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Old Valentines On Display At Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is displaying hundreds of old, vintage and even antique Valentines throughout its seven historic buildings.

According to the Postcard and Greeting Card Museum, written Valentine greetings began to appear after 1400. The oldest Valentine in existence was made in the 1400s and is in the British Museum. In the early 1800s, Valentines began to be assembled in factories. Early manufactured Valentines were black-and-white pictures painted by factory workers. Fancy Valentines were made with real lace and ribbons, with paper lace introduced in the mid-1800s.

As the 20th century approached, Valentines were being made entirely by machine. In 1850, Esther Howland, an American printer and artist, was among the first to publish and sell Valentines in the United States. A card company named Norcross became one of the first to manufacture Valentines in the early 1900s.

With the exception of Christmas, Americans exchange more cards on Valentine's Day than any other time of year.

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Above, example of Valentines on display at the museum



Dr. Ken Meyer holds a bird, which will be the subject of his presentation

Audubon Presents Hawk Lecture

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society's eighth lecture program of the season will bring back, by popular demand, Dr. Ken Meyer of the University of Florida, Department of Wildlife Ecology, and founder of the Avian Research and Conservation Institute. In a program entitled Short-tailed Hawks & Crested Caracaras to be presented on Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, Dr. Meyer will relate his experiences studying these elusive birds.

Young John James Audubon, who arrived in America in 1803, is thought to be the first to attempt to track bird movements by tying a string around the leg of a captured eastern phoebe before releasing it. Today, utilizing his modern continent-spanning satellite and radio transmission techniques, Dr. Meyer is pursuing several bird species, gathering data in an effort to determine their current nesting regimens. He honed his field work in the public

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Amanda Downey

The Marvelous Wonderettes, A Non-Stop Blast From The Past

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, takes a musical walk down memory lane with *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. Last seen Christmas 2011 on Sanibel spreading holiday cheer in *Winter Wonderettes*, the



Em Laudeman

girls make their return to the stage this spring in Roger Bean's *The Marvelous Wonderettes*.

Performances are 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, February 22, through March 23. There are 2 p.m. matinées February 27 and March 13. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children.

Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy open their show as the entertainment for the 1958 Springfield High School prom, and they've got all the hits covered: *Lollipop*, *Mr. Sandman*, *Dream Lover*, *Stupid Cupid*, *Lipstick on Your Collar*,



Anne Chamberlain



Elizabeth Urbanczyk

Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me and *It's My Party*. Interspersed between numbers, you learn more about these girls' hopes and dreams, and one of them may even be crowned the prom's 1958 Queen of Your Dreams.

The second act in this prequel to *Winter Wonderettes* transports you to the Springfield High School Class of '58 10-year reunion, where the Wonderettes command the stage yet again. A lot has changed in 10 years, both for the girls and in music, and their reunion show comes

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Martha Siders holds a snake during last year's open house

SCCF To Host 35th Annual Open House

Monday, February 18 marks Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) 35th annual Open House. It is also Presidents' Day, a school holiday. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., SCCF's Nature Center will have its doors and trails open. At 1 p.m., Mark "Bird" Westall will give an update

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Luc Century shows some of his designs

Luc Century To Introduce Calusa Ornament At Historical Village

Luc Century will be on hand at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village on Friday, February 22, when the museum celebrates Calusa Day. The village is joining the state of Florida in its Florida 500 efforts to commemorate the Spanish landing on Florida shores in 1513. Juan Ponce

de Leon landed in the general area of Sanibel and made contact with the indigenous people, the Calusa.

Century will be at the village in the morning to sign the boxes containing his new ornament etched with a Calusa dolphin. The ornament was designed exclusively for the village and is available only at the museum's gift shop.

"For as long as I can remember, whenever I've traveled, I have always been intrigued by the area's indigenous cultures," Century said. "I have always tried to seek out the crafts that reflect their ancestry. It's very inspiring to the degree that I have always wanted to do facsimiles



The Calusa dolphin image

of the Calusa's drawings in glass."

The Calusa and their origins are not well understood, even today. Estimates of their population at the time of the Spanish landing range from 10,000 to several times that number. The Calusa have been dubbed The Shell People and huge mounded waste piles of seashells, known as middens, can be found on the sites they inhabited throughout coastal Southwest Florida.

"I used to spend weekends in Pine Island piddling on the mounds," Century said. "There was a natural lifestyle of the Calusa that I tried on for size. That brought me closer to those mounds and their people."

"Our museum is fortunate to have Calusa artifacts discovered at the

Wightman Dig on Captiva. These are on display in the Rutland House, and we have many more Calusa artifacts that are stored because we don't yet have enough room to display them," said Museum Manager Emilie Alfino.

On Calusa Day, Calusa artifacts will be displayed to enable visitors to touch them and pick them up.

In the afternoon, Karen Nelson of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, a Calusa enthusiast and board member of the Southwest Florida Archeological Society, will speak about Calusa mound exploration.

Calusa Day at the museum also will include tour guides talking about the Calusa culture as well as showings of *Domain of the Calusa*, the University of Florida DVD from Dr. William Marquardt. The ornament, DVD, and other items related to the Calusa and Spanish explorers are available in the museum gift shop.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS), with handicap access to all buildings. Admission is \$5 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are admitted free. For more information, call 472-4648 during museum hours.*

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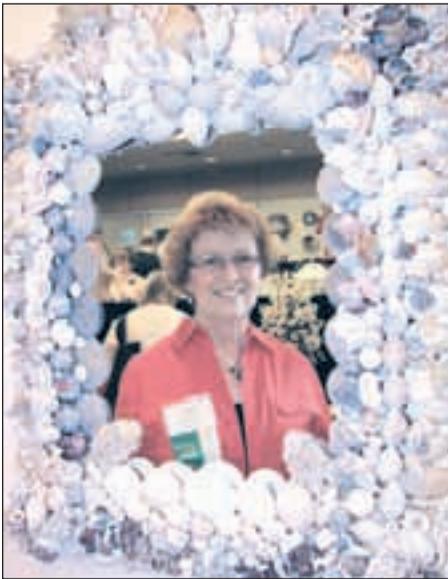
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The Marvelous Wonderettes is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor Congress Jewelers.

Upcoming shows include *Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle* (February 24, March 3, and March 10); and *Fully Committed* (March 29 – April 27). All productions are at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, located at 2244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Groups of 10 or more are eligible for group discount rates for all shows; prices range from \$25 to \$36 per ticket. Call Jason Boeckman at 472-9700, ext. 308 for group discount rates for each show.

To purchase tickets and learn more about upcoming shows at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, call the theater box

office at 472-6862 or 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.✱

Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, February 5, there were twelve tables in play at The Community House.

The winners were:

North/South

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 5. Jim Radcliffe and Clark Waekerman
- The game runs for six months, November through April, at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at The Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.✱

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Sally Jane Moore's image can be seen in the fossil-framed mirror that she created for the Sanibel Shell Show artistic competition

Shell Festival Visitors To Receive Bonus

This year when visitors attend the 76th Annual Sanibel Festival and enter the Sanibel Shell Show, they will receive an added bonus. The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club has always had the support of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, but this year the museum has increased the level of their support of the event even more. Anyone who donates the requested \$5 for admission to the Shell Show will also be granted free admission to the Bailey-Matthews Museum during the duration of the Shell Festival, a \$9 value. The dates for the upcoming Shell Festival are March 7, 8 and 9.

The Sanibel Shell Festival is the major fundraising event of the year for both the Sanibel Community Association and the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club. Funds raised by the sale of seashells and fossils in the shell tent and by the sale of artistic shell craft items are used to maintain The Community House. Funds raised by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club from the admission donations are given out in the form of grants to several local educational and conservation organizations, including a scholarship fund at the University of South Florida. ✱

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Wonderettes

packed with '60s favorites: *Respect*, *Son of a Preacher Man*, *It's in His Kiss*, *Wedding Bell Blues*, *You Don't Own Me* and *I Only Want to Be with You*.

This production stars Amanda Downey, Em Laudeman, Anne Chamberlain and Elizabeth Urbanczyk, the show's director is Marc Tumminelli.

The New York Times' Andy Webster calls *The Marvelous Wonderettes* an "irresistible jukebox musical," and *Variety's* Terry Morgan describes it as "tremendously fun ... and a delightfully good time."

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Community House Seeks Volunteers

The Community House enters the second half of its season with a lineup of events scheduled for February, March and April. In February it will be the scene for the 2013 Shell Festival, a Wedding House Party and a Rusty Brown one-woman show *What I've Learned From Witty Women*. In March it will host a Swamp House Party and another one-woman show performed by actress Joanna Olsen *Wallis-Simpson – Royal Obsession*. In April it will feature a Soul and R&B House Party.

In addition to these events hosted by the The Community House in the coming months, the house will also be the setting for its usual busy schedule of club meetings, classes and service organization fundraisers, including the Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair, the Chamber of Commerce Expo, the Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner and the Lions Club Arts & Crafts Festival.

When you put it all together, the Community House will be the center of non-stop activity this spring, serving islanders in many ways. To help keep things humming, The Community



The Community House will be home to a busy schedule of events in coming months

House is seeking volunteers to help with ticket sales and administrative support. Volunteering at the House is a great way to serve the community and to meet new people with lots of different interests. If you have some hours to give and are looking for a volunteer opportunity, The Community House can use your services.

Another way islanders can provide important support to The Community House is by becoming a part of the Sanibel Community Association (SCA), the member-supported non-profit orga-

nization that owns and operates The Community House. Throughout its long history (85 years and counting), support for The Community House has come from the people of the islands through SCA membership dues, donations and rental fees. The House receives no tax funding, so private support from citizens is critical to its operation.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or in supporting The Community House through new or renewal membership in the Sanibel Community Association can do so by contacting The Community House at 472-2155 or by visiting sanibelcommunityhouse.net.✪

SCA Invites All To Join Zany Guests At A Wedding In The House



Guests at A Wedding in the House

photo courtesy of Island Photography

The Community House will be hosting *A Wedding in the House* on Friday, February 22 from 7 to 10 p.m. Witness a shotgun wedding ceremony featuring Dr. Seuss-like vows conducted by islander Eric Pfeiffer. The wedding script was written by local author Michael Hanan. The reception will be complete with cake, romantic songs and the dances everyone knows by heart, including the limbo, YMCA and the chicken dance. Local DJ Randy Ray will perform emcee duties and spin the tunes.

The audience (the wedding guests) are encouraged to dress from wedding formal to business casual, as a bride, a groom, the minister, or a typical wedding guest. Time to Make Wine is donating a case of wine for the best wedding party costume.

For the ultimate experience, attendees are encouraged to eat, drink, dance, converse and allow themselves to be caught up in the activities.

They are also asked to bring gifts, wrapped or not, for non-profit partner CROW. The gift registry can be found at www.crowclinic.org/support/wishlist.php.

The series sponsors are Billy's Bike Shop, Billy's Rentals, Marge and Joe Meek and Mike Kelly. Party sponsors are Mitchell's/4015 and Matt Asen, Appetizers will be provided by Matzaluna and Traders, the wedding cake by Bailey's, floral decorations by Floral Artistry and plants by Bob Walsh Landscape.

For reservations, call The Community House at 472-2155. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes the show, dancing and appetizers. Alcoholic beverages will be available by donation.✪

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Mardi Gras Fundraiser A Hit

A bit of New Orleans came to The Dunes Saturday night, February 9 at Community Housing and Resources' (CHR) inaugural Mardi Gras party. Revelers dined on Cajun food with Cajun music playing in the background. Over 200 people turned out for the fundraiser.

"We are very happy with the turnout," said Tim Garmager, CHR's development committee chair. "It's too early to say exactly what was raised as we are still calculating expenses at this point, but all tickets were sold, the silent auction was successful and we had very generous sponsors, so we are hopeful that we can meet our goal," he said.

The money raised will help with CHR operating costs.

"Rents at CHR are based on residents' income and therefore do not always cover the costs associated with insuring and maintaining our properties," said CHR Executive Director Kelly Collini.

"The money raised will be a big help with these costs and also assist us with continuing buildings and grounds work that has been initiated at several of our complexes," she added.

Over 30 volunteers showed up to help with the party and many were CHR tenants. Music services were provided by Lynn and George Campean. Jonathan Tongyai of Island Photography donated his time as well.

"A big debt of gratitude is owed to the CHR Development Committee members who are responsible for organizing the event," said Richard Johnson CHR board chair. Committee members include Melissa Rice, Lynn Riddlehoover, Bonnie Ratkosky, Robyn Moran, Richard

American Legion Post 123 News

On Sunday, February 17, fish and shrimp will be served from 1 to 8 p.m. at American Legion Post 123. On Saturday, February 23, there will be a gathering for Don Stacy from 1 to 10 p.m., with live music, raffles and silent auction. Sunday, February 24, it's barbecued ribs and chicken.

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.*



CHR Mardi Party guests and volunteers

McCurry, CC Caldwell, Kerri Maw, Tim Garmager, Jean Ann DeWalt, and John Talmage.

In addition to Platinum Sponsor Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, many other businesses and individuals stepped up to make the party a success. They include: West Wind Inn, Barrier Island Title Services, Dr. Edward Lamotta, SAM Builders, Zonta of Sanibel-Captiva (SWOTI), Bean Whitaker, Lutz & Kareh, Inc., Garmager Success Coaching, Hahn Construction, Kathy Polk - Realtor, Melissa Rice and Kevin Greten, Pfiefer Realty Group, Sanibel Day Spa, Sawyer Insurance, Island Pharmacy, The Richard Johnson Family, The Wexler Family and



Steve Windham got in to the Mardi Gras spirit

photos by Island Photography

Thomas F. Rizzo. Many other businesses also donated items for the silent auction and prizes.

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

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A variety of quilts are on display at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village through March 17

Quilt Show Opens At Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

One of the most anticipated exhibits at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, the 14th annual Quilt Show, is now open.

The museum's collection has grown over the years due to generous donations, said museum manager Emilie Alfino. "Thanks to event chair Stephanie Rahe, the quilts are beautifully displayed, making it one of our most popular exhibits."

