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Merry Christmas



Plaid Tidings: Forever Plaid Makes Merry With Heaven-Sent Cheer



John Ramsey, Michael Lo Balsamo, Matthew Schmidt and Robbie May of *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings*

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, brings the family-friendly musical *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings* to Southwest Florida. Many people remember *Forever Plaid*, the musical about a singing quartet who was killed in an accident while on a bus trip to see a live Ed Sullivan television show, having never completed their mission to do a “really big show” themselves. Writer-director Stuart Ross reunites the original boy band in this hilarious holiday blast from the past. Show songs include oldie favorites *Sha-Boom*, *Mambo Italiano*, *Fever* and holiday hits *Carol of the Bells*, *Let It Snow*, *The Christmas Song* and *Mele Kalikimaka*.

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Drive-Thru Nativity

Christmas Eve On The Campus Of Sanibel Community Church

Christmas Eve services begin at 6:00 p.m. under the stars and Christmas lights in the courtyard of Sanibel Community Church. With the contemporary praise team leading familiar Christmas carols, songs of the season will fill the air. There will be a visit from the shepherds along with their sheep to proclaim the Savior’s birth.

At 8 p.m. people will gather in the new sanctuary for a traditional candlelight service with chancel choir and Christmas carols.

The final service of the evening will be held at 11 p.m. in the historic chapel with a reverent traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service, concluding at midnight with the Lord’s Supper.

Dr. Daryl Donovan, senior pastor, will be preaching at all three services. A special love offering for global mission work will be received at each service. All are welcome.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, (next to Jerry’s Market). For more information, visit www.sanibelchurch.com or call 472-2684. ✨



Captiva’s Chapel by the Sea is aglow for the holidays

What's Happening At The House In 2013

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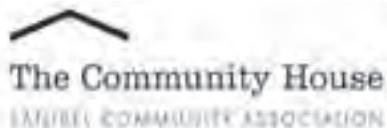
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Santa's hot air balloon at Holiday Inn, 1231 Middle Gulf Drive
 photos by Jeff Lysiak



Hula dancing Santa at Jerry's Market, 1700 Periwinkle Way



Perfect Stocking Stuffer!

This bumper sticker has a green color to emphasize that almost 70% of Sanibel is in conservation land and a whimsical heart to signify our island lifestyle. The peel off back has information about Sanibel that you may not know.

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- Sanibel Recreation Center**
- Suncatcher's Dream**
- Tuttle's Sea Horse Shop**

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at

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 w/ Eucharist at 5 p.m.

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 w/ Eucharist, Hymns & Carols at 8 p.m.

Christmas Day

10:00 in the morning
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Polar Bear Plunge Planned For New Year's Day

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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Plaid Tidings

Performances are 8 p.m. 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.

Michael Lo Balsamo, Robbie May, John Ramsey and Matthew Schmidt are 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 March 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 the theater box office at 472-6862 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; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*

Monday Evening, December 24
Three services of worship

Candlelight Christmas Eve
Sanibel Community Church

Dr. Daryl G. Donovan
Preaching at All Services

6:00 p.m. ---Contemporary Worship with S.C.C. Praise Team under the stars in the Courtyard. Living nativity, with animals. Special time for the children.

8:00 p.m. ---Traditional Worship in the New Sanctuary. Dynamic Christmas Music by the Chancel Choir.

11:00 p.m. ---Traditional Worship concluding with communion in the Historic Chapel!

Sanibel Community Church
1740 Periwinkle Way
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www.sanibelchurch.com

CARD OF THANKS

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimists' 5K Jingle Bell Walk supported local children's needs through FISH of Sanibel and provided additional funds for the Optimists' six college scholarships awarded to local young people.

The highly successful fund raising event was through the sponsorship of many fine local businesses and private donors. We especially thank the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank as the lead sponsor. The other wonderful sponsors are:

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Special Sponsors: Pak n Ship, Islander - Breeze Newspapers, Island Graphics, Island Sun newspaper, Franz Kox and Quebbie for Music, City of Sanibel, Sanibel Recreation Center, all the great walkers and their dogs, all the dedicated volunteers, and, of course, Santa! Ho Ho Ho!

- Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club*



Run, Santa, run

Kiwanis Santas' Annual 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 Friday, 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.

For those living in condominiums, detailed instructions are requested, preferably with a map.

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

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HISTORIC CAPTIVA
Chapel By The Sea

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Mason jars on display in the Old Bailey Store. Different sizes, shapes and colors, they're often used now to store pencils, buttons or seashells

Canning Comes Alive At Sanibel Historical Village

Among the Christmas splendor at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is a village-wide display of antique Mason jars. These jars revolutionized home-food preservation when New-Jersey born John Landis Mason patented the jar in 1858.

Prior to that, cork-and-wax contraptions were all that was available to seal food – often defectively – and opaque jars made the contents invisible. In contrast, the Mason jar's threaded neck and screw-on lid formed a seal as hot liquids cooled. What's more, Mason jars were made of a manganese-bleached glass and were transparent, allowing someone not only to see what food they had on hand but also whatever might be going on inside the bottle that could render its contents unsafe.

Sadly, Mason assigned his patent rights to another company and died a pauper while the invention that bore his name helped spark a home-canning revolution that lasted until the 1950s.

"During Sanibel's farming days, I'm sure these jars were widely used," said Emilie Alfino, manager of the Sanibel

Historical Museum and Village. "The island was known all over for the quality of its tomatoes, which are a natural for canning. And sea grape jelly would have been preserved as well."

By the early 20th century, Mason jars became widely available thanks to the Ball Corporation, an early and prolific manufacturer of the jars. This ready availability of Mason jars allowed settlers and housewives around the country to preserve hundreds of quart and half-gallon jars of everything from green beans to peaches, to store in basements and root cellars.

Victory gardens during World War II revived the nation's use of Mason jars: between 1939 and 1949, Americans bought more than 3 million canning jars. But the glory days of the Mason jar faded fast as Americans left farms for suburbs. Soon, refrigerators and freezers changed everything – and so did supermarkets.

Original Mason jars are collectibles today, although so many were manufactured that it usually reduces their value. Will Mason jars see a comeback as more people turn to organic farming and healthful, natural living? Historian Andrew Smith, in a recent issue of *Makers* magazine, was asked if he considered this a mass movement, to which he answered simply, "No."

Learn more at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, open Wednesday

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In the kitchen of Morning Glories, Mason jars are shown with the rubber rim that helped seal the contents

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December 24, 2012

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December 30, 2012

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IWA SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

It's election time at IWA again, and next year four seats on our Board of Directors will be up for election. The seats are currently held by William D. Carr, Lewis Garrett Dutton, Jr. and James M. Griffith. Mr. Carr is completing his 3rd and final term; Mr. Dutton and Mr. Griffith are running for re-election for their 2nd terms. The fourth seat was previously held by Timothy A. Gardner and it is for the remaining 1 year of his first term.

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 by no later than January 4, 2013.

A background check will be run on all Board candidates.

CEPD Now Accepting Bids For 2013-14 Renourishment Project

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) announced on December 11 that it will be accepting bids for the 2013-14 Captiva and Sanibel Islands Renourishment Project.

The 2013-14 Captiva and Sanibel Islands Renourishment Project consists of placing approximately 877,000 cubic yards of beach fill along six miles of shoreline and rehabilitation of existing dunes. The area includes the entire shoreline from Redfish Pass to Blind Pass and also a portion of northern Sanibel. Sand placement will be by hopper dredge or a combination of hopper dredge and scow. The work will start between June 1 and September 1, 2013 and be completed by December 31, 2013.

Sealed bids will be received and publically opened and read aloud in the CEPD offices at 2 p.m. on a date still to be determined.

More information can be found at www.mycepd.com. Contact Kathy Rooker, CEPD administrator, at 472-2472 or mycepd8@gmail.com for additional details.✪

Rec Center New Year's Party

Get your tickets now for the Sanibel Recreation Center 2012 New Year's Eve Party. The event's theme is entitled Poppin', Hoppin' & Bubblin' Into 2013 and will take place on Monday, December 31 at the Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m. and close at 12:15 a.m.

The price is \$15 per adult (18 And older) in advance, \$20 At The Door; \$12 per child (ages 7-17) in advance, \$15 at the door; children six and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The ticket price includes food and games; entertainment by a DJ, magician, juggler and ventriloquist; dancing, a midnight balloon drop and more.

There will be a 50/50 Raffle which will give 50% to the winner and 50% to Recreation Financial Assistance. The entry fee for this is six tickets for \$5 and the winner need not be present to win.

The festivities also include bingo for adults 18 years or older with fabulous prizes valued in excess of \$9000. There are 75 seats for participants. Cost is \$85 per chair in advance and \$100 at the door which includes admission and three bingo cards.

There will be a silent auction with five great items. All proceeds from this event are donated to the City of Sanibel Recreation Center Financial Assistance Program to assist workers on the island and island residents who financially qualify for their children to attend the after-school program, fun days, holiday and summer day camp at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The major sponsor for this event is the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Foundation. The evening will be is a family-friendly, alcohol and tobacco-free event. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information contact the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345, visit the website www.mysanibel.com or call Chairman Barry Roth at 313-9591.✪

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Santa's sleigh pulled by dolphins at Island Cow, 2163 Periwinkle Way

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Christmas decorations at the Lazy Flamingo

photos by Ken Rasi

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Nell's Weekly Words of Wisdom!

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Raffle For Bea Pappas Original

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

Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and are available at the front desk at the Center 4 Life on Library Way. The painting is on display at the center. The drawing will be held March 6. For more information call 472-5743.✪

Covenant With Israel Celebration

Southwest Florida's 4th annual Covenant With Israel Celebration to honor Israel will take place on Monday, January 7 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers. Doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and seating. The program begins at 7 p.m.

The event is hosted by Gaspar Anastasi of Unlocking Kingdom Destiny. Scheduled speakers include Rabbi Gerald Meister; Mayor Moshe Goldsmith, Itamar, Israel; Robert Stearns with Eagles Wings; Rabbi Jeremy Barras of Temple Beth El, Fort Myers; and emcee Paul Lodato from WRXY CTN TV.

This very special evening is a tribute to the nation of Israel and Jewish people

around the world. It is an opportunity for the Christian and Jewish communities of Southwest Florida to unite and demonstrate their love and support for Israel and her children. Its purpose is to promote esteem and understanding between Christians and Jews and to emphasize the things we hold in common as believers in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Covenant with Israel Celebration will be an evening packed with outstanding speakers, music and complimentary kosher refreshments.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased online at www.covenantwithisrael.com or by calling 244-3912.✪

ENGAGEMENT



Alexander A. Werner and Cassandra A. Sehlmeyer

Karen A. Storjohann and Alex F. Werner Jr. of Sanibel, formerly of East Islip, New York, announce the engagement of their son Alexander A. Werner to Cassandra A. Sehlmeyer, daughter of Deborah and Trannie Sehlmeyer of Perrysburg, Ohio, formerly of Toledo, Ohio.

A November 16, 2013 wedding at Chapel By The Sea on Captiva is planned.✪

Happy Birthday



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 Rabbi Selwyn Geller For more information 239-472-0177 or adsilby@gmail.com

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1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 472-2684
 Dr. Daryl Donovan, Senior Pastor
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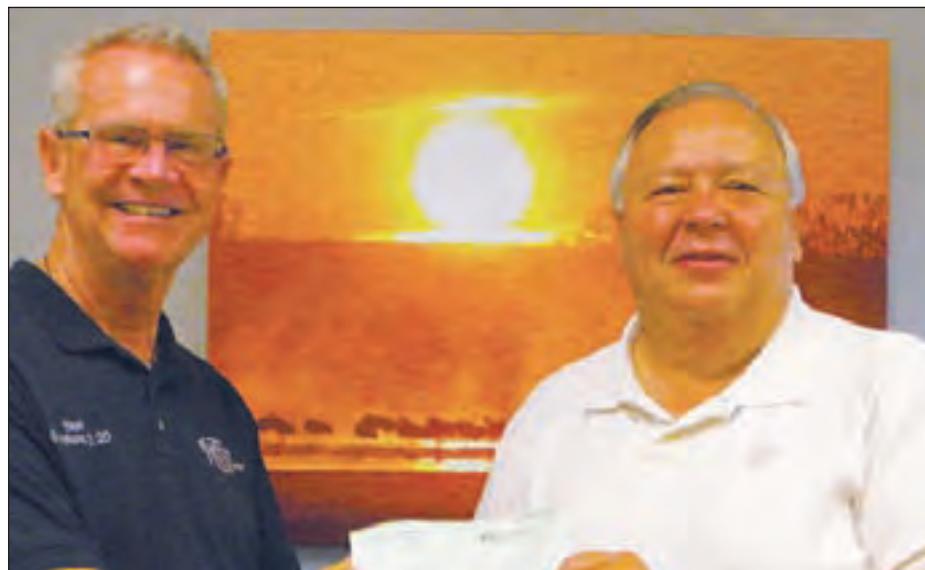
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 Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School (PreK-gr.5) at 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Potluck Supper 1st Wed. of the month 5:30 p.m.
 Morning Prayer Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS:

Meets on the first Sunday of each month from December through April at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way at 5 p.m. A pot luck is held at a member's home on the third Sunday of each month. For more information call 433-4901 or email ryi139@aol.com.*

Donation Given To Friends Who Care



Sanibel Community Church Pastor Daryl Donovan presents a donation to Tom Louwers from Friends Who Care

Sanibel Community Church recently presented Friends Who Care with a check for \$2,430 to provide assistance at Christmastime. The funds were from the offering received at the Mastersingers Concert, held on December 2. In addition, \$2,430 was presented to Angel Tree, a ministry to children who have a parent in prison.*

OBITUARY



JAMES RICHARD WILSON

James Richard Wilson, 84, of Sanibel, passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2012. He was born October 29, 1928 in Zanesville, Ohio and moved to Sanibel from Miami, Florida in 1984. He a United States Navy Veteran.

Mr. Wilson leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 62 years, Jean Wilson; his son, Dayne "Buff" Wilson (Jennifer) of Fort Myers; his brother, Bob Wilson of Land O' Lakes; his grandchildren Jason, Seth, Justin, Tessa, Tarah and Dylan; and his great-grandchildren Emma, Penelope, Miles and Nathan. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two children Stephen Wilson in 2002 and Kimbi Wilson in 1995.

Funeral services will be conducted

at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 17, at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home with burial to follow in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Friends will be received from 6 - 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and on Saturday from noon until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made the National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.*

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OBITUARY



HEWETTE ELWELL JOYCE, JR.
April 28, 1921 – December 3, 2012

Hewette Elwell Joyce, Jr., known to friends as Hugh, passed away peacefully with family at his side in his home in Hanover, New Hampshire on December 3. Born in Hanover in 1921, he was the son of Eleanor Russell Joyce and Professor Hewette Joyce, a member of Dartmouth's English Department for 40 years.

Hugh grew up in Hanover, attended the Choate School and Yale University, Class of 1943. A history major and avid

athlete, Hugh played collegiate varsity hockey and tennis. Following graduation, he joined the Marine Corps, receiving the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation for his courageous service.

Hugh attended Middlebury's Graduate School of English at Bread Loaf, where he met his future wife, Barbara Boggs. Hugh started his career in publishing as a textbook editor and program director at Scott Foresman in Boston and Chicago. He later joined the Houghton Mifflin Company in Boston to develop new programs and texts in economics and business administration.

Living in Wellesley, Hugh became active in town affairs, serving as an elected Town Meeting member, President of an elementary PTA, High School PTA, Central Council of PTAs and the Secondary School Accommodations Committee. He coached Little League baseball and hockey and was a member of the Maugus Club, where he played in league squash. He was co-chair of the St. Andrews Church Couples Club and of the METCO program, which brought inner-city children to the Wellesley schools.

Following retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Joyce returned to Hanover, and enjoyed time at their vacation homes in Nova Scotia and Sanibel Island. On Sanibel, Hugh was an avid tennis player at The Dunes, a volunteer at "Ding" Darling NWR and a member of the Sanibel Congregational Church. In Hanover, Hugh was a leader and board member of the Upper Valley Hostel, providing affordable accommodation for patients receiv-

ing treatment at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. He taught English as a second language, participated in SCORE, sang in the University Chorus of the Upper Valley, served as president of the Hanover Historical Society, volunteered at Dartmouth Hitchcock, and was an active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Other interests included reading, skiing, tennis, paddle tennis and golf. His greatest love, however, was always for his family, of whom he was intensely proud.

OBITUARY

David W. Nelson, MD, February 28, 1938 – December 16, 2012, was a dedicated plastic and reconstructive surgeon, sailor, historian, model railroader and devoted father and grandfather. He was a resident of Captiva Island.

He was predeceased by his wife Joyce Ann Nelson and is survived by life partner Susan Stuart, children Gregg (Jeanette), Andrea, Julie (Brad Wright) and grandchildren Anders and Kristian Nelson, Hunter, Cole and Abby Wright.

A graduate of St Olaf College and the University of Minnesota Medical School, Nelson served his country as a naval flight surgeon assigned to the Marine Corps in Vietnam.

A lifelong resident of Minnesota, he practiced at Methodist Hospital until his retirement and move to Captiva.

A Celebration of His Life for family and friends will be held at Captiva's

He was predeceased by a sister, Eleanor Joyce Stone of Milwaukee and his wife of 56 years, Barbara. He is survived by his four children: Stephen of Freeport, Maine; Sarah Fairweather of Wells, Maine; Catharine Brennan of Wayne, Pennsylvania; David of Scottsdale, Arizona; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were held on December 8 at St. Thomas Church in Hanover.*



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Christmas Services Planned By Sanibel Congregational Church

The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ invites the community to attend its special services for Christmas. Sunday, December 23, the Fourth Sunday of Advent services scheduled for 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m. will feature a dramatic monologue *The Stable-boy's Story*, written and presented by the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner.

Set in Bethlehem many years after the birth of Jesus, the monologue tells the story of a fictional stable-boy who witnessed the nativity.

All services on the 23rd will be held at the church, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Sunday School is offered during the 9 a.m. service, and child care is available at both 9 and 11 a.m. services.

On Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve, the congregation will sponsor a Candlelight Service at Lighthouse Beach at 5:30 p.m. This beautiful and meaningful non-denominational service will include Dr. Danner's unique rendition of the story of the Christ Child's birth and the singing of Christmas carols. A free-will offering will benefit FISH of Sanibel, Goodwill and the Salvation Army.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair, a flashlight and bug spray. Attendees are also asked to please use the paths.

Later that evening, a Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at the church on Periwinkle Way. The service will be held at 9 p.m. and will feature special music by the internationally acclaimed soprano Konstanza Niedung.

On Sunday, December 30 at 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m., the congregation will hold its

annual Bell Sunday Services. Attendees are encouraged to bring a small bell to help ring in the New Year.

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Heron

Great Blue Heron

Island Sun, We just arrived home from another wonderful vacation on Captiva and Sanibel. We celebrated our wedding anniversary on Captiva where we were married on the beach at sunset 11 years ago. While staying at the Jensen House, I was so inspired by the beauty and serenity all around that I wrote the post below. I've included it on my blog and would be delighted if you would consider sharing it with your readers as well. I appreciate your consideration.

Best Regards, Tuesday Strong

It was while watching a great blue heron during a beautiful Captiva Island sunset that I realized how similar we are—that heron and me. The heron was doing his job. He moved up and down the beach, darting in and out of the water. People were laughing and talking and were fairly close to him but he wasn't distracted by them, he stayed focused. He was aware of everyone and his surroundings but he was intent on doing his job. Watching him made me recognize our similarities—we both have jobs to do, and part of how effective we are depends upon our ability to stay focused on getting things done.

We're often so busy just "doing" that

we seldom take time to recognize the value in what's become natural for so many of us. Distractions are guaranteed, it's how we manage them that matters. It was while on vacation that I realized that working and staying focused is what brought me to such a beautiful place to see an amazing bird just doing his job.

<http://tuesdaystrong.com/staying-focused>
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Bridge Results

On December 11, there were six duplicate bridge tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association. The winners were:

North/South

1. Mary and Dick Butler
2. Sara Berendt and Christl Smith

East/West

1. Irma and Mel Rotstein
2. Gini Gersack and Ann Levinsohn

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Members of the Peek House Committee meet to discuss selection for March 16, standing from left, Peek co-chair Gini Jones, Carol Gestwicki; seated from left, Joanne Marriott, Carolyn Swiney, Orlene Shimberg and Ginger Parker

Zonta's Peek Team Says 'Save The Date'

Put Saturday, March 16 on those new 2013 calendars. That is the date of the 12th annual "A Peek at the Unique," the record-setting home tour and signature fund raiser for the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva and a sought-after day out for islanders, seasonal residents and visitors from off island.

The guided tour of four island homes, each one unique in its own way, takes about three hours. Guests ride comfortably on air-conditioned buses with an experienced tour attendant and receive specific information about each home visited. Prior to boarding, they enjoy delicious refreshments provided by leading island restaurants and caterers. Many "Peekers" return year after year and some plan their stays on Sanibel around the date of the Peek.

