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Garrett Coleman and Jason Oremus of Hammerstep

## BIG ARTS Dance Season Features Hammerstep, Koresh Companies

**B**IG ARTS presents several dance performances this season, including Irish step and hip hop dance group Hammerstep (January 19) and Koresh Dance Company's Twenty Years (February 9).

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

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

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Hammerstep performing

## CHR Announces Sponsors For Mardi Gras Party

**C**ommunity Housing and Resources (CHR) announced that the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank will sponsor the upcoming Mardi Gras Party, the organization's first official fundraiser. The event is family-friendly and is set for Saturday, February 9 at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club from 5 to 9 p.m.

Craig Albert, president of the bank, said, "CHR is a vital part of our community. We have three employees who live in CHR homes, either as renters or as owners through the limited-equity ownership program. Everyone benefits when affordable housing is available on Sanibel for our essential work force."

Since 1983, CHR has been Sanibel's answer to the need for affordable housing for island workers, seniors and people with disabilities. Today, CHR administrators

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Busy making posters are committee members, from left, CC Caldwell, Robyn Moran and Lynn Ridlehoover

## Kathy Kosins And Her Jazz Band To Perform On Sanibel

**B**IG ARTS on Sanibel presents critically and nationally acclaimed jazz vocalist Kathy Kosins with her jazz quartet at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 26. Celebrating the classic jazz vocalists Anita O'Day, June Christy, Chris Connor and Julie London, Kosins celebrates these women in *A Toast To The Ladies of Cool*. This concert is a multimedia event featuring musical shorts, videos and rarely seen photographs of each of the ladies plus stories behind the songs themselves.

An American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Award-winning singer, Kosins has won the hearts of critics and fans around the globe with her eclectic musical palette that expands the rich history of jazz. A veteran jazz icon and interpreter of the West Coast "cool school" style, Kosins is described by *The Chicago Tribune* as "one of the most alluring voices in jazz." Songs in the show include *When in Rome*, *Look Out Up There*, *Lullaby in Rhythm*, *Nice Girls Don't Stay for Breakfast* and *You're a*



Kathy Kosins photo by Laurie Tenant

*Heavenly Thing*. *The New York Times* declares, "Ms. Kosins's nonstandard choice of standards is almost as winsome as her easy going, swinging style..."

Joining Kosins on stage is Jim Gasior on piano, Chuck Bergeron on bass, John Yarling on drums and Mark Small on saxophone.

General seating is \$37, loge seats are continued on page 40

## Future Little Bo Peeps Visit Museum Gift Shop

Two young visitors to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village were already making plans to dress up for Halloween in Little Bo Peep bonnets their parents, Amanda Poppei and Peter Verchinski, bought for them in the museum's Gift Shop.

Marcella, age 5, had her plan all set. "I'll be Little Bo Peep and my sister can be the sheep," she said. But young Joanna, age 18 months, looked so cute in her bonnet, the girls will have to look elsewhere for a sheep.

The bonnets come in a variety of prints and are made in America. They sell



Marcella holds the life-like mechanical cat that sits in the store at all times in honor of Francis Bailey's ever-present white cat



Marcella and Joanna both planning their Little Bo Peep costumes



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The Museum Gift Shop carries a variety of items for children, including coloring books and paper dolls, replicas

of Confederate silver and Union gold and certificates of parole. 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; members are free. For more information, call 472-4648 or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).\*

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## It's Paradise ... Because It's The Historical Village

On February 5, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will hold its annual fundraiser, this year themed, *It's Paradise ... because it's Sanibel*. The production for this event will focus on an afternoon of fun for two tourists during their first visit to the island. A group of volunteers has been working very hard to make that production fun, lively, and of course, full of interesting stories and history.

The visitors will encounter four island VIPs – some of the people who helped form the patchwork that would eventually make Sanibel what it is today. Told from a humorous perspective, the audience will learn more about the paradise in which they live.

The production group includes the tourists Fay Carney and Maddy Mayor; the director is Nanette Laurion, writer is Jeri Magg and Anni Wellauer is producing. Other actors in the cast are Billy Kinkaid, Marial Goss, Judy Yenkole, Jim Sprinkle and Alex Werner.

Islanders are encouraged to learn more island history at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, open Wednesday



Fay Carney and Maddy Mayor will portray tourists discovering the wonders of Sanibel for the first time; Jeri Magg wrote the script, Nanette Laurion is director, and Anni Wellauer is producing *It's Paradise ... Because It's Sanibel*

through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 11 a.m. each day. While there, visit the Museum Gift Shop, which carries a variety of items for children, as well as sailor's valentines, pine needle baskets, and hand-made aprons in adult and children's sizes plus aprons to fit American Girl dolls. All the merchandise in the museum store is

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## Village Docents Attend Monthly Education Session

More than 20 new and veteran docents at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village recently attended the second monthly update session to broaden their knowledge of the village and the history it represents. These sessions are devised to give more in-depth knowledge of various aspects of the museum than are presented when a docent first begins to work at the museum.

"These are a great refresher even for our most experienced docents. There is always something new to learn about the many objects, pictures and stories to be found in our buildings," said Emilie Alfino, museum manager.

"Unless we had the docents, the village would be no place at all," said board member Gayle Pence.

Bill Bachman, a member of the museum's board of directors, conducted the session, which focused on the fishing cottage called Burnap Cottage (1898). The cottage was built on Woodring Point on land homesteaded by Sam Woodring. In the early 1900s, a minister by the name of Gatewood used the cottage to hold Sunday services. Upon Woodring's death, Hiram Burnap purchased the cottage and used it as a fishing retreat in winter. Nellie and James Brewster bought the cottage and added a second story. In 1998, the building was donated to the village and restored to its original state.

Some say Burnap Cottage is haunted. When Nellie Brewster died in a far-away



Bill Bachman of the Historical Village's board of directors instructs museum docents by sharing facts, stories and lore

state, they say a light went on in the house at the exact time she died. There are also tales of old fishermen who just can't seem to bring themselves to leave the cottage. Museum staff reports no strange goings on in recent years.

Held the 2nd Tuesday of every month, docents have come to look forward to these educational meetings. The museum provides refreshments, and the atmosphere is relaxed and casual. The next Docent Update will be held February 12 at 9 a.m. in the schoolhouse, when long-time docent Alan Smith will talk about Miss Charlotta's tea room and morning glories.

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Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 11 a.m. each day. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$5 for adults over 18; members are free. For more information, call 472-4648 or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).

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# Zonta Announces Six Ways To Win Peek Raffle

submitted by Dalia Jakubauskas

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva announces an easy and thrilling way for participants in this year's Peek At The Unique house tour to contribute to the club's annual fundraiser held on Saturday, March 16. Anyone – even those not holding tickets to this popular event – can purchase raffle tickets through A Chance At The Unique, for a shot at six fabulous prizes.

Organizers expect this year's 12th annual Peek, which features some of the most distinctive and normally inaccessible homes on the island, to sell out as it has done in years past. Tickets are \$65 and early bird letters to past "Peekers," as tour participants are called, have gone out to encourage early reservations. Tickets to the general public will go on sale at the end of January.

For more information on tickets for the Peek, email [Zontapeektickets@gmail.com](mailto:Zontapeektickets@gmail.com). Later this month, organizers will announce a phone number to call for inquiries about the event.

But even those not able to attend the Peek itself can contribute to Zonta's efforts. Anyone can buy raffle tickets for just \$10 each. Tickets are available from any Zonta club member and will be on sale outside Bailey's General Store the last weekend in February and weekends in March leading up to the Peek. Tickets

will also be available at the Sanibel Island Farmer's Market on Sunday, February 24.

Raffle tickets can also be purchased on the day of the Peek at its staging location at the Sanibel Community Church. Prizes are chosen at the time of purchase with the drawing held on the day of the event. Participants need not be present to win one or more of the following six exciting and exclusive prizes:

- A three-night stay for two people at the Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancun, an all-inclusive, luxury beachfront resort in Cancun, Mexico. The prize is a \$1,400 value and includes all meals, beverages, sports and activities, round-trip airport transfers, tips and taxes.

- A five-night stay for two-people in a fabulous, New York City apartment overlooking the Hudson River. Located on the Upper West Side in a building with a concierge and a doorman, this prize was donated by Zontian Barbara Stevelman and is valued at \$1,500.

- A three-story high ride for two in a cherry picker anywhere on Sanibel or Captiva. This prize is a \$500 value and was donated by Dickey Tree Services.

- A whimsical and custom cartoon drawn by Florida cartoonist, creator of "Hortoons" and Fort Myers resident, Dave Horton. Dave is author of several popular books including *Welcome To Florida, Cartoons by Hortoon*, a signed copy of which will be awarded to the winner. This prize package is worth \$415.

- A family portrait gift certificate that includes a one-hour photo shoot with professional photographer Jonathan Tongyai at any Sanibel or Captiva location, an 18-inch x 24-inch canvas gallery wrap, and a disc of photos. This prize, valued at \$400, was donated by Island Photography.

- An island-shopping spree worth over \$900. The spree includes the following merchants: Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, CJ's Island Boutique, Eileen Fisher, Lily & Company Jewelry Gallery, Nanny's Children's Shop, Friday's Child, Geez Leweez, Peach Republic, Why Knot, Her Sports Closet, Cheeburger, Cheeburger.

Last year's Peek broke records raising over \$90,000. The money will be awarded this January as grants to local and international service organizations that work to improve the lives of women and girls. The Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, the fundraising arm of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, will



Cartoonist Dave Horton, with several Hortoon creations, and Jonathan Tongyai of Island Photography

award \$66,000 to local organizations and \$21,000 to Zonta International for global initiatives that focus on health, education and reducing violence against women.

Inspired by Zonta's mission, local merchants, business people, and individual benefactors continue to give their generous support to the Peek year after year.

"Zonta's purpose and success in saving women from bad to horrible situations is a Godsend to the those saved and their families," said Jonathan Tongyai of Island Photography. "I find it a privilege to be of any assistance to an organization that provides help to women in the capacity that Zonta does."

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to

strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. For more information about Zonta, visit [www.zontatanacap.com](http://www.zontatanacap.com).\*

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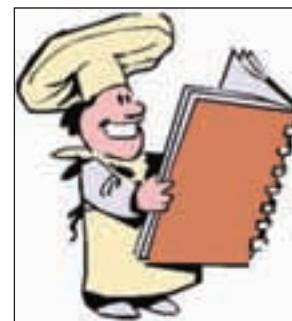
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## Bouquet For Captiva's Departing Postmaster, Marcia Bennett



Marcia Bennett



Marcia Bennett with her floral bouquet

If David Bornhorst and Victor Beddoe had their way, they'd put a plaque on the wall honoring Marcia Bennett when she retires as Captiva's postmaster at the end of the month.

She may not get a plaque, but she received a huge bouquet of flowers on Monday from the Captiva Civic Association in appreciation for her service and helpfulness to island postal patrons.

Bornhorst and Beddoe are daily fixtures at the Captiva Post Office, showing when it opens at 10 a.m., perched on a bench at the entrance to chat with people picking up mail. "We're the official greeters - just like at Wal-Mart," Bornhorst explained.

Not only does Bennett promptly get the Post Office open at 10 a.m. sharp, they said, but she goes out of her way to be helpful to everyone who comes in.

"She works by the book," said Beddoe, "but she's always very pleasant to you.

Even when she's enforcing a rule, you don't ever think she's talking down to you. She's really a nice person at heart, and everything she does flows out of that."

Such sentiments were echoed by almost everyone doing business there.

"She's delightful, sweet, kind and helpful," said Greg LeBlanc, co-owner of Captiva Kayak Co. & Wildside

Adventures. "She gets my mail even when I forget my post office box key. And I see that she goes out of her way like that for everyone."

"We've had a good run of postmasters here," noted David Doherty, owner of Albert Meadow Antiques. "We seem to be the last resting place for postmasters who are about to retire. I'm really sorry to see her go."

Bennett, who started as a letter sorting machine operator at the Page Field Post Office 30 years ago, said she decided to take an offer of early retirement for all employees with at least 25 years of service partly to give younger postal workers a chance to have good jobs and move up the ranks. Although she plans to remain in East Fort Myers, where she has lived most of her life, she also will spend time in Arizona to be with her three - soon to be four - grandchildren.

After working at a number of postal facilities in the area and being named postmaster in Nocatee, Bennett said she "jumped at the chance" when a supervisor urged her to put in for a postmaster position on Captiva being vacated by Trina Stokes in October of 2010.

Explaining her feelings about her relationship with postal patrons on Captiva, Bennett told a stray cat that showed up on her doorstep. One postal patron told her how animal services works. Another brought in a litter box. Someone offered tips on getting the cat medical treatment. Everyone is always asking how her stray cat is doing or wants to see pictures of it.

"I think people are very willing to help others here on Captiva - much more so than other areas where I've worked," she remarked.

The Captiva Civic Association's bouquet on the Post Office counter is testament to the fact that Captivians think the relationship has been mutual.✧



David Bornhorst and Victor Beddoe



Three generations support SCA and The Community House. Pictured from left is Bailey Stephens, Joe Bronson, Carrie Faith, Kacey Peach and Yvonne St. Clair

## The Community House, SCA Selling Sanibel Stoop Tees

The Community House currently holds the "World's Largest Treasure Hunt" record set by last season's Sanibel Stoop event at Bowman's Beach to celebrate Shellabration! 2012 and the 75th Anniversary of the Shell Fair.

Sanibel Shellabration T-shirts with the Guinness World Records logo are on sale

now at The Community House for \$15 each. These shirts will go fast, so don't wait until they are all gone.

"Because we had so much community support for this event, we wanted to get a commemorative T-shirt" said Marge Meek, SCA president, which hosted the event. "It shows everyone this is a shell island. Our 76th Annual Shell Festival will run March 7, 8 and 9, 2013."

For details, visit [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or call 472-2155 or visit us at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.✧



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Rod and Gaby Bell with their children, Valentina Grace and Rodd Luis

## Spotlight On CHR

submitted by Sue Denham  
and Claudia Burns

The stars aligned for Gabriela Bell, her husband Rodd, and their two young children early in 2012, when Gaby was promoted to head teller of the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, and Rodd's elderly parents, whom he cared for in their Sanibel home, decided to sell their house and return to Massachusetts.

Now all the Bells needed was an affordable place to live on Sanibel. Fortunately, Craig Albert, president and CEO of the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, knew about the limited equity ownership opportunities offered by Community Housing and Resources, Inc. (CHR) and encouraged Gaby and Rodd to look into buying a home in Centre Place, a cluster of affordable, LEED-certified duplexes built by CHR under the auspices of Coastal Islands Community Land Trust.

Highly motivated, the couple completed the extensive paperwork, met all the requirements of the grant-providing entities, mustered the closing costs with the help of their families, and moved into their new home at the end of March. As a result, Gaby no longer has a long daily commute and the Bell children can attend school on the island.

"Affordable housing is vital to Sanibel, especially to island businesses. Three of my key personnel live in CHR housing, and it's good for the community to have them here in case of emergency," said Albert.

*CHR is a non-profit organization that partners with the City of Sanibel to provide affordable housing to families and individuals who work in and/or serve the community of Sanibel. Today, CHR administers housing for 150 island residents in 10 rental complexes plus 14 limited equity ownership homes throughout Sanibel, thus facilitating local workforce for island businesses and ensuring economic diversity in our community.*

*For more information on affordable housing opportunities, stop by the CHR office at 2401 Library Way or phone 472-1189.\**



Gaby Bell at work at Sanibel Captiva Community Bank

## Mobile Mammogram Returns

The City of Sanibel Recreation Center will host the Radiology Regional Center's Mobile Mammogram Coach from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, January 21. For an appointment or if you have any questions relative to the test, call the Radiology Regional Center at 936-2316.

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

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**



**Mr. and Mrs. Brendan James Leary**

**M**r. and Mrs. Brendan James Leary were united in marriage on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, North Carolina. The wedding was officiated by Pastor Ashley Neil Smith. A night of dinner and dancing at the Pinehurst Resort followed the ceremony. Mrs. Leary, formerly Aimee Victoria-Ann Kaplan, is the daughter of Rebecca Kaplan of Greer, South Carolina and

the late Thomas Kaplan. She grew up on Sanibel Island and is a graduate of Sanibel Elementary School and Bishop Verot High School. She also graduated from the University of Miami and the University of South Carolina School of Law. She currently practices law in Greer, South Carolina.

Mr. Leary is the son of Rosemary and Michael Leary of Simpsonville, South Carolina. He is a graduate of Clemson University and works as a mechanical engineer for General Electric in Greenville, South Carolina. He will graduate with his master's in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech this spring.

The bride wore an ivory satin Priscilla of Boston gown. The neckline featured an intricate setting of crystals on English netting, complementing her cathedral length veil. The ball gown skirt was adorned with satin covered buttons.

The maid of honor was childhood friend Victoria Wolanin. Bridesmaids were Elyse Berger, Christina Gerrish, Francesca Leary, Meaghan Picard, Erica Small and Quynh Truong-Johnson. The best man was the groom's brother Ryan Leary. Ushers were Nate Basque, Chase Berger, Mitch Jennings, Gareth Lewis and Matt Picard. Flower girls were Gemma Leary, Samantha Leary and Madison Picard. The ring bearer was Hudson Leary.

The couple plans to honeymoon in St. Barts this spring. They reside in Greenville, South Carolina.✧

**ENGAGEMENT**



**Kasey Harrell and Brendan Albright**

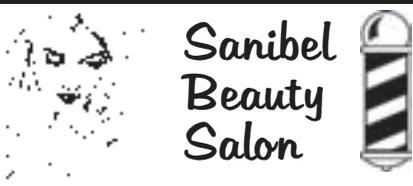
**S**teve Harrell and Toby Tolp of Sanibel Island announce the engagement of their daughter Kasey Harrell to Brendan Albright, son of Karen Golembe and Mark Albright of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Kasey is a lifelong resident of Sanibel, graduating from both The Sanibel School and Fort Myers High School. She attended the University of Central Florida where she and the groom met. After graduation, she moved back to Sanibel and sells real estate with her parents, Steve and Toby.

Brendan grew up in Fort Lauderdale, where he attended Westminster Academy and, like Kasey, attended The University of Central Florida. After graduation, he moved to Sanibel and works at South Seas Island Resort.

Brendan proposed to Kasey at sunset on Blind Pass Beach in November. The couple will be married at The Sanctuary Golf Club on October 19, 2013.✧

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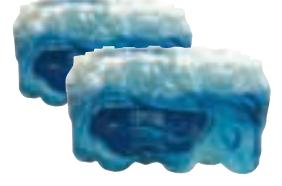
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# AWBA Announces Speakers

Gayle Dehaan-Garland, president of the Sanibel Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, will present the following guest speakers:

February 12 at 6 p.m. – Creating Self-Empowerment by Improving your Health through Energy Medicine from a Business and Personal Perspective by Karen L. Semmelman, owner of Semmelman Energy Center with offices in Sanibel and Boston. Semmelman is a matrimonial lawyer of 30 years with a degree in psychology. Through energy practice, she seeks to empower her clients by teaching them techniques to activate their body's natural healing abilities to restore vital energies that may have become weak, disturbed or out of balance. As an owner of numerous businesses (including a law firm with 30 employees), she will provide tips on enhancing business development. This presentation will be audience participatory.

March 12 at 6 p.m. – CorpoReality... BodyMind Strategies for Healthy Work-Healthy Lives by Holly Maiz, owner of BodyMind Well Being, located on Sanibel. Maiz is a bodymind psychotherapist specializing in optimal health. With a master's degree in somatic (body) psychology and dance therapy from Naropa University, Maiz brings the exploration

of the body's inherent wisdom to corporate, educational and therapeutic settings throughout the U.S. She will provide snapshots of achieving healthy living in a busy world, seeking to provide the audience with methods to find awareness of the body's natural intelligence to enhance vitality. The presentation will be interactive.

April 9 at 6 p.m. – Learn about the Next Generation of Global Education by Tracy Hanson, founder and CEO of Next Generation of Global Education. With an extensive background in teaching, including working with 50 African students now, Hanson will discuss the development of a global curriculum using open education resources which transcend political, cultural and linguistic barriers to provide children worldwide with dynamic, personalized education from kindergarten through high school. Hanson will motivate the audience to expand their perspective of providing education worldwide, plus provide opportunities for assisting in this worthy objective.

The presentations will be held at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome. If you are interested in attending contact Barbara Boulton, membership chair at 222-9713 or by email at [about@embarqmail.com](mailto:about@embarqmail.com). The cost for the evening is \$22, payable by check or cash.\*



Secure Shredding will destroy documents at The Community House

## Shred Your Documents Securely On Saturday January 19

The Sanibel Community Association (SCA) will once again be hosting a drive to shred your unneeded documents and papers on Saturday, January 19, between 9 a.m. – noon at The Community House.

The New Year is the perfect time to organize your home and office. It's also the perfect time to destroy the sensitive documents you no longer need. With identity theft a growing problem, you should securely dispose of unwanted financial and personal files so they don't end up in the wrong hands. But if the thought of tediously hand-feeding piles of personal papers into your home shredder makes it tough to get motivated, then the perfect solution is to let someone else shred it for you safely and quickly.

Bring documents such as bank statements, credit cards receipts, old checks, income tax returns or anything that contains personal information, while watching the professionals at Secure Shredding, Inc. pulverize your papers into bits within mere minutes.

The event is open to the public. A small fee of \$5.00 for one or two boxes per car will be collected. If you have more boxes, an additional donation is requested. All proceeds go to the Community House operating fund so additional donations are always encouraged.

For more information on this event or other SCA sponsored events, please visit [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or call 472-2155. \*

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## Rick Evans And Band On The Porch At Sanibel Community Church

On Sunday evening, January 20 at 6 p.m., Sanibel Community Church will feature the first of the Concerts On The Porch series for 2013 with Rick Evans, lead singer of the Imperials. The evening will include many classic Imperials songs as well as great hymns and songs of worship. Refreshments will be served. A love offering will be received for the evening concert. Bring your lawn chair and bring a friend for a great night of fun.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). For more information, call 472-2684 or visit [www.sanibelchurch.com](http://www.sanibelchurch.com).



weeks ago. After something like this, Phil says, "Everyday is a holiday."

Life has returned to normal for Schomer. He is not feeling sick every day, and he can eat. Phil still takes a few pills a day, but that is nothing compared to the medications he had been on. That feeble and depressed man now stands up and smiles again, his family smiles again. Phil is extremely grateful for this gift of life and as part of his life's mission he and his wife, Arlene, are going out to tell his story and how important it is to become an organ donor.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club president John Grey had a young family member pass away. The child's parents made the decision to donate their organs to a person or persons in need. This donation definitely helped the donor family with the healing process. This gift of life made a difference in the

lives of many and that comforted the grieving.

An organ donation can simply begin by filling out the organ donor designation block on your driver's license renewal form, by signing up with Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration or LifeLink, FL online. Then, make sure you tell your family, so there is no confusion if something should happen to you.

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Bistro At Beachview, 1100 Par View Drive. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President John Grey at [John@JohnGreyPainting.com](mailto:John@JohnGreyPainting.com) or President-Elect Scot Congress at [Scot@scongress.com](mailto:Scot@scongress.com).*

## Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

When thinking of the new year, we think of a new start, a new chance to live our life well. What if, just what if, you were one of the 117,000

Americans waiting for an organ transplant? On average, Florida has around 4,000 transplant candidates on the wait list. Last Friday, a two-time organ transplant recipient, Phil Schomer, spoke to San-Cap Rotarians about the importance of signing up as an organ donor.

The facts are this: On average, 18 people die daily while waiting for an organ transplant; every 11 minutes, another name is added to the waiting list; one organ and tissue donor can save eight people's lives and help 50 others; all major world religions support organ donation and view it as the greatest act of charity; emergency medical personnel will do everything to save your life if you are in an accident, even if you have chosen to be an organ donor; it is possible to have an open casket funeral if you are an organ and tissue donor, as donation does not mutilate the body; there is no cost to the donor family if a loved one becomes an organ donor and there are no age restrictions.

Phil's personal medical journey started in 1999, when he had a five-vessel coronary artery bypass. Although the bypass surgery was a success, there were complications with kidney



**Phil and Arlene Schomer**

function. He received a diagnosis of polycystic kidney disease (PKD) in both kidneys and he would need a kidney transplant. Schomer was lucky enough to be matched with a living donor – his daughter. But eight months later, the liver was being rejected. The doctors went into action and saved the transplanted liver and life was pretty good for the next nine years; then again, bad news. His liver was failing; he needed another transplant, but until a donor could be found, he survived by kidney dialysis every three days for 36 months. After waiting for that 36 months, one night around midnight, the phone rang. A liver was being tested as a match for Phil. Five minutes later, the phone rang again. The match had been made and the transplant took place a short while later after all pre-transplant protocols were satisfied. That was just a short 12

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Trooping the colors at the start of the ceremony

# Battle Of The Bulge Veterans Honored In Sanibel Ceremony

by Anne Mitchell

On Tuesday, Sanibel honored veterans of the Battle of the Bulge with a ceremony at the flag pole in front of city hall.

Mayor Kevin Ruane read and presented proclamations to local surviving veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and his fellow council members were also present. The council had recessed from its monthly meeting to take part. The celebration was jointly sponsored by the Sanibel Veterans Group, chaired by Ted Tyson.

Many veterans of the bulge as well as other battles and wars were present, along with family members and friends. There were also attendees from other Florida cities and counties.

The ceremony began with the trooping of the colors with most of the military groups represented.

Veterans honored on Sanibel were Robert Hillard, Joseph DiGregorio, Everett Howland, Charles Evans, Norval Williams, Edward ZabKar, Kaliel Sheheen, Franklin Dentz, John Vitale, Richard Corbin, Edward Linder and William Thomas.

According to Tyson, the Battle of the Bulge was the last major German offensive of World War II that took place between Trier and Monschau in the area of the Ardennes Forest region, stretching from southern Belgium to Luxembourg and into Germany. The offensive lasted for three weeks, from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945.

The German objective was to split the Allied armies and push the front line west from northern France to northwestern Belgium. As the German armies drove deeper



Ken Corr, left, VFW District 13 commander and Jay Jones, VFW District 13 inspector and a past Florida state commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart



Veterans who were recognized for their service, along with family members

photo by William Dakos, City of Sanibel intern

into the Ardennes in an attempt to secure vital bridgeheads west of the River Meuse, the line defining the Allied front took on the appearance of a large protrusion or bulge, hence the name.

Under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's leadership, the Third Army successfully turned ninety degrees from Lorraine to relieve the besieged town of Bastogne, which was key in upsetting the German counteroffensive, Tyson said. British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill stated, "This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever-famous American victory."

The Battle of the Bulge was the costliest military action ever fought by the U.S. Army. Over 100,000 American casualties resulted from this battle, of which 19,000 soldiers were killed; 47,500 were wounded; and 23,000 were captured POWs or missing. Currently, there are about 3,000 surviving veterans of the Battle of the Bulge around the country.

Following the council ceremony, the veterans and their guests had lunch at Cip's Place, with the Jensen family of Captiva picking up the tab.\*



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## Professor Robin Fox To Speak

Dr. Robin Fox, University Professor of Social Theory at Rutgers University in New Jersey, will be the Shared Scholar in Residence for Temple Bat Yam, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, the Christian Science Church of Sanibel and Captiva Chapel by the Sea this year. Professor Fox will lecture on "The Puzzle of the Ten Commandments" on Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m. in the Congregational Church Sanctuary, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. There is no fee for this program and the public is welcome to attend.

Dr. Fox, an anthropologist, poet, essayist and historian of ideas, founded the Department of Anthropology at Rutgers. He has written or edited more than 19 books, the latest being *The Tribal Imagination*. He is currently working on the archeology of the Calusa Indians of Southwest Florida and the light this can shed on the origins of complex societies. Born in England, he was educated at London School of Economics and Harvard, with Post Doctoral work



Professor Robin Fox

at the Stanford School of Medicine. He was co-director of the H.F. Guggenheim Foundation for 12 years and helped start up the revolution of ideas about social behavior, known as Sociobiology.

Shared Scholar in Residence lectures are possible through a grant from the Leo Rosnick Foundation in honor of June Rosner. For further information, call the Congregational Church at 472-0497.\*\*

## Time Magazine Bureau Chief To Speak At Forum

submitted by Ralph Sloan

Tim Padgett, award winning journalist and Miami Bureau Chief for *Time* Magazine will speak on Latin American immigration issues at the Christian Education forum at St. Michael's Episcopal Church's at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 20. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Padgett has written extensively on Latin America, including cover stories on Hugo Chavez, the Elian Gonzalez crisis, the Florida 2000 election recount and the continuing drug consumption crisis. In 2005, he won Columbia's Cabot prize for Latin American coverage.