The quilts will be put on view throughout the museum in six of the village's seven historic buildings (the Old Bailey General Store will not be included in the display). Rahe and other volunteers researched the history of each quilt as they prepared to hang the exhibit.

"These stories will be included as part of the display, making it a very interesting quilt show," Alfino added.

During the quilt show, the Village Gift Shop will offer a choice of two quilt design posters for \$2 each. Customers may choose from "Grandmother's Fan" or "A Patch Of Blue."

The Quilt Show will continue through March 16. Admission to the show is included in the museum's \$5 admission fee.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The village, which operates as a nonprofit organization, is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission to the Historical Museum and Village is \$5 for adults over 18; children and members are free. Full docent-led tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. are included with admission.

For more information, call 472-4648.*



Historical Village Adds Afternoon Tours

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village has added an afternoon tour to its schedule and is now offering full docent-guided tours through the village at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The automated audio tour is always available with at least one, and in some buildings two, narratives about the building and the history surrounding it.

"Our docents love to lead these tours through our seven historic houses," said museum manager



Karl Rodman, member of the museum's board of directors, talks to a tour group in the Old Bailey's General Store

Emilie Alfino. "They volunteer here – some of them have for many years – because they love history. They have a wealth of knowledge and enjoy sharing it with visitors to the museum."

These full tours are included in the admission price to the village.

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sailor's Valentines for sale. These are only available at the Village Gift Shop, hand-crafted by Texas artisans Jim and Rose Prestigiacomio. Once a month, the couple visits Galveston to collect the small shells that will be used in the creations. Rose Prestigiacomio is an award-winning shell artist and her husband builds the custom wood display frames that encase the shell designs.

The gift shop is offering a gift with purchase of any sailor's Valentine while supplies last: a small mesh gift bag, white with red hearts, containing local Sanibel shells collected by museum staff and volunteers.*

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SCCF Open House

on our Islands' Eagles. Starting at 11 a.m., there will a special marine exhibit with some of the hidden creatures of the sea grasses and shallow bays that hug the north and western shores of Sanibel and Captiva.

Marine biologists will demonstrate some of the newest technology now available to anyone with a smart phone or internet connection. When the local TV stations report the wind blowing at less than five miles an hour and you see white caps, you know their weather station is not looking at the same place you are. Three of SCCF's RECON units are now equipped with weather stations. Get the real wind speed and direction a half mile off the Sanibel Lighthouse or in the intracoastal near Redfish Pass. Staff will

be on hand to help you get quick links to this vital information for any boater or avid sheller.

Our herpetologist, sea turtle and bird biologists will have special hands-on exhibits, including some of the more friendly snakes that can be found in this area. Children's crafts and SCCF's traditional hot dogs and lemonade will be available. Chefs Wally and John bring almost 20 years of experience to the grill and Joan, ever stalwart, takes on the task of chopping the onions.

At 11:45 a.m., the 26th annual Nature Sounds Contest will be open for your best hoot, cackle, moo and tweet. There are special age categories for the kids and the adults... well, we're just there to have some fun. Last year it was not just any rooster; it was a great imitation of a Rhode Island Red that brought out the laughter.

For over 45 years, SCCF has been preserving coastal habitat and aquatic resources. After its first 10 years of land acquisition, members decided it was time branch out and invest some its resources into education and creating a native plant nursery. Since then, the Nature Center has welcomed countless residents and visitors to learn more about the abundant wildlife and unique habitats of Sanibel and Captiva.

Stop in to the SCCF Nature Center at 3333 Sanibel Captiva Road for the open house on Monday, February 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 472-2329 or visit www.sccf.org for more information.*

League Of Women Voters March Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Lee County will meet on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers (corner of Summerlin and College Parkway).

Join the League of Women Voters for a discussion of the evolution of women's roles in society during the past five decades. The focus of the discussion will center on contradictions in cultural expectations of women's roles within the home, socially and in the workplace, and how the challenges of working through these contradictions set the stage for both cultural and legal changes in subsequent decades.

League members and the interested public should make reservations by calling 462-3444 or e-mail carolbf@centurylink.net. Cost to attend the breakfast is \$10. Student rates are available.

For more information, contact Sandy Frank, League of Women Voters' Director of Programs at 415-7654. More details about the programs and issues of the League of Women Voters is available at www.lww.org, www.lwwfla.org and www.lwwlee.org.*

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Antique Valentines

Valentines from yesteryear are on display at the Historical Village Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults; children 18 and younger are admitted free, as are members. The museum is located at 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS.

The gift shop, located in the old Bailey's General Store, has one-of-a-kind



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California Surf 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 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. Artist James "JR" Roberts has created a surfboard inspired by his love of hot rod cars, which started when he was a teenager.

Roberts says, "I used acrylic paints and some lacquer spray can paint for the surfboard. The inspiration is from my early teen years - being ate up with anything hot rod and rock 'n roll - I couldn't get enough of either. So when the Beach Boys and the surf scene broke out it was my mental escape from the cold of Ohio and Indiana.

"At that time in the custom car world there came an artist with a twist in his point of view and artistic perspective, his name is Ed "Big Daddy" Roth. Extensive exposure to his work in comic books, magazines, and T-shirts fueled my need to draw, and for quite a few years I



Surfboard, up for auction, painted by James "JR" Roberts

did my best imitation of his work. I have always wanted to reach that skill level as an artist."

JR Roberts has a bachelor of fine arts degree from University of South Florida, Tampa. He has worked in graphic design, has created scenery and sets for stage, including shows at Busch Gardens, and has worked on hanging exhibits at Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison College. He has exhibited in many shows in Southwest Florida.

Catering will be 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 Store & Cafe and Zebra Frozen Yogurt.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Boler Garden, located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

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Commission Debates The Need For More Bike Racks

by Anne Mitchell

With bicycle use on Sanibel up 56 percent since 2006, city planners have been considering ways to ensure that the number of cycle racks on the island is adequate.

On Tuesday, the planning commission got a first look at a draft ordinance and recommendations from the planning department based on a survey of other biker-friendly communities – and they were not convinced that changes to the land development code (LDC) are needed to add more racks.

City planner Jim Fricke said what was being considered was to ensure that a certain number, type and location of bicycle parking spaces are required as part of any new commercial development. The “comb” racks, known as “wheel bend-

ers,” were generally not favored in other communities that have adopted standards.

Commissioners were concerned about the cost, among other things – and whether there was even a problem to resolve.

Planning Director Jim Jordan said, “We are not presenting this as if it were a problem. We are taking recommendations for the shared use paths and uniform standards that could be applied island-wide.”

Commissioner Chris Heidrick said he likes the idea of using city easements for bicycle racks, something that could be done without changing the LDC and imposing restrictions – and costs – on businesses. It should be up to business owners “to decide whether they will do better with more racks.”

Billy Kirkland, owner of Billy's Bikes, a rental and retail business on Sanibel, said he'd heard good ideas from the planning commissioners but wished the issue “could have been on the table 35 or 40 years ago.”

One of the biggest issues, Kirkland said, was shortage of bike parking at resorts and condominiums.



Bike rack at The Sanibel Bean

“The city has just purchased a bunch of racks that would not meet these standards,” he added.

Vice chairman Phillip Marks said he was more concerned about safety, especially the narrow and bumpy bike paths on the island's east end. Also, he said there is no one-rack-fits-all because there are so many different styles of bikes, including tandems, bikes with trailers and recumbent models.

“It might be another level of bureaucracy... it may be trying to find a solution to something that is not really a problem,” he added.

Claudia Burns, who cycles almost daily, doesn't think the type of rack provided matters. It was Burns who suggested using city easements for racks.

Cycling club member Doug Dietrich called the study “good and thorough” but said, “I have never had a problem stuffing my bike somewhere, whether they have a bike rack or not.”

The Shared Use Path Master Plan adopted in 2009 recommends that the Sanibel Land Development Code be amended to ensure that a certain number, type and location of bicycle parking spaces are required as part of any new commercial development. The plan fur-

ther recommends that bicycle parking be provided at all rest areas and civic, cultural, recreational, condominium, resort and commercial facilities, including shopping and dining establishments and venues for community activities and events.

Jordan said the next step was for the planning department to update the draft ordinance based on the discussion and bring it back at the February 26 meeting.

However, it will be up to the city council to decide whether the ordinance is needed, what form it will take and if it will go in the code books.*

City Workshop

The Sanibel City Council will hold a four-hour public workshop on Tuesday, March 12 in MacKenzie Hall.

The goal is to generate input on definitions, goals and scope for the redevelopment of the island's older – and in some cases dilapidated – commercial properties.

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Florida Senator To Address Island Democratic Club

submitted by June Sieber

Florida Senator Nan Rich will address the Democratic Club of the Islands on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. Rich will discuss the upcoming legislative session and 2014 elections. Nan has recently declared her candidacy for Governor in 2014.

One of the most dedicated members of the Florida Senate, she was first elected to the Florida State Senate in 2004 after serving in the House of Representatives from 2000-2004. Rich is widely recognized as one of Florida's champions of children's and social justice issues. She served on numerous state committees, including Health and Human Services Appropriations, vice chair; and Children, Families and Elder Affairs, vice chair.

She also served on the Children and Youth Cabinet, whose mission is to ensure that public policy relating to children and youth promotes collaboration among agencies and delivers services in a holistic manner.

Prior to her election, Senator Rich was

the National President of the National Council of Jewish Women—the first Floridian elected to that office in the organization's 119 year history. She has extensive experience in advocacy and community service, and has worked to improve the lives of women, children and families in her community. In 1999, President Bill Clinton appointed Rich to serve as a board member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information e-mail demclubislands@gmail.com or call 395-9078.✪

City Employee Of The Quarter

Natalya A. Maddix, aquatics supervisor at the Sanibel Recreation Center, was named the City of Sanibel Employee of the Quarter. Mayor Kevin Ruane made a presentation to Maddix during the February 5 council meeting.

Maddix has been employed with the city since April 9, 2006 when she was first hired as an "as-needed lifeguard."✪

Sanibel-Captiva Road Construction Advisory

In an effort to improve reliability on the island, Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) must perform maintenance and construction on electric facilities from time to time. This helps to ensure that reliable power is provided to customers year-round. The line along Sanibel-Captiva Road is currently being rebuilt in an effort to reduce power interruptions and strengthen the system.

In order to minimize the impact to visitors and residents, the project was scheduled in phases and is being performed with a traffic management plan. Although this has increased the duration of the project, it does decrease the impact to traffic flow. In most instances throughout the project, the traffic flow has been satisfactory. However, during the present phase of the project, where a new pole is being installed at a busy intersection, traffic has been interrupted longer than usual. LCEC would like to apologize for any inconvenience this has caused residents and visitors.

In response to concerns from customers, LCEC will demobilize the project until after the busy season. However, the current phase must be completed so that the electric system is not vulnerable to power interruptions that would impact nearly 5,000 customers on the island. LCEC contract crews will work 10 hours a day Monday through Thursday to complete this phase of the project, which is estimated to be completed by February 21. During the next few weeks, they will do everything that they can to keep traffic flowing in an acceptable manner.

Once the next phase begins after Easter, it is estimated that the entire project will be completed by year-end. Progress will be determined by the challenges and severity of storm season. Rebuilding power lines while they are energized, so that customers do not experience an outage, requires a temporary connection of the wires to the pole. It is a sensitive process. Temporary connections are prone to failure during high winds and more susceptible to damage from lightning. In addition, productivity of crews is diminished by the daily afternoon thunderstorms. An active storm season could delay the project further.

LCEC will continue to work hard to provide reliable power to customers on Sanibel and Captiva and hopes that you understand that, at times, it requires maintenance and construction. They are committed to conducting that part of the business with the least amount of impact to customers.

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World Day Of Prayer, 2013



World Day of Prayer Committee

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Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. This year the country is France, and the theme is: "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me." Specifically, the women of France are addressing issues around increased immigration and the challenges for immigrants to find a place in their new country. This is also a global concern.

The Sanibel service will be held at the Christian Science Church, 2950 West Gulf Drive, at 10 a.m. It will include a talk by John Lawrence, who lived and worked in Paris and is familiar with immigrant issues. The service will include French music and will be followed by refreshments of typical French food.

Participating in the local service are clergy and women of the six Christian

churches on the islands: St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, St. Isabel Catholic Church, Sanibel Congregational UCC, the Christian Science Church, Sanibel Community Church and Chapel by the Sea on Captiva.

Friends, family and communities of faith are invited to join the women of France in prayer and song to support this women's ecumenical ministry. The offering will support the work of World Day of Prayer USA, and will help meet the needs of families from France and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and discrimination.