Plans are already in full swing under the leadership of Gini Jones and Helen Ramsey. Both have Peek history: Jones

has served twice previously as a co-chair of the event. And as a new Zontian in 2010, Ramsey agreed to have her Bayfront home on the tour. The two have assembled an experienced and enthusiastic team, and are pleased to announce that the tour departure point will return to the Sanibel Community Church, recently reopened after extensive renovations and improvements.

"We had a very successful event last year at the Sanibel Community House," said Jones, "and our Peekers really liked the opportunity to go indoors for their pre-tour refreshments and to purchase raffle tickets. Fortunately, due to the new configuration at the Community Church, we will be able to provide that benefit while also offering plenty of parking."

Sponsors and advertisers are already being approached by club members, as the contributions that come in from this source have helped swell the profits over recent years. Proceeds from the 2012 Peek were the highest ever, and the club will soon distribute \$66,000 in grants to local organizations that focus on improving the status of women. This is in addition to \$21,000 pledged to Zonta International in support of global

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Members of St. Isabel's Women's Guild dressed in their holiday best

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St. Isabel Women Hold Annual Gifting Party

On December 16, members of the St. Isabel Women's Guild held their 25th anniversary "gifting" party for the children of migrant workers of Jesus The Worker Parish in East Fort Myers and children from San Jane Parish of Harlem Heights. Every child had the opportunity to visit with Santa (Harold Johnston) and receive a candy cane from his helpers before picking out a gift of their choice. Husbands of Guild members escorted the boys and Guild members escorted the girls down the display of gifts. They then met with their mothers, who each received a bag filled with toiletries. This annual event wouldn't be possible without the

generosity of parish members and visitors, John Naumann Realty, Tracy and Connie Walters and John R. Wood Realty.✧

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'Save The Date'

initiatives that target women's needs for health, financial independence and freedom from violence and slavery.

Watch for announcements soon about "A Chance at the Unique," the popular raffle for unusual prizes that also brings in needed extra funds. Chance tickets at just \$10 each provide an opportunity for many to participate at an affordable cost in the event - with favorable chances of winning as a limited number of tickets are sold.

The team has also announced that ticket prices for the tour remain

unchanged at \$65. The tour has invariably sold out. At the beginning of January, early-bird invitations will go out via e-mail to former Peekers and tickets for the rest of us will go on sale later that month. Meanwhile, there is more information on the club's website. Visit www.zontasancap.com or send an e-mail to zontapeektickets@gmail.com.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International.✧

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Sanibel Master Gardeners: Garden Myths

submitted by Sonja Smith Sutor

Extensive research in the last 30 years has refined and defined gardening practices for greater plant success and environmental benefit. On December 13th, the Sanibel Master Gardeners considered some of this research during a presentation by Sonja Smith Sutor, a 23-year volunteer for the University of Florida through the Lee County Extension Service's Master Gardener program.

The inquiry was provoked by the statement "Planting instructions that were written before 1987 are no longer valid" from *The Informed Gardener*, a book written by Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott of the University of Washington. To verify some of the assertions in the book, Ms. Smith conducted an extensive inquiry into numerous University research projects on planting practices. Many of these newer, science-based practices have been adopted by professional societies such as the American Nursery & Landscape Association, the American Society of Consulting Arborist, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Associated Contractors of America, and the Tree Care Industry Association.

Numerous and specific research quotes were presented for each of the following findings.

- The perimeter of root-bound plants should be shaved to encourage roots to grow outward. This contrasts with a commonly held belief that the root ball should not be disturbed.
- The best width for a planting hole is three times the width of the rootball. This width allows the root system to grow rapidly to 400% of the root ball size before being slowed by the lower oxygen levels of the site soil. This is enough to reduce post-planting stress under normal conditions.
- Perennials and trees should be planted so that the rootball is slightly higher than the surrounding soil. The rootball should rise 1-2" above grade; no soil or mulch should cover the rootball; backfill should be added to cover the "knees" of the rootball; the rootball should sit on un-dug or firmly tamped soil;
- The top of the root ball should somewhat above the root flare -- the point at

which the trunk and the roots meet. At least two structural roots should be found in the top 1-3" of soil, 3-4" out from the trunk. Excess soil at the top of the root ball above this point should be removed. There is no reason to assume a purchased plant has this configuration.

- When refilling the planting hole, use 100% native soil. In over 30 studies conducted over the past 15 years, only one has shown an advantage to using soil amendments in a planting hole. In most cases, organic amendments inhibit top and

root growth.

- It is commonly held that the top of a plant should be pruned at planting. In fact, it has been consistently found that only dead, diseased or broken branches should be removed. The latest research indicates that, in most cases, pruning does not help the plant overcome transplanting shock. According to the University of Florida "Carbohydrates produced in the leaves are needed for new root growth on the tree so the more leaves, the better the root growth."

- Sealing or painting a wound after pruning or injury is never recommended.
- For container planting, one type of planting media should fill the entire pot.

Nearly 100 years ago, soil scientists demonstrated that water does not move easily from layers of finely textured materials into layers of more coarse material. Adding layers of gravel or foam peanuts or other "fill" material can create a later of perched water just inches from the roots of the plants. Putting a shard of pottery over the drainage hole impedes drainage to an undesirable level. Studies continually show that a deep pot full of one kind of planting material is the best method. To contain the soil in the pot, some put a coffee filter or netting over the drainage hole.

- For cleaning gardening tools, UFL research has found that rubbing alcohol is immediately effective, can be used as a wipe and requires no rinse. TSP is too corrosive. Pine oil products are not as effective. Little research has been done on the effectiveness of other household cleaning products. The IFAS/UF study noted that although chlorine bleach is commonly recommended, it is corrosive, not as effective against viruses, requires a fresh batch before use, and requires a 30-minute soak and then a rinse in clear water.

- One of the reasons gardeners are considered odd is because they covet manure. Care must be taken when using manure because of the e-coli content. Manure must be composted "hot" 60-120 days before use in the garden.

- Well-adapted non-native plants need water only when they begin to wilt. Most well-established non-natives can make it on rainfall alone once the roots have grown to the edge of the foliage canopy.

- According to peer-reviewed and published research conducted at the University of Florida, "Florida native shrubs required the same irrigation as commonly used non-natives."

- IFAS/UF Frequently Asked Q&A states that "A plant's indigenous status does not affect its fertilizer or irrigation requirements. There is no scientific evidence that native plants require less fertilizer and water than plants not native to Florida....landscapes are often very different from the native conditions....a plant that was previously indigenous to a site may not be adapted to the same location any longer, depending on the way the site has been altered."

- Based on studies by the UF/IFAS for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, that Department recommends that no nitrogen or phosphorus fertilizer be applied during storm events or heavy rains.

Ms. Smith said she was surprised to find that so much of what she had been taught through the years is now classified as "myths" by the research. However, as she has begun to apply this research, the results have been very positive. For more horticultural information, visit the IFAS website or call or visit the University of Florida/Lee County Extension at Terry Park, 533-7504.✪

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CROW Case Of The Week

Green Sea Turtle Rescue



by Patricia Molloy

One month ago, a green sea turtle was admitted to CROW from Fort Myers. "It arrived in the worst possible condition. It was found under a good Samaritan's dock and the man

stayed up with the turtle all night long," said Tim Eberhart, assistant wildlife rehabilitator. After staging the all-night vigil to protect the helpless turtle from predator attack, the man called CROW for advice on how to safely transport it to the Sanibel clinic.

"When it arrived, it couldn't even hold up its head. We filled up the tub enough that if it was laying normally, its head would not be completely submerged so it didn't have to lift its head to breathe," noted Eberhart.

Green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) are the largest of the hard-shelled sea turtles. Weighing up to 700 pounds (317.5 kilograms) as adults, the life span of these reptiles is approximately 80 years. Remarkably, the ancestors of Green sea turtles evolved on land and took to the sea approximately 150 million years

ago. They are one of the few species on Earth so ancient that they watched the dinosaurs evolve and become extinct.

"We think brevetoxin caused by red tide exposure was affecting the smooth muscle in its throat and it wasn't able to swallow on its own. It would bite the food we fed it, but it couldn't get it into its mouth and down its throat. Now it's eating 300 grams of squid per day plus greens. It's a major improvement," said Eberhart.

The necessary pump system for CROW's three sea turtle tanks is costly to operate. Water must circulate regularly in order to filter properly and maintain a clean environment for the patients. Eberhart drains each tank almost daily, which takes approximately two hours. During the process, he carefully places each turtle in a kiddie pool filled with a little water and a soft towel; when sea turtles are taken out of the weightless environment of salt water, their heavy shells bare down on their plastrons, or undershells. "The kiddie pools aren't smooth on the bottom and the towels help take some of the pressure



This juvenile green sea turtle was found by a local man under his dock. The good Samaritan refused to leave its side and stayed on the dock all night to protect the sick youngster from potential predators

of the turtles," he said. "I want them to be as comfortable as possible."

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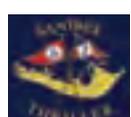
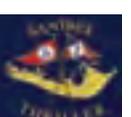
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Spanish mackerel, ladyfish, jacks,

trout and bluefish were all found in good numbers feeding in and around the schools of bait fish. Small jigs, spoons, flies and live shrimp made for non-stop action on these species on the deeper grass flats throughout the sound. Simply locate the feeding birds and as you get closer, you will see fish crashing the surface under the birds

During the slick calm conditions we had for a few days, I spent some time sight fishing pot holes around Blind Pass Rocks and Red Light Shoal. With the sun up high and clear water conditions, some of these bigger sand holes up close to the sandbars held snook, trout and redfish. Our biggest trout all week a respectable 24-incher came from these shallow sand holes while bouncing hand picked shrimp on a jig head through them. The trout that are laid up in the shallow sandholes where much larger than the ones caught out on the open grass flats.

Black drum still seem to be just about every place I target redfish on the low water. Live shrimp fished on the bottom caught black drum up to 28 inches this week. Although we did catch lots of redfish too, most were on the small side of the slot. The rat reds of winter are certainly here, but with a little work, getting a limit of lower 20-inch or better redfish has been very consistent.

Sheepshead fishing is still a little hit and miss with the warm weather not being good for this species. This week after a very small front passed through, it did seem like there was a lot of smaller sheepshead around. We did catch a few better than the average 3 to 4 pounders though while fishing the Chino Channel and Gault Island Channel. With smaller sheepshead starting to show up in better numbers, the larger ones are not far behind.

Out along the beaches, fall-like fishing was also going on with lots of mackerel and even some small schools of bonita crashing baits a few miles out from shore. Running crab buoys for tripletail one day this week resulted in lots of smaller than usual tripletail



Capt. Matt Mitchell with a 25-pound cobia caught this week

being sighted. Once I got further out in the 30- to 35-foot range, where the pots had not been picked over by other anglers, I did catch a couple of bigger tripletail in the five- to 10-pound range. One bonus though, while running crab pots this week, was a 25-pound, 43-inch cobia. With only light tackle for tripletail fishing on board, the cobia put up a about a 20 minute battle with a few jumps before coming aboard.

The variety of species that you can catch while fishing one spot right now is amazing. One cast will be a gag grouper, then a snook, followed by a sheepshead and who know's what will be next. These super low minus morn-

ing tides really have all the fish bunched up tight together. Once you locate a low tide honey hole, expect the unexpected. One of my anglers this week can vouch for that - after catching just about everything that swims in our waters while fishing one such honey hole, he hooked a huge snook which after a impressive jump made quick work of the light tackle.

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

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Bird's Eye View

The Snowbirds Have Returned



by Mark 'Bird'
Westall

Well, it is starting to be that time of year again. Before you know it, we will have to start watching the clock and begin heading down Periwinkle Way

before 2:30 p.m. if we have a need to go off the island before sunset. And many islanders will be wishing that everyone would all just go away. But in all honesty, though, you have to admit the business community on Sanibel has been taking it on the chin for almost a decade now.

Think about it. The beginning was on September 11, 2001. For the next two years, Americans (and to some degree, the Europeans) were a little hesitant to do much travelling. However, I always joke that Americans can only keep from taking that winter break for so long before they start looking at travel brochures and websites from sunny Florida. So we were just starting to get crowded during the winter season again in the spring of 2004 when Charley hit Sanibel later that year in August, on Friday the 13th, to be exact. There was a lot of wind damage on the islands and South Seas Plantation was closed for almost two years. Many snowbirds from up north thought Sanibel and Captiva had been totally washed away.

Then the recession began. In December 2007, one of the worst economic downturns this country (and the world, for that matter) has faced began with unprecedented ferocity, all of Florida being hit the hardest. The recession officially was over by 2009, but in Florida

it was difficult to see any improvements for a long time. And, of course, we can't forget the BP oil disaster beginning in April 2010, one of the worst on record. Who would want to visit a beach possibly covered in oil?

But then last January, Frommer's decided to list Sanibel as the #1 travel destination in the world! It was like somebody flipped a switch!

Now, it might be a case of which came first – the chicken or the egg. Maybe all of Sanibel's economic woes were drifting out with the early-morning tide and this year was going to get back to "normal" anyway, but I think the Frommer's designation let the world know that Sanibel and Captiva were once again open for business.

So, islanders, as the season progresses and we get increasingly frustrated with the crowds, not being able to pull out onto Periwinkle and people driving 25 mph down the San-Cap Road, just remember everything goes in cycles... those of you not involved with the business community here had a little breather for a while.

But now the snowbirds, I'm afraid, are going to come back... and probably with a vengeance! Oh, well. We can always hope for less chaos after Easter.

On a good note, however, our *other* snowbirds are also making their way back to the islands (and have been for a few weeks now). Before I left for Peru at the beginning of November, I saw huge flocks of white pelicans and many smaller flocks of wood storks flying overhead. Now, when the tides are right, there are lots of the wading birds and shorebirds on the mudflats in the Refuge.

And that is something I wanted to make sure everyone is aware of: When are the tides right for watching the wading birds and shorebirds on the mudflats? For most of you who are ardent birdwatchers, you probably have already made these observations, but for those who are just getting started in the fascinating world of wildlife observation, these few pointers may help increase your

enjoyment:

How much the birds are attracted to the shallow, tidal mudflats along Wildlife Drive within the Refuge and in places like Bunch Beach (where John Morris Road dead ends to the south off of Summerlin Road) is very dependent on how deep the water is. I joking tell people that want to sleep a little longer and go on one of my canoe trips later in the day (which usually means the tide will be higher), "Going through the Refuge at high tide is like deciding to visit their most favorite restaurant at 2 in the morning. They are not likely to have the most enjoyable experience if they decide to go when the food is not being served. If the tide is low early in the morning, then that is when they need to go."

Starting last November (and continuing through the beginning of March), the Refuge began experiencing some very strong low tides every other week. Over-simplifying that means there will be approximately a week of decent low tides and then a week of not-so-great low tides.

If these strong low tides can be combined with a cold-front coming down from Canada and passing through to the south of us (such as happened last week), the mudflats will be even more exposed. That happens because the strong, northerly winds following a cold-front push the water out of Pine Island Sound with the low tide and slow the return of the returning high tide. Therefore, the mudflats are not only exposed, but they also remain shallow longer.

Combined with these factors, a cold-front usually means colder morning temperatures, and that increases the abundance of birds feeding on the mudflats. They can't go inside and turn on the heater when it gets cold, so they have to burn up their own energy to stay warm during the cold nights. Therefore, they are very hungry at feeding time the following day and the mudflats will be full of birds.

The biggest problem presented to the folks using the Wildlife Drive during these strong low-tide conditions is that

sometimes the water will be so low that the mudflats beyond the view of Wildlife Drive are also exposed and many of the birds will be utilizing those areas. In those situations, you have to wait until the tide finally starts coming back in and the birds are forced to abandon the outer mudflats and return to those within view of the Drive.

For those of you using Wildlife Drive, the birds will pretty much seem to go about their business without any notice of who is watching them. But believe me, they're keeping an eye on you. You just don't have to be quite as cautious as I do on my trips.

Case in point: The next time a roseate spoonbill flies from one side of the drive to the other and his path takes him right over the top of you, don't just watch the pretty pink feathers – concentrate on his broad, spoon-like bill and you will quite often notice that the bill will seem to disappear for a second or two, and then come back into view. That's because as the bird flies over you, it tilts its head to keep an eye on you, the predator.

The point is all the birds that fly over the people on Wildlife Drive are keeping an eye on them; it's just that most bird's bills are very skinny and difficult to see the change in silhouette. You probably wouldn't even notice the spoonbill's change in silhouette if someone didn't point it out.

At any rate, even though there may be more humans on the island for the next several months, there should also be lots of opportunity for great birdwatching along the Wildlife Drive and the rest of the Refuge. Get a tide chart and make sure you go to the Refuge when dinner is being served and you won't be disappointed.

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

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Plant Smart

Caesarweed

by Gerri Reaves

Caesarweed (*Urena lobata*) is one of many species belonging to the mallow family, which includes hibiscus.

Thought to originate in eastern India, this shrub with pretty pink "mini-hibiscus" flowers is listed as a category-1 invasive plant by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

The council reserves this category for species that are "altering native plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives."

Like many invasive species, it flourishes in sunny disturbed sites, undeveloped fields, and along roadsides. An aggressive shrub, it can grow several feet high in just the first year, ultimately reaching up to 10 feet tall. Typically two to four feet high, however, it is single-stalked, multi-branched and bushy.

The five-petaled flowers are produced throughout the year. Only about a half-inch across, they appear singly or in clusters in the leaf axils.

The shallow-lobed alternate leaves are gray-green, hairy and memorable for their shape, which can vary. Generally egg-shaped (broader base than tip), they are typically wider than they are long, with three to five shallow lobes.

The small round five-lobed seed capsules sport hooked barbed spines that



Caesarweed, a category-1 invasive pest, produces pink flowers and barbed seed capsules throughout the year
photo by Gerri Reaves

attach to animal fur or to clothing, thus another common name, bur mallow.

Those clinging seeds are produced all year, adding to the plant's dispersal and damage.

Although a pest in the U.S., Caesarweed is used for fiber and jute in Brazil and Africa, as a medicinal plant in various countries, and as a famine food in Africa.

Sources: The Guide to Florida Wildflowers by Walter Kingsley Taylor, ifas.ufl.edu, fleppc.org, Everglades Wildflowers by Roger L. Hammer, and freshfromflorida.com.

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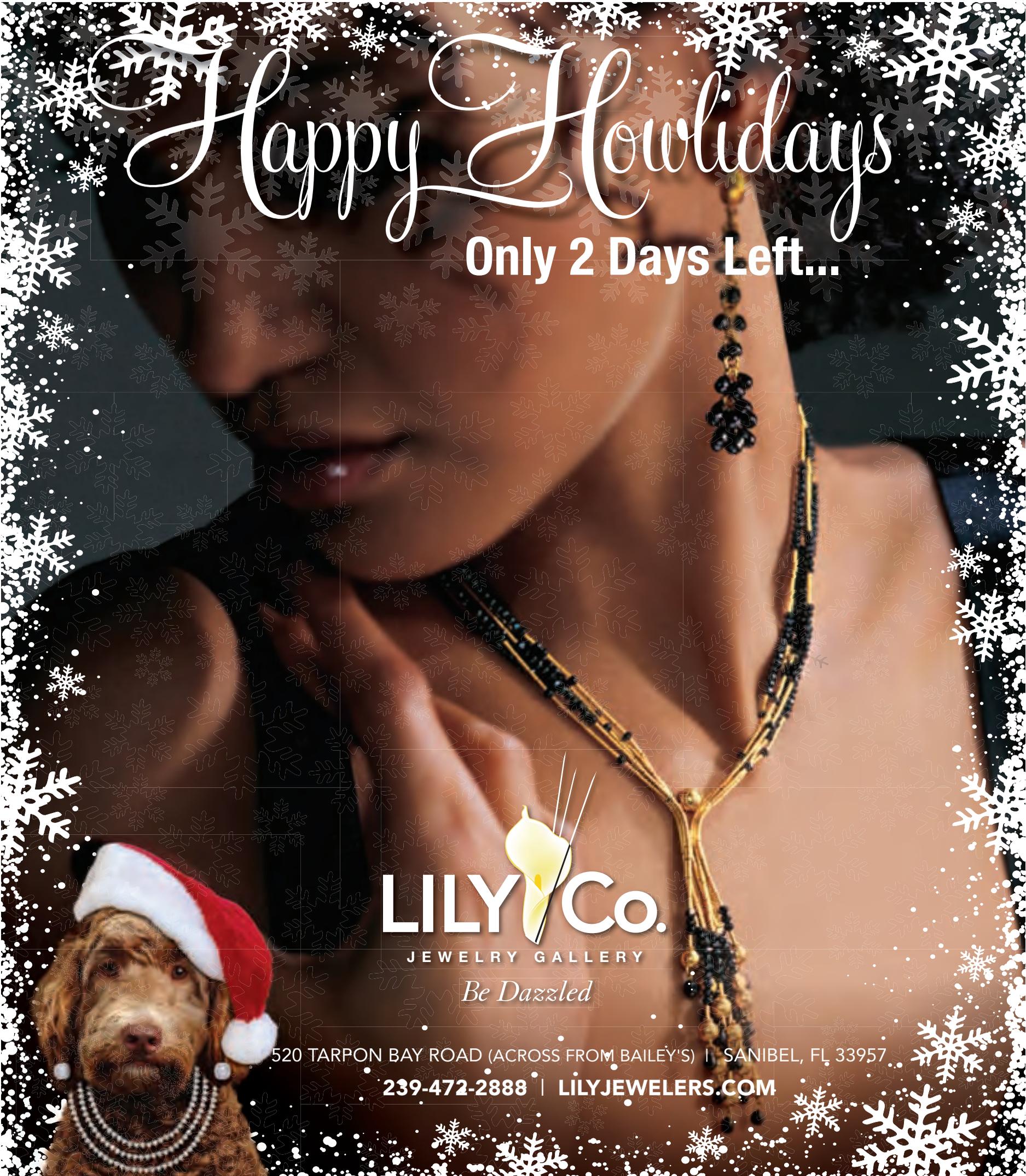
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Restroom facilities are available and the degree of difficulty is easy. Please remember to bring items you may need during the walk (i.e., water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera, closed-toed shoes or boots, etc.)