Padgett's remarks will focus on immigration from the Christian perspective and particularly on what can be done to help curtail illegal immigration at its source in Latin America. He will also look at the Christian perspective on other immigrant groups, especially Muslims.

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church is located at 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Call 472-2173 or visit [www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org](http://www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org)\*\*

## SW Florida Jewish Newspaper Editor To Speak

Temple Bat Yam will host a special speaker at Sabbath services on Friday evening, January 18. Ted Epstein, the editor and designer of three Jewish newspapers covering Southwest Florida: *The Federation Star* ( Collier County), *L'Chayim* (Lee and Charlotte Counties) and *The Jewish News* (Sarasota- Manatee), will speak from his perspective about Jewish life in Southwest Florida. If something Jewish-related is happening from Bradenton to Marco Island, Ted will know about it. Born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Holocaust survivors, Ted was educated in the Orthodox Jewish tradition, and has spent his 30-year career mostly in publishing and marketing. His presentation, followed by a Q & A session, should prove most enlightening.

Temple Bat Yam Sabbath services are held at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, on Fridays at 8 p.m. Following services, refreshments will be served. The Congregation welcomes all visitors. Call President Allan Silberman at 472-5317 for further information.\*\*

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### 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.\*

## OBITUARY



**SHERWOOD H. K. AND BETTY B. FINLEY**

**S**herwood H. K. Finley, longtime resident of Gulf Pines, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2010. A graduate of Yale University, he served as a Naval fighter pilot in World War II. After the war, he pursued a career in fashion illustration and fine art in New York City.

Betty B. Finley passed away at her summer home on Lake George on July 2, 2012. After graduating from Mills College, she went to work for IBM in New York City, where she met Sherwood. After raising two children, Betty returned to work as a high school

math teacher until the couple retired to their Florida residence on Sanibel Island in 1975.

Both Sherwood and Betty enjoyed many years of involvement with the island's nature conservation efforts. During one period of extreme coastal erosion, Betty spear-headed a landmark decision, which required EPA, state and local government agencies to permit a major beach re-nourishment project to save residents' homes. And in the early days of Gulf Pines, Sherwood and other members of the neighborhood worked to landscape and plant the entry and communal areas.

Both Betty and Sherwood worked for many years as guides and supporters of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and were also supporters of CROW, an island-based organization for the care and rehabilitation of wildlife.

In addition, they pursued a life-long love of art. They both studied ceramics and made pottery at their studio in Gulf Pines. Sherwood taught art appreciation classes at his studio, where he continued to paint, draw and to make mobiles until shortly before his death. In 1996, BIG ARTS hosted the first retrospective of Sherwood's artwork.

They are survived by their children, Michael and Sandy Finley, and their granddaughter, Harriet Alexander. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 23 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, with a reception to follow.\*

## Center 4 Life Programs

**S**anibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome.

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

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

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

**Power Hour Fitness** – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords and stability balls, along with mats, are used to strengthen your muscles. Improve 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.

**Learn to Play Mahjongg with Katie Reid** – January session: 23, 24, 28 and 30; February session: 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 9 a.m. to noon. Class is limited to four or eight students and you must be able to attend all classes in the session. Supplies are provided. Cost is \$12.50 for members and \$25 for non-members.

**Arts & Crafts Fair** – February 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday bazaar vendors will have a variety of handmade items including fused glass, jewelry, purses, photographs, paintings, cards, shell crafts, pottery, jam, chutney, macramé and fabric and hand-knit apparel. Hot dogs will be served during the fair.

**Third Annual Justine Smith Charity Bridge Tournament** – Friday, February 15 at 1 p.m. Local merchants will contribute gifts that will be awarded during the tournament. All proceeds will go to PAWS, a Sanibel charity for the care, foster and placement of stray animals. Cost is \$20 per person.

**Intermediate Bridge Lessons with Linda Tedeschi** – Mondays, February 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Basic knowledge of the game is required. Learn more about playing the hand and get tips for winning defense.

**Basic Bridge Lessons with Bruce and Christl Smith** – February 5, 7, 12 and 14, 9 a.m. to noon. You must be able to attend all four classes. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

**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** – Wednesday, February 13 at 2:30 p.m., *Clay's Quilt* by Silas House. After his mother is killed, four-year-old Clay Sizemore finds himself alone in a small Appalachian mining town. Together, the townfolk help Clay fashion a quilt of life from the treasured pieces that surround him.

### Computer Classes

**Having Fun With Facebook** – Thursday, January 31, 1 to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$30 for members, \$45 for non-members. Limit six per class.

**Computer Intro to PC** – February 4, 6, 8, 13 and 15, 1 to 3:30 p.m. This class is designed for the novice user. Instructors Bruce and Christl Smith will explain the basics without a lot of jargon. You must be able to attend all five sessions. Cost is \$115 for members and \$150 for non-members. Limit six students.

**Protect Yourself and Your PC Online** – February 7, 1 to 3 p.m. This class is designed to give you facts and specific tips to give you peace of mind when

using the Internet. Patty Waters is the instructor.

**iPhone with Rhonda** – Tuesday and Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., January 29 and 31, February 12 and 14.

**iPad with Rhonda** – Tuesday and Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., January 15 and 17, February 5, 7, 26 and 28. Cost is \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members.

### Tenth Annual Coping with Life Friday Series

January 18, 12:30 p.m. – Memory Strategies with Cindi Ryerson of Millennium Cognitive Café. Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. An overview of how the brain functions, how to stay brain fit, strategies to assist with memory in everyday life, and how to tap into cognitive domains that help ward off the potential of Alzheimer's and dementia.

January 25, 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.

February 1, 12 to 4 p.m. – Parish Nurses Senior Health Fair, sponsored by St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Sanibel Congregational United

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Vocal Artistry

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Sanibel Congregational's Music Director Elwood Smith says Vocal Artistry's last concert on the island in 2012 filled the sanctuary and asked the group to return. "At Elwood's request,

Vocal Artistry agreed to bring back a few of the congregation's favorite songs for this concert as well," said Vocal Artistry's Artistic Director Joseph Caulkins. "We are honored to be welcomed back and to help raise awareness and money for a very worthy cause."

Proceeds from a free will offering collected during the concert will benefit

F.I.S.H., or Friends In Service Here. The mission of F.I.S.H. is to lend a helping hand to those in need on Sanibel or Captiva who live, work or visit there. Their programs feed the hungry and provide emergency financial assistance, among other services to those in need. ✨

Joseph Caulkins

## Vocal Artistry Sanibel Concert Benefits FISH

Vocal Artistry returns to Sanibel Island for a varied and eclectic program of spirituals, gospel and exquisite choral music. The concert is hosted at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, on Sunday, January 20, at 3 p.m. The concert is free, and all are welcome.

This moving program features modern composer Mark Hayes' *Hark, I Hear the*

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## Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell



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

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



Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture Host Committee Weekend members meet at the Watson MacRae Gallery to prepare for the upcoming events

## Islanders Host Poetry Reading And Fundraiser

submitted by Kharli Rose

Many islanders are involved with two consecutive events in February that will combine poetry of the natural world with supporting a sustainable future through the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Florida Gulf Coast University.

From helping with posters and invitations to coordinating parking and permits, more than 40 local members of the Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture Weekend Host Committee have been planning a poetry reading by Pulitzer Prize winner Mary Oliver and the 9th annual Fundraising Celebration for the Center.

Because a serious illness prevented Oliver from attending the 2012 lecture, host committee members have anticipated her visit since 2011 and excitement is mounting as the dates draw near. Beginning in November of 2012, Center Director Dr. Peter Blaze Corcoran has been holding weekly meetings with the

group – which also includes members from Fort Myers – at The Sanibel Bean and the Watson MacRae Gallery to prepare for the events.

Oliver will deliver a poetry reading with commentary during the lecture on February 8 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Church. The lecture is free and open to the public, but seats will be reserved for contributors to the Center's Ninth Annual Fundraising Celebration. It takes place February 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Island beachfront home of Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer.

This is the Center's major fundraising event of the year and proceeds help advance the mission to work toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth through scholarship, education, and action. Funds raised by the Center will be allocated to its many initiatives, including grant programs for faculty and students, educational events and employment opportunities for students.

Invitations for the event weekend were mailed in early January. If you would like an invitation or would like to be added to the Center's mailing list, contact the Center by email at [cese@fgcu.edu](mailto:cese@fgcu.edu) or by phone at 590-7166.\*

## Orchid Society Plans Meeting

Michale Sim of Canaima Orchids in Sarasota will be the featured speaker at the Monday, January 21 meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society. The topic will be Venezuelan Cattleya Species In Their Habitat. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

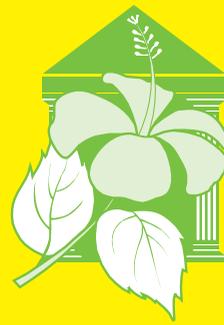
Orchid novices are encouraged to come to the meeting at 1 p.m. to hear a member of the Orchid Society talk about the fundamentals of orchid growing.

Participants are encouraged to come early to purchase orchids or to do so during intermission. Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during Show and Tell.

Orchid Society members are invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best Hybrid and best Species orchids. Members and guests are also invited to participate in a monthly orchid raffle.

San-Cap Orchid Society membership is \$20 annually, which covers the October 2012 to May 2013 meetings. Guests may attend for \$4 per meeting. Call Nannette Lehr at 395-3327 with any questions.\*

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## Bird's Eye View

# Horseshoe Crabs And My Scales Of Value



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

On just about every trip I take into the refuge, we see the weird – but interesting – creature known as the horseshoe crab. Most people seem to know that these

creatures have been around for a very long time (the first species appear in the geologic record some 450 million years ago). They truly are prehistoric.

But many are surprised to find out that they are not really crabs at all, but actually, arthropods. Their closest living relatives are arachnids; today's spiders, ticks and scorpions. When I pick a live one up on one of my tours, I love to point out the creature's similarity to the scorpion. If you turn a horseshoe crab over on its back, I think it looks like a scorpion that has decided to start wearing a helmet. I also like to point out how the animal, when turned on its back, will flail its sharp, dagger-like tail into a defensive position whereby a potential predator has to first avoid the tail in order to get at the "meat" of the animal.

Although the horseshoe crab has two compound eyes on either side of the helmet, they can only see to about three feet away and capture most of their prey by feel. They eat mostly worms, small crustaceans and mollusks. Adult horseshoe crabs fall prey themselves to sharks and sea turtles in the open water and things like gulls and raccoons in the shallow spawning areas close to shore.

What we mostly find on the mudflats away from Wildlife Drive is the shed skin of the animal. At first glance, it appears to be that of a complete animal, but a closer inspection reveals that it looks as though someone took a razor blade and precisely cut the lower part of the animal away from the helmet along the leading edge. That is not a dead animal; that is merely the shed skin. Horseshoe crabs have to shed their skin in order to grow and they will do this around 16 to 17 times over a period of nine to 11 years before they are fully grown and sexually mature. Their lifespans can reach almost 20 years.

But if you are on Wildlife Drive and you find a horseshoe crab shell that has had almost the entire underside torn away, well that is a dead animal that was eaten most likely by a raccoon. In Florida, beginning in March and continuing through August, the horseshoe crabs breed along low-lying, shallow beaches. That is when you can see hundreds of them along the shores of Wildlife Drive. The larger ones are the females and usually there will be a smaller male attached to her back with several other males chasing along behind trying to join in on the

festivities.

When I first came to Sanibel, I would see many dead horseshoe crabs along Wildlife Drive during the breeding season and came away with the opinion that they died after mating (sort of like what happens to salmon). But I have since learned that these mortalities are happening primarily because of "strandings." The egg-laying and fertilization of the eggs occurs in the inter-tidal zone and along Wildlife Drive; that means that many horseshoe crabs become trapped within and above the mangroves when the high tide that brought them there recedes.

Over 80,000 eggs can be produced by a single breeding female per year. The eggs will hatch between 14 to 30 days after fertilization. These huge quantities of egg production are very important for the survival of migrating and nesting shorebirds, such as the endangered snowy plover (which nest on Sanibel).

Historically, human-created "loss of habitat" and actual physical harvesting of horseshoe crabs caused severe declines for the species. For over 100 years starting in the 1850s, millions of horseshoe crabs were harvested annually for fertilizer, livestock feed and to serve as bait for other fisheries. By the 1960s, though the harvesting had not been regulated, the horseshoe crab population had been so decimated that only 42,000 were taken.

Today, most harvesting occurs by the biomedical industry in developing tests for endotoxins in the blood of humans. Even though this harvesting program uses a "catch and release" protocol, it has been estimated by recent studies that 15 to 30

percent of the horseshoe crabs released do not survive.

But why should we care about the horseshoe crab's demise? They're not very bright and they're sort of "creepy-crawly." And anyway, aren't their deaths helping humans live better lives?

Well, I have something I like to call my "Scales of Value" (these scales don't really exist, only in my mind). My scales look something like the "Scales of Justice" that you see associated with the law profession. In one pan, there is a representative of the human species; in the other pan, any species on the planet can be placed and its "value" measured against that of the human.

Now, I figure that when most humans use these scales, they will find that creatures that have attributes or capabilities that are more similar to our own will be measured as weighing closer to that of the human species. Many people love the dolphins and killer whales; their intelligence is recognized as being very complex and their social structure is not much different from our own. I would even suggest that the great ape's value would also weigh in closely to that of humans as it does not take much to see how closely we are related.

Of course, our species would always come out on top when using the Scales of Value with the species mentioned in the last paragraph, but the difference would be slight. Species "further down"

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## CROW Case Of The Week

## Turkey Vulture



by Patricia Molloy

Often seen circling high above the ground with a large wingspan of nearly 70 inches, the turkey vulture is the most widespread vulture in North America.

Commonly referred

to as a buzzard, these birds may not be destined for the proverbial catwalk, however, each plays an important role in an healthy ecosystem.

As one of Mother Nature's most efficient scavengers, the turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*) utilizes its sense of smell as well as sight to find carrion, making it unique amongst other vultures. The breed earned its name from the fact that when standing, its body and bald red head can resemble a wild turkey's from a distance.

Currently, there are two turkey vultures at CROW. "The one outside (patient #3510) doesn't seem to be improving and it is not eating since being moved to a flight cage, which is odd since the one inside the clinic is eating very well," stated Aundria West, intern DVM.

When it arrived at the wildlife clinic, it was unable to stand and was so depressed that it laid its head on the floor of its cage. It was diagnosed with crop

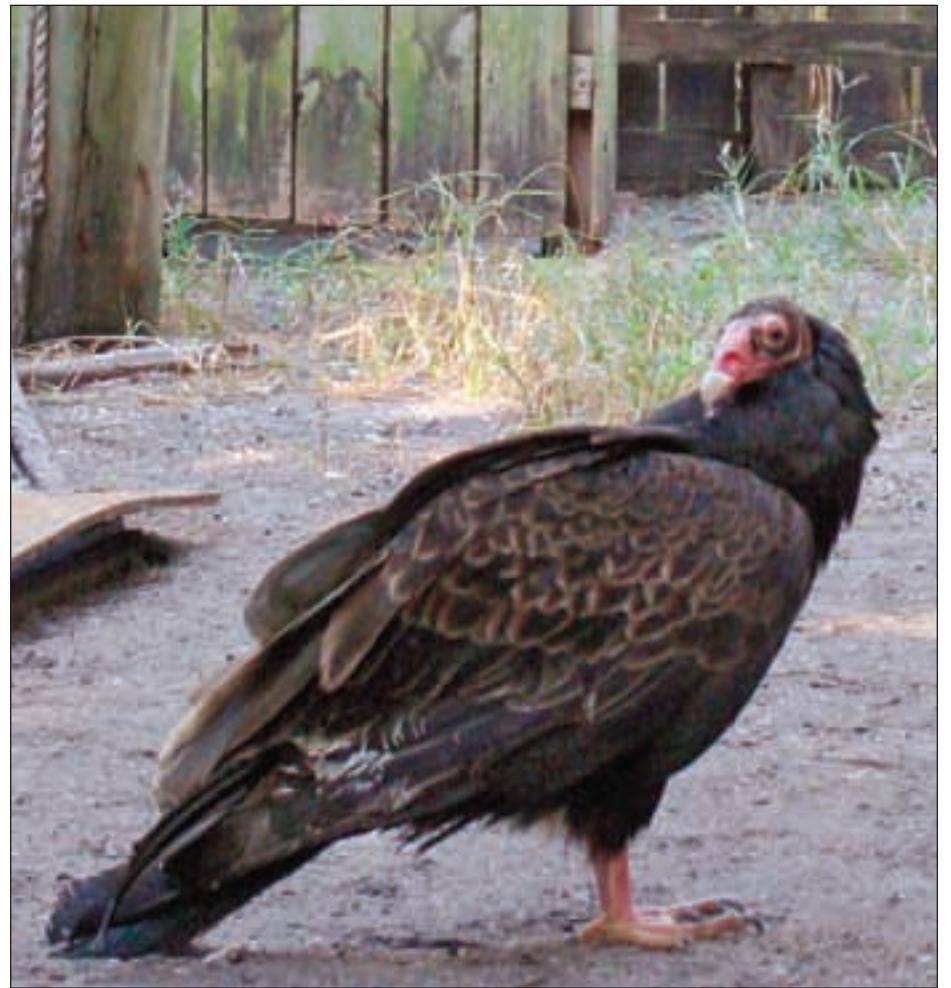
stasis, a condition that does not allow the bird to empty its esophagus, causing it to fill with fermenting food and fluids. It is a potentially fatal condition if left untreated. Dr. Heather added, "It also has lesions in its mouth that quickly developed into abscesses."

Once its condition improved, it was moved outside and quickly became active and more energetic. However, Colleen Goff, senior licensed wildlife rehabilitator, noticed that it was no longer eating; tramadol was administered to address any pain the vulture may have been suffering. When no improvement in its appetite was noted, the staff concluded that it may be lonely and depressed and patient #3579 was moved outside to keep it company.

"In the wild, vultures congregate and have very social behavior. Still, I'm always hesitant to put patients together and will monitor their behavior toward one another carefully," said Dr. Heather. Hopefully, together, both birds will be on track for a speedy recovery.

Last year, CROW treated 670 fewer patients than the previous year, indicating that the clinic is succeeding in its mission to reduce wildlife casualties from human interference through education.

CROW (*Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.*) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).



A turkey vulture's head will turn bright red when it reaches adulthood and is often mistaken for a wild turkey when standing. This patient is in one of CROW's outdoor flight cages



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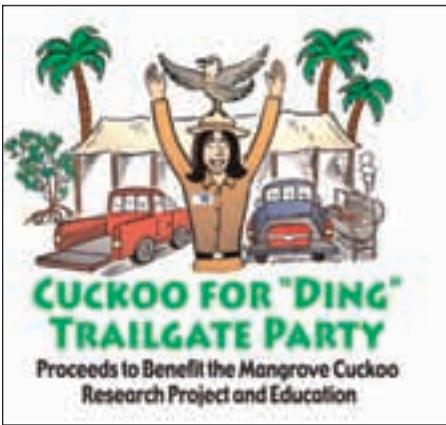
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## Artists Century, Ferrell Donate Works To Auction

In addition to live music and a tent party with dinner served off tailgates, the first-of-its-kind Cuckoo For "Ding" fundraiser on Friday, February 15 will showcase the work of talented local and national artists as a part of live and silent auctions.

Longtime island professional glass artist Luc Century, known for his work



Artist Toni Ferrell has donated her acrylic/mixed media painting *Sanibel* to fundraising efforts

on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, is contributing one of his popular wildlife-etched glass pieces.

Artist and professional architect Toni Ferrell has shown her work in group exhibitions in Blacksburg, Virginia and Southwest Florida. She is a licensed professional architect. Her contribution, a painting called *Sanibel*, was completed

in 2011 for an invitational show called "Making History" at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The two contributions will join other artistic works on the auction block, including the signature *Mangrove Cuckoo* sculpture created by master carver Jim Sprankle and an Adirondack chair

by Ace Hardware and decorated by Randon Eddy.

Other unique-to-Sanibel items include a photographic boat tour with professional nature photographers Dick Fortune and Sara Lopez, a private guided excursion with the research biologists who are conducting a first-ever tagged mangrove cuckoo study at the refuge, a hand-painted Mangrove Cuckoo porcelain piece by Patty Sprinkle, and a children's quilt handmade by Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland's mother.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) hosts the Cuckoo For "Ding," which features live entertainment by island musician Chris Coile and auctions to provide support where government funding falls short for the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. A portion of event proceeds go to support the Mangrove Cuckoo research project at the refuge with the remaining amount raised earmarked for the recently announced Refuge Preservation Campaign.

The featured Sprinkle Mangrove Cuckoo sculpture is currently on display in the free "Ding" Darling Education Center. Bids are now being accepted; contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

"Reservations have been coming in briskly, and a limited number of tickets remain," said Vertesch.

Attendance to the February 15 event is by reservation only. Tickets to Cuckoo For "Ding" Trailgate Party are \$75 each. For more information or to receive an invitation, call 292-0566. To view a list of auction items and register online for the event, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/auction](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/auction).

"We would like to extend a special thank you to the following event sponsors for stepping up early to support our efforts," said event committee member and DDWS vice president Doris Hardy.

At the Cuckoo Level are Hans and Leslie Fleischner, Jim and Patty Sprinkle, and the Wilbur Smith Law Firm. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is sponsoring at the Dolphin Level. At the Bears Level are Bailey's General Store, Dan Hahn Custom Builders, Darlene and Bob Duvon, and Periwinkle Park. Sponsors at the Gator Level include Mark and Gretchen Banks, Big Red Q Printing, Billy's Bikes & Segway, Caloosa Tent & Rental, John Grey Painting, George & Wendy's Seafood Grill, Gulf Coast Palm & Tree, Jacaranda, Mabry Brothers Inc., Panther Printing, Periwinkle Park, Sanibel Fish House, Suncatcher's Dream, Queenie's Ice Cream, and VIP Realty.

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

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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## Horseshoe Crabs

in the evolutionary chain would be measured increasingly below that of humans. But when it came time to weigh humans against the horseshoe crab, well, we humans would far outweigh the lowly, non-thinking horseshoe crab. That species is not anything at all like us.

But as I mentioned earlier, the horseshoe crab has been around for a few hundred million years! How long has the human species been around; maybe a couple of million? The horseshoe crab is doing something right! I try not to judge another creature's value based on what I do well. I try to judge another creature's value based on what it does well.

The analogy I like to make will age me a little bit, but believing that the human species far outweighs the value of horseshoe crabs because we are so much smarter and technologically advanced is sort of like Michael Jordan judging all other human beings by how well they could fly through the air and play basketball. I figure if Michael used those criteria, he would come away with the opinion that all of the rest of humanity were pretty worthless creatures, because who in the world could fly through the air and play basketball like Michael Jordan did?

So, the next time you spot the lowly horseshoe crab crawling along the mucky shoreline of Wildlife Drive, show it some respect. They have experienced just about everything this planet has thrown

at them... and survived. It remains to be seen if we humans are that resilient.

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

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## Jig Fishing 101



by Capt.  
Matt Mitchell

What another great week to be out on the water. Record-setting high January temperatures made it feel like spring and gave anglers lots of opportunities.

No matter what you like to catch, if you pick the right tide, you can get it done. With the warming water, baitfish have appeared again all over the sound along with all the fish that feed on them.

When the conditions are right, one of my favorite ways to fish is throwing soft plastic jigs. Working a shoreline on a trolling motor while pitching soft plastics allows you not only to cover lots of ground but is also one of the best ways to find quality fish when they are spread out. Jig fishing also works great for shore-bound anglers, too. Throwing soft plastic is also one of the methods I use for locating new productive fishing areas that I can return to with live bait.

With hundreds of miles of shoreline to fish in the sound, how do you go about picking which shoreline to get started on? Factors I look for when deciding are the type of bottom, depth of water, direction of the tide movement and wind direction.

Look for bottom that is a nice mix of sand and grass all the way up to the mangrove roots. Generally up close to the mangroves will be sand pockets as the grass cannot grow in the shade of the trees. Healthy grass and sand holes starting a few yards out from the bank are what you are looking for. The grass will hold bait fish and shrimp and the sand is where bigger game fish will hold.

A 2 1/2 to 4 foot depth on a mangrove shoreline is ideal for bouncing jigs across the bottom. Much deeper than this

and the jigs do not make good contact with the bottom, and any shallower the fish are just plain spooky. During low water conditions, many of my favorite shorelines are too shallow to fish while other deeper shorelines are ideal.

Choose a shoreline that the wind is blowing in against the bank. Wind will blow bait fish to the waiting game fish on the shoreline. Very seldom do I do any good on the lee side of a mangrove shoreline either with jigs or even live bait. Wind direction will also allow you to keep the boat far enough off the shoreline and still effectively work tight to the mangroves. Use the wind to your advantage.

Getting in too close to your target on the trolling motor will spook fish, while being out too far will not let you effectively work every nook and cranny on a shoreline where the game fish will stage up. Being able to control the boat on a trolling motor while keeping a 25- to 30-yard distance from the shoreline does take a little practice and the stronger the wind, the harder it gets. Set the trolling motor on one speed and cast the jig to all the points and overhangs, basically any place that looks fishy. Constantly changing the speed of the trolling motor will spook fish, so keep the boat moving at a speed you feel is slow enough to pick apart the shoreline. Practice makes perfect and the more you do it, the faster you will be able to work a shoreline picking out the best looking ambush points.

Tide movement will dictate which direction to work a shoreline. Keep the boat moving into the tide as this will not only give you more boat control, but the jigs will be moving in the same direction as the current, giving you a more natural presentation. Generally, cast forward at a 45-degree angle when working a shoreline.

There are many methods to fish soft plastic jigs but for me when working mangroves, I like to keep the rod tip low to the water and slowly bounce the bait across the bottom. A double twitch is my preferred presentation. When water tem-

peratures are cold, go with a slower retrieve then when the water is warmer. Mixing up the speed of the retrieve until you find how the fish want it is all part of the game.

With thousands of soft plastics available in hundreds of shapes and colors, don't get overwhelmed. I basically stick to two specific shapes of plastic tails and only a few colors. A three-inch shrimp pattern and a three- to four-inch minnow pattern are my personal favorites. During cold winter conditions, I go with the shrimp pattern and when there are bait fish around, I go with the minnow pattern. For colors, try to match the water color - dark water, dark bait; clear water, clear bait. My two color choices are rootbeer/gold for our stained or dirty water and a clear/opening night color for clearer conditions.

As far as all the scented baits now on the market, I don't think it really matters much either way, unless you plan on dead sticking. I find most of the strikes while jig fishing for snook and redfish come from the presentation of it hopping across the bottom and making a little puff and sand as it hops. Most bites are more of a reaction strike than anything else. My personal favorite brand right now are the Z-Man baits which are really not shaped any different than other brands but are made out of an almost indestructible plastic.

Jig heads to fish the soft plastics on come in many brands and types too. From weedless weighted hooks to basic jig heads, my daily go-to is a Bass Assassin 1/4 oz. in red. These jig heads have a very high quality, strong and sharp wide gap 4/0 hook that I have yet to straighten out on a big fish. Many other brands of jig heads have a light wire hook that will straighten out on that big fish you're hunting. This style of jig also holds a soft plastic tail in place better than any other I have used.

My rig to throw these jigs on is a basic seven-foot spinning rod with a 3000 series reel. A fast action or soft tipped rod works the best. For line, I choose to go with 15# test PowerPro Super 8 braid



Donna Black from Sea Isle, New Jersey, with a 25-inch redfish caught fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

which allows you to feel everything and casts a mile. For a leader, go with three feet of 30# to 40# fluorocarbon leader. Tie the leader to the main line with a line-to-line knot, then tie the jig to the leader with a loop knot to give the jig more action.

If you have never given soft plastics a shot for big snook and redfish on mangrove shorelines, you don't know what you are missing. Soft plastics are just not for trout anymore.

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

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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## School Resource Officer Retires



Officer Kurt Schulte after his retirement presentation on Tuesday

After 25 years with the Sanibel Police Department, Officer Kurt Schulte is retiring. He has been the Resource Officer and Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer at The Sanibel School since February 1995.