For more information, contact Lolly Murray at 247-0078.✳

Madeleine Albright Interview

An interview with Madeleine Albright will be seen on video from New York's 92nd Street Y at the Sanibel Congregational Church at 2050 Periwinkle Way. The program, sponsored by the joint film committee of the church and Temple Bat Yam, will take place on Sunday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Albright was the first woman U.S. Secretary of State. She served in President Bill Clinton's second term from 1997 to 2001 during some of the most turbulent times in U.S. history. You won't want to miss this stimulating presentation which will include a Q & A period and refreshments. A fee of \$8 is requested to cover expenses.✳



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Moeller guitar and cello duo

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This mid-week family program happens each Wednesday at the church from

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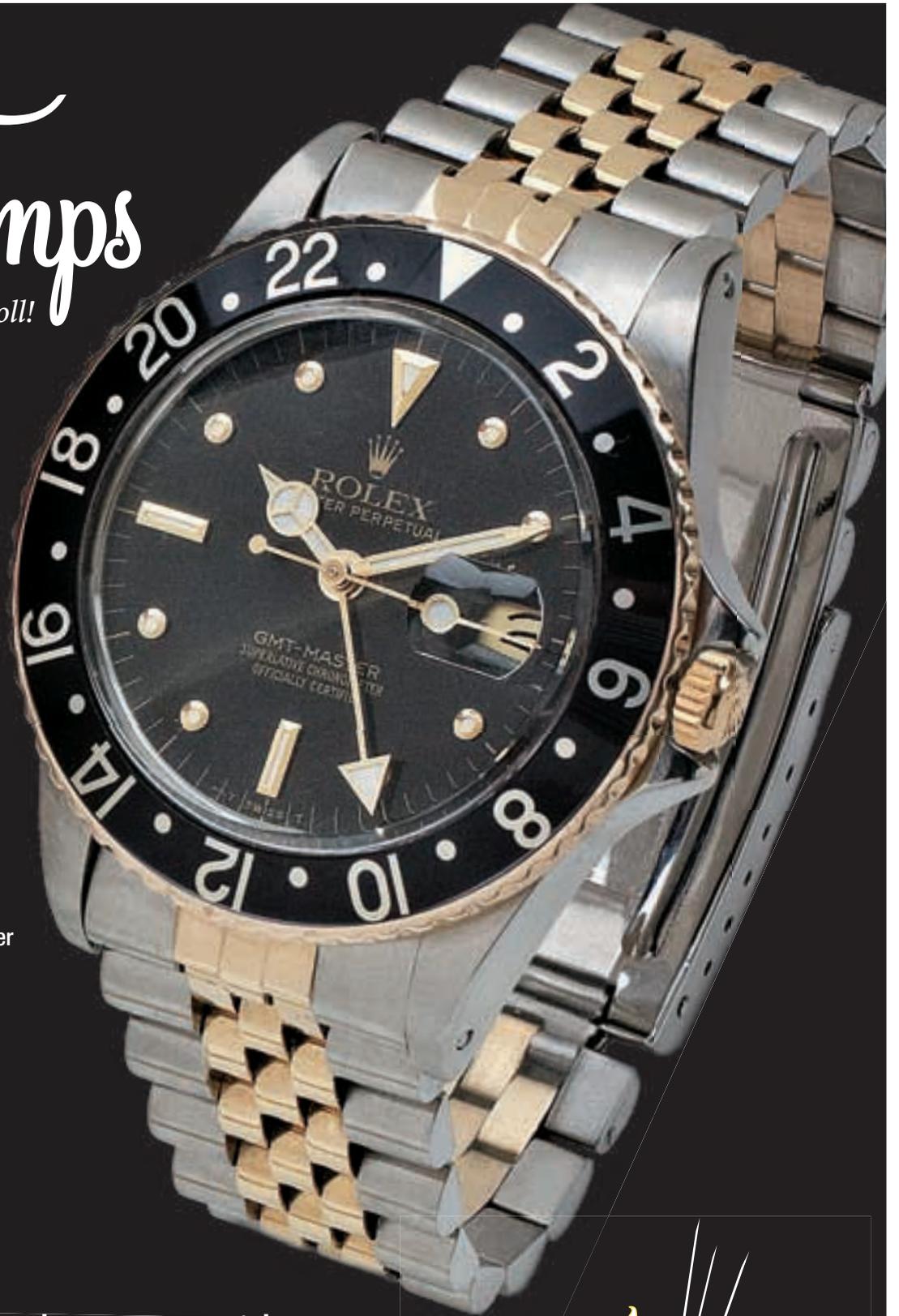
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Raised on Sanibel, Carly attended Sanibel Elementary School, Canterbury Middle School and Bishop Verot High School. A 2008 graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Adler is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy stationed in San Diego, California. Diette is also a 2008 graduate of Vanderbilt University and is employed as a Senior Market Analyst with the Petco Corporation in San Diego, California.



The couple met in 2006 while attending Vanderbilt and after graduation the relationship continued to blossom despite "long distances and Lieutenant."

Adler's two lengthy deployments aboard destroyers to the Middle East and the South Pacific.

An August 2013 wedding is planned in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts at the same church and officiated by the same minister as the brides parents wedding 29 years ago.*

St. Isabel Women's Guild Collects Shoes For Disadvantaged Children



Guild member Margaret Curtin, guild president Arline Ford, and guild member Brenda Segura with some of the shoes collected for Laces of Love

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Backwards Night

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Transitions In Life

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Virginia opossum with baby

Wonders Of Wildlife Schedule

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will be offering daily Wonders Of Wildlife presentations at its Healing Winds Visitor Education Center. All presentations begin at 11 a.m., and a \$5 donation is requested. There is no charge for members or children 12 and under. Admission includes the opportunity to explore

CROW's interactive visitor education center both before and after the presentation. The week's schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 15 – Animal Ambassador: Meet Trouper Lee – Trouper, the blind raccoon, was saved by volunteer Dot Lee over three years ago. Come out and listen as she and author Kyle Miller tell Trouper's story from the time of his head injury to becoming a certified ambassador for education.

Saturday, February 16 – Owls of Southwest Florida – There are five owl species native to Southwest Florida. Staff member Rachel Rainbolt will teach you about each species, their hearing/sight adaptations and how CROW's medical staff treats and rehabilitates our patients at the hospital.

Tuesday, February 19 – Animal Ambassador: Coexisting with Reptiles – The state of Florida is home to 142 native species of amphibians and reptiles. Come out and listen to ranger Mike Hammond as he teaches us how to live with our cold-blooded neighbors located in Lee County.

Wednesday, February 20 – Rescue and Release: A History of CROW's Patients – With his 13-year history of rescues, releases and patient support, volunteer Denny Toll will give you an insight of CROW's efforts to save wildlife in addition to tips on how you can save wildlife in the community.

Thursday, February 21 – Clinical Rounds – CROW operates educational externship and fellowship programs for undergraduate natural sciences and veterinary medicine students. Come and listen to Dr. Helen Ingraham as she teaches you what patients are currently in the hospital and how our students learn to treat over 4,000 patients a year.

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SCCF Upcoming Programs

Tank Talks

On Tuesday, February 19 at 10 a.m., join an SCCF biologist for Tank Talks in the SCCF Nature Center, a facility which has "educational ambassadors" living in tanks. There is Indie the endangered Indigo snake, Jewel the Diamondback Terrapin, Happy the Florida snapping turtle, Salty the mangrove water snake, plus baby box turtles and other critters living in the touch tank. Take a guided tour to learn about these living ambassadors, many of which are SCCF research subjects. Cost of the talk is \$5, with SCCF members and children admitted free.



Florida softshell turtle

Shorebird Walks At The Sanibel Inn

On Tuesday, February 19 at 5 p.m., meet your SCCF guide poolside at the Sanibel Inn, 937 East Gulf Drive. Learn the stories of the shorebirds you encounter; some have migrated thousands of miles to local beaches. Sanibel continues the commitment to protect local beaches by leaving the wrack community of cast ashore seaweeds and sea grasses that feed the insects, shorebirds and beach plants that live there. This program is free to all.



A gathering of birds along the seashore

Turtle Tracks

Learn about the lifecycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on local beaches and what SCCF is doing to protect them. Get an update on the whereabouts of RECON2, a satellite tagged Kemp's ridley sea turtle being tracked by Mote Marine Lab and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The Kemp's ridley is the world's most endangered sea turtle. Juvenile Kemp's use Pine Island Sound as a nursery. Since 1992, SCCF sea turtle volunteers and staff have monitored every inch of Sanibel and Captiva beaches each morning — from May 1 through October 31 — looking for tracks to nests laid the night before or nests that have hatched.



Dee Serage-Century and Amanda Bryant

The next Turtle Tracks program is Thursday, February 21 at 10 a.m. at the SCCF Nature Center. The program is free to SCCF members and children, and \$5 for adults. Take a walk on the trails or visit the butterfly house following the program.

The Elusive Swallow-Tailed Kite

Join SCCF on Friday, February 22 at 10 a.m. for Pursuing The Elusive Swallow-tailed Kite, presented by Dr. Ken Meyer of the University of Florida and founder of the Avian Research and Conservation Institute. Dr. Meyer research satellite tags and tracks the beautiful Swallow-tailed kites from South America to their Florida breeding grounds. With this continent spanning research, Dr. Meyer hopes to determine the kites current nesting regiments and to learn why U.S. populations are not using all of their historic nesting territory. Did the Swallow-tailed kite pair nest on



Swallow-tailed kite

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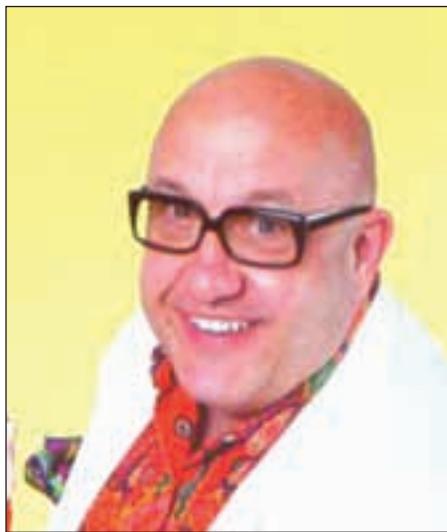
submitted by Shirley Jewell

Just a few more days before the gate is open for the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16. Most of your favorite artist and craftsmen are back and this year are joined by new and exciting vendors. Gates open 10 a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Rotary apparel booth will be selling 2013 collectors T-shirts designed by artist Ikki Masumoto.



Many of our Rotary fair artists and craftsmen could be considered genuine entrepreneurs. Which segues to Rotary's guest speaker recently, Karl Gibbons, chairman of the Entrepreneur Society of Naples (ESON), a 501(C)3 not-for-profit, community-based business to business organization dedicated to the education, mentoring and development of entrepreneurs.

"America has always been the land of entrepreneurs with over half a million new businesses being created every month," Gibbons said. "That means a huge section of Americans are leaving the traditional job route and doing something completely different and challenging and learning what it means to be successful."



Karl Gibbons

Gibbons has walked the walk. He is a graduate of Stafford University, England, where he majored in fashion design. After graduating, his career included roles inside international brands including Lerose, Miss Selfridge, Prestat Chocolates and W. Bill. After a few years of corporate life he decided that running his own business was the only way forward for him.

A serial entrepreneur, he created four multi-million dollar businesses by the age of 40 including Tie Rack, Flash Trash, Theodore's Bear Emporium and Classic Collections. He founded Third Eye Management in England in 1988 with his mentoring services directed from startup businesses to royal charities.

He now lives in Naples and became a U.S. citizen in 2008. A motivational speaker and business adviser, he has documented and shared his principles and insights on management and leadership with thousands of people around the globe.

He serves on the advisory board of the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University, sits on the board of the Edison Inventors Association, and is chairman of the

Entrepreneur Society of Naples. ESON members are encouraged by successful entrepreneurs who coach and mentoring newly-minted business owners.

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

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SCCF Programs

SCCF preserved lands again this year? Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Take a guided walk or visit the butterfly house following the program.

Alien Invasion

More than 500 fish and wildlife species, 1,180 plant species and who knows how many insects that are not native now live and multiply in Florida were introduced by humans. Some – like the pythons in the Everglades – are having devastating effects.



Nile monitor lizard

Come and learn about the species that make up Sanibel and Captiva's Alien Invasion on Wednesday, February 20 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF Nature Center. Cost is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free.

Call 472-2329 or visit www.sccf.org for more information on these programs, unless otherwise indicated. The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✪



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Snowy plover with chick

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Lecture On Secret Lives Of Snowy Plovers

Experts with the Snowy Plover Project at Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) will share their stories and findings at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, February 22, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the "Ding" Darling Education Center.

Claudia Burns and Joel Caouette will

cooperatively present Secret Lives of Snowy Plovers. Burns has volunteered for the SCCF project since its inception in 2002. She and other volunteers help biologist Caouette, SCCF'S shorebird monitoring coordinator, and his interns search the beach for snowy plover nests so the interns can stake off the nests and collect data. The birds, which are listed as threatened in the state of Florida, nest on island beaches mid-February to late August.

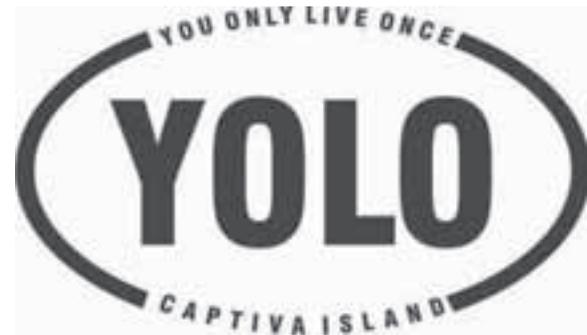
Caouette, a 2008 graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor's degrees in Wildlife Conservation

Biology, came to SCCF as a technician to work on the project in 2009 and returned in 2010.

"I was hired in the fall of '10 as a full-time staffer," he said. "My responsibilities

include coordinating SCCF's shorebird monitoring program with support from SCCF volunteers as well as the JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the
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Island Eagles Program At SCCF Open House

Island Eagles will be the focus of a special program by Mark "Bird" Westall on President's Day at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 18. The talk is an extension of SCCF's 35th annual Open House.

Eagles have been nesting on our barrier islands for decades. In the Pine Island Sound coastal areas, the sturdy slash pines – found in more abundance on Pine Island – is a preferred nesting site. But eagles are territorial and, as bald eagle populations have rebounded thanks to legislative protection and heightened awareness of residents, eagles have sought out other sites.



One of the nesting pairs of bald eagles

Eagles are nesting on Cayo Costa, North Captiva, Captiva and Sanibel. It appears in many locations around the country there is site fidelity; that is to say, the eagles come back to the same tree year after year.

Coastal erosion on the south end of North Captiva caused the eagles to relocate annually as each of their successive trees eventually fell into the surf. In another unusual relocation, North Captiva eagles this year chose a tree without any cover. The past few years, they were nestled under the shade of another host tree.

What makes these eagles relocate? What have been the historic movements



Kids can take part in the Nature Sounds Contest during SCCF's Open House

of the several pairs on Sanibel? Westall, serving on the Bald Eagle Technical Advisory Council, has watched the pairs situated in the Sanibel area move to a variety of sites. Come learn about the natural history of eagles and the personal observations of "Bird" as he has followed the nesting activity of pairs around the islands.

This program, as are all of the activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., is free. SCCF celebrates several anniversaries this year. For 45 years, SCCF has been dedicated to preserving wildlife habitat and coastal resources; for 35 years, it has hosted education programs in its Nature

Center and served as a community resource for native plant landscaping; for 20 years, it has been managing the sea turtle nest monitoring and research on Sanibel and Captiva; and for 10 years, it has grown its presence as a marine research laboratory.