For more information call 707-2206 or log on to www.conservation2020.org for more information. This event is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. The tour and parking are free. ✨



Green sea turtle grazing on seagrass

Turtle Tracks

Learn about the lifecycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on local beaches and what SCCF is doing to protect them. Get an update on the whereabouts of RECON2, a satellite tagged Kemp's Ridley being tracked by Mote Marine Lab and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The Kemp's Ridley is the world's most endangered sea turtle. Juvenile Kemps use Pine Island Sound as a nursery.

Since 1992, SCCF sea turtle volunteers and staff have monitored every inch

of Sanibel and Captiva beaches each morning from May 1 through October, looking for tracks to nests laid the night before or nests that have hatched.

The next Turtle Tracks program will be held on Thursday, December 27 at 10 a.m. at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children, and \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information. Take a walk on SCCF's trails or visit the butterfly house following the program. ✨

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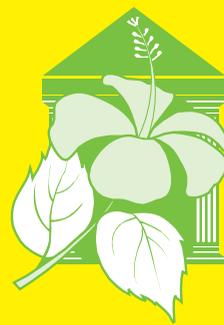
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W. Smith, senior wildlife biologist for the Yellowstone Center for Resources in Yellowstone National Park.

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Tortoises Spotted Scuffling

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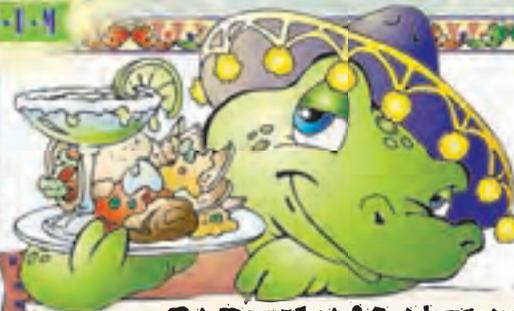
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An ibis in a mangrove tree

The Twelve Days Of Tarpon Bay

In the spirit of the holiday season, Tarpon Bay Explorers wants to share some of the wondrous sights found on Tarpon Bay within The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The lyrics below reflect recent sightings on Tarpon Bay, sung to the tune *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

On the first day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me

an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the second day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the third day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me three frigate birds, two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the fourth day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me four lightning whelks, three frigate birds,



Two horseshoe crabs



A manatee surfacing on Tarpon Bay

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An osprey with a fish after diving in Tarpon Bay

two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the fifth day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me five manatees!
 four lightning whelks, three frigate birds, two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the sixth day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me six osprey diving, five manatees!
 four lightning whelks, three frigate birds, two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the seventh day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me



The pristine water of Tarpon Bay

seven dolphins swimming, six osprey diving, five manatees!
 Four lightning whelks, three frigate birds, two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the eighth day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me eight egrets wading, seven dolphins swimming, six osprey diving, five manatees!
 four lightning whelks, three frigate birds, two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the ninth day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me

nine crabs-a-crawling, eight egrets wading, seven dolphins swimming, six osprey diving, five manatees!
 four lightning whelks, three frigate birds, two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the tenth day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me ten mullet jumping, nine crabs-a-crawling, eight egrets wading, seven dolphins swimming, six osprey diving, five manatees!
 four lightning whelks, three frigate birds,

two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the eleventh day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me eleven guests-a-fishing, ten mullet jumping, nine crabs-a-crawling, eight egrets wading, seven dolphins swimming, six osprey diving, five manatees!
 four lightning whelks, three frigate birds, two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree
 On the twelfth day at Tarpon Bay, the naturalist showed to me twelve kayakers floating, eleven guests-a-fishing, ten mullet jumping, nine crabs-a-crawling, eight egrets wading, seven dolphins swimming, six osprey diving, five manatees!
 four lightning whelks, three frigate birds, two horseshoe crabs and an ibis in the mangrove tree.
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Gulfshore Ballet To Perform *The Nutcracker*

Gulfshore Ballet will present *The Nutcracker* on stage at BIG ARTS on Saturday, December 22 at 4 p.m.

Gulfshore Ballet is a fan favorite at BIG ARTS and has brought its selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* to the island since 2001. Under the artistic direction of Franklin Gamero and Iliana Lopez, former principal dancers of the Miami City Ballet, Gulfshore Ballet students will bring the Christmas magic to the stage again this year.

With a cast that ranges in age from pre-kindergarten to adult, the production also boasts guest artist Jose Gamero, principal dancer with Ballet Des Moines, dancing the Cavalier role. Gamero studied at the Miami City Ballet School and was trained by Vladimir Isaev and

Gulfshore Ballet's own Franklin Gamero.

The production will include the beautiful Pas de Deux featuring the Sugar Plum Fairy and her handsome Cavalier. Julia Stevens, a Gulfshore Ballet student, will have the opportunity to dance the technically difficult Sugar Plum Fairy Pas de Deux in the Final Act. Also new to the production this year will be the Marzipan Dance, with stunning costumes.

The always-popular Spanish Dance and Chinese Dance, along with the fierce Mouse King leading his army of mice, return this year with many other selections from *The Nutcracker*.

Proceeds for the event will go towards scholarships for Gulfshore Ballet students. Ticket prices are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for children. Tickets can be purchased at BIG ARTS, by calling 395-0900 or by visiting www.BIGARTS.org. BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. ✪



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Community Theater Auditions In January

BIG ARTS launched a program for community theater and play readings of works by playwrights in southwest Florida. All readings will feature local talent volunteering onstage and backstage. Each of the play readings begin at 7 p.m. The schedule below lists the locations.

BIG ARTS Community Players 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. 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 1 p.m. Saturday, January 5, and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 9. Auditions will be held at BIG ARTS Schein Hall; Dunlop Road, Sanibel. For more information, call Shirley Jewell 337-1099, or contact her via email at srjewell@embarqmail.com. If possible, bring a photo and resume to the audition. Audition and other cast information are available on the BIG ARTS website.

Volunteers are sought for the following play readings:

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

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

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

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

Mega-Man to the (Emotional) Rescue by Don Goodrum (Comedy – One Act)

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

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

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

Waiting for Wilma by Marcia Rudin (10-minute Comedy)

Paul Newman Hops the Amtrak Auto Train by Marcia Rudin (10-minute Comedy)

Oz in a Closet by Len Cuthbert (One-hour Comedy)

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Tickets to play readings are adult \$12, student \$5.

You can purchase tickets at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, or call Marks Box Office at 395-0900. For more information, visit www.BIGARTS.org. ✪

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An image for Human Nature and Natural Law scales

New Offerings At BIG ARTS Winter Academy

BIG ARTS Winter Academy returns for its third season on Sanibel in January, with courses in art, music, economics, international law and religion. Winter Academy Chair Bill Sartoris explains, "As part of its role of providing cultural opportunities on Sanibel, BIG ARTS has provided a variety of workshops and courses for many years. Many of these are geared toward hands-on activities, such as water colors, oil painting, ceramics, or dance, or are technology oriented, such as how to use your iPad. BIG ARTS also presents lectures, such as the FORUM, to provide information from key speakers on important topics in a single session format. The Winter Academy was started three years ago to provide a different intellectual experience. The courses have been designed to delve into subjects on a more in-depth basis than a single lecture, but less than a full college-type course."

"The instructors in the courses are experts in their field and are experienced teachers (many are retired university faculty) and accomplished speakers. Depending upon the course material and the instructor, there may be suggested readings to introduce a topic, to enhance the discussion, or to provide post-course readings that allow the participants to extend the learning process," Sartoris adds.

The exciting curriculum for this coming year consists of the following courses: Principles and Ideas for Wealth Management, Frank Canosa, Visiting Professor, Buckingham University, England. Wednesdays, January 9 & 16

Human Nature and Natural Law, Tom Gregor, Professor of Anthropology Emeritus, Vanderbilt University. Fridays, January 18 & 25

The Psychology and History of Religion, Randall Niehoff, Retired Pastor. Mondays, January 21 - February 18

Convergence of Science and Spirituality: Physics and Metaphysics, Randall Niehoff, Retired Pastor. Wednesdays, January 30 - February 13

Great Composers and Their Music: From Bach to Brubeck, Joanne Smith, Professor Emerita, University of Michigan, FGCU Professor. Fridays, February 1 - 22

Looking at Art, Deborah Butler, Retired professor, Edison State College. Tuesdays, February 5 - 26

Economics of Health and Health Care, Richard Arnould, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois. Wednesdays, March 6 - 27

Understanding Architecture: and Introduction to Architectural Fundamentals Through the World's Greatest Buildings, Ann-Marie Bouché, Associate Professor, FGCU. Fridays, March 8 - 29

For more information on the Winter Academy, the prices for the courses, or to sign up for courses, please call BIG Arts at 395-0900 or stop by the office at 900 Dunlop Road.

All courses meet at the BIG ARTS Center. Enrollment in each class is limited to 30 persons.

A full Winter Academy schedule is available online at www.BIGARTS.org.

BIG ARTS Workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.

For more information about Winter Academy and BIG ARTS workshops, classes, membership and events, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road Sanibel; call 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org. ❄️

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San-Cap Audubon Christmas Bird Count

On December 15, the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society conducted its annual Christmas Bird Count. A total of 142 participants counted 14,060 birds comprised of 104 different species. The results of the San-Cap count will be reported to the National Audubon Society and will become part of the 113th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Audubon Christmas Bird Counts are conducted throughout much of the western hemisphere from mid-December through early January. The CBC is a fertile source of historical information on the status and distribution of early winter bird populations and is studied by scientists and interested individuals the world over.

San-Cap Audubon sincerely thanks all those who took part in this year's very successful Christmas Bird Count. ✨



Yellow-Crowned Night Heron

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Canning

through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the Museum Gift Shop, which carries a variety of gifts for children, including coloring books and paper dolls, replicas of Confederate silver and Union gold, and more. In addition, 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; children and members are free. For more information, call 472-4648 or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org. ✨

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Wolves

Yellowstone's wolves to explore wolf population dynamics," according to a PBS Nature documentary description. "Of particular interest is how wolves interact with prey and scavenger populations in the park. Smith hopes that Wolf Project research can help replace common misconceptions about wolves with factual information."

The study, which Smith calls "cutting-edge research," uses radio collaring on local packs to track their lifestyles and importance to the ecosystem.

"We want to put real facts and real answers into place of where people like to put myths and tall tales of what they think wolves are like and what they believe them to be like," said Smith. "Yellowstone is the best place to go to see wolves in the wild."

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by Shell Point Retirement Community of Fort Myers and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), as part of its 2012-13 Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

The regular Friday Lecture Series resumes on Friday, January 18 with Frank Mazzotti, a University of Florida biologist, speaking about alligators and crocodiles as part of the refuge's Living with Dinosaurs Week and the unveiling of the eponymous exhibit featuring the skeleton of the refuge crocodile that died three years ago.

For a complete list of lectures in 2013, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures. For more information, call 472-1100. ✨

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Fines Herb Potato Gratin with Asiago & Crème Fraiche, Mixed Baby Vegetable, Red Wine Demi-Glace, Pink Peppercorn Zabayon</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Molten Chocolate Lava Cake
Raspberry Coulis, Whipped Cream, Fresh Mint</p> <p>Key Lime Cheesecake
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Cinnamon Ice Cream, Caramel Sauce, Whipped Cream</p> |
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Community Theater Play Readings

BIG 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.

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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 the end of the Civil War)

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

Lieutenant Edwin Battelle (the general's aide-de-cap), 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

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• *When Do We Shoot Them?* by Robert Hilliard (Drama – One Act; during World War II)

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

1. *The Growers* by Kris Bauske (Drama – Full Length, Set in World War II)

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 motorcycle 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

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From left, Janet Strickland, Chris Davison, Evelyn Stewart and Richard Johnson

Museum Sponsors 'Wig Out' For Beatles-Themed Fundraiser

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is going Under the Sea again for its annual museum gala. This year's gala, subtitled In an Octopus's Garden with You, will feature a 1960s theme and tribute to The Beatles. In keeping with the theme, local business leaders donned '60s wigs to help promote the fundraiser. The promotional image features an aquatic rendition of the album cover for *Rubber Soul* from The Beatles heyday and includes the faces of event sponsors: Janet Strickland from the Law Office of Janet Strickland, PA stands in for George Harrison; Chris Davison, general manager at the Island, poses as John Lennon; Evelyn Stewart of Adventures in Paradise does her best Ringo Starr impersonation; and Richard Johnson from Bailey's General Store stands in for Paul McCartney. They are all sponsors for this year's gala.

The gala will feature a live performance by the Beatlebeat Tribute Band, a group of four talented musicians that recreate the look, style and sound of the most famous rock 'n' roll band, The Beatles. The event will take place at The Sanctuary Golf Club on January 27 from 5 to 10 p.m. and will feature live and silent auctions showcasing a diversity of items from local businesses. Tickets are \$125 per person, including dinner. Reservations can be made online from the Events page of the museum's website: www.shellmuseum.org. For more information, contact John Suau at 395-2233 or email jsuau@shellmuseum.org.

Shell Islands Garden Club Gets Hands-On Instruction



Molly Lassy with plant material grown in her own garden

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“Deck the Halls with boughs of holly”... or a centerpiece or two.

Last week, members of the Shell Islands Garden Club had hands-on instruction by Glenda Campbell on the fine points of creating their own Christmas table decorations from evergreens or plant material from their own gardens.

The club's next meeting will be a small auction of garden and household related items, with Victor Mayeron serving as auctioneer. The meeting will take place on January 8 at The Community House at 12:30 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call Maggie Butcher, club president, at 395-0978.

The Shell Islands Garden Club is a membership organization of like-minded, hands-in-the-dirt gardeners who are also interested in floral design, conservation and local philanthropy.



Maggie Butcher with an arrangement created with evergreens

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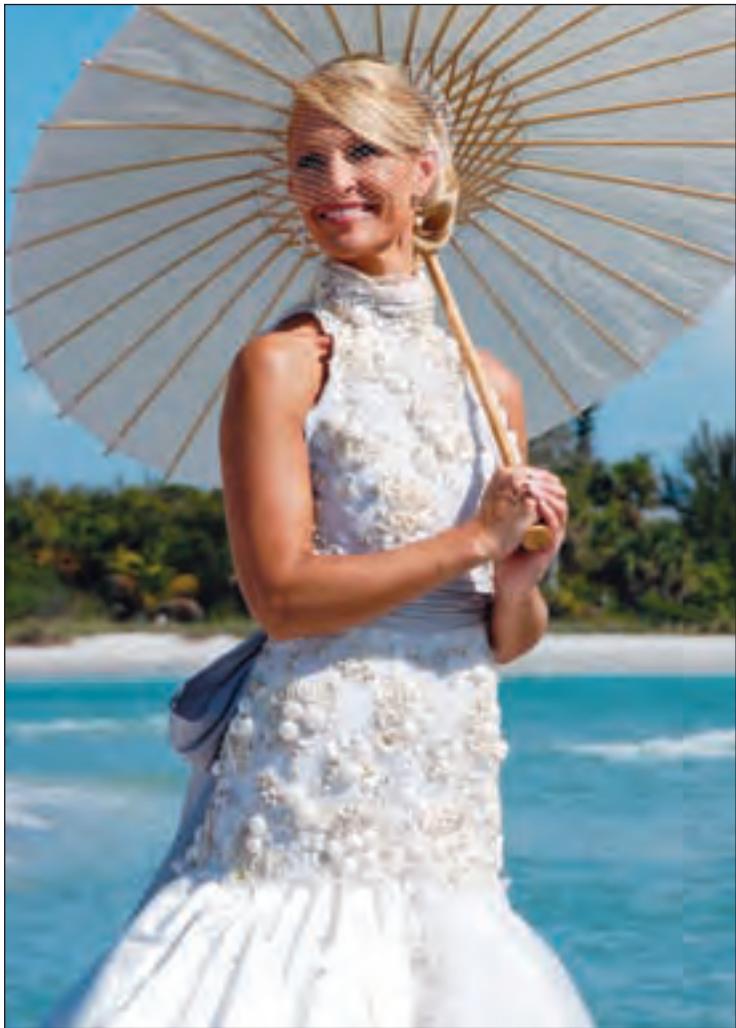
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A distinctive and unusual wedding gown is on display for a limited time in the new Sealife by Congress boutique in Periwinkle Place. Embellished with more than 3,500 hand-polished seashells and weighing 40 pounds, the dress was designed and sewn by author, interior designer, television guest and Sanibel Island resident Melinda Graham.

She created the dress, with its 22-foot-long train, for Shellabration 2012, the island-wide celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show. A variation of the classic mermaid design, the garment is made of antique lace and yards of satin and tulle. The shells, many from Graham's personal Sanibel collection, were hand-sewn or individually glued to the lace and enhanced with beads and pearls.

In recent weeks, Graham has been photographed wearing her gown and pieces from the Sealife by Congress collection for national magazines.

Graham became a Sanibel resident four years ago after a career that included sharing her decorating, crafting and gardening ideas on NBC's *Later Today*, the Discovery Channel's *Home Matters*, HGTV's *The Almanac with Willard Scott*, Lifetime's *Our Home* and Oxygen's *Pure Oxygen*.

For 20 years, she has owned a retail shop and interior design consulting business. Surroundings by Melinda, a shop full of lovely things that depict her signature style of casual opulence is now located on Library Way on Sanibel.

Congress Jewelers recently opened Sealife by Congress, a boutique devoted to the jewelry collection that is the foundation of the family-owned business. The store, located next to the original Chico's, carries sand dollars, shells, dolphins, starfish and other marine creatures, as well as the original Sanibel Sandals, in sterling silver and white or yellow 14-karat gold. The entire Sealife by Congress line is designed and manufactured on Sanibel Island. The collection's pendants, rings, earrings and bracelets are priced from \$20 to \$2,500.

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It’s amazing how often speech refers to our bodily state. These expressions in language are a reminder of the richness that building awareness of sensation can lend to our lives. The Wednesday, January 9 workshop Bone And Breath is designed to increase the ability to fully experience sensations. Much of our experience of the world is a physical experi-

ence – sensation, thoughts and feelings all come through the body.

It’s too easy on a day-to-day basis to be caught using only thoughts about goals, future, fears, etc. to guide our behavior. While we need to be motivated by goals and pay attention to fears, we can miss the information the present moment brings us.

When we’re out of touch with sensation, our emotional and physical health suffers. We have resources of energy and prowess shared by all animals that push us to make choices that ensure our survival in the moment. Wherever there is mind or intelligence, there is a sense of what is nourishing and what is toxic. This is a fundamental level of motivation in all living things. Every physiological



Holly Maiz and Virginia Jones

shift down to the cellular level is lively and naturally organizes toward survival.

We pay a high price for body-mind separation, which can lead to disconnection from the signals that help us adapt. The ability to receive and interpret the signals is a responsive approach to living. Humans have the ability to regulate bioprocesses. We can regulate responses to our experiences and the expressions of those responses. We can turn the volume up, turn the volume down, or we can be totally oblivious to all of it until a symptom arises that causes us to listen. Paying attention before the symptom arises is practicing preventative health care.

Building a healthy relationship with your bodily self is based on tuning into the signals of sensation, correctly interpreting the messages and learning to intervene. Secret Signals Seminars incorporate awareness-training practices such as BUNNY, biofeedback, mindfulness, yoga and meditation in order to build mastery and foster an active personal health care. This is far better than being caught off guard by the consequences of negative habits that can lead to weight gain, sleep disturbances, substance abuse, or generalized anxiety.

Throughout the seminars, the focus will be on research supported self-care interventions that can reduce those effects of stress and aging that can lead to illness and disease.

Join Maiz and Jones, the performing professors of psychophysiology, as they provide a profusion of presentations at The Community House on Sanibel. To register, call or text 699-4545 or 898-1047, send snail mail to P.O. Box 821, Sanibel, FL 33957 or use “contact us” at www.SecretSignals.net. Early registration is \$20, at the door is \$25, or pre-registration is \$50 for the entire series of three Wednesday Wisdom seminars.