Officer Schulte has engaged in continuing education while employed with the city, acquiring his bachelor's degree in religion from Liberty University and is currently pursuing his master's degree in theology studies. He was appointed as police chaplain in June 2009.

Fellow city employees turned out on Tuesday for a presentation to Schulte by Mayor Kevin Ruane during the monthly council meeting.\*

## Gennity Named City Employee Of The Year



Barbara Gennity was named City of Sanibel's Employee of the Year on Tuesday. Gennity, who was chosen by her peers for the award, works for the Sanibel Recreation Center. She was promoted in November 2011 to fitness contracts coordinator. Mayor Kevin Ruane made a presentation to Gennity during the city council meeting

but Sanibel is still out the approximately \$800,000 it used to count on each year from the tolls. Today, that share could be worth as much as \$1.3 million, according to Ruane.

Ruane told the council on Tuesday that a memo from David Loveland, head of the Lee County Department of Transportation, indicated that Sanibel was due to have the revenue stream returned this year.

Ruane said once a "junior lien" is paid off, Sanibel should get the revenues returned. He noted that the bonds that financed the causeway are amply covered by the tolls, which amount to 175 percent of the required amount. The bond contract calls for 120 percent to be covered.

Denham had questioned the need for an appraisal, saying, "I am just a little worried about how this will be perceived by the county."

An independent appraisal will give "a true accounting" of the causeway's financial situation and what was included in the construction costs, argued Ruane. Denham replied, "I think it would be helpful to tell the county we are going to do this," and Ruane said he would make the calls.

Councilman Marty Harrity commented that an independent appraisal "makes perfect sense to me," adding, "Things have changed."

Said resident Barry Roth, "This is the way to go. I am very proud of your decision to do this. If Lee County's feathers are ruffled, they have something to hide."\*

## Mayor: Sanibel May Resume Share Of Tolls

by Anne Mitchell

Mayor Kevin Ruane says he has reason to believe that this year, Sanibel may once again be eligible for a share of the surplus causeway toll revenues.

To find out for sure, Ruane wants to get an independent appraisal done, a move that after some discussion, the council approved 4-0, with councilman Jim Jennings absent.

But before embarking on the so-called forensic accounting, council wants Ruane to give Lee County – which built and operates the Sanibel Causeway – a heads-up so as "not to ruffle feathers," in the words of Vice Mayor Mick Denham.

Sanibel and Lee County were at odds for years over a lawsuit Sanibel and a citizens group filed to stop construction of the high bridge. As a result of the legal delay, Sanibel had to forgo its approximately 21 percent share of excess toll revenues to make up for the higher price the delay caused. County officials claimed the delays drove the cost from \$50 million to \$120 million.

Construction began in August 2004. Commissioners doubled the toll from \$3 to \$6 on November 1, 2004.

Since then, relationships between the city and county have been rebuilt,



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### Save the Date — Conservation Forum — February 19

Co-sponsored by SCCF and the Everglades Foundation, this year's forum will feature Dr. Richard Weisskoff talking about the economic value of the environment.

### The Alien Invasion — January 23

Over 500 fish and wildlife species, 1180 plant species and who knows how many insects that are not native now live and multiply in Florida, after being introduced by humans. Some like the pythons in the Everglades are having devastating effects. Come and learn about Sanibel's "Alien Invasion." *Wednesday, January 23 at 10 a.m.*

### The Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish — January 25

The smalltooth sawfish was the first endangered marine fish in the U.S. and is found locally. Researchers with Florida's Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) — including speaker *Greg Poulakis* — have been working in the Charlotte Harbor estuary for over a decade conducting research on the remaining population. *Friday, January 25 at 10 a.m.*

### Hurricanes! — January 23

Hurricane Charley roared in from the south, skirted the coast and made landfall over North Captiva Island on August 13, 2004. Storms in 1873, 1910, 1945, and others re-sculpted the islands and shaped wildlife, vegetation and human existence here. *Wednesday, January 23 at 2 p.m.*

### Tank Talk – January 22

The Nature Center has educational ambassadors living in tanks, including Indie the endangered Indigo snake, Jewel the Diamond Back Terrapin, plus baby box turtles and critters in the touch tank. Take a guided tour to learn about these living ambassadors.

*Tuesday, January 22 at 10 a.m.*

### Turtle Tracks — January 24

Sanibel Island has one of the first sea turtle monitoring programs in the country and several hundred nests are laid on Sanibel and Captiva every summer. SCCF coordinates over one hundred volunteers who monitor San-Cap beaches daily. Learn about the sea turtles that nest on our beaches. *Thursday, January 24 at 10 a.m.*

### Weeds and Seeds – January 21

We are a group of amateur botanists and we visit different locations on Sanibel on two-hour walks, guided by a leader with a plant list. The group will meet at the Nature Center porch. Depending on the location visited, you may need parking money. Please bring a hat, water, sunblock and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks. For more information, please contact Candice Etheridge at 395-9498. *Mondays at 8:45 a.m.*

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## 'Ding' Lecture Gets Scandalous

Award-winning *St. Petersburg Times* environmental journalist Craig Pittman has written another riveting investigative nature book on the heels of his *Manatee Insanity* and *Paving Paradise* (co-authored). He will speak about his new *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid* on Friday, January 25, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the free "Ding" Darling Education Center on Sanibel Island.

After its Peruvian discovery in 2002, *Phragmipedium kovachii*, a rare lady's slipper orchid hailed as the most significant and beautiful new species discovered in a century, became the rarest and most sought-after orchid in the world.

Prices soared to \$10,000 on the black market. Then one showed up at Sarasota's Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, where every year more than 100,000 people visit to see, among other gardens, Selby's vast orchid collection, one of the most magnificent in the world.

The collision between Selby's scientists and the smugglers of *Phrag. kovachii* led to search warrants, a grand jury investigation and criminal charges. It made headlines

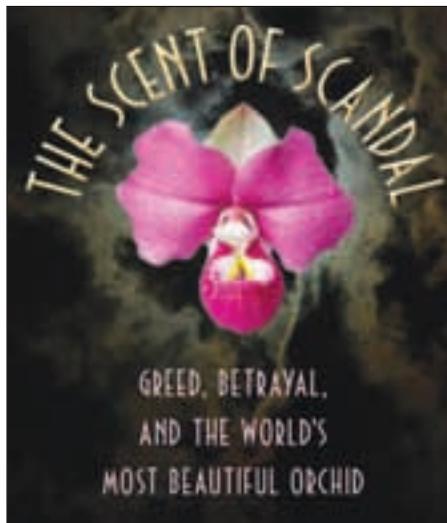


**Craig Pittman**  
photo by Cherie Diez, St. Petersburg Times

around the country, cost the gardens hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations and led to tremendous internal turmoil.

Investigative journalist Craig Pittman unravels this tangled web to shine a spotlight on flaws in the international treaties governing trade in endangered wildlife—which may protect individual plants and animals in shipping but do little to halt the destruction of whole colonies in the wild.

Following his lecture, Pittman will sign copies of his books, which are available for



purchase in the Refuge Nature Store, all proceeds of which benefit refuge education and research projects.

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by Shell Point Retirement Community and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), as part of its 11-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Future events are listed below; all include two presentations at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on

Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the free Education Center and the recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

For more information on the lecture series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures).

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series Events

(\*Book-signings will follow all starred presentations)

- \*January 25 – Craig Pittman, author of *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid*

- February 1 – NO Lecture, Volunteer Luncheon

- February 8 – Dr. Aaron Adams, author and ecologist – Fish & Their Habitats: Essential Information for Fishing and Conservation

- February 15 – Rachel Frieze, EcoStudies Institute biologist – The Elusive Mangrove Cuckoo

- February 22 – Claudia Burns and Joel Caouette, SCCF biologist - Secret Lives of Snowy Plovers

- \*March 1 – Don & Lillian Stokes, authors of *The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America*

- \*March 8 – Tonya Clayton, author of *How To Read a Florida Gulf Coast Beach*

- March 15 – Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland – Refuges on the Road: Russia to China

- \*March 22 – John Yow – *Armchair Birder Goes Coastal: The Secret Lives of Birds on the Southeastern Coast*

- March 29 – Jeremy Conrad, refuge biologist, and Paul Ryan, fire operation and prescribed fire/fuels technician – Fire – The Secret to a Healthy Eco-System

- April 5 – Jeremy Conrad, refuge biologist, and Amanda Bryant, SCCF biologist – Sea Turtles of Sanibel

For more information visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).



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Diamondback terrapin

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Great egret

## Audubon Sanibel Gardens Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be Saturday, January 19 at Sanibel Gardens. Take Island Inn Road across from Bailey's and meet at the Trail Head at 8 a.m.. Free Parking. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A \$2 donation is appreciated. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.\*



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## Sanibel Police Offer \$25,000 Reward For Help Solving String Of Burglaries

The Sanibel Police Department is offering a \$25,000 cash reward for help in solving a string of burglaries having occurred along beachfront properties between November 14 and January 11. These burglaries have occurred from the 500 block of East Gulf Drive to the 3400 block of West Gulf Drive on Sanibel.

The burglaries appear to have taken place during late afternoon and early evening hours. In each incident, the suspect has gained entry to the units through unlocked doors and sliders stealing mostly cash and jewelry from the units.

"We are serious about stopping and solving these crimes. If you know something, say something," said Chief of Police William Tomlinson. "If your tip leads to an arrest, you will be eligible for the \$25,000 cash reward."

Chief Tomlinson is requesting anyone with information on any of these burglaries, to please call Crime Stoppers at any of numbers listed below:

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Anyone with information which leads to an arrest can be eligible for a cash reward of \$25,000. All callers will remain anonymous. Tips may also be made by contacting the Sanibel Police at 472-3111.\*

## Dredging Of Blind Pass May Start

by Anne Mitchell

Dredging of the inside of Blind Pass could begin as early as this week, according to Sanibel Natural Resources Director James Evans.

In a memo presented to the Sanibel City Council on Tuesday, Evans reported that the project will be managed by Lee County Natural Resources and will be performed by Florida Dredge and Dock,

Inc. All dredging will be conducted during daylight hours only.

Turbidity will be managed by the county's coastal engineer, Coastal Engineering Consultants. Shorebird and sea turtle monitoring will be conducted by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, currently under contract with Lee County. All beach compatible sand dredged from the inside of the pass – estimated to be about 40,000 cubic yards – will be placed on Sanibel near Silver Key, Evans stated.

The pass was dredged several years ago but has since choked up with sand and needs to be reopened.\*

## Sidewalk Sales On Agenda

Due to a city staff error, the required legal notice was not published for the second reading of the sidewalk sale ordinance that was scheduled for January 15. Therefore, this item will be rescheduled for the Tuesday, February 5 meeting of the Sanibel City Council at 9:15 a.m.

The ordinance is designed to increase the number of sidewalk sales merchants can have each year and to set standards and requirements.\*

## Storm Season Took Toll On Local Beaches

by Anne Mitchell

The 2012 tropical storm season resulted in significant erosion along Sanibel's beaches at several locations including Lighthouse Beach Park, West Gulf Drive in the vicinity of West Wind Inn, and south of Blind Pass.

In a memo dated January 8, James Evans, Sanibel's Natural Resources Director, gave an update on island beach conditions for the city council.

In June, Tropical Storm Debby caused damage to the access road to the Sanibel Lighthouse, and erosion of the shoreline east of the fishing pier.

"At the end of August, Hurricane Isaac

skirted the gulf coast before making landfall in Louisiana. Strong winds and high surf associated with the storm resulted in moderate erosion along West Gulf Drive and the beaches south of Blind Pass. Erosion in these areas resulted in escarpments measuring three to four feet in height and impacted several hundred feet of dune vegetation," Evans wrote.

At the end of October, Hurricane Sandy generated strong winds and high surf, exacerbating the erosion along West Gulf and along the beaches south of Blind Pass. Escarpments of four to five feet in height were recorded during a site inspection on December 12 between West Wind Inn and Somerset at the Reef.

Erosion south of Blind Pass has resulted in escarpments of approximately three to four feet in height. The erosion at Blind Pass extends from the inlet at the pass to 6351 Sanibel-Captiva Road, with the most severe erosion occurring along the Castaways Beach cottages, Evans reported.

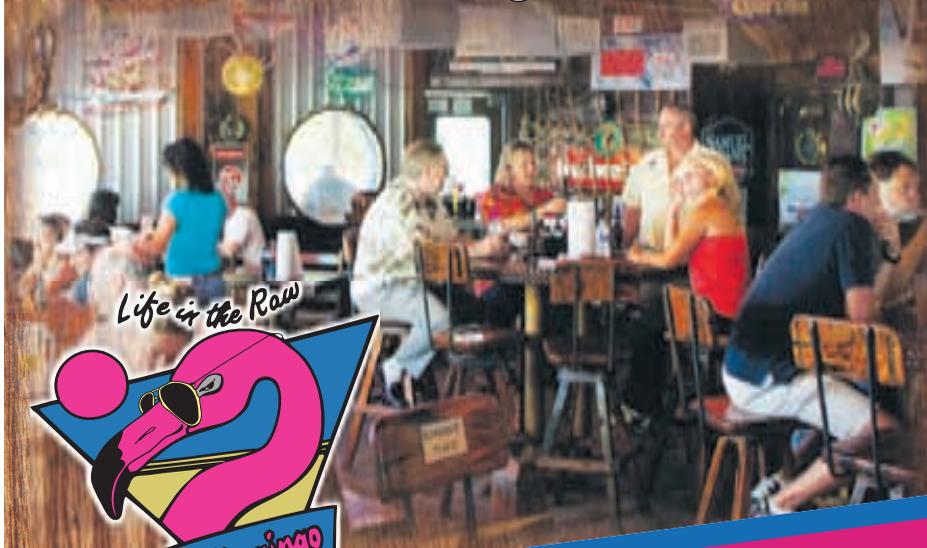
He said his department is working with the city's Public Works Department and Lee County Natural Resources to develop a plan to address erosion in these areas.

"It appears that the shoreline at Lighthouse Beach has stabilized and the primary concern at this time is the area along West Gulf Drive and the beach south of Blind Pass. Lee County Natural Resources staff has recommended that the city conduct a post-storm event beach profile survey of the island. This would be required if we plan to implement emergency renourishment along our beaches at some point in the future," Evans said.\*

## The Alien Invasion At SCCF

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Dwarf schefflera, also called arboricola, produces spikes of winter berries

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## Dwarf Schefflera

by Gerri Reaves

**D**warf schefflera (*Schefflera arboricola*) is a relative of the infamous umbrella tree (*Schefflera actinophylla*), which is listed as a category-I invasive species by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

Fortunately, dwarf schefflera does not pose the environmental threat its relative does. However, it has escaped cultivation in Southeastern Florida, which means it is growing on its own in the wild.

That's an early warning sign, perhaps, to anyone concerned about non-native species competing with Florida native plants for habitat and resources.

Commonly called arboricola, it is found in Taiwan, New Zealand, and

Australia. This multi-stemmed shrub is very fast-growing – a quick fix for the landscape.

Typically installed in new landscapes as a foundation plant, it is popular with landscaping companies because it survives repeated flat-topping with hedgers.

It is to the landscape industry as the French fry is to the fast-food industry.

If left unpruned, dwarf schefflera can belie its name and grow to more than 10-feet high. Be careful where you plant it, for the roots are invasive and go after water pipes.

The stems are flexible, the green-white flowers inconspicuous and the foliage dense and glossy.

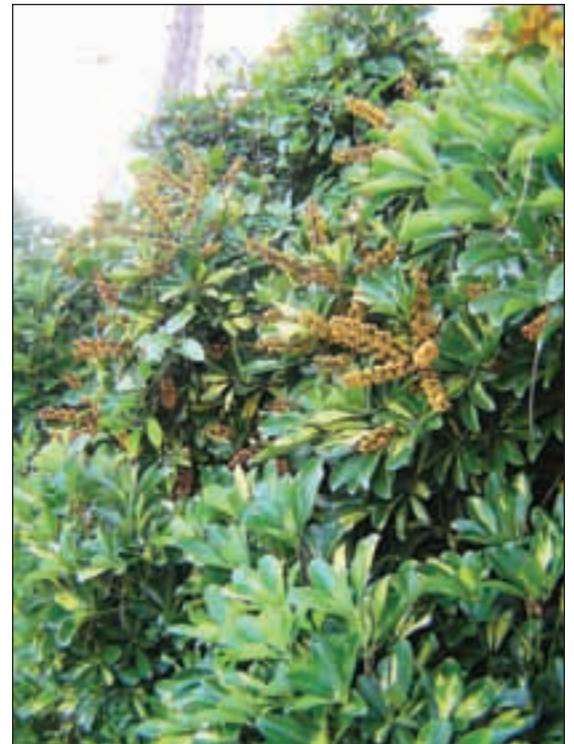
The palmately compound leaves are a smaller version of the umbrella tree. Some cultivars have yellow- or white-variegated leaves.

So infrequently is this evergreen allowed to develop naturally that most people never see the flowers or berries.

That's all the more surprising, because the stalks of orange fleshy berries in winter are the plant's most interesting characteristic.

If you need a low-maintenance hedge, consider planting a native species instead, one that will provide maximum benefit for birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Sources: floridasnature.com, plant-



Unmolested by hedgers, this shrub is flourishing

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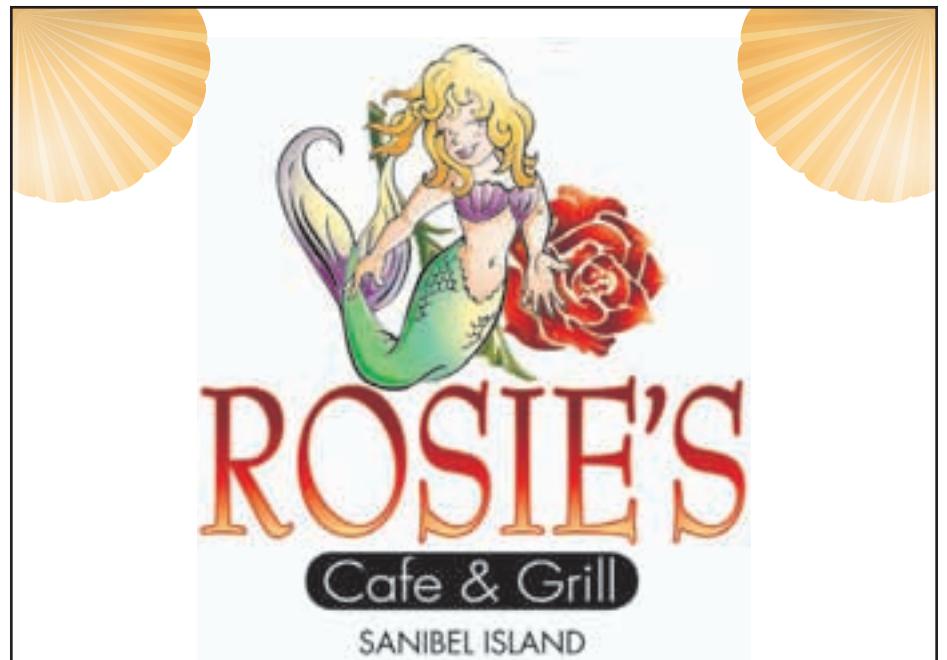
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The Osprey-Cam was recently upgraded and now utilizes a Cat 6 line, offering a much stronger feed with higher resolution. Check it out for yourself at the resort's website [www.oceansreach.com](http://www.oceansreach.com).

"Our Osprey Cam has been a huge hit with guests and friends of Ocean's Reach," said Andy Boyle, general manager. "We've had dozens of people write us – some from as far away as the U.K., Scotland and Finland – to remark how much they enjoy logging on and watching the escapades of our resident osprey."



Osprey at Ocean's Reach

Ocean's Reach is offering even more for birding enthusiasts. All are invited to flock over and join birding expert Walt McNairy as he reprises his popular Nesters & Resters beach walk this winter. Walt is a park ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park and enthralled guests last year with his educational bird walks. Nesters & Resters bird walks on the beach are scheduled for 9 a.m. on January 17 and 24, February 14 and 28 and March 12. Bird walks are complimentary and all are welcome to attend.

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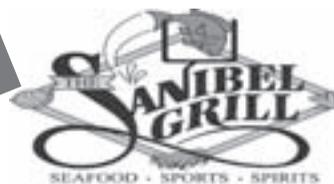


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# Holiday Camp At Sanibel Sea School

submitted by Dina Craig

**H**oliday Camp was a big success at Sanibel Sea School! For the week and a half following Christmas, wetsuit-clad campers bustled between our campus and the Gulf of Mexico, exploring the ocean and celebrating how we are all connected on our ocean planet. In keeping with our theme, One Ocean, One Tribe, campers became a part of Sanibel Sea School's Ocean Tribe, a group of people that our campers defined as those that care about the ocean.

As the Ocean Tribe, we spent each week getting to know each other and our ocean. Even with the slightly cooler temperatures, we couldn't stay out of the water. We surfed – many of us for the first time – and frolicked in the winter waves. We canoed out into San Carlos Bay, where we had close encounters with friendly dolphin pods and practiced our maneuvering skills... skills we put to quick use trying to out-manuever Doc Bruce and his killer splash. We painted rainsticks and drums, which we played on the Causeway in a drum circle. We practiced both drumming together as a tribe and coming up with our own signature rhythms, mimicking a baby dolphin's signature whistle it uses to communicate with its mother.

We sampled fish diversity in the Gulf and the bay, catching such cool creatures as a seahorse, tiny puffer fish and pipefish. We pulled up nets of shimmering bay anchovies and scaled sardines, many of which we brought back to Sea School and observed schooling in our big tank. We discussed how and why fish school and played schooling games that convinced us of humankind's need for a lateral line. At the end of the week, we pressed our painted handprints onto the front of the building, a permanent



**Grace Kerns is master of the seine-net**

reminder of the Sanibel Sea School Ocean Tribe.

Throughout the week, campers showed their love for the ocean. Not only did we frolic on the beach but we took time to clean it up as well, collecting trash wherever we saw it. On New Year's Day, we had a special ceremony that we do each year at Sea School – we wrote down our troubles from 2012 and put them collectively into a drum, where we burned them. We put a pinch of ash into the Gulf and let its waters absorb our troubles and wash them away. Later, we wrote our resolutions for the new year on sea grape leaves and hung them together in a jellyfish mobile. Many of these resolutions, it turned out, had to do with the health of the ocean. What else can you expect from the Ocean Tribe?

As is always the case, we could not



**Amelia and Charlotte-Rose LaMotte can't wait to get surfing**

offer our island experiences without the help of many people in our community. The folks at Island Condo Maintenance gave us buckets to make drums, Bailey's General Store helped quench our thirsts with ice, the BP Service Station helped keep our vehicles on the road, Sanibel Marina did the same for our ocean vehicles, The Community House provided us with a room for milk and cookies, Billy's Bikes was there to help provide cardboard and logistical support, and The Bait Box helped us sample fish. We are grateful for these and the many supporters that help make it all possible.

Please join the Ocean Tribe this year and resolve to do everything you can to

love the ocean. Head to our Facebook, Instagram or Twitter page and let us know how it's going! If you were involved in Holiday Camp, please also let us know how you liked our new half-day offering. We are committed to reaching as many people as possible with our message of ocean love. We would love to hear from you!

Sanibel Sea School is a non-profit organization looking to a world where all people value, understand and care for the ocean. Our mission is to improve the ocean's future, one person at a time. Please enjoy our offerings and join the Ocean Tribe at [www.sanibelseaschool.org](http://www.sanibelseaschool.org) or stop by our Sanibel location.✧

## Shells Found



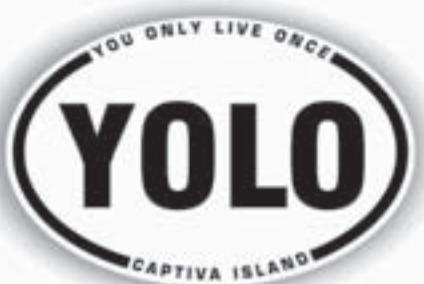
**Matthew Bunkin with his cabrit's murex**



**Kaitlyn Bunkin with her junonia**

**W**hile staying at Mitchell's Sand Castles, Matthew Bunkin, age 7, found a cabrit's murex and Kaitlyn Bunkin, age 10, found a junonia at Blind Pass on January 5.

They are from Oreland, Pennsylvania and are thrilled with their finds.✧



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# Smalltooth Sawfish, Another Endangered Species In Local Waters

submitted by  
Dee Serage Century, SCCF

In addition to the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle, the first federally endangered marine fish, the smalltooth sawfish is also found in local waters. *Pristis pectinata's* habitat is shallow coastal waters, mangrove edges and sea grass beds, with a range reduced now to Southwest Florida.

To learn more about this relative of sharks, skates, and rays, Gregg Poulakis, a primary sawfish researcher with FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission), will present Smalltooth Sawfish: Past, Present, and Future at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 25 in the SCCF Nature Center at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

There is a newspaper clipping in the SCCF Nature center of an 18-foot sawfish that was caught during one of Teddy Roosevelt's fishing trips to Captiva around 1915. The smalltooth sawfish range at that time was from Texas to New York, a decline as of 2009 of 95%. Sawfish are extremely vulnerable to overfishing and entanglement in marine debris and nets.



Old sawfish



Sawfish

The SCCF marine lab staff spotted the first documented sawfish in Tarpon Bay this summer around the boat docks. A team of FWC researchers from Port Charlotte were called in to catch and tag it as part of an ongoing study to determine preferred sawfish habitat. But the three-foot-long Tarpon Bay sawfish was nowhere to be seen that day.

If you want to see a sawfish in action, a youtube search will bring up numerous video clips from local fishermen who have caught sawfish while fishing for other species. There is a City of Sanibel employee that has a hard time believing the smalltooth sawfish is endangered because he has hooked a few around the causeway. It is illegal to hook or net one. If one is caught, keep it in the water at all times and be careful of the saw (rostrum) during release, which can cause serious injury.\*

## State Shells Are Topic Of Meeting

submitted by Joyce Matthys

It is not surprising that Florida has a state shell because of all its shell covered beaches, but can you guess which other states have state shells? John Colagrande, a retired secondary school science teacher who has earned the reputation of being an entertaining speaker, will present the program States and Their State Shells at the January 20 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.

During his 35-year tenure, Colagrande taught biology, geology, astronomy and oceanography. In 2000, he and Larry Felder, a former student and noted paleo-artist, wrote a book titled *In the Presence of Dinosaurs*, published by Time-Life. Colagrande is an avid shell and fossil collector and has donated fossil specimens to Yale University and the state museums in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Trenton, New Jersey. Colagrande now resides in The Villages.

The meeting will be held in the Education Room of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. It will begin at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club welcomes new members. Anyone who has an interest in seashells, whether it is casual, professional or artistic, is invited to join in.

Note: the state shell of Florida is the horse conch, *Triplofusus giganteus*.\*



Snowy plover on eggs

## Snowy Plover Program At SCCF

Watch where you walk, there are plovers on the beach. SCCF has been monitoring and staking the nests of this bird on Sanibel beaches for 10 years. Join SCCF biologists to learn about this threatened species and what you can do to protect their small nesting populations. This season's first Snowy Plover Program will be on Thursday, January 24 at 2 p.m. in the SCCF auditorium. The cost of the program is \$5 with SCCF members and children free. Call 472-2329 for more information. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.\*

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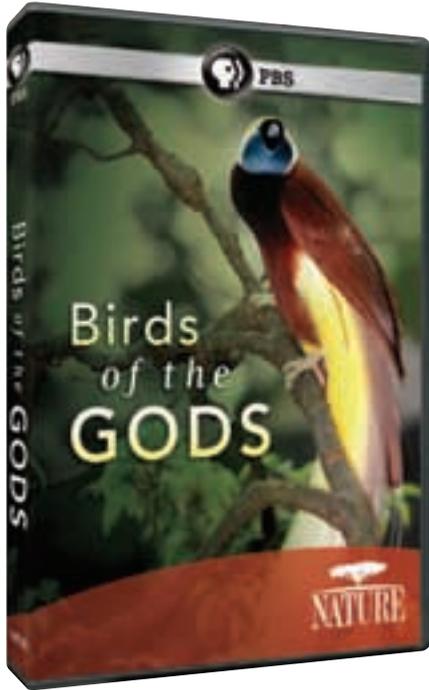
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# 'Ding' Darling Continues Film Series With PBS Documentary



PBS' Birds of the Gods visits the heavenly birds of New Guinea

“Ding” Darling Refuge’s inaugural eight-week Film Series continues on Wednesday, January 23 at 2:30 p.m. with the documentary *Birds of the Gods*.

