (pigeon) and lots of black vultures. But for a few days, I was able to get out the polluted, overcrowded and depressing environs of Peru's capital and travel by bus, with my fiancé, Mirella, up into the Andes.

We had a multitude of tasks to perform on our trip. Our first destination was a Quechua Indian community way up in the mountains that goes by the name of Yacca, about an hour's drive from the small town of Abancay. From there, we spent the night in Cuzco on our way to

Lake Titicaca (the highest navigable lake in the world) and the small, lakeside town of Copacabana, Bolivia. After only one night at Lake Titicaca, we travelled back across a remote part of the Andes (where I saw several Chilean flamingoes) and then on to the Peruvian coast and the large city of Arequipa, then back to Lima.

In Yacca, we visited Mirella's 95-year-old grandmother, the matriarch of her mother's side of the family. Mirella had not seen her grandmother for about 35 years. Her grandmother lives, as she has done for decades, in the ruins of a large "hacienda," which the Peruvian government seized from its foreign owners in the 1960s and gave to the workers in the fields.

The workers did not know how to run such a large operation, and maybe had no desire to do so, so the once-grand residence of the rich landowners fell into decay and the land use has returned to that of subsistence farming. I once asked Mirella's uncle how they were planning to get the harvest of bananas, apples, citrus and other fruits I couldn't begin to name to market from a large field they were clearing for production. He looked at me for a second with a confused look and then responded, "This food is not for the market, it is for the village."

In our westernized world, where almost every job we perform exists in order to contribute to a globalized market, the idea of only producing what you and the village need to survive on seems foreign to our way of thinking. But I now believe that if the financial troubles in the U.S. and Europe escalate and the violence in the Middle East spreads to the

rest of the world. Humanity will survive as a species because there are still people living in little, remote parts of the world who do not own a cell phone and have no use for them.

As Mirella had not been to see her grandmother since she was about 4 years old, there was an instant celebration inaugurated. And if we did not eat and drink everything that was offered us, it would have been an insult. So Mirella (who does not drink alcohol) got a little light-headed and I gained a few pounds. In Yacca, there weren't many animals to see except the domesticated ones. But it was interesting to watch the chickens and guinea pigs walk around your feet as you sat on your stool and ate while holding your plate in your hands.

With many tearful goodbyes and forced promises that we would return next year to be married in the old (still used) church at the "hacienda," we left Yacca and headed for Cuzco. I had made arrangements to meet some associates of an owner of an eco-lodge located along the Rio Alto Madre de Dios, which is sandwiched between the Manu National Park and the Amarakaeri Communal Reserve (I have written some about the problems this area is experiencing in previous articles).

What I have thought about doing is starting a monitoring program for harpy eagles in this part of the Amazon Basin similar to what I started with ospreys here on Sanibel 35 years ago. The eagles, like ospreys, are an "indicator" species and could be helpful in providing valuable data to researchers and the indigenous peoples living in the area in their fight to protect the Amazon jungle. If the invading, non-historical uses of the rainforest are deteriorating the health of the eco-system, the harpy eagles would be one of the first species to be affected negatively.

But in order to understand whether this rare and reclusive predator is in trouble or not, one must first gather some base-line information. Thus, my idea for a monitoring program.

I had been communicating with the owner of one lodge in the area who seemed to be very interested in my proposal. Unfortunately, when I arrived in Cuzco and met his associates, it became painfully clear that he was only thinking of getting some "gringo" to fork-out a large sum of money for his particular operation. Of course, he didn't realize

my projects come with little – or no – funding. I decided to go elsewhere with my proposal; disappointed, but after I thought about it awhile, not surprised.

Eco-tourism has been promoted by the western world to the Peruvians that this economic activity is a sustainable way to utilize the rainforest. However, there are now so many little non-regulated eco-tourist operations being attempted in the jungle that, like almost everywhere in Central and South America, it is a "dog-eat-dog" situation and very few are willing to work cooperatively with competing interests.

Another problem, I realized, with this type of mentality is that a lodge operator may not have the best interest of the eagles in mind once he finds out there is a nest nearby and people will pay lots of money to come to see the eagles. The eco-tour operation, if it does not practice proper observation techniques around the nest, may actually be the reason why a pair abandons the nesting territory.

I have not given up hope for this project, but the complexities of establishing this type of program in the Peruvian Amazon will not be an easy one and much careful organization and planning will have to be developed before the idea can proceed. But I have some old friends who sometimes compare me to the Butch Cassidy character in the movie with Paul Newman and Robert Redford when Sundance says to Butch, "Ha! Just keep on thinkin', Butch. That's what you're good at!"

Yes, I have always been VERY prolific when it comes to thoughts!

*A former city council member and mayor, Mark "Bird" Westall has owned and operated Canoe Adventures, Inc. on Sanibel for over 33 years. Visit [www.canoewithbirdwestall.com](http://www.canoewithbirdwestall.com) for more information.* ✨



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## Plant Smart

## American Black Nightshade

by Gerri Reaves

Mention nightshade and most people think “poisonous” or “toxic.” That attitude includes the common native species American black nightshade (*Solanum americanum*), which is usually classified as a weed.

Another of the plant’s common names, deadly nightshade, derives from the long-held belief that all types of nightshades are poisonous. Foraging and plant experts disagree over whether this species is poisonous.

For example, the late Julia F. Morton, a renowned authority on Florida edible plants, wrote that the green fruits are toxic and the ripe ones edible whether raw or cooked. She also asserts that the young green leaves and stems are also edible when cooked.

But other experts warn of the deadly consequences of ingesting any part of the plant whether raw or cooked.

Therefore, it’s best to be cautious and not ingest any part of this species. Just enjoy its beauty instead.

The glossy berries and very small star-like flowers give this plant two other less dramatic names, glossy nightshade and small-flowered nightshade.

Only one-fourth to one-half an inch in diameter, the fleshy berries are shiny whether immature and green or mature and black.

They appear in umbel clusters, with all stems radiating from the same point, like an umbrella.

The tiny white flowers have protruding yellow stamens and bloom year ‘round. It grows up to four feet tall, with slender stems and an open-branched structure.

The leaves vary from oval to lance-like and have several blunt rounded lobes.

American black nightshade often grows in out of the way shady spots in South Florida – roadsides, disturbed sites, woods or even right in the backyard. The general rule is that this annual loves the same habitat a tomato plant does.

Thus, it’s no friend to tomato growers and has consequently developed a resistance to some herbicides.

Propagate it with seeds.



Authorities differ on American black nightshade’s status as a poisonous plant

photo by Gerri Reaves

Sources: *Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, hear.org, *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor, and *Florida Wildflowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor.

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# Sanibel-Captiva Chamber Of Commerce Luminary Festival A Hit



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A performer at Jerry's

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce Luminary Festival weekend took place December 7 and 8 throughout the islands of Sanibel and Captiva.

On Friday night, a record number of people turned out to stroll the Luminary

Trail. Trolley stops offered transportation from the East End all of the way to the Bailey's Center.

On Saturday, Captiva saw its largest Luminary crowd yet, from Tween Waters Inn to Chadwick's Square.

Participants gathered at many local

businesses who offered refreshments and live entertainment. Children were delighted as Santa Claus and his elves pulled up in a fire truck to wave and give a "Ho Ho Ho."

Ric Base, president of the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce said, "More than 100 island volunteers showed up this weekend to help make Luminary possible and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and effort." ❄️

## Watercolor Batik On Paper Demonstration

The Sanibel Captiva Art League will host watercolor artists Pauline Healey and Susanne Brown for a demonstration in watercolor batik (on paper) at its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 20 at 1:30 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle (across from the Herb Strauss Theatre). Refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. There is no admission fee and the public is invited.

Traditional batik is a process of producing an image with color dyes on fabric using a wax resist technique. There are only a few artists on the island who produce these arresting works, perhaps because of its difficult process.

Healey and Brown are award-winning artists who will speak on using batik techniques with watercolor on paper, something that might make the process a bit easier but still produce interesting images.

Healey has been a painter for over 20 years. She has regularly won exhibition awards in Southwest Florida area art leagues. She is a member of the Florida Watercolor Society and was the subject of an article in the Winter 2000 issue of *Watercolor* magazine.

Brown is an art instructor at the Art League of Fort Myers, and also has painted in watercolor and acrylics in this area for many years. She has won exhibition awards for her watercolors and striking collages. She is also a member of the Florida Watercolor Society.

The San-Cap Art League welcomes artists of all levels. It meets on the third Thursday of every month during season. Its art activities include exhibitions, plein air painting, studio painting at BIG ARTS, workshops, demonstrations and speakers on art and related topics at its meetings. Visit [www.sancapart.com](http://www.sancapart.com) and consider becoming a member. ❄️

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## CARD OF THANKS

It has been said "It Takes A Village," and the Captiva community is the village that came together to make the 2012 Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade such a fabulous event. This event literally is the definition of community spirit.

Colossal thanks to The Royal Shell Companies for their considerable generosity and support and stepping up to sponsor this event for the second year in a row.

A number of others also went above and beyond, including Joe Poppalardo, Mike Sawiki, Alan Falde and Camp Wiley from the Lee County Sheriff's Department as well as Chief Rich Dickerson, Alan Delameter and the Captiva Island Fire Department.

The Captiva Holiday Village board and advisors – including Paul McCarthy of McCarthy's Marina, Jeff Shuff from Tween Waters Inn Island Resort, Elaine Smith of American Realty, Kristie Anders of SCCF and Perry Thompson of Thompson Marketing – worked all year on this event.

Rick Hayduk, managing director of South Seas Island Resort and his staff hosted the awards party, and special thanks to Rachele Noce for her outstanding organizational skills and assistance with staging, parking and coordination.

Thanks to all of the prize contributors for the golf cart winners: Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce, *Island Sun* Newspaper, South Seas Island

Resort and Tween Waters Inn Island Resort.

Contributing to our judges gifts were McCarthy's Marina, Beach Stuff, Inc, Best Boat Club & Rentals and YOLO Watersports. The "Goodie Bag" goodies were donated by the Captiva businesses.

Additionally, the golf cart parade committee and other holiday elves who pitched in to make the day work with smooth finesse: The Royal Shell Companies representatives Barb Harrington, magnificent coordinator, Rhonda Rosa, Lucinda Schaffer and John Beggs, Marcel Ventura of YOLO Watersports, Jimi Batchelor of Best Boat Club & Rentals, Jim Olivo, Beach Stuff Inc., Mary Margaret Tarutis, Island Store, Kristie Anders of SCCF, Willy Ocasio of Bank of the Islands and Jack Cunningham, Captiva Community Association. Also, community volunteers including Jerry and Terry McClure, Nathalie Pyle, Susan Stuart, Mike Hanna, Jose Leal and Steve Wendell.

This year's PR and marketing partners included Melinda Isley, M Creative PR; Ken Rasi and Lorin Arundel of the *Island Sun* Newspaper; Marguerite Burns, *Sanibel-Captiva Beaches & Keys*; WINK TV, NBC-2, *The Travel Channel*, Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, Bridget Stone-Budd and Ric Base, *The News-Press* and Matt Cavalier, our official Captiva Holiday Village photographer.

Special thanks to BIG ARTS and the Herb Strauss Players for our musical entertainment on the Royal Shell Balcony

and our judges, Eric Lindblad, executive director of SCCF, the Downtown Diva Stephanie Davis, social columnist for *The News-Press* and Kellie Burns, NBC-2 news anchor.

Last, but not least, huge thanks to all of the parade participants for true community spirit.

In closing, I would like to thank Paul

McCarthy of McCarthy's Marina and Captiva Cruises for his tireless and inspirational leadership with Captiva Holiday Village.

A very big heartfelt thanks to all!

Denice Beggs  
Parade Chair✱

## Friends Who Care Need Your Help For The Holidays

Friends Who Care, Inc. has been assisting Island residents since 1983. Our organization provides help for children and adults in crisis-related situations.

Friends Who Care, Inc. works on an anonymous basis through information from local churches, schools and other caring individuals in our community. Many volunteers have joined us in the gift collection program, located at the Post Office, Fire Department, The Garden Club, ABWA, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, The Sanctuary Golf Club, The Senior Center (Center4Life), Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Bank of the Islands and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. The local service clubs – Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary – have contributed funds in support of our organization. We also have the continued support of many of the local Realtors and

churches. We are grateful to have Bailey's and Jerry's stores continued support.

Other contributions are given from private individuals, all providing their time and effort to make children and adults happy this holiday season.

Following is the schedule:

- Tuesday, December 18 at 3 p.m. is Sorting Day at The Community House.

- Wednesday, December 19 at 9 a.m. is Wrapping Day at The Community House. Bring scissors, please.

If you can volunteer either day, please come by. Adults only, please. Any questions, call Sally or Theresa at 472-5152 Thank you!

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## BIG ARTS Classical Music Scholarship Winners Announced

On December 2, the winners of the 2012 BIG ARTS/Kenneth L. Nees Classical Music Scholarship Awards were announced. The program has been expanded to six winners, in past years it was awarded to one student per year. Winners are Priscila Navarro, Jossecarlo Romo Bocanegra, Manuel Molina Flores, Chelsey Norris, Kevin Seto and Kristen Seto.

An 18-year-old junior studying piano performance at the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Bower School of Music, Priscila Navarro was also the winner of the 2011 BIG ARTS/Kenneth L. Nees Classical Music Scholarship Award. In January 2012, she won the 20th Annual International Chopin Competition in Corpus Christi,

Texas. She was the youngest contestant in the competition. As part of the prize, she will perform at Carnegie Hall in March 2013. Navarro will perform at BIG ARTS at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 27.

Jossecarlo Romo first played the flute at age 8, where he performed with the National Conservatory of Music in Lima, Peru. He has participated regularly in international flute festivals hosted in Lima, and won second place in these competitions in 2006, 2008 and 2011. Jossecarlo has also played as a soloist in Peru with the National Symphony Orchestra and the Orchestra of the National Conservatory of Music. In 2010, he traveled to Argentina to play in the LAHC Symphony Orchestra, and was selected to integrate the orchestra that accompanied tenor Juan Diego Florez and violinist Midori Goto as part of the "Cycle of Extraordinary Concerts."

A native of Peru, pianist Manuel Molina studied at the National Conservatory of

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# A Dickens Of A Show At The Strauss Theater

by Di Saggau



The opening night reception for *Dickens' Women* at the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater found everyone looking forward to the evening's entertainment. British actress Miriam Margoyles gave a tour de force performance as she shared her passion and profound knowledge of Dickens' work. She easily switched from one character to another as she depicted over 20 of Dickens' creations. Her magnificent acting abilities, her booming voice and expressive face made them all come alive. It was an evening to savor.

Margoyles has been touring internationally all year with her show as part of the worldwide celebrations of the 200-year anniversary of Charles Dickens' birth in 1812. This was her first visit to Sanibel and when not on stage for her five shows, she enjoyed meeting people at various functions, including a lunch with many BIG

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Miriam Margoyles lunches with Sanibel fans Nancy and Chuck Bonser, and Linda Kramer



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# Nutcracker Suites At BIG ARTS

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Gulfshore Ballet's *Nutcracker Suites* photo by Kelle Hampton

Under the artistic direction of Franklin Gamero and Iliana Lopez, former principal dancers of the Miami City Ballet, Gulfshore Ballet students anticipate bringing the Christmas magic of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* to BIG ARTS stage each year. The beloved ballet tells the story of a girl named Clara, who is given a magical nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve and dreams of encounters with a frightful King Mouse before embarking on a wondrous journey through the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets.

With a cast that ranges in age from pre-kindergarten to adult, the production also boasts guest artist Jose Gamero, a native of Venezuela, and principal dancer with Ballet Des Moines. Jose Gamero studied at the Miami City Ballet School and was trained by Vladimir Isaeiev and Gulfshore Ballet's own Franklin Gamero.

The always-popular Spanish Dance and Chinese Dance return this year with many other selections from *The Nutcracker*, including the beautiful Pas de Deux featuring the Sugar Plum Fairy and her handsome Cavalier.

Gulfshore Ballet, Southwest Florida's premier classical ballet school, is a fan favorite at BIG ARTS and has brought its selections from *The Nutcracker* to the island since 2001. Gulfshore Ballet was founded in 2000 by former New York City Ballet principal dancer, Melinda Roy. In 2011, Melinda Roy passed the baton of artistic direction to Franklin Gamero and Iliana Lopez. Gamero and Lopez danced with Miami City Ballet under the direction of its world renowned founder, Edward Villella.

Part of the proceeds from *The Nutcracker* will go towards scholarships for Gulfshore Ballet students.

Visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900 for more information. ✨

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## Scholarships

Music in Lima and recently performed in the capital city at the Centro Cultural Español. He currently studies music performance at the Bower School of Music at FGCU.

Chelsey Norris is a senior music education and oboe performance major at FGCU. Chelsey has performed with the 2011 National Intercollegiate Band and the 2012 Florida Intercollegiate Band. She has been the principle oboist of FGCU's Wind and Symphony orchestras since 2009 and also performs regularly with the Bower Wind Quintet. After her graduation in spring 2013, she plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career in orchestral performance.

Kevin Seto began his violin studies at the age of 3. He joined the Florida Youth Orchestra where he enjoyed many performance opportunities, including a performance honoring America's 400th Anniversary with the Virginia Symphony and playing in Carnegie Hall. In 2009, the Orchestra presented him with the Joseph Leavitt Award. During high school, Kevin participated in All State Orchestra, was concertmaster of the Flanagan High School Orchestra, and, in his senior year, was nominated for The Miami Herald's Silver Knights Award in Music. Currently, Kevin is a junior studying violin performance at FGCU. Kevin has also studied violin at the Boston Conservatory. Selected to participate in the Florida Enhanced Learning through Music programs in Collier County, Kevin has taught a violin literacy program in Immokalee.

Kristen Seto is majoring in violin performance as a freshman at the Lynn Conservatory in Boca Raton. For 11 years, Kristen was a member of the Florida Youth Orchestra and had the opportunity to serve as assistant concertmaster of the Principle Orchestra and first violinist of the Aurora Strings Quartet. In 2012, the Orchestra awarded her with the prestigious Joseph Leavitt Music Award. In 2007, Kristen performed in a concert honoring America's 400th Anniversary in Jamestown, Virginia, where she was one of 400 musicians

chosen from around the U.S. to play with the Virginia Symphony. In high school, Kristen participated in All-County, All-State and the National Honors High School Orchestra. She won first place in violin solo and honorable mention in violin concerto in the Florida Federation of Music Clubs Finals. Kristen was awarded honorable mention in the New World Symphony concerto competition and was selected as concertmaster for their Side-By-Side Concert. Recent accomplishments include winning first place in the Ars Flores Young Artists Concerto Competition and Honorable Mention in The Miami Herald's Silver Knights Award in Music.