Holly Maiz, MA, DTR and Virginia Jones, Psy.D. reside on Sanibel and work with groups and individuals on the islands and in Lee County. Maiz is a body/mind psychotherapist and registered movement/dance therapist with specialties in addiction, eating disorders and optimal aging, and training in the instruction of Yoga, QiGong and Pilates. Jones is a licensed clinical psychologist and biofeedback therapist with specialties in health psychology, anxiety and panic disorders. Together, they bring a well-rounded knowledgeable view of biology and psychology to help you make successful life-style changes. Visit www.SecretSignals.net for more information on their work and Secret Signals Seminars. ✨

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Community Foundation Kicks Off Art Auction

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation kicked off a sealed-bid auction for an original Gale Bennett painting which began on Friday, December 7.

The auction is part of the Community Foundation's juried art exhibit located in the public spaces at its office at 8771 College Parkway, Building 2, Suite 201 in Fort Myers. The piece, called Bouquet de Printemps, was painted by the late Bennett and is featured on a 2006 French exhibition poster.

The piece was donated to the foundation by Bennett's widow Cello Bennett with proceeds going to the foundation's arts fund.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 23 either in person at the Community Foundation offices or by calling 274-5900. The minimum bid is \$2,500.

"Other pieces by Gale Bennett hanging in private homes and galleries are worth upwards of \$10,000," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the SWFLCF. "We are so delighted that Cello has donated one of the last originals by Gale in her collection toward the foundation's arts fund."

Bouquet de Printemps (Spring Bouquet) is an iconic piece for its unique image and bold use of color. Its strong

graphic image entices the eye to look at it again and again. Gale Bennett chose this piece as the poster painting for his 2006 French exhibition, Bouquets Sauvages (Wild Bouquets).

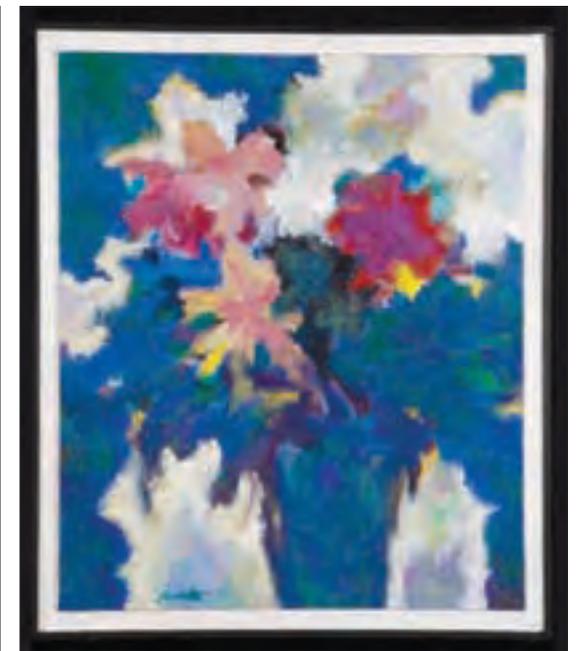
"I wanted to donate a piece that had a special significance," said Cello Bennett. "Many of Gale's students in Southwest Florida came to study in Giverny one or more times, and they can especially relate to this painting. Gale used a lot of ultramarine blue, his favorite color, in both of these paintings."

A native of Southwest Florida, Gale Bennett (1939-2008) was an internationally known painter whose work can be found in collections throughout the U.S., as well as in Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. His modern eclectic painting style included references to Abstract Expressionism, Impressionism, Cubism and even Renaissance art. Gale Bennett was the founder and director of ArtStudy Giverny in Giverny, France, a school for artists and photographers. He studied at the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Cello Bennett operates Cello Bennett Artists, LLC, an artists' portal for select visual and performing artists. She served as hospitality director of the ArtStudy Giverny and has more than 20 years experience in Europe and the U.S. as an opera and concert singer and vocal coach.



Poster Musee Hotel Baudy 2006



Bouquet de Printemps 2006

"Gale would be very proud," added Cello Bennett. "While he was never wealthy in monetary terms, he was always willing to contribute his paintings and teaching."

The SWFLCF is celebrating its 36th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry Counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs. With assets of more than \$64 million, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$52

million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2012 fiscal year, the SWFLCF granted more than \$3 million to over 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

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Holiday Pops Concert At Mann

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Back by popular demand, Jim Stephenson and Sara Dell'Omo return to Southwest Florida. Bring the entire family as the Symphony celebrates the joyous music of the season with guest conductor Jim Stephenson in a performance of selections from *The Nutcracker* and other traditional holiday favorites, along with several of Jim's own arrangements. Vocalist Sara Dell'Omo from the U.S. Marine Band will return as the featured soloist.

Dell'Omo will be featured in popular holiday favorites to include *Mele Kalikimaka*, *Hot Santa* and *Santa Baby* as well as Stephenson's touching original composition, *Timeless Treasures*. Dell'Omo will be joined by vocalist Deborah Polkinghorn in *When You Believe*.

The Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra will perform *Holiday Overture*, *We Three Strings*, *Here Comes Santa* and Jim's wildly popular arrangement of *Rudolph*. Also on the program are selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* and *Holly-Jolly Sing-Along*.

For tickets to Holiday Pops, call the Box Office at 418-1500 or visit the Southwest Florida Symphony's website at www.swflso.org. Single ticket prices start at \$18 while Student Rush tickets are sold for \$5 each.*

Edison State College Closed For Winter Break

Edison State College will be closed beginning on Wednesday, December 19 through Tuesday, January 1 in observance of the holidays.

Regular classes and hours will resume on Wednesday, January 9.

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Queenie Viglione walks the red carpet



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The Betty Allen Ovarian Cancer Foundation had a very successful fundraiser at the Island Cinema showing Stella Farwell's movie *Journey To The Poles*. The red carpet event premiered her experiences to the geographic North Pole and geographic South Pole.*
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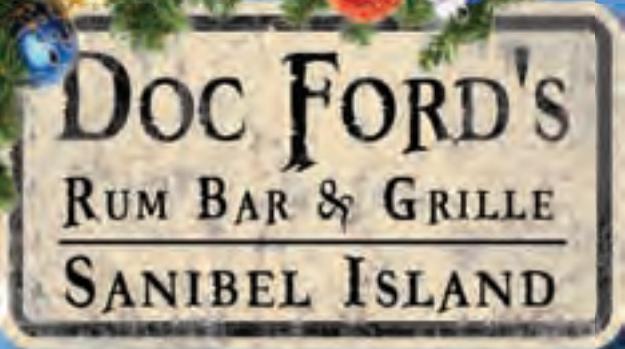
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BIG ARTS Annual Benefit Plans Under Way

All are invited to "hang ten" at BIG ARTS Annual Benefit Monday, February 25. The beach party evening includes dinner followed by a concert with California Surf, Inc.

Maddy Hanlon and co-chair Sherry Halloran have been planning the event, which is the major fundraiser for BIG ARTS every year. Hanlon says, "We've been getting such a great response from the community. The local restaurants are so excited to be a part of our big event." Catering will be provided by several local restaurants including Bailey's, Cip's Place, Doc Ford's Sanibel, Island Cow, Il Cielo, Island Pizza, Jacaranda, Sweet Melissa's Café, and Zebra Frozen Yogurt.

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band around, California Surf, Inc. has toured for years with the biggest names in surf music. Vocalist and percussionist Matt Jardine, son of Beach Boy Al Jardine, toured worldwide with The Beach Boys from 1990 through 1998, performing on three of their studio albums. Founding member of the '60s pop trio Dino, Desi & Billy, vocalist and guitarist Billy Hinsche is a longtime touring and recording member of The Beach Boys, the Carl Wilson Band, and the Brian Wilson Band. Bobby Figueroa toured with The Beach Boys from 1974 to 1989, providing the backbeat to all their memorable hits. Bass and guitar player Ed Carter performed and recorded with The Beach Boys from the 1960s through the 1990s. Philip Bardowell toured with legendary surf duo Jan and Dean as their bassist and backup vocalist and was later the lead guitarist and vocalist for The Beach Boys in the late 1990s. The group will be playing all the classic



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surf-music era songs in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall.

Tickets start at \$125. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with fun fare in BIG ARTS Boler Garden located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

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For further information about concerts at BIG ARTS or to purchase tickets, visit BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; call 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.✱



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Master Gardeners

Attention Sanibel-Captiva Gardeners. The 62nd program of the Master Gardener Lecturer Series will be held on Thursday, January 3 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Public Library. The speaker will be Todd Roy, senior horticulturist and head gardener at the Edison-Ford Winter Estates.

Roy has a unique educational background with an undergraduate degree of bachelor of fine arts and design and a master's degree in horticulture. He is also a certified master gardener in both Michigan and Florida. As a full-time hands-on director of the estates' gardens for the past three years, he has focused the efforts on sustainable grown organic fruits and vegetables while also consider-

ing the colors, textures and structure of the gardens.

Roy has been active as a working partner with the University of Florida Extension Service on several programs. His presentation on Sanibel will include edible gardening from containers, small beds of vegetables and fruit trees, which have proven to produce dependable healthy fruit. The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village has a demonstration garden and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) plans to create one on the Bailey Homestead site according to Erick Lindblad, executive director of SCCF. The gardens at the Edison-Ford Estates are remarkably healthy, diverse and attractive and offer many ideas on the types of plants which would flourish in your yard or garden.

Admission is free. The meeting is open to the public but seating is limited.✱



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You can shop at the museum store without having to pay admission. And, if you're a member of the museum, you will receive a 20 percent discount on your store purchases.

The new Mad Style is a boutique couture brand for stylishly chic fashion accessories. From the pages of *People Style Watch* to *Ebony* and *Woman's Day*, trend spotters and fashion provocateurs alike are buzzing about the incredible selection. The museum store features a wide variety of bags that incorporate mother of pearl and other shells into unique and fashionable accessories. Prices for the bags begin as low as \$19.99.

The store features jewelry of all types, from costume to fine jewelry. The Charles Albert collection represents some of the most fashionable and wearable art pieces on the island. Charles Albert has been designing unique fine sterling silver jewelry since 1990. His use of unusual gemstones, fossils and minerals sets him apart from other jewelry designers. He uses over 100 different types of stones.

The store also features housewares, from paper napkins and serving dishes to shell-motif frames, serving trays and other entertaining accessories, all with seashell designs. Lucas Century Glassware provides the connoisseur of fine glassware with an array of hand-crafted items with a sea-life motif.

The store has a menagerie of large stuffed sea-life animals. The plush animal assortment includes an alligator over five feet long. Every wrinkle and ridge adds to the allure of this reptilian friend.

The Bailey-Matthews Museum Store is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Christmas. For more information, call 395-2233 or email info@shellmuseum.org.



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Ella Naylor, Myra Roberts and Melissa Congress with Roberts' Anne Frank painting

Project Tolerance Event At Library

Congress Jewelers on Sanibel is sponsoring Project Tolerance: The Faces of Anne Frank from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday, January 9.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet vintage artist Myra Roberts and award-winning journalist Ella Naylor who together have created the social program Project Tolerance. Both women joined forces two years ago to promote tolerance and understanding within the com-

munity and beyond. Roberts, a celebrated and popular artist, created 37 original oil paintings of Anne Frank's life and historic bullies to depict what happens when innocence and hatred collide. Naylor, a long-time journalist and feature writer, authored *Faces of Tolerance: Everyone Counts*, to share the stories of Holocaust survivors, clergy, leaders, students, disabled people, and others who are marginalized.

At the authors' reception sponsored by Congress Jewelers, a short film about the women's project by Rusty Farst will be shown.

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Jewish Film Festival At Bell Tower

The Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties presents its much anticipated 2013 Jewish Film Festival from Tuesday, January 15 through Thursday, February 7. All films will be shown at 7:15 p.m. at Regal Cinema Bell Tower, located at 13499 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers.

Festival subscriptions cost \$68 for all eight films. Individual film tickets cost \$10. Seating is open at all films. Tickets may be purchased online at www.jewish-federationlcc.org or by calling 481-4449 ext. 3.

The Jewish Film Festival of Southwest Florida is held annually in early winter and runs for four weeks. It offers a rare opportunity to view high caliber independent movies created by Jewish filmmakers, featuring Israeli or Jewish themes. The Jewish Film Festival of Southwest Florida historically plays to sold out audiences.

Prior to the films being shown on Tuesday, January 15 and Thursday, February 7, pre-film cocktail hours will be held at Crü in the Bell Tower, featuring light appetizers and a cash bar. The pre-film cocktail hours are hosted by the Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties' Women's Philanthropy division.

The show dates, film titles and descriptions are as follows:

Tuesday, January 15 – *A Bottle in the Gaza Sea*

Tal is a 17-year-old Frenchwoman who has settled in Jerusalem with her family. She writes a letter expressing her refusal to accept that only hatred can reign between Israelis and Palestinians. She slips the letter into a bottle, and her brother throws it into the sea near Gaza, where he is carrying out his military service. A few weeks later, Tal receives an e-mail response from a mysterious "Gazaman," a young Palestinian named Na'im. And thus begins a turbulent but tender long-distance friendship between two young people separated by a history they are trying both to understand and change. This engrossing and hopeful drama starring Hiam Abbas is based on the award-winning novel by Valérie Zenatti.

Thursday, January 17 – *Habermann*

The owner of a German mill spends World War II trying to save his wife, daughter and Czech workers from Nazi terror, but faces his own tragic end in an unexpected way. Based on true events surrounding the expulsion of Sudeten Germans from Czechoslovakia in 1945, Habermann is the first major motion picture to dramatize the expulsion of 3 million Germans from Czechoslovakia. It was an action that also resulted in the deaths of thousands of German civilians and is still a controversial subject today.

Tuesday, January 22 – *Blank Bullet*

Israel 2005, during the first days of the disengagement. Once again, threats against Israel's Prime Minister recall the horror of Rabin's murder and the fear

that this incident may actually repeat itself. Amos Snir (Amos Lavi), head of the National Intelligence Agency of Israel, has 60 hours to prevent a political assassination. His search brings him to the heart of an Israeli society that is torn by the differences and confrontations of everyday life.

Thursday, January 24 – *Their Eyes Were Dry*

This film chronicles the riveting and heart-wrenching Ma'alot Massacre of 1974, in which disguised terrorists took more than 100 students hostage in an Israeli school building. All the teachers escaped, leaving the helpless children to face the terrorists on their own. *Their Eyes Were Dry* documents the birth of terrorism against children and more importantly celebrates the courage and heroism of children around the world. This traumatic story is revealed through the poignantly painful hindsight of the surviving children, as well as via interviews with Ma'alot Mayor Shlomo Bohbot, former Israel Defense Forces Major General Amiram Levin, former Mayor of Zefat Yishy Maimon, and former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Tuesday, January 29 – *Making Trouble*

Making Trouble is a documentary film about three generations of female Jewish comedians and the complexity and challenges of their relationship to comedy, Judaism and gender. The film profiles Molly Picon, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner and Wendy Wasserstein as well as contemporary comedians Judy Gold and Jackie

Hoffman.

Thursday, January 31 – *Nicky's Family*

Nicky's Family tells the nearly forgotten story of Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II. Winton, now 102 years old, did not speak about these events with anyone for more than half a century. His exploits would have probably been forgotten if his wife, fifty years later, hadn't found a suitcase in the attic, full of documents and transport plans.

Tuesday, February 5 – *Mabul*

Everything is complicated in Yoni's life. He's almost 13, really gifted, but physically undeveloped and struggles daily to grow up before his threatening upcoming Bar Mitzva. He sells homework in order to secretly buy a body-building wonder powder, which so far does nothing. He stretches every night with heavy weights tied to his legs and screams with full force in front of the wind to thicken the girlish, unstable voice that gave him the ridiculous nickname "Helium." His new classmates, a year older and two heads taller, bully him every chance they get. His parents barely say a word to each other and communicate through him, if at all. As if all this isn't enough, only a week before the ceremony, his 17-year-old autistic brother, Tomer, hidden for years in a hostel that is now shut down, returns home. This shakes not only Yoni's life,

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selected by Tanya Hochschild

Twenty Children Died Today - Lives Taken Violently

by Ruth Yonan Iyengar

They're asking you,
America
Why?

Twenty bright and shining faces
Will never again
Smile
Laugh
Cry

Twenty hands
Won't
Hold a pencil
A book
Play catch
Hold their friends' hands

Twenty pairs of feet
Won't
Run
Skip
Kick a ball

Twenty pairs of arms
Won't
Hug their mommy
Hug their daddy

Twenty lips
Won't say
Love you, Daddy
Love you, Mommy

Twenty innocent young children
Violently left this life
They're looking at America
And asking
Why?
Why?
Why?
Why?
Why?

*Ruth Iyengar is a member of Writer's Group Two on Sanibel Island. Her note accompanying the poem read, "I can understand why you would want an uplifting poem this holiday season but don't you think we should keep those 20 children's lives in our memories? They still believed in Santa Claus." Iyengar is having a book signing in the spring for her book of poetry, O Dolphin in the Deep. Copies are available at the Sanibel Island Bookshop.**

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Jewish Film Festival

but the unstable foundation of the entire family. Written by Noa Berman Hersberg and Guy Nattiv.

Thursday, February 7 - *Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story*

Netanyahu's American/Israeli adolescent life took a dramatic turn when he entered the Israeli military at the age of eighteen. His thoughts and worry turned from relationships and girls to guns and nationalism. Through his bravery and selflessness on the battlefield, he was recognized as a national hero. However, Yonatan questioned the core value of war. Obsessed with his duty to his young country, he put aside his personal life and feelings, resulting in a failed marriage. Years later, Yonatan would find love again and vow to change his life's course... but it was not meant to be, as his life was sud-

denly cut down on the airstrip in Entebbe, Uganda.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.jewishfederationlcc.org, call 481-4449 ext. 3 or email amypadilla@jfedlcc.org.*

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Project Tolerance

Come see Roberts' exhibit which will be at the Sanibel Library from Monday, January 7 to Monday, February 4.

After the reception there will be a book signing of Roberts' art catalog *Project Tolerance: The Faces of Anne Frank* and Naylor's work *Faces of Tolerance: Everyone Counts*. The Sanibel Library is located at 770 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. For more information, contact the library at 472-2483 or www.projecttolerance.com.*



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Sanibel-Captiva Optimists Celebrate 15th Anniversary

by Jeff Lysiak

Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club gathered on Monday to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the incorporation of the island group, which began – according to two founding members – as an organization dedicated to children within the local community.

“A neighbor of mine invited me to come to a meeting,” said John Basher, who eventually became the club’s first secretary and treasurer. “About 10 people tried to get the club going.”

Fellow charter member Richard McCurry, the club’s first vice president and finance officer, recalled that Michelle Moran came up with the idea of starting the Optimist Club on the islands.

“Our primary purpose was to be dedicated to children, focusing on the communities we serve,” added McCurry. “And all of this is done on a volunteer basis. One hundred percent of the money we raise goes right back to the community.”

In the years since the group was founded, the Optimist Club has supported youth on Sanibel and Captiva through college scholarships, Sanibel Recreation Center Summer Camp programs, Sanibel Youth Basketball, the Junior Angler Program, Achievement in Education and Respect for Law Awards as well as providing financial assistance to programs including childhood cancer, oratorical/essay contests, youth appreciation awards and family assistance.

“Over the years, the community support for this club has been fabulous,” said Basher.

According to Optimist International, whose motto is “Friend Of Youth,” the purpose of an Optimist Club is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life; to promote an active interest in good government

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Celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club on Monday were, standing from left, Randy Carson, Larry Howard, Stan Howard, Richard McCurry, Buckeye Ken and Ian Wainwright. Seated are Dani Howard, Geri Howard, Bonnie Ratkosky and Pat Greenwald



Billy's Bikes employees and owners, from left: Eric Kirkland, Robin Ramming, Jim Freck, Alex Vigil, Ed Wallace, Camden Chappell, Debbie Stone, Caryn Toback, Johnny Costanzo, Salli Kirkland with granddaughter Alexandra, Billy Kirkland, Scott Webster, Debbie Sands and Mike Hanzes

Billy's Bike Rentals Donates More Than 50 Bikes To Those In Need

Billy's Bike Rentals of Sanibel made two delivery drops this week to donate bicycles from the company's rental inventory to adults and families in need.

Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI) worked with its current caseload to determine which adults and children were in need of bikes.

Billy and Salli Kirkland have donated a total of 108 bikes plus 20 child seats and extra saddles for people whose bikes need replacements.

The bikes include single and multi-speed models and 24 trailer bikes.

Kirkland and his staff delivered the two trailers full of bikes Monday to CCMI's Cape

Café at the United Way House at 1105 Cultural Park Boulevard, Cape Coral, and to CCMI's Dunbar location at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Fort Myers.

The Kirklands are the owners of Billy's Rentals, Billy's Bikes, Billy's Tractor Service and Segway of Sanibel.