All are welcome to come and enjoy refreshments, special sea life and reptile exhibits and join in the Nature Sounds Contest on Monday, February 18. The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-2329 or visit www.sccf.org.



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Museum volunteer Hal Pilcher demonstrates how the museum identifies, stores and manages the collection during the Markert family's behind-the-scenes visit

Museum Becomes Focal Point For New Hampshire Homeschool Family

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum recently became a central focus for one family visiting the area from New Hampshire. The Markert family, which includes four boys ranging from four to 10 years in age, are all homeschooled by their mother, Julie. As a part of the curriculum for 2013 – the boys are studying the ocean – they came to the museum on a Sunday afternoon to introduce the boys to mollusks and shells through the exhibitions and videos in the educational institution.

Monday morning, museum officials learned the family wanted to come back to the Great Hall of Shells, since they had found the exhibitions so relevant and useful to the boys' education. The museum waived the admission fee once they joined and that \$100 family membership provides them access to close to 800 museums in the North

American Reciprocal Museum Program (NARM), a national network of museums.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is a participating organization in NARM, so Julie was quick to join so they could also visit the Edison & Ford for free.

Once they joined, the family received a free bag of Sanibel shells as a welcome to new members. This is a new initiative of the museum, supported by collection volunteer Leroy Neitzel, who donated the shells from his personal collection.

After spending close to two full days in the museum, the boys could not get enough of shells and shelling on Sanibel. The family joined Dorothy "Dotty" DeVasure the following morning for the museum's free beach walk (every last Tuesday of the month). They spent another two hours in the hands-on experience with DeVasure.

They were thrilled with the experience and found many specimens for their new museum shell bag.

The family returned to the museum a third time the following day to thank the staff for the educational information and experiences and were surprised when they went behind-the-scenes to tour the museum's second floor. The group was introduced to the museum director, Dr. José H. Leal, and two of the collection volunteers, Leroy Neitzel and Hal Pilcher. They gave the boys an overview of the museum collection and the work that they do for the museum.

The Markerts will not only return when they visit the area next year, but plan to tell their family and friends about their experience on Sanibel.✱



The Markert family: Matthew (4), Aaron (6), Kadin (8) and Noah (10) with their mother, Julie, and father, Albert



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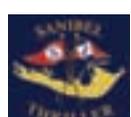
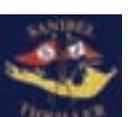
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Sheepshead May Be Lowly But It's Tasty, Plentiful



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The week started off on the cold side but quickly warmed back up to our above normal winter temperatures. Big minus low tides first thing in the morning made

for my favorite winter time fishing set-up. Sheepshead were my main target this week, and finding good numbers of them close to home made for good action without having to go too far.

All around the southern end of the sound, just about every mangrove creek held lots of sheepshead. Just find a creek over three feet deep with hard shell or oyster bottom. Spotting the schools of sheepshead in the clear water made for some great sightfishing. In one creek, I could see the schools coming down the shallow mangrove mouth and setting up in the deeper water. Schools of up to 50 at a time made their way into the deeper water.

Chunks of fresh shrimp fished on a long-shank #2 hook with a small split shot is my rig of choice for this species. Use just enough weight to get to the bottom. Quite often while targeting the

sheepshead, though, you will hook into another species such as redfish, black drum, trout and even a snook or two. One spot I have been fishing on the right set-up on Chino Island has had some real giant sheepshead on it, along with a few unknown freight trains we simply have not been able to turn away from the trees. One of the great things about fishing this time of year is you never really know what variety or how big that next fish will be.

On several trips this week to the Buck Key area, I got on a non-stop redfish bite. Though most of our winter redfish are on the small side with pretty blue tails, if you catch enough you will manage a few keepers in the mix along with a few black drum. On the west side of Buck Key during periods of west wind and higher tides, I got on a wide open redfish bite which made for 30-plus reds in just over an hour. Targeting the sand holes just out from the trees with a live shrimp bounced across the bottom caught the biggest ones in the 23-inch range. The big redfish of the week came while sheepshead fishing in creeks around St. James City and was just short of 27 inches.

During calm or light wind days, trout fishing out on the flats was on fire. Nine out of 10 fish were under the 15-inch minimum but if you want to catch a fish almost every cast, this was hard to beat. Flats from Wulfert Keys to Tarpon Bay in three to four feet of water all held good numbers of trout along with ladyfish and a few pompano in the mix. Simply drift over the mixed up grass and sand bottom and once you start catching fish, drop the anchor and enjoy. These trout can be



Donna Black with a keeper-sized redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

fished for in a variety of ways, including soft plastic jigs or a live shrimp popping cork rig.

With so many of my visiting anglers this time of year wanting to take home a tasty fresh fish dinner after a trip, sheepshead are a great option. Not only are they a firm and mild fish to eat, they are hard fighting on light tackle, plentiful and feed well even during our coldest periods when not much else will.

Another bonus of our winter sheeps-

head fishery is it sure takes a lot of pressure off other more glamorous species like the redfish and trout, which don't come close to being as good to eat as the often-considered lowly sheepshead.

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



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CROW Case Of The Week:

Virginia Opossum

by Patricia Molloy



As North America's only native marsupial, the Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) is a nocturnal omnivore. The trademark marsupium, or pouch, develops on the

abdomen of the female and is where litters of baby opossums will spend the first two months of their lives nursing and growing.

As one of the oldest mammals on Earth, the opossum has survived for at least 70 million years. Despite popular belief, opossums do not hang from their tails while sleeping; their tails are not strong enough to support them for extended periods of time.

On the other hand, playing 'possum is not a myth. When threatened, an opossum will roll over and pretend to be dead in order to trick a predator. The comatose is an involuntary defense mechanism that can last for up to four hours. While brilliantly effective in most cases, it can inadvertently make the marsupial more vulnerable to skeptical predators.

CROW is currently caring for an adult female opossum (#0093) which was admitted to the wildlife clinic after being



Dr. Helen Ingraham administering eye drops to an adult Virginia opossum while the patient is carefully held by Jordan Donini

hit by a car. After examinations and radiographs, it was evident that she had suffered multiple injuries, including two skull fractures. The patient has endured three surgeries by the specialized vets, which have proven to be life-saving.

"Fortunately, her neurological signs are fine," said Dr. Heather. "She's bright and alert and eats well, but we are having difficulty keeping her from infecting her surgical sites despite the fact that we clean her cage daily, over and over

again."

"She's been through a lot, but is doing really well. We hope to release her soon," said Dr. Aundria.

Successful care-and-release cases are always satisfying for the team at CROW, but opossum releases can also be cause for a little comic relief. Upon return to a release site, an opossum will often leave its travel carrier and immediately play dead. At times like these, a staff member will patiently wait at a safe distance to

ensure that the patient eventually stands and safely begins its journey home.

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Dr. Meyer displays the wingspan of the bird

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Hawk Lecture

sector as a research biologist in the Big Cypress National Preserve and Everglades National Park. His hope is that the demographics and migration information he is collecting will help explain the activities for species not previously thoroughly studied like the short-tailed hawks and crested caracara.

The crested caracara is a resident of Cuba, Peru, the Amazon in Brazil, Central America, Mexico and Florida, where it is considered threatened. The state of Florida is home to a relict population of Northern caracaras that dates to the last glacial period. At that time Florida and the rest of the Gulf Coast was covered in an oak savanna. This is a bird of open and semi-open country. With broad wings and long tailed, it has long legs and often walks on the ground. The adult

black body, wings, crest and crown are in stark contrast to the white neck, tail and wing patches. The bill is thick, grey and hooked and the legs are yellow. The bird is 19-23 inches long and has a four foot wingspan and weighs 1.8 to 2.9 lbs. In contrast, the short-tailed hawk is shorter at 15-18" and has a wingspan of 31-41" and considerably lighter at 12 to 22 oz. Both birds are found in the same locations which includes South Florida. Both species build massive stick nests.

This is the eighth of nine Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society lectures which are held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. 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. For more information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit www.san-capaudubon.org.

Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society

Dramatic Dendrobiums will be the topic of the Monday, February 18 meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society. Jim Roberts, owner of Florida SunCoast Orchids in Myakka City, will be the guest speaker. The meeting will take place 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.

Also, 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. Orchid Society annual membership is \$20. Guests may attend the meeting for \$4.

Call Nannette Lehr at 395-3327 with any questions.

Bowman's Beach Bird Walk



Forster's tern

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be held on Saturday, February 16 at Bowman's Beach. Participants will meet just before the wooden bridge to the beach at 8 a.m. Non-resident parking is \$2 per hour. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A suggested donation is \$2. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for more details.

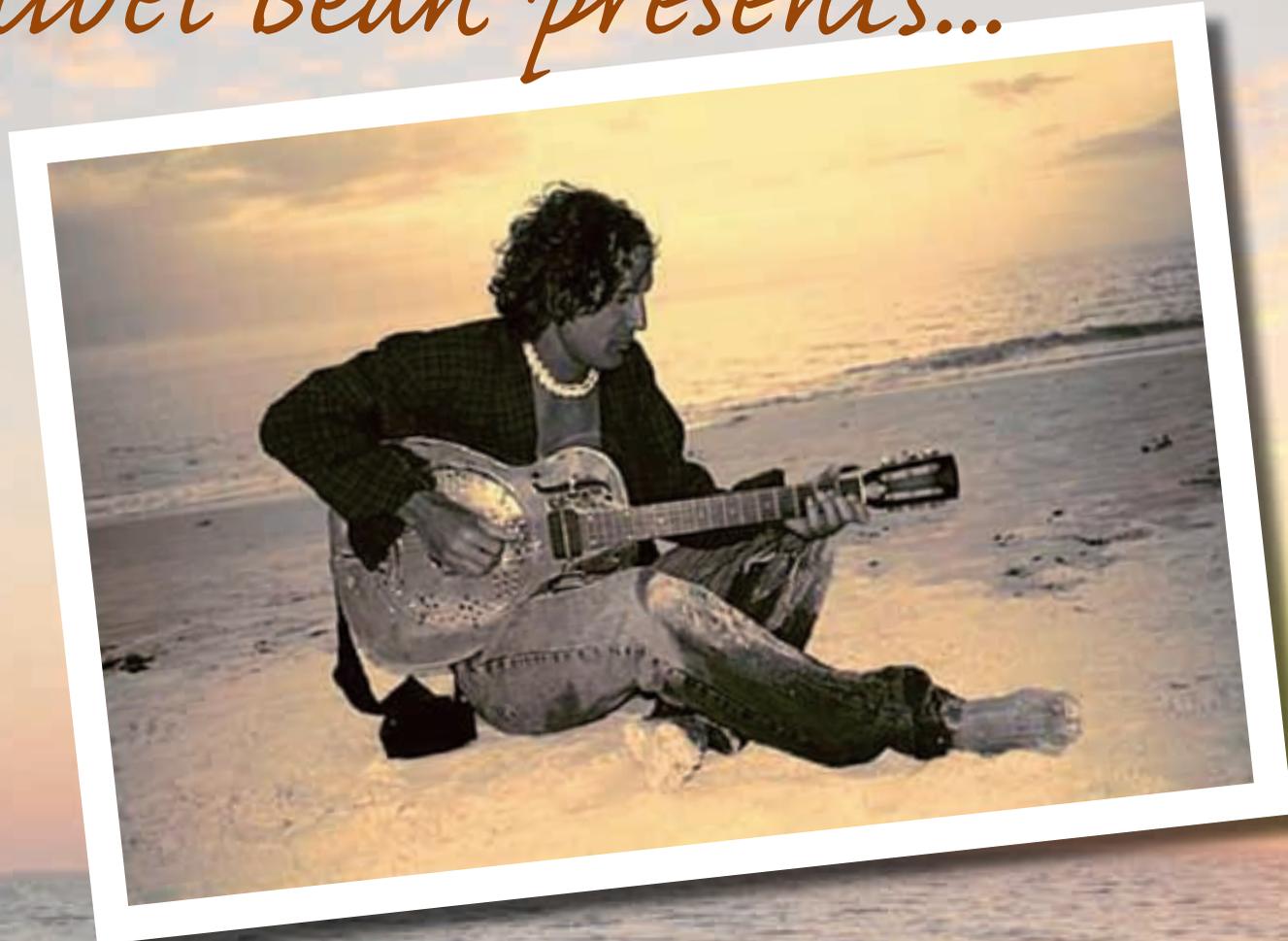
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Sour Orange

by Gerri Reaves

Sour orange (*Citrus aurantium*) is said to have been introduced to Florida centuries ago by the Spanish in St. Augustine.

Native to Southeast Asia, the species is also called Seville orange and bitter-sweet orange.

The plant has become naturalized in Florida, meaning that this non-native species sustains itself without cultivation.

It is found in the wilds in disturbed areas, shell mounds and Everglades hammocks near Indian sites.

Reaching around 20 feet in height with a rounded compact crown, this evergreen tree is grown as an attractive landscape plant too.

This species' many names reflect the still not completely understood genetics of the numerous citrus hybrids and varieties, for example, the Bergamot (*Citrus aurantium*, var. bergamia), which vary greatly in palatability.

Pictured here is the Shaddock pomelo, so named for an English sea captain who introduced the seed to the West Indies.

The highly fragrant white flowers of sour orange are about an inch across and bloom in spring. Five petals surround a tuft of as many as 24 yellow stamens.

The fruit's interior varies from yellow to orange or red and is very acidic. The rind is thick and bitter, the oval seeds are white. When the round fruit matures, the center becomes hollow.

Elliptical to ovate leaves measure three to five inches long. The bark is grayish and thorned.

Although high acidity often renders the fruit unpalatable, the juice can be used for seasoning, making orangeade loaded with vitamin C or flavoring a variety of products – from candy and perfume to liqueurs. The peel and pulp are used in marmalades.

The tree has medicinal uses for a variety of ailments. The wood is used in cabinetry and, in Cuba, for making baseball bats.