The PBS Nature series documentary follows two biologists/conservationists into the dense, mosquito-ridden forests of New Guinea in their quest to document the mating behaviors of several exceptional and elusive birds of paradise.

On the South Pacific island lives the most striking and diverse group of birds on the planet. Covered in spectacular plumage, each species within the Paradisaieidae family is distinct. Some birds are patterned with feathers of bright yellow and green, some have flashy iridescent plumes that catch the light, while others have tails that extend three times the length of their body.

Bizarre courtship displays by the male birds show off their exquisite assets as they dance, puff out, vibrate, hang upside down, stretch their wings and even contort their bodies into completely different shapes in order to impress a nearby female.

The people of New Guinea see the souls of their ancestors in these creatures. The birds inform tribal ceremonies, and their plumes are used as religious relics, fashion accessories and currency.

The first Europeans to see bird specimens in the 16th century were sure they had stumbled upon a family of birds direct from the Garden of Eden. Nineteenth-century naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace believed the birds “must be ranked as one of the most beautiful and most wonderful of living things.”

Admission is free to the film, which is sponsored by the Sanctuary Golf Club of Sanibel Island and “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Future film events are listed below. All films begin at 2:30 p.m. except where noted.

For more information about the Film Series, please call 472-1100 or visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/films](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/films).

Upcoming “Ding” Darling Film Series Events:

- January 23 – *Birds of the Gods*
- February 6 – *Winged Migration*
- February 20 – *End of the Line*
- February 27 – *Central Park Effect*

(Special evening presentation with filmmaker Jeffrey Kimball at 7 p.m.)

- March 6– *America’s Darling: The Story of Jay N. “Ding” Darling*
- March 20 – *Addicted to Plastic*
- Apr. 3 - *Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition*

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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The Edison & Ford Winter Estates and Captiva Cruises will be offering Edison Ford Boat Cruises & Tours from Captiva Island every Wednesday during season. The cruise tour shows the importance of the Caloosahatchee ecologically and culturally, includes a view of the Edison and Ford estates from the water, lunch at the Royal Palm Yacht Club and guided tour of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates.



Cruising the historic Lee County waterways with Captiva Cruises

Schedule of the tour includes:

- 10 a.m.- depart from McCarthy's Marina, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island; hour-and-a-half cruise from Roosevelt Channel, past Sanibel Island, and up the Caloosahatchee River to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates
- 11:45 a.m.- lunch at Royal Palm Yacht Club overlooking the Edison Ford and the river

- 1 p.m.- guided tour of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates
- 2:45 p.m.- depart from the dock at the yacht club
- 4:30 p.m.- arrive back to McCarthy's Marina

The cruise is on a 45-foot vessel equipped with an on-board restroom, refreshment bar, sundeck and canopy cover. The narrated cruise tells the story of Florida's earliest settlers from Spanish explorers, the booming cattle trade, fishing settlements and early pioneers, to Thomas Edison's early explorations of Southwest Florida and the importance of the ecology of the river to our environment today.

Ticket cost is \$75 adults, \$65 children (ages 12 and under) plus tax and includes cruise, Edison Ford admission and lunch. Seating is limited and reservations are suggested by calling 472-5300.

In addition, visitors to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates can enjoy a boat cruise,



Edison & Ford Winter Estates cruises began January 16

lunch and self-guided tour of the Edison Ford with river cruises departing at 12 and 1 p.m. Tour includes audio tour of the Edison Ford estates, lab and museum, lunch at the Royal Palm Yacht Club and cruise of the Caloosahatchee River with Captiva Cruises. Ticket cost is \$45 and tickets may be purchased at the Edison Ford ticket office.

Private tours and charters can be scheduled for groups, clubs and corporate events any day of the week. On these private expeditions, special arrangements may be made for the group's luncheon at a private yacht club. The time, as well as the location of the cruise departure, may also be customized to meet the client's needs. Other docking and marina facilities in Lee County (in addition to Captiva) may serve as the group's boarding location. Inquiries can be made with Captiva Cruises charter coordinator.

The Boat Cruise and Tour is a fully guided adventure for nature, history and outdoor lovers but also leisurely enough for all ages and interests. Flat shoes are suggested for walking and wheel chairs are available at the Edison Ford. Jackets, hats, cameras, binoculars and sunglasses are suggested.

The Edison Ford is open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The Edison Ford is the winner of the 2009 National Stewardship Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is an official project of Save America's Treasures at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a Florida Historic Landmark and a National Register Historic Site. For additional information call 334-7419 or visit [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org).

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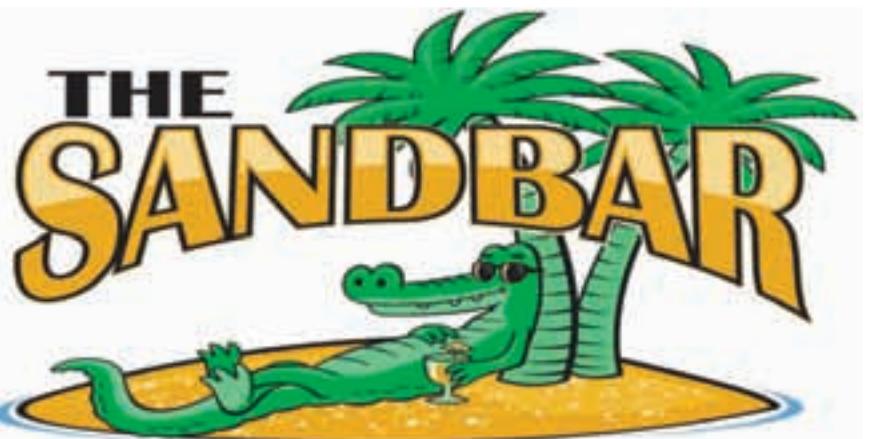
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# Jim Sprankle To Speak At Audubon Lecture

How does one go from curving baseballs to carving birds? Join Sanibel's own Jim Sprankle on Thursday evening, January 24 at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, as the world-famous wildfowl wood sculptor, baseball pro and local hero expounds on this remarkable transition.

Sprankle began carving bird sculptures 42 years ago, a curious endeavor for someone who had been a professional pitcher in the Brooklyn Dodgers and Cincinnati Reds organizations. However, early-age adventures in wildfowl hunting, combined with a family business in woodworking and taxidermy, helped hone Sprankle's incredible talent for producing his life-like birds. His sculptures have been displayed at the annual Waterfowl Festival, the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian Museum. Sprankle has served five terms as President of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and has been on its board for 12 years. In March 2004, Sprankle was given the first ever Angel of the Arts Artist of the Year Award for his outstanding contribution to the arts in Lee County. In the same week, he went to Washington, D.C. to present his life-sized eagle sculpture entitled *Freedom Fighter* to President George W. Bush in the Oval Office of the White House, which Sprankle considers the pinnacle of his carving career.

Sprankle has also self-published *Waterfowl Patterns and Painting*, a technical guide to the basics of his carving skills. In addition, Sprankle has developed a unique line of wood-product, molded study birds. The demand for these study birds is such that they are now shipped throughout the United States, Canada, Japan and the United Kingdom. He has also produced five, two-hour carving and painting videotapes and a one-hour reference tape that was filmed in his private aviary in Maryland.

Sprankle and his wife, Patty, and their son, James, moved to Sanibel Island in 1994. With constant exposure to wading and shore birds, the theme of his art has increasingly become oriented towards these birds. On March 22, 2011, Sprankle donated his complete collection of 43 hand-carved and painted decoys to the JN "Ding" Darling Education Center to be permanently exhibited under the title, Folk Art To Fine Art. It represents one bird for each year of his carving career, and he plans to add one bird a year to the collection for as long as he is able.

This is the fourth of nine Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lectures to be held in 2013 on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House. As always, all are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and parking is available at The Community House as well as across Periwinkle Way in the Herb Strauss Theater parking area. A \$5 donation is appreciated, with proceeds after costs being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida.



Jim Sprankle's *Freedom Fighter*



Making progress on *Freedom Fighter*



Sprankle shown working on the eagle



Jim Sprankle, at his Sanibel home studio working on one of his carved pieces

For additional information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit the San-Cap Audubon website at [www.san-capaudubon.org](http://www.san-capaudubon.org).✪

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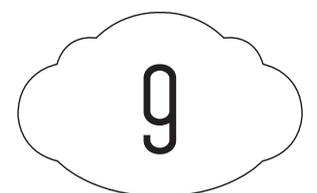
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Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation, visitors will see numerous photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran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

The next CROW Picture Show is on Friday January 25 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under.

The fee includes the presentation plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's

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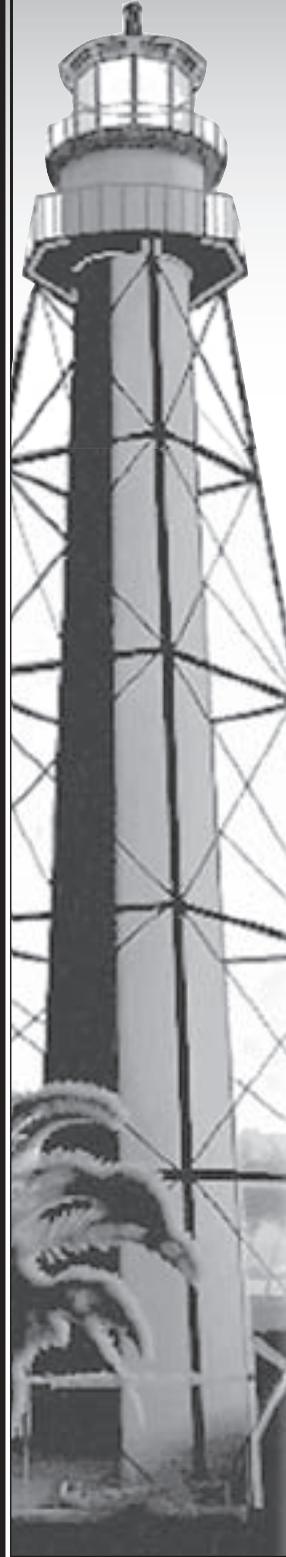
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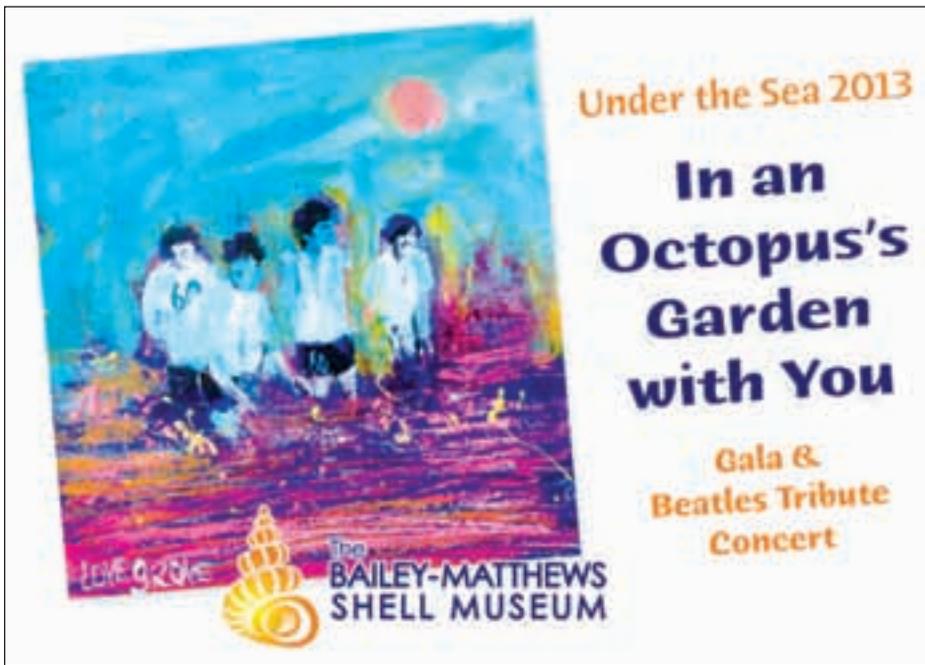
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# Shell Museum Going Under The Sea



Museum supporter Leoma Lovegrove's *Beatles On A Sanibel Beach* invites islanders to participate in the annual Bailey Matthews Shell Museum gala, Under The Sea

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is busy putting the final touches on its annual gala, Under The Sea: In An Octopus's Garden With You, scheduled for Sunday, January 27 from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club.

This year, the gala has a "groovy" 1960s theme and will feature the BeatleBeat Tribute Band as the entertainment during the evening. Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to dig out their tie-dye and bell bottoms to enhance the event's retro feel of the 1960s.

The always-entertaining museum gala will include cocktails and dinner, a silent auction featuring a plethora of goods and services donated by local merchants, and some

amazing live auction items that are sure to help raise significant and important money to benefit the museum's educational programs.

Tickets are \$125 per person and are selling fast. To participate in the event, please register online at [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org) or call 395-2233.✧



Janku offers painting classes at Community House

## Local Artist Offers Painting Class

Local artist Sissi Janku is back on Sanibel. She is well known on the Island for her bright and lively tropical paintings that are on display in her studio and in Island Style Gallery.

Sissi is now teaching weekly art classes at Sanibel Community House.

During her last two exciting years in China, she has been teaching art classes to art-loving expats from all over the world and at Concordia International/American School in Shanghai.

In a relaxed and casual atmosphere, students will learn the basic artistic con-

cepts of line, color, perspective, light, form, composition and color theory. The students will develop simple creative techniques that will result in exhilarating and interesting ways to express their artistic ideas, while developing their individuality and painting technique.

Her preferred media is acrylics because of its versatility. All materials will be provided.

Each session is three hours of enjoyment and artistic creation. Two class times are offered: morning class 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon class 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Classes are in progress and space is available.

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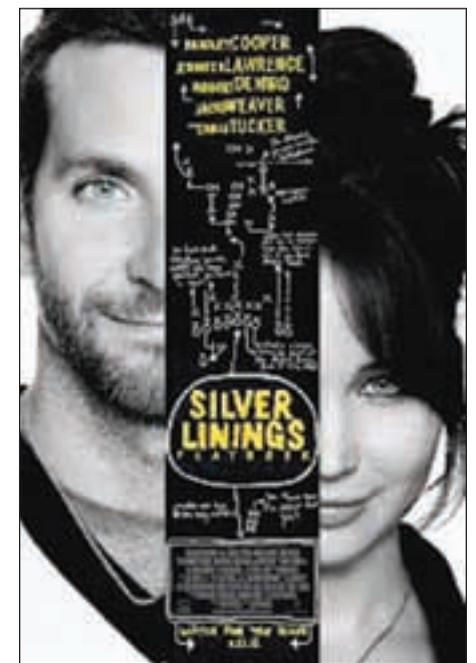
## Silver Linings Playbook To Show At BIG ARTS

On Wednesday, January 23 at 1 p.m., the Island Cinema will show the fourth movie in the BIG ARTS Academy Awards Contenders Film Series, *Silver Linings Playbook*.

After the movie, a discussion will take place at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille. Tickets are available at the Island Cinema for \$8 each.

Other movies in the series will be announced prior to the weekly showing.

*Silver Linings Playbook* is about two people who could be called damaged goods. Bradley Cooper is Pat, a bipolar teacher just out of a state loony bin and Jennifer Lawrence is Tiffany, a young widow overcompensating for the death of her husband. They play their roles with go-for-broke intensity, humor and raw feeling and you can't help rooting for them. Directed by David O. Russell from the 2008 novel, this has been called one of the year's best movies because it makes you laugh until it hurts. Robert De Niro and Jacki Weaver as Pat's parents offer worthy performances. It raises the bar on romantic comedy. The film has



received numerous award nominations, including a Best Actress Golden Globe win for Lawrence. The film runs 2 hours. ✧



Bobby Logue's Tap Class will be offered at BIG ARTS

## Workshops, Winter Academy And A Variety Of Classes At BIG ARTS

Enrollment has started for upcoming workshops at BIG ARTS. Full workshop schedules are available online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or by contacting the main BIG ARTS office at 395-0900.

World Drama: To View, Read & Discuss with Norm Nichols begins January 18, meets Fridays 10 a.m. to noon

PMC: Carved & Etched Fine Silver Jewelry with Mary Ann Devos is January 19 and 20, meets Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Winter Academy: The Psychology and History of Religion with Randall Niehoff begins January 21, meets Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon

Pottery on the Wheel with Kelly Flaherty begins January 22, meets Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Writing for Theater: Page to Stage (registration due by Jan 21) with Peter Marino runs January 23 to February 4, meets Wednesday, Friday and Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Beginners Tap with Bobby Logue begins January 25, meets Fridays, 10:40 to 11:40 a.m.

Intermediate Tap with Bobby Logue begins January 25, meets Fridays, 9 a.m. to

10:30 a.m.

Jumpstart Your Writing with Vicky Lettmann begins January 28, meets Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

iPad Lesson 1: Intro with Gerard Damiano is Tuesday, January 29, 9 a.m. to noon  
Adult Tap with Bobby Logue begins January 29, meets Tuesday, noon to 1:30 p.m.

All About iTunes with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, January 30, 9 a.m. to noon  
iPhoto for Mac with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, January 30, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Winter Academy: Convergence of Science and Spirituality: Physics and Metaphysics in the 21st Century, with Randall Niehoff begins January 30, meets Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m.

iPad Lesson 2: Basics with Gerard Damiano is Friday, February 1, 9 a.m. to noon  
Life Drawing, Non-Instructed with Carol Rosenberg begins February 1, meets Friday, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Life Drawing, Non-Instructed with Carol Rosenberg begins February 1, meets Friday, 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Winter Academy: Great Composers and Their Music: From Bach to Brubeck, with Joanne Smith begins February 1, meets Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Photoshop Elements: Advanced with Denny Souers begins February 1, meets Friday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

Community Chorus practice is Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS. The Community Band rehearses Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Church. No auditions are required for the Band and Chorus, and all are welcome to join.

BIG ARTS Workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.

There is a 20 percent discount on workshops for BIG ARTS members. Contact BIG ARTS office or website for class locations.

For further information about workshops, classes and events at BIG ARTS, or to become a member, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org) or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

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# BIG ARTS Forum Lecture Opens 11th Season

by Max Friedersdorf

Presidential historian Richard Norton Smith opened the BIG ARTS Forum's 11th season last Sunday evening at Schein Hall with a ringing critique of the "polarization bordering on paralysis" gripping the nation's governmental ability to compromise and solve problems.

Smith, former director of the Hoover, Eisenhower, Reagan and Ford Presidential Libraries, said the reason for the polarization is simple: "We disagree about the role of government."

Smith told the capacity audience that the two major political parties are out favor with most Americans.

"They are raising more money than ever, but have less respect," said Smith, currently a resident scholar in history and public policy at George Mason University in northern Virginia.

Smith noted that there are currently fewer competitive congressional districts than any time in history. Smith said congressional districts should be drawn by computer or judges, "which would change the whole dynamics of our elections and ensure that the results would be decided in November instead of the primaries."

During the question-and-answer ses-



**Richard Norton Smith**

sion, Smith commented that he had enough trouble understanding the past without predicting the future, but "despite enormous political pressure," he did not foresee the demise of the Republican Party; "it will not cease to exist and we can forget the funeral orations."

Smith added, however, the GOP is in an "identity crisis" and the Romney people were fooled by the demographics of the actual profile of who turned out for the election. Smith said the problem now for the GOP is how to gain access to power, maintaining current policies and governing a changing nation.

"The party is at a fork in the road,"



**Dick Wright and Richard Norton Smith**

Smith explained.

The big Tea Party landslide in 2010 enabled the GOP to maintain its majority in the House, Smith continued, by gerrymandering the districts, a practice either party would have indulged in 2012 based on the numbers, according to Smith.

Asked about eliminating the electoral college, Smith said he opposes such a move. "We are a union of states as well as people," Smith noted.

In American politics, Smith suggested, "We should draw a line between cam-

paigning and governing. We all suffer from journalism as entertainment with its divisiveness, name-calling and rumor mongering. You will never see me on Fox Friends or the Ed Show."

Smith was introduced by Forum chair Dick Wright who has scheduled another impressive roster of lecturers for the 2013 season. Smith was honored with a reception in the Phillips Gallery after his remarks. The complete program is available on compact disc at BIG ARTS for \$5.\*

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## Screaming Orphans Return To Davis Center

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers will host the 4th annual Screaming Orphans concert at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers January 26.

The band Kilt the Messenger will perform outside in front of the arts center beginning at 6 p.m. followed by the Screaming Orphans on the inside stage at 8 p.m.

The Screaming Orphans are four talented and high-spirited sisters who had the good fortune to be raised in the city of Bundoran in County Donegal, Ireland. The quartet has a big following across

the United States and is popular in Fort Myers, having performed here several times. January will mark their fourth annual concert at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. The 2012 event sold out.

All proceeds benefit The Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center and the Rotary Trust Fund.

Food will be provided by Reuben's Catering with special desserts by Norman Love Confections. Tickets are \$60 and include dinner and the performances.

For sponsorship information or to reserve a table, call 332-8158 or 980-1077. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) or at The Alliance for the Arts.

For more information about Rotary visit [www.RotaryFortMyers.org](http://www.RotaryFortMyers.org) or call 332-8158.\*

## Theater Play Readings On January 27

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

BIG ARTS Community Players is seeking volunteers for a variety of tasks. For more information, contact Shirley Jewell at 337-1099 or srjewell@embarqmail.com. Audition and other cast information is available on [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

Play readings scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 27 at the Herb Strauss Theater:

- *The Gray and The Blue*, written by Wally Kain, directed by Doug McElhney (Drama – One Act; set at end of The Civil War)

- *Cynthia*, written by Norma Hagan, directed by Norma Hagan (Drama/Murder – One Act)

- *When Do We Shoot Them?*, written by Robert Hilliard, directed by Edina Lessack (Drama – One Act; during World War II)

- *Mega-Man To The (Emotional) Rescue*, written by Don Goodrum, directed by Shirley Jewell (Comedy – One Act)

BIG ARTS Community Players chair Shirley Jewell said, "We started with a juried selection of scripts sent to us by playwrights. Play readings are a valuable step in the development of a play, the progression from page to stage."

The Community Players then selected Directors and held auditions for actors to read.

"It was extremely gratifying to have a number of talented community members try-out to read the plays this year," added Jewell. "Please come and enjoy these interesting and entertaining evenings of theater. This process is sometimes called 'the birthing of a play. There will be a talk back session at the end of each play-reading evening, where feedback from the audience is invaluable to our playwrights.'"

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Tickets to play readings are adult \$12, student \$5. Play readings will also be held on Sunday, February 17 at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, and on Sunday, April 21 at the Herb Strauss Theater.

Visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) for more event information, including ticket prices and links to performers' websites. To purchase tickets, go online, stop by BIG ARTS or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.✱

## Sanibel Food And Wine Festival

**A**ll are invited to share in an evening of wine, food, music and fun at the Sanibel Food and Wine Festival at Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery on Thursday, February 21, beginning at 4 p.m. Now in its fifth year, the charitable event benefits kids' needs, such as cancer care and scholarships, and is presented by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club.

Local wine distributors will select and provide fine wines for sampling during the festival. Wines will also be up for bid in the silent auction.

A cooking demonstration with comple-

mentary wine pairing will be presented by Matt Asen of The Timbers Restaurant. Chef Karl Hamme of Bailey's Catering and Prepared Foods Department will also present a cooking demonstration. Hamme will also prepare the hors d'oeuvres. Music will accompany the silent auction.

Some of the items in the silent auction include: two nights at several local resorts and golf for four at several island courses. Lily & Co. will also be offering discounted

prices on select jewelry.

Tickets are a \$30 donation; \$25 for designated driver and are available at Bailey's General Store, Sanibel Café, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank and Lily & Co.

Lily & Co. is on Tarpon Bay Road across from Bailey's. Free valet parking will be available.

For more information, contact Stan Howard at 472-0836 or e-mail [sancapoptimist@comcast.net](mailto:sancapoptimist@comcast.net).✱

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# Zany Fun At The Strauss Theater

by Di Saggau

**M**onty Python's *Spamalot* is enjoying a Southwest Florida Premier at BIG ARTS' Herb Strauss Theater on Sanibel. You don't have to be a Monty Python fan to enjoy it. I'm living proof of that. Thanks to the multi-talented Amy Marie McCleary, who both directed and choreographed the show, this is one that will make you laugh from beginning to end.

The entire cast takes the crazy Pythonesque scenes to hilarious heights. As the man seated behind me said, "It's a WOW!"

It isn't easy to describe this kind of humor in print because it's the timing, facial expressions and a magical unknown as to what's going to happen next that makes this show so enjoyable on stage. Based on the motion picture *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, this musical had the opening night audience in stitches. Jason Loete is perfect as King Arthur



Matthew Alan Schmidt, Jason Loete, Elizabeth Urbanczyk and Robby May in *Monty Python's Spamalot* photo by Nick Adams

following his quest for the Holy Grail. He fights a duel with the Black Knight, played by the talented Robby May, in which the latter is gradually dismembered, while all the time saying they are only minor wounds, even while his arms and legs lay scattered about. Truly funny on the stage.

Another memorable scene is where Arthur and his Knights attempt to infiltrate a French castle using a giant wooden rabbit modeled after the famous Trojan Horse.

Python humor leaves no one and nothing spared. Brits, the French, Catholics and Jews, gays and political extremists are all the butt of jokes that don't offend because the humor is never vicious. It's also a delight watching the ensemble poke fun at some Broadway shows, including *Fiddler On The Roof* and *West Side Story*.

This zany musical has a great cast, led by Loete as the befuddled King Arthur and the gorgeous and seductive Elizabeth Urbanczyk as the Lady of the Lake who, later, is transformed into Arthur's Queen Guinevere. She has a beautiful and powerful voice and is a delight to behold every time she's on stage.

The legendary Knights of the Round Table include Matthew Alan Schmidt as Lancelot, Robby May as Galahad, John Ramsey as Sir Robin, and Miguel Cintron as Sir Bedevere. All are excellent and some of them play other roles as well.

Also essential to the show are Andy Meyers as Arthur's servant, who has perfected the art of using coconut shells to

make the sounds of horse's hooves and Trey Compton, the effeminate Prince Herbert, who nearly brings the house down as he and the outed Sir Lancelot become an item. He also shines as Not Dead Fred. Add to this outstanding cast the terrific ensemble of dancing ladies and lads who perform a multitude of dances including the can-can, and you have a show that is something to behold.

At the end of the show, when cast and audience sing together *Always Look On the Bright Side of Life*, for one brief moment the troubles of the world are forgotten.

*Monty Python's Spamalot* plays through February 16 at the Herb Strauss Theater, located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For tickets, call the Box Office at 472-6862 or 395-0900.\*

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## Hammerstep

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General seating is \$42, Loge seats are \$47 and student admission is \$15. Tapestry Dance Company's performance begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 9 at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall.

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

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

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Jon Huntsman

## Jon Huntsman To Speak At The FORUM

Jon Huntsman will speak on Sunday, January 20 in Schein Performance Hall as part of BIG ARTS' FORUM Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series. Huntsman's topic will be U.S.-China Relations: A Practitioner's Guide.

Huntsman is a former governor of Utah and distinguished U.S. politician who has served in four White House administrations in various capacities, most recently as U.S. ambassador to China under President Obama. Huntsman resigned from this post in January 2011 to campaign for the Republican Party's nomination for candidate in the 2012 presidential contest, wherein he participated in many national televised debates and major news interviews. As Utah's governor from 2005 to 2009, Huntsman's record of steady job growth and reduced spending earned Utah recognition as 2008's best-managed state in a report by the Pew Center on the States.

Huntsman began his political career as a staff assistant to President Reagan and was later appointed deputy assistant secretary of commerce and U.S. ambassador to Singapore by President George H.W. Bush. Huntsman additionally served with distinction as U.S. trade ambassador under President George W. Bush, negotiating several free trade agreements with Asian and African nations. He is currently the chairman of the Huntsman Cancer Institute and recently joined the Brookings Institution as a distinguished fellow.

All speakers in The FORUM program are sold out, though interested patrons can come the night of the lecture to see if tickets are turned back in. Although BIG ARTS cannot guarantee ticket availability, historically tickets have become available the night of a lecture. The FORUM lectures begin at 7:30 p.m.