CCMI is an innovative nonprofit 501(c)3 organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in the community. The agency provides more than 15,000 meals each month through its Everyday Café and Marketplace and Home Delivered Meals programs. CCMI also educates 40 children in its Community Montessori Preschool, offers homeless services and comprehensive case coaching services through its United Way Resource Houses, oversees an emergency mobile food pantry and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 2,500 children each school year.*



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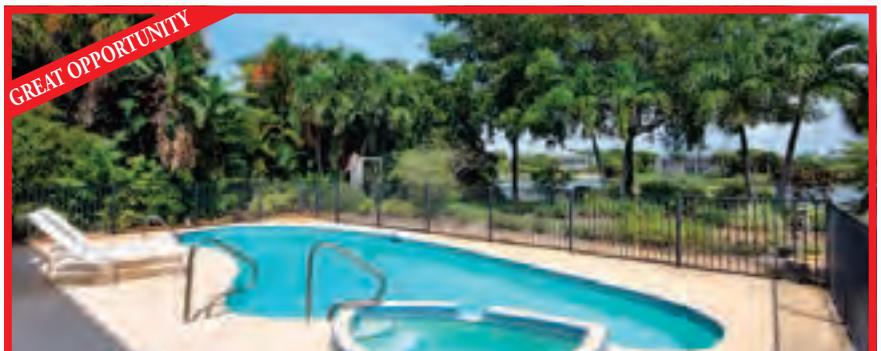
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Optimists Give Jingle Walk Proceeds To FISH



Last Thursday, the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club's donated proceeds from the Jingle Bell Walk, a 5K event held on Bowman's Beach on December 1, to Friends In Service Here (FISH) of Sanibel. Presenting a check for \$5,000 from the Optimist Club to FISH is, from left, Randy Carson, Bill Fellows, Stan and Dani Howard, Donna Butz, John Jones, John Pryor, Richard McCurry and John Morse

photo by Jeff Lysick



Celebrating the anniversary of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club is, from left, Frances Steger, John Jones, Marit Mouchou, Jerry and Rosemary Raumberg

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Optimist Club Anniversary

and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

For more information about the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club, contact president Stan Howard at 847-373-5090 or vice president Richard McCurry at 464-5882.*



Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club founding members John Basher and Richard McCurry

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Retreat Is Not The Answer

submitted by
Ken and Kate Gooderham,
ASBPA executive directors

Superstorm Sandy prompted a considerable outpouring of paper and ink on what should happen to the shattered shoreline in the wake of this exceptional storm. For some, this was a time to declare that the Jersey Shore, et al, will be back better than ever, come hell or (literally) high water. For others, this was a call for prudent reflection on how we interact with an impermanent coastline. And, for a few, it was a good opportunity to dust off the usual coastal canards that we must move back from the water in response to this wreckage... that this was a good opportunity to retreat, not rebuild.

However, in many instances, coastal reality and coastal retreat are simply incompatible. Here's why:

People won't walk away from their properties (or their fond memories of the coast) without a fight. The media was filled with stories of people who had grown up at the beach and then retired to their summer homes. Many wanted to pass on this experience to the children and grandchildren. That makes even the discussion of retreat an issue fraught with emotion and expense, something no government official wants to wade into – unless there is an overwhelmingly good

reason to do so (and, so far, storm damage does not seem to that reason).

The economic hit from abandoning the coast would be enormous. First, there's the coastal economy – the juggernaut of tourist economic dollars, affordable recreation and a way of life would be lost. Entire oceanfront communities would have to be abandoned if retreaters had their way. Then there's the cost of acquiring all those properties, because if you don't want people to rebuild, you'd better be ready to buy that land to ensure it doesn't happen (and don't forget to pay for all the lawyers). Add in the cost of physically retreating, the removal of structures and infrastructure to return that coast to a more "natural" state.

Finally, there's the need to manage the land that's left, even at a minimal level... unless your plan is to turn it back to nature and banish people from ever setting foot on it again. In all likelihood, managing the new oceanfront would embrace some beach nourishment to ensure any recreational area remains big enough for recreation.

All told, the real cost of retreat has never been calculated – and it will be shockingly enormous when someone finally does it.

There are alternatives that will work! Wide beaches and high dunes can counteract a storm's waves and surge, and Sandy proved that when you look at the New Jersey-New York coast. (These beaches and dunes can also offer similar protection against sea level change, too.) Better building standards and protection

of crucial infrastructure could have forestalled much of the flood damage from Sandy, and should be implemented as part of any rebuilding as a matter of common sense.

It might also help to recognize that beaches are meant to erode, and wide restored beaches are supposed to sacrifice their sand the same way a "natural" beach does in a storm. When the sand disappears and the upland structures and infrastructure survives, the restored beach didn't "fail" – it did exactly what it was supposed to do.

There are no one-size-fits-all solutions to coastal issues. Retreat is not the answer for every coast, nor is restoration. Too many hard structures are as dangerous as too few, depending on the coastal forces at work in each particular area. The coastline is a dynamic and unique place, and the only prudent way to protect and preserve it (and the people who rely on it) is to treat each situation for the unique condition it is. Anyone who boldly claims that retreat is the only answer clearly has not bothered to seriously consider the question.

Then there's what would happen should we embrace coastal retreat? Where is everyone supposed to go where they'll be out of harm's way? Is there anywhere where no disaster will occur that would require someone else to pay for their recovery – since that's the goal those who support retreat always claim? If such an idyllic place actually does exist, how are its current residents going to feel when a few (or more than a few) million

displaced coastal residents come into town to stay?

Retreat? Simply put, that's not what people do. When there's a problem, they face it – they don't turn their backs and run away (and that's what retreat ultimately is). And they don't abandon others who've been hit by natural disaster – they pitch in to help them recover, and hope those folks will do the same for them when the time comes.

Rather than turning our backs on the coast, we need to have the discussion on how to learn from past mistakes and make our coastal structures and infrastructure more robust and resilient. That conversation will pay some real dividends, both for those who love to live on the coast and those who are loathe to pay when disaster strikes.

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On Sunday, December 30, corned beef and cabbage will be served all day long.

Every Monday night is the 8-Ball Pool League beginning at 5 p.m. (The weekly pool league will resume action on January 7). Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are always welcome.

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DDWS Approves New Emeritus Board Member

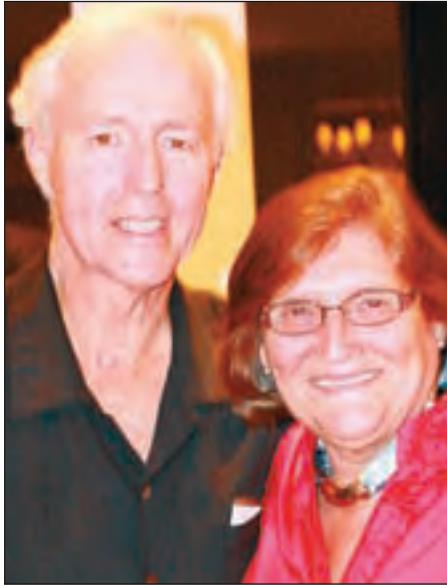
Former "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) board member Terry Baldwin became a new member of its Emeritus Board by unanimous vote at the recent DDWS annual meeting.

Baldwin served on the society's board of directors from 2003 to 2012, seven of those nine years as secretary. She also chaired the membership, emeritus, and Nature Store committees; and she helped establish DDWS's website. She retired this year, having served the maximum term allowed a board member.

In 2005, Baldwin took over the management of DDWS' annual "Ding" Darling Days Amateur Nature Photography Contest, and for the past several years, as an accomplished photographer herself, led a Photography Tram Tour during "Ding" Days' Conservation Art Day.

In 2009, she attended the National Wildlife Refuge Association conference in Washington, DC, and met with key legislators on behalf of the refuge system. In Baldwin's 14 years as a refuge volunteer, she has contributed more than 3,500 hours.

"Terry's commitment to the refuge and society board has made her a perfect candidate for our emeritus board," said DDWS President John McCabe. "We are not ready to lose her energy and loyalty from our board of directors, so we're pleased she will remain a strong part of our organization in this capacity."



John McCabe and Terry Baldwin

To honor and take advantage of the wisdom and experience of retired members of its board and to honor the memory of departed past members, DDWS created its emeritus program in 2007, whereby persons who have demonstrated at least six years of significant contributions to the board have the opportunity to stay associated with board actions and initiatives.

The DDWS board can elect up to two new members each year. The following are also members of the DDWS Emeritus Board: Milena Eskew, Millie Ford, Don Heidorn, Dick Hulit, Joseph Kelley, Marilyn Kloosterman, Molly Krival, Cindy Pierce, Jeanne Rankin, Jim Sprinkle and Mary Ruth Stegman. Departed members include Art Krival, Gene Steele and Bud Ryckman.*

PAWS



Salem

PAWS (Protection of Animal Welfare Society, Inc.) on Sanibel has two black kitties that need a home.

Salem is a small male, approximately one year old. Pepper is a two-year-old male that had a reaction to mosquito bites on his face. His face will improve with time, but some of the scars will never completely disappear.



Pepper

Both are neutered and have had all their shots. They are both wonderful boys with sweet dispositions. They are anxious for someone to take them home and love them.

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Center 4 Life Programs

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome. The center will be closed December 24 and 25.

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

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. with Sandi McDougall. Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance, core strength and flexibility exercises.

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

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

Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

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

Mahjongg 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.

LIFE Course – Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. January 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 and February 1.

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Ken James. Filomena Warihay and Gerintologist Dr. Michael Raab will lead the course, which is based on four scientifically-proven pillars of longevity: Healthy Body, Healthy Brain, Healthy Nutrition and Joyful Life. Cost is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Registration deadline is December

30.

Tuesday Kayaking – January 8, 15, 22 and 29 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.

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.

What's A Spreadsheet? – Wednesday and Thursday, January 2 and 3, 1 to 3 p.m. Spreadsheets can be useful to balance your checkbook, manage rentals or expenses or even create address lists using Microsoft Works or Excel software. You need to be familiar with the mouse and keyboard. Class limited to six. Your paid reservation guarantees your seat. Cost is \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members.

10th Annual Coping with Life Series January 18 at 12:30 p.m. – Memory Strategies with Cindi Ryerson of Millennium Cognitive Cafe kicks off the series. Limit of 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Overview of how our brain functions, how to stay brain fit and strategies to assist with memory in everyday life. Learn how you can tap into six cognitive domains and build cognitive reserve that will help ward off the potential of Alzheimer's and dementia in your lifetime.

January 25 at 1:30 p.m. – Image

Matters; Dressing with Intent. Free and open to the public. Sign up is a must as seating is limited. Christine Sherlock, chief image officer and president of Image Matters, will explain the three key elements to dressing with intent and how to reverse the trend of wearing 20 percent of your wardrobe 80 percent of the time. Learn how to save time and money when shopping for new clothes.

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

Hand & Foot – 1 p.m. Tuesday

Mahjongg – 1 p.m. Thursday

Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday

Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

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

Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and are available at the front desk at the Center 4 Life on Library Way. The painting is on display at the center. The drawing will be held March 6.

Call the center at 472-5743 for details on programs or stop by to register.*

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Bob and Darlene Duvins are residents of Sanibel Island and Cleveland, Ohio. They are active in numerous children causes and give generously. The Duvins become sterling silver supporters at the \$1,500 level of the financial assistance program.



Darlene, Bob and Boomer Duvins

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 camp and fun days in a safe, supervised environment at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center. In 2012, awards were made to 50 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 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 raised 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, visit www.mysanibel.com/Departments/Recreation/NewYearsEve2012 or call event chair Barry Roth at 313-9591.✪

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Holiday Break

Bunt's Ball Busters has moved into a commanding lead in the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League as the league's eight teams take two weeks off for holidays.

The Ball Busters submerged Fresh Legion Crew, 11-1, with Rich Ennis, Dave Doane and Kip Johnson going 3-0 in their matches. Legion Crew Captain Gator Gates hammered Ball Buster Captain Bob Buntrock one game to help his team avoid a shutout.

Bathroom Magic again brought in a top gun from Fort Myers in an attempt to gain ground against the league leaders. The Magic team posted a 10-2 victory, but the big gun fizzled with only one win out of three games. John Gonzalez, Bob Dupre and Jack Dalton were undefeated for the Magic guys.

Captiva's league representative, Sandycappers, continued to climb up the leader board, moving past Odd Balls into fourth place with a 7-5 win over Island Lifers.

Also posting 3-0 wins for the night were Joe Mason, Kevin Pottorf, Graham Murza and Tom Schaner.✪

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2012 Standings through December 17

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	95	41
Second	Bathroom Magic	90	46
Third	Sanibel Café	78	58
Fourth	Sandycappers	63	73
Fifth	Odd Balls	60	76
Sixth	Island Lifers	54	82
Seventh	Fresh Legion Crew	52	84
Eighth	Deep Pockets	52	84

Bunt's Ball Busters	11	Fresh Legion Crew	1
Bathroom Magic	10	Odd Balls	2
Sandycappers	7	Island Lifers	5
Sanibel Café	6	Deep Pockets	6



From left, Bank of the Islands' Rob Lisenbee, winner Gail Seldess and CROW Executive Director Steve Greenstein

Bank Awards Donations

Bank of the Islands recently made two non-profit donations through its We Love Our Islands program. The winners choosing the beneficiary organizations were Gail Seldess and Nola Theiss.

Seldess selected the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) to receive the bank's \$200 donation. Theiss chose the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP) to receive the bank's \$100 gift. Together, these two gifts raise the total amount of We Love Our Islands' donations to date to \$50,300.

"Choosing CROW and HTAP really demonstrates how varied and compassionate the non-profit work is on our islands," said Bank of the Islands Sanibel office manager Rob Lisenbee. ✪



Bank of the Islands' Rob Lisenbee, left and WLOI winner Nola Theiss

Reports Indicate Tourism Upswing

by Anne Mitchell

Several recent reports indicate that things have been looking up for the local hospitality industry.

The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) reports a second consecutive year of record-breaking tax collections, finishing with \$26.5 million in tourist tax on paid accommodations for fiscal year 2011-12. The new record is a 9.2 percent increase over last year's record-breaking \$24.2 million in collections and a 21.2 percent rise from fiscal year 2008-09 collections of \$21.8 million.

During October, The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel reported a 48.7 percent occupancy rate, compared to 44.5 percent in October 2011. Year-to-date, occupancy rates have been at 57.7 percent, up 4.8 percent from the same period last year. The average daily room rate for the month was \$98.47, which was flat compared to \$98.90 last October, and up 2 percent year-to-date. Revenue per aver-

age room (RevPar) is up 9.1 percent for the month and 6.9 percent for the year, according to Smith Travel Research.

Airport passengers also rose in October. Some 484,768 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, an increase of 3.3 percent compared to October 2011. However, year-to-date passenger traffic is down 3.9 percent from the same period last year.

In other news, Fort Myers placed in the top 10 lists for Christmas and New Year's destinations for 2012, according to the Orbitz Holiday Travel Insider Index, which analyzed hotel and flight booking data from its website to determine destination rankings. The study evaluates the average airfare and daily hotel rates in each of the most popular markets from December 23 to 27 and December 30 to January 2.

Future bookings likely will get a boost when The Travel Channel airs a segment on the Captiva Golf Cart Parade earlier this month. The decorated cart parade is part of Captiva Island's three-week-long Captiva Holiday Village celebration. No air date has yet been announced.✪

Congress Will Double Your FISH Donation

Congress Jewelers invites islanders to lend a helping hand to FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel during a December food drive. Drop nonperishable food or paper products at Congress Jewelers or Sealife by Congress in Periwinkle Place and the stores will match the number of items, doubling the amount collected for FISH.

Unexpired, unopened food items – especially juices, soups and macaroni and cheese – are needed, as well as paper towels and toilet tissue.

The mission of FISH is to lend a helping hand to those in need who live, work or visit Sanibel and Captiva. Last year, 200 FISH volunteers provided free transportation, hot meals, emergency financial assistance, food pantry services and other help to more than 750 people.

The new Sealife by Congress boutique, exclusively featuring the jewelry collection that is the foundation of the family-owned business, recently opened next to the original Chico's. Opening the new boutique allowed Congress Jewelers to expand its selection of Rolex timepieces and fine designer jewelry. Its' experienced staff also offers watch service and repairs, jewelry design, production and repairs, appraisals and estate buying.

Proprietor Scot Congress has owned and operated jewelry stores in Southwest Florida since 1983. In 2010, he

reopened Congress Jewelers in its original Periwinkle Place location.

For more information, call 472-4177 or visit www.CongressJewelers.com.✪

Love Your Neighbor Event

Love Your Neighbor, an annual event benefiting the Heights Foundation, will be held on Wednesday, January 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Gulf Harbour home of Daun and Peter Dessak.

Guests will enjoy an assortment of culinary creations from local restaurants along with a selection of fine wine and spirits. Live and silent auction items will be offered and all proceeds will benefit the School Success programs for at-risk children in the Harlem Heights Neighborhood. Nearly \$300,000 was raised at last year's event including \$150,000 toward the annual fund and \$150,000 to complete the capital campaign.

"The residents of Harlem Heights are our neighbors," said Daun Dessak. "We believe it is important to support the Heights Foundation in their mission to build strong, self-sufficient families and education is the key to their success."

"Our School Success program includes academic tutoring, after school and summer camp programs, scholarship and college access assistance, school supplies, and tuition support", said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights

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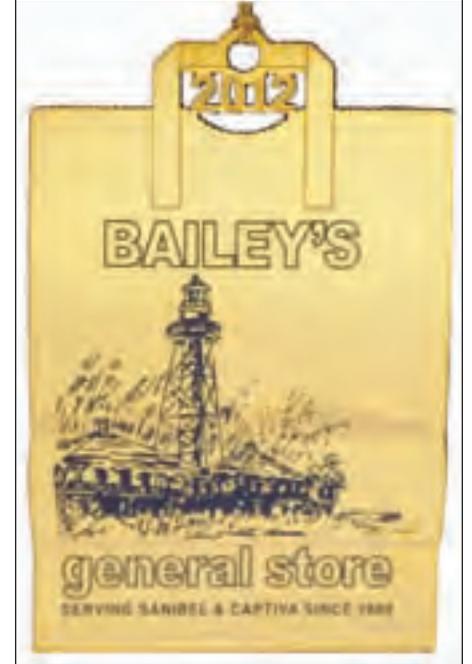
Limited Edition Bailey's General Store Ornament

The 2012 Bailey's General Store limited edition ornament is the iconic brown paper Bailey's handle sack. This is the fourth in the series of collectible ornaments.

Throughout the years, Bailey's has used the handle sack as an alternative to the traditional brown paper bag used in most grocery stores. Residents and visitors appreciate the convenience the handles offer. It has served as a reminder of the store, the shopping experience and the visit to the island for many of visitors as they stow it in their luggage to take home.

The Bailey's handle sack has remained environmentally friendly and completely recyclable throughout its tenure. The handle sack has seen a myriad of uses over the years. It has served as a tote, laundry bag, beach bag, trash bag, recyclables collection bag, packing material, book cover, floor mat, seat cushion, seat protector, artist canvas and wrapping paper. It was used as poetry parchment by the late Sam Bailey as he composed a poem in honor of his brother Francis' birthday. It has even been preserved in artwork by local artist Myra Roberts in her painting *Bailey Dog*, which shows a customer returning from a shopping trip with the Bailey's handle sack of groceries and a dog in her bicycle basket.

Each ornament is made of 24k gold



Each ornament is made of 24k gold on brass

on brass and comes in a royal blue presentation folder, showing the Bailey's logo on the front. The folder contains a certificate indicating the limited edition ornament number and a description of the significance of the design. The ornaments, certificates and folders are produced by The Charleston Mint of Brevard, North Carolina. Stop by Bailey's General Store to get yours, or call 472-1516.✪



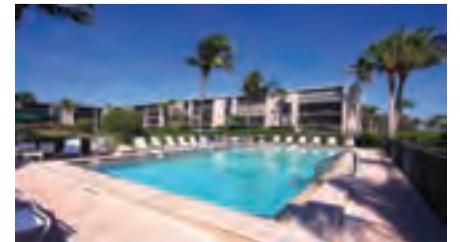
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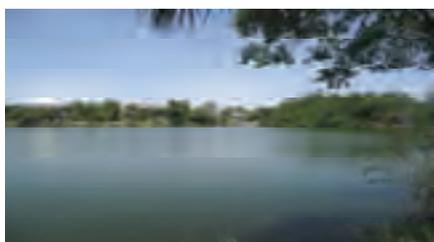
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Around The Islands With Anne

Congress Jewelers Opens Sealife Boutique; Local Chef On A Mission

by Anne Mitchell



Congress Jewelers has opened **Sealife by Congress**, a boutique devoted to the jewelry collection that is the foundation of the family-owned business. The store is located in Periwinkle Place, next to the original Chico's.

The collection features sand dollars, shells, dolphins, starfish and other marine creatures, as well as the original Sanibel Sandals, in sterling silver and white or yellow 14-karat gold.