Other somewhat bizarre uses for the tree include cleaning floors, laundering clothes and even shampooing hair, since the crushed fruit and leaves lather in water.

Sources: *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida, Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, www.discoverlife.org, and experiencefestival.com.

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The sour orange's fragrant flowers provide nectar for bees

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Sharks Caught



Some of the many sharks caught by Elliot Sudal and Cliff Ivers

Setting up almost anywhere along Sanibel's gulf beaches can be productive, with Blind Pass and Beach Access 7 being some of the hot spots. These sharks have no problem stripping off 300 yards of line, so make sure you have plenty on your reel. Getting your baits out 100 yards or so can be an advantage, so you may want to bring a kayak and paddle them out. Be careful and have fun!

This information was provided by Elliot Sudal and Cliff Ivers.✪

Fishing for sandbar sharks has been pretty consistent lately, and with the cooler water temperatures, they seem to be inshore almost every night. Usually ranging in the five- to seven-foot range, they give a great fight and can take up to an hour to land. Big baits fished behind a few feet a wire leader seem to be the ticket here, with live or dead mullet, jacks, ladyfish or Spanish mackerel being the best choices.

START To Sponsor Expert Panel On Red Tide

What's up with all the dead fish that sometimes wash up along Sanibel's beaches? What is "red tide" and how might it affect your family?

To give answers to these questions and more, there will be a free public panel about red tide, hosted by the local chapter of START – Solutions To Avoid Red Tide, a statewide environmental organization – on Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. at The Community House.

START is collaborating with Sanibel Sea School, SCCF, Mote Marine Lab and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to bring together a panel of experts on the biology and ecosystem effects of red tide, a harmful algal bloom made up of microscopic, toxic marine phytoplankton.

Speakers will include Dr. Barb Kirkpatrick, manager for the Environmental Health Program and senior scientist at Mote Marine Lab, whose research centers around human respiratory effects of Florida red tide; Dr. Alina Corcoran, the Harmful Algal Bloom Program leader at FWC; Dr. Rick Bartleson, research scientist at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; and Dr. Bruce Neill, executive director of Sanibel Sea School and president of the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of START. The scientists will summarize research findings on red tide algal blooms, explain how red tide impacts human and ecosystem health, discuss current monitoring efforts, and answer questions from the public.

The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.✪

Young Artists Competition

The 47th annual Jillian Prescott Music Awards sponsored by The Southwest Florida Symphony and Society will showcase the area's young stars on Saturday, March 2.

The competition is a scholarship opportunity for instrumental and vocalist students. Disciplines include keyboard, strings, woodwinds/brass, percussion and voice and auditions take place at Florida Gulf Coast University, Bower School of Music, 10501 FGCU Boulevard South, Fort Myers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The competition is two-tiered: the youth

category is for high school and younger (age 12 to 17) and young adult is for ages 17 to 22. The prize money, consisting of \$200 for youth and \$400 for young adult, will be awarded for future musical study. An overall winner in each age category will win \$500.

One of the first place winners will be awarded \$1,800 and perform with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra during the 2013-14 season, with music to be mutually agreed by the conductor and winner.

Additional awards will be given to up-and-coming young stars.

A pre-competition continental breakfast on Saturday March, 2 at 8:30 a.m. costs \$5.

For more information, contact Pamela Simon in the symphony office at 418-0996.✪



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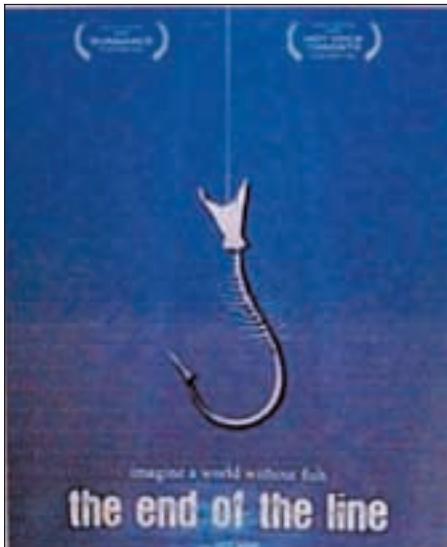
“Ding” Darling Refuge’s inaugural eight-week Film Series continues on Wednesday, February 20 at 2:30 p.m. with the documentary *The End of the Line*, which delves beyond the surface of the seas to reveal a troubling truth beneath: an ocean increasingly empty of fish, destroyed by decades of over-exploitation.

The first major feature documentary film revealing the impact of overfishing on our oceans, *The End of the Line*, had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in the World Cinema Documentary Competition.

In the film, viewers see first-hand the effects of a global love affair with fish as food. It examines the imminent extinction of bluefin tuna, brought on by increasing western demand for sushi; the impact on marine life resulting in huge overpopulations of jellyfish; and the profound implications of a future world with no fish to feed the masses.

Filed over two years, *The End of the Line* follows investigative reporter Charles Clover as he confronts politicians and celebrity restaurateurs who exhibit little regard for the damage they are doing to the oceans.

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End of the Line serves up the dire future of food fish

Senegal and Alaska to the Tokyo fish market – it features top scientists, indigenous fishermen and fisheries enforcement officials.

The End of the Line is a wake-up call to the world. Scientists predict that if we continue fishing as we are now, we will see the end of most seafood by 2048.

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. in the “Ding” Darling Education Center, except where noted.

For more information about the Film Series, call 472-1100 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/films.

Upcoming “Ding” Darling Film Series Events:

- 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*
- April 3 – *Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition*

For more information visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Conservation Forum Rescheduled

The Conservation Forum, originally scheduled for February 19, has been rescheduled for March 19, to be held at The Sundial Beach Resort and Spa, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. This is the fifth year that the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and the Everglades Foundation are presenting the Conservation Forum, focusing on water quality issues related to the Everglades and the Caloosahatchee. Registration is not required. The program is free and begins at 7 p.m. followed by a book signing and reception; refreshments will be served.

This year’s program, Valuing Nature: From the Everglades to the islands of Sanibel and Captiva, will feature author and economist Dr. Richard Weisskoff, University of Miami; Eric Eikenberg, CEO of the Everglades Foundation; and Rae Ann Wessel, natural resource policy director, SCCF.

Dr. Richard Weisskoff is an Associate Professor of Economics in the Department of International Studies at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, and author of *The Economics of Everglades Restoration: Missing Pieces in the Future of South Florida*. He spoke to a capacity crowd in the Nature Center in December, with a talk focusing on the economic benefits of the environment with a special case study

presentation about Estero Bay. He is currently working on a project to evaluate the economic benefits of Sanibel, Captiva and the greater Pine Island Sound ecosystem.

Shell Found



Kathy Gagnon

Kathy Gagnon of Northampton, Massachusetts found a horse conch on West Gulf Drive. Gagnon said it “rolled in 3:30 p.m. on January 31.”

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Attendees at last year's Sanibel Shell Fair

Shell Fair Embarks On Next 75 Years

Last year the Sanibel Shell Fair and Shell Show event marked its 75th anniversary with a month-long celebration of shell-collecting history, attracting national attention.

This year the event returns on March 7-9 to begin its next 75 years under a new banner, The Sanibel Shell Festival.

At the festival visitors will find world-class, prize-winning shell specimens on display, educational exhibits, plus an array of intricately made shell art and crafts.

In addition, there will be an array of treasures from the sea to take home as gifts or souvenirs.

The festival will be held at The Community House and hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Admission is free for the outdoor shell area and there is a \$5 donation to enter the indoor shell show.

Parking is free and food and beverages will be available.

Tickets for the Shell Fair Raffle, a chance to win some unique and valuable shell-themed items, are \$5 each or three for \$10, available at The Community House or at the Shell Festival. The drawing will be held on Saturday, March 9, and you need not be present to win. Proceeds go towards the maintenance of The Community House.

For more information visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net, call 472-2155 or visit The Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way. ✨

76th Annual Sanibel Shell Festival Raffle Tickets On Sale

For a donation of \$5 each or 3 for \$10, raffle tickets are being sold and the items are on display at The Community House. Tickets can be purchased between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The drawing will be held on Saturday, March 9 at 3 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

The raffle items are:

The Flower Garden – A 10" Sailor's Valentine created by award-winning artist Brandy Llewellyn, in a box made by another well-known Sanibel artist, Bill Jordan. Valued at \$3,200.

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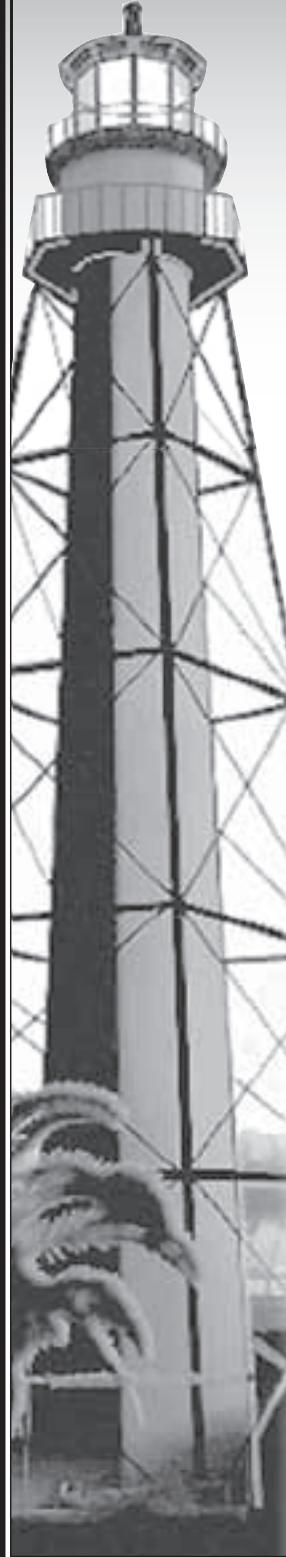
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Island native, dune sunflower

FWC Plans To Conserve 23 Native Species

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) just posted draft action plans to conserve 23 species of native wildlife and wants the public to weigh in by reviewing them online.

Those reading the plans for animals familiar and not so familiar – such as the osprey, Everglades mink, Pine Barrens treefrog and reddish egret – will learn about the species' biological backgrounds and habitats.

After reviewing the individual action plans at www.MyFWC.com/Imperiled, people can comment on what is proposed in the scientific material to conserve each animal. The comment period on these plans continues through March 13.

“Encouraging public and stakeholder involvement is at the heart of what the FWC is doing to conserve imperiled native wildlife,” said Claire Sunquist Blunden, the FWC’s stakeholder coordinator for imperiled species management planning. “Please take advantage of this chance to look at our draft action plans for 23 species and tell us how they can be improved,” she said.

These 23 plans are a vital component of Florida’s new conservation model, which first involved preparing Biological Status Reviews for imperiled species and

now requires developing plans to conserve each one of them. The 23 species are the first group among 60 species that will receive draft species action plans. The remaining species action plans will be released this spring and summer.

Once the action plans are revised, FWC teams will look for common themes and actions to develop Integrated Conservation Strategies. Finally, an Imperiled Species Management Plan will be developed that ties together the action plans for each of 60 species, addressing the commonalities of what’s necessary to conserve all the wildlife represented in the plan.

The 23 draft species action plans include 11 bird species (Wakulla seaside sparrow, Scott’s seaside sparrow, Worthington’s marsh wren, Marian’s marsh wren, reddish egret, little blue heron, roseate spoonbill, tricolored heron, snowy egret, white ibis and osprey in Monroe County); five fish species (black-mouth shiner, Southeastern tessellated darter, bluenose shiner, harlequin darter and Lake Eustis pupfish); four mammals (Everglades mink, Sanibel island rice rat, Homosassa shrew and Eastern chipmunk); two reptiles (Barbour’s map turtle and Suwannee cooter); and one amphibian (Pine Barrens treefrog).

For more information and to see the 23 plans and comment on them, go to www.MyFWC.com/Imperiled and select species categories under “Your opportunity to participate.”✱✱

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Snowy Plovers

City of Sanibel. Outside of shorebird season I turn my attention inward on the island and focus my efforts to monitor wildlife such as freshwater fish and invertebrates, bald eagles, gopher tortoises, and small mammals, and conducting vegetation surveys.

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 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 go to 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.

Upcoming lectures:

- March 1*: Don and 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: China to Russia

- 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

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Courtship Of Great Blue Herons



Courtship Of Great Blue Herons, currently showing at JN "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, is the latest photographic exhibit to be presented by locally renowned wildlife/bird photographer Sallie Rich. Photographed at a nesting site on Sanibel/Captiva Islands, the 30 photograph series will be on display until the end of February from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week.

The images in this educational exhibit cover the period from the arrival of a male Great Blue Heron (*Ardea Herodias*) at his nest February 13 and draws to a close with his mate brooding on her eggs in early April.

The photographs are spectacular for their clarity, focus and the visually complete coverage of the courtship, nest building, mating rituals and perils of life experienced by this single pair of Great Blue Herons in the course of one nesting season.

Located in the Duck Stamp Auditorium (Auditorium B) within the Visitor Education and Welcome Center at

photos by Sallie Rich

the Refuge, the exhibition will remain open until the end of February. Rich will speak with visitors about her photography each Sunday afternoon in February from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 466-6026.*

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LIVE MUSIC



Dr. James A. Hartman and Molly Gerlich, sponsors for the museum's recent exhibit addition, Deep-sea Mollusks, pose with museum Board President Clair Beckmann, and museum Director & Curator Dr. José H. Leal during the recent exhibit opening reception

Shell Museum Premieres Three New Installations

On Tuesday, February 5, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum hosted an opening reception for its three most recent exhibits: Raymond Burr Memorial Exhibit, Deep-sea Mollusks, and Henry Domke: Nature Photographer. Museum members and local supporters were invited to the opening, which included food from The Timbers Restaurant. Attendees also sampled four different wines from The Raymond Burr Vineyards, donated to the museum by Robert Benevides,



Museum Director and Curator Dr. José H. Leal poses with Ginny Flemming, who won the gift basket featuring a bottle of the Raymond Burr Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and Burr's biography

Burr's lifetime partner and surviving owner of the winery in Napa Valley, California. The event was a warm celebration of the exhibitions; museum donors Dr. James Hartman and his wife Molly Gerlich, who sponsored the Deep-sea Mollusks Exhibit, were in attendance to help spotlight the new exhibit.