"BIG ARTS is very fortunate to have someone like Ken Nees who contributes so much to the organization in so many ways. His generosity and commitment to the arts is remarkable," said BIG ARTS executive director Lee Ellen Harder. Ken Nees is a BIG ARTS volunteer who not only works in the office every day, but is also chair of the Workshops Committee; in addition he has served several terms on the Board of Directors. As an avid fan of classical music, he is devoted to helping gifted young musicians continue to develop their talents."

The goal of the BIG ARTS/Kenneth L. Nees Classical Music Scholarship is to provide scholarships to highly talented high school and college students who plan to continue their classical music training. Students who study any classical musical instrument, composition or conducting are eligible. Applications for this classical music scholarship are due in September and more information is available online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

If you have benefited from arts education, and are inspired to make these opportunities available for others, BIG ARTS has several scholarship programs that are supported by generous donors. To learn more about establishing a scholarship fund to support your passion, and make a difference in the lives of others, contact development coordinator Kara Minoui at 472-9700.

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Fused glass pendant necklace by Sherry Halloran

## BIG ARTS Annual Benefit Necklace

**B**IG ARTS is offering a fused-glass pendant necklace, hand made by Sherry Halloran, to launch this year's annual benefit. Halloran, one of the annual benefit chairs, made the pendants in the spirit of the event's theme, "Let's Go Surfin' with California Surf, Inc." Both Halloran and co-chair Maddy Hanlon have been planning the event, which will be held at BIG ARTS on Monday, February 25.

California Surf, Inc. – a band made up of Matt Jardine, Billy Hinsche, Bobby Figueroa, Ed Carter and Philip Bardowell – are musicians who for decades have all toured and recorded with the Beach

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Youngsters from the Children's Education Center of the Islands sang holiday songs

## CECI At Community House For Sanibel Luminary Night

Students and parents from The Children's Education Center of the Islands rejoiced in merriment at The Community House on December 7, Sanibel's Luminary Night. The children wore their red school shirts and sang holiday songs, and Frosty (the snowman) and Ginger (the cookie) were on loan from the North Pole for pictures. Also, a raffle was held for a gift basket and ham, and holiday Beanie Babies were sold to help raise funds for the non-profit pre-school. ✨



CECI director Jana Yates with Ginger and Frosty

## The Many Moods Of Christmas At The Village Church

The Village Church Choir & Festival Orchestra at Shell Point Retirement Community presents The Many Moods of Christmas on Sunday, December 16 at 6:15 p.m. This concert will take place in the Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point, and tickets are \$10 each.

The Village Church Choir (90-plus voices) at Shell Point Retirement Community, accompanied by a Festival Orchestra (comprised of 35 area symphony musicians), will present The Many Moods of Christmas. This masterwork alternates between the reflective and joyous which provides full expression for meditation and celebration certain to instill the Christmas spirit in all of us.

"Christmas is such an amazing time of year, and we are overjoyed to offer this exquisite performance," said Pastor Randy Woods, minister of worship and music for The Village Church. "This is the second concert in our Season of Praise this year, and we are looking forward to this concert and the many others that will take place between now and the spring."

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased on line at [www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise](http://www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise). To receive additional information about the Season of Praise concert series, call 454-2147. ✨

## Library Displays Colorful Canvases



Ellie Harries, Pat Baker and Marcy Calkins

This month, the Sanibel Public Library features 48 colorful canvases by three artists – Pat Baker, Ellie Harries, and Marcy Calkins – all members of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League. These three artists share not only the preference of painting oils or acrylics on canvas, but to the colorful mixing of their colors.

Baker's experiences and travel from the past year are reflected in a collection of 15 paintings. The light, waves and color of the Lake Michigan shoreline near Frankfort, Michigan inspired a three-canvas series.

"I just seemed to have to do three scenes," she said. "Also, with a son in the Boulder, Colorado area, I had the opportunity to hike in the high country of Estes Park, where I took some amazing mountain and lake photos on a sun-filled morning."

The new pastel painting, titled *Colorado Lake*, is one result.

Baker feels that Sanibel, with its atmosphere and warm light, constantly invites interpretation.

"My main interests in the 17 years I have been creating art are in design and color," added Baker, "And the constant challenge of a blank canvas always keeps me coming back."

Harries has 17 paintings at the library, which includes both vegetation studies and a series from recent travel. She participated in a mission work experience at a school in Honduras, where impoverished children receive a home and education in a loving environment.

"Love was visible there in many forms, and it is that love and joy which I hoped to convey through art," described Harries.

The show includes eight portraits of the Honduras children in various activities.

Considering Sanibel as a nature sanctuary, Harries added, "The natural world has become the subject of my painting in recent years. Influencing the art has been the fascinating stories of how native vegetation has been used by many cultures in the past and present."

Calkins uses primarily acrylics but also watercolor and pastels on her 16 paintings. Subjects vary from landscapes, still life and human forms. She refers to herself as an "accidental artist" and says, "I prefer not to take my artistic self too

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*Interreflection*, oil by Dannica Walker

## Shadows And Reflections Exhibit At BIG ARTS

**B**IG ARTS presents the Art Council of Southwest Florida and Sanibel Captiva Art League's Shadows And Reflections juried visual arts exhibit, which is open through January 12. BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery is displaying origi-

nal works in a variety of media from more than 60 artists, with "reflections and shadows."

A reception and awards ceremony will take place on Friday, December 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Phillips Gallery.

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For additional information about these exhibits, call 395-0900 or visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).



*Standing Alone*, acrylic by Carolyn Johns

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## Canvases

seriously. To keep painting as my 'play' rather than 'work' is paramount at this stage of life on this beautiful island. I call it 'mental yoga.'

Calkins mixes her colors from a limited palette and chooses subjects from her own travels as well as from shared references.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League is a non-profit organization formed to promote public interest in and appreciation of the fine arts. The group's mission includes promoting art education, supporting community art and sponsoring exhibitions. The group also seeks to simultaneously enjoy the beautiful islands and to improve craftsmanship by painting outdoors. Visitors are welcome as well as new membership. For more information, visit [www.sancapart.com](http://www.sancapart.com).

Art shows are changed monthly at the Sanibel Public Library, and the current art exhibit is on display until January 4.✪

## Tampa Bay Downs Bus Trip

**B**e part of the Tampa Bay Downs' 87th racing season! On Wednesday, January 16, Lake Kennedy Center in Cape Coral is sponsoring a bus trip to the Oldsmar oval, which attracts some of the biggest names in thoroughbred racing. Place your bet and cheer on your favorite horse for an afternoon of racing fun.

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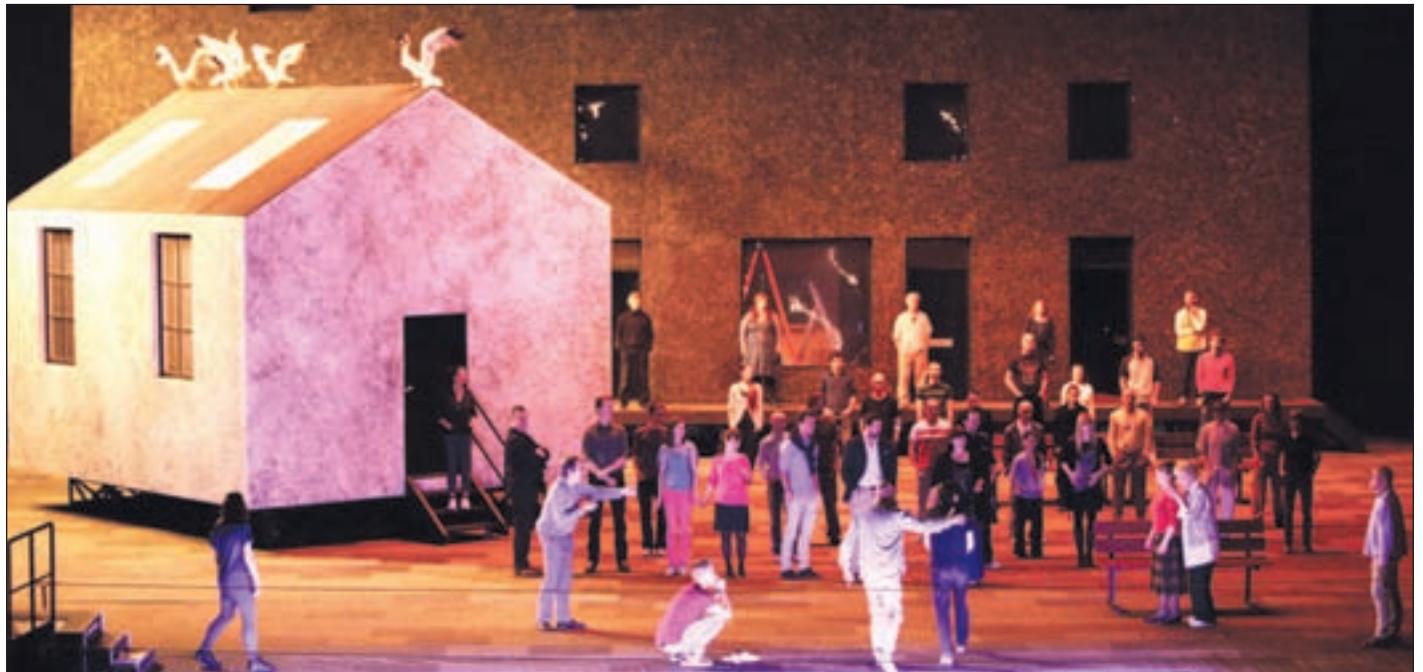
**B**IG ARTS 2012-2013 Opera & Ballet in Cinema season continues Friday, December 14 with the opera *Peter Grimes*, then *Norma* (January 10), *Carmen* (February 27), and ballets *Don Quixote* (March 27), and *The Rite of Spring* (April 11). All screenings are at 7 p.m. at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road. General admission is \$20.

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

Founders Gallery Visual Arts Patron Season Sponsor Deborah and John La Gorce.

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*China Syndrome*, acrylic collage by Deborah Butler

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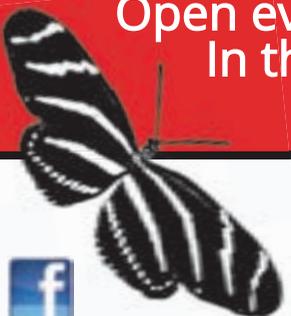
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## Anholt

interested in the wildlife and plants and archaeology, and that led to the history: the Calusa, the Spanish, and the very long history the island has," Anholt explained.

A few years later, Elinore Dormer published her book for the first time. In those days, Anholt was more interested in the island's wildlife history than its social history. Eventually, that social history – the history she was living – caught her interest.

When asked what she did on the island 40 years ago, her immediate answer is predictable: "Slap mosquitoes."

"In the late 1960s I was hanging diapers out – with the mosquitoes. It was a very different island then. My husband Jim and I owned and operated the Standard station (now the BP station at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Lindgren Boulevard). First we leased it for several years from Francis Bailey and then we bought it from Francis and Sam (Bailey). We ran that station through the oil crisis of the 1970s," Anholt remembered. "We were oriented to trying to make a living and raising our kids. When my daughter first went to school, there was no kindergarten and 70 children total up through the 6th grade."

During the oil crisis, gas stations were only allowed to have 75 percent of the gas they would normally sell, and people were angry. "We had lines of cars waiting so we were dealing with lots of vehicles and traffic," Anholt said. Soon the Anholts turned their talents to a different venture. "Jim began the Sanibel Trolley and ran it for 17 years. It was really the city's first mass transit. We gradually worked in tours because people were interested," Anholt said.

In the course of running trolleys through season, the Anholts were always dealing with traffic. "We eventually just closed the trolley business. Work was only there three months of the year, yet we had to pay for insurance all year," Anholt explained. "We just ran ourselves into the ground. Jim had been a volunteer fireman working part-time in maintenance and also as a mechanic. I stayed home a while and volunteered at the library. I was on the board for six years, and eventually got a part-time job at the library." She also served on the Historical Preservation Committee for years, with Sam Bailey as president.

Anholt wrote *Sanibel's Story: Voices and Images from Calusa to Incorporation* as a fundraising tool for the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. She also authored *The Trolley Guide to Sanibel and Captiva Islands*. In addition, Anholt published (with Gwenda Clements) *Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation: A Natural Course*, and later a history of the fire department, *Sanibel Fire & Rescue (50 Years of Progress)*. She's written many magazine articles and for 17 years belonged to one of the first writers groups on the island, enjoying writing poetry among other things. She also wrote a monthly history column for the *Captiva Current* newspaper. Right now

she's writing for the much-loved Sanibel-Captiva calendar.

Word is there's a book about the Calusa residing only in Anholt's head at the moment. Anholt is particularly interested in the period when the Calusa met the Spanish and conflict began. "The Calusa had a very fully formed and powerful society and it collapsed like someone sticking a pin in a balloon," Anholt said. "The reasons aren't known; there is only speculation. It's fascinating to see how a society like that could have just... gone. It has a lot to say to us here and now if we listen – which isn't a good bet. I see parallels with today's world. Menendez was trying to build the cross-Florida barge canal, and we tried it again in Nixon's time."

People aren't thinking about the future, according to Anholt. "Everyone always says they love the place (Sanibel) but they don't understand how their love is harming the place; for example, taking live shells and commercial shelling. Commercial shelling at one time increased to the point that we were essentially losing our beach. We were killing the hand that was feeding us in a lot of ways."

Anholt said that's still true with a lot of things on the island: cars, the bear that was running around for a year with everyone applauding and enjoying it. "But bears can't exist here, there are too many people," Anholt objected. "The deer population at the turn of the century is another example: they were considered

varmints like raccoons are today."

The bottom line, according to Anholt: "We're choosing the wildness that we like and destroying the wildlife that we don't like: snakes, alligators, "even mosquitoes have a place," she said. "They feed the birds and the fish."

Anholt said she always remembers something Sam Woodring said, "If you take some, as long as you leave some, you'll always have some."

"There are so many aspects of the island that have faded away without our noticing it," she sighed. "For example, the small mom-and-pop motels run by the family."

Perhaps that will be the next book from Betty Anholt. ✨

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## Artist Series At The Dunes Features Roberts, McCarter



Local artists Myra Roberts and Andi McCarter will be displaying their artwork at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club through January 22

by Jeff Lysiak

Myra Roberts will be displaying paintings from her Florida Vintage Collection while Andi McCarter is showcasing several of her ceramic sculptures through the end of January at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club.

According to Leilani Sivsov, general manager at The Dunes, the club has introduced a Meet The Artist Series, which will showcase six to 10 local artists throughout the season, in addition to the monthly exhibition of artwork from The Sanibel School students.

Both Roberts and McCarter attended an opening reception for the exhibit on December 11.

"The Dunes is wanting to play an active part in the art community of the island, as a tribute to all the talent that we have here," said Sivsov. "I am very excited about this series. What an honor it is to exhibit such fine art."

While The Sanibel School's student artwork may be viewed in the foyer area, paintings by Roberts and sculptures by McCarter may be found throughout the lobby and

clubhouse. This exhibition will end on January 22, when three new artists' works will be featured.

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club is located at 949 Sand Castle Road on Sanibel.✪

## Symphonic Chorale Of Southwest Florida To Perform At BIG ARTS



Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida

BIG ARTS will host the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida on Saturday, December 15 for the Holiday Evergreens concert.

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Tickets are general seating \$20 and student/child \$10. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall.

To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road or call 395-0900.✪

## Book Signing With Three Authors

The Sanibel Island Bookshop and "Books, Brownies and Barkers" are pleased to welcome three authors to Sanibel Island for a two-hour book signing event on Thursday, December 20 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Peggy Sue Martinez, Jamie Loeak and Sanibel native author Rachael Wade will be signing autographs and meeting fans to celebrate their new releases.

Jamie Loeak resides in Florida, where she is a middle school teacher. Finding time for writing is difficult within the world of lesson plans, assessments and students; however, she makes sure to make time for all of the things that she loves in life, including her students, pets, and loving boyfriend. When Loeak isn't writing or grading papers, she is forcing her sister into photoshoots or playing her guitar. She is currently celebrating the release of the second book in the Body and Soul Trilogy, *The Key's Keeper*.

Peggy Sue Martinez is a busy stay-at-home mom with a love for fantasy. When she is not homeschooling her five kids, she is writing and blogging about all the amazing books she reads. *Contingency* is her first novel and she is very excited to be able to share her love for writing with everyone.

Rachael Wade is the Amazon #1 best-selling author of the paranormal romance series, *The Resistance Trilogy*, and the contemporary romance, *Preservation*. When she's not writing, she's busy learning French, watching too many movies and learning how to protect wildlife and stop animal cruelty. She will be celebrating the release of *Love and Relativity*, a romance novel set in Sanibel Island.

The book signing will take place at the Sanibel Island Bookshop, located at 1571 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

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## Photography Winner

Frank is a renowned mollusk and shell photographer based in Jacksonville, Florida.

The winning images will be on display in the museum auditorium during the next 12 months. Other winners include: second place, *Cassis madagascarenensis*, Anne DuPont, Delray Beach, Florida; third place, *Argopecten gibbus*, Angela Moralevitz, Dunedin, Florida; fourth place, *Dinocardium robustum*, Paul Duchild, St. Louis, Missouri; honorable mention, *Helix pomatia*, Joey Nicotra, Cape Coral, Florida. To see images of the other winners, visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org).

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, and common Southwest Florida shells. The learning lab features a hands-on play area for children, displays, games, and a tank with indigenous mollusks. A half-hour video, *Mollusks in Action*, is shown on the hour, and a children's video is shown continuously. The museum store offers a broad selection of shell books and gift items. The museum is open 7 days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.✪

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**H**oliday House is a long-standing tradition for downtown Fort Myer's historic River District. Tours of the Burroughs and Langford-Kingston Homes on the corner of First Street and Fowler are available through December 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. nightly.

Each room in the historic homes will represent a different country and will be decorated accordingly. Hundreds of members and volunteers of the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club (FMWCC) spent countless hours transforming the interiors and exteriors of the Burroughs and Langford-Kingston homes, lawns and grounds with holiday décor.