The FORUM Grand Patron Series Sponsors are Northern Trust and Sue and Tom Pick.

BIG ART is at 900 Dunlop Road. For more information call 395-0900.\*

## Open Mic Night At The Bean

Sanibel, Captiva and Southwest Florida poets and writers will celebrate the new year on Friday, January 25 between 4 and 6 p.m. with an open mic reading at The Bean on Sanibel. Writers, residents and visitors to the islands are invited to read and listen to original and favorite selections of poetry and prose.

Open mic readings are informal. The only requirements are that performers sign the reader's list and limit their reading time to five minutes. If you choose not to read, you are welcome to listen.

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## Ladies Of Cool

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BIG ARTS Pop and Jazz season's lineup also includes The Glenn Miller Orchestra (February 2); Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues (February 16); Fred Hersch Jazz Trio (March 8); Cinema Toast: Celebrating The Music of the Movies (March 15); and Wendy Webb at

the Herb Strauss Theater (April 1).

All shows begin at 8 p.m. at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, with the exception of Wendy Webb, who will perform at the Herb Strauss Theater, located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

BIG ARTS offers single event tickets as well as series and subscription tickets at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

Tickets are also available at BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, the Herb Strauss Box Office or by calling 395-0900 or 472-6862.\*

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## Thompson Publishes Children's Book

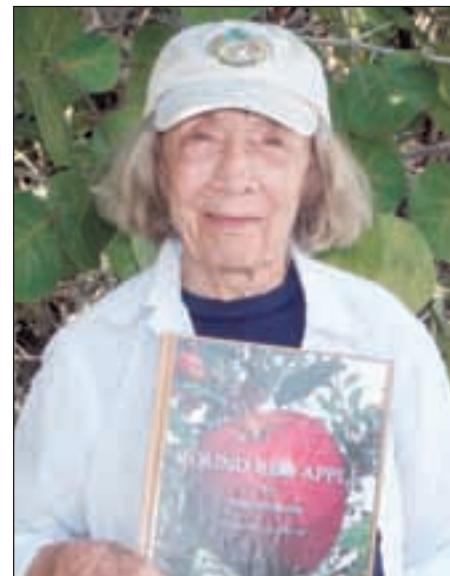
by Jeff Lysiak

The woman known by generations of islanders for her annual contributions to The Sanibel School's traditional Arbor Day ceremonies has self-published a children's book that is now available at local book stores.

Berdenna Thompson wrote *Round Red Apple*, a large, hardcover book for preschool to kindergarten and 1st grade-age children, over the course of several years. However, it was only during the past several months that the idea of how to wrap-up the story came to her.

"I was trying to think of an ending to the story," said Thompson, "when I was sitting in the doctor's office and saw a diagram of a mouth. I asked the nurse if I could take a photo of it and she said I could. So it just goes to show you that until you find the right idea, the story has to work itself out."

A member of the Island Writers Group III, Thompson was an elementary school teacher for 25 years. A member of Sanibel's Vegetation Committee since 1987, she has been published in the *Christian Science Monitor* and The State of Michigan Reading Association booklet prior to publishing *Round Red Apple*, which was illustrated by her son-in-law, former Sanibel Police Chief Lew



Berdenna Thompson with her newly released children's book, *Round Red Apple*, now available at local book stores

Phillips.

"We started working on this project together just before Christmas," she added. "And he is gung-ho on a bunch of other book ideas, too."

Thompson, who will take part in The Sanibel School's annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, January 25, will also be doing a book reading of *Round Red Apple* at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Thursday, February 21. For additional information about the rec center reading, call 472-0345.\*

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One of the greatest beach party bands around, California Surf, Inc. has toured for years with the biggest names in surf music, including Jan and Dean and The Beach Boys. The band, made up of Matt Jardine, Billy Hinsche, Bobby Figueroa, Ed Carter, and Philip Bardowell, will be playing all the classic surf-music-era songs in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall.

Co-chairs Maddy Hanlon and Sherry Halloran have been planning the event, which will include an auction of surfboards hand-painted by local artists. Marcy Calkins is painting a two-sided surfboard with a mermaid water girl theme. "The idea is, she loves the sea so much, she wants to live in and on the water as much as possible." Calkins is using acrylic paints and adding a coating to protect the artwork from moisture. Calkins adds, "Because it is two-sided, you can display one side for a while, and on a whim, easily flip it to show the reverse. Or display it in an open area, so both sides can be seen."

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, Traders and Zebra Frozen

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Officer Kurt Schulte and Bank of the Islands' Rob Lisenbee and Willy Ocasio congratulate the winning student photographers

## Bank Of The Islands Honors Student Nature Photography Contest Winners

Bank of the Islands provided awards and underwrote expenses for The Sanibel Middle School's nature photography contest last week. The awards were in addition to the overall financial support the bank gives to this annual event. The students visited the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge with their photography instructor at The Sanibel Middle School, Officer Kurt Schulte.

The awards ceremony for the photo contest took place on January 11 at the Refuge Education Center. Bank of the Islands' Sanibel and Captiva Office Managers, Rob Lisenbee and Willy Ocasio, presented award medals and \$100, \$50 and \$25 cashier's checks to the top three student photographers as judged by their teachers.

The honors went to:

First place – Zachary Farst, 6th Grade

Second place – Kilyn Fox, 6th Grade

Third place – Hannah Fay, 7th Grade

"I am so thankful that I don't have to select the winners," said the Bank's Captiva Office Manager Willy Ocasio. "This is my first year participating in the awards ceremony. All the photos are so terrific. The quality instruction the students receive from Officer Schulte really shows. They're just great."

For the coming weeks, Bank of the Islands will be hosting an exhibit of all the student photography in its Sanibel office lobby at 1699 Periwinkle Way. Every student participating in the contest will receive a \$1 U.S. Mint gold coin from Bank of the Islands when they visit the Sanibel lobby photo display.\*



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## Do You Know These People?

The folks in the photos are Sanibel Community Band members. All were active in musical groups during their school years, before real life descended upon them with jobs, families and a raft of responsibilities that relegated their instruments to basements or e-bay.

Flute player Mary Jane\* made music throughout her younger life, but couldn't find time for it once she started balancing a career with raising a family. She didn't touch her flute for 31 years, but finally dusted it off when she joined the Sanibel

Community Band.

Frank\* played trumpet in elementary and middle school. He is still gainfully employed, but after 34 years of not playing his horn he took a chance on the Community Band. Recently, Frank treated himself to a shiny new trumpet because he really enjoys making music again.

Clarinet player Joan\* performed with her college orchestra while she was earning a degree in music. She got a job with a professional orchestra, but put her clarinet away because she was managing the group, not playing in it. After 28 years, she started working in Fort Myers and found her way to the Sanibel Community Band.

If you ever played a musical instru-

ment at any time in your life, you are welcome to indulge once again in the joys of making music. Right now, we mostly need drum/percussion, clarinet and French horn players, but, regardless of what instrument you play, check out the Sanibel Community Band – you'll find that most of the music we play is pleasant and easy, with only one or two challenging pieces.

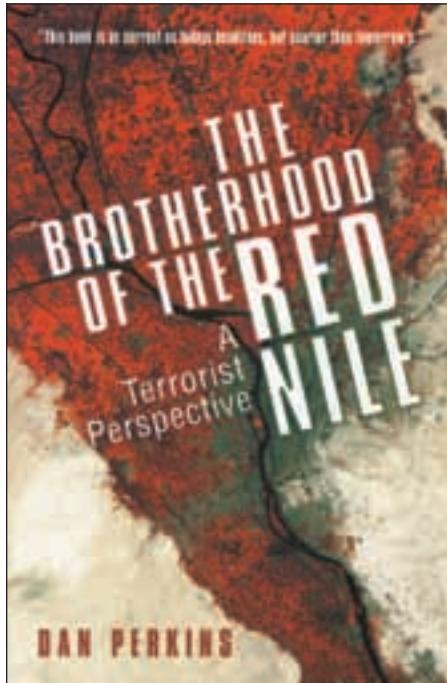
Most important of all, you'll witness the tremendous satisfaction folks get out of reconnecting with music. For more information, contact Band Director Don Knowland, 415-9092, 246-4158, or doninfortmyers@gmail.com.

\* Name changed to protect the elderly\*\*

## Incredible Journey

In November 2011, Dan Perkins saw a flyer from the BIG Arts Center announcing their winter 2012 classes. One class caught his eye, a course on creative writing, Mysteries and Thrillers. So, intrigued by the title, he signed up. The first class was February 6 and the instructor was Nancy Daversa, an accomplished author in her own right. On the first day of the class she told the students that they will find out if they can write in two weeks. Perkins thought, "If I can't write, I only lose two weeks of golf, not a big risk." Nancy informed the class that this was her fourth time teaching the class and somebody was published in all three classes. Now she is four for four with the publishing of Perkins' book.

Perkins found out that he could write. In fact, he finished his first novel, *The Brotherhood of the Red Nile, A Terrorist Perspective*, in 90 days. He found an editor and a printer and the book was published on December 14, 2012, a little over 9 months after the class. One review said of the book, "This book is as current as today's headlines but scarier than tomorrow's." *The Brotherhood of the Red Nile, A Terrorist Perspective* is the fictional account of a new terrorist group formed in Syria that strikes an alliance with the Iranian Nuclear program to rebuild two old Soviet Union suitcase dirty bombs and attack the United States. The book is available at the Sanibel Library or Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com,



Sanibel local Dan Perkins' first novel

and it is offered in paperback, hard cover and e-book for the Kindle and the Nook. Perkins' story could stop there but it didn't.

As a resident of Sanibel, Perkins had an idea of how his book could help himself and help FISH of Sanibel. He met with Maggie Feiner, the executive director of FISH, and suggested that he would have a book signing on the island and a portion of the proceeds would go to help support FISH. He hopes that other authors will join him in selling autographed copies of their books with some of the proceeds going to FISH or other

organizations that help people in need.

You can find out more information on the book signing at the book's web site [www.danperkinsatsanibel.com](http://www.danperkinsatsanibel.com). You can also download on the site the first 50 pages of the book for free. Check out the photo of Perkins book on the jumbotron in Times Square New York.\*\*

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## Center 4 Life

Church of Christ, and St. Isabel Catholic Church. Health screenings include memory, hearing, vision, glucose, blood pressure and balance.

February 8, 1:30 p.m. – How Do You Know When It's Time To Make A Move To Assisted Living by McKenzie Mills, assisted living healthcare marketing specialist for Shell Point Retirement Community. This presentation will provide you with a better understanding of what the differences are between independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing care.

February 22, 1:30 p.m. – Damaris Peters Pike in *A Daughter Remembers* Irving Berlin. Limited seating. Cost is a \$5 donation for members and \$10 for non-members.

**Tuesday Kayaking** – January 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 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 cen-

ter to sign up.

### Discovering Florida Daytrips

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.

### Games at the Center

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

Hand & Foot – 1 p.m. Tuesday  
Mahjonn – 1 p.m. Thursday

Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday  
Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

### Raffle Drawing

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.\*\*

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Against Wind and Tide* by Anne Lindbergh
  2. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
  3. *Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan Sendker
  4. *Smash Cut* by Sandra Brown
  5. *Dry Grass of August* by Anna Mayhew
  6. *Brief History of Sanibel Island* by Repko Marya
  7. *House at Tyneford* by Natasha Solomons
  8. *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Lindbergh
  9. *Weird Florida* by Charlie Carlson
  10. *Thousand Mornings* by Mary Oliver
- Courtesy of Sanibel Island Bookshop.\*\**

# My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2013

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Jan. 23, 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell is granted a medical degree from Geneva College in New York, becoming the first female to be officially recognized as a physician in U.S. history. In 1857, she founded the New York Infirmary for Women and Children.

• On Jan. 27, 1888, the National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C. Readership in its magazine did not grow, however, until it discarded the format of overly technical articles and used articles of general interest accompanied by photographs. "National Geographic" quickly became known for its stunning and pioneering photography.

• On Jan. 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond, the "Cullinan," is discovered. Worried that the diamond might be stolen in transit from Africa to London, a phony diamond was sent as a decoy aboard a steamer ship loaded with detectives, while the real stone slowly made its way in a plain box.

• On Jan. 24, 1935, canned beer makes its debut when the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company delivered 2,000 cans of beer and ale to faithful Krueger drinkers in Richmond, Va. Ninety-one percent of the drinkers approved of the canned beer, prompting Krueger to give the green light to further production.

• On Jan. 26, 1945, the most decorated soldier of World War II, American Lt. Audie Murphy, is wounded in France. Murphy was wounded three times, fought in nine major campaigns across Europe, and was credited with killing 241 Germans. He won 37 medals and decorations.

• On Jan. 21, 1957, Patsy Cline, one of the most important figures in country-music history, first gains national attention with her winning appearance on "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts." Cline wowed the studio audience with her performance of the now-classic "Walkin' After Midnight."

• On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court decriminalizes abortion by handing down its decision in the case of Roe v. Wade. For most of the country's first 100 years, abortion was not a criminal offense, nor was it considered immoral.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was humorist Jerome K. Jerome who made the following sage observation: "It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly

unless one has plenty of work to do. There is no fun in doing nothing when you have nothing to do. Wasting time is merely an occupation then, and a most exhausting one. Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen."

• Though it is unconstitutional and therefore unenforceable, there is a law on the books in Tennessee which prohibits duelists, preachers and atheists from being elected to public office.

• According to most history books, the first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter, S.C., in April of 1861, but that's not entirely true. The first shots of the war between the North and the South actually were fired in January of that year in Pensacola, Fla., where a garrison of Union troops was stationed at Fort Barrancus. A contingent of Florida and Alabama troops marched on the fort with the intent to throw out the Yankees in their midst. However, the Southerners' dedication to the cause was somewhat lacking; as soon as the Union soldiers fired at them, they beat a hasty retreat.

• Those who study such things say that the average lightning bolt has a temperature of approximately 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. For comparison, the sun's average temperature is only 10,000 F.

• If you've ever been told to shut your pie-hole, you might have wondered where the expression came from. The term was first used in 1983, in the film version of Stephen King's horror novel "Christine."

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. It may be necessary from time to time to give a stupid or misinformed beholder a black eye." -- Jim Henson

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## Monday Night Movie

## Monsieur Lazhar



by Wendy  
Humphrey

**M**onsieur Lazhar, showing on January 21 at BIG ARTS, is an intelligent, sensitive and deeply satisfying film about love, loss, cultural divisions and the education system in North America.

This film, which won an Academy Award and was nominated for an Oscar, reflects the interaction between Bachir Lazhar, a courtly, correct, Algerian immigrant and the students in a Montreal school grieving the loss of their teacher found dead in the classroom.

Philippe Falardeau's gentle, perceptive and ultimately uplifting drama touches on the different ways adults and children react to the death of a favorite teacher. The student who claims that it's the adults who have difficulty with Martine's death doesn't seem to be far wrong. We watch the adults avoid the subject or speak of it in the abstract.

All except Monsieur Lazhar who, dealing with his own loss, is finely attuned to the students' desolation. But the system does not allow him to talk to them. The official response to the children's grief is to institutionalize it. An expert removed from the situation is sent in to talk to the students. The teacher who sees the students daily is forbidden to even sit in.

When Monsieur Lazhar mutters "another specialist" at a staff meeting, he's commenting on a situation where students are not allowed to fully explore their grief and their feelings of culpability. Experts are sent in to put band-aids over the problems.

This deeply stirring and thought-provoking film explores other ways in which Canadian culture presents an obstacle for Monsieur Lazhar. Education is more interactive and less formalized than in his native Algeria and he makes changes which his colleagues see as archaic. In contemporary Canada, dictation is no longer an accepted learning technique. Even the terminology for

grammar is different. It seems personal adjectives have become possessive determinants.

And any sort of physical contact is strictly forbidden. While Monsieur Lazhar embraces his students with a warmth that may well be missing as no personal contact between kids and teachers is the rule, one of his colleagues suggests it is best to view the students as radioactive waste: hands off or you'll get burned.

Then there is the blithe North American notion of sharing every experience with the kids. When one of his fellow teachers suggests that Monsieur Lazhar should share his story as an immigrant, he dryly comments that for most immigrants it is not a joyful experience, but a trip without papers uprooted to a country whose culture is foreign.

It's tough to draw individual characters with a class of some 15 students, but so brilliant is this director and so finely drawn are these characters that, with just a few carefully chosen camera shots and scene snippets, we feel we know each child in the class and share their heartbreak.

Among the many awards for *Monsieur Lazhar* are Best Canadian Feature Film at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2012 and the Genie Award for Best Motion Picture. It was also shortlisted for an Oscar in 2012 and won an audience award in the Filmfest in DC in 2011.

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

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

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

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

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

## Poet's Corner



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

selected by Tanya Hochschild

*Poets just wanna have fun, and in that spirit, to honor a new year, this column wants to pay tribute to all the Grandmas and Grandpas on Sanibel, who have been fearless and learned to use the computer.*

The computer swallowed Grandma, yes, honestly it's true! she pressed 'control' and 'enter' and disappeared from view. It devoured her completely, the thought just makes me squirm. She must have caught a virus or been eaten by a worm. I've searched through the recycle bin

and files of every kind; I've even used the Internet, but nothing did I find. In desperation, I asked Mr. Google my searches to refine. The reply from him was negative, not a thing was found 'online'. So, if inside your 'inbox' my Grandma you should see, please 'copy', 'scan' and 'paste' her, and send her back to me.

*This poem was sent in by a grandmother, who wrote, "With my ailing memory, I'm thinking of changing my password to "incorrect". That way, when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me, "Your password is incorrect."\*\**

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## Portraits In Print

by Jane Vos Hogg



### Nifty Knitters

**R**e-telling a tale. Well... at least part of it, or else you might not understand what I'm talking about. And, in this case, the "what" is Pelican Knitters.

Years ago, there was a small knitting shop here on Sanibel where a few customers sat down one day to work on a group project. They pooled their efforts and knitted a vest. A pleasant experience, the women thought it might be nice to continue doing it and do it regularly. Plant a seed and see what sprouts.

The group kept growing. They decided they needed a name and, 16 years ago, Pelican Knitters burst into being. Their meeting place... equally unexpected. A knitter mentioned the group to a friend who happened to work at SunTrust Bank and she invited them to use the bank's meeting room each Wednesday morning.

They meet weekly and are open to any newcomer who shares their interests. Their numbers swell when the snowbirds land. In season, you'll likely find close to 30 around the table; off season, that number often drops to

nearer a dozen. Ten are permanent islanders, most of the others are second homeowners wintering here. Some 60 different knitters have been among them.

And now for the warmest part: what do they knit? There are the usual things... socks for the northern nephews, layettes for the expected babies, blankets for the grands going off to college, sweaters for some, scarves for others. But that's the least of it.

And here come the acts of random kindness... call it charitable giving... whatever.

For many years, a Santa Claus has ridden on a train that passes through the impoverished hill country of the Appalachian mountains and at Christmastime, he tosses out gift packages to the needy local families who line the tracks. Remove the wrappings and you'll find sets of hats and scarves and mittens, sometimes even sweaters, knitted, many of them, by the Pelicans.

This year, they sent off four huge boxes. "Who pays for the postage?" I asked. "Originally," they explained, "we covered the costs ourselves, throwing in \$5 each and adding more when the kitty needed replenishing." But then one member, a wife of a Lion (let's call her a Lioness) spoke to her husband... and so it came to pass – the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club signed on to give the group a sizeable check each year to help with shipping costs. UPS got involved, too, providing a discount each time they sent off a box.

Now ready for sorting were piles of hats, really soft ones intended for the chemo patients at the Florida Cancer Center, others going to shelters for abused women and children, several in Fort Myers and one in Cape Coral. These shelters, part of ACT, a project begun in 1979, offer a circle of support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Several of the knitters, mindful of local need, had reached out to see where in Lee County they might establish connections.

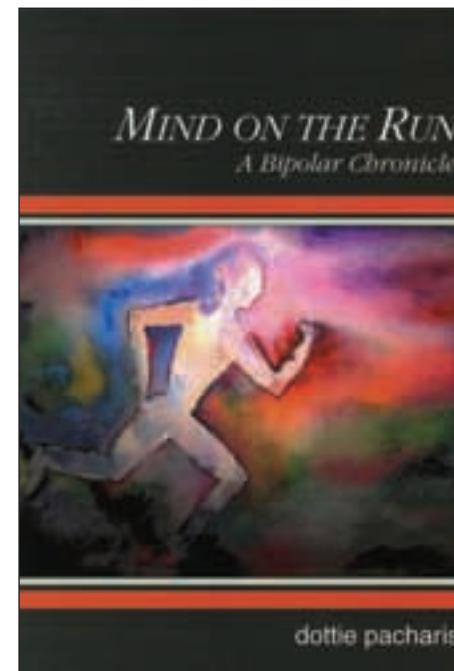
Having finally finished all their elfish Santa assistance projects, they were totaling up the "whats" and "where tos." Morehead, Kentucky had gotten 126 items, two cartons of warm things had gone to the Lakota Indian reservation in South Dakota, and they were still hard at work on the prayer shawls, now nearing four dozen already done and delivered to the rape center in Fort Myers. (At this point, one knitter laid claim to the newly arrived eight skeins of green wool lying on the table.) "Perfect," she said. "A wonderful color and I'm starting another shawl for them. I like to knit when I go to the movies."

Presently in its final stages is the completion of their own special thank you to the Lions Club for their generosity. This makes the third year they've created an afghan. It's a group activity, much of it done over the summer, where each knitter makes a nine-inch square, all using the same color and yarn, but each choosing a uniquely different pattern. When finished, they send

their pieces to the two women in the group who block, assemble and then crochet them into the finished product. The final result: a handsome piece ready to be auctioned off at the Lions' annual March craft show.

How do knitters here in Sanibel find places interested in their donations? They've set up a link with CareWear, a volunteer group working out of Hood College in Maryland, who provide an updated list of needy causes which might appeal to them.

Endings, beginnings, all knit together. The Pelican Knitters are casting on stitches as the new year begins.\*



Dottie Pacharis' book on bipolar disorder

## Meet The Author

**D**ottie Pacharis will discuss her experience in dealing with her son's battle with bipolar disorder and navigating our mental health system. Meet the author at the Sanibel Library Wednesday, February 6, at 2 p.m.\*

## Duplicate Bridge

**O**n Tuesday, January 8, there were nine tables play at The Sanibel Community Association. The winners were:

### North/South

1. Linda Tedesehi and Kenneth Appel
2. Clara and Terry Terrana
3. Dorothy and Irwin Levy
4. Rick Smart and Ted Smith

### East/West

1. Karen and Geoffrey Moss
2. Mary and Dick Butler
3. Ann Cooper and Susan Freund
4. Irma and Mel Rotstein

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

## FGCU Wetland Expert To Hold Discussion

**D**r. William J. Mitsch, director of FGCU's Everglades Wetland Research Park (EWRP), will discuss Florida Everglades restoration, Gulf of Mexico pollution and long-term plans for the Naples research park during a public lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 24.

Ecological Engineering of the Best Kind: Restoring Rivers, Wetlands and the Florida Everglades is part of the free Moonlight on the Marsh lecture series at the Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4940 Bayshore Drive. The series features distinguished scientists from around the world sharing their expertise on renewable energy, nature conservation and other environmental topics of interest to Southwest Floridians.

A prize-winning wetland scientist with an international reputation in ecological engineering and wetland ecology, Mitsch holds the Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management at Florida Gulf Coast University. His presentation will address



Dr. William J. Mitsch

how ecological engineering can enhance wetlands along the Mississippi River Basin, in the Gulf of Mexico/Florida Everglades and throughout the planet.

Studies suggest that 5 million acres of new wetlands are needed in the Mississippi basin to mitigate nitrogen fertilizer runoff and improve water quality in the river and especially in the Gulf of Mexico, according to Mitsch. He headed

a federal panel charged with assessing solutions to a persistent 5 million-acre dead zone in the Gulf off Louisiana.

Mitsch also will discuss studies by FGCU and the South Florida Water Management District into the effectiveness of 40,000-plus acres of wetlands created upstream of the Everglades as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project. The wetlands filter out phosphorus, the fertilizer component that is changing the ecology of the northern Everglades. They also remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which reduces global warming and climate change, according to Mitsch.

"On a global scale, created and natural wetlands are among the most effective natural carbon sinks in the world," Mitsch says. "Models show that wetlands' methane emission rates are low enough to be of little concern and that, overall, wetlands could collect as much as 12 percent of the total released carbon emissions in the world."

To reserve a seat for the lecture, call the FGCU Foundation at 590-1088.

For more information about the series or the research park, go to [www.fgcu.edu/swamp](http://www.fgcu.edu/swamp).

For further information, contact Dr. Mitsch at (614) 946-6715.\*

## Three Performances Planned For Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing

Celebrate the Edison Festival of Light and help feed the hungry by attending Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing on Tuesday, February 5 at The First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Myers, at the corner of Second Street and Lee Street.

It's the 24th year of the Hymn Sing, which is organized and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships. Because of the overwhelming popularity of the event, three performances are planned, at 1, 4 and 7 p.m. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

Admission is free, but because of the increased need for food for the hungry, organizers are requesting that those who attend bring cans of non-perishable food and a voluntary cash donation, if possible, to benefit The Soup Kitchen at CCMI (Everyday Marketplace & Café).

"Ladies and gentlemen, we desperately need your help. The need for food is absolutely critical this year and seems to be ongoing for the near future," said organizer Sam Galloway, Jr. "Love your fellow neighbor. Attempt to do what God would do and want you to do. Show me a man or woman who has not needed a helping hand in his or her life!"

"Continued unemployment and the prolonged downturn in our local economy have caused many of our neighbors to ask for food to feed their families for the first time in their lives," said Rev. Paul deJong of First Presbyterian Church. "We can't allow our neighbors and friends to be hungry. Please –



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we need our community to get together and help with all the canned goods they can."

Galloway, who originated the hymn sing in 1989, said he wanted to do something to honor Mrs. Mina Edison during the Edison Festival celebration.

"We hear a great deal about the wonderful work of Thomas Alva Edison, but we don't do a lot to honor his wife who also volunteered a great deal of her time and talent to making Fort Myers what it is today," Galloway said. "This hymn sing is a way to honor her good work, too."

This year's event will feature the First Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir and many other singers, including members of the Mastersingers, guest soloists, along with a piano-organ combination.

Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing is the first of three hymn sings sponsored annually by the Galloway Family of Dealerships. The other two are A Midsummer Night's Sing in July and the very popular Holiday Carol Sing in December. All three events benefit The Soup Kitchen at CCMI, which was started by First Presbyterian Church in 1984 to help alleviate hunger and suffering in Lee County.

A record 5,500 pounds of canned goods were donated at last year's Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing to benefit The Soup Kitchen at CCMI. The food was immediately distributed to those in need.

CCMI is an innovative non-profit 501(c)3 organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. The agency provides more than 14,000 meals each month through The Soup Kitchen (Everyday Café and Marketplace) and Home Delivered Meals programs. CCMI also educates 40 children in their Community Montessori, offers homeless and comprehensive case management services through the Cape Coral United Way Resource House, oversees an emergency mobile food pantry and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 1,500 children each school year.

For more information or directions to the church, call 334-2261 or visit [www.fpc-fortmyers.org](http://www.fpc-fortmyers.org).



Mrs. Mina Edison

## Pandolfi Concert At Shell Point

The Concerts and Conversation Series at Shell Point Retirement Community is open to the public, and the next concert in this series will be pianist Thomas Pandolfi on Thursday, January 31 at 7 p.m. This concert is unique in that following the concert, participants will enjoy a beverage and dessert reception with Pandolfi.

Pandolfi is an exciting piano virtuoso who has passionate artistry and amazing technique. His orchestral appearances often feature beloved masterpieces by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, and Liszt. Pandolfi's career experiences include performances with such European orchestras as the George Enescu Philharmonic and the Cluj Philharmonic of the Republic of Moldova. He has also performed with American Symphony Orchestras throughout the country.



Thomas Pandolfi

Pandolfi is a graduate of The Julliard School, where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees as a scholarship student. *The Washington Post* acclaimed Thomas Pandolfi as "an artist who is a master of both the grand gesture and finesse."

"We look forward to having Thomas Pandolfi perform in the Concert and Conversations Series," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life for Shell Point Retirement Community. "It is amazing to hear his music, and then the guests will have an opportunity to spend time with him following the performance."