About The New Exhibits

In early August 2012, the museum renovated the Raymond Burr Exhibit and installed the new display in the Great Hall of Shells. The exhibit, which was previously housed on the ground level, now includes three aspects of Burr's life – actor/movie star, philanthropist and shell enthusiast.

Burr's career as a movie star and television actor includes such memorable titles as the original 1956 Japanese film *Godzilla* and the classic Alfred Hitchcock film *Rear Window*; his television career includes such long-running hits as *Perry Mason* and *Ironside*. Raymond Burr also loved the isolated South Seas islands and in 1965 he purchased Naitamba Island in Fiji. There, he and his partner, Robert



Museum volunteer Genese Hessman poses with Kimberly Nealon in front of the new Domke photographs of shells from the museum collection, recently installed in the public space of the museum

Benevides, collected shells as a relaxing hobby. Benevides recently donated a hat, cane and pocket square from his collection of memorabilia from Burr's days as Perry Mason. He also included a beautiful photograph of Burr on Naitamba and a generous number of shells from Burr's collection. All these items are on display in the new exhibit.

The actor spent many hours on Sanibel as benefactor and fundraiser for the museum. As an early supporter, Raymond Burr chaired the museum's first capital campaign and hosted several

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Raymond Burr waits for low tide on his island in Fiji



The Deep-sea Mollusks Exhibit highlights shells that live more than 30,000 feet below the surface

fundraisers. The museum established The Raymond Burr Memorial Garden to recognize his pivotal role in helping to establish The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.

In late fall of 2012, the Museum installed the second of three new exhibits titled Deep-sea Mollusks. Like a scene from a science-fiction movie, recent deep-sea explorations reveal many new and interesting species that are particularly well adapted to survive under super pressure and move about in total darkness. This exciting new exhibit, funded by Dr. James Hartman and his wife Molly Gerlich, provides museum visitors with an interactive and colorful look at mollusks

that have adapted to life at the deepest parts of the world's oceans.

Dr. José H. Leal, director and curator for the museum, is particularly pleased with the videos, shells and other materials now on display in the permanent exhibit. Contributions to the exhibit include shells and didactic materials from such important institutions as Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, Monterey Bay

Aquarium Research Institute in California, The University of Victoria in British Columbia (Canada) and Duke University in North Carolina.

"Deep sea exploration is an exciting new frontier for us to learn more about the variety and abundance of life forms on the bottom of the ocean floor," said Dr. Leal. "I am particularly pleased with the response from our colleagues around the world who have helped the Museum exhibit by providing our visitors with the most up-to-date information, shells and videos from the deep sea." Museum visitors learn about the life of mollusks and their shells from the more than 30 exhibits that display shells from all around the world.



Domke images include this beautiful photo of green-tusk shells

Finally, in February of 2013, the museum received six new beautiful prints of shells from the institution's collection taken by renowned nature photographer Dr. Henry Domke. These prints are important additions to the museum's exhibition space, adding a spectacular display of colorful shells throughout the public areas of the building. The photographs, stretched on canvas, help to transition the public space to the exhibition space with visual aplomb while educating the viewer about the beauty and species of the shells.

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Carol Gardner accepted the 5,000-hour award posthumously for her husband, Tim Gardner



Recipients of the 150-hours award

The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge celebrated its annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon on February 1 at The Community House on Sanibel.

"The refuge would not be able to operate as it does without the valuable support of our volunteer corps," said Ranger Jeff Combs, who oversees the refuge's public services.

Combs reported that in 2012, 270 volunteers worked more than 30,000 hours at the refuge, representing a labor savings of 14.5 staff members and nearly \$674,390.

The packed house gave standing ovations to loyal friends Tim Gardner, whose wife Carol accepted his award for 5,000 hours posthumously, and to Marilyn Kloosterman, for her 7,500-hour award.

Below is a list of volunteers who won awards for attaining hour and year achievement levels. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) helps support the annual luncheon that the refuge staff hosts.

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection,

research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

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Bird's Eye View

Great White Heron In The Refuge
And More About Wood Storks

by Mark 'Bird'
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This week I am going to continue my discussion about wood storks, but first I want to let everyone know I had an interesting sighting in the refuge last weekend.

Just about a year ago, I wrote an article about seeing a great white heron there.

Well, he's back! I thought I might have caught a glimpse of him flying over the trees during one trip, but didn't see the bird well enough to be sure. But on my next trip into the refuge, there he was. He was within view of Wildlife Drive just before the second water-control structure on the right-hand side. So, if you think you see a great egret that looks a little larger than the others with yellowish legs instead of black, look more closely. It might be the great white.

Now, to continue from last week my discussion about wood storks. Have you ever noticed how the wood storks feed? If you think about it, you might come to the same conclusion that I have, that their typical way of feeding seems to be incredibly inefficient. They stand still or slowly walk along the mudflats, holding their bills open down in the water, momentarily standing on one leg and shuffling their other foot. Occasionally, you will see them use an "advanced" technique of stretching a wing out behind the shuffling foot and slowly swinging it towards their waiting beak.

What they are trying to do is get the small fish that are hiding in the grasses of the mudflat to panic in the direction of the bird's beak where they can be quickly identified as prey and captured in the lightning-fast bill. What I am fascinated by is that most of the fish that panic away from the shuffling foot or slowly moving wing never even come close to the wood stork's bill. If a fish takes evasive action to flee from the disturbance, it has about 359 degrees it can head in order to avoid being caught and eaten. Only that unlucky soul (no pun intended) who heads directly at the opened beak ends up as the stork's breakfast.

In other words, the foraging technique that wood storks all use allows most of their prey to escape and survive long enough so they can participate in their species' next breeding season and produce lots of potential food for the wood stork's future. This is nature's way of realizing "sustainability".

Think about it; if humans were confronted with such an inefficient technique for harvesting whatever they were hunting for, they would use their higher level of "intelligence," not to praise and support the wise management of the resource, but to work diligently to improve their capability to maximize their catch. Our species generally likes to harvest as much of a resource as it can until

the resource can no longer sustain that level of harvesting economically.

Another adaptation that wood storks have evolved in order to survive has been their strategy for initiating and maintaining their breeding cycle. In a normal tropical rainy season, higher water levels allow for increased numbers of fish for the storks to forage on. But it is not until the following dry season, when the swamps and marshes dry up and the large fish populations become congregated in the remaining pools and puddles, that the storks begin their nesting.

This is because it has been discovered that as the storks gorge themselves on these compressed fish populations, their body-fat content goes up, and as a result, the bird's hormonal production is increased and nesting behavior begins. So we joking say that a "fat" wood stork is a "sexy" wood stork. The problem with this form of "natural" triggering of the breeding cycle is that if the breeding season is late in starting, the adults may abandon their chicks in the nest as the next rainy season starts and they have to travel further and further away from the nesting areas in order to forage. And during long periods of drought or if the hydrology of the wetlands has been drastically altered (as in Southwest Florida), they may not even try to nest at all.

This is the problem the wood storks in Southwest Florida are facing. These techniques and behaviors that the wood storks have evolved over the eons have served them well in the past, but now are making it difficult for the species to survive in a human-oriented world. Our constant desire for artificially maintained neighborhoods and golf courses and poorly functioning or totally drained wetlands is making it next to impossible for these fascinating creatures to survive. And now, as I wrote about last week, even our government agencies that are supposed to exist to manage for their survival are feeling the pressure to argue that wood storks are doing *fantastic* and can have their level of protection lowered.

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An Island Tradition, Sanibel Music Festival

On Saturday, March 2, The Sanibel Music Festival, an island tradition, will begin its 27th consecutive season of bringing outstanding repertoire and artists to the island. This year's festival will feature three new offerings: Trio Cavatina; the Arabesque Winds with Cherry Tsang, Piano; and the Ariel Quartet. In addition, four returning favorites include the Gould Trio with Robert Plane, Clarinet; David Finckel with Wu Han and Philip Setzer; Pacifica Quartet with Wu Han, Piano; and the Opera Theater of Connecticut. All concerts will be performed at 8 p.m. throughout the month of March on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the intimate setting of the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. For ticket information and a detailed brochure, contact the festival's hotline at 344-7025 or visit www.sanibelmusicfestival.org. Tickets may be ordered online. Single tickets are available at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way; or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way on Sanibel Island.

Trio Cavatina Saturday March 2

Opening the season will be the Trio Cavatina. Pianist Ieva Jokubaviciute, violinist Harumi Rhodes and cellist Priscilla Lee formed the Trio in 2005 at the renowned Marlboro Music Festival in Vermont. Deeply rooted in a strong sense of shared musical values, Trio Cavatina has rapidly emerged as one of today's outstanding chamber ensembles whose committed music-making prompted Harris Goldsmith to describe the trio, in his 2008 Musical America article, as offering "potent, intense interpretations." As the winner of the 2009 Naumburg International Chamber Music Competition, Trio Cavatina made its Carnegie Hall debut in 2010. They also made their San Francisco debut earlier that season at Herbst Theater (San Francisco Performances) as well as their Philadelphia debut as one of the youngest ensembles to perform on the prestigious Philadelphia Chamber Music Society concert series. The Trio will perform SMF's annual Education Outreach at the Sanibel Elementary School, sponsored by Sanibel Captiva Community Bank. The cost is \$35.

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Program:

Beethoven: *Piano Trio Op. 1 No. 1 in E-flat major*

Faure: *Piano Trio in D minor Op. 120*

Ravel: *Piano Trio in A minor*

Gould Trio with Robert Plane, Clarinet Tuesday, March 5

The Gould Piano Trio with Lucy Gould, violin; Alice Neary, cello; and Benjamin Frith, piano is celebrating its 20th anniversary. They will be joined by Lucy's husband, Robert Plane, principal clarinetist for the National Orchestra of Wales. This British trio has performed worldwide, including Carnegie Hall, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Lincoln Center and Wigmore Hall, plus festival appearances at Edinburgh, Spoleto and Bath. Their concerts are broadcast frequently on BBC Radio 3. The Trio records extensively, often with Robert Plane, and it has been shortlisted for a Gramophone Award. The Trio's residency at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester enables them to build relationships with young ensembles, explore a wider repertoire and perform regularly in the city's busy concert schedule. They also have their own chamber music festival in England. The cost is \$35.

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Program:

Haydn: *Hob XV; 27 in C*

Zemlinsky: *Trio for clarinet, cello and piano*

Khachaturian: *Trio for clarinet, violin and piano*

Brahms: *Piano Trio in C minor*

Arabesque Winds with Cherry Tsang, Piano Saturday, March 9

The Arabesque Winds will perform with one of their favorite pianists, Cherry Tsang. *The Washington Post* wrote that this woodwind quintet "played with skill and depth beyond their years...but it was the unanimity of their ensemble phrasing that took the breath away." They have won numerous prizes. In what the judges described as "an astounding performance" at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, the group won first prize over 70 international ensembles in 2008. They are active supporters of

music outreach. In 2011, they collaborated for the third consecutive year with the Rochester City Ballet to present Peter and the Wolf for children. Cherry joins the ensemble for the timeless *Poulenc Sextet* and some charming smaller works for winds and piano. The cost is \$35.

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Program:

Bozza: *Scherzo*

Bach: *Concerto No. 2 after*

Vivaldi

Gershwin: *Three Preludes for Clarinet and Piano*

Poulenc: *Sextet for piano, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn; Trio for flute, oboe and piano*

Barber: *Summer Music*

Dring: *Trio for flute, oboe and piano*

Klugardt: *Wind Quintet, Op. 79, third movement only*

Ravel: *La Tombeau de Couperin*

Ariel Quartet Tuesday, March 12

Characterized by its youth, brilliant playing and soulful interpretations, the Ariel Quartet has quickly earned a glowing international reputation. In January 2012, the quartet was named quartet-in-residence at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, an astonishing accomplishment for such a young ensemble and a testament to the Ariel's skill and dedication to their craft. Formed in Israel, the quartet moved to the United States in 2004 to continue its professional studies.

The resident ensemble in the New England Conservatory's prestigious Professional String Quartet Training Program through their graduation in 2010, the Ariel has won many international prizes. After they won the Székely Prize for their performance of Bartók, as well as the overall Third Prize at the Banff International String Quartet Competition in 2007, the American Record Guide described the Ariel Quartet as "a consummate ensemble gifted with utter musicality and remarkable interpretive power." They recently served as the string quartet accompaniment to the competitors at the Arthur Rubenstein International Piano Master Competition. When they debuted at The Kennedy Center, Itzhak Perlman called them "extraordinary and a wonderful ambassador." The cost is \$35.

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Program:

Mozart: *Quartet in D major, K. 575*

Mendelssohn: *Quartet in D major op. 44, No. 1*

Beethoven: *Quartet in E-flat major op. 127*

David Finckel with Wu Han and Philip Setzer Saturday, March 16

This ensemble is made up of three eminent musicians: cellist David Finckel, violinist Philip Setzer and pianist Wu Han. Finckel and Setzer are members of the eight-time Grammy-winning Emerson String Quartet, though Finckel is leaving the quartet at the end of the 2012-13 season. David Finckel and Wu Han are husband and wife, owners of the recording company ArtistLed and Artistic Directors both of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and Music@Menlo in California. Recently they began a residency at the Harris Theater of Music and Dance in Chicago. David and Wu Han are the first duo to win Musical America's coveted Musician(s) of the Year award. The cost is \$45.