The Burroughs Home and Gardens is located on 2.45 acres in downtown Fort Myers and is bounded on the north by the Caloosahatchee and on the south by First Street. The home boasts turn-of-the-century Georgian Revival architecture and has not been altered considerably since construction was completed in 1901. The Langford-Kingston Home is a 5,000-square-foot prairie school residence and one of downtown Fort Myers most outstanding houses.

"Holiday House has something for everyone," said FMWCC President Debi Fussell. "In addition to walking through these two festively decorated homes and grounds, children can visit Santa each evening at the Langford-Kingston Home."

Admission for Holiday House is \$5 per person. Children 10 and under are free. Veterans and military are free with a military ID. Parking is available at First United Methodist Church off Fowler at no charge.

For more information about Holiday House, call 738-3710 or visit [www.fmwcc.com](http://www.fmwcc.com).

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## Monday Night Movie

# The Well Digger's Daughter



by Stan Gembicki

**T**he Well Digger's Daughter (2012) France, 104 minutes, will be shown at BIG ARTS on Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m.

Twenty-five years after rising to international acclaim in *Jean de Florette* and *Manon of the Spring*, Daniel Auteuil returns to the world of Marcel Pagnol for his first work as director with this celebrated remake of the 1940s classic. Auteuil stars as local well-digger Pascale, a widower living with his six daughters in the Provence countryside. It is the eve of World War I. His eldest daughter, Patricia (the luminous Astrid Bergès-Frisbey), has returned home from Paris to help raise her sisters, and Pascale dreams of marrying her off to his loyal assistant Felipe (Kad Merad). But when she becomes pregnant by a wealthy young pilot (Nicolas Duvauchelle) who promptly abandons her for the frontlines, Pascale is left to contend with the consequences. This is early 20th century France, and the well-digger's honor is ruined by Patricia's

A scene from *The Well Digger's Daughter*

indiscretion. For the rest of the film, Pascal balances pride and shame, bluster and piety while dealing with the consequences of Patricia's actions.

*The Well-Digger's Daughter* is one of those lush French war romances filled with comedy, tragedy and family drama. The story trajectory is more pleasing than surprising. We've met these characters a dozen times, seen World War I French villages, known the wealthy land owners' sons and the poor beauties, the stubborn father, the dashing soldier, and the saintly daughter. And yet they're rendered so lovingly by Auteuil that it's more a pleasant reunion than

a slog through stale characters. Auteuil brings an enthusiasm to the film, not to mention an obvious love for the French countryside, so that it all breezes by easily and deliciously. According to Roger Ebert, he has signed up to direct three more movies based on Pagnol's novels.

*The Well-Digger's Daughter* is like a light lunch with an old friend whom it's good to see again, especially before holidays. Enjoy!

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.

For tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org), or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).✳

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## Dickens Women

ARTS members at The Sanctuary on December 7.

I applaud BIG ARTS for bringing this show to The Strauss. It is an example of the quality performances scheduled for the 2012-13 season. Next up is *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings*, running December 17 through December 30, followed by the Southwest Florida premiere of *Monty Python's Spamalot*, running January 11 through February 16. For more information, visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or call 395-0900.✳

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## Red Sox Seeking Singers For Spring Training National Anthem

Think you have what it takes to sing in front of a sold-out crowd of more than 11,000 people? The Boston Red Sox are currently looking for new talent to perform the national anthem for the upcoming 2013 Spring Training season at JetBlue Park.

All interested performers are invited to attend open auditions at JetBlue Park, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, on Monday, December 17 and Tuesday, December 18, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Time slots will be reserved for those who RSVP by contacting Gordon Lessersohn at 226-4704 or [glessersohn@redsox.com](mailto:glessersohn@redsox.com).

All reservations must be made by noon on Friday, December 14. All ages are welcome to audition. Performers should enter the stadium through Gate "C" near the team store and will be escorted into the building. Those who cannot attend these dates are invited to submit an audio recording to Gordon Lessersohn.

Space is limited, so please email or call to reserve your audition spot today.✳



From left, John Ramsey, Michael Lo Balsamo, Matthew Schmidt and Robbie May rehearse *Plaid Tidings*

## Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings Cast In Rehearsal

**B**IG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, the only professional theater on Sanibel, delivers a musical gift for the holiday season. *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings* finds our favorite all-male vocal group, The Plaids, returned to Earth from Heaven to croon their tight swingin' harmonic renditions. Filled with Christmas standards that have all been "Plaid-erized," the show is packed with holiday favorites, including *Carol Of The Bells*, *Let It Snow*, *I'll Be Home For Christmas*, *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town*, *Mele Kalikimaka* and *A Mixmaster Christmas*.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on December 17 to 22, and 26 to 29. There are 4 p.m. matinées on December 23 and 30. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children. There will be a special New Year's Eve performance on Monday, December 31, which will include a champagne reception and toast. Tickets are \$75. The show begins at 9 p.m.

This musical by Stuart Ross opens as The Plaids find themselves surprised to be back on Earth. But as the celestial guardians of harmony, they know they must have been sent from heaven for a special reason: to bring selfless love back to the world through song. Michael Lo Balsamo, Robbie May, John Ramsey and Matthew Schmidt have begun to rehearse their roles as The Plaids with musical director Tammy Holder and show director Michael Stanek.

*Plaid Tidings* is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Sponsors The Royal Shell Companies and the *Island Sun*.

Upcoming shows include *Monty Python's Spamalot* (January 11 to February 16), *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (February 22 to March 23), *Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle* (February 24, March 3 and 10), and *Fully Committed* (March 29 to April 27). All productions are at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, located at 2244 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Groups of 10 or more are eligible for Herb Strauss Theater's group discount rates for all shows, prices range from \$25 to \$36 per ticket. Groups of 50 or more receive a greater discounted ticket price. Call Jason Boeckman at 472-9700 ext. 308 for group discount rates for each show.

To purchase tickets and learn more about upcoming shows at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, call the theater box office at 472-6862 or 395-0900; e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org); or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

## Academy Award Contenders Series Returning To Island Cinema

**T**he 2013 Academy Awards Contender's Series at Island Cinema starts on Wednesday, January 2 at 1 p.m. and will continue for nine Wednesdays at the same time through February 27. Each week, one of the top Academy Awards contenders will be screened, followed by a film discussion at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille for those who wish to attend. Films will be announced as soon as they are confirmed, usually seven or eight days prior to the screening.

The nine films in the series will include some of the following: *Lincoln*, *Les Miserables*, *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, *Argo*, *Life of Pi*, *Silver Lining Playbook*, *Zero Dark Thirty*, *Anna Karenina*, *The Master*, *Cloud Atlas*, *Django Unchained*, *The Sessions*.

Tickets are available in advance at the Island Cinema box office. Contact Island Cinema at 472-1701 for more information.

## Fine Art Photo Project Seeking Participants

**D**avid Egan, a fine arts and editorial photographer who resides in San Francisco, California, will be visiting Sanibel Island from December 20 through 29. Egan is seeking residents of Sanibel who would like to participate in a fine art photographic project.

Portraits will be made with a large format wooden 4x5 camera using Kodak Portra sheet film. The portraits and landscape shots will be made using natural light and no additional lighting will be brought in. All images will be taken in your home or on your property. In addition to the portraiture, he will also be making landscape photographs.

The photographic project will be approached with a fine art aesthetic and at no cost to the subject. He would be

greatly appreciative of any person's participation in the project. He is looking for a wide range of people who would like to be photographed. Anyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 print of his or her portrait and bigger sizes will be made available upon request. David is a long-time visitor of Sanibel and his parents are residents of the island.

Please contact Egan to arrange a time and place for your portrait, if you are interested, and do not hesitate to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Egan's professional portfolio can be seen at [www.eganpro.com](http://www.eganpro.com) and he can be reached via email at [baronegan@gmail.com](mailto:baronegan@gmail.com).

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## Shortz Library Lecture Offers Clues To Most Pleasing Puzzles

by Jeff Lysiak

What makes a good puzzle? Just ask the world's leading authority on the subject, Will Shortz, who visited the Sanibel Public Library last week as part of the 2012-13 Author Series.

"I like puzzles that twist your brain in a different sort of way," said Shortz, crossword puzzle editor of *The New York Times* since 1993. "But more than anything, they should be challenging and they should be fun."

Shortz, the author or editor of more than 500 books, is the only person to hold a college degree in enigmaology (the study of puzzles), which he earned from Indiana University in 1974.

Speaking in front of a sold-out crowd on December 6, Shortz lectured on the history of crossword puzzles (which will celebrate 100 years in 2013), fielded questions about how he became so interested in puzzles (he sold his first crossword professionally at age 14) and led a word challenge game (in which he divided the room into two teams, the Mollusks vs. the Bivalves).

In the past year, for example, *The New York Times* crossword puzzles have counted only four mistakes among more than 32,000 clues. And each week, Shortz estimates that he sorts through between 75 and 100 crossword submissions.

Some of the things Shortz looks for in a good crossword puzzle:

- Overall theme (is it creative or witty?)
- Construction and symmetry (is it well balanced?)
- Vocabulary (are the words used fresh, interesting, familiar and/or playful?)
- Clues (are they clear and easy to follow?)

Asked whether he had visited Sanibel before, Shortz



**Puzzlemaster Will Shortz orchestrates a word game with attendees of his Author Series appearance at the Sanibel Public Library on December 6**

said that he had not, and in fact this was only his third trip to the state of Florida.

"And I know that this is the first time that I've checked into a hotel and they've handed me a bag for collecting shells," he quipped, which drew a laugh from the crowd.

Shortz's appearance was made possible with major funding from the Sanibel Public Library Foundation in partnership with Jan Egeland and Emily and Richard Muench. A post-lecture champagne reception at the library was sponsored by Bank of the Islands.

Library director Margaret Mohundro said following



**Will Shortz has been the crossword puzzle editor of *The New York Times* since 1993**

the Author's Series kick-off event, "I have heard so many positive comments about how entertaining and interesting (Will Shortz) was. People seem to have gotten another perspective on puzzles. I think the next time they pick up a crossword puzzle, they'll look at it a little differently."

The Sanibel Public Library's 2012-13 Author Series continues on January 15 with Robert K. Massie, followed by Peter Bergen on February 11 and Judy Collins on March 6. For additional information, visit [www.sanibel.org](http://www.sanibel.org) or call 472-2483.\*

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## FGCU Center's Book Inspires Brazilian Conference's Theme

submitted by Kharli Rose

Latin America provided Sanibel resident Peter Blaze Corcoran an opportunity to discuss the integration of sustainability into higher education in November. The Florida Gulf Coast University's Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education Director travelled to Curitiba, Brazil to promote the mission of the Center as a keynote speaker.

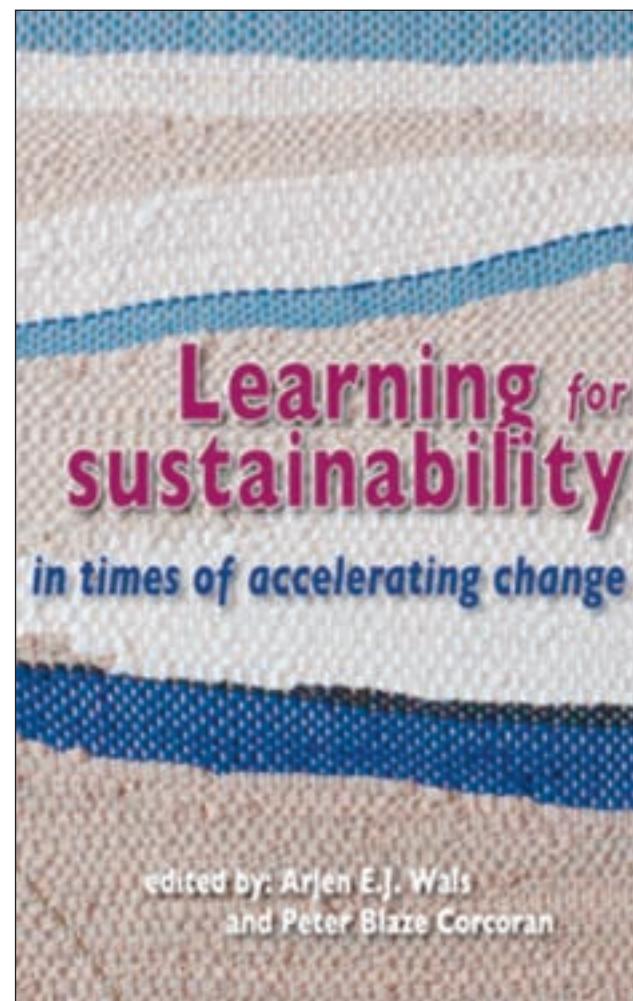
Dr. Corcoran delivered the opening speech "Learning for Sustainability in Higher Education" in a plenary session at the International Conference on Innovation, Technology, and Internalization for Sustainability at the Universidade Tecnológica Federal do Parana. He was invited to the conference based on his involvement in the Center's new book, *Learning for Sustainability in Times of Accelerating Change*.

The Center's new publication speaks to the challenges of a fast-paced culture that has quick, informal learners, but education systems that are evolving slowly and it was launched in Brazil at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as Rio+20. The goals of the conference were to promote academic reflection and to improve knowledge about internationalization and innovation, as well as trying to understand the relationships among them. The objectives of the conference were developed along the lines of the book's theme.

"I wanted to speak to the urgent need for an ethics of sustainability in education and I sought to use the work of Brazilian thinkers to support my thesis. I drew on the educational philosophy of the late Paulo Freire and on the philosophical work of contemporary theologian Leonardo Boff," said Dr. Corcoran.

The conference was attended by 80 invited academics from 11 countries to discuss sustainable actions and analyze innovative practices that lead to the reduction of social and environmental imbalances, as well as the improvement of well-being and the education for sustainability. It was an open forum that welcomed multiple voices that

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The Center's most recent publication

## BIG ARTS To Host Play Reading Auditions

**B**IG ARTS launched a program for community theater and play readings of works by playwrights in Southwest Florida. All readings will feature local talent both onstage and backstage. All play readings begin at 7 p.m.

BIG ARTS Community Players received more than 30 scripts, and an eight-member panel read all scripts anonymously. The Community Theater committee then finalized the selections. The groups is seeking volunteer directors, who will be responsible for auditioning actors for the play, planning rehearsals and final run-through, and working with theater craft volunteers to set the stage. Play reading scripts will be made available upon request. Volunteers are needed to be actors, assistant director, stage managers, stage hands, light and sound, set-design, scenic painters and woodworking, and flyer distributors.

Audition dates for the Community Players play-reading series are at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, and at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9. Auditions will be held at BIG ARTS Schein Hall, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. For more information, contact Shirley Jewell at 337-1099 or srjewell@embarqmail.com. If possible, bring a photo and resume to the audition.

Seeking actors to read for the following parts:

(Performers do not have to be the exact age of character, just possess the ability to be accepted as the character is written.)

### Sunday, January 27 at 7 p.m. at Herb Strauss Theater

*The Gray and the Blue* by Wally Kain (Drama – One Act; set at end of Civil War)

Brigadier General Cyrus Stilton (a Union soldier), Male 40 to 60

Lieutenant Edwin Battelle (the general's aide-de-camp), Male 20 to 40

Private Delvis Petty (a soldier in the general's command), Male 20s

*Cynthia* by Norma Hagan (Drama/Murder – One Act)

Harold Lawson (lawyer) strong dominating voice and forceful manner, Male about 65

Dr. Mark Fredericks (cardiac specialist) obnoxious narcissist, Male about 40

Two Bridge Players (small roles), Male or Female, 40 to 60

*When Do We Shoot Them?* by Robert Hilliard (Drama – One Act; during WWII)

Jack (an American soldier) Male around 21

Mike (an American soldier) Male around 23

Boy (a German soldier) Male around 15

Old Man (a German soldier) Male around 60

*Mega-Man To The (Emotional) Rescue* by Don Goodrum (Comedy – One Act)

Mega-Man (handsome archetypical hero type), Male 30 to 45

Dr. Rita (well-meaning psychiatrist), Female 30 to 60

Stephanie (receptionist), Female 20 and older

### Sunday, February 17 at 7 p.m. at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall

*The Growers* by Kris Bauske (Drama – Full Length, Set in WWII)

Martin Bosch (young American), Male

teenager

\*Friedrich Bosch (immigrant from Germany, farmer), Male 40 to 60

\*Isaac Feinstein (Jewish/German immigrant, foreman of greenhouse), Male 40 to 60

\*Heinrich Mueller (Captured Nazi Major), Male 30 to 45

\*Franz Vogel (Nazi Corporal and prisoner of war), Male 20 to 35

\*Dietrich Hunzicker (A German Sergeant and prisoner of war), Male 35 to 45

Sergeant John Wade (farm prison guard), Male 40 to 55

\*German accent is needed for most parts in this play

### Sunday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at Herb Strauss Theater

*Waiting For Wilma* by Marcia Rudin (10 minute Comedy)

George, Male, early 60s

Anne (George's wife), Female, early 60s

Gina (Frankie's girlfriend), Female, around age 35

Frankie, middle-aged carefree motor-

cycle type, Male around age 40

*Paul Newman Hops The Amtrak Auto Train* by Marcia Rudin (10 minute Comedy)

Gladys Forman – Female around age 50

Jack Forman – Male around age 50

Handsome Stranger – Male good looking/kind of Paul Newman look

*Oz In A Closet* by Len Cuthbert (One-hour Comedy)

Chet (Boyfriend of Bambi), ability to do slap-stick, Male 30 to 60

Blair (Kooky/Spiritual), ability to do slap-stick, Female 30 to 60

Bambi (Girlfriend of Chet), Name says it all, Female 30 to 50

Alex (Theater Employee), Gender and Age flexible

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, and BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets to play readings are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. Audition and other cast information available on [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

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## Brazilian Conference

were willing to discuss the transformation of organizational practices and the mobilization of civil society towards a more active role in determining its own sustainable future.

Dr. Corcoran was pleased to have international engagement with the Center's mission. He also had the opportunity to travel to the city of Salvador to visit the research site of Donna Roberts, who did her FGCU graduate work on Brazilian women environmental educators and enjoyed seeing a former student in action.✱



Dr. Peter Blaze Corcoran met with conference organizer Federal University of Curitiba Professor Emerita Ziolo Zanotto in November



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the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

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

**Mahjohgg Lessons** – January 23, 24, 28 and 30, 9 a.m. to noon. Class is limited to four or eight students and you must be able to attend all classes. Supplies are provided. Cost is \$12.50 for members and \$25 for non-members.