Space is very limited, so tickets and reservations are required to attend any of the concerts in this series, which will be held in the Grand Cypress Room of the Woodlands. Tickets for this concert are \$25 each. To purchase tickets or receive more information, visit [www.shellpoint.org/concerts](http://www.shellpoint.org/concerts) or call 454-2067.

## PAWS - Missing Cats



Stella

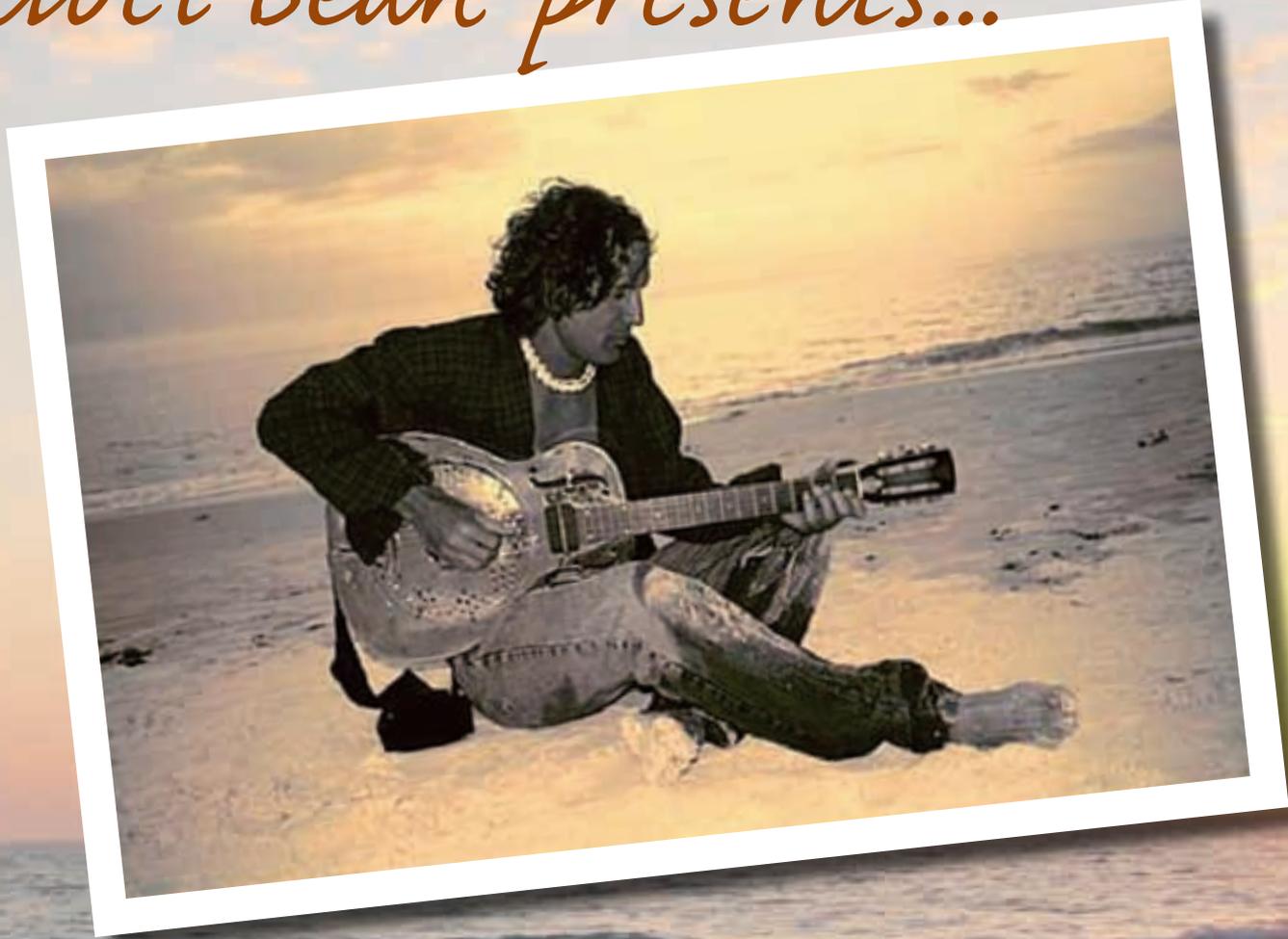


Tiger

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## New Name, New Owners, New Attitude At Sanibel Island Golf Club

by Jeff Lysiak

In less than two months since Ed Lockard and Drew Donnelly, the new owners of Sanibel Island Golf Club – formerly known as Beachview Golf Club – took over operations at the 152-acre facility, there have been several changes at the club. Some of those changes have been subtle. Others, a bit more drastic.

That's just the way Lockard and Donnelly want it, too.

"First of all, we wanted to change the culture of the staff, who had been a little bit stand-offish in the past," said Lockard, 46, the former head golf professional at The Dunes and director of golf at The Sanctuary Golf Club. "Now, we're more customer-friendly. We want to give people a better experience that they weren't getting at the old Beachview Golf Club."

Donnelly, 42, the former head golf professional at The Sanctuary Golf Club, added that either he and/or Lockard will be on site, greeting customers every day.

"Our top priority was improving the day-to-day operations of the club," said Donnelly. "We've already improved the maintenance practices and implemented some of the industry's standards – we're mowing the greens every day, we're raking the sand traps, we're changing the cups on a regular basis. And we're improving the landscaping. Believe me, we hear about it... it's making a really good first impression."

However, both owners understand that making the business a successful and profitable operation isn't going to happen overnight.

"We are working with a consultant group that is doing a nutritional and soil analysis



**Drew Donnelly, left, and Ed Lockard are the new owners of Sanibel Island Golf Club, formerly known as Beachview Golf Club**

to better understand the approach we need to take to continue to improve the golf course," said Donnelly, who added that they are planning on changing the aesthetics of the golf course.

"In addition to the 1,000 palm trees that are currently being trimmed, we plan on adding more landscaping and beautification practices. We have 152 acres we are dealing with and would certainly like to convert some areas into waste areas; further enhancing the look and feel of the golf course."

The purchase price of the property was \$7 million. The pair have a solid background in the industry to show for it: they have a combined 32 years of experience at golf courses here in Florida as well as in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Michigan.

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## Nave Plumbing's 65th Anniversary Party



Multiple generations of the Nave family turned out for the 65th anniversary celebration of Nave Plumbing's business on January 11

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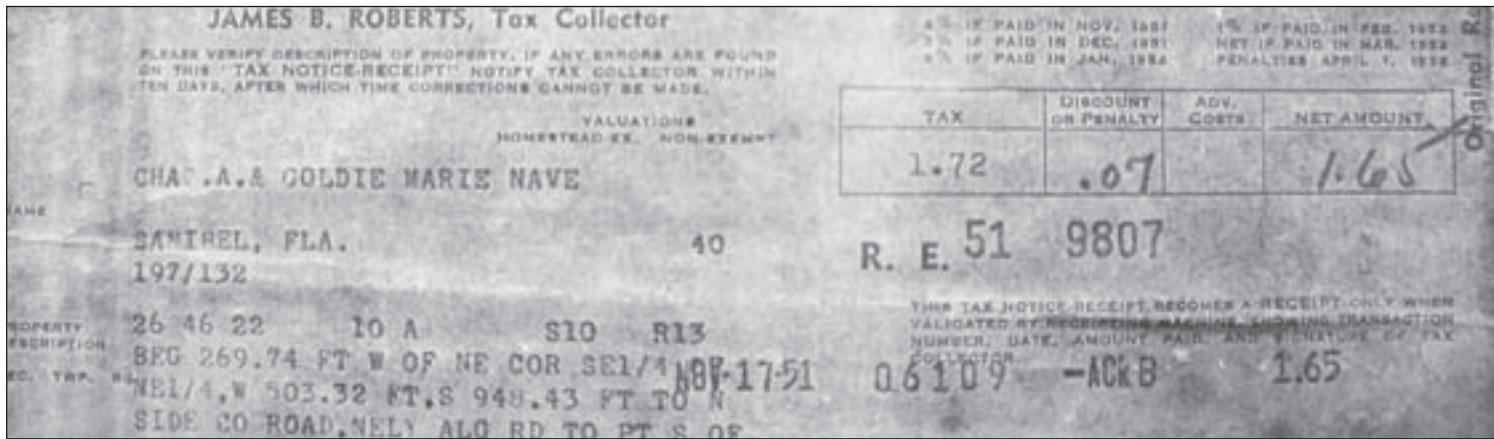
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Tax receipt from 1951 shows family paid \$1.65 for 10 acres of property

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## Nave Plumbing's 65th Anniversary Party



The 65th anniversary cake and balloon

photos by Ken Rasi and Jeff Lysiak



Image of the original Nave Plumbing building circa 1953



Ken Carper, Sandy Gunning, Diane Pulliam and Cal McIntosh



Margery and Lee Almas with Dana Raco and Laura Wesserling



Standing from left is Barb Nave and Abby Nave. Seated from left is Ally Zuchegno, Tabitha Nave and Mady Zuchegno



Ken Carper and Bob Sabatino



Janet McBee, right, presents an orchid to former landlady Goldie Nave

# City Golf Championship Returns January 27

by Jeff Lysiak

The 27th annual City Golf Championship will be played at the revitalized and rejuvenated Sanibel Island Golf Club – formerly known as Beachview Golf Club – on Sunday, January 27. The event, open to both men and women of all levels of playing ability, begins with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

According to Brian Cunningham of Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar and Grille, he and Sanibel Island Golf Club staff are organizing the golf outing – with the cooperation of longtime corporate sponsor Doc Ford's – as a “fun and competitive tournament.”

“When this tournament began back in 1986, it was for city employees only,” said Cunningham. “But in 1990, not only did they open up the back nine and expanded it to 18 holes, they also opened it up to island workers and residents, too.”

For many years, Sanibel Recreation Department Director Ron Orr was in charge of running the City Golf Championship.

“He did a great job keeping it a top event,” Cunningham recalled. “But when Ron left, it kinda left a void. Doc Ford's stepped in, took over the title sponsorship and has been running it for the past four or five years.”



Joe Haines, holding his 1987 1st place, 2nd flight trophy

This year, the event will include five men's flights (Championship, A, B, C and D) as well as a single women's flight. While the women's flight will calculate the winner based upon 80 percent of each individual players' handicap, the men's flights are divided as follows:

- Championship (Handicap of 0 to 5)
- A (6 to 11)
- B (12 to 17)

- C (18 to 23)
- D (24 and above)

“People can call the Sanibel Island Golf Club to determine their handicap. That way, they'll be put in their proper flight,” added Cunningham, who noted that first, second and third place trophies will be awarded in all six flights. “It's gonna be a great day... great people... great fun!”

For more information or to sign up, call the club at 472-2626.\*

# Sanibel Flag Football Results

Friday Night Lights results for January 11:  
**U8**

Dolphins 19, Bengals 0  
Packers 7, Lions 0

**U11**

Steelers 12, Bears 12  
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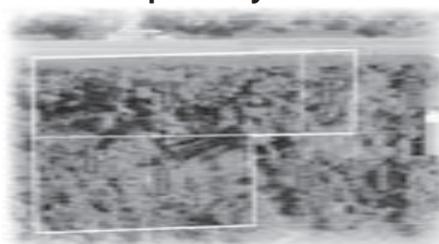


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## Congress Jewelers, Friends And Customers Come Through For FISH

Congress Jewelers invited islanders to lend a helping hand to Friends In Service Here (FISH) of Sanibel during a December food drive, and they responded enthusiastically. Friends, customers and employees filled 10 bags with donated non-perishable food and

paper products, and Congress Jewelers and Sealife by Congress – both located in Periwinkle Place – matched the number of items, doubling the amount collected for FISH and filled 20 bags.

“Islanders are very generous, and we appreciated their help during the busy holiday season,” said proprietor Scot Congress. “We enjoyed serving as a collection point for FISH and supporting its

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## Under The Stars Gala At Bonita Bay Club

Tickets to the 2013 Masters Golf Tournament and the U.S. Open Tennis Championships, a VIP Churchill Downs experience and a *Mad Men* script signed by the cast are among the items included in live and silent auctions during Under The Stars, a gala cocktail party and gourmet dinner dance scheduled for Saturday, February 23 at Bonita Bay Club. Tickets are \$250 per person, and the event benefits Barbara's Friends – The Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund.

Cocktails will be served beginning at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by the live auction and dancing to the music of Special Edition. Tables of 10 are available, and jackets and reservations are required. For reservations and tickets, call 343-6950 or visit [www.TourPlayersClassic.com](http://www.TourPlayersClassic.com).

The live auction also includes a play-and-stay package at Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill and The Links at Spanish Bay in California; a visit to the Las Vegas strip and VIP tickets to Cirque du Soleil; a private dinner hosted by the Four Chefs; and a Sonoma Valley wine extravaganza.

great work on the island.”

The mission of FISH is to lend a helping hand to those in need who live, work or visit Sanibel and Captiva. During 2011, 200 FISH volunteers provided free trans-

portation, hot meals, emergency financial assistance, food pantry services and other help to more than 750 people.\*

## Hirdie-Girdie Sales Help Support CROW

The 15 award-winning artists at Sanibel's Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery have designated February as CROW Month and will support the island's Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife with a portion of their sales during the month. In addition, the proceeds from the sale of a special piece of artwork donated by each artist will be contributed to CROW.

Visitors are invited to see and purchase these donated works at a free reception at the gallery on Monday, February 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be plenty of refreshments and fine art for all to enjoy.

“February will be an exciting month for us here at our gallery,” says Hirdie-Girdie watercolorist Neil Glaser. “We're so fortunate to have the world-class CROW organization on Sanibel,” he says. “And we're delighted to help CROW in its mission to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife.”

CROW Hospital Director Dr. Heather Barron says, “Everyone at CROW, and especially our patients, really appreciates what the artists are doing to help us. We recognize that they are using their creativity as a means of expressing their compassion for saving wildlife. And we hope everyone will stop in and view their works at the gallery in February.”

Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery is at the corner of Tarpon Bay Road and Library Way on Sanibel. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 395-0027 or visit the website [www.hirdiegirdiegallery.com](http://www.hirdiegirdiegallery.com).\*



Artwork at Hirdie-Girdie Gallery

The gala will cap off one of the largest fundraisers in Southwest Florida, The FineMark Tour Players Tennis Classic. Many of the 19 top touring tennis professionals who will travel to Bonita Springs for two days of matches, pro-am competition and clinics will attend the gala dinner dance.

“This is the sixth year Bonita Bay Club members have organized this weekend, which has raised more than \$858,000 for Barbara's Friends and brings some of the biggest names in tennis to Southwest Florida,” said Floyd Robinson, who co-chairs the event with fellow Bonita Bay volunteer Pat Valva.

“We are very proud of our members who work so hard on this incredible event,” said Club General Manager Dan Miles. “Bonita Bay Club is happy to host the gala, and we invite everyone in Southwest Florida to support Barbara's Friends – The Golisano Children's Hospital and the lifesaving work they do.”

The event title sponsor is FineMark Bank & Trust, headquartered in Fort Myers; the cocktail party is presented by Trevett Capital Partners; and the dinner dance is presented by The High-Rises at Bonita Bay. All event proceeds will be matched by the generosity of B. Thomas Golisano, who has established a \$20 million matching grant for all gifts received for the Golisano Children's Hospital

capital campaign. Golisano Children's Hospital, located within HealthPark Medical Center, is part of Lee Memorial Health System. The only facility of its kind between Tampa and Miami, it is dedicated to giving children and teenagers the highest level of medical and surgical care available. The capital campaign will fund a new 128-bed facility, which can be expanded to 160 beds.

The tournament site is the Bonita Bay Club Tennis Center, which has 18 Har-Tru courts and is located at the corner of West Terry Street and U.S. 41 in Bonita Springs. To learn more about member-owned Bonita Bay Club, call 949-5036 or visit [www.bonitabayclub.net](http://www.bonitabayclub.net).\*

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# American Legion Post 123 News

On Sunday, January 20, a fish and shrimp fry will be served from 1 to 8 p.m. at American Legion Post 123. Next Sunday, January 27, barbecue ribs and chicken will be served from 1 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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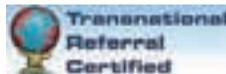


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The Huffington Post | By Nick Wing  
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The USS Mohawk, a Coast Guard cutter launched in 1934, sunk to its final resting place in the Gulf of Mexico on Monday, where it will grow into a veteran's memorial reef.

The ship, which had been docked in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., was towed some 30 miles off of the Sunshine State's Sanibel Island before being scuttled by six strategically placed charges meant to allow it to rest upright. It sunk in 90 feet of water, a depth that officials have claimed will encourage tourism from divers and anglers.

The 165-foot vessel played a part in World War II combat operations, serving U.S. naval forces in the North Atlantic. During its service, it sustained damage from a friendly-fire attack involving British forces. It was also the last remaining ship of the Battle of the Atlantic and had previously served as a floating museum, berthed in Key West.

In order to minimize any potential negative environmental impacts from its aging equipment, experts cleaned the ship prior to sending it on its last voyage. **Island Sun News reports the process included removing oil, fuel, asbestos and harmful paints, among other substances.**

While the boat largely had been stripped, items such as an 18th century rum bottle with a treasure map inside, as well as a case of aged Caribbean rum, were left on board as bounty for the first divers.

WINK News has video of the first group of divers to explore the wreck, just hours after its sinking.

*Correction: An earlier version of this story incorrectly identified the location of the USS Mohawk's incarnation as a museum.*

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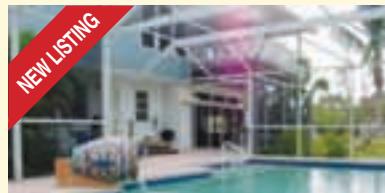
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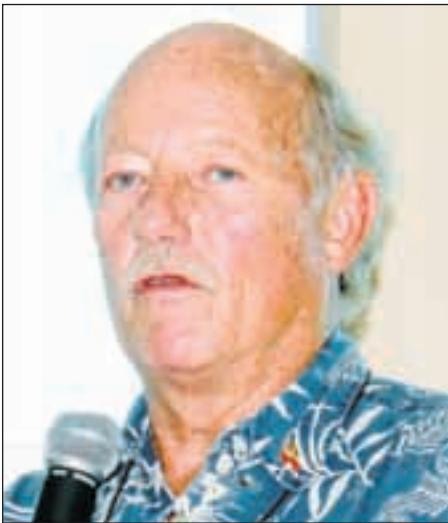
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The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce held its monthly business lunch on January 8, which was sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. The business lunch was held at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center and was catered by Bailey's Catering. BIG ARTS entertained the crowd by performing two numbers from their musical, *Spamalot*. More than 80 members of the chamber turned out for this event. The speaker was Chet Sadler of the Rotary Club. Sadler spoke about the charities and projects that the Rotary has been involved with in the last year, specifically the Haiti Project and the Heights Foundation project. The Chamber of Commerce holds monthly business luncheons for their members to network and socialize. If you are interested in more information or joining the Chamber of Commerce, log on to [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org).

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**Drew Donnelly and Ed Lockard**

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## New Owners

“We have a limited budget... we don’t have financial backers here,” said Donnelly. “We’re not going to flip a switch and make these changes overnight.”

But in the limited time they’ve handled the club’s reins, the owners have already heard several positive reviews.

“I had one customer who came down here and stayed at The Sundial with his family over the Christmas holiday,” said Lockard. “He told me that in the 10 years that he’s been coming here, the

course has never looked better.”

Currently, membership at Sanibel Island Golf Club hovers around 175. By the end of the season, they are hoping to push that figure past the 200 mark.

“We felt like there’s an opportunity here,” said Donnelly. “We want this to become a place that the entire family can enjoy, where kids can enjoy a round of golf with mom and dad.”

“Not only that,” Lockard added, “we want to be a club the whole community will be proud of.”

For membership information, weekly pass or Ten Round packages, call Sanibel Island Golf Club at 472-2626.\*

## Rec Center Fun Day

Register your children now for the upcoming Fun Day on Monday, January 21. The Fun Day will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

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

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## Pet Palooza Event To Benefit Gulf Coast Humane Society

If you've just returned to town or missed last week's announcement, make sure to mark Thursday, January 24 on your calendar. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Olde Sanibel Shoppes, located at 630 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel, will hold an event that benefits Gulf Coast Humane Society and gives islanders and guest the opportunity to find their new best friend as well as have fun with their current pets.

Gulf Coast Humane Society will bring out some friendly dogs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a meet-and-greet session with potential new "parents." This special time will allow you to get to know your prospective pet and talk with the shelter volunteers to insure you have a match to last a lifetime. Donations for the shelter will be gratefully accepted. For the shelter's wish list, visit any of the Olde Sanibel Shoppes or go online to [www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org).

Beginning at 10 a.m. and running through 2 p.m., Pets du Soleil will be onsite with

A variety of dogs in many shapes, colors and sizes will be on hand during Pet Palooza

their specially equipped pet portrait setup. To book your photography session ahead of time, call 209-6776. Walk-ins are welcome the day of the event. Pets du Soleil also brings a pet sketch artist (he can sketch live or bring a photo) and pet psychic, so there will be many activities for everyone to enjoy. A K-9 agility course will be available so you and your dog can practice your moves. Mike McMillan, a favorite island musician will be entertaining from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Additional parking for the event has been graciously offered by Timbers Restaurant, located a short distance down Tarpon Bay Road, and the Sanibel Police Department will be on hand to make sure pets and their owners get safely across the street.\*

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# Red Sox And Twins Prove Their Community Commitment To Southwest Florida



by Ed Frank

First there was the cynical move by Notre Dame football coach Brian Kelly to interview for the coaching job with the Philadelphia Eagles the day after his Irish were thrashed by Alabama in the BSC title game. Remember, Kelly had said just a few days earlier that the Notre Dame job was his "dream job."

Then there was the admission by disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong, after years and years of denial, that he had indeed consumed performance enhancing drugs while winning seven Tour de France titles.

And just Monday was the report that Kansas City Chief line-backer Joven Belcher was legally drunk when he shot his girlfriend nine times before killing himself.

We could go on and on with the negatives in the world of sports, but let's reverse the spin and document the positive, particularly here in Southwest Florida.

It has been well proven the economic importance of Major League baseball spring training to Southwest Florida.

But the fact is that both the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins are deeply committed to this area in the way of community service, fundraising and charitable donations.

For example, the first inaugural Swings For The Sox golf tournament sponsored by the Red Sox Foundation last fall raised more than \$23,000, which was shared by two local nonprofits: the Heights Foundation and the Children's Home Society.

"We are committed to this community year-round," said Katie Haas, Boston's director of Florida business operations. "Our goal is to harness the passion of our fans and transform it into a vehicle for positive change here in Southwest Florida."

Here are examples of other community service by the Red Sox in 2012:

- \$25,000 donated to the Children's Hospital, helping the hospital raise more than \$1 million.
- \$2,500 each to CCMI, VA Hospital, Special Equestrians, Amigos Center and AFCAAM.

- \$3,333 each to the Police Athletic League, Child Care of Southwest Florida and Abuse Counseling and Treatment.

Next month, the Minnesota Twins will begin their 23d year of spring training at the Lee County Sports Complex in Fort Myers.

Just last week, the Twins conducted their Southwest Florida Spring Training Caravan, where players and coaches visited five local schools, the Goisino Children's Hospital and the Regional Cancer Center.

Starting this week, the Twins will provide free youth clinics for boys and girls ages 6 to 16. They will learn basic fundamentals including hitting, fielding and throwing, while also hearing positive messages about staying in school and away from drugs and alcohol. The clinics are being conducted at eight different locations, from January 12 to February 16.

Like the Red Sox, the Twins Community Fund also contributes heavily to local charitable organizations year after year.

Despite what we read almost daily about the negative aspects of professional sports, the Red Sox and the Twins have shown locally that there is a good and important side to their presence.

## Everblades Bounce Back With Three Straight Wins

The Florida Everblades swept three straight games at home last week from the Toldeo Walleye despite losing six players to higher level teams as a result of the National Hockey League lockout.

The 4-1, 3-2 and 4-3 victories improved the local hockey team's season record to 18-13-3-4, moving up to fifth place in the ECHL Eastern Conference.

The lack of active players even had retired Everblade Ernie Hartlieb moving from the broadcast booth to the ice to help out.

Florida is on the road this weekend at Gwinnett and South Carolina, returning to Germain Arena on January 26 to begin a five-game home stand again Greenville and Trenton.\*

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Around The Islands With Anne

## The Sandbar Is Making Waves In Sanibel's Resort Area; Tropical Setting Suits PocoLoco Well



by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel's dining scene just keeps getting better. One new addition, **The Sandbar** at 2761 West Gulf Drive, reports brisk activity in the newly refurbished space, which now has an open kitchen and a fresh, light and airy atmosphere.

Manager Brian Silveira said Monday, "Everything is great so far."

The location on West Gulf Drive, west of Tarpon Bay Road, make this restaurant a niche-filler on this stretch of the beach-front area.

The Sandbar serves lunch and dinner and is soon to add breakfast to the lineup. Also, a small fish and meat market in one corner should be open by today, Friday, January 18, with selections such as king and snow crab, scallops, mussels, oysters, a variety of fresh fish and pork chops.

Executive Chef Teo Diaz offers two specials each night – one seafood and one meat – in addition to a varied menu that includes such dishes as Thai mussels, stone crab claws, salads, sandwiches, bronzed and blackened local fish, steaks and chops. There's also a children's menu for \$5 to \$6 with free drink refills.

An open kitchen showcases the culinary staff and adds to the casual atmosphere. Silveira boasts of "the islands' friendliest staff" – and the crew certainly is outgoing and welcoming.

The Sandbar can be reached at 579-0235 or 579-0247. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for lunch and 5 to 10 p.m. for dinner.

Besides a selection of coffees, drinks and frozen desserts, **PocoLoco** sells colorful, pop art ceramics by Romera Britto, like this eye-catching teapot

With its tropical ambiance and parrot logo, PocoLoco – it means "a little crazy" in Spanish – fits seamlessly into its location in the lushly vegetated Jerry's Center, which the screeches of resident parrots and macaws startle and amuse visitors.

PocoLoco sells Love Boat Ice Cream, which is locally made just off-island and has had a following for decades, certainly for more than 35 years. The flavors say it all: Orange Creamsicle, Lemon Custard, Rocky Mountain Raspberry, Malt Whopper, Toffee Coffee, Gator Tracks and Mango are just a few.

Fine coffees and coffee-based drinks, natural fruit smoothies and fresh pastries and sandwiches are also on the menu, which is hand written on colorful boards on the walls. You can order panini-style grilled sandwiches, too, such as Croque Monsieur, which originated in France.

The friendly face behind the counter the day I visited was Amy Wilmer but sometimes it's owners Susan and Paul Reynolds, longtime locals.

PocoLoco offers free wi-fi, which makes it a popular watering hole for laptop- and smartphone-toting types who can sit inside at the handsome granite-topped tables or outside on the umbrella-shaded patio area that's part of the garden-like shopping center. The parrots are in large cages dotted in and around the heavy foliage.



Executive Chef Teo Diaz, front, and Antonio Flores, cook, in the open kitchen at The Sandbar



Bartender Chris Frey at The Sandbar, where happy hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. daily

A pleasant surprise inside is the large selection of ceramics by noted pop culture icon Romero Britto. He has been described as one of the premiere artists of our time and the youngest and most successful pop artist of this generation.

The bold, vibrant designs, with elements of Cubism, are optimistic and likely to bring a smile to your face. At PocoLoco, the pieces include little bears, plates, mugs, book ends and teapots.

Embraced by the international community, Britto's paintings and sculptures are currently featured on five continents in more than 100 galleries worldwide, including Saatchi Gallery in London, as well as in private collections.

PocoLoco can be reached at 395-0290.

### LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

**George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille** has live entertainment every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as well as every other Tuesday. Tonight, Friday, January 18, it's Robby Hutto & The Band from 9 p.m. to midnight; Tuesday, Chris Coile will be entertaining with 50s and 60s hits from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Karaoke is on Wednesdays and on Thursday, the entertainer is Robby Hutto will guitar and vocals. The restaurant is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

This week's lineup at **Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn** includes: Friday, Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, Joe McCormick and singer Marvilla Marzan; Wednesday, Prime Rib and Prime Jazz! The live jazz ensemble includes vocalist Paul Ventura, also known as "Mr. Swing," joined by Father Al & the Jazz Congregation;; and Thursday, dancing to Joe McCormick with popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop. Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

**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 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.

**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 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.

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

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

**Keylime Bistro** features live music days and nights seven days a week with Ken Limeri playing jazz sax from 6 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. The bistro is at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, phone 395-4000.