Sponsored by Gene & Lee Seidler and Janet & Joseph Davie

Program:

Haydn: *Trio in A major XV: 18*

Britten: *Sonata*

Dvorak: *Trio in F minor. Op. 65*

Pacifica Quartet with Wu Han Tuesday, March 19

One of today's most dynamic string quartets, the Pacifica Quartet has been called by the *New York Times* as "brilliant" and "astounding." The members of the Pacifica Quartet share a unique



Arabesque Winds



Trio Cavatina



Ariel Quartet



Gould Trio



David Finckel, Wu Han and Philip Setzer



Pacifica Quartet



Kevin Courtemanche



Luigi Boccia



Michael Fennelly



Scott Bearden



Catherine Affleck



Sarah Heltzel



Tiffany Abban

history of personal and musical friendship. First violinist Simin Ganatra, born and raised in southern California, initially played with cellist Brandon Vamos and violinist Sibbi Bernhardsson while they were all teenagers. Sibbi later brought his good friend Masumi Rostad to the group. Originating on the West Coast, where it played many of its earliest concerts together, the quartet took its name from the Pacific Ocean. Just four years after its formation in 1994, the Grammy-winning Pacifica won the 1998 Naumberg Prize. In 2009, it was named Musical America's Ensemble of the year. Its many honors include appointment as Quartet-in-Residence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 2011-2012. The quartet has been on the faculty of the University of Illinois since 2003 and serves as Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Chicago. Wu Han joins the ensemble to play a piano quintet. The cost is \$45.

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Program:
Boccherini: *Quartet in E-flat major, Op. 58 No. 2*

Ravel: *Quartet in F major*
Schumann: *Piano Quintet in E-flat major, Op. 44*

Opera Theater of Connecticut - Viva Verdi!

Saturday, March 24

For 27 years, Opera Theater of Connecticut (OTC) has provided young professional singers on the cusp of major careers an invaluable opportunity to practice their craft. It also brings the performing arts into underserved communities at affordable prices. Several of the company's gifted young singers who have performed at the festival through the years have gone on to the Metropolitan Opera, the New York City Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago. Its educational outreach program, Overtures, has made presentations to over 8,500 people, from children to seniors. Artistic Director Alan Mann will supplement each segment with supertitles and with his witty commentary. The all-Verdi program is planned in honor of the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth.

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Program: *Viva Verdi!*

The Sanibel Music Festival, celebrating its 27th season, presents world-renowned artists during the month of March at the Congregational Church on Sanibel Island. Incorporated in 1987 as a non-for-profit organization, its mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities.

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The awards presentation and artists reception was held Friday, January 25. The exhibit's first place winner was Lily Hatchett for *Fraternal Diptych*, second

place was Tania Begg for *Ladies' Man*, third place was Pat Collins for *Purse Pistols II*.

Judge's merit awards went to Holly Maiz and Audrey S. Otto. An honorable

mention was given to Eliza Brewster, Eleanore Gause, Martha Graham and Bonnie Switzer.

Phillips Gallery Patron Sponsor is FineMark National Bank & Trust. BIG ARTS is at 900 Dunlop Road.✪

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Bird's Eye View

Next week, I will write a bit more about wood storks, but only in how they relate to vultures and condors. Hope you will be back to read more.

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Dr. Stephen Roach

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Dr. Stephen Roach is a Senior Fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute of Global Affairs and a Senior Lecturer at Yale's School of Management. Dr. Roach

is former Chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia and served as a Chief Economist for the bulk of his 30-year career with Morgan Stanley, specializing in trade policy, capital markets and global economics. His current work is primarily focused on the impacts of Asia on the broader global economy. Dr. Roach's most recent book, *The Next Asia: Opportunities and Challenges for a New Globalization*, analyzes Asia's economic imbalances and the dangers of its dependence on Western consumers. It was named 2010's Book of the Year by CBN - China's equivalent of *The Wall Street Journal*. Prior to his tenure at Morgan Stanley, Dr. Roach served on the research staff of the Federal Reserve Board.

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 next FORUM speaker is Dr. Fiona Hill on Sunday, February 24.

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

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Raffle And Auction Prizes At Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club's Spaghetti Dinner is famous for giving diners hearty portions of pasta with meatballs, critically acclaimed sauce and all the trimmings. No one leaves hungry, and it's a great place to catch up with friends before, during and after dinner, as islanders have been doing for more than 30 years.

Not so well known – and an unexpected experience for newcomers – is the raffle and auction which follows the dinner, the setting where attendees compete for the many prize items on display at The Community House auditorium. Items are donated by area resorts, restaurants, service businesses and private individuals; this year, over 150 items will be in the prize pool. The raffle and auction is structured so that there is something for everyone – large items and small – sure to appeal to practically every taste and interest.

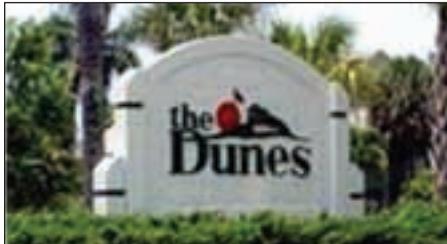
For families and the younger set, there are outings to amusement parks, bowling lanes, mini-golf, fishing trips, a pirate cruise, paddle board lessons, inflatable boats and bicycles. For the grownups, there are restaurant outings, resort stays, jewelry items, fashion items, original artwork, golf outings on premier local courses, sporting event tickets, gift baskets, food and wine packages, and certificates for services including legal, electrical, air conditioning and power washing.

The fun starts with a Chinese auction, where players can compete for the specific items they want to win by placing tickets in a bucket for those items. Chinese auction tickets are only 50 cents each, and players can place as many tickets as they want in each bucket to increase their odds of winning. It's an inexpensive way for every member of the family to enjoy the fun.

New this year will be a silent auction table, where bids for a specific item are written on a sheet of paper. At the end of the signup period, the silent auction is closed and the highest listed bidder wins the item. Finally, the night concludes with the exciting



A trip to Key West for two on Cape Air, plus \$250 cash to enjoy in the Conch Republic



A social membership at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, plus golf and tennis outings and clinics for four



A 10-person Sea Adventure conducted by Sanibel Sea School, with Executive Director Dr. Bruce Neill as guide



Lunch at Traders Cafe with noted artist Luc Century (total party of four people)

live auction in which participants engage in spirited back-and-forth bidding to land their favorite item.

This year's prize lineup includes lots of valuable and attractive items, including some unique packages sure to draw bidding attention. For example, the 2013 auction will include:

- Air travel to Key West for two: Round-trip airline tickets on Cape Air from Fort Myers to Key West, plus \$250 in cash to spend on the trip.
- A private sea adventure for a party of 10: Conducted by the Sanibel Sea School, with Executive Director and co-founder Dr. J. Bruce Neill serving as your personal guide.
- A social membership at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club: Also includes a golf outing for four plus a 30-minute tennis clinic for four with one hour of court time.
- Lunch at Traders Cafe with renowned local artist Lucas Century: An unusual opportunity to meet and talk with Luc Century about his remarkable glass sculpture work and his interesting career. Among his many accomplishments, he is noted for developing a unique etching system which he used to place the names onto the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. (Includes lunch for four at Traders Cafe.)

The Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 23 at The Community House, 2155 Periwinkle Way. Dinner will be served from 4 to 8 p.m., with music, dancing, raffle and auction continuing until 10 p.m. Admission is \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door, and children under 10 eat free. After dinner, dessert and coffee will be available in The Community House auditorium, where the raffle and auction continue the evening's fun.

Advance tickets to the Spaghetti Dinner can be purchased from any Kiwanis mem continued on page 44

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It's Raining Cats And Dogs Awards And Artists Reception

BIG ARTS hosted an artists reception Friday, January 25 for It's Raining Cats and Dogs, which features artworks with feline and canine themes. The exhibit is on display in BIG ARTS Founders Gallery through February 28. Awards were given to Charles Lister (First Place), Gerry Morrison (Second Place) and Carol Rosenberg (Third Place).

Founders Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The exhibit is supported by Founders Gallery Patron Series Sponsor Deborah and John La Gorce.

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Casey Pennington and Tony Castillo



Claude Gouffier Deboisy *Guard Cat* by Gerry Morrison



Jerry Churchill, Charles Lister

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Spaghetti Dinner

-ber and also at Bank Of The Islands, Bailey's General Store, Big Red Q Printing and Periwinkle Park.

The sponsors who generously underwrite the event are Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Bank Of The Islands, Bailey's General Store, Sanibel Air Conditioning, Sanctuary Island Electric, Island Photography, Barefoot Charlie's Painting, Billy's Bike Shop, Lazy Flamingo II and The Sanibel Bean.

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Sanibel-Captiva Art League Exhibition At Captiva Civic Center



Marcy Calkins, Marion Hall, Sherry Collier, Gloria Krekel, Carol Rosenberg, Randon Eddy, Kathleen Taylor, Joan Reynolds and Pat Smart

The Captiva Civic Association is hosting an invitational art exhibition by 10 artists of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League.

The show runs through February 28. The public can view the 59 works of art by local artists at the Captiva Civic Association Community Center Meeting Hall, 11550 Chapin Lane on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no entrance fee.



Oyster Catchers, watercolor by Marion Hall



Paul and Kay Gravy discuss the show with artist Marcy Calkins



Maddy Hanlon, Gail Bachman, Laura Giles and Maureen McGarty



Tony Andrews, artist Madith Mantyla and Liz Andrews



Choppy Rheinfrank, artist Randon Eddy and Vreni Scheu



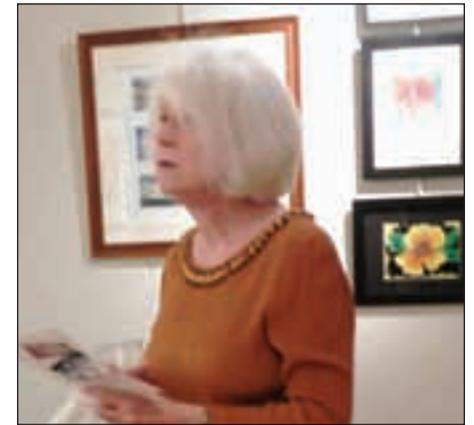
Pat Smart, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, and Carolyn Johns



Choppy Rheinfrank and St. John Collier



Artist Carol Good taking photos of works



Captiva Librarian Ann Bradley

There also will be a public reception at the community center on Sunday, February 17 from noon to 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The civic association's next art exhibit, featuring new works by Captiva artist Stella Farwell, will open March 16 with a reception starting at 5:30 p.m.

After an absence of nearly two decades, the Sanibel-Captiva Art League returned to the Captiva Civic Association Community Center.

Kathleen Taylor, the league's vice president, said the Sanibel-Captiva Art League had an annual show at the Captiva Community Center until the 1990s when remodeling forced its discontinuation. The show moved to BIG ARTS on Sanibel until returning to Captiva this year.

The civic association is planning a major renovation and expansion of its community center and adjacent Lee County Memorial Library beginning this spring. The project, expected to cost about \$800,000, will include re-roofing the building and adding about 50 percent



Ann Keller, Pat Smart, Carolyn Johns and Kathleen Taylor

more space to the meeting hall. The lighting and sound system will be upgraded, enabling the civic association to host larger art shows and additional cultural events, including musical performances.

Pat Smart, president of the art league, said local artists are looking forward to

the larger display space when the renovated civic center reopens early next year.

The theme of the invitational art show is Island Inspirations," said Taylor.

"It is a somewhat unusual show because it features not just one or two pieces of art by a number of artists, but



Maryanne and Tobe Deutschmann

five to 10 works by several artists. You don't get the same feeling just viewing one or two pieces that you get seeing a large body of their work."

Paul Garvy, who attended the opening, of the show with his wife, Kay, said he was impressed by the quality of the art.

"We'd love to have several of these pieces in our home," he said.

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Portraits In Print



by Jane Vos Hogg

Tale Teller

Storyteller extraordinaire Bert MacCarry was born not long after the first World War ended. Her father was a farmer and they lived in a small Missouri town 40 miles east of

town not far from New York City. They made arrangements to purchase a house at the bottom of a long hill bordering on a canal. Friends of theirs, the Kellys, selected a site at the top of their road. Now, at least they'd know one neighbor.

Understand, this small-town Midwestern girl had limited contact with other religions, certainly none with orthodox Jews. Her husband, raised Catholic, had a somewhat similar insularity. When they finally moved into their newly completed house, joined now by a string of houses on the same hill, they realized they, at the bottom, and the Kellys at the top, were the only two non-Jewish families on the road, more than half of whom were Orthodox. No matter. If not connected by religion they were by all the other things that pull people together. Daytime, they were wives at home raising children, having babies, cooking, cleaning, planting gardens, all the same chores that new young home owners have in common.

And what a world for a born storyteller! Not only did she have a new audience of listeners but she was able to learn tales from totally different cultures and backgrounds... and there was language, too. Smiling, she remembers a time all the neighbor children were playing in a circle in her front yard and a nearby mother was teaching them to sing *Ring Around the Rosy* in Yiddish.

As her own children grew older, volunteering at their schools and being a part of the PTA no longer absorbed her endless energy. She decided to combine interest with employment; why not become a librarian? This required a graduate degree which she didn't have, so, at 40, she entered Rutgers University School of Library Sciences. The choice of schools hadn't been too difficult. It was a matter of math. Rutgers cost \$17.50 a credit, far less than Columbia's \$95.

Required degree in hand, she had no difficulty being hired as a children's librarian in Rockland County. Reading to youngsters was right up Bert's alley. She, of course, went one step further. She told stories collected not only from books in all the libraries but from all the people she ever heard trading tales. Attending a Saturday storytelling workshop offered nearby turned her on to the possibility of coming together with others who shared her interest.

Experience blended with her expertise and she was given a grant to train professionals to read to children. The results were often rewarding but at the same time she met with amazing attitudes. Many people saw one part of the librarian's role as being censors, making sure that folk tales from other cultures just weren't told. When parent groups wanted to ensure no diversity, librarians were often their first defenders. Bert was a single force committed to changing this concept.

She recalls a high point in her career when she wrote a grant proposal asking for funds to order books which would be arranged into sets, each with four volumes in the kit tied to a single theme... say grief, or siblings, emotions, whatever. Then, based on the topic and the intended age group, there would be

a number of suggested activities related to the reading. Fully funded, the project was wonderfully received and stimulated considerable interest, which was woven into library thinking for years to come.

Time passed and with their children grown, Bert and her husband took early retirement and nearly 35 years ago bought a house in Sanibel, situated on a lagoon reminiscent of their first home in Monsey. Barely 60, neither MacCarry was about to spend their days idling about.