**Bridge Lessons** – coming in February.

**Weaving Class with Edie Flagg** – Tuesday, January 22, 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, January 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to weave on a rigid heddle loom that is simple, compact, sturdy and portable. Use a variety of yarns on the rigid heddle, which is perfect for weaving scarves, towels, fabric, and many other items. Participants will weave a scarf in class. Yarn and use of heddle loom are included in the fee. The class is limited to five students. Cost is \$85 for members and \$100 for non-members.

**Page Turners with Ann Rodman**, volunteer coordinator.

**January 9 at 2:30 p.m. – The Big Year** by Mark Obmascik. Each year on January 1, a quirky crowd of adventurers storms out across North America for a spectacularly competitive event called a Big Year, a grand, grueling, expensive, and occasionally vicious 365-day marathon of bird watching.

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**Tuesday Kayaking** – December 18 at 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.

**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. 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.

**Bridge** – 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

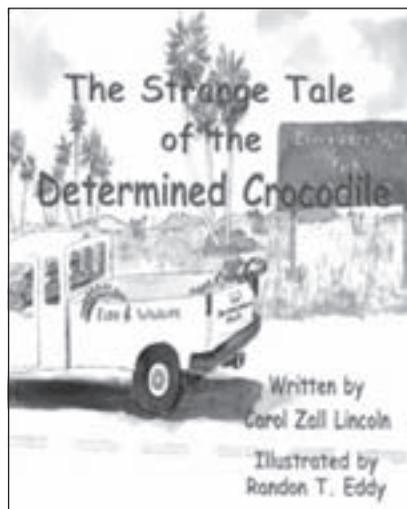
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## Author Event At Island Book Nook

The Island Book Nook will host an author signing on Tuesday, December 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a book signing with Carol Lincoln, who wrote *The Strange Tale of The Determined Crocodile*.

Lincoln has published a children's picture book about our Sanibel crocodile that died on Sanibel a few years ago.

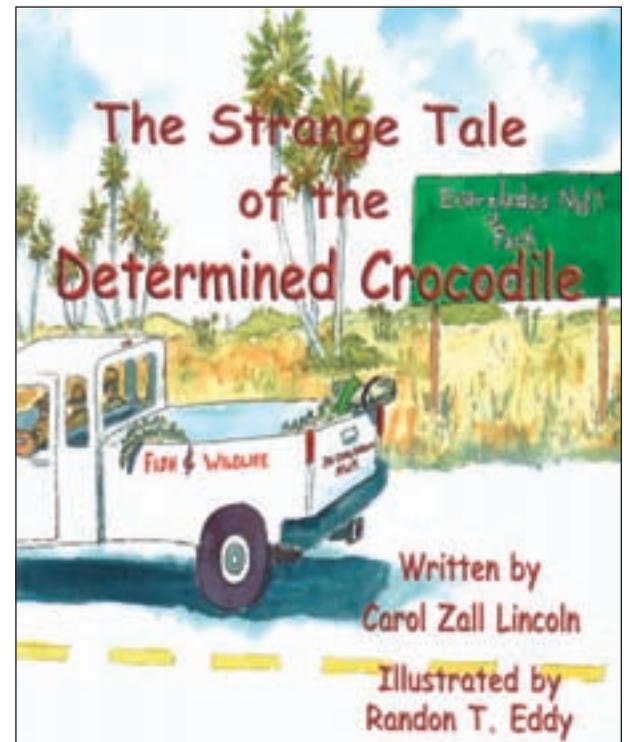
"After going to the memorial service, I decided that I wanted children to know this wonderful Sanibel story," said Lincoln.

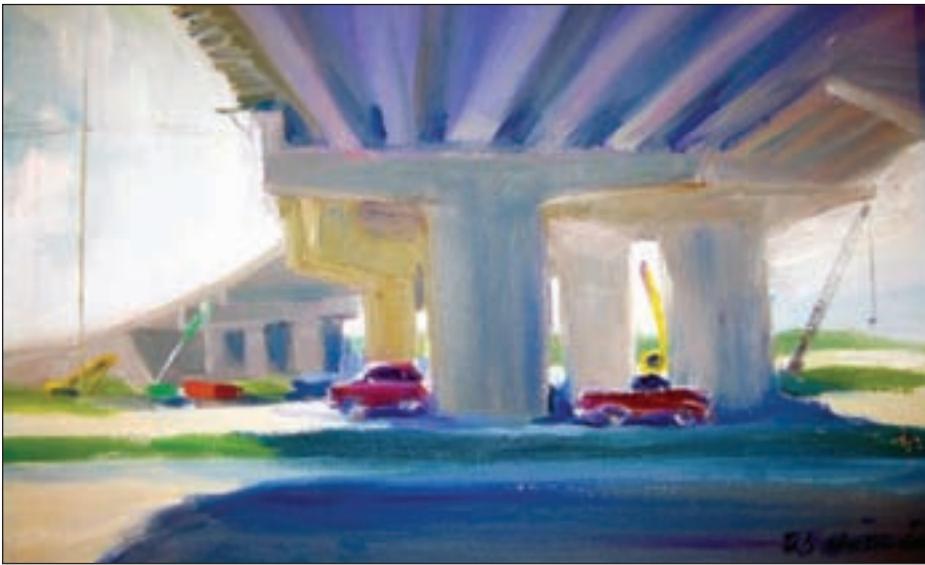
Noted local artist Randon Eddy, a steadfast supporter of Sanibel wildlife, provided the outstanding illustrations for this book.

The story is about how local residents watched out for and cared for the endangered crocodile who refused to be relocated further south. It has a wonderful conservation and preservation theme and shows how climate can impact even large animals.

Lincoln was a school librarian for many years at Moharimet Elementary School in Madbury, New Hampshire.

The Island Book Nook is located at 2330 Palm Ridge Road on Sanibel. Call 472-6777 for more information.\*





*Metro Extension Bridge Under Construction* by Weimen Mo

## Art League Winners Announced; Reception At Phillips Gallery



*Community Series #7* by Carol Rosenberg



*Theatre in the Sky* by Celeste Borah

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League's 37th Annual Juried Show, open to all members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida, opened December 5 in Phillips Gallery on the BIG ARTS campus. It runs through January 14. Judge Dana Roes Kern announced the seven prizewinners on December 4 after jurying 93 entries into the show out of 115 works in various media submitted by Southwest Florida artists.

First prize was awarded to Sanibel artist Carol Rosenberg for her acrylic painting *Community Series #7*. Celeste Borah won second place for her graphite drawing *Theatre in the Sky*. Third place went to Weimen Mo for *Metro Extension Bridge Under Construction*.

Merit awards went to Mary Klunk for her oil painting *Through the Looking Glass*, Deborah Butler for her mixed media *Sea Reflections*, Michele Buelow for her pastel *Bowditch Morning*, Carl Schwartz for his mixed media *Sunlight and Shadows*, and Carol McArdle for her acrylic *Ancient Forests*. Pat Baker won the Gerald Holman Memorial Prize for her landscape in oils titled *Holding One*.

An artists reception will be held at BIG ARTS on December 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. BIG ARTS is at 900 Dunlop Road. ✨

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Edison & Ford Holiday Nights is open until December 30

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## Edison & Ford Winter Estates December Programs & Events

Throughout the month of December, there are special activities planned for Edison & Ford Holiday Nights as well as the daily offerings of tours of the historic homes, gardens and museum. Nightly Holiday Traditions Tours with site historians are at 6 and 7 p.m. and new Holiday Behind The Scenes Tours with Curators are on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. as well as a variety of programs and events that include:

- Edison & Ford Holiday Nights – through December 30

Holiday tradition continues with Edison & Ford Holiday Nights, a Southwest Florida 37-year annual event. The winter homes and gardens of the Edison and Ford families have been seasonally decorated. Guided tours are at 6 and 7 p.m. (special ticket price); and new Behind The Scenes Tours are on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. (special ticket price).

The newly restored Edison Botanic Research Lab and Museum are open every night. Nightly performances by students and community groups at 7 p.m. are free to the public. Discounted rates are available to groups of 20 or more with advance reservations. Cost is \$15 for adults, children ages 6 to 12 are \$1, Edison Ford members are free.

- Santa Visits Edison Ford – December 14, 16 and 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Children and their families are welcome to visit Santa at the Edison Ford during the season in the Children's Tree Trail, located in the public Heritage Garden which is free to the public.

- Island Hopping Holiday Cruise – December 15, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Captiva Holiday Village meets Merry Matlacha and Edison Ford for an Island Hopping Cruise and tour with Captiva Cruises departing Captiva Island to Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens in Matlacha to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers as well as return cruise to enjoy holiday lights along the Caloosahatchee that can be seen only by boat. Cruise includes lunch and dinner, historic walking tour of Matlacha, Edison Ford, and Holiday Nights. Cost is \$135 per person. For reservations, call 334-7419.

- Edison Ford Artists & Authors Nights – December 16, 4 to 8 p.m.

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- Homeschool: Simple Machines – December 17 or 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (stu-

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Santa visits the Edison Ford on select nights

## Steelers vs. Cowboys Tailgate Party

Football fans, get ready for a tailgate party on Sanibel.

To mark the Steelers versus Cowboys game on Sunday, December 16, The Great White Grill will have an outdoor projection screen with audio along with beer and food tents in the parking area at its Palm Ridge Road location.

The game starts at 4:25 p.m. but the party will begin around 3 p.m.

The Great White Grill is the Pittsburgh Steelers' local fan club base and this has become an annual event.

A new local beer, Sanibel Red, will be launched at the party, with all proceeds going to FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel. Hot dogs will also be available.

For those who prefer to watch indoors on one of the big screen TVs, the restaurant will be open as usual with the full menu offered. A portion of the indoor sales will also go to FISH.

The grill is at 2440 Palm Ridge Road, phone 472-0212.✪



The Great White Grill on Palm Ridge Road – a fan club base for the Pittsburgh Steelers – is hosting an outdoor tailgate party on Sunday when the Steelers play the Dallas Cowboys at 4:25 p.m.

## Poet's Corner



We invite submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to [tutsie@comcast.net](mailto:tutsie@comcast.net). Each week individual work will be showcased.

selected by Tanya Hochschild

### A Selection of Limericks

by Martha Jeffers

Another Tschotchke  
A lazy old lady from Luster  
Summoned up all the spunk she  
could muster

To help husband, Zack,  
She rolled in shellac.  
And now all he does is just dust 'er!

### Ole'!

Once a tall, skinny man from Cancun  
Hoarded Mexican hats in his room.  
Piled on the floor  
Were a thousand or more,  
But he favored the fez with a plume.

### Adieu Ragu

An inept pasta chef and his poodle  
Were told by the boss to skadoodle.  
As he ran out the door  
It started to pour  
And he slipped and fell down on his  
noodle!

### Six-Month Checkup

A beautiful possum named Blossom  
Was said by her friends to be "awes-  
some"  
'Til her teeth all fell out  
And she said with a pout  
"I should have tried harder to floss  
'em."

### Like Pulling Teeth

Once a long, lanky lady from Mayan  
Was swallowed feet first by a lion.  
Cried a friend whom she trusted,  
"Can you grab a bicuspid?"  
She replied, "I'm not sure, but I'm  
tryin'!"

Martha Jeffers is a retired educator and a copy editor. She is known as the Grammar Granny. Several of her haikus have been published in Tropicalia. She is completing a non-fiction manuscript, Captain Ellsworth E. Eisenbarth: Riverman Extraordinaire.✪

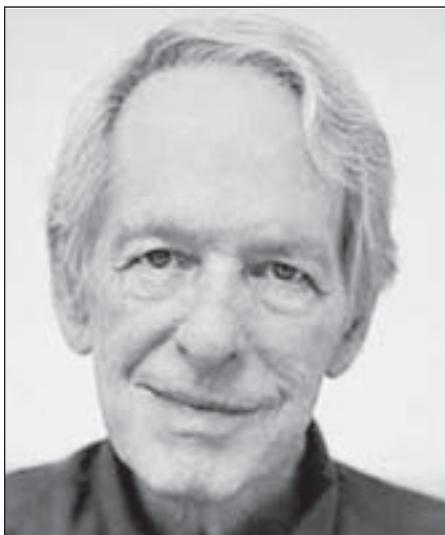
## Sanibel Public Library Author Series 2012-13 Presents Robert K. Massie

On Tuesday, January 15, Pulitzer Prize winning author Robert K. Massie will make an appearance at the Sanibel Public Library as part of the Library's 2012-13 Author Series. Tickets for this event will be released on Friday December 14 at 9 a.m. at the Sanibel Public Library. Tickets are available to Sanibel Public Library cardholders at no charge. Tickets will be released on a first-come first-served basis, two tickets per cardholder, one card per person.

Massie is widely regarded as the foremost expert on the Russian royal family. His biography of Peter the Great earned a Pulitzer Prize. He is a respected authority on World War I military history and is a past president of the Author's Guild. Massie was born in Lexington, Kentucky, grew up in Nashville, Tennessee, graduated from Yale University, and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. He served as an air intelligence officer aboard aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean and the Pacific for four years.

Massie's interest in the Imperial family arose with the birth of his oldest son, who was born with hemophilia – a hereditary disease that also afflicted Tsar Nicholas's son, Alexei. His first book, *Nicholas and Alexandra* (1969), remained on *The New York Times* Bestseller List for 46 weeks, was translated into seventeen languages and made into a film nominated for nine Academy Awards. Massie's next book, *Journey*, written with his first wife, was an account of their family's experience with hemophilia. *Journey* was followed by *Peter the Great: His Life and World*, which won a Pulitzer Prize for Biography.

Massie also wrote *Dreadnought: Britain, Germany and the Coming of the Great War*, *The Romanovs: The Final Chapter* and *Castles of Steel: Britain, Germany and the Winning of the Great War at Sea*. His most recent book is *Catherine the*



Robert K. Massie

*Great: Portrait of a Woman*, published in 2011, for which he won the first Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction.

With over six million books sold worldwide, Massie's accomplishments also include that he has twice been a professor at Princeton University, has served as the Mellon Professor of Humanities at Tulane University, and was long-serving trustee of Vassar College. He has been a juror for the Pulitzer Prize for History, for the Pulitzer Prize for Biography, and a judge for the National Book Award.

The Sanibel Public Library Author Series 2012-13 is sponsored by the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc. and its generous donors. An Evening with Robert K. Massie is sponsored by Dolores and Jack Clarke. Accommodations for the author provided by West Wind Inn.✳

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• Emerging Inventors: Super Sound – December 20, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Emerging Inventors Early Learners class for 1- to 3-year-old children and their parents, grandparents or other family members and includes socializing with others, education activities, story time, singing, crafts and exploring the homes, gardens and museum at the Edison Ford. Cost for Edison Ford members is \$5,

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Betty Barrus with the boy who gave her flowers

## Holiday Mini-Golf Offers Family Fun

The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is often a time when people are looking for something new and different to do with the family, something affordable adults and kids can enjoy together. Holiday Mini-Golf at The Community House is the perfect solution. You don't need to leave the island, and you don't need to bring your own clubs.

For the 18th year, The Community House will be turned into a putter's paradise, with an entire course of colorful indoor golf holes. Event chair Tony Lapi, creator and long-time organizer of the event, said, "We have 100 sponsors who pay \$100 each to help underwrite the event and decorate the holes, which keeps our admission price low and also makes it a nice fundraiser for The Community House."

Holiday Mini-Golf is open Wednesday, December 26 through Saturday, December 29 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on December 29,

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Holiday Mini-Golf fun at The Community House



Members of the Lions Club of Sanibel-Captiva

## Lions Club Christmas Trees On Sale At Bailey's

The Lions Club is a well known organization internationally and locally with a history of assisting

many worthy causes; among them the visually impaired and handicapped students. The Lions Club of Sanibel-Captiva is selling Christmas trees at Bailey's General Store, promoting a golf tournament in January at Beachview Golf Club followed in March with its annual arts and crafts fair on Sanibel. Currently, Lions provide glaucoma, hearing, dia-

betes and blood pressure testing free of charge at the Sanibel Recreation Center on certain days. The Lions Club continues as a sponsor of the City of Sanibel's Financial Assistance Program at the 14 Karat Gold Sponsorship level of \$2,000.

Financial assistance is provided on a sliding fee scale to financially eligible parents and grandparents – who either live

or work on Sanibel and Captiva – so that their children can attend the after school program, summer day camp, holiday programs and Fun Days in a safe, supervised environment at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center.

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## Congress Jewelers Opens New Sealife Boutique At Periwinkle Place

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Island Treasures Part II

# Periwinkle Trailer Park: The Next Generation

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

The parcel of land and house adjoining Periwinkle Park was owned by Clarence Rutland, who had arrived on Sanibel with his parents in 1896. In the heat of summer, while Jerry was clearing the original sites, Clarence would invite the teenager in for a glass of water.

"We'd sit in his living room and talk about all the jobs he'd work to survive on the island - lighthouse keeper, fishermen and farmer. He was a great storyteller."

In 1981, Clarence died. The house and five-acre parcel, now owned by his niece, Snookie Williams, was for sale. The Muench family made an offer based on a contingency that the property could be rezoned as a trailer site. Snookie wanted no contingencies. They bought the property anyway. Their next hurdle was a zoning change.

Dick and Jerry appeared at a Sanibel City Council meeting a few months later. The room was packed. Everyone had an opinion. After hours of heated discussions, the five-member panel voted - two for and two against. Francis Bailey was still deliberating. Finally, an exhausted



Sign at entrance of Periwinkle Park

observer shouted "Francis, vote yes so we can all go home!" He did, and the Periwinkle Trailer Park added 49 more sites.

The family offered the Rutland House to the Historical Preservation Committee, headed by Elinore Dormer. They were able to raise enough money to move the house to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village on Dunlop Road, where it served as the first building for the museum.

Over the years, the Muench family has become integral to the island's community. After the City of Sanibel was incorporated, Al served as temporary City Manager and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Dick started the Sanibel Little League and was active in that organization for more than 30 years.

Jerry, a volunteer fireman, ran for City Council in 1982 and was part of the Planning Committee for four years. As a candidate again in 1986 for Council, he was elected and served eight years. Asked to run again, Jerry questioned his wife, June. "Should I run again for the council?" She rapidly replied, "With what other wife?"

In 1986, the family bought the land leased from the Bailey's, making their total acreage 31. Today, the Periwinkle Trailer Park boasts sites for 80 mobile homes, 166 small park models and 80 RVs.

That same year, Betty and Al celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the park. Coincidentally, it was the 25th year of the park's existence. Today, the park is constantly upgrading.