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



The interior of PocoLoco in Jerry's Center, which serves Love Boat Ice Cream as well as coffee, sandwiches and other light refreshments



A colorful teapot by pop culture artist Romero Britto of Brazil, one of many Britto collectibles available at PocoLoco



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Forest Banks and Susan Chicone during last year's Soup Kitchen Benefit

## Soup Kitchen Benefit Returns March 5

One of the season's most anticipated events is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2013. Sam Galloway, Jr. & Friends' Soup Kitchen Benefit will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at the Sam Galloway Ford dealership located off Boy Scout Drive in Fort Myers. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Maestro Andrew Kurtz will be conducting the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra performing Broadway show-stoppers.

Last year's event sold out, with more than 600 guests attending to help raise needed funds for Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., the umbrella agency for the Everyday Cafés and Marketplaces, Meals On Wheels, Community Montessori Preschool and Social and Homeless Services. Each year, local restaurants, companies and individuals donate the southern-style menu including barbeque chicken and pork, fried chicken, coleslaw, fried shrimp, cheese grits, swamp cabbage, gourmet meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gumbo, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, fresh green beans, corn bread, homemade cookies and gourmet chocolates.

The goal of this annual event is to raise as much money as possible for local residents in need.

"This is our 10th year of dear friends and businesses joining together to help those less fortunate in our community," said Sam Galloway, Jr. "I wish we didn't have to hold this event any longer and that hunger was not an issue in our community. Unfortunately, it is still a serious problem. More of our neighbors and their children are going to need our help, and I plan to help them."

Impending changes to federal programs have the potential to seriously damage the availability of funds for those who need them the most, the working poor, children and the elderly. These fiscal changes will have a serious impact not only on the most vulnerable community members but also on CCMI and its partner agencies that rely on federal, state or county grants to operate services such as Meals On Wheels. Private donations and grants will become more and more important for CCMI to sustain its mission for the foreseeable future.

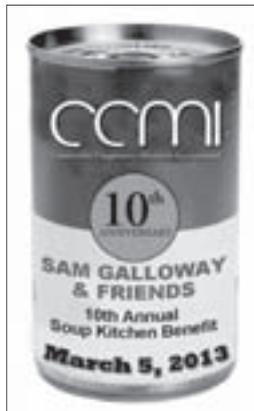
Galloway wants to ensure that CCMI can continue helping Lee County's growing population of hungry gain access to nutritious meals. Ten years ago, he gathered friends in the local restaurant community and beyond to donate their time and services toward a community fundraiser for local homeless and hungry. The event has grown each year with guests who come together for one evening in the Service Department of Galloway Ford. All the monies raised go directly to CCMI to help those in need in Lee County.

"With the money raised at last year's event, we have been able to continue serving our neighbors in need while developing new and innovative ways to fight hunger and homelessness," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI.

Those things included expanding CCMI's social service programs to include comprehensive case coaching and education innovation classes, serving more schools last summer with CCMI's Mobile Food Pantry and adding more schools and students to its weekend backpack program. In the last year, CCMI has served 80,000 meals from its Fort Myers and Cape Coral Everyday Cafés & Marketplaces, 105,000 meals to homebound Meals On Wheels customers and fed more than 1,500 students each school weekend through its emergency backpack and school pantry program.

CCMI's Everyday Café and Marketplace concept makes food more easily available to everyone in the community who is hungry. The market model also decreases the stigma associated with standing in line for a hot meal or groceries and reduces significant waste in the preselected grocery bag model.

"We can and did make a difference," said Sam Galloway. "When hunger affects



Steve Shimp and Sam Galloway, Jr.

our community, it impacts every one of us in some way, and if every one of us does a small part to impact change, change will happen."

"Two dollars can feed a family for a day," he concluded. "We are all feeling the effects of this economy, but not doing anything for our local neighbors in need is not an option for me, and I can guarantee anyone who attends this event is truly making a difference."

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities and tables are available starting at \$2,500. Individual tickets are \$150 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.ccmileecounty.com](http://www.ccmileecounty.com) or call CCMI at 332-7687 ext. 100.✪

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## SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2012-13 Standings through January 14

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	107	53
Second	Bathroom Magic	106	54
Third	Sanibel Café	95	65
Fourth	Sandycappers	74	86
Fifth	Odd Balls	71	89
Sixth	Deep Pockets	66	94
Seventh	Island Lifers	63	97
Eighth	Fresh Legion Crew	58	102

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

### Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

## Ball Busters Take Narrow Lead

Odd Ball Jimbo Gaubatz reluctantly shot his first safety in five years and then followed it with a display of superior shot-making to win three straight over Bunt's Ball Busters Captain Bob Buntrock. It was Buntrock's first shutout in league play. In spite of the three losses, Bunt's managed to pull out an 8-4 team victory and edged into first place by one game. Rich Ennis and Dave Doane had perfect 3-0 nights for the Ball Busters.

Jack Dalton posted a 3-0 shutout for Bathroom Magic, but his teammates faltered and the Magic guys eked out a close match over Island Lifers, 7-5. Carmen Senese and Gary Murza each had two wins for the Lifers.

With 3-0 nights, Joe Mason and Pete Mindel led Sanibel Café to a resounding 9-3 victory over last place Fresh Legion Crew.

Sandycapper John Riegert executed two miracle bank shots on the eight ball to go 3-0. His teammate, Kevin Pottorf, also had a 3-0 night. For Deep Pockets, George Sell won three straight and Captain Tom Shaner posted his second straight 3-0 night.✪

## Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club held their Nifty Niners Event on Thursday, January 10, The game was low net.

Flight 1		
1st	Roberta Rohl	31
2nd	Maureen O'Brien Sue Norpell Sue Tray	33
3rd	Valerie Hotchkiss	34
Flight 2		
1st	Sandra Jones	28
2nd	Nancy Hopkins	31
3rd	Joan Dyke	32
Chip-in		
	Sue Altum #5	
	Roberta Rohl #3	
	Joan Dyke #3	
Birdie		
	Sue Tray #9.✪	

## Mixed Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club held its Sunday Mixed Golf tournament on January 13. The format was combined quota points. Results:

1st +30	Howard Dwyer Margaret Dwyer Ed Greenberg Nancy Greenberg
2nd +27	Mr. Kimber Mrs. Kimber John Frymoyer Anne Frymoyer
3rd +26	Jim Fantozzi Janet Fantozzi Jim Boughton Lesley Simmons

Closest to the hole:

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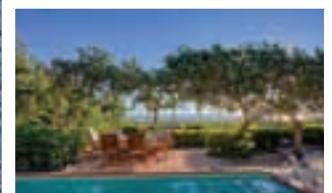
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# Chamber Crew Takes A Trolley Tour Of Sanibel

In order to better serve its 190,000 visitors each year, the Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce put together a Trolley Tour for its visitor center staff and volunteers.

The tour took place on January 9 and 10 and ran throughout the islands, stopping at new businesses and businesses that have made recent changes or upgrades. The two trolleys and drivers were provided by Adventures in Paradise again this year.

"The objective of the trolley tour was to provide the people that work in our visitor center the knowledge and experience of visiting many of our island businesses to learn what they offer and how best to present them to our visitors," said Ric Base, president.

Participating businesses included Seaside Inn, Song of the Sea, Sanibel Inn, Holiday Inn Sanibel, Gulf Breeze Cottages, Anchor Inn & Motel, Shalimar Resort, Lily & Co., Casa Ybel Resort, The Castaways, Tropical Winds Motel & Cottages, Blue Dolphin Cottages, Beachview Cottages, Sanibel Sunset Beach Resort, Island Inn, Ocean's Reach, Zebra Frozen Yogurt, Periwinkle Place, Congress Jewelers, Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry and Spatini Tea Bar.

Cip's Place and Bailey's Catering provided lunches for the group.

The local chamber has more than 600 active members from both islands as well as businesses in Lee and Collier counties.



Chamber employees and volunteers getting ready to board the Trolley after visiting Zebra Frozen Yogurt



Jen Moyer of Zebra Frozen Yogurt giving out samples of smoothies while the group ate lunch



Richard Johnson of Bailey's Catering serving lunch to the Trolley Tour group

The chamber visitor center, located on the right at the exit from the causeway, welcomes over 190,000 visitors each year. It is open 365 days a year to provide visitors information about things to do, places to visit and where to stay, shop and dine. Base said the chamber website, [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org), gets 1.5 million unique visitors per year.✧

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## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the three Chicago White Sox pitchers to throw a perfect game.
2. In 2012, Detroit's Miguel Cabrera (29 years old) became the sixth-youngest player to get 1,000 career RBIs. Name three of the five younger ones.
3. Who were the first pair of rookie NFL quarterbacks to play in the same Pro Bowl?
4. Name the oldest head coach to win an NCAA men's basketball national championship.
5. In 2012, Colorado Avalanche's Gabriel Landeskog became the youngest player (19 years, 286 days) to be named team captain in NHL history. Who had held the mark?
6. How many times has the U.S. won women's gymnastics all-around team gold at the Olympics?
7. In 2012, Lydia Ko became the youngest LPGA Tour event winner ever at the age of 15. Who had been the youngest?

## ANSWERS

1. Charlie Robertson (1922), Mark Buehrle (2009) and Phillip Humber (2012). 2. Mel Ott (27 years old), Jimmie Foxx (27), Alex Rodriguez (28), Ken Griffey Jr. (28) and Lou Gehrig (28). 3. Cam Newton and Andy Dalton, after the 2011 season. 4. Jim Calhoun was 68 when UConn won in 2011. 5. Sidney Crosby was 19 years, 297 days old when named captain of Pittsburgh in 2007. 6. Twice -- 1996 and 2012. 7. Lexi Thompson was 16 when she won an event in 2011.

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## Insurance Tip

## Accuracy Counts

by Marge Meek



Who likes to spend the time to answer or read the questions that lead to an insurance application and then an insurance policy? Florida insurance is more complex than many

young household resident wasn't included in the application; in a homeowners policy where a bankruptcy question was not answered correctly; in a rental condo where the policy was written as weekly or longer rentals, when nightly rentals were accepted.

Had the insurance company had the correct answers to these types of questions, the premium might have been different or they might not have insured the customer at all.

In our zeal for lower premiums, take into consideration that you should take the time to read the full application before you sign it and then if changes occur after the policy is written, be sure to tell your insurance agent to change your policy.

Know your agent and trust that person to look out for you; don't only shop premiums. Since all wind policies that are written by Citizens and all flood policies should come up with the same premium, ask questions if they are not the same. Homeowners policies underwriting guidelines and premiums vary by insurance company, but perhaps there are reasons why different companies are used by different agents and that difference in premium that may hurt you when a claim is filed.

*Marge Meek is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent, who can be reached at mmeek@rosierinsurance.com.\**

other states not only because we typically have three policies, but also the applications are detailed and long. It is your agent's responsibility and yours to answer all the questions and have accurate information, because you are purchasing the policies in the expectation your claims will be paid at a later date.

The insurance company has the expectation that you will answer application questions accurately. When your situation changes, you must let your agent know so the insurance company can decide whether or not to stay on the policy. FL State 627.409 covers representations in applications. It says misrepresentation, omission, concealment of fact or incorrect statements may be grounds that recovery may be prevented. Tough words when you have paid premiums and believe that your policy is there for you.

Examples of where a claim may be denied are: in an auto policy, where a

## On Resolutions

by Bryan Hayes



Come January 1st of any given year, most people have at least one new year's resolution. Many of these have to do with health and lifestyle improvements. And for good reason;

keeping yourself in good shape and healthy is good plan for ensuring longevity. I'm not a fitness expert, but I am an a/c guy and I can tell you that those types of resolutions could also apply to the heating and cooling systems in your homes.

To ensure longevity and the biggest value for all those dollars you spent on that system, you have to take care of it. If you don't take care of your car, eventually you'll be facing a much higher bill than what it would have cost to simply do the routine maintenance. The same could be

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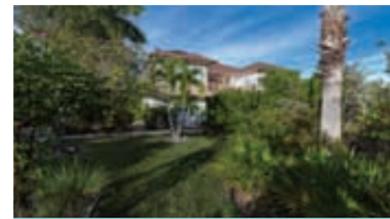
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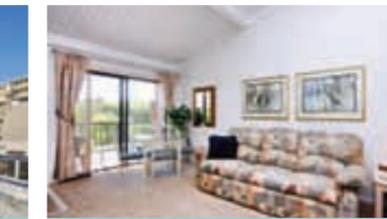
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## Don't Expect Adult Children To Become Your Mini-Me



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

**M**y father was an ecstatic eighteen-year-old when he received an admission letter to the Art Institute of Chicago. A fairly accomplished artist specializing in

oil paintings by the time he graduated from Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Indiana, he hoped to pursue a career following his passion.

His father (my grandfather) quickly put an end to those dreams. "What are you going to be – a starving artist your whole life?" he asked. So instead of studying what he loved, my father enrolled in Indiana University to pursue a business degree.

Dad was never happy in the business world. He wasn't cut out for it. He continues to dabble in art as a hobby, painting to this day. I believe that he would have found his niche and provided nicely for his family had he been encouraged to do what he enjoyed rather than what was considered practical. Perhaps he would have become a famous commercial artist or successful graphic designer. We'll never know.

Personally, I lucked out that my grandparents forced my father to attend Indiana University because that is where he met my mother. Had he not gone there, I wouldn't exist.

But what my grandparents did to my father isn't uncommon among many families, particularly those that own family businesses or run professional practices. Because Mom or Dad found success in a particular career, Junior is often expected to follow in the family footsteps.

But what Mom or Dad excels at isn't necessarily Junior's unique ability. Each of us has a propensity to be exceptional at something. If it's in the family business, law, medicine or a similar endeavor, then our pursuits are approved and encouraged. But when passion turns to other less practical occupations, parents wonder whether the cost of pursuing is worth it.

In other words, parents are more comfortable creating Mini-Mes -- younger versions of themselves -- because they feel that it is a proven road to success and will therefore be easier for their children to follow suit.

Just because Mom built a thriving internet consulting business, however, doesn't mean that her daughter will

share the same enthusiasm or enjoy the types of interaction with clients that business requires.

I suggest that the family play to the inherent strengths of its members instead of trying to fit a round peg into the proverbial square hole. The first obvious step is to discover what those strengths are. Often it's evident from the interests and pursuits that each member naturally follows.

Other times it's less evident. There are a variety of helpful personality profiles that one can take with the help of a skilled counselor. You may have heard of the Myers-Briggs Indicator, although my personal favorite is the Kolbe Profile.

The Kolbe Profile is interesting because it doesn't point you directly to a certain career choice. It rather categorizes your propensities – how you typically react to given situations.

Kolbe scores your propensities in four major categories, what she calls Fact Finder, Follow Through, Quick Start and Implementer. Most people strongly favor one such category, and are resistant in two, with the fourth being a medium range score. Using these categories, the Kolbe Profile helps you understand why you typically react to given situations the way that you do, and can therefore assist with everything from building a new career to optimizing the one that you've been in for decades.

Having taken the test and administered it to my colleagues, associates and assistants, I can tell you that the reaction

upon reading the explanation of one's score is one of tremendous personal insight.

Dan Sullivan, founder of the Strategic Coach program, has his clients take the Kolbe Profile to help them discover their unique ability. Sullivan coaches his clients to focus on their unique abilities and little else. Instead of trying to shore up your weaknesses, Sullivan instructs to play to your strengths and to build a team around you who are strong where you are weak to deliver your goods and services.

In that way, everyone is happiest doing what he or she does best, rather than trying to follow a path that is unnatural. Forcing a child to follow one's footsteps without understanding that child's propensities can lead to an unfulfilled lifetime of frustration and anxiety. It also fails to build a family team where everyone is contributing at his or her highest level, even in different businesses and occupations.

So what does my eldest daughter – the progeny of an estate-planning attorney – wish to pursue as she closes in on a college choice? Creative writing. Am I worried that she'll be a starving writer? You betcha. But that's her passion and she's quite good at it. Unlike what happened to my father, I am encouraging her to play to her strengths.

Who knows, maybe she'll be the next J.K. Rowling.

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## FGCU Entrepreneur's Law School

**L**t. Gov. of Florida Jennifer Carroll kicks off the 14th annual Entrepreneur's Law School presented by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Cohen Center. Carroll will greet guests at 8:15 a.m. before she speaks at 8:45 a.m.

"We are very excited that Lt. Gov. Carroll has taken the time to come to this annual event, which helps our small business community," said Suzanne Specht, assistant director of the SBDC. "Often, small business owners have questions or concerns about their business, but do not know where to go or who to hire. This event offers an opportunity to meet several types of legal professionals in one setting in one day."

Keynote luncheon speaker is State Attorney of the 20th Judicial Circuit Stephen Russell. Entrepreneur's Law School attendees will have the opportunity to choose from tracks of 50 minutes each on subjects such as legal contracts, the nuts and bolts of civil litigation, social media and the law, real estate transactions and more.

The full day workshop costs \$99 and includes breakfast, lunch and goodie bags. Register at [www.sbdclawschool.com](http://www.sbdclawschool.com), or call 745-3700 for more information.

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For more information, contact Specht at 745-3704 or [sspecht@fgcu.edu](mailto:sspecht@fgcu.edu).✪

## NAWBO, National Association Of Women Business Owners

**N**AWBO meets monthly to promote women-owned businesses through education, networking, mentoring and community involvement. The monthly luncheon includes dynamic speakers and topics that impact business owners.

This month the topic is How Can The County Help Women Business Owners? The guest speaker is County Commissioner Tammy Hall, who will speak about The Horizon Council, Economic Development Department and Tourism Development. The meeting will be held on February 6 (note: Wednesday not Thursday) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Grandezza Country Club.

Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Maryanne Preston at 851-6906, [maryanne@hiring-solutions.com](mailto:maryanne@hiring-solutions.com) or [info@nawboswfl.org](mailto:info@nawboswfl.org). There will be a \$30 fee for the luncheon and speaker.✪

## 5K Run Through The Calusa Nature Center

To raise funds for the Fort Myers-Metro Kiwanis Club's BUG (Bringing Up Grades) program, the organization continues to sponsor the annual 5K and 1-Mile Walk at the Calusa Nature Center. This will be the 5th official 5K in the natural setting of the Calusa Nature Center's trail.

The course, supervised by the Fort Myers Track Club, travels along the trails at the nature center and a portion of the asphalt bike path on Ortiz and will be timed with Chrono Track Bib Tag Technology.

All proceeds benefit the Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis BUG program, designed to provide recognition to local elementary students who raise their grades to an acceptable range and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next. The group currently has BUG programs in operation at Orangewood, Colonial and Littleton Elementary schools and are actively seeking more schools to participate.

The run takes place on January 26. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.; race start time is 7:30 a.m. The location is The Calusa Nature Center, 3450 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers.

Pre-registration is available until January 18. The fees are \$20 for adults with a youth discount for those 17 and under of \$10.

From January 19-25, the fee for adults is \$25 and youth are \$15.

On race day, the fee for adults is \$35 and youth are \$25. The 1-mile BUG Crawl Walk is \$10.

Participants may register online at [ftmyerstrackclub.com](http://ftmyerstrackclub.com).

The packet pick up on race day is 6 to 7:15 a.m. A commemorative long-sleeve t-shirt will be given to all registered participants. A variety of food and drink will be available for participants.

Overall and Age Group Awards 5K RUN: Top Male and Female Overall Winners. All awards will be based on gun time. Top Male and Female Masters Winners (40 & over), Top Male and Female Grand Master Winners (50 & over), Top Male and Female Senior Grand Masters (60 & over).

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.✱

## Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announces the 15th Annual Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic is set for Friday, February 15 on the Tom Fazio-designed championship-level courses of Pelican's Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs. Sponsorships and golf slots are available.

Past participants include 2009 American League MVP Joe Mauer; Hall of Famers Bert Blyleven, Rod Carew and Paul Molitor; Drew Butera, Brian Duensing, Tony Oliva, and Kent Hrbek; 2010 American League Manager of the Year Ron Gardenhire and other Twins celebrities and players. The Classic supports programs and treatments at Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center.

The tournament includes a luncheon, golf, on-course beverages, dinner and a chance to bid on one-of-a-kind hand-signed memorabilia from the worlds of

sports and entertainment, luxurious spa and jewelry items, a trip to Napa Valley with a private vintner tour and a trip to the 2013 ESPYs in Los Angeles. Mike Joyce of Gulf Coast Coin & Jewelry will serve as the event's auctioneer.

Said Lee Memorial Health System Chief Foundation Officer Sharon A. MacDonald, "We are delighted to partner with The Minnesota Twins and Pelican's Nest Golf Club to deliver a first-class day on the courses in support of those battling cancer. We are grateful for our long-standing partnership with the Minnesota Twins organization in our mission to save

lives."

Individual golf slots are just \$300. Non-golfers and Twins fans may also participate by purchasing a \$50 ticket to the dinner auction.

To register for the Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic, purchase sponsorship or secure tickets to the evening dinner auction, please call 343-6057 or email [TwinsGolf@LeeMemorial.org](mailto:TwinsGolf@LeeMemorial.org).✱



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## Il Cielo Hosts Concierge Event

On January 8, Sanibel Island's five-star dining restaurant, Il Cielo, hosted more than 35 members of Connect For Success, a monthly concierge networking event for front desk, hotel staff, managers and reservationists.

The event was held in Il Cielo's new Cloud 9 Grille, and was also sponsored by the Edison & Ford Winter Estates and Captiva Cruises. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres along with updates on



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Meaning "the sky" in Italian, Il Cielo is located at 1244 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel Island. It features new menu items and interior upgrades, including the more casual Cloud 9 Grille. The restaurant opened last January to rave reviews from local food critics and enjoyed a very successful first season of business.

The Il Cielo menu has been revamped and now offers a more eclectic sampling in addition to a number of favorites from last season's menu including mussels, traditional meatballs, linguini and clams, pastas, filet and lamb. New items featured on the Cloud 9 menu include Baja fish tacos, lobster mac and cheese, a six-ounce New York strip, wild-caught salmon and more.

Menu items range from \$4 to \$38. Hours are from 5 to 10 p.m. daily.

For more information, visit [www.ilcielosanibel.com](http://www.ilcielosanibel.com) or call 472-5555\*



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## Resolutions

said for our health. So why do so many of us forget to schedule routine maintenance on large appliances like air conditioners? Well, I think that it has a lot to do with the fact that if it works great, it's not something we remember to think about. But when we finally do think about it, chances are something went wrong. And if it's serious, the cost or repair can be staggering.

So, as this new year begins, being that I'm in the business of fixing some of those problems, I cannot stress enough that you should consider making another resolution. I recommend that you get your air conditioner checked and serviced for the upcoming spring... which appears to have arrived in January this year.

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

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, My fifth grade son has been labeled a slow learner. He is a great kid and wants to do well but struggles so with his school-work. I know that

school is only going to get worse for him as the demands increase. Please help me understand about slow learners and how to help him.

Sabrina K., Fort Myers, Florida

### Sabrina,

A slow learner is typically a student whose intellectual functioning is low to below average as is their academic achievement. However, their functioning is not low enough to receive special education services. This group of students represents about 14% of all students, and present major challenges to school systems and educators because they do have difficulty learning and do need specialized instructional strategies. According to Dr. Stephen Shaw, Professor at McGill University in Toronto, "Standard systems and supports are often ineffective – even counterproductive – because they fail to meet students' specific learning needs and instead create a cycle of failure".

Dr. Steven Shaw, who has studied this group of students extensively, describes the characteristics of slow learners as follows:

- Have lower intelligence and academic performance but do not qualify for special education for either cognitive or learning disabilities.
  - Perform at a higher level when information is presented in a concrete fashion. Abstract concepts and instruction are difficult for them.
  - Have difficulty transferring or generalizing skills, knowledge and strategies.
  - Have trouble cognitively organizing new material and assimilating incoming information into previously acquired information.
  - Have difficulty with long-term goals and time management.
  - Benefit from increased academic engaged time. They often require extra practice and more time on-task to develop the same level of academic skills as their typically developing peers.
  - Nearly always develop academic motivation deficits.
  - Suffer poor self-concept and can develop emotional and behavioral problems.
  - Are at high risk for dropping out.
- Dr. Shaw has promoted a different model to help students with lower intelligence. He says that, "Principals and teachers can help prevent this cycle and promote success for slow-learning students by recognizing that it is most productive to consider borderline intellectual functioning as a risk factor to overcome, not as a sentence to fail. Like adolescents with other risk factors, students with borderline intelligence can develop resilience skills and overcome those risks. Many students with borderline intelligence achieve success in school, graduate from

high school, and complete postsecondary education".

Here are some of the strategies that Dr. Shaw recommends for instruction of slower-learning students:

- Concrete/active instruction – a see it, feel it, touch it, do it approach.
- Generalization activities – direct instruction of every specific needed skill, with extensive guided practice on how, when and where to use each skill.
- Increased instructional efficiency – these students require more practice opportunities in the same amount of time as their average-ability peers. Computer-assisted instruction is perfect for this, as it makes learning basic skills automatic, which is essential to gaining fluency.
- Motivational strategies – offer frequent rewards for students' efforts, rather than their academic results alone.

These basic strategies can be challenging to implement but are necessary if we are to serve all of our students effectively and equally. Work with the counselors and teachers in your son's school so he can get the support he needs and deserves.

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

## Hopkins Named To Dean's List

Audrey Hopkins has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester. Hopkins is from Sanibel.✪

### ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

## Bergstrom Honored

RE/MAX of the Islands announced that island resident and Realtor Chuck Bergstrom was their top marketing associate during the month of December.✪



Chuck Bergstrom

## Top Sales

RE/MAX of the Islands announced that Kimberley Andrews was their most productive sales associate during the month of December.✪



Kimberley Andrews

## Lee Trust Hosts Symposium

In conjunction with the statewide Viva Florida 500 initiative, Lee Trust for Historic Preservation is holding a free symposium titled Conquistadors and the Calusa: Reflections on Resistance from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 9 at the Koreshan State Historic Site Art Hall.

The Conquistadors and the Calusa symposium brings together lead scholars on American Indian archaeology, history and representation. Dr. Jerald Milanich, Professor Emeritus at

University of Florida/Florida Museum of Natural History and Dr. John Worth, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of West Florida will chronicle European encounters with the powerful Calusa Indians in southwest Florida, beginning with the voyages of Juan Ponce de León who named La Florida in 1513 through the Calusa's retreat in the early 1700s. Worth and Dr. Andrew Frank, Allen Morris Associate Professor of History at Florida State University will recount the resistance and accommodation of successive groups including the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes from the Spanish colonial era to today's Florida. Frank and American Indian literature scholar Dr. Gretchen Bataille, Senior Vice President for Leadership and Lifelong Learning with the American Council on Education, will address the representation of indigenous histories in the commemoration process and provoke discussion of how we create realities.

Space is limited. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to register in advance at [MakingHistoryMorable@gmail.com](mailto:MakingHistoryMorable@gmail.com) or consider viewing online at [www.leetrust.org](http://www.leetrust.org) on Tuesday, February 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Funding for this program is generously provided by the Florida Humanities Council through a two-year partnership grant to Lee Trust entitled, Making History Memorable. Program partners

for the Conquistadors and the Calusa event include Koreshan State Historic Site, Friends of Koreshan State Historic Site, Blue Marble Films, Fort Myers Scene and Embassy Suites Fort Myers – Estero.

Lee Trust is a volunteer-based charitable organization founded in 1993 to promote historic preservation through education, advocacy and property acquisition. The Florida Humanities Council has awarded more than \$8 million since 1971 to support statewide humanities programs that promote and preserve Florida's diverse cultural heritage.✪

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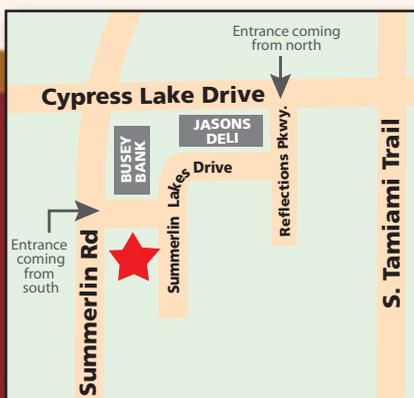
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dearPharmacist

## Supplements For Chemo Brain And Memory Loss



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Pharmacist: My partner has cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. She's responding well but now has trouble with simple math, decision making and she doesn't finish her sentences.