The entire Sealife by Congress line is designed and manufactured on Sanibel Island, where artisans enhance some settings with diamonds, sapphires and precious gemstones. The collection's pendants, rings, earrings and bracelets are priced from \$20 to \$2,500.

"My father launched Congress Jewelers in 1982 by selling golden sand dollars molded from those he found on the beach," said proprietor Scot Congress. "Giving the line its own venue is an exciting concept with appeal for both residents and visitors. The extraordinary workmanship and lasting value make each piece a beautiful reminder of visits to the beach."

Moving the Sealife collection to the new boutique allows Congress Jewelers to expand its selection of Rolex timepieces and fine designer jewelry in its original location, also in Periwinkle Place.

Congress Jewelers is a member of the American Gem Society, which includes less than five percent of jewelers in North America. Its experienced staff offers watch service and repairs, jewelry design, production and repairs, appraisals and estate buying. For more information, call 472-4177, or log onto www.CongressJewelers.com.

Janis Wallace, head chef for **George & Wendy's Seafood Grille**, says she's on a mission. Since she began in July, the restaurant has increased its TripAdvisor ranking to #10. Now she is aiming for a spot in the top three.

Wallace says, "The restaurant business is in my blood. I've been in it since I was 12 years old." Starting in Detroit, Michigan, she worked with her father at Elmer's Hamburgers, a family mainstay for over 50 years. "I credit my father, Leonard Wallace, for my strong work ethic - it all started with him. He still gets up every day and goes to work at the restaurant."

Wallace has lived and worked in Southwest Florida on and off for 24 years in restaurants on Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach.

She blends different flavors bistro-style for a unique taste. Some of her specialties are slow-cooked meats including prime rib and bar-



The interior of the newly-opened Sealife by Congress in Periwinkle Place Shops



Sealife by Congress has opened next door to Chico's in Periwinkle Place, selling island-inspired pendants, rings, earrings and bracelets priced from \$20 to \$2,500



Janis Wallace, chef at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille

becued ribs. You'll also find traditional Italian food, a wide array of seafood and, from her humble beginnings, Detroit Sliders.

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. It is open seven days a week 11 a.m. to midnight or later; plus Sunday brunch 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., phone 395-1263.

It's still in the planning stages, but watch this space for more information about a new restaurant scheduled to open in January on West Gulf Drive.

Brian Silveira is opening **The Sandbar** at 2761 West Gulf Drive, in the space formerly occupied by The Stone Crab.

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; Tuesday, Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman from Milwaukee on piano, guitar and vocals; 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 21, Boz and Bon, a duet, 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.

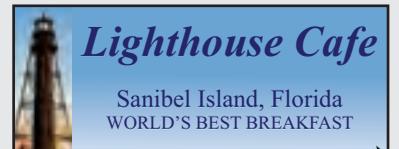
The Mucky Duck on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, features music by Mark Dupuy on Mondays; Rich Lancaster, Wednesdays; Gene Federico, Thursdays and Saturdays; and Buckeye Ken, Fridays.

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.

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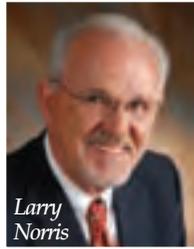
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For the past three years, Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has been the primary sponsor supporting Sanibel Community Association's annual fundraiser, *Dancing with the Islands' Stars*.

True to form, the trust company has committed again to provide support of Sanibel Community Association's 2013 gala fundraising event, *Cirque Vertigo*. On Saturday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m., The Community House will transform into a cirque, complete with chiffon aeriels, graceful and daring stage acts, and humor. This dazzling exhibition showcases multiple generations of the noted Wallenda and Arestov performing families from Europe. Tickets are \$100 and seating is limited.

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The ladies brought in lots of toys for Friends Who Care, a local group of islanders who collects and distributes toys for children in need. The toys were picked up Saturday morning and will be delivered on Christmas Eve. ✨



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Liz Fowler and her children, Jay and Samantha, with Angel, Gracie and guitarist Dan Confrey

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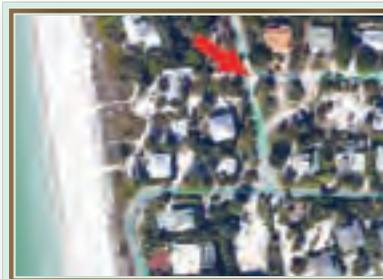
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Chuck Phoenix, the league's president, said "The camp is a great opportunity to get parents playing with their kids. They

will learn proper techniques to use at home."

The registration fee for players is \$100.00 for all three days or \$50.00 per day. The registration fee for coaches is \$10.00, but is waived if their children enroll in the skills camp. The camp will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day at The Sanibel School's ball fields.

Camp prices include the skills camp, hotdog cook-out lunches and prizes. Players should bring gloves, helmets, bats,

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Last year the one-day Double Play Holiday Skills Camp featured The University of Alabama's assistant head coach, Bobby Barbier, and his father, long-time coach Darin Barbier. Because of that success with residents and visitors, this year's camp will be for three days. Players from ages six to twelve will receive instruction in hitting, defense, pitching, catching, base running and strategy.

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A College Basketball Game Last Weekend Recalled A 1963 Game That Dramatically Altered The Sport

by Ed Frank



In the wake of last week's horrific school tragedy in Connecticut, this week's column will dwell on the positive – an historic event in sports that took place nearly half a century ago and was relived just this past week.

Too often, the sports pages are filled with the foibles, criminal activities and questionable antics of athletes, amateur and professional. This week, however, we will report about basketball game on March 15, 1963, a game that altered the course of college basketball – “The Game of Change.”

The game was between the Mississippi State Bulldogs and Loyola Ramblers in the NCAA Midwest Regional semifinal at

Michigan State's Jenison Fieldhouse. But the drama leading up to that game, a game won by Loyola, the eventual NCAA champion, had a profound effect on college basketball.

In 1963, an unwritten Mississippi law prohibited teams in that state to compete against integrated teams. But the Mississippi State players were determined to play that game, defying an order from Governor Ross Barnett.

Before an injunction could be served prohibiting the team from playing, Mississippi coach Babe McCarthy sneaked his all-white team on a flight in the middle of the night to Michigan State. There, they faced a Loyola team that started four black players that included All-American Jerry Harkness, the captain.

In an interview last week in the *Chicago Tribune*, Bobby Shows, the center on that Mississippi State Team, was quoted, “We had two men – Dean Colvard, our president, and Babe McCarthy, our coach – who had enough guts to stand up against the status quo and the political machine in Mississippi to say, ‘This is right, and these boys are going to play.’”

Loyola defeated Mississippi State, 61-51, enroute to their 1963 NCAA Championship, but more important was the fact that the game opened the doors of basketball integration, particularly in the South.

This “Game of Change” was recalled last weekend when Mississippi State played Loyola in Chicago with the same result, a 59-51 victory by Loyola, with members of both 1963 teams in the stands.

“We sure didn't know at that time the game was that important. I don't think anyone on our team gave any thought (in 1963) to the social issues,” said former Mississippi State guard Larry Lee.

It certainly did, however, as 1963 was the start of the civil rights movement that swept the country. And now, 50 years later, we recall one basketball game that is one important chapter in the history of civil rights in our country.

Rebuilding Red Sox Add Two Key Players

The Boston Red Sox added two key players last week in the rebuilding effort after last season's dismal results.

Veteran right-hander Ryan Dempster signed a two-year \$26.5 million contract and outfielder Shane Victorino inked a three-year, \$39 million deal.

Boston, which has lacked durable pitching of late, hopes to improve with the 35-year-old Dempster, who is considered a 200-innings-per-season hurler. Last season, with the Chicago Cubs and the Texas Rangers, he compiled 173 innings, but had reached 200 innings in the four previous seasons.

Victorino, 32, had played for the Philadelphia Phillies for 7-1/2 seasons before being traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the middle of last year. He hit a combined .255 for both teams in 2012.

Twins Continue To Add Pitchers

Probably no team in the Major Leagues has signed as many new pitchers in this off-season as the Minnesota Twins. But that didn't stop them from signing one more last week – Kevin Correia, a right-hander.

The 32-year-old former Pittsburgh Pirate agreed to a two-year, \$10 million contract that will pay him \$4.5 million in 2013 and \$5.5 million in 2015.

He was 12-11 with a 4.21 ERA last season with the Pirates and it marked the fourth straight season that he won 10 or more games. He has a career record of 60-65.*

Tennis Players Invited To Participate In 5th Annual Vivante Tournament

Tennis enthusiasts throughout Southwest Florida are invited to participate in the 5th annual New Year's Doubles Challenge at Vivante on Charlotte Harbor. The popular event, which will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 4 to 6. USTA rules and regulations apply.

Both men's and women's doubles 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and open classifications are available. The entry fee is \$40 per person and includes balls, T-shirt, party on Friday night,

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Nancy Greenberg



Irmingard Markush



Betsy Cox



Annie Wainwright

Dunes Women's Golf Results

The Dunes Women's Golf Association announced their event results from December 14.

Format: Low Gross & Low Net

Low Gross

1st	Nancy Greenberg	84
2nd	Irmingard Markush	87
T-3rd	Betsy Cox & Annie Wainwright	95

Low Net

1st	Lesley Simmons	66
2nd	Joan Kent	67
3rd	Maureen O'Brien	70

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#6 Nancy Greenberg.*



Lesley Simmons



Joan Kent



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Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Men's Golf Association Event Results Wednesday, December 12, 2 man 1 better ball.

Flight 1

1st	Gordon Rains and Tim O'Neill	56
2nd	Norbert Kunz and Ed Greenberg	57

Flight 2

1st	Bob Kent and Roy Broderson	56*
2nd	Jerry Nichols and Dan Alton	56*

scorecard playoff.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. When was the last time the Chicago White Sox finished last in their division?
2. True or false: In his only season as manager of the Minnesota Twins, Billy Martin led the team to the playoffs.
3. Who led the NFL in rushing the one year that Cleveland's Jim Brown didn't during his nine-year NFL career?
4. How many times has Brigham Young's men's basketball team made the NCAA Tournament without ever reaching the Final Four?
5. Name the first eighth-seeded NHL team to eliminate a No. 1 and a No. 2 seed in the same season.
6. In 2012, Kamron Doyle (14 years, 218 days old) became the youngest bowler to finish in the top three in a PBA event. Who had been the youngest?
7. Who was the youngest U.S. boxer to win an Olympic gold medal?

ANSWERS

1. It was 1989, when they were 69-92. 2. True. The Twins won the A.L. West in 1969. 3. Green Bay's Jim Taylor rushed for 1,474 yards in 1962. 4. The Cougars have been to 27 NCAA Tournaments. 5. The Los Angeles Kings, in 2012. 6. Wesley Low, at 14 years, 344 days old, finished third in a PBA event earlier in 2012. 7. Jackie Fields was 16 when won a gold medal in the feather-weight division in 1924.

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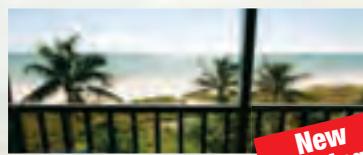
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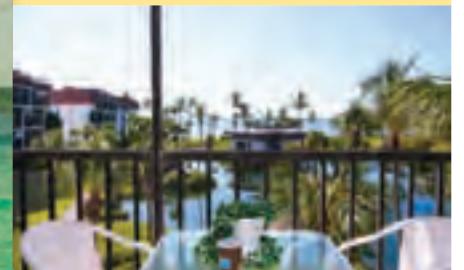
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Inaugural South Florida Mud Run

Southwest Florida couple Dustin Edwards and Stephanie-Ink Edwards announced the Inaugural South Florida Mud Run to benefit the new Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida on Saturday, January 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Redneck Yacht Club in Punta Gorda.

"We decided to organize the South Florida Mud Run as a unique fundraising event to raise money for local charities and promote active family friendly lifestyles," said Stephanie Ink-Edwards. "We are so excited to present this unique fundraising experience to the Southwest Florida community and support the new Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida."

"Both of our children were born at the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and admitted to the NICU due to



Runners shown at another Mud Run competition crossing a bridge

health complications, so raising funds for the new hospital is just one way we can give back and show them how much we appreciate the quality care we received for our children," added Dustin Edwards.

The South Florida Mud Run features a three-mile obstacle course created to challenge one's physical endurance. Participants compete in a running, jumping, climbing competition – all with mud. The South Florida Mud Run will also include two child-friendly half mile and one-mile obstacle runs. All activities are open to the public and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Participation is open to children and adults from ages 4 and up. Participants can sign up as individuals or are welcome to come as team. Groups of 200 will begin the competition every 30 minutes beginning at 9 a.m. Registration fees vary and include a finisher's medal, T-shirt and complimentary drinks. Call 633-7745 for pricing. Parking is \$10 per vehicle.

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Michael Zembko, Richard Choccol, Roger Triftshauser and Rene Lohser

Beachview Golf League Results

After a week of warm and beautiful sunny days, the Beachview Men's Golf Association had to put on their jackets and battle it out in the cool, cloudy weather. Playing a modified stableford event, the men counted points for pars, birdies and eagles. Coming out on top this week was the team of Michael Zembko, Richard Choccol, Roger Triftshauser and Rene Lohser.

During league play, every now and then a team will run away from the field. But very rarely is that team a threesome. But that's what the winning team did this

week. Guy Tober, Bill Stell and Richard Waterhouse didn't need any help from their "blind draw" fourth. Stell said "It was a total team effort," even though he did take some credit for being the team captain.

Also, the Beachview Women's Golf Association went to a scramble format this past week. Getting the top spot by just a single shot was the team of Gloria Waterhouse, Janet Turner, Ann Cogswell and Barbara Egan. ✨



Guy Tober, Bill Stell and Richard Waterhouse



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FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An old adversary wants to make amends over the holidays. The decision is yours. But wouldn't it be nice to share the upcoming new year with another friend?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special holiday "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your new projects in the new year.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Instead of fussing over what you didn't do to prepare for the holidays, relax and enjoy the kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you early next year.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to join loved ones in the fun and festivities of this special time. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Special emotional rewards mark this holiday time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer in the upcoming year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to make the holidays especially memorable for some people will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways in the upcoming year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be assured that your efforts to make this holiday special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Lots of folks want you to light up their holiday parties. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt those glittering galas to spend

with some very special people.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While the current round of holiday revels has your social life on the fast track, someone special might want to keep pace with you next year, as well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Enjoy all the fun you deserve at this holiday time. However, don't lose sight of the need to check out some of the changes the new year is expected to bring.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What happens during this holiday time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your holidays are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to encourage people to reach their potential by setting an example with your own efforts.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 30, 1853, the United States acquires 30,000 square miles of land in what is now southern New Mexico and Arizona for \$15 million. The purchase settled the dispute over the location of the Mexican border west of El Paso, Texas, and established the final boundaries of the southern United States.

- On Dec. 28, 1869, the Knights of Labor, a labor union of tailors in Philadelphia, holds the first Labor Day ceremonies in American history. In 1894, Congress designated the first Monday in September a legal holiday for all federal employees and the residents of the District

of Columbia.

- On Dec. 29, 1878, the first game is played between two teams of the first professional baseball league in Cuba. Baseball was introduced in Cuba around 1864, when some students returned home from studying in the United States and introduced their fellow islanders to the bat and ball.

- On Dec. 25, 1880, Layne Hall is born in Mississippi. When he died in 1990, Hall was the oldest licensed driver in the United States. In his nearly 75 years on the road, Hall never got a speeding ticket or citation of any kind.

- On Dec. 26, 1917, during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson announces the nationalization of many of the country's railroads. The Railroad Control Act stated that within 21 months of a peace treaty, the railroads would be returned to their owners. In March 1920, the railroads became private property once again.

- On Dec. 27, 1932, at the height of the Great Depression, thousands of people turn out for the opening of Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Radio City Music Hall was designed as a palace for the people -- a place of beauty where ordinary folks could see high-quality entertainment. It remains the largest indoor theater in the world.

- On Dec. 24, 1979, the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan under the pretext of upholding the Soviet-Afghan Friendship Treaty of 1978. Within days, the Soviets had secured the capital of Kabul after overcoming fierce but brief resistance from the Afghan army.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was beloved American film star Katharine Hepburn who made the follow-

ing sage observation: "Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, only with what you are expecting to give -- which is everything."

- You might be surprised to learn that one out of every 18 people has a third nipple.

- The epic 1939 film "Gone With the Wind" was awarded 10 Academy Awards and is a beloved classic to this day. Given the astounding success of the movie, it's shocking that one of the stars, Vivien Leigh, was paid only \$15,000 for her role as Scarlett O'Hara.

- The world's smallest spider is about the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

- You may not realize it, but not all "light" beers have fewer calories than brews without that label. A beer simply has to be lighter in color to be called "light."

- The African ostrich lays an egg that weighs a whopping 30 pounds. It's so sturdy that a grown man can stand on it without causing it any harm.

- When the Titanic sank in 1912, many passengers perished in the frigid waters because no ship came to their aid until the Carpathia arrived more than two hours after the disaster. However, there was another ship nearby as the liner sank: a freighter, the California, was only 10 miles away. The crew even saw emergency flares fired from the liner, but they thought it was part of a celebration rather than a signal of distress.

- Although a normal human infant is born with 350 bones, the normal human adult has only 206 bones.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I'm an excellent housekeeper. Every time I get a divorce, I keep the house." -- Zsa Zsa Gabor

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Marcia "Dana" Parish (center), presenting a check for \$400 to CROW Team members (from left) Development Strategist James Robinson, Hospital Director Dr. Heather Barron, Business Director Ava Hinojosa, and Executive Director Steve Greenstein

Marcia "Dana" Parish, owner of Sanibel Cruise Club/Dream Travel, a full-service travel agency, has established a special program to benefit CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife. If any active member of CROW books a trip or any travel-related service with her agency, Marcia will donate a portion of her commission back to help the wildlife organization.

A CROW member recently booked a British Isles cruise and helped CROW at the same time!

If you are a CROW member and are interested in taking advantage of this unique opportunity, please contact The Sanibel Cruise Club/Dream Travel at 472-8835 or dana@h2ovista.com so you can dream your travel, travel your dream, and help CROW save our local and migratory wildlife.✱

Cruise For Pictures With Santa On Picnic Island

Where is Santa on his last day before flying out? We found him on a deserted island in the waters surrounding Sanibel! Join Adventures In Paradise as they offer Santa's Dolphin & Wildlife Cruise on Christmas Eve.



Dolphin Waters catamaran provides cruise to see Santa

Bring the family and hop aboard Dolphin Waters, a 45' Corinthian Power Catamaran, as they cruise among the dolphins to visit with Santa where he'll be waiting on Picnic Island with gifts for all the kids! Along the way, sightsee and learn about mangrove islands and estuaries where Calusa Indians once lived.

Santa's Dolphin & Wildlife Cruise will depart at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 24 and return at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and reservations are limited. Tickets can be purchased by calling 472-8443 or by visiting www.AdventuresInParadise.com!

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Additional information and reservations for Santa's Dolphin Cruise to Picnic Island or any of Adventures In Paradise cruises and tours may be obtained by calling 472-8443 or by visiting www.adventuresinparadise.com.✱

Three Years For Coffee Bar At Bailey's



Bill Fogerty, winner of the \$100 gift card with Coffee Bar barista, Jackie Damico

December 12, 2012 (12/12/12) marked the third anniversary of the Coffee Bar at Bailey's.

"It has been an amazing three years for us and we are certainly looking forward to many more years to come," said Blanaid Colley, owner of Coffee Bar at Bailey's.

To celebrate their anniversary, Coffee Bar gave away a \$100 gift card to the twelfth customer of the day. At 7:12 a.m., Bill Fogerty, seasonal resident of Sanibel, won the gift card. "I love the Coffee Bar at Bailey's and visit it daily, so I was determined to win," said Fogerty. Fogerty arrived right as Coffee Bar opened and purchased coffee for everyone who came by until he hit the twelfth purchase, rendering him the winner.

"It's our anniversary, but it is really all about the customers, and I'm so glad one of our regulars won the prize," added Colley.

Coffee Bar at Bailey's is open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. just inside the entrance to Bailey's General Store, located at 2477 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call 579-0026 or visit www.sanibelcoffeebar.com.✱

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On Negotiations And Fiscal Cliffs

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



A few weeks ago, I took my kids and a couple of their friends to a University of Florida Gators football game. The opponent was the feared Jacksonville

State Gamecocks, so the stadium was less than full. We needed a couple of hotel rooms for the night, but I had not reserved one in advance because on football weekends Gainesville hotels charge premium rates with two night minimums.

After the game as we were touring UF's beautiful campus and my nephew's stunning fraternity house (stunning in the oh-my-gosh-way as a big party had obviously occurred the night before), one of the kids asked me where we'd be staying for the night.

"I don't know yet," I responded. His eyes grew wide. "What do you MEAN you don't know yet!?" I explained that this wasn't like a big SEC game, so I guessed that area hotels would have extra inventory. I'd probably be able to negotiate a better rate for the one night than what was offered just before the weekend. Sure enough, after we ate our dinner, I secured rooms at a Hilton Garden Inn. Not only did I get nice clean rooms for less than half the price that I would have had to pay had I made advance reservations, I was able to get free made-to-order breakfasts thrown in to boot!