That family atmosphere has gone full circle. Some of the children of those first residents are now coming to the island with their children. Over the years, the park has remained unique. With no paved roads, except by the entrance, the dirt roads and lush vegetation and family-friendly atmosphere still continue to draw vacationers to the park. Says Jerry Muench about the park - yesterday and today: "We want every renter and owner to be able to step out of his unit and feel the sand under his feet so he knows he's on a barrier island and the beach is just a short walk away."

Owners and renters continue to be good friends and share their love for Sanibel by volunteering.

Dick's son David is now the manager.

Chuckles Jerry, "A couple of years ago I told Dick, 'I'm done. No more hot summers in Florida. We're going to North Carolina.'" So they looked for a younger member to take over. David fit the bill and has been doing an excellent job.

Sadly, the two younger siblings - Mark and Missy - died too young, but all of Dick and Jerry's children live in the area. Older brother Steve lives in Fort Myers. Al Muench died a few years ago, but Betty currently lives at Shell Point Village.

Their family now boasts 18 grandchildren. It looks as if there will be Muenches involved at the Periwinkle Trailer Park and on Sanibel for many years to come.

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## Duplicate Bridge

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2. Clara and Terry Terrana
3. Sara Berendt and Christl Smith

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1. Judy Harralson and Barbara Johnstone
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# American Legion Post 123 News

On Sunday, December 16, American Legion Post 123 is having a shrimp and fish fry from 1 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 23 is BBQ ribs and chicken from 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$12.

The Legion will be open Christmas Day. Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will be serving a ham dinner from 1 to 8 p.m.

Every Monday night is the 8 Ball Pool League beginning at 5 p.m. Stop by for some great shootin'. Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are always welcome.

Every Friday, Post 123 serves a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich all day. Stop in and try one, or treat yourself to one of the half-pound burgers. Check out the daily specials and the entire menu. Food is served all day, every day. The public is welcome.

American Legion Post 123 is open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 9 p.m., located at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-9979.\*

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## Holiday Mini-Golf

when open play stops at 4:30 p.m. to prepare for the tournament. Admission for open play is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12.

To add competitive excitement, a Best Ball Tournament will be held on Saturday, December 29, with registration at 6 p.m. and a shotgun start at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee for the tournament is \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door per two-person team. Tournament teams with best overall score

will win cash prizes (\$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place). Team space is limited, so sign up early.

Volunteers are needed to collect admission, issue putters and serve snacks. Call 472-2155 to sign up, or to enter the Best Ball Tournament. Special thanks to the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis and Zonta members who all volunteer for shifts.

For more information on this event or to become an SCA sponsor, visit us online at [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or call 472-2155.\*

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## The Sanctuary Golf Club Maintains Audubon Sanctuary Certification

The Sanctuary Golf Club has retained its designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, the educational division of Audubon International.

The Sanctuary celebrates 10 years of Audubon Certification and is one of 857 courses in the world to have the honor. Kyle Sweet, CGCS, Golf Course superintendent, led the effort to maintain Sanctuary status and has been identified as an individual who practices Audubon International's philosophy of improving the quality of life – one property at a time. He is part of the Audubon Steward network and provides invaluable, first-hand assistance to members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and others interested in protecting and improving the environment in their region.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat and protect natural resources.

"The Sanctuary Golf Club has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for

wildlife on the golf course property," said Joellen Lampman, Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs Director.

Once certified in the program, a property must re-certify every two years. The Sanctuary demonstrated successful efforts in Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach & Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management for their recent re-certification.

"There are so many things that contribute to our success," said Sweet. "Our implementation of the Best Management Practices for Water Quality Management, a new highly efficient irrigation system, an active membership that participates in several environmental educational activities and a highly trained staff that values our environmental management efforts are our program highlights. All together, we have shown that natural resources management can be successful in a developed community and on a golf course."

In addition to golf courses, Audubon International also provides programs for communities, schools, businesses and new developments.✪

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## Sealife Boutique



Sealife by Congress interior

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# A Helping Hand In Paradise – Chauncey And Allison Goss

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Of course, the reality is that Sanibel and Captiva are vibrant small towns whose residents and work forces have real-world concerns and needs. That is why we support the United Way. It provides help to individuals and families who need help; direction and resources to agencies to make them more effective; and with its low overhead, provides us the peace of mind that our gift is being put to work efficiently and where it is most needed.

Many on Sanibel and Captiva don't realize that the United Way is at work right here every day and that Sanibel is fortunate to be the home of a United Way house.

Friends In Service Here (FISH) is a United Way agency and acts as United Way's liaison on the islands as a one-stop resource for help. In September alone, FISH had 124 families visiting its food pantry on a regular basis.



**Chauncey and Allison Goss**

Many also don't realize that FISH provides meals for nearly 50 children on the weekends through its backpack program. FISH can also provide emergency financial assistance for those in unexpected need. In other words, FISH is like a good neighbor – in fact, with its 200 volunteers and dedicated staff and volunteer board – FISH is like more 200 good neighbors who are there to provide a safety net in difficult times.

Because FISH is a United Way agency, it is able to coordinate with other United Way agencies and to provide

services above and beyond what it could achieve on its own. The United Way leverages resources, encourages economies of scale, and provides top notch talent to ensure the continued success of its partner agencies like FISH.

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Send In The Clowns golf cart

## Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade Winners



Christmas Island winners

Winners of the 3rd annual Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade were announced and honored on Saturday, December 8.

Sponsored for the second year in a row by The Royal Shell Companies, this year's parade had more than 50 carts traveling from Chadwick's Square at South Seas Island Resort to Andy Rosse Lane, looping around Chapin Lane and Wiles Drive and back past the Green Flash restaurant before returning to South Seas.

All entries were required to incorporate a holiday theme. A portion of the \$20 entry fee benefited the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

This year's winners included Send in the Clowns, taking the non-commercial category for the second straight year featuring Terry McClure, Cannella Mullins, Kim Nealon, Kathleen Nealon, Betsey Hanna and Deb Wendall. In the commercial category, Best Boat Club and Rentals took the top prize with the Christmas Island themed cart. And for Best in Show, it was 'Tween Waters' Polar Express taking top honors.

Prizes were provided by the *Island Sun* newspaper, Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, South Seas Island Resort and 'Tween Waters Inn Island Resort.

Judges for this year's parade included Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Executive Director Erick Lindblad, *The News-Press*' "Downtown Diva" Stephanie Davis and NBC-2 News anchor Kellie Burns.

A production crew from the Travel Channel filmed preparations leading up to and the parade itself as part of a proposed show based on unique Christmas events across the United States.

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



Christmas Island golf cart



Send In The Clowns winners

a tentative working title of *Cross Country Christmas*.

Sponsored by hoteliers, merchants, attraction owners and restaurateurs of Captiva Island, the three-week-long Captiva Holiday Village launched its 2012 spectacular the Friday after Thanksgiving with fireworks, tree lightings, holiday readings and musical performances.\*



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'Tween Waters' Polar Express golf cart



'Tween Waters' Polar Express winners



Around The Islands With Anne

## Deli Serves Up Gluten-Free Alternatives; Find Old-Fashioned Christmas Gifts At Museum



by Anne Mitchell

If you are gluten-intolerant and have thought that your days of ordering a deli sandwich or a pizza are over, think again.

**Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory** has made about 90 percent of its menu available with gluten-free breads and doughs, so you don't have to forgo your favorite panini, bagel, English muffin or sub – and you can still order pizza with no regrets.

Deli owner Jeff Weigel didn't stop there. Even Key lime pie, seven-layer bars and chocolate chip cookies come in gluten-free versions. Ask also about the non-GMO (growth hormone-free items).

In addition, there are seven vegetarian options on the menu, such as avocado and cucumber wrap, California veggie wrap and Panini style caprese sandwich.

For those with no dietary restrictions, just order the regular versions.

The deli is open seven days a week serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and late snacks. Breakfast is available all day. Free delivery is available from 4 p.m. to close. There's free wi-fi at the deli and its outdoor seating.

The menu also includes salads, home-made soup, burgers, wings and a big selection of pizzas. A popular special – bring in or mention the *Island Sun* coupon – and get a large cheese pizza and 10 wings for \$16.99.

Sanibel Deli uses Boar's Head brand meats and will also slice them to go.

The deli carries Love Boat ice cream, still made locally in Fort Myers, and available in 16 flavors. There's also soft serve, fat-free, low sugar frozen yogurt, also in 16 flavors.

Stop in at 2330 Palm Ridge Road, Sanibel, or call 472-2555.

If you are feeling nostalgic for simpler times, do some of your Christmas shopping at the **Sanibel Historical Museum and Village**. The charming gift shop is a treasure trove of old-fashioned items, especially for children.

There are lots of coloring books and books of paper dolls and outfits to dress them in. There are dot-to-dot books, authentic-looking treasure maps and kits containing the makings for pine needle baskets, miniature quilts, hand-loomed pieces, sailor's Valentines and rag dolls.

They start at about \$16 and are a great way to introduce youngsters to some non-electronic activities.

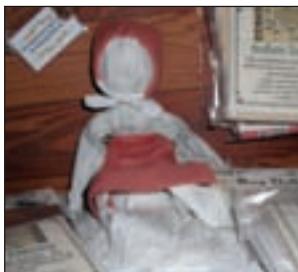
Wood foghorn whistles, pioneer-style cotton bonnets and aprons in several sizes, sea urchin tree ornaments and lots of history books round out the selection.



Outdoor seating and free wi-fi is available at the Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, which is open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner and beyond. The deli features an extensive menu of gluten-free sandwiches and pizzas.



The gift shop at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is a delightful place to do some old-fashioned Christmas shopping



The museum store carries a selection of children's kits for making pine needle baskets, hand looming, sailor's Valentines, mini quilts and rag dolls



Treasure maps make great stocking stuffers for little pirates



Old-style cotton sun bonnets, like these, are available at the museum gift shop in sizes for dolls, infants, girls and adults

The museum has an exclusive Luc Century etched glass Christmas tree ornament depicting the Sanibel Lighthouse plus beautiful wreaths made from Sanibel hand-collected seashells by islander Barb Walling.

All prices include sales tax.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is at 950 Dunlop Road, phone 472-4648. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For cyclists venturing over the Sanibel Causeway now have a "watering hole" just a mile or two past the toll booth in the Sanibel Beach Place.

**The Bike Bistro** is a bicycle shop that incorporates a community area complete with a coffee bar. It offers everything from bicycles, parts, service, accessories and apparel for all types of riders. And the custom-made coffee bar offers a conversation area for fellow bikers.

"Bicyclists stop in sometimes just for the coffee and to talk cycling," said owner Steven J. Martin.

The Bike Bistro carries brand name bikes including Phat Cycles, Ridley, Felt, Fuji and Dahon of all types including casual cruisers, folding bikes and mountain bikes. Prices start at under \$200. Then there are serious carbon cycles for triathlon riders that can cost upwards of \$3,000.

Martin also fills special orders and can locate hard-to-find items. And for those customers who have an emotional tie to their bike, he offers complete restoration.

The Bike Bistro is located at 20351 Summerlin Road, Unit 114 in Fort Myers. Call 479-1999 or email Steve@TheBikeBistro.net for more information.

### 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; Wednesday, Prime Rib and Prime Jazz with vocalist Paul Ventura, also known as Mr. Swing, and Father Al & the Jazz Congregation; 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 has 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. Tonight, Friday December 14, Boz and Bon, a duo, will play from 9 p.m. to midnight. On Tuesday, it's Chris Coile playing '50s and '60s hits from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Karaoke is on Wednesdays. Anthony Wayne, guitar and vocals, is the entertainer for Thursday from 9 p.m. to midnight. 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 with Ken Limeri playing jazz sax from 6 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. The bistro is at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, phone 395-4000.

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



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## Doc Ford's Donates Proceeds From Taste Of The Islands Sales To CROW



Check presentation to CROW from the staff at Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille

On November 11, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) held their 31st annual Taste Of The Islands event at Sanibel Community Park. Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille, one of the 20 local restaurants participating in the event, has generously donated their share of the day's sales back to CROW to help support their efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education. This is the second consecutive year that Doc Ford's has donated their portion of the Taste Of The Islands sales back to CROW.✪



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

## Holiday Help At Bank Of The Islands

Bank of the Islands is asking their customers and island neighbors to contribute unwrapped Christmas gifts for needy children in our community. All islanders are invited to choose an ornament from the Angel Tree in their bank lobby. Each ornament will indicate the age of a boy or girl hoping to receive a gift this holiday season.

"We're so happy to be partnering again with Friends Who Care on this special holiday gift drive," said Bank of the Islands vice president/office manager Rob Lisenbee. "They have been quietly helping neighbors in need for 30 years."✪



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## Lions Club Christmas Trees

percent of all summer day campers. Currently, 35 percent of the children in the after school program receive financial assistance. Applicants must complete an application with tax returns and other financial information to be eligible for financial assistance. The awards range from 10 to 80 percent of the the program fee. The difference between the program fee and the award must be paid on an installment plan by the recipient. Fundraising occurs throughout the year. All money received is given in awards.

A New Year's Eve Party for the community is held each year on December 31 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center to celebrate the program. For details on the program and for a brochure of the New Year's Eve Party, stop by the Rec Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road, call 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com/Departments/Recreation/NewYearsEve2012](http://www.mysanibel.com/Departments/Recreation/NewYearsEve2012). For additional questions, call event chair Barry Roth at 313-9591.✪

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Captiva Triathlon competitors receive last-minute instructions prior to the start of the swimming leg of the race



A pair of runners cross the finish line while holding hands



Young bicycle competitors

## Triathlon Raises \$15,000 For Local Hungry Children

Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. received \$15,000 from proceeds raised at the 2nd Annual Galloway Captiva Triathlon, held on September 15 and 16 at South Seas Island Resort.

The proceeds raised at the event will go toward supporting CCMI's School Backpack Program, providing emergency food to more than 2,500 local children each school year. In the hardest hit areas of Lee County, as many as 97 percent of children are on free or reduced lunch. Most of these children are going without

any food from the time they leave school on Friday until they return on Monday as well as during school holidays. CCMI established its Backpack Program in many local schools in conjunction with community service organizations in order to get food directly into the hands of the children. CCMI currently feeds students at schools in Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres.

"We are so thankful for this donation and being named the beneficiary of the Captiva Tri," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI. "It's community support like this race that will help thousands of food-insecure children in our area maintain access to food on the weekends and during school holidays."

Last year, the Captiva Tri raised \$6,500 for CCMI. According to race organizers, this year's event also included the opportunity for participants to donate directly to the Backpack Program and participate in team fundraising for CCMI.

"In addition to having strong financial sponsor support for this year's event, we also had a wonderful group of people from the Lee County Sheriff's Office who donated their time which allowed for additional financial support to go toward CCMI," said certified race director Kate Gooderham. "We are very proud that approximately \$20 from every adult race reservation went to CCMI."

"We are always looking for new ways to partner with community groups and special events to spread our mission of being innovators in the fight against hun-

ger and homelessness," said Galloway. "This race is a win-win for families wanting a healthy weekend event as well as donating to those in the community less fortunate than themselves."

The 2012 Galloway Captiva Triathlon at South Seas Island Resort was a family, fun and fitness weekend event comprised of two children's triathlons on September 15 (ages 6 to 9: 100 yard swim, 1.5 mile bike, 0.5 mile run; ages 10 to 13: 200 yard swim, 3 mile bike, 1 mile run) and an adult sprint length triathlon on September 16 (swim 440 yards [0.25 mile], bike 10 miles, run 3.1 miles [5K].) All events took place on Captiva.

Organizers are already planning next year's event that will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15.

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

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## New Water Safety Education Program For Young Children



Natalya Maddix (Aquatics supervisor), Zane Stoneman, Milena Weigel, Hudson Stirner, Liam Murray, Brayden Williams, Johnny Quillan and Sarah Christopher (Counselor/Lifeguard)

Through a grant made possible by the Charitable Foundation of the Islands, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and the Sanibel Recreation Center introduce Sanibel Swims. This new water safety program was initiated to prevent drowning accidents which are the leading cause of death for children, 1 to 4 years old, living in Florida.

"Children are the life blood of our community and anything we can do to insure their safety is critical to all of us," says Al Hanser, chair of the Charitable Foundation of the Islands. "Our mission is to help those in need. Helping infants learn to swim, and possibly save their life, fulfills a vital need."

The grant funds \$16,060 to implement the program which hopes to reach an estimated 215 children by the fall of 2013. Through Sanibel Swims, 85 children enrolled in afterschool programs and 100 summer camp participants will receive swim lessons, water safety booklets and program T-shirts. The Golisano Children's Hospital will educate daycare providers on the island and supply them with swim lesson vouchers for preschoolers. Through the grant, swim suits, goggles and towels will be available on site for children who forget to bring their own.

The grant will provide a higher resource of Water Safety Instructors to Lee County and the Sanibel Island com-



Bob Berendt (chairperson of grants for Charitable Foundation of the Islands), Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane, Liddy Johnson (Charitable Foundation of the Islands board member), S. Albert Hanser (founder and board member of The Charitable Foundation of the Islands), Michele King (director of the Child Advocacy Program for Lee Memorial Health System), Susan Mitchell (director of grants for Lee Memorial Health System Foundation), Dr. Stephen Brown (Lee Memorial Health System Board of Directors), Natalya Maddix (Aquatics Supervisor), Ginny Fleming (Charitable Foundation of the Islands board member and member of the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Advisory Board) and Amanda Dusick (Senior Lifeguard). Not pictured is Andrea Miller (Recreation Director and former Aquatic Director for Sanibel Rec)

munity. The center currently has eight certified instructors, and is uniquely qualified to provide swim lessons to children. More staff will be trained and certified to meet the demands of the new Sanibel Swims program.

Sanibel Swims also hopes to reach possible care givers, such as grandparents, who may not be aware of drowning hazards or services available to educate about prevention.

"The awarding of this grant is great news! What an amazing opportunity to raise awareness and educate families since these accidents are 100 percent preventable," said Michele King, direc-

tor of the Child Advocacy Program at the Golisano Children's Hospital. "No child, or their family, should ever have to endure such a tragedy. The statistics are quite alarming and we need to do everything we can to protect our children."

Water accidents are 100 percent preventable, yet they are the leading cause of death for children under five in Florida. Unlike what is often shown in the movies, drowning is silent. Victims are unable to call for help or flail their arms, and survivors usually endure permanent brain damage. Swimming pools are the biggest culprit, but other hazards – tubs, toilets, fish tanks and buckets – all pose a threat. It only takes as little as two minutes and one inch of water.