Can chemo do that?

BG, San Diego, California

Scientists are still trying to understand the phenomenon your partner describes, which they named chemo brain. It happens to affect seniors, and those with chronic infections and illnesses.

Even with modern technology, such as MRIs, the exact cause of chemo brain has evaded scientists. You see, even with an MRI scan, only minor differences in the brain are seen before and after chemotherapy, and nothing definitively points to the cause of chemo brain, making it hard to treat.

Alright, pop quiz time: Do you know that your brain needs glucose in order to work, grow and think? It's true. Your noggin uses more than 20 percent of the

fuel derived from the food you eat. Fuel is equal to glucose in this case. Knowing this tidbit, scientists recently made a discovery that will help chemo brain sufferers.

Researchers at the Virginia University School of Medicine tried a different approach. Instead of looking at still shots of the brain with an MRI (before and after chemo), they watched how the brain uses glucose derived from the meals their patients ate. They used a specialized scanning device (PET scan), along with CT scans and discovered that certain parts of your brain light up brightly when glucose is utilized. These brighter areas show the regions of the brain that are actively eating glucose. It's a good thing; it's what you want because it means that your brain is working properly. Glucose feeds the brain.

Interestingly, the brains of chemotherapy-treated patients still lit up, but they were much duller in brightness, indicating less activity. Incredibly, the duller areas are the regions of the brain responsible for planning and decision-making, and that's exactly what chemo brain sufferers complain about. The researchers are not exactly sure why this happens. It could be related to excessive cytokine production or nerve unraveling (demyelination), but nevertheless, it validates so many of you who have asked me to help you with memory loss, poor concentration, inability to solve problems, and general cognitive decline after receiving chemotherapy.

So what can you do to help your partner with chemo brain? First, point out to

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## Food For Thought On Flooring



by Cindy Malszycki

**F**loors are the second largest and broadest expanse of color in a room – the first being walls. They are also the most permanent feature, replaced less easily and less often than wall treatments or

even upholstered furniture. Purchase and installation costs are substantial, so it's important to select floors with an eye to the future,

For many reasons, it's best to consider investing in the best quality possible for your budget. That doesn't necessarily mean buying the most expensive flooring. In estimating what you are willing to invest, consider the life span of your floor covering. This will help give you a truer picture of cost and what is truly the most economical for you, your budget and your lifestyle. And by all means, consider using the services of a professional interior decorator to assist you in this important buying decision,

Modern technology has made flooring more attractive, varied and practical. Such natural materials as wood, marble, stone, slate, clay tile and wool are still

high in initial cost, but may not be in the long run because of their durability. Man-made flooring materials such as vinyl and carpets of synthetic fibers come in price ranges able to fit almost any reasonable budget.

*Cindy Malszycki is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at cindy@decden.net.\**

## Complimentary Skin Cancer Screening

**H**arris Dermatology will be offering a complimentary skin cancer screening at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Friday, January 18 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Screenings are quick and easy. The exam is a non-invasive, visual inspection of exposed areas of the body that will be done after a brief medical history is completed. No appointment or registration necessary – walk-ins are welcome.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).\*

## Easter Seals Florida To Acquire Eden Autism Services Florida

**E**aster Seals Florida and Eden Autism Services, based in Princeton, New Jersey, announced on January 1 that Easter Seals Florida is acquiring Eden Autism Services Florida. The acquisition is expected to be finalized by February 1. Easter Seals is the leading national non-profit provider of services for individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and other special needs.

Eden Florida has supported individuals with autism and their families by providing a range of community based services to meet specific needs throughout the lifespan since 1996. These services include K-12 schools in Fort Myers and Naples, clinical services, consultations and community training, and adult residential, vocational training and employment services.

The acquisition will include name changes for the schools, group home and adult day training center. Once the acquisition is finalized the entities will be known as the Easter Seals Lily Academy of Fort Myers and Easter Seals Lily Academy of Naples, the Easter Seals Spanbauer Residence and the Easter Seals Adult Day Training Center.

"For the past year, Eden Autism Services has been working with Dr. Patricia Wright, the Easter Seals National Director of Autism Services to incorporate the Eden Curriculum and staff training protocols into their autism services nationally," said Tom McCool, president and CEO of Eden Autism Services. "Easter Seals was a natural fit when we looked for a partner to acquire our Florida operations."

"Easter Seals has made a commitment to expand autism services to help individuals living with autism live full and independent lives," said Sue Ventura, president and CEO of Easter Seals Florida. "The acquisition of Eden Florida's programs, with their deep level of expertise in autism, will help us further this mission. We will work with Eden to ensure a smooth transition for our students, adults and staff."

Debra Lynne, Vice President of Programs for Easter Seals Florida, will oversee all programs and services. The program management team includes:

Ryan Curran, BCBA – Director of Behavior Services

Betsy Taylor – Program Director

Jackie Indriago – Director, Lily Academy of Naples at the Eimerman Center

Cari Pusateri – Director, Lily Academy of Fort Myers at the First Presbyterian Church

Established in 1948, Easter Seals Florida has six statewide offices providing developmental preschool, child care services and adult day services. They are located in the Keys, West Palm Beach, Tampa, Orlando, Brevard County and Southwest Florida.

For more information, contact Debra Lynne at 277-9818 or [DLynne@fl.easterseals.com](mailto:DLynne@fl.easterseals.com).\*

Dr. Dave

## Going Against The Grain



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Celiac disease is usually best left to Dr. Rob Sealey (yak) rather than myself, as he is tickled pink to have both a disease and a Posturepedic pillow named in his

honor. He is now going for a breakfast cereal, a Death Star and a fungus.

Celiac disease – which affects about one in approximately 133,638 folks – is all about an adverse reaction to gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye and barley, which translated means whatever, whatever and beer. Antibodies, triggered by gluten, flatten tiny fingers in the intestines, called villi, which are needed to absorb any nutrients found in Denny's Sunshine Breakfast.

Celiac disease comes complete with any intestinal symptom you can think of, as well as some "outside the gut" symptoms including fatigue, arthritis, numbness depression and anemia. What is a mystery is why the incidence of celiac disease is rising sharply and even being diagnosed in people as old as 70 who previously have eaten gluten safely all their lives.

The pleasant part about celiac disease – from a doctor's perspective – is that we can test for it by means of a blood test or, if we want to be really certain or are in an intrusive mood, we can ram a long tube the size of an anaconda, through your nose, snake it down into your small intestine and tear out a piece. Your choice.

The other pleasant part is that we don't have to get out our prescription pad and scribble another illegible prescription which prompts Zbiegniewskiskaya, the local pharmacist, to call us to interpret what we wrote, even though we can't interpret what the hell he's saying. (It's a miracle when you actually get the drug meant for you.) This phone intrusion on our precious time could cost us a stroke, as it might take our focus off an important putt. Rather than medication, if you have celiac disease, we can simply tell you to "go on a gluten-free diet" and then go play Space Invaders in the back.

"Well, Doc, I don't mind going on a diet. I could do to lose a few pounds."

Sorry, but a gluten-free diet will leave you with a sorry butt. It is a "diet" where you may well gain a few pounds. As a gluten-free glutton, you'll free your glutes from ever trying to squeeze into those lulu lemons again.

But what if you are plagued with celiac-like symptoms yet your celiac blood test comes back negative? (Note: In medicine, negative is a positive thing... the same way that a positive test is a negative thing. But to be positively certain that your negative test isn't positive, test your negative test for a possible positive by means of a bowel biopsy, which would

negate your negative blood test, leaving you feeling positively negative.)

What if, despite a negative test, when you go off gluten, you feel so much better? Sort of goes against the grain. Well, you might actually have celiac's more popular cousin, gluten sensitivity. Affecting about one in 20 people, folks are lining up to get it like it were the latest iphant. Yes, doctor, I would like a test for celiac disease, floating stools and can I get 3,000 minutes on my calling plan. Why? Is it a fad, or possibly a medical excuse for that elevator eruption disruption?

"My apologies, but it really is my doctor's fault. He told me I have gluten sensitivity."

Gluten (Latin for "glue") is a protein that makes bread and cakes chewy (Rhymes with gluey). It gives elasticity to dough (like having your cheque bounce?). It thickens soups and malts up the Schlitz. In fact, beer is one of the things that is loaded in gluten, which means that many men are now tossing the newspaper aside uttering epithets like "quack," not realizing that this is a compliment... to a Wisequack.

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](http://www.wisequacks.org).*



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## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** What do you consider the best form of exercise to reduce stress?

**A:** Physical fitness is an important part of achieving optimal health and stress reduction. It makes you feel bet-

ter and adds to self-esteem. This is very important in a culture where many people don't seem concerned about their bodies, but gradually more of us want to look and feel better.

Exercise is one of the keys to weight loss. Most people who exercise regularly maintain a normal weight. Exercise helps you to feel alert, more focused and alive. It aids digestion, increases muscle mass, and helps prevent osteoporosis, improves your libido and helps you sleep better.

Have you ever noticed that people who enjoy exercise look happier and younger? If you are overweight proper diet and exercise will go a long way toward helping you lose weight and keep it off.

There is no one exercise plan that fits all. If you like to jog, then jog. Some people prefer a fitness center while others enjoy the outdoors. If you are someone who is not self-motivated get an exercise buddy or exercise with a group. Recreation centers have many classes that are fun and great exercise, such as a spin class, aerobics, pilates, water aerobics and many more. Make sure you do plenty of stretching before and after any

exercise. The most important thing is to exercise regularly.

Check with your health professional before starting any exercise regimen.

You may be the type who prefers to exercise at home, you may even want to purchase a treadmill or an elliptical trainer. There are many DVD's of different exercise regimens available. A word to the wise, start easily, you want to like it and not get so sore that you decide to quit. Again, it is finding the optimal exercise that works for you.

I am one of the fortunate ones in that I like to exercise. I don't always like a hard core workout, but enjoy the outdoors and being in nature. Personally, if I had to choose a favorite form of exercise, it would be hiking. There is something so freeing about being out in nature and it makes me feel good. I hike with my dogs, and they enjoy it as much as I do. We can all find our niche. If you have not exercised in a few days and you feel the desire to get out and move, you are well on your way!

If you are uncertain where to begin, it might be worth the investment to hire a personal trainer to get started. It can be motivational because you are committing to an actual appointment and learning how to work with your body in a safe, effective way.

Affirmations to consider with exercise:

- I allow myself to exercise to keep my body slender, healthy and fit.

- I allow myself to be attracted to the exercises that are best for me.

- I allow myself to enjoy a regular exercise routine.

- I allow myself to easily exercise to achieve and maintain my ideal body weight.✱

## MDA Muscle Walk & Ride

On Saturday, January 19, more than 200 walkers and people using wheelchairs and scooters will participate in the Fort Myers 2013 Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Muscle Walk & Ride, presented by Harley-Davidson at Hammond Stadium. The event is expected to raise more than \$30,000 to help the MDA serve area residents with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle diseases.

"We hope you all come out to walk or ride to help MDA and our local families we serve. This is a day for our community to come together to help MDA fund worldwide research and to provide unparalleled health care services to people with muscle diseases," said Kim Viquesney, MDA Executive Director-Fort Myers, "Let's take a victory lap together outside of Hammond Stadium to help local families for whom MDA is a singular beacon of help and hope."

Muscle Walk participants and teams can register for the event by visiting [www.musclewalkmda.org/2013musclewalkride](http://www.musclewalkmda.org/2013musclewalkride) by contacting the local MDA office at 437-6900; or by registering at the event at 9 a.m. Individuals are encouraged to raise at least \$100, the cost to fund a flu shot and one minute of MDA research seeking treatments and cures for muscle diseases.

Riders are also welcome to join in the Jim Perno Muscle Ride portion of the walk by Harley-Davidson. This year will be a "Scrabble Run" and all participants will receive one or two letters at each stop, totaling seven. At the last stop, all riders must check-in and create a word with the letters. The rider with the highest

score will be placed on the scoreboard.

The Fort Myers 2013 MDA Muscle Walk & Ride is proudly sponsored by Harley-Davidson, Hill Rom, Kohl's Cares, Right at Home, Assisting Hands Home Care and Ocean Conversions and Mobility, Inc. Fox 4's Emily Dishnow will be emceeing the event as well.

To register with MDA, schedule an appointment, or to find out about a myriad of MDA services available to local families, contact the MDA office in Fort Myers at 437-6900.✱

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## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

I am exhausted from caring for my sick husband. He has been ill from multiple strokes for the past five years and in his bed for the last three years. I know he doesn't like the situation, and I never thought it would last this long.

I have little help, no social life and health problems of my own, and I now am getting very resentful and question whether he will outlive me.

I know it is not his fault, but what do you suggest I do? We don't have the money for him to go to a nursing home.

Mary J.

### Dear Mary J:

Caring for a sick family member is very hard. The official name for your feelings is "caretakers' stress." There are a number of things that need to be done if they have not already been done.

Seeing an attorney to review your finances and financial planning is essential. You need to make sure that there will be finances for your care should you need it.

Contact your doctor, your church, your friends and other social agencies in the area and ask questions about support services. The support services you need to inquire about are in-home services, like aide services, sitter services and any services that could ease your care burden. Find out how services are paid, private or through insurance.

Visit any local assisted living community and ask about respite care or temporary care for your husband in an assisted living community.

Pryce

### Dear Mary J:

Caring for a sick spouse can be deadly for an older person. Frequently, the elderly caregiver has health problems of his or her own and becomes sicker and frailer, and after a while cannot continue to give care. Research has shown that elderly caregivers die four years earlier than other spouses.

Most insurance companies pay for health problems for the caregiver but not for prevention of health problems.

Respite care for the caregiver now is something that church groups in their outreach programs are frequently offer-

ing. Caregivers have told me that even a two hour break can be helpful to the stressed-out spouse.

What you describe is becoming a major public health problem, and many families are investing in long-term health insurance. This, of course, must be done before there is need, but it could help ease the possibility of a future burden.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).✽

From page 28B

## Memory Loss

her that it may get better after completion of the chemo. Next, increase colorful fruits and vegetables in the diet, keeping it free of anything refined or processed.

Exercising 30 minutes a day can improve chemo brain by shuttling more glucose to the brain. There are supplements at health food stores or online that nourish the brain, providing more glucose and improved blood flow. Ask your oncologist if some of the following would be beneficial for your partner: vinpocetine, ginkgo biloba, bacopa, phosphatidylserine, coconut oil and DHA. In fact, any of you with memory loss should ask your doctor about these supplements.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.dearpharmacist.com](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).*✽

## Free Compression Only CPR Course

**T**he American Red Cross Compression Only CPR course will be held Sunday, January 20 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The purpose of this American Red Cross course is to teach untrained bystanders how to perform hands-only CPR. Having more citizen bystanders trained in this simple skill can help save lives by putting more cardiac arrest victims within a few steps of lifesaving assistance.

There is no cost for this course but pre-registration is preferred. For more information and to register call the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 or visit their web site at [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).✽

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Safety Harbor Club	Captiva	2009	2,696	599,000	562,500	341
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2004	2,421	530,000	495,000	137
Vasari	Bonita Springs	2004	2,543	499,000	475,000	183
Siesta Isles	Fort Myers Beach	1979	3,102	499,900	470,000	641
No Development	Fort Myers	2007	6,212	399,900	401,000	196
Palaco Grande	Cape Coral	1975	2,210	369,000	350,000	65
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1993	1,821	350,000	335,000	12
Cape Royal	Cape Coral	2003	2,144	314,900	315,000	21
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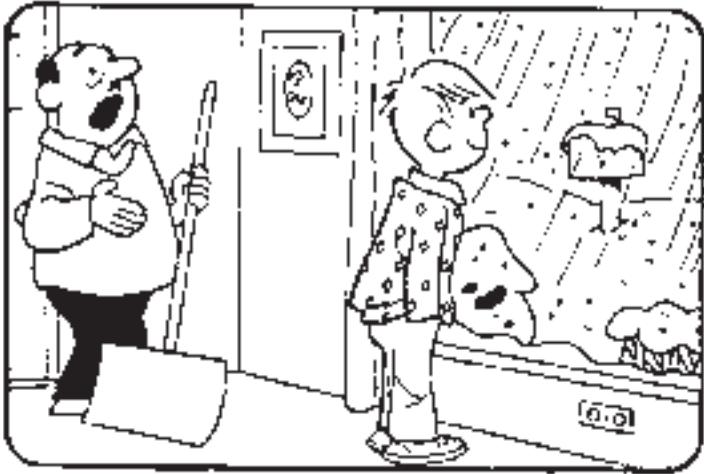
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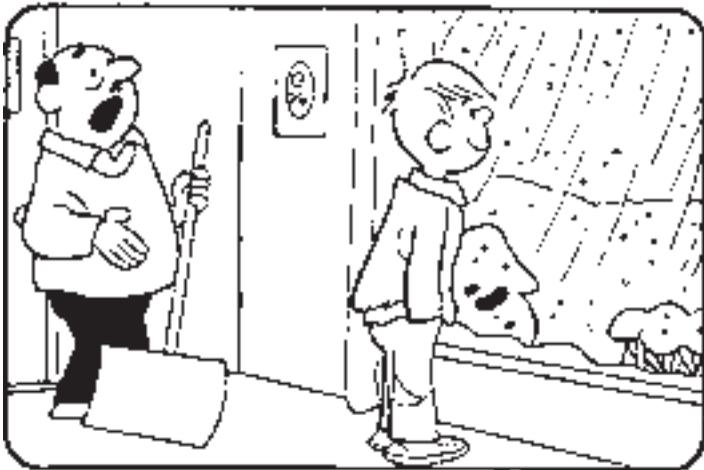
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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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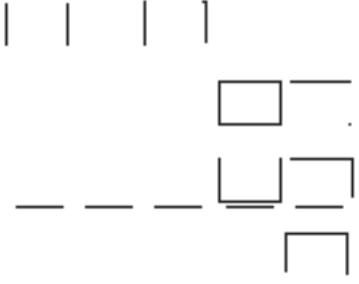
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	4		6				7	
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 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce  
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 Season fillets with salt and pepper. In large sauté pan, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat. Cook fillets 3 to 4 minutes per side until cooked through. Remove fish from skillet and keep warm. For coconut sauce, return pan to heat and cook garlic, ginger and 1/4 cup onion until tender. Add coconut milk, lime juice, soy sauce, hot sauce and bring to a boil. Lower heat and add cilantro; simmer for 5 minutes. In a separate, large skillet, heat the ng oil over medium-high heat. Sauté remaining 1/4 cup onion, endive and spinach until greens are just wilted. Serve fillets with sauce over sautéed vegetables.  
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### GARAGE SALE

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## Pets Of The Week

**H**ello, my name is Norman Love and I am a two-year old male white and tan Catahoula. I'm a handsome boy with beautiful blue eyes. When people walk past my kennel, I get very excited because I love people so much. Actually, I'm a very calm and gentle dog. Just come by the shelter to meet me and I will show you how charming I can be. Maybe we could even share some treats together.

My adoption fee is \$55 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Real Housepets of Lee County Adoption Promotion.

Hello, my name is Bubbles and I am a one-year-old spayed female gray tabby cat. I am an energetic but very well-behaved young lady. Whatever toy I am playing with is my favorite whether it's a feather on a stick or a catnip mouse. When I'm not busy playing, I love to be held and cuddled. I'm sure I would make a great addition to your family.

My adoption fee is \$30 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' Real Housepets of Lee County 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](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour, so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.✱



Norman Love ID# 553423

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Bubbles ID# 533916

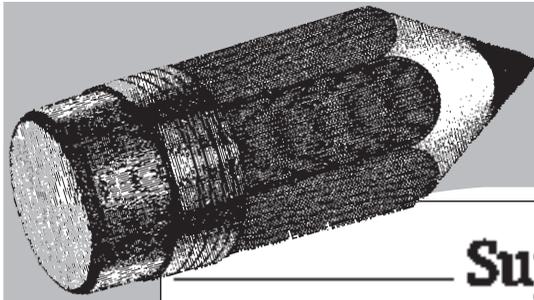
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On Call Captiva Deputy.....	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel .....	472-5525
Captiva .....	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol .....	278-7100
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Chamber of Commerce.....	472-1080
City of Sanibel .....	472-4135
Administrative Office.....	472-3700
Building Department .....	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources .....	472-1189
Planning Department.....	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel .....	472-2483
Captiva .....	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel .....	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free) .....	800-275-8777
Captiva .....	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association .....	472-2155
Senior Center.....	472-5743
<b>ARTS</b>	
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Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
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Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre .....	278-4422
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Gulf Coast Symphony.....	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic.....	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater .....	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival .....	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League .....	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
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ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.).....	565-7872 or 433-7798
American Legion Post 123 .....	472-9979
Angel Flight SE .....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society.....	472-3744
Sanibel Bike Club .....	<a href="http://sanibelbicycleclub.org">sanibelbicycleclub.org</a>
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva .....	274-5900
CROW (Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife).....	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here) .....	472-0404
Sanibel Island Fishing Club .....	472-8994
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Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva .....	472-8334
Kiwanis Club .....	677-7299
League of Women Voters .....	472-6689
Lions Club (Tom Rothman) .....	395-3248
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Newcomers .....	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida .....	768-0417
Optimist Club.....	472-0836
PAWS .....	472-4823
Rotary Club .....	472-7257 or 472-0141
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Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society .....	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron .....	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.....	395-1770
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<a href="http://www.sanibelsoccer.org">www.sanibelsoccer.org</a>	
The Military Officers Assc. of America	
(MOAA, Alex MacKenzie).....	395-9232
United Way of Lee County .....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline.....	(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900
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Sanibel Historical Museum & Village .....	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) .....	472-2329

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# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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## Super Crossword

DEDICATED TO STRAY CHARLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hostless banquet
  - 8 Diplomat
  - 13 Waning speed of labor
  - 20 Tag upon
  - 21 Lighter
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  - 23 Inquire
  - 24 Buy up on the cheap
  - 26 Pals
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

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Beautifully maintained golf course home located on a magnificent lot with Southern exposure. Home includes 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, office, family room, built-ins, volume ceilings. Split floor plan/split level guest bedrooms. House is bright and airy and has a great floor plan. Pool area is lush and tropical. Home is meticulously kept and is close to beach. **Offered for \$890,000. Contact Ralph Galietti 239/826-5897 or Cathy Galietti 239/826-5807.**



**NEW LISTING**

## CAPTIVA

1102 Tallow Tree Court amongst the Beach Homesites of South Seas Resort. With the Beach Homesites the owners own their land and the community consists of three private streets, community pool and tennis courts. Built in 2001 there is none other like this and first time to ever hit the market. 5 bedroom, 4. Bath, Direct Gulf Front. Sold fully furnished and accessorized. **Offering Price: \$3,300,000 Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



**NEW LISTING**

## CROWN COLONY - 8908 DARTMOOR

Lowest priced 4 bedroom home in Crown Colony! Has a private pool & spa with a lake view. Two baths, living/dining room combo, granite eat-in kitchen and family room. Included use of activity center's exercise room, pool and tennis. Membership in the Golf Club optional. **Offered for \$365,000 Contact Larry Hahn 239/898-8789**



**NEW LISTING**

## CROWN COLONY

Gated living at its finest!!! This 3/2 is located in the highly desirable Crown Colony gated community. Home features 18 inch tile throughout, granite surfaces, crown molding, stainless steel appliances, custom lighting, brick pavers, lush-tropical landscaping, high ceilings, luxurious master bathroom with soaker tub and MUCH MORE!! This home is in tip top condition and is move in ready. **Offered for \$359,922. Contact Connie Walters "Ms Listr" at 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975**



## ST. CHARLES HARBOUR YACHT & RACQUET CLUB -15721 CHATFIELD

One of the best locations in Fort Myers for the serious boater. This former model home offers over 6400 sq ft of living area on the upper two levels while the lower level has an additional 1887 SF under air, 3 car garage plus additional storage. This must see home includes elevator, formal living and dining rooms, executive office, gourmet kitchen open to family room, butler's pantry, and beautiful heated pool. Top level is the master retreat that includes a large bedroom, wet bar, spacious walk in closets, exercise room, storage/gift wrapping room, a steam room, and an observation deck. Keep your boat at the central marina that is only steps away. St. Charles offers 24 hour guarded/gated security, full-time dock master, club house, restaurant, and tennis. Moments to Sanibel and FM Beach. **Offered for \$1,195,000. Contact Nancy Finch 239/822-7825**



## 2749 WULFERT

Spectacular 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath furnished Villa Home in great location with lovely views of lake and 18th fairway of Sanctuary Golf Club. Courtyard entrance with separate mother-in-law suite. Dramatic great room featuring 15 ft. tray ceilings, crown molding, gas fireplace, & 8 ft. doors leading to brick terrace & pool area. Custom kitchen with granite island, 2 pantries, built in desk. Master suite features 11 ft. tray ceilings with crown molding, fireplace, and oversized walk-in closet & luxurious marble master bath. 3rd bedroom is furnished as library. Offering carefree living with yard & pool maintained by association. Just steps to the clubhouse and tennis / fitness facility. **Offered for 995,000. Contact Toby Tolp 239/848-0433, Steve Harrell 239/565-1277 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602**



## DIRECTLY ON SAN CARLOS BAY!!

Views from almost every room. This remodeled home offers a pool with hot tub, two guest suites on 3rd level with a morning kitchen, entertainment area, large walk in closets, stunning balcony views of the bay. Master suite on main level and an office/4th bedroom., Stone, tile, crown molding, impact glass on all windows and doors, over sized 2+ car garage. The wild life, dolphins, manatees and more can be enjoyed in this quiet & gorgeous home. This is a must see. **Offered for \$2,495,000. Contact Tracy " Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540**



## PUNTA RASSA 1103

Absolutely smashing high elevation unit with breathtaking views of San Carlos Bay. Brand new Kraftmaid kitchen, granite counter tops, Moen faucet, Maytag washer and dryer. This unit comes with a deeded parking space and brand new furniture. **Offered for \$379,000. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420**



## NEAR BEACH

3 Bedroom, 3 Bath home across the street from the beach located in Palm Lake Subdivision off of prestigious West Gulf Drive. This home has an open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, 2 car garage, extra Murphy beds, screened sundeck and a separate attached pod that can be used as a private office or a private guest bedroom with full bath. **Offered for \$495,500 Contact Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975**



## ONE OF THE BEST LOCATIONS IN PALMETTO POINT

This home is in excellent condition with great curb appeal. Pool overlooks canal with a 90 foot One of the best locations in Palmetto Point. This home is in excellent condition with great curb appeal. Pool overlooks canal with a 90 foot concrete dock across from the Preserve. 3 large bedrooms all with full baths. Formal living and dining. Very private setting. Concrete dock across from the Preserve. 3 large bedrooms all with full baths. Formal living and dining. Very private setting. **Offered for \$799,000 Contact Ralph Galietti 239-826-5897 or Cathy Galietti 239/826-5807**



## TRADEWINDS

Wonderful 3 Bedroom 3 Bath Tradewinds Near Beach Home. Privacy is enhanced by white fenced yard, caged topaz pool and lush green tropical landscaping. Step inside and instantly you will see this property was designed with that calming easy-living island atmosphere in mind. Cozy but still spacious so your family can enjoy that relaxed beach home feeling. Tradewinds owners also benefit from an exclusive Beach Access with plenty of parking so you, your family and friends can enjoy the warm sun soaked sands and breathtaking Sanibel Sunsets. Peaceful surroundings, stellar sunsets, restful beaches, relaxed outdoors, easy maintenance. This home will make sure everyday feels like a day at the beach.. **Offered for \$659,000. Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565-8805**



## SUNDIAL SPECIAL

### SUNDIAL K-203

Direct Gulf Front. Beautiful condominium at Sanibel Island's only resort. Two bedrooms, 2 baths and fully furnished with everything you need for a fabulous vacation residence. Currently doing extremely well in Sundial's on-site rental program. Sparkling second floor gulf views from the family room, kitchen and master bedroom with sliding glass doors to the screened in lanai. Has updated kitchen and baths and is the least expensive direct gulf residence in Sundial Resort. Enjoy glowing sunsets, walks on the beach or a dip in the pool just steps from your home. Don't miss out on this opportunity! **Offered for \$784,500 Contact Kelly Palmer Clark 239/634-7629**