So sometimes, it pays to wait to get the best deal. But playing last-minute negotiations is not right or fair when our elected national leaders do so with so much at stake for each and every one of us. I speak, of course, of the looming "fiscal cliff" when the Bush tax cuts are set to expire on January 1st, along with other important payroll tax and similar breaks. For the past several months, I've been working with many of my firm's clients planning for the possibility that the gift and estate tax exemptions will drastically fall from their present \$5.12 million threshold. In making these last-minute plans, the families are risking real economic consequences. Most of the estate-planning strategies employed must be irrevocable to take advantage of current laws before they expire, meaning that the planning cannot easily be changed or altered as the tax laws evolve. Neither the family members themselves nor their advisors have any real earthly idea as to what will hap-

pen in the future, or regardless of what does happen, how permanent any new tax law may be.

I write these columns roughly two weeks before they are published, so as I write this there appears to be no progress on a deal between Congress and the President. Hopefully by the time you read this, the fiscal cliff crisis will have passed. But maybe it hasn't.

I'm not blaming just one side of our political establishment. Both Republicans and Democrats have been "kicking this can down the road" for well over a decade now. Planning one's estate becomes a guessing game when there isn't any permanence or stability to the tax code.

More than any other type of planning, estate plans are disproportionately affected by tax law changes. We sign our wills and trusts understanding the eventuality of our deaths, which not one of us knows whether it will be imminent or decades away. Our plans are therefore meant to have permanence.

But when the same language that we (your attorneys) build into your legal documents result in drastically different economic outcomes to your loved ones based upon the changing whims of our national leaders, something's not right.

What do I mean by that? Your will or trust may contain language that divides it into taxable and tax exempt portions. Changes to the law affect how those portions are distributed even though you never changed the document. Or you may be considering moving assets outside

of your estate into irrevocable trusts that you can no longer control. The decision whether to so transfer and how much is affected by these ever-changing laws.

What's it going to take to break this cycle? I really can't say. Whether or not a deal is reached to avoid the current fiscal cliff, I'm not confident that any new tax law enacted will have lasting effects. I'm guessing that any tax law passed in the near term will look more like a band-aid than the surgical procedure that is really needed to give us tax law stability.

So we watch the negotiations and wonder how it all affects us. One thing's for certain - we shouldn't expect a free breakfast to be included no matter the deal reached.

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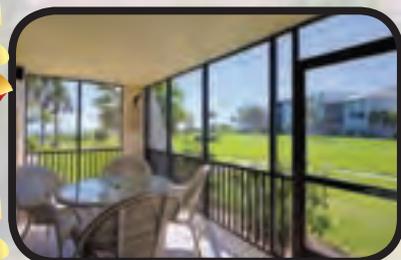


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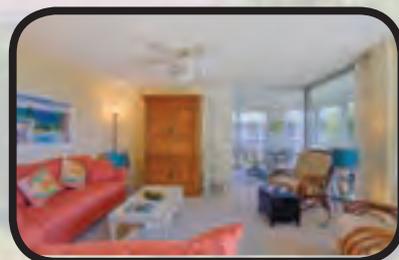


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Value Of Wetlands As Buffers Could Alter Ecological Management

New research by a Florida Gulf Coast University eminent scholar proves that natural and manmade wetlands have a potential to mitigate climate change that far outweighs the negative effects of a greenhouse gas they emit.

Dr. William J. Mitsch, a prize-winning wetland scientist with an international reputation in ecological engineering and wetland ecology, conducted studies at wetlands around the world to measure carbon dioxide accumulated from the atmosphere and stored in the soil – a natural process known as carbon sequestration. Scientists compared the data to levels of methane gas naturally released by these “carbon sinks” and found that sequestration more than offsets the detrimental emissions even when the emissions are given a much higher weight toward global warming than the carbon dioxide sequestered.

“We have shown that wetlands are much more significant in accumulating carbon than has ever been published before,” said Mitsch, who holds the Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management at FGCU and is director of its Everglades Wetland Research Park in Naples. “We want people to recognize that wetlands are gigantic carbon sinks. If there is less carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, there will be less global warming and climate change.”

Mitsch’s findings, published in the journal *Landscape Ecology* (Springer Science+Business Media), could have far-reaching ramifications in the study, creation, restoration and management of wetlands. The paper is coauthored by seven other scientists from the United States, Denmark and Estonia.

Greenhouse-gas emission has long been considered by some scientists as a serious roadblock to restoring wetlands and constructing new ones in spite of their environmental benefits. It’s estimated that wetlands release 20 to 25 percent of current global methane emissions, but the gas eventually breaks down in the atmosphere.

“It is short-sighted to suggest that wetlands should not be created or restored because of greenhouse-gas emissions,” Mitsch writes in his paper, *Wetlands, carbon, and climate change*. “If we consider the savings that wetlands give us from fossil-fuel consumption for the ecosystem services of water-quality improvement, flood mitigation and coastal and storm protection, their service as carbon sinks is even more impressive.”

Dr. Robert Costanza, a senior fellow at the National Council on Science and the Environment, a scholar at the Australian National University in Canberra and founder of the sustainability journal *Solutions*, says Mitsch’s study refutes commonly held conceptions.

“Understanding the role of wetlands in regulating greenhouse gases is extremely important,” Costanza said. “The results will affect how we manage wetlands worldwide.”

Dr. Blanca Bernal, a post-doctoral researcher at Everglades Wetland Research Park contributed to the study and paper. She believes it is the first published account that compares carbon accumulation rates and methane emission rates using the same methodology in a range of freshwater wetlands around the world. Measurements were taken at seven locations in Ohio, Costa Rica and Botswana and modeled with 14 other wetland studies by others.

“Taking into account carbon inputs and outputs to the system, the wetlands are actually functioning as net carbon sinks,” Bernal said. “They have a positive effect in abating greenhouse-gas emissions, which means under the right conditions they can be used as a tool to mitigate climate change. Wetlands are not the key to fix years of unsustainable carbon emissions, but they can help significantly.”

Public awareness of the importance of carbon dioxide sinks has spread since passage of the Kyoto Protocol, part of an international environmental treaty that promotes their use as a form of carbon offset and encourages greenhouse-gas reduction worldwide. Some member countries seek to buy or trade emissions rights in carbon-emission markets, creating an additional economic value to wetlands.

Carbon in the Earth’s atmosphere comes partly from burning fossil fuels in cars and factories. Oceans, which comprise about 70 percent of the planet, are the biggest collectors of carbon. Wetlands, which absorb about 14 percent of atmospheric carbon, make up 5 to 8 percent of terrestrial Earth but are dwindling due to development.

“I think we have found the lost carbon sink,” said Mitsch, the co-author of *Wetlands*, widely considered the definitive textbook on the subject. “Tropical wetlands are where it’s happening. The temperate zone would be big for sequestration, but we’ve drained all the wetlands there. Florida could be a hot spot for carbon sinks.”

Mitsch joined FGCU in October after 27 years at The Ohio State University in Columbus, where he was Distinguished Professor of Environment, Natural Resources and Ecological Engineering. The co-winner of the 2004 Stockholm Water Prize for lifetime achievements in the management and conservation of lakes and wetlands, he oversees research at the Everglades Wetland Research Park at the Naples Botanical Garden.✪

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
My preschool son was just evaluated for expressive language problems. I guess he's OK because they aren't going to work with him and said he just had a few articulation problems. I would like to do things at home to help him and I need some ideas.

Tiffany L., Fort Myers

Tiffany,

There is a set of learning problems – often called preschool language disorders – that refer to a preschool child's difficulty with either understanding spoken language (receptive language) and/or difficulty with talking (expressive language). Children may have problems in one or both of these areas, meaning that they have difficulty with both understanding spoken language and speaking.

A simple definition of articulation – the ability to make and use sounds correctly – is more complex than this, however, and involves four distinct processes. Articulation is an evolving skill with complete mastery appearing at about age 7 or 8. There are certain sounds that may develop later, such as the R, S, L sounds which a preschool child is not expected to make properly at his age. You may want to look at a chart to gain a further

understanding of speech development.

Early intervention guidelines and information suggests that a 3-year-old should be using at least 200 words, 3 to 5 word phrases and be understood at least 80 percent of the time. By age 4, a child should be 90 to 100 percent intelligible even if they continue to have some articulation errors.

According to the American Hearing-Speech Association (asha.org), here are some things you can do at home with your child to improve communication:

- Model grammatically correct language in your home
- Explain words that are new for your child
- Describe your activities as you are doing them
- Turn off the television
- Give support but let them try to express themselves
- Read books with your children
- Talk with your child even if they cannot respond
- Model speech sounds for your child if he says them incorrectly
- Give your child time to formulate his answers to your questions
- Accept signs and gestures as well as vocalizations for minimally verbal communicators. This will make your child less frustrated
- Expand on what your child says to increase expressive language
- Build your child's esteem by providing positive reinforcement
- Play games that help your child categorize
- Involve your child in cooking or baking activities. Talk out-loud about each of

the steps

- Spend five minutes a day practicing sounds, words and sentence

These are great suggestions for language development that all parents should consider. Remember that strong language skills are extremely important skills for successful reading.

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The Election And The Stock Market

commentary from Pat Dorsey
CFA President, Sanibel Captiva
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For several years, I was a regular guest on a cable news financial talk show where the conversation often turned to political matters. So, I found myself boning up on the historical relationship between politics and the stock market -- for reasons of self-preservation more so than intrinsic interest. The recent elections have brought this topic to the fore once again, with both sides making completely ridiculous claims about the effect their party has had on historical equity returns.

Here's the short version for those readers pressed for time: There is not one shred of conclusive evidence that stock market returns can be predicted by knowing which party controls Congress or the White House.

If you're still with me, here's the longer version:

Since 1900, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has returned about 8 percent per year after inflation under Democratic presidents, and about 5.6 percent per year after inflation under Republican presidents. Digging a little deeper, the best returns -- 9.5 percent per year after inflation -- occurred when a Democratic presi-

dent was accompanied by a Republican Congress, and the worst returns -- 4.7 percent per year after inflation -- occurred when we had a Republican President and a Republican Congress. (Source: Ned Davis Research via a piece published by Edward Jones.)

But wait -- if we assume that Congress is what matters most, since it controls the public purse, we get a different result. The average after inflation return under Democratic Congresses was 6.2 percent per year, compared with 6.5 percent under Republican Congresses. And if we lag the data by a year, assuming policies take time to be implemented, the Republicans start to pull ahead.

The bottom line: If you tell me your political leaning and the desired result, I can torture the data until it confesses whatever you want it to say. Depending on whether you adjust for inflation, use total returns or price returns, analyze who controls Congress versus who controls the White House, or assume the market reacts instantly to elections versus requires some lag period for policies to take effect -- the data can show pretty much anything.

This should not come as a surprise. First, the equity market is an incredibly complex system, composed of tens of millions of agents with different sets of preferences whose behavior is driven by both external data and the concurrent behavior of other investors. It beggars belief that such a complex system could be predicted by just knowing the political allegiance of one politician. (Or 535

politicians, if you think Congress is what matters most.) Second, the U.S. equity market is a global system -- 40 percent of earnings from the S&P 500 now come from outside the U.S. Why would Starbucks decide whether to open more or fewer locations in China based on who's in the White House?

Finally, and most importantly, there have only been 28 presidential terms since 1900. Any statistician would laugh out loud at the prospect of making a robust prediction based on only 28 data points -- it's just not a large enough sample. Would you try to predict an election after polling 28 people? (Even if we assume that each House election creates a new political context, we still only have 56 data points.)

If the party in power has little (if any) impact on stock market returns, what does? The fine folks at Vanguard took a look at this question recently, and generated some empirical results that confirm my own horse sense. The full paper is here (it's quite good), and the takeaways are:

- Nothing predicts the market over the short run.
- Many commonly-used predictors -- GDP growth and profit margins, for example -- do a poor job of explaining long-run equity market returns.
- Just about the only thing that does even a halfway decent job of forecasting long-run market returns is valuation -- lower price/earnings ratios have generally presaged periods of better equity returns, and higher price/earnings ratios have

generally presaged periods of poor equity returns.

So, the next time you hear a pundit trying to claim that Party A or Party B is able to sprinkle pixie dust on the S&P 500, remember that long-run market returns are driven by three things, and three things only: Earnings growth, dividends, and valuation. If you pay a reasonable price for companies that grow and pay dividends, you've hit the trifecta, regardless of who's in office.

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Kiker served on the Fort Myers Beach Local Planning Agency and was elected to the Fort Myers Beach Town Council in March 2007. He became vice-mayor in 2007 and mayor from 2008 until October 2012.

As a member of the town council, he represented Fort Myers Beach on committees including the Southwest Florida Planning Council and the Human Resources Council. In 2006, he received the Citizen of the Year award from the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Kiker has an MBA from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. He worked for major corporations throughout the United States for 20 years before moving to southwest Florida in 1995. He located to the area to pursue his passion for fishing and boating. He became a United States Coast Guard licensed captain and has charted offshore fishing and diving excursions for more than 10 years.

He replaces TDC Chairman John Manning.

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Think about incorporating your year round needs. Do you frequently entertain outdoors? Do you spend time outdoors in the evenings simply relaxing? Is an outdoor grilling season a year round requirement for you? Do you enjoy planning simple family meals outdoors?

Once you've assessed your needs,

then planning your outdoor space becomes much easier. Think about incorporating these simple ideas:

Comfortable Furniture – This should be most important element in your design. Today's outdoor furnishings have been manufactured to withstand all that Mother Nature can bestow. The age of folding, vinyl strapped furniture is definitely now obsolete. Many furniture pieces of today look identical to indoor furniture, but have been constructed and designed to stand up to all the outdoor elements.

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Remember to create a space that is perfect for you and your needs. This is

a space where memories will be made, so please consider it an important investment... both financially and emotionally.

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at jeanie@decden.net.

Insurance Tip

Be Joyful



by Marge Meek

After all the discouraging news about insurance that I've written about this year, I want to give my space this week to mention a few things that bring me joy.

First, I am so relieved and thankful that the City Building Department has been pleasant and respectful to my customers and me as we request copies of permits that will prove mitigation credits on our houses. You have saved wind customers thousands of dollars, over and over again.

Next, how grateful we are that the Congress finally passed National Flood legislation, so flood insurance can be written every day of the year.

Then, citizens realized that their inspectors were having trouble correctly identifying roof attachments and that has delayed the loss of credit for at least a year.

The marketplace has begun to open up for lower rates on homes over \$1million that citizens will no longer insure. More insurers truly help rates, but also they are offering more flexible plans.

Finally, to the property owners of our islands, thank you for taking the time to understand your options and sticking with me through the complexities of our current insurance environment. It often takes creativity to keep you insured. It is reassuring that so few of you choose to self insure. As I always say, in case of a disaster, I want my neighbors to have insurance, so we can all afford to rebuild our paradise quickly.

Never stop calling and asking questions. Florida insurance is complex and changing and will continue to be that way in 2013, when there will be more columns to write .

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Gilda Suarez

Suarez Joins Naumann Realty

Gilda Suarez has joined John Naumann & Associates as a sales associate.

A native Floridian, Suarez acquired her Florida real estate license in 1972 and has been involved in countless professional real estate-related affiliations her entire career. She is fluent in Spanish. Suarez owned and operated a family title insurance company in Tampa and is a certified land closer.✪

Top Producers

John Naumann Associates is pleased to announce the top producing associates for the month of November.

Top Listing agents: The Galietti Team - Ralph and Cathy Galietti

Top Sales: The Harrell/Tolp Team - Steve Harrell, Toby Tolp and Kasey Harell.✪



Cathy Galietti



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Rehab Hospital Named Center Of Excellence

Lee Memorial Health System announced that The Rehabilitation Hospital has been designated the first Center of Excellence in the U.S. by the Neuro-Developmental Therapy Association (NDTA), demonstrating a continuing commitment to quality care for adults with central nervous dysfunction. This center of excellence offers individuals with multi-system impairments NDTA Certified and trained professionals in an environment that advances clinical education and clinical excellence.

"What a great time to recognize this achievement as we celebrate our 25th anniversary," said Walter Ittenbach, Vice President of The Rehabilitation Hospital. "The Center of Excellence designation is evidence of our continuing commitment to provide the most comprehensive, effective and outcome oriented medical rehabilitation services to our community."

Achieving designation as a center of excellence means The Rehabilitation Hospital (TRH) demonstrates substantial conformance to all Association standards related to clinical excellence, therapist and team approaches to treatment, education and training. It is a reflection of the capabilities of The Rehabilitation Hospital team. A Neuro-Developmental Treatment (NDT) Trained or NDT Certified therapist's education in neurology, physiology and current research is translated into daily practice. They work collaboratively with patients, families, caregivers, and other healthcare professionals to develop individualized compre-

hensive treatment programs based on NDT theory and philosophy.

The NDT approach is used for management and treatment of individuals with central nervous system impairments. The individual's strengths and impairments are identified and addressed in relation to an individual patient's assessed needs and stamina. NDT is a hands-on, problem solving approach that continues to evolve with the emergence of new theories, models, research, and information in the movement sciences. Intervention involves direct handling and guidance to optimize function. The approach is guided by the client's reactions throughout every treatment session.

NDTA, Inc. is a non-profit organization that strives to promote the unique qualities of the Neuro-Developmental Treatment (DT) approach by: providing specialized clinical training to health care professionals; supporting clinical research; and supporting clients and families with education, resources and information.

For more information about the Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association, Inc., visit www.ndta.org.

Animal Assisted Therapy Symposium

In collaboration with Florida Gulf Coast University Office of Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs, The Brody Project in Naples, offers "The Impact of Animal Companionship on Human & Animal Health," a symposium for veterinarians, vet technicians, health professionals and the general public from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 16 at The Moorings, 120 Moorings Park Drive in Naples.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Alan M. Beck of the Center for the Human-Animal Bond, School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University. Presenters also include Karen Lasker, executive director for The Brody Project; and Celeste Lynch, director for Wellness at Moorings Park.

Participants will discuss the benefits of human and animal interaction; learn about research related to health benefits of companion animals; and hear details about the emerging field of animal assisted therapy.

Cost for general admission is \$35. In addition, 2.5 contact hours have been approved by the Florida Boards Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, and Nursing through FGCU's Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs, Provider #50-10604. Pending approval by Florida's DBPR Board of Veterinary Medicine, 2.5 contact hours will be available for veterinarians through FGCU's Continuing Education & Off-Campus Programs, Provider #5590487, PVD#149.

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dearPharmacist

Shocking Cholesterol News



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

I saw Dr. Oz interview a doctor on television about cholesterol. The guest said your total cholesterol doesn't matter and I read that in your book six years ago. Suzy,

I take a statin, and do a "Lipid Profile" annually. Is this okay?

MD, Austin, Texas

No, it's not okay, and I'm about to shock everyone, unless you've read my books, then this will be review.

Recently I wrote a column about LDL and that we should not necessarily strive to lower it. We need to know the type and number of LDL particles. For example, Lipoprotein A or "Lp(a)" and another called apolipoprotein B or "Apo B" are two subtypes of LDL particles. These particular scores directly affect your cardiovascular risk. Do you have those numbers on your lab test? I bet you don't.

In my first book, *The 24-Hour Pharmacist* from 2007 and many syndicated columns, I've explained that statins are not very effective in reducing LDL particle number or Apo B and usually do not increase the size of your LDL particles, so that's why I don't encourage them.

It's confusing for consumers (and physicians who unwittingly accept drug propaganda) because studies conclude statins reduce total LDL. And yes, they do reduce "total" LDL, they are also excellent anti-inflammatories, so they are not completely without merit. But I'm bent on you reducing Lp(a) and Apo B, the dangerous subtypes of LDL known to raise risk for heart attack and stroke. One day I'll tell you which vitamin reduces those

bad boys, since drugs can't, but now, back to this testing dilemma.

I'll never submit myself for a routine "Lipid Profile" because it would waste my money. Half the people who have heart attacks have normal total cholesterol. If your results show a low LDL (considered the bad particle), then you may assume you're okay, but you see, a low total LDL score doesn't say much. Your triglycerides might be through the roof! You may have a huge concentration of dangerous Lp(a) and Apo B, subtypes of LDL that are never measured in that basic lipid profile.

Likewise, you may be happy with your high HDL cholesterol score, (HDL is considered a good cholesterol), but what if you have the wrong kind of HDL particles? Yeah, some HDL is bad, you didn't know that?! You're still at very high risk.

These basic "Lipid Profiles" don't provide the crucial details. It's like a car mechanic who you hire to fix your engine, but you only let him look at the hood of your car, he can't open the hood to see inside!

The better tests, sometimes covered by insurance, measure particle size, type and sometimes the actual number of LDL and HDL particles. I urge you to ask your physician to order tests from Berkeley HeartLab, a leader in this field. There's also another one called the "VAP Test" by Atherotec Diagnostics, and finally, the "NMR Lipoprofile" by LipoScience.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.