Multiple layers of protection work best: Enclose pool areas in a way that kids cannot squeeze through or climb over the fencing; use locks and alarms; adults should take turns (every 20 minutes) as designated "Child Watcher;" bring a phone; never leave toys in the pool; and teach children they are never allowed near water without an adult. Learn CPR. Sanibel Swims will hold CPR classes once a month and infant resuscitation classes are available at Health Park Medical Center.

The Charitable Foundation of the Islands is a unique nonprofit entity that provides financial assistance to organizations and individuals in the Sanibel and Captiva Island communities. Grant money is raised through The Sanctuary Golf Club of Sanibel Island Golf Challenge and from individual donations. For more information or to make a donation, call 472-2223.\*



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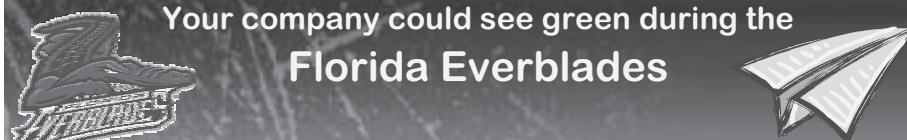
Date	Program	Early Bird Rate	After Early Bird Rate
Friday, December 21	Fun Day	Member: \$20 Non-Member \$25 (registration by December 14)	Member: \$24 Non-Member: \$30 (registration on or after December 15)
Session One December 21, 26, 27 & 28	Holiday Rec	Member: \$85 Non-Member \$105 (registration by December 14)	Member: \$102 Non-Member: \$126 (registration on or after December 15)
Session Two December 31, January 2, 3 & 4	Holiday Rec	Member: \$85 Non-Member \$105 (registration by December 24)	Member: \$102 Non-Member: \$126 (registration on or after December 25)

Chill out and join in for some frosty fun during this year's winter break at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Highlights include field trips, crafts, games and a variety of frozen holiday treats. Holiday Camp will consist of two sessions this year. Session one will run Friday, December 21; Wednesday, December 26; Thursday, December 27; and Friday, December 28. Session two will run Monday, December 31; Wednesday, January 2; Thursday, January 3 and Friday, January 4. December 21 can also be purchased separately as a Fun Day.

All days will operate from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Pack a swimsuit and towel. Each child will need to bring their own lunch for the day. Register in advance and receive the Early Bird rate. For more information call 472-0345.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information visit the website at [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).

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### SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the only stadium that is currently home to an NFL team and a major-league baseball team.
2. Who played more games with one team: Brooks Robinson or Robin Yount?
3. Name the first team in college football history to be voted a unanimous No. 1 in both the media and coaches polls.
4. When was the last time the Hawks were in the NBA Finals?
5. Name the last time an NHL team won the Stanley Cup while having no player reach the 60-point mark during the regular season.
6. What was the last vehicle other than a Toyota to win a NASCAR Truck series race at Daytona International Speedway?
7. Name the last married woman to win a singles title at Wimbledon.

### ANSWERS

1. The Oakland Coliseum (A's and Raiders). 2. Robinson played 2,896 games with the Orioles; Yount played 2,856 games with the Brewers. 3. Southern Cal, in 1972. 4. In 1961, the Hawks (then in St. Louis) lost to Boston in five games. 5. The New Jersey Devils in 2003. 6. Mark Martin drove a Ford to victory at Daytona in 2006. 7. Chris Evert Lloyd, in 1981.

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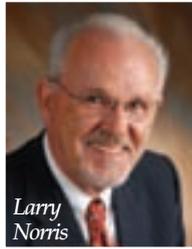
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## Former Florida Star Joakim Noah Putting Up All-Star Numbers For The NBA's Chicago Bulls



by Ed Frank

If you turn back the calendar to 2007, a young center for the Chicago Bulls named Joakim Noah – who had led the Florida Gators to consecutive NCAA basketball championships in 2006 and 2007 – was anything but an All-Star player. In fact, the brash, outspoken, zealous rookie was a pain in the you-know-what to both his teammates and coaches. On one occasion, his fellow players even demanded that the know-it-all youngster be suspended after publically criticizing the team for its play.

Five years later, however, it's a far different story as the former Florida star is putting up all-pro figures while keeping the Bulls competitive during the absence of All-Star Derrick Rose, who is recovering from an ACL tear.

Playing a career-high 39.8 minutes per game, Noah is averaging 13.7 points and 10.8 rebounds per game in his sixth NBA season.

Last week, in a victory over the Detroit Pistons, the still exuberant Noah had a monster night, scoring 30 points and grabbing 23 rebounds, both career bests for the 7-foot center. He joined Charles Barkley, Dirk Nowitzki and Kevin Garnett as the only players in the last 25 years to post at least 30 points, 23 rebounds and six assists in a game.

Could Noah's performance earn him a spot on this season's Eastern Conference All-Star Team? It certainly could, but Noah – who seldom is without words – shies away from such talk, saying it is more important that his play result in Bull's victories.

It wasn't too many years ago that college basketball fans marveled at his at his skill and competitive spirit. Today, watching this 7-footer dribble the length of the floor and fly toward the basket, that amazement has transformed to the NBA professional ranks.

### Twins Continue To Stockpile Pitchers

After trading away talented outfielder Denard Span for right-hander Alex Meyer, the Washington Nationals 2011 first-round draft pick, the Minnesota Twins continued on the path of stockpiling pitchers at last week's winter baseball meetings.

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## SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2012-13 Standings through December 10

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	84	40
Second	Bathroom Magic	80	44
Third	Sanibel Café	72	52
Fourth	Odd Balls	58	66
Fifth	Sandycappers	56	68
Sixth	Fresh Legion Crew	51	73
Seventh	Island Lifers	49	75
Eighth	Deep Pockets	46	78

Bathroom Magic	9	Deep Pockets	3
Bunt's Ball Busters	7	Island Lifers	5
Sandycappers	8	Fresh Legion Crew	4
Sanibel Café	6	Odd Balls	6

### Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

## Top Ten Shooters

The top 10 shooters in the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League through the first eight weeks of the 21-week season are: Rich Ennis, 85%; Bob Buntrock, 84%; John Gonzalez, 77%; John Bates, 75%; Doc Lubinski, 70%; Jack Dalton, 69%; John Earle, 68%; Gary Murza, 63%; Bob Dupree, 62%; Dave Doane, 61%; Kevin Pottorf, 58%; Peter Mindel, 58%; Kelly Greten, 57%; Tom Yorgey, 56%; and Joe Martin, 56%.

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## Sanibel Rec Center Fun Days

Register your child now for the upcoming half day Fun Days at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 18, 19 and 20. The Fun Days will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This program operates from noon to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

This new option is now available to families seeking child care on school half days; however, these days are included at no charge for children currently enrolled

in the After School Program.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).✱

## Polar Bear Plunge

by Jeff Lysiak

The 13th annual meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the National Polar Bear Club will take place at "the crack of noon" on Tuesday, January 1 at Tarpon Bay Beach (the south/gulf end of Tarpon Bay Road) on Sanibel.

The Polar Bear Plunge was started on Sanibel by John "Papa Bear" Carney back in 2000. That year, 29 people

showed up to brave the New Year's Day dip into the Gulf of Mexico. On January 1, 2012, more than 350 bears took part in the plunge.

The meeting begins with the singing of the traditional Polar Bear anthem by the Cubbies (first-timers), Juveniles (one-time previous dippers) and seasoned Adult bears (those who took the plunge in previous years). The Polar Bears will then enter the "icy" Gulf waters backwards, facing the huge crowd of supporters, on-lookers, tourists and Mice (those who wished they had the courage to join in).

Following the traditional Polar Bear group huddle/hug (a body-warming activity), participants will have an opportunity to sip from the giant Polar Bear champagne glass, have their picture taken in the infamous shell pith helmet and

engage in story-telling about their heroic experience with fellow Polar Bears from around the world.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the Polar Bear Plunge, now considered an island tradition, which costs nothing to participate in. For more information, contact Papa Bear John Carney at 395-1767.✱

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# My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2012

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Make a start on that new workplace challenge. But get more information before you find yourself too deeply involved without knowing in which direction you should go.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You might find things becoming tedious as your schedule slows down for the holidays. Use this time to get information about a possible post-New Year job change.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The creative Twin finds outlets for her or his ideas in the early part of the week. The practical Twin takes it a step further and rallies support to turn the ideas into reality.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) It's time to stop being intimidated by someone's negative behavior. Start taking positive steps on your own to help strengthen your position down the line.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Look closely at that so-called golden opportunity. Best to be a cautious Cat who approaches things slowly, than one who pounces without knowing where you'll land.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your apology can resolve that personal situation before it overshadows the holidays. You'll feel better, even if you're only partly to blame for what happened.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Avoid overtaxing yourself, even if your energy levels are high and you feel that you can do it all. Best to pace yourself so you won't run yourself down before the holidays.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your sense of humor helps get you through a stressful period. Some of your

quick quips can take the edge off any remaining negativity being aimed at you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your artistic talents not only help you express yourself these days, but they also set up a line of communication between you and someone very special.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It's fine to appreciate the importance of "proper form" for doing things. But relax a bit in order to allow newcomers on the project to feel less intimidated by you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Use your boundless reserve of optimism to persuade others to work with you to resolve a difficult workplace problem before it can ruin your holiday fun.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You brim over with self-confidence as you begin to tackle a new challenge. And, before you know it, you're not alone: Others have taken the plunge with you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a highly defined sense of commitment to others. You would make a fine social worker.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 18, 1777, the new United States celebrates its first national day of thanksgiving, commemorating the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga after the surrender of Gen. John Burgoyne and 5,000 British troops that October.

- On Dec. 22, 1808, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony has its world premiere in Vienna. The concert venue was freezing cold and the orchestra played poorly enough to force the nearly deaf composer -- also acting as conductor and pianist -- to stop the ensemble partway into one passage and start again from the very beginning.

- On Dec. 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight of a self-propelled aircraft. Orville piloted the gasoline-powered, propeller-driven biplane, which stayed aloft for 12 seconds and covered 120 feet on its inaugural flight.

- On Dec. 19, 1917, four teams of the National Hockey League play the league's first two games. At the time of its inception, the NHL was made up of the Canadiens and the Wanderers (both of Montreal), the Ottawa Senators, the Quebec Bulldogs and the Toronto Arenas.

- On Dec. 23, 1968, the crew and captain of the U.S. intelligence gathering ship Pueblo are released after 11 months imprisonment by the government of North Korea. The ship, and its 83-man crew, was seized by warships on Jan. 23 and charged with intruding into North Korean waters.

- On Dec. 21, 1970, rock star Elvis Presley pays a surprise visit to President Richard Nixon at the White House to discuss the war on drugs. Presley apparently was not searched before being granted admission: Upon meeting Nixon, he presented the president with a gift -- a World War II-era Colt .45 pistol.

- On Dec. 20, 1989, "Roger & Me," a documentary by Michael Moore about his quest to interview Roger Smith, then chairman and chief executive officer of General Motors, opens in theaters. The film examines the devastating impact on the people of Moore's hometown of Flint, Mich., following the closing of several General Motors auto plants in the area.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, who made the

following observation: "The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers."

- Those who study such things say that a rainbow can't be seen at midday; the optical phenomena are visible only in the morning or in the late afternoon.

- In 1982, a radio station in Allentown, Pa., thought its rating could use a bit of a boost, so it came up with a contest: Three contestants, selected at random, would live on top of one of the station's billboards (portable toilets and sleeping bags were provided). The last one to give up would be awarded a mobile home. The problem was, nobody wanted to give up. The three men who climbed to the top of the sign at the end of September were still there come March 1983. In that month, one of the contestants was arrested for dealing drugs, but the remaining two stayed aloft until May. Once the freezing winter was finally over, the radio station decided to declare both of the men winners.

- As the end of the year approaches, you might consider an old British tradition of fortune-telling. Light a candle, place it on the floor and jump over it. If the flame does not go out, you're likely to enjoy good luck during the coming year.

- If you're like the average American, you use between 75 and 100 gallons of water every day.

- The Sahara Desert is nearly as large as the continental United States.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If at first you don't succeed, try again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it." -- W.C. Fields

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Terry Lohser, Cecilia Olsson and Gloria Waterhouse

## Beachview Golf Results

The Beachview Women's Golf Association enjoyed another beautiful day in paradise. Using net scores from the front nine and gross scores from the back nine, the ladies battled their way around the course. After all the scores were totalled, Gloria Waterhouse came in tied with Cecilia Olsson with scores of 84. Waterhouse nabbed first place after a match of the scorecards. Rounding out the top three was Jill Bugby with an 86.

The nine-holers used a similar format, with Debbie Smith winning again this week. Her 38 shots were three better than second place finisher Joan Schmidt.

Janet Turner finished one shot behind to secure third place.

This week saw the Beachview Men's Golf Association sandwiched league play around their annual cocktail party. The restaurant saw a full house as the members enjoyed the first official party with the new owners of the golf course. As for the golf this week, Tuesday's game featured two best balls of the foursome. First place went to the team of Fred Zimmer, David Smith and Al Krause with a score of 111. Edged out by one stroke was the team of Tony Baldino, Bob Ritchlin, Jim Hopson and Rene Lohser. Third place money went to Roger Triftshauer, Roger Cogswell and Richard Choccol. The two threesomes were helped by the blind draw, Richard Waterhouse; however, word is there was no sharing of the prize



Fred Zimmer, David Smith and Al Krause



David Smith, Jim Mulka, Rene Lohser and Bill Sartoris

money!

Saturday's round of "Sucker In The Bucket" put some friendships to the test. After a fun game, the winners were Jim Mulka, Bill Sartoris, David Smith and Rene Lohser with a score of 56. Fred Zimmer, Dave Bugby and Richard Choccol

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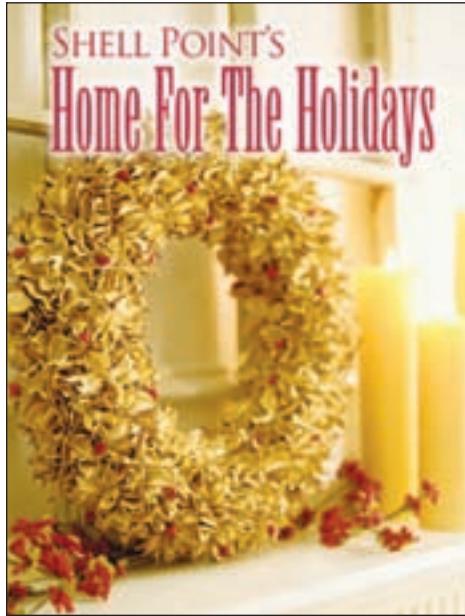
# Shell Point Assisted Living Hosts Home For The Holidays Event



The Springs at Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community's Assisted Living facilities will host a Home For The Holidays event to allow individuals the opportunity to learn more about the assisted living options at Shell Point. This event will take place on December 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Springs Assisted Living, located at the entrance to Shell Point.

"The holidays are a time when families gather together to celebrate; however, they can also be a time for discussing the future," said McKenzie Millis, Assisted Living Healthcare Marketing Specialist for Shell Point. "Individuals concerned for a parent or loved one may find it difficult to discuss such serious issues as healthcare, transportation, driving and even a decline in health. That's why this event is so helpful. Families can get information on



how to approach this conversation from experienced professionals at Shell Point."

Assisted Living at Shell Point is designed to create a homelike environment, while offering resort-style services and features to assist in maintaining optimum health and independence; with the reassurance of knowing that assistance is always available should it be needed. According to Millis, Shell Point Retirement Community offers the finest assisted living choices available with a variety of price points and floor plans to choose from.

Shell Point Assisted Living Representatives will be on hand the days prior and following Christmas Day from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. to tour families around Shell Point's newest assisted living facility The Springs and to answer their questions. Guests are encouraged to call 454-2077 to schedule a tour.

New to the Shell Point lifecare tradition, The Springs, offers assisted living services to the public on a month-to-month private pay basis. The Springs assisted living services are available at an economical rate while maintaining the high quality care that Shell Point is well known for.

"Providing assisted living services on a monthly basis, allows residents a higher degree of flexibility and provides seasonal and respite stay options," said Millis.

The location of The Springs at the entrance to Shell Point is less than two miles from the Sanibel Island causeway. This location, in addition to Shell Point's comprehensive resident activities and healthcare services, are just some of the many benefits that residents of the facility enjoy. Assisted living provides the added security of access to the network of quality health care services provided by the Shell Point health care team, when and if those services are needed. The facility's amenities and services include a heated swimming pool, exercise facilities, transportation, dining, 24-hour healthcare staffing and a professional activities leader who coordinates high-quality events and activities, educational and entertainment programs, and opportunities for socialization and personal growth.

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, I have been hearing a lot about parents getting involved with their child's school and I just read in the paper that it is very important. I want to

be a good parent, help my child, and be active at her school. What kinds of things can I do that will be helpful?

Henry K., Fort Myers

**Henry,**

Parent involvement with both your child and the school is one of the most important things you can do to help your child be successful. Sometimes it is difficult to make that connection with the school given a busy work schedule or if your own school experience was not a good one, however, this is an extremely important relationship that is worth developing.

According to research reported by the National Association of School Psychologists, when families are involved in education, there are very positive benefits for students, teachers and families. Students display better attitudes toward

school and learning, higher achievement and test scores, improved behavior, increased homework completion, greater participation in academic activities, and improved school attendance.

At home, parents can make sure that they:

- Monitor homework completion – Talk with your children about their assignments, understand what they are studying and review their progress
- Participate in leisure reading with your children at all ages – It's fun to read the same books as your children and then discuss them

• Communicate often with your children about academic and behavioral expectations, give them constructive praise and support

Here are a few ways for parents to be active at school:

- Participate at school as volunteers and committee members
- Participate in school functions, athletics, and other extracurricular activities
- Regular communication with the teacher(s) about your child's progress
- Participation in adult educational opportunities offered by the school
- Active involvement in school decisions as presented by the school or Board of Education

Many teachers have special activities designed for parent volunteers. Make sure to ask your child's teachers what would be helpful. Very often, the school's

parent association will have projects and committees where you can volunteer. While it may be easier to join a parent group or volunteer when your child is in elementary school, it is equally important to stay involved while your child is in high school. Volunteering with other parents during the high school years can help parents stay connected to each other in an informal parent network, which is always helpful.

These are just a few suggestions on how to become and stay involved in your child's educational journey. There are many more ways to be involved; the key factor is that you are involved.

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## Sanibel 8-Ball Pool

In April, the league's top four percentage players will compete against the top four from the North Fort Myers Senior 8-Ball League in the annual battle between the two leagues. North Fort Myers leads the series, 3-2.