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Matches will be regular scoring – two out of three sets. In place of a third set, a USTA league tie-breaker will be used. There will be one event per player with a feed into a consolation round for first-round losers.

The first-round starting times will be available at the Player's Party on Friday evening at Sandra's Restaurant, 6 to 8 p.m., 111 West Olympia Avenue in Punta Gorda, or by calling Darin Schultz at 941-400-3219 beginning on Thursday, January 3.

Tournament sponsorships are still being sought – champion, ace, match point, set point, game point and wildcard. Additional information, registration and sponsorships may be obtained by contacting Darin Schultz at 941-400-3219 or dschultz@oasisadvantage.com.

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

I was surfing the Internet tonight, looking for help getting my adult daughter and two grandkids out on their own and found your article. I love your advice!

My daughter is divorced and she lost her job and moved back home in August 2003. She started a new job three months ago and doesn't say anything about moving. We are retired and want our house back, but can't afford to move to a condo in Florida.

How much time should we give her

and how do we get them out? Help!!!
Thanks.

Margaret

Dear Margaret:

Unfortunately, this is a dilemma many retirees face. You have helped your daughter and grandkids at a time of crisis, but that crisis is now over. It is time for an exit plan for all involved as soon as possible.

I feel our retirement years should be as enjoyable as possible. Most of us want to live in our own space in a quiet environment. We want privacy to watch TV, eat, sleep, go where we want, when we want to and to be able to leave our medicines on our own bedside table. These are the payback years free from the normal noise, stresses and confusion of raising children.

You and your husband need your home back to yourselves. Your daughter also needs to get on her own, to make a new life for herself and her children. In a quiet, relaxed time, tell her you are happy she has found a new job and you know she must be thinking of moving out. Tell her you would be happy to assist her with her budgeting, finding a place for herself because you know it is best for her to be on her own as soon as possible. Exercise a little tough love and later she will thank you for it!

Lizzie

Dear Margaret:

I think it was great for you and your husband to help your daughter out the way you did. Divorced women with young children struggle a great deal to get

by. On top of that, poor economic conditions make a difficult situation even more difficult. As old as we adult children are, as independent as we think we are, we will always need our parents.

With embarrassment, I will admit when around my parents, I behave more like a kid than a grown responsible adult – always the kid. I do not think my behavior is much different from others, and therein is your situation.

Continue your discussion with your daughter about her future plans and goals. Generally, when someone starts a new job, the first 60 to 90 days are

probationary. In some companies, benefits will not begin until after this period. Your daughter is close to, if not past, her probationary period. It is time she plans for the future. Four to six months is a reasonable time for your daughter to find a place to live, and get her life into an independent setting. Simplify your discussion; explain your needs... to have your home back. You love her, want her to be happy and successful and will be there for her and she needs to be out on her own.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.*

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: My sister is overweight and I can see from her diet she does not eat properly. She eats foods that have a lot of sugar and almost no protein. She is also stressed out and she does

not exercise. I also think she is depressed. She does not listen to my advice. I am concerned for her well-being. What can I do?

A: We might not think that a high-sugar, low-protein diet can be the result of a stressful condition. All stressors trigger a surge of powerful biochemical processes in the body. It starts with the adrenal glands.

The adrenals produce many different hormones. When the initial stressor is underway, they begin with producing adrenaline. The adrenaline surge alerts the body to be ready for fight or flight. This is a short-term response. With the initial shot of adrenaline, you have that increased strength (Some people have lifted a car to get someone out of danger).

Next, Cortisol is produced. Cortisol is the hormone that helps subdue the initial adrenaline rush after the crisis has passed. Now, the tricky part is if you have an on going stressor that becomes chronic, the

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Losing weight is difficult for most anyone, but for those 65 and older who may be dealing with multiple health issues, weight loss can be quite a challenge. Obesity, especially in older adults, has risen to epidemic proportions and is placing them at greater risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes and musculoskeletal conditions, such as worsening arthritis. Medicare now covers the cost of some weight management programs, but many patients are unaware of this benefit.

Lee Physician Group has implemented a new behavior modification weight management clinic to address this issue through intense behavioral counseling and nutritional assessments. Nurse practitioners meet with patients on a regular basis and provide them with the guidance and tools necessary to lose weight and ultimately improve coexisting conditions. Patients enrolled in Medicare Part B pay no copays or deductibles for these visits provided they take place in a primary care setting.

"Receiving individualized support helps keep patients focused and on track to living a healthier lifestyle. This program allows us to work in partnership with the patient to keep them motivated and provide support," said Arlene Wright, a nurse

practitioner at Lee Memorial Health System.

To qualify, you must have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or higher in order for your doctor to refer you to the program. According to Medicare, this figure applies to more than a third of its beneficiaries. (BMI is an estimate of body fat based on a person's height and weight. Free calculators are available online, or a doctor can assist in calculating the number).

Losing weight and keeping it off is not an easy task. Before beginning, participants should understand that lifestyle changes will have to be made in order to be successful. It is better to maintain small amounts of weight loss than to lose large amounts quickly, only to regain it later. This is a lifestyle change program for learning to make healthier choices. There are no fad diets or contracts involved, and scheduling is flexible to meet patient's needs.

With the help of compassionate medical professionals, successful weight loss is possible for Medicare recipients facing multiple obstacles on their path to better health.

For more information, contact Arlene Wright, MSN, ARNP, FNP-BC, a nurse practitioner with the Florida State University College of Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program at Lee Memorial Health System in Fort Myers. She can be reached at 343-3831.*

Dr. Dave

Healthy Role (Or Roll) Models?



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Should we as doctors be healthy role models to our youth? If we aren't, should we lose our jobs?

Recently, a raft of rather rotund doctors in Austria's state-run clinics with

a BMI (body mass index) over 25 received letters telling them to shape up or they're fired! Fired for being fat. Fired for being a roll model.

One in three kids in North America are overweight while a Big Whoppering nine million kids are classified as obese. Pediatric obesity is the greatest health threat facing our children. Some, unfortunately, are primed to be large as a genetic battle between hormones like ghrelin and leptin is waged in the internal milieu.

But many others, the corpulent computer-keystered Kripsy Kremed kids, are also developing a host of co-morbid conditions associated with obesity that, up until now, have never been heard of in children.

A life sentence of misery secondary to Type 2 diabetes is showing up in younger

and younger kids. More recently, NASH (non alcoholic hepatitis), previously a purview of plump, portly or puffy parents is now showing up in obese youth and damaging their livers. Twelve-year-old livers are looking like they've been abused in the Navy (Motto: "We Sail Wet") for 20 years.

A few tips on how to prevent your young 'un from becoming a big 'un:

1. Best thing to do for an obese child is to give him a prescription for a new set of parents. Studies indicate that many parents with obese kids, especially overweight boys, see their child through rose-colored glasses and don't see the "big" problem. "Porky's not obese, doctor, he's just big boned. Now you've upset him. There there now, you're mommy's little Piglet. Have another Oreo."

2. "Breast is best." Another Navy motto, but also refers to the fact that the GUTS (Growing Up Today Study) found that children who had been breastfed were 34 percent less likely to become obese regardless of how chubby or diabetic their mother is. Of course, if your big baby is 27 years old, then perhaps he's just best left fat.

3. Role Model vs. Roll Model. "OK, kid, go out and do some push ups or something just leave me alone and keep away from my remote!" Kids born to overweight moms are 15 times likely to be obese by age 6 and in fact start to pack on the Gerbers by age 3.

4. Remove words like "fat," "exercise" and "diet" and replace with more fun euphemisms like "play," "great nutrition"

and "kumquat." (Kumquat has nothing to do with this article... I just think it's a hilarious word.)

5. Don't eat in front of TV. In fact, get rid of your TV. Go ahead. In fact, if you have a 172-inch LCD, then as a caring medical professional, it would be in your best interest for me to remove that from your home. Trust me. I am only thinking of you, your children and the playoffs.

6. Eat as a family.

7. Eat like the French, Slowly all day, lunches with excessive amounts of wine. I believe this works because the diners pass out and don't wake up in time to eat supper. Make the meal a marathon, not a sprint. Try to stretch out the meal or you'll stretch out your Lulu Lemons.

8. Start meals with salad or soup. Stuff 'em early, stuff em hard! (They won't be able to wolf down dessert.)

9. Fridge full of healthy snacks like carrot sticks, celery sticks and Snickers sticks. Obesity comes not only from eating the wrong things, it also comes from not eating the right things.

Undernourished kids gain weight as they get hungry and end up eating cardboard-like products.

10. No junk food in the house. Changing eating habits as a child is easier than treating obesity as an adult. I might add that nowhere on the Snickers wrapper does it actually refer to itself as a junk food, per se.

11. Be active in promoting active life-style options for kids in your community.

12. Let them get their sleep. Leptin,

a good guy hormone, is released during sleep.

12. Move to Vienna.

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Dr. Dave's book The Doctor is In(sane) is now available for those with a sense of humor and half a sense of health. Pick up a copy at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.*

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Overweight

levels of adrenaline and cortisol remain too high longer than they should. Gradually, the adrenals become depleted and most of us still have our chronic stress. This can lead to our body wanting sugar for energy that our depleted adrenals deprive us of.

As concerned about your sister as you are, she has to be the one to make the decision to make the necessary changes for herself. If you know her friends and you have other family members, you may want to consider an "intervention" where you all sit down with her and tell her you care enough for her to see that she gets help for her issues.*

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Hermitage	Cape Coral	2001	4,742	1,290,000	1,160,000	92
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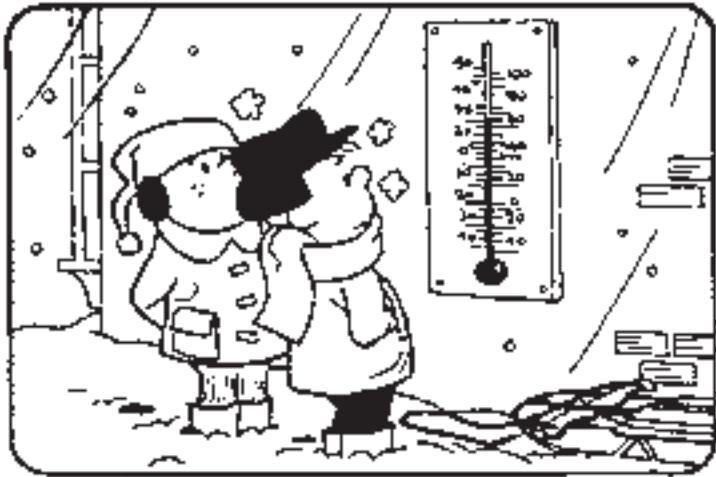
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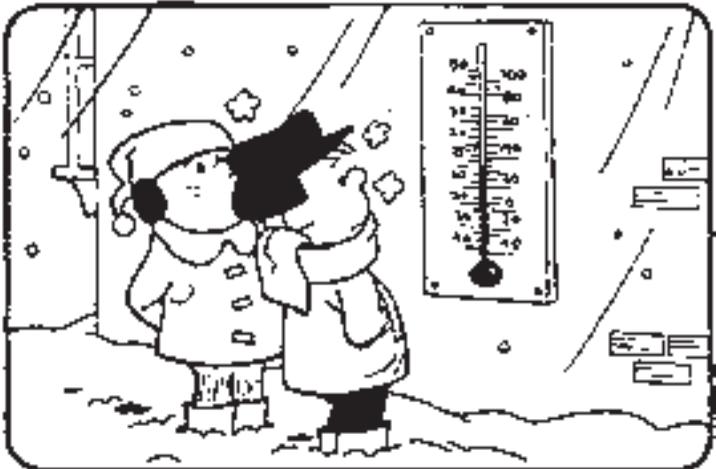
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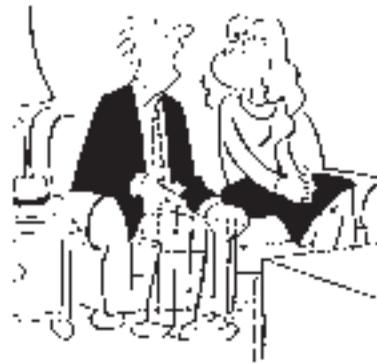
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Grow
PAXDEN

Brief
THORS

Whisk
ROGUES

Motion
NICOTA

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 43B

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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 43B



Fancy Florida Seafood Gumbo

- 12 ounces oysters, drained
- 8 ounces blue crab claw meat
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon anise seeds
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon crushed red peppers
- 1 10-ounce package frozen okra
- 2 20-ounce cans diced tomatoes

Remove remaining shell or cartilage from oysters and crab and set aside. Cook onion, celery and garlic in butter until tender. Add anise, salt, sugar, peppers, okra and tomatoes. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Add oysters and simmer an additional 15 minutes. Add crab and heat thoroughly. Serve over rice.

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My adoption fee is \$38 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promotion.

Hello, my name is Sax and I'm a 4-year-old neutered male domestic short hair. I may look like your average orange tabby, but I have one of the best personalities of all the cats at the shelter. Animal Services was awarded custody of me because I didn't come from a very good home. My Christmas wish is that a nice family would give me the home I've always wanted where I'll be safe and loved. I will be happy playing with your other pets or just showering you with all my attention.

My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promotion.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

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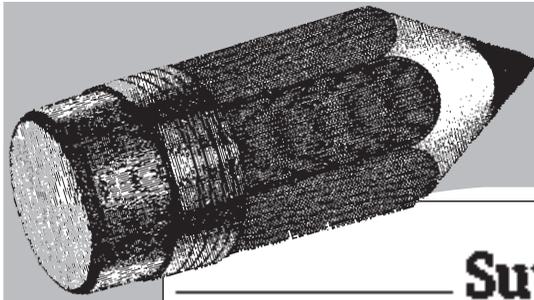
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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 43B

Super Crossword

GETTING EFF-ENDED

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dishes
 - 9 Spoon and coffee
 - 16 Little hearts
 - 20 Spooniest
 - 21 Slap-happy
 - 22 Bowl buds
 - 23 The Water Right Man
 - 25 Fiddling
 - 26 Apparent
 - 27 Hike, to
 - 28 Musical school subject
 - 29 Juggler
 - 30 Sun
 - 34 Feed the light technology
 - 40 Kind in Nice
 - 41 J.S. merchandise sale
 - 42 Feed to the prodigal son
 - 45 Goodie man
 - 49 Bunch of 3
 - 52 Laminates
 - 53 Uncharged thing
 - 55 Chair
 - 57 House's date
 - 58 On some with legs
 - 116 Flurry
 - 62 Calf
 - 63 Milk
 - 66 George's best white brother
 - 67 Country singer
 - 69 Basketball
 - 72 Green and white
 - 76 "Prose"
 - 77 Musical
 - 79 "I do"
 - 80 Man
 - 82 Greek
 - 83 Cheap to create
 - 87 "I only know"
 - 91 Gemstone
 - 93 "I do"
 - 94 Topped
 - 96 "I do"
 - 97 Surplus
 - 100 Good quality
 - 103 Egg
 - 105 "I do"
 - 107 Property
 - 108 Not being
 - 115 Flurry
 - 117 Theologist
 - 118 South
 - 124 "I do"
 - 125 He leader
 - 129 Name mark
 - 130 Queen
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 - 132 Game
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- DOWN**
- 1 Egg
 - 2 Dishes
 - 3 Hippies dig
 - 4 A and I
 - 5 Have fun
 - 6 Tree letters
 - 7 La Hee
 - 8 Funny
 - 9 Toss
 - 10 More pale
 - 11 Summit
 - 12 Mystery
 - 13 Spooniest
 - 14 Take out
 - 15 Phis through
 - 16 Role
 - 17 Ya ruler
 - 18 Prank
 - 19 Walking
 - 24 "I do"
 - 29 TVing
 - 31 "I do"
 - 32 "I do"
 - 33 With "I do"
 - 34 Way
 - 35 "I do"
 - 36 Take "I do"
 - 37 Alternate
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King Crossword

ACROSS

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DOWN

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MAGIC MAZE • LET THEM EAT CAKE

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Look for hidden words in the maze. They form delicious cakes. The word, backward, can go in either direction.

- Angel food
- Chocolate
- Fruitcake
- Sponge
- Boston cream
- Cupcake
- Fennel
- Teacake
- Bundt
- Devil's-food
- Pancake
- Upside-down
- Chiffon
- Flapcake
- Pound



Sanctuary Bayfront
 • Sanctuary Golf Course, Situated on 1 1/2 lots
 • Majestic Bayfront & Golf Course Views
 • New in 2006, Gorgeous Interior Finishes
 • Amazing Outdoor Living, Pool/Spa
 • **\$3,600,000** MLS 2121339
 • McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435



Sanddollar Condo
 • Open, Corner Unit 2BD/2BA
 • Unique & Large, Open Floorplan
 • Beautiful Gulf of Mexico Views
 • Resort Amenities
 • **\$889,000** MLS 2121377
 • Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



Gulf Front Captiva Estate
 • 4 BD/3 1/2 BA
 • Steps to 132 ft. Beautiful Gulf Frontage
 • Gorgeous Heated Pool & Spa
 • Direct Access Dockage
 • **\$3,995,000** MLS 2121356
 • Jim Branyon 239.565.3233



Energy Efficient New Construction
 • 4BD/3BA Near Beach Cottage
 • Captiva Vacation Retreat
 • Income Producing Opportunity
 • Only NEW Const. in Captiva's Village
 • **\$1,745,000** MLS 2120822
 • John & Denice Beggs 239.357.5500



Gumbo Limbo
 • 3BD/2BA Olde Florida Style
 • Bright Rooms, 8 ft. Ceilings, Tons of Storage
 • Master Suite w/Sitting Area/Office
 • Brand New Kitchen
 • **\$574,000** MLS 2121363
 • Sally Davies 239.691.3319



Captiva Beach Gem
 • Extraordinary 4BD/4BA Captiva Cottage
 • Gulf Side Porches Lead to Beach
 • Charming Interior with French Doors & Fireplace
 • Outstanding Rental History
 • **\$4,850,000** MLS 2121281
 • Sarah Ashton 239.691.4915



Bayside Villa 5132
 • Large 1BD/2BA at South Seas
 • Directly on Bay with Sunrise Views
 • Perfect Island Retreat or Rental Property
 • Steps to Pool, Beach, Shops & More
 • **\$273,500** MLS 2120260
 • Fred Newman or Vicki Panico 239.826.2704



Multi-Acre Beach Front Estate
 • 4BD/5.5BA, Premier Island Living
 • Incredible Quality Construction & Detail
 • Wrap Around Porches w/Stunning Views
 • Park Like Setting, Koi Ponds & Gazebos
 • **\$5,495,000** MLS 2120884
 • McMurray & Nette 239.850.7888



Mediterranean Beauty on Captiva
 • Castello del Oceano
 • 6 Bedroom, 6 Bath on Andy Rosse Ln
 • Private, Tropical Courtyard & Pool
 • Exquisitely Furnished and Finished
 • **\$1,999,000** MLS 2110562
 • Fred Newman or Vicki Panico 239.826.2704



Woodrings Subdivision
 • 3BD/2BA Shimmering Jewel
 • Breathtaking Views of San Carlos Bay
 • Beautifully Remodeled and Preserved
 • Boat Dock & Lift
 • **\$1,695,000** MLS 2121081
 • Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



Tennis Villa 3121
 • 1BD at South Seas Island Resort
 • Completely Updated Interior
 • Tropical Courtyard Views
 • Steps to Pool, Beach, Restaurants & More!
 • **\$225,000** MLS 2120046
 • Fred Newman or Vicki Panico 239.826.2704



Beach Villa 2318 at South Seas
 • 2 Bedroom w/Direct Sunset, Gulf Views
 • Corner Location W/Tile Floors
 • Bahama Shutters, Granite Counters
 • Island Style and Convenient Location
 • **\$599,900** MLS 2120306
 • Fred Newman and Vicki Panico 239-826-2704



Sanibel Bayous
 • Stunningly Remodeled 4BD/4BA
 • Hickory Floors, Vaulted Ceilings, Stone Fireplace
 • Large, Open Porches
 • Overlooks Private Wildlife Sanctuary
 • **\$677,000** MLS 2121371
 • Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



Beachcomber
 • 2BD/2BA, Rare to Market
 • Privately Situated & Beautifully Maintained
 • Stunning Gulf of Mexico Views
 • Luscious Grounds, Large Pool & Tennis
 • **\$1,099,000** MLS 2121115
 • Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



Heron at Sanctuary
 • 2BD/2.5BA, Over 2,500 S.F.
 • Bright & Spacious with 10' Ceilings
 • Walk-in Closets and Private Garage
 • Spectacular Views over 9th Fairway
 • **\$489,000** MLS 2121247
 • Brooks Selby, McMurray & Nette 239.292.7533



Captiva-Gated Tarpon Bay
 • Gulf-to-Bay Exclusive Development
 • Mediterranean Style-Separate Guest Pod
 • Boat Dockage & Beach Frontage
 • Tropical Style Pool with Waterfall
 • **\$3,495,000** MLS 2120177
 • McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435



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