With eight teams and only the two tables at the American Legion to conduct league matches on Monday nights, it has become necessary to split play into two shifts. Early matches begin at 5 p.m. and the late matches get underway about 8 p.m. On average, play has been over between 11 p.m. and midnight. A recent poll of team captains asked that matches be shortened to have each player playing three games instead of four. This has shaved off about an hour and allowed shooters to get home at a more reasonable time. How about more tables on Sanibel?\*

## Palus Scores Hole-In-One

**O**n December 7, Mark Palus of Crown Point, Indiana scored a hole-in-one on the 90-yard second hole at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. Palus used his wedge and a Callaway ball.

This was the second hole-in-one of his career.\*

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## Joakim Noah

Acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies were right-handers Vance Worley and Trevor May in exchange for outfielder Ben Revere, who was the Twins first-round selection in 2007.

The 25-year-old Worley posted a 6-9 record for the Phillies this past season with a respectable 4.20 ERA. In 2011, he finished third in the National League Rookie of the Year balloting after going 11-3 with a 3.01 ERA.

May, 23, was 10-13 last season at Double-A Reading. In 2011, he was voted the Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Year and is currently ranked as the second best prospect in the Phillies organization.

And, after dealing for three talented pitchers wasn't enough, the Twins also obtained right-hander Ryan Pressly from the Boston Red Sox in the Major League Rule 5 Draft. The Rule 5 Draft allows teams to select minor leaguers from other teams who are not ready for Major League play. However, a player selected via the Rule 5 Draft, must be placed on the team's 40-man Major League roster.

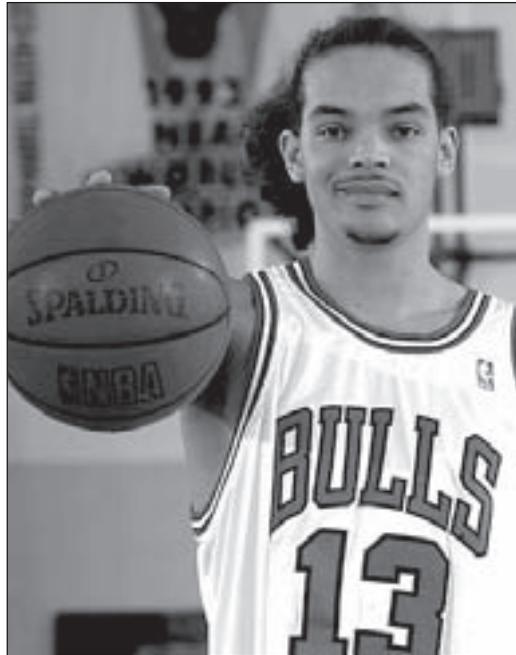
### Mientkiewicz Named New Fort Myers Miracle Manager

Doug Mientkiewicz, a 12-season veteran of the Major Leagues – including parts of seven seasons with the Twins – this week was named manager of the Fort Myers Miracle. It will be his first stint as a manager.

He comes to the Twins organization from the Los Angeles Dodgers, where he was the hitting coach for the Ogden Raptors of the Pioneer League.

Also new to the Miracle for the 2013 season is Ivan Arteaga as pitching coach after serving in the same job for the Twins Rookie League Elizabethton team.

Jake Mauer, who had managed the Miracle for the last three seasons, will manage the Twins' Single-A affiliate Cedar Rapids of the Midwest League in 2013.\*



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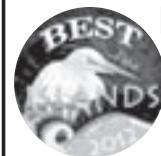
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# Is Charity Gratuitous Or Called Upon Us?



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

This has been an especially busy end of year for many professionals working in the tax fields, mostly due to the

impending scheduled changes to the tax laws. Some of the more frequent questions that tax lawyers, CPAs and financial advisors field near the end of the year have to do with charitable giving.

There are certainly a number of income, gift and estate tax incentives built into our tax laws to make charitable contributions, and hopefully those won't be taken away any time in the near term. But today, I thought for fun we'd consider together whether any incentives should really be necessary at all.

I'm sure that there are a few who might not give as generously should charitable tax deductions disappear, but this reminds me of a prayer that we say in synagogue on Yom Kippur, the end of the Jewish High Holy days otherwise

known as the Day of Atonement.

The prayer seeks God's mercy when inscribing our coming year's fate in his Book of Life. The end of the prayer reminds us that, "repentance, prayer and charity temper judgment's severe decree." Except these words are not uttered in English, instead they are traditionally recited in Hebrew, which offers an interesting contrast in their true meanings.

The Hebrew word for charity used in the prayer is "tzedakah." It is not uncommon to find a "tzedakah box" in a Jewish home where the family deposits their spare pocket change which will be destined for charity by year end. Many Jews therefore equate the Hebrew word "tzedakah" with the act of charity.

But interestingly, the Hebrew for "charity" is not tzedakah but chessed. These two words actually have opposite meanings.

Chessed, charity, implies that the recipient has no right to the gift and that the donor is under no obligation to give it. He gives it gratuitously, from the goodness of his heart. His act is a virtue rather than a duty. I believe that's how most of us view our charitable donations whether they are made to CROW, the arts, the Harry Chapin Food Bank or to establish academic scholarships for those in need.

On the other hand, tzedakah – the word used in the prayer I'm referring to – means righteousness or justice. The implication is that the donor gives because it is his duty. For, firstly, traditional Jewish thought is that everything in the world belongs ultimately to God. The word used

in this prayer implies that a man's possessions are not his by right. Rather, they are entrusted to him by God, and one of the conditions of that trust is that he should give to those who are in need.

Secondly, we have a duty to act towards others as we ask God to act towards us. And as we ask God for His blessings though He owes us nothing and is under no obligation, so we are bound in justice to give to those who ask us, even though we are in no way in their debt. In this way, we are to be rewarded: Measure for measure. Because we give freely, God gives freely to us.

My retired law partner, John Sheppard, invoked his Christian faith when he quoted New Testament scripture saying that we are all not owners but instead stewards of anything that we "possess." The concept of tithing is closely related. Almost all major religions can

point to similar concepts. Consequently, no matter our religious persuasion, we all have a duty to use what we have been entrusted with to help those less fortunate.

These are important thoughts to consider as we hurtle towards the end of the year. Whether or not we receive tax breaks from our government, shouldn't we all feel grateful for what we have been entrusted with, and return that favor with a sense of justice and righteousness?

There are a million needs out there, many right here on the islands as well as in Southwest Florida generally. Here's to all of us helping for those good causes that we are called upon to help. And for now, at least, you'll enjoy a tax deduction as well!

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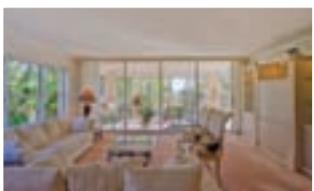
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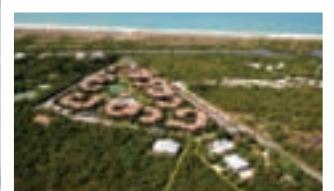
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Superior Interiors

# Decorative Fibers For Your Home



by Jeanie Tinch

**W**hat fabrics will be the best choice for you to consider for your home? Window treatments, furniture, accent pieces, decorative pillows and bedding ensembles are all places that decorative

fabrics can be beautifully and creatively used. With the multitude of man-made and natural fibers available from which to select, it pays to do a little homework.

**Natural Fibers** – Cotton has always been the number one choice of designers and homeowners alike. Cotton dyes well and has unlimited styling potential. It tends to have a “soft hand” and doesn’t pill or fuzz. It’s an extremely durable fabric and can be blended with other fibers in a textile. A custom drapery made from 100 percent cotton fabric will be crisp or flowing, depending upon the type of fabric weave.

**Wool Fibers** – Known for being springy, resilient, soft and kinky, wool fibers are extremely durable. After bleaching, wool may be easily dyed and the fiber will retain its color depth for a very long period of time. It is also a very expensive

fiber, and for this reason you will rarely see it in decorative fabrics. Wool tends to be used more for upholstery, area rugs and carpeting rather than draperies.

**Silk** – Known for its natural luster, silk is undeniably one of the most beautiful decorative fibers of all. There are many grades of silk, and many times silk is blended with other fibers during the manufacturing process. Strong light may tend to discolor silk and might even disintegrate the fiber. Today’s manufacturers have woven many fabulous designs into silk fabrics, including the popular embroidered silks.

**Polyester** – A man-made fiber, polyester is used quite often in decorative textiles because of its strength. Another great characteristic of this strong fiber is its ability to stand up under strong sunlight. Textiles of polyester are also abrasion-resistant, have a soft, warm “hand” and dye extremely well. It may be used for both drapery and upholstery fabric.

Probably the most often used textile is a combination of polyester and cotton. The best characteristics of both fibers are incorporated to produce an extremely versatile and nicely priced fabric.

Naturally, there are many other fibers used in decorative textiles, but these are the most common. As you become more familiar with the many characteristics of fibers found in decorative textiles, choosing the right fabric for your needs becomes clear.

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

# Before You Call Your A/C Contractor



by Bryan Hayes

**M**uch like our air conditioners, our central heating systems also need regular maintenance. This will be checked when you have your semi-annual preventive maintenance check

done. We just don’t think about them as often because we live in a very nice temperate climate, where we seldom use our heaters. So when you find yourself turning up that thermostat on a chilly winter night on Sanibel, here are some things to check first in case your heat is not working.

First thing is to check that the thermostat is set properly. I know this sounds silly, but we get quit a few calls on this one. If its not the thermostat, you want to check your breakers. Go to your panel and make sure that both breakers for your system are on. Do this by turning them off then on again. Wait five minutes and see if anything happens. If you still don’t have a response from your heating system its time to call in the pros.

There are other things that can help with keeping your home warmer in those

odd cold days here on the island. Check the amount of insulation you have in your attic. Sometimes, poor insulation throughout the home can also lower the heater’s efficiency. Check all doors, windows and any sources for outside air and make sure that they are sealed.

Even though we use them less than our air conditioners, we need our central heating systems for at least a couple of those cold days out of the year.

*Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at [Bryan@Sanibelair.com](mailto:Bryan@Sanibelair.com).*

# Dana Claus And His Angels Collect Food For FISH

**L**ily & Co. Jewelry Gallery on Sanibel will have special guests – “Dana” Claus and his three reindeers: Angel, Gracie and Lily. Guests can bring in their camera for a photograph with Dana Claus and his “dog-deer” from noon to 2 p.m. on December 21, 22, 23 and 24 while taking advantage of special savings on last-minute Christmas gifts.

“Our elves will be here to help with anyone’s naughty or nice list,” said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of the gallery. “We will have free gift wrapping available, too.”

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Dr. Dave

## More Or Less



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

There are those who would be surprised to know that I went to Harvard... or even graduated high school, for that matter. But one day, not too far from Harvard,

my car – which has a Blue Book value of about \$324 (when the tank's full of premium) – got all hot and bothered and needed to cool down. So I went to Harvard and took a tour. What I learned from my days at Harvard (one) was that students here are encouraged to “know something about everything and everything about something.” Harvardians may, for example, become experts on the theoretical uncertainty of Heisenberg's 31st principle but also take a course on, say, squirrels.

Such is true of your medical community.

GP's know a little about everything and everything about hush puppies. Specialists know an awful lot about very little. Nowadays, subspecialists know even more about even less. For example, a plastic surgeon may have restricted his specialty to left breast reconstruction, a breastologist. An ophthalmologist may only deal in problems of the left retina in

diabetics between the ages of 44 and 47, and so on.

See if you can match the symptoms with the disease and then whom you might see:

1. Your pulse is fast, you are boiling hot while everyone else is in a sweater, and your eyes bug out so far you make Marty Feldman salivate.
  2. Despite Atkins, Jenny Craig and Krispy Kreme diets you still outweigh Botswana.
  3. You bruise at the touch of a loose hair, speaking of which, your husband is now being questioned about those bruises
  4. Six months since your car wreck, and your lawyer advises you that your neck, back and earlobe pain are worse.
  5. After an African safari, you return home with very high fever, chills, diarrhea and enough ivory to make the piano blush.
  6. Your HDL is low, your LDL is high and you eat nothing but grass cuttings.
  7. You have no pulse, can't breath and your pupils are fixed and dilated (see senate).
  8. You have a rash on your elbows and knees, and now the joints of your hands are smokin' and you don't smoke joints.
  9. The doctor says your prostate is lumpy and your PSA is batting 1.000.
  10. You see floaters and spiders... and haven't done mushrooms in years.
- A. Malaria  
B. Psoriatic arthritis  
C. Morbid obesity  
D. Hyperthyroidism  
E. Vitreous detachment  
F. Familial hyperlipidemia

- G. Chronic pain syndrome  
H. Prostate cancer  
I. Death  
J. Idiopathic thrombocytopenia  
I. Radiation oncologist  
II. Retinal surgeon  
III. Bariatric surgeon  
IV. Rheumatologist  
V. Pathologist  
VI. Physiatrist  
VII. Hematologist  
VIII. ID specialist (Infectious disease)  
IX. Lipidologist  
X. Endocrinologist

Score:

- 9 to 10 – You are GP material  
4 to 8 – You are specialist material  
0 to 3 – Don't get sick!

Answers

- 1-D-X  
2-C-III  
3-J-VII  
4-G-VI  
5-A-VIII  
6-F-IX  
7-I-V  
8-B-IV  
9-H-I  
10-E-II

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*\*\* Dr. Dave is returning to Africa on safari in September 2013. If interested in going with him, call 888-432-8344 to find out more. \*\*\**

Got A Problem?  
Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy

**Q:** I currently live in a city and I feel trapped. I have a good job, so I don't feel that I can leave. How can I learn to accept this situation?

**A:** It sounds like you live in an

environment you believe to be constantly contributing to your stress levels. It's understandable that you feel you need to remain there for now due to your good job. So for now, here are some thoughts on managing your stress and modifying your environment:

Plan a weekend getaway to a place that is calm and tranquil. Hopefully you won't have to drive more than a couple of hours to find this peaceful place. There are many beautiful places that are not too far from the city that are wonderful escapes.

In your home and work environment, take a moment to use this guided imagery to help with stress reactivity. Imagine that you are relaxing in a peaceful place that brings soothing comfort. Use your senses to see, feel, hear, smell and really notice the beauty surrounding you. This imagery can make your current environment seem

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dearPharmacist

## Fiber Is Fabulous



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

### Dear Pharmacist:

My doctor asked me to get more fiber in my diet. What are some health benefits and what are good ways to incorporate it into my daily life? I've always been a meat and potatoes man.

DC, Palm Beach, Florida

Fiber is fabulous! It's Step 3 in my *Diabetes Without Drugs* book because it helps lower cholesterol.

Technically, fiber is a carbohydrate and there is the soluble kind, and the insoluble kind. The insoluble sort is not absorbed into the bloodstream during digestion. Isn't it odd that something which can't be absorbed during digestion still has beneficial effects? Welcome to the wacky world of health, where strange is the new normal!

As I said, there are two different types of fiber – soluble and insoluble – both of which exist in the same food. It's a little confusing, but generally speaking, good sources of soluble fiber include bran, oatmeal, and fruits and vegetables. These slow down digestion and that, my friend, slows down the release of blood sugar. This stabilizes your appetite by quelling blood sugar spikes. Fiber may reduce your risk for complications of type 2 diabetes because your body isn't forced to pump out truckloads of insulin since it's not facing roller-coaster high blood sugar swings.

Fiber has been scientifically shown to lower LDL cholesterol, without adversely affecting HDL cholesterol. This gives you an excellent advantage at reducing risk of heart disease. Think of it this way: it helps scrub your arteries clean. And that's not the only area it scrubs clean.

Not to be graphic, but insoluble fiber – also called “cellulose” – will scrub your colon clean. It will literally push waste material through the intestine, making it useful for constipation. Be aware that fiber will drive out your medication faster too, so separate administration of fiber from oral medications. If you're constipated, drink lots of water, consider aloe vera and eat vegetables, soybeans, legumes, apples, oatmeal and, of course, prunes.

I've seen my share of people spending hundreds of dollars a month on laxatives. No wonder, most Americans don't even eat half the daily recommended value of fiber! Women should consume approximately 25 grams per day, and men 35 grams.

Your question about how to incorporate fiber into your life is good because I am aggravated with all these sugary treats and drinks labeled with “added fiber” to imply that they are nutritious. Don't be fooled. The fiber I suggest is found naturally in organic fruits, vegetables, seeds, nuts and beans. Also, peas, broccoli, prunes, apples, oranges, carrots, berries, legumes and potatoes. Not meat though, sorry.

Switching white bread for whole grain (not whole wheat) will up your fiber intake, and this is fine assuming you're not gluten sensitive, or on the Paleo or Phase One diet, or sensitive to grains.

Dietary supplements offer a fiber advantage because they're easy, but be careful you don't end up a pill-junkie.

Psyllium husk supplements are sold at pharmacies and natural health food stores nationwide.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.dearpharmacist.com](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).*

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## Dr. Connie

more tolerable.

Familiarize yourself with the ancient art of Feng Shui. This Eastern way of creating peace and harmony with nature and your environment is one way to feel more harmonious with your surroundings. Feng Shui opens the door of chi energy into your home and workplace so you feel a sense of relaxation and positive energy.

Practice healthy living strategies to reduce the harshness of your environment. For example, if the conditions are unpleasant outdoors, join a fitness center and exercise indoors. Take a buddy along to participate in outdoor activities you both enjoy.

If you live in a high crime area, invest in an alarm system or attempt to move to a neighborhood that has a security watch or to a gated community as these are usually safer.

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## Dana Claus

Light refreshments and holiday treats will be served daily. Guests are encouraged to bring canned food for donation to FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel. In 2011, this non-profit organization helped more than 750 clients and with 200 volunteers has delivered numerous services, such as providing 174 holiday meals and assisted 121 families through its food pantry.

“We are so grateful to Lily & Co. for their continued support of FISH over the past five years,” said FISH Executive Director Maggie Feiner. “This is a challenging time for many of our clients and keeping our food pantry well stocked has been difficult for us over the past six weeks. We have more than 120 families on Sanibel and Captiva using the food pantry on a regular basis. The food drive at Lily & Co. will really help us keep it stocked and for the we are most grateful.”

Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact the Walk-In Center, located at 1630 Periwinkle Way, Unit B, by calling 472-4775. Volunteer opportunities are available in the walk-in center, working the telephones, and transportation on and off island. Visit [www.fishofsanibel.com](http://www.fishofsanibel.com) for more information.

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## Mom And Me



solve other people's problems. If this new living arrangement works for you and your husband, just ignore their advice and if necessary ignore them.

When we are living in a particularly difficult time in our lives, it is then we find who our real friends are. The people who are constantly interfering are just satisfying their own emotional needs wanting to boss other people around.

Lizzie

**Dear Evelyn:**

by Lizzie and Pryce

**L**izzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

**Dear Mom & Me,**

My husband, along with 499 other employees, were assured their jobs were not in jeopardy when his company merged with another company.

In a short time, 250 were laid off, then another 200, and finally down to five. My husband was one of the five, and then one day they were told they were no longer employed and they had to leave immediately.

It was devastating to both of us. We immediately sold our house, rented an apartment and stored what we couldn't use. He tried so hard, went on interviews, but had no job offers. At 57, it is very difficult for a man who had never had a job problem before... and even harder on me.

I became very depressed and had to be treated with medication. We decided to move to another location, and there we bought a new house. Two weeks after we moved in, he had a job offer at our old location, so we decided I would stay in the new house and we could see each other every other weekend. I go up alternately to his apartment, and he comes down to the house the other weekend. We talk on the phone several times each day.

My family and friends are driving me crazy. They are so anxious to tell me what to do. They say our marriage will never survive our stupid arrangement. They tell us we should sell the new house and move back to the old area. We are getting along just fine with this arrangement. We have made new friends and for just a few more years, it will make a tremendous difference in our financial security for our retirement.

Have you heard what others are doing?

Evelyn

**Dear Evelyn:**

Economic times are very difficult, and new creative living arrangements must be made because the old living arrangements may not be appropriate.

Try if you can to ignore these troubling advisors. Some people always know better or think they know better. Frequently, these people have difficulty with their own lives but it is so easy for them to

Even when advice is well intended, from close family or friends, it can be difficult to listen to. If you come up with a pat answer and then change the topic, not allowing someone to give advice, you can be successful in stopping unsolicited advice. Here is what I mean, and to everyone with whom I have used this little technique, I hope you are not reading:

"I appreciate your concern, for now I would appreciate it if we did not talk about it." Then, take a short breath and

change the subject... "so, tell me about your day yesterday." Say this every time, be firm and do not return to the topic. If they want to return to the topic, say your little piece again. It is a redirection technique that, once you become good at it, works well.

Pryce

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Sea Side	Sanibel	2001	5,087	3,995,000	3,625,000	501
Shenandoah	Fort Myers	2005	4,408	1,100,000	1,007,500	17
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	1983	2,204	998,600	925,000	237
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1990	1,823	939,000	840,000	286
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	1998	2,907	729,900	670,000	334
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2012	2,245	589,000	570,000	38
Worthington	Bonita Springs	1994	3,024	615,000	525,000	93
Copperleaf At The Brooks	Bonita Springs	2002	2,231	449,900	440,000	59
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1997	1,846	469,900	430,000	54
Village Walk	Bonita Springs	2011	2,488	424,900	412,000	219

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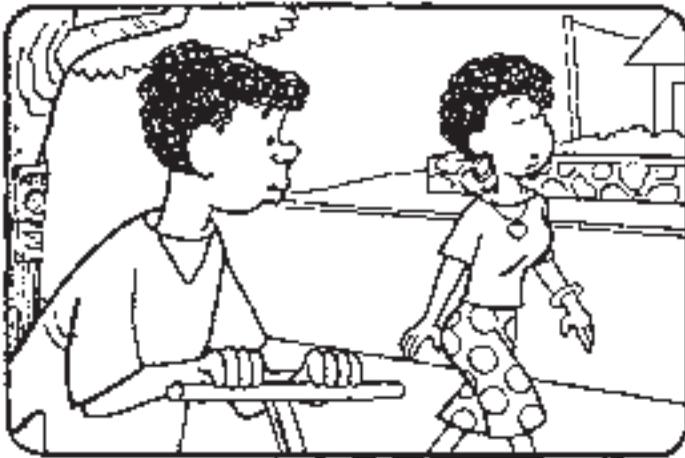
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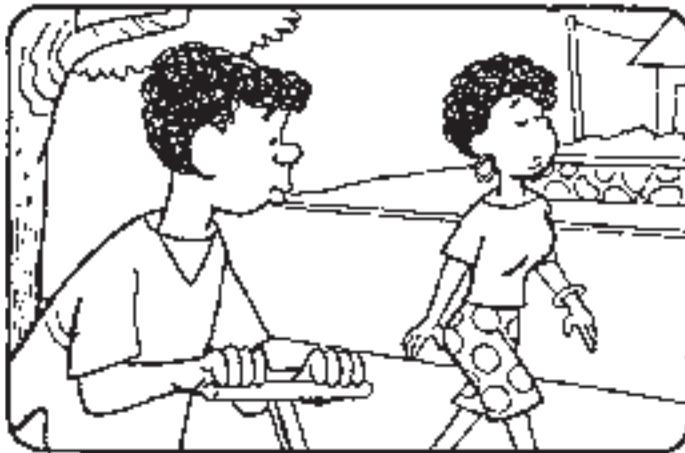
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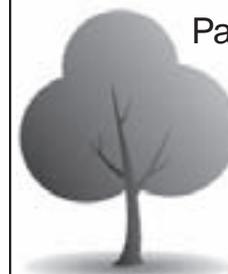
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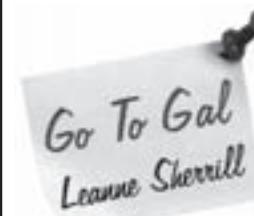
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**TICKS** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Quit  
**HASTLE** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35B

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

## SUDOKU

### To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 35B



**Florida Oysters Rockefeller**

- 36 oysters, shucked, on the half shell
- 2 cups spinach, cooked and drained
- 1/2 cup crispy bacon, crumbled
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 bell pepper, diced small
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped fine
- 1/4 tablespoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup Panko breadcrumbs
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 4 lemons, quartered for garnish
- Sea salt and ground pepper to taste

Pre heat oven on high broil. In a medium-sized mixing bowl, combine spinach, bacon, mozzarella, Parmesan cheese, bell pepper, parsley, hot sauce and lemon juice. Stir ingredients to combine. Taste spinach mixture and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Place one tablespoon or so of the spinach mixture on top of each half shell oyster. Place all stuffed oysters on a cookie sheet. Put the cookie sheet in the middle rack of the oven. Carefully watch the oysters under the broiler, and let them cook for several minutes until the oyster edges curl and the top of the stuffing is golden brown and bubbly. Serve oysters over a bed of ice cream salt with lemon wedges.

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My adoption fee is \$15 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promotion.

Hello, my name is Missy and I am a 1-year-old female calico domestic short hair. I'm a full-figured girl with a big personality to match. I love to play with all the other cats here, so I would be perfect in a multi-cat home. My Christmas wish is to find a new home with my friend Sax, who is also available for adoption. We love to snuggle, play and groom one another. Why not adopt us both, since all cats are 2-for-1?

My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Promotion. Adopt both Missy and Sax for just \$10!

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

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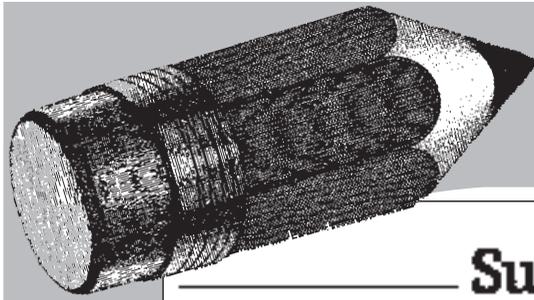
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# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 35B

## Super Crossword

### FRESHENING FRANCHISES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fellow crew member
  - 9 Sea level
  - 15 End of meals
  - 20 Food of the gods
  - 21 Crossword lover's bird
  - 22 Hole queen of mystery
  - 23 Camp stream with a founder
  - 24 1982 French-Mad TV
  - 25 One of the Rhine rivers
  - 26 Start of a riddle
  - 29 Skimpy need
  - 32 Spicy head dress
  - 33 Make before
  - 34 May item
  - 35 Riddle part 2
  - 44 Colloquy
  - 45 Circumlocution
  - 46 Knocked off
  - 47 Ticks a few sh talk group
  - 52 Neutral pig
  - 54 Certain Scot
  - 55 Riddle part 3
  - 62 Charged
  - 63 Heist in Paris
  - 64 Help
  - 65 Riddle part 4
  - 76 Assault
  - 77 Easy
  - 78 "Hook" brand & Gardner's hit
  - 79 Riddle part 5
  - 88 Queen math words
  - 90 Gas in ships
  - 91 Nebraska state
  - 92 Neighbor of Omaha
  - 95 James' head
  - 98 "The Great"
  - 99 London of TV
  - 102 End of the riddle
  - 106 "Gimme" item of a criminal
  - 108 Confusion stick
  - 109 "I don't know" pig
  - 110 "I got it" pig
  - 111 Riddle's answer
  - 120 Part of PCW
  - 121 City in southwest Ireland
  - 122 City in Spain
  - 126 "Hunk" war
  - 127 Some fishers
  - 128 Outspoken
  - 129 Part of coat
  - 130 Can't stand
  - 131 Sudden drop
  - 134 Spoken the identity of
  - 15 Hyundai
  - 16 Bye
  - 17 "Detective" streak
  - 18 "Some advice"
  - 19 Houses to lounge
  - 27 Tri-age test
  - 28 Initiation
  - 29 Bot of 2004
  - 30 Bobby D's son
  - 31 With 113 Down, action
  - 36 "me" target
  - 37 Port near Argentina
  - 38 "Sun"
  - 39 Country of Omaha's relative
  - 43 Wall's brand
  - 48 Stassy war
  - 49 Wacky
  - 50 High Peaks
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  - 119 "The Great"
  - 123 "A Fool"
  - 124 "Terry"
  - 125 Computer

**DOWN**

- 1 13-let
- 2 "Doc" Mac
- 3 His name in early PCs
- 4 Before a big party, 20th-century
- 5 Lightbulb in nest
- 6 Craving
- 7 Cool shade
- 8 Starts over
- 9 Action paper
- 10 Street sign
- 11 Window
- 12 Component
- 13 Designer of Beatles
- 13 Fox of the Muppet
- 36 "me" target
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 "Ran"
- 2 Altitude
- 7 Consequence
- 8 Double
- 10 Decade
- 11 Lateral
- 13 Gonna try with a bad
- 16 Pigeon
- 17 Beer
- 18 Queen's hair
- 19 "Shit" squarer
- 19 Chow
- 20 Galley
- 21 "Lionel"
- 22 Move
- 25 Hummer
- 26 "I wish"
- 27 "Ebb"
- 28 "Aunt"
- 30 Announcement of a
- 36 "Surf"
- 37 "Fruit"
- 38 "Terry"
- 39 Best jacket
- 39 "Marty"
- 40 "Wacky"
- 41 "The Great"
- 41 "Fruit"
- 42 "Dora"
- 43 "Sherlock"
- 43 "Garden"
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**DOWN**

- 1 Substitute
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- 3 "Wacky"
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## MAGIC MAZE

**MOUNTAINS MORE THAN 25,000 FEET IN ELEVATION**

C I R P M K I U D I K B Y W U  
 S O O M K I E D F A B Z X W U  
 S U O N T R J M E L H E R D U  
 C A Y R A K A P O S H I A E  
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 N V B U H S R R M N Q I N P S  
 U N M C L I V E D A D N A N I  
 J U H I E R I G O Q Z K B D

- The following are the names of the mountains listed in the maze:
- Balun Sar
  - Dread Peak
  - Cho Dyu
  - Chogolsa
  - Lama
  - K2 Ogor
  - Kangri
  - Kanjul Sar
  - Lhose
  - Makalu
  - Makalu
  - Nanda Devi
  - Nuptse
  - Rakaposh
  - Tu Ch Mir



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Serving the Islands Since 1975

## 789 PYRULA

You will love this inviting 4 bedroom, 3 bath luxury pool home in Beachview Country Club Estates. This home offers a fabulous floor plan with all rooms leading to the bright and open great room with soaring ceilings, built-in entertainment wall and overlooking the large pool and nicely vegetated backyard. Spacious master suite with sitting area, master bath with separate tub/shower and his/her walk-in closets, kitchen with wood cabinets/granite counters, sunny breakfast room, big laundry room and plenty of space for family or guests make this a must see home. Large garages with great extra storage. HUGE patio/pool area makes for a great recreation or entertaining area. Beachview offers deeded beach access, clubhouse, semi-private golf course, tennis, pro-shop and restaurant. **Offered for \$1,180,000. Contact Nancy Finch 239/822-7825**



## "BAY-JAH-VIEW" IS THE EPITOME OF THE CAPTIVA LIFESTYLE

They say to have a great day on Captiva all you have to do is be there. This handsome, tastefully tropical 3+ Bedroom, 3 bath beach home is a short stroll to the ocean, boasts Bay views and includes all the amenities you expect. Private elevator to all floors, master suite with office, wet bar, personal balcony and bath which resembles a mini spa. A more than spacious ground floor screened playroom seamlessly blends indoors and out with access to a large open to the stars heated pool and spa. Complete privacy and serenity yet just around the corner from all the best the Captiva Village has to offer in dining, shops and entertainment. **Offered for \$1,465,000. Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565-8805.**



## EAST END ISLAND LIVING AT IT'S FINEST!

This 3/2 pool home is located on a direct access canal and is truly a must see! This Island home features high ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, over sized kitchen with stainless appliances, upgraded fixtures, granite surfaces, pantry and center island with plenty of cupboard space. Home also has a wood burning fireplace for the cool Island nights, 2 stage A/C systems (5 and 3 ton) for the hot island days, fire pit area, 10 thousand pound boat lift, sparkling pool, deeded beach access and lush landscaping all situated on a private road. Take a leisurely stroll to the Sanibel Marina and enjoy the fresh seafood at Grandma Dots restaurant. **Offered for \$959,000 Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms. Listr" at 239/841-4540**



## DIRECT LAKEFRONT SANCTUARY HOME WITH PANORAMIC SUNSET VIEWS

With over 3500 sq. ft., this stunning home features four bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with granite counters, gas stove, and high end appliances. Master bath opens to private garden and offers 2 oversized walk-in closets. Living room with fireplace, dining room with pass through bar area and wine fridge. Two sets of sliding doors pocket out of the way and open the living/dining area to the oversized screened lanai/patio with fabulous pool and barbeque area. 2 car garage with air conditioned workshop. **Offered for \$1,495,000. Contact Steve Harrell 239/565-1277, Toby Tolp 239/239/848-0433 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602.**



## "HISTORIC PUNTA RASSA"

Bright & airy "End Unit" with balcony off dining room. This perfect rental unit features 2 large bedroom suites, laundry facility, assigned parking and 2 storage areas. Experience the magnificence of the ever changing, breathtaking views of the sunrises & sunsets. Well maintained and efficiently managed, many recent improvements have been completed with no assessments. Included is a social membership to Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club. A special arrangement for owners/tenants with the hotel for the use of their facilities including exercise, spas, pools, etc. A Fabulous Boating Community! **Offered for \$375,000 Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420**



## BEST CAPTIVA GULF FRONT OPPORTUNITY IN YEARS

Priced to sell at Land Value, this property offers you multiple options, renovate the existing 2 bedroom beachfront cottage and guest house, for great rental potential, or use the guest house while you build your beachfront Dream Home. You can always build an all new guest house and main house or just hold the property for future market appreciation. This property has an added feature, a 71-2 foot right of use access to Roosevelt Channel, so bring your kayak! Plans are available for a new main and Guest house or built to suite. **Offered for \$2,795,000. Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565-8805**



## ABSOLUTELY STUNNING HERON CONDO AT THE SANCTUARY

Over 2500 sq. ft. with all new furnishings, all new appliances, new air conditioner, water heater, ceiling fans, washer & dryer, and more! You'll feel like you're walking into a model home. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths plus large den or 3rd bedroom with hard wood floors. Fantastic sunset views over the 9th fairway from lovely corner lanai. Marble master bath, walk-in closets, 10 ft. ceilings, single car garage with extra parking. **Offered for \$619,000. Contact Steve Harrell 239/565-1277, Toby Tolp 239/239/848-0433 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602.**



## SOMERSET AT THE REEF

Enjoy the great view of the Gulf of Mexico. Beautifully maintained, large property. Glassed in lanai providing additional living area to an already spacious and desirable floor plan. Large master suite and bath, second bath services the den (or 3rd bedroom) and the guest room along with an additional powder room. Available fully furnished and ready for you to move in. **Offered for \$1,225,000.00. Contact Linda Naton 239/691-5024**



## SOUTH SEAS BAYSIDE VILLAS 5136

Renovated and updated, this 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo capitalizes on waterfront views across lush green foliage with eastern exposure. The great room combines the living, dining and kitchen maximizing for a feeling of spaciousness and great light. The kitchen includes granite countertops and white cabinetry. The master suite is updated with West Indies flair. This bay front condominium located in South Seas Island Resort. With the investors or vacation home in mind, this condominium offers a strong monthly income. The water's edge Bayside Villa community has under building parking, pool, spa, bbq's along with separate storage lockers. Welcome to the Islands! **Offered for \$280,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



## BEACHWALK OF SANIBEL-LOT D WE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST!!!

This is the last building site in the Beachwalk Development, a large corner lot in a great near beach location bordered by a conservation area. Package includes a larger, upgraded 3 bedroom 2 bathroom floor plan with metal roof, concrete board siding and impact windows, granite countertops and raised wood panel cabinets. **Offered for \$795,000. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597**



## OVER 2300 SQ. FT. LIVING AREA

This exquisite 2 BR 2 1/2 Bath Golf Villages unit is beautifully furnished & decorated. High ceilings, hardwood floors, formal living and dining rooms, casual family & breakfast rooms. Spacious corner lanai with sliding glass enclosure. Sunset views of lake & fairway. Under building parking plus private storage room. **Offered for \$540,000. Contact Steve Harrell 239/565-1277, Toby Tolp 239/239/848-0433 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602.**



## SUNDIAL

### G-104

If what you are seeking is a beautiful condo with resort style living on Sanibel Island for your personal enjoyment AND rental income then look no further. This fabulous pet friendly, remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit at Sundial Beach Resort has it all. Tile throughout, granite counter tops, washer/dryer, extra storage for bikes, all with easy access to the beach, pool restaurant and spa. This is a first floor unit just waiting for you. **Offered for \$495,000 Contact Pat Powers 239/222-8992**