Bert, ever the tale teller, was hired to teach at Edison Community College. Her husband, always curious, used to go to listen to her. Then one night, with the sudden onset of a stomach virus, and too late to cancel her class, Bert insisted her husband take her place. "After all, you've heard me teach it often enough and you know you've always loved telling stories, do it just as well as I do, if not better," she said. Logic prevailed.

When he returned home she asked for a full report. He gave it with a smile, adding, "After class the students took a vote and said they liked me better." Envious? Not a bit. Bert knew they were setting off on another shared path.

For years she remembered how they always started their evenings telling stories to one another about odd or amusing happenings of their day. It was almost as if they were in competition. Whose account would be more compelling? Laughing, she realized they had been practicing for a whole new role. Then, when she was on a four-day storytelling trip in Ohio, once more accompanied by her husband, opportunity struck again. She got laryngitis and realized there was no way she could handle a full schedule. Help was at hand. She asked Noel to alternate sets with her so she could reduce voice strain. He was a willing participant and, from then on, they always told stories together.

Enthusiasm is infectious. Storytelling in Southwest Florida involves a melting pot of many ethnic groups. Bert and Noel founded the Tamiani Tale Tellers which eventually grew to some 50 people, 75 when the snowbirds landed. Somewhere along the line they met Maggie and Steve Mullins, the couple who began Stories for Grown-Ups, now a regular part of the Sanibel Library winter schedule and twice each year they would tell stories for them. After years of involvement, Bert and Noel gained widespread recognition in the storytelling world. They traveled, not only to the ever expanding events held in various parts of our own country, but also to sites abroad.

Noel died eight years ago and Bert's son worried about her living alone on Sanibel. By way of compromise she reduced her stay here to six months each year and, for the other six she lives in a retirement community in Connecticut.

In 2006 she traveled to an international festival in Ireland because, as part of the trip, she planned to put some of her husband's ashes in Donegal, the land of his ancestors. It turned out to be rather a complicated journey involving several cities, layovers, buses with unexpected schedule changes and ferry connections.

As she tells it, a lot of their waiting was done in pubs which, oddly enough, just meant spots where still more storytellers would gather. What most surprised her was the effort they put into making sure she was safe and comfortable. She viewed it as a novel way to gather even more tales as she traveled.

Looking around her, Bert feels what the world needs is more story tellers, "people who would be looking at their past because that's where so many stories are buried."

Beginning February 15 and continuing for six Fridays, she'll be teaching a course, all about storytelling, at the Sanibel Center 4 Life. Describing it to me, she said "It's free, open to the public, parents, grandparents, great grands, educators, (working and retired), snowbirds, and all others who heed the call of story."

Knowing her character and determination, I'm sure the results will be yet another tale to be told. ✨

Specialist To Speak At Shell Club Meeting



Guest speaker Betty Staugler

Last December 16, 8 million bay scallop larvae were released into local waters as a part of a bay scallop restoration program. Recent scientific news articles have highlighted efforts to survey bay scallop populations in Southwest Florida and the efforts being made to restore scallop abundance to levels not seen in several decades. The hope is that improved water quality and recovery of seagrass beds will set the stage for a recovery in local scallop populations.

Betty Staugler, sea grant extension agent for the Florida Sea Grant College Program in Charlotte County, headed this project and will be the guest speaker at the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meeting on Sunday, February 17. The meeting will be held in the Education Room at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served and door prizes given.

For information call Joyce Matthys at (503) 871-1082. ✨

Kansas City. The town remains rather unchanged, even its population of 8,000 is somewhat constant. One thing Bert knew early on, she didn't want to be a Missouri farm girl forever. Possibly her grandmother had her pegged because by the time Bert was five, Grandma had already renamed her Talking Goose. She never stopped talking.

As a child, Sunday school was the accepted once-a-week activity. It bored Bert. To escape the boredom she went to the school head and asked to be allowed to start a class where she told Bible stories. It was an instant success; she was bright and imaginative.

Her family encouraged education and by the time she was in high school they were pushing her to continue on to college. She had her own reasons for wanting to go that route, made clear when she explained to me that she lacked S.A. and therefore needed a profession. "S.A.?" I had no idea what she was talking about. "Who had it?" I asked. "Betty Grable and most of the actresses." Ahh... it dawned on me; she was talking about sex appeal. Without it she assumed she would need to be able to support herself for a lifetime.

With college behind her she was launched into the working world. Since so many men were off fighting in the armed forces, jobs for women were more plentiful. She was hired to work on the city desk of a small Virginia newspaper. Building on that experience she was able to move on to Pittsburgh and a job doing rewrites for the International News Service. Next came an opportunity to be interviewed for a possible position with the Associated Press and, taken on immediately, she was assigned to their Philadelphia desk.

Just about this time, Noel MacCarry, a returning veteran, appeared to follow in her footsteps. He was appointed to fill the Pittsburgh slot she had just vacated. Not long after, he too came to Philadelphia, the hiring hub for AP. His new job landed him in their local section which is where Bert first met him. A New Yorker who wanted to be a writer... he couldn't have sounded more intriguing. She recalls their first date, four hours spent talking about books. He was surprised she had read Thomas Wolfe; well-read young women weren't the norm back then.

Dating, courtship, marriage and soon they were part of that young, working force relocating to New York. With a baby on the way, a house in the suburbs seemed the next logical step. They found a development beginning construction in Monsey, a small Rockland County

Sanibel Sea School's Octifest

submitted by Dina Craig

For the staff and students at Sanibel Sea School, Saturday, March 23 will be the most important day of the year.

For our supporters and donors, it will be the most fun – we'll be gathering on Causeway Island A for Octifest 2013, a night in celebration and support of the vision of Sanibel Sea School: a world where all people value, understand, and care for the ocean. While you enjoy a spectacular sunset, a delicious, sustainable dinner, and the good company of our ocean-loving island community, you can learn a little more about Sanibel Sea School and how they are working to improve the ocean's future, one person at a time. There will be auction items, entertainment and, in the spirit of Sanibel Sea School, a quirky surprise. Please join us to help conserve and celebrate the ocean.

Sanibel Sea School, a small, sandy-bucket nonprofit started by Dr. Bruce Neill and his wife Evelyn in 2005, has made it their mission to let everyone – young and old, local and international – have the chance to fall in love with the ocean. Sanibel Island is surrounded by spectacular marine systems, which Sea School students dive right into and explore throughout the year. Whether it's holding a seahorse or licking a salty



A couple enjoying Octifest 2012

mangrove leaf, students get to know the ocean in a way that cannot be replicated in any classroom.

"These sorts of ocean experiences are transformative," said Dr. Neill, "They change the way people live. That's why we do what we do at Sanibel Sea School – we want to encourage lifelong ocean stewardship in everyone we meet, not just intellectually but intuitively."

At Sanibel Sea School, no person is turned away from having a transformative ocean experience because they do not have the financial means. We offer numerous scholarship programs in order to connect with as many people as possible, including groups of underserved, at-risk youth from the PACE Center For Girls and the Pine Manor Improvement

Association in Fort Myers who would otherwise not be given the opportunity to explore the ocean, as well as those with developmental disabilities or financial difficulties.

In order to keep marine biology alive in all of Sanibel Sea School's students, we depend on the generosity of our community. For this reason, Octifest is our most important day of the year. Please help us create a legacy of environmental learning for hundreds of kids.

If you are interested in attending or for more information, call Sanibel Sea School at 472-8585 or visit www.sanibelseaschool.org. Sponsorships are also available – be recognized for your generosity among Sanibel's most beneficent community members.✪

Shell Found



Joe Weise

Joe Weise of Claryville, New York found his second junonia in four years on East Gulf Drive Beach on February 1 at 5:30 a.m.✪

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The Storioni Trio was founded in 1995 by Bart van de Roer (piano), Wouter Vossen (violin) and Marc Vossen (cello). The trio derives its name from the Laurentius Storioni violin from Cremona, which dates from 1794 and is played by Wouter Vossen. Marc Vossen plays a Giovanni Grancino cello from Milan, dating from 1700. In order to develop its ensemble playing, the trio has worked over the years with great musicians such as Isaac Stern, Mstislav Rostropovich, Menahem Pressler and Ralph Kirshbaum, as well as members of the Emerson Quartet and the Vermeer Quartet. Composer Kevin Volans wrote a triple concerto for the 10th anniversary of the Storioni Trio.

Their program will include Haydn: *Piano Trio in E-flat major, Hob. XV: 29*; Liszt: *Tristia*, arranged by Vallée d'Obermann S. 723; Piazzolla: *Oblivion*; and Beethoven: *Piano Trio No. 7 in B-flat major, Op. 97, Archduke*.

They have received various prizes and awards and perform regularly on radio and television. The CDs recorded by the Storioni Trio in Amsterdam have all received great critical acclaim. Highly active on an international level, the trio has performed at Weill Recital Hall (Carnegie Hall), the Frick Collection in New York and the Wigmore Hall in London. Moreover, they regularly perform at various festivals such as Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival and Osnabruck Kammermusiktage,

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Art Exhibition



Opening night at the Sanibel-Captiva Art League invitational show, which will be on display through March 1 at the Captiva Civic Association Community Center

The art league includes a broad spectrum of island artists, from retired commercial artists and people with advanced art degrees, to beginners and amateurs who are just taking up art as a hobby or profession. They meet every Thursday morning at various outdoor locations on the islands. Recent Captiva locations have included Jensen's Marina, Tween Waters Inn, South Seas Island Resort and Chapel by the Sea.

"There's no shortage of talent in this area," said Smart.

On March 16, the civic association will sponsor a one-woman art exhibit by Captiva artist Stella Farwell. There will be an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. in the community center.*

and play concerts throughout Europe, India, the Middle East, Japan and the U.S.

The Storioni Trio concert is supported by Benefactor Sponsor The Ferguson Foundation and Supporter Family of Joe Boscov.

For more information visit www.BIGARTS.org. To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS or call Marks box office at 395-0900.*

Happy One Year Anniversary For The BIG ARTS Community Players



Bruce Neill and Evelyn Monroe Neill star in *Mega-Man To The (Emotional) Rescue*

On January 27, The BIG ARTS Community Players marked their one year anniversary with play readings of *The Gray and The Blue*, *Cynthia* and *Mega-Man To The (Emotional) Rescue*.

"What an outstanding anniversary present we gave ourselves! Our first play-reading evening of the season was exceptionally well done. The audiences are building and the interest and appreciation for our play-reading evenings have proven that this type of live-theater readings and talk-back sessions with the playwrights are welcomed here on Sanibel," wrote Shirley Jewell.

The Community Players managing committee have many people to thank for their play-reading evening, including:

Playwrights

The Gray and the Blue – Wally Kain

Cynthia – Norma Hagan

Mega-Man – Don Goodrum (who drove 10 hours to attend the reading)

Directors

The Gray and the Blue – Doug McElhey

Cynthia – Norma Hagan

Mega-Man – Shirley Jewell.

Guest Actor/Readers

Mega-Man – Bruce Neill and Evelyn Monroe Neill

Community Players Actor/Readers

The Gray and the Blue – Don Hogg, Al Richman, Sidney Simon and Jonathan Stephens

Cynthia – Michael Raab, William Rahe, Doug McElheny and Robert Runck

Mega-Man – Tricia Betz

Other participants: Producer Shirley Jewell and assistant producer Ernestine McKay; sound and lights, BIG ARTS technical director Chad Nave; sound effects, Tom Giles; props and costumes, Anthony Neri, Debra Neri, Tricia Betz, Maddy Hanlon, Sherri News, Will Jewell and Richard Jewell; stage hands, Anthony Neri, Debra Neri, Beth Warner and Tricia Betz.

The BIG ARTS Community Players will present their next play-reading evening on Sunday, February 17 in the BIG ARTS Schein Hall at 7 p.m., a reading of a full-length drama *The Growers*, written by Kris Bauske and directed by Robert Runck.

The Growers, based on actual events, is a story set in America's heartland in 1944. The U.S. War Department has required a greenhouse operation to stop growing flowers and support the war effort by growing tomatoes for soup for the troops. Friedrich Bosch, a German immigrant and grower of prized roses, reluctantly complies. German Prisoners of War from a nearby camp are brought in to work. Bosch recruits his son, Martin, to teach the Germans English, but lingering resentment on the part of one POW, Corporal Vogel, creates tension. Can the young boy bring understanding to this situation?*



The Falde family at Sunday's reception with a cake saluting their 14 years on the island. Crystal Falde, Alan Falde, Esther Falde and Amber Falde

Captiva Bids Farewell To The Falde Family

Captivans filled the meeting hall of the Captiva Community Center to bid a fond farewell to Lee County Sheriff's Deputy Alan Falde and his family, including his two daughters who have grown up on the island.

Falde has been transferred to the Lee County West District, which includes Fort Myers Beach.

The reception, hosted last Sunday by the Captiva Civic Association, included a cake showing then-and-now pictures of the family in frosting saying "Captiva Will

Miss You - 14 Years," plenty of food, and lots of fond memories.

Captiva Island Fire Control District Chief Rich Dickerson presented Falde with a plaque honoring his 14 years of dedicated service as a volunteer fire fighter on the island.

There were remarks by many others, including Civic Association President Jack Cunningham, Lee County Library Branch Manager Ann Bradley, Mark Wells and Ron Gibson, all paying tribute to Falde's service on the island.

The family came to Captiva, moving into housing provided for the resident sheriff's deputy and his family, when Falde's daughters, Crystal and Amber, were only 2 and 4 years old.

Crystal, now 16, is a high school stu-



Fire District Chief Rich Dickerson presents Lee County Sheriff's Deputy Alan Falde with a plaque honoring his 14 years as a volunteer fire fighter

dent at Fort Myers High School, and Amber, 18, attends Florida Gulf Coast University.

Amber, who got up to speak at the reception, joked that when the family first moved out to Captiva, she didn't really want to go. She said her dad told her that living on such a remote place would keep the boys away. But Amber added that she eventually came to love the island and now misses it.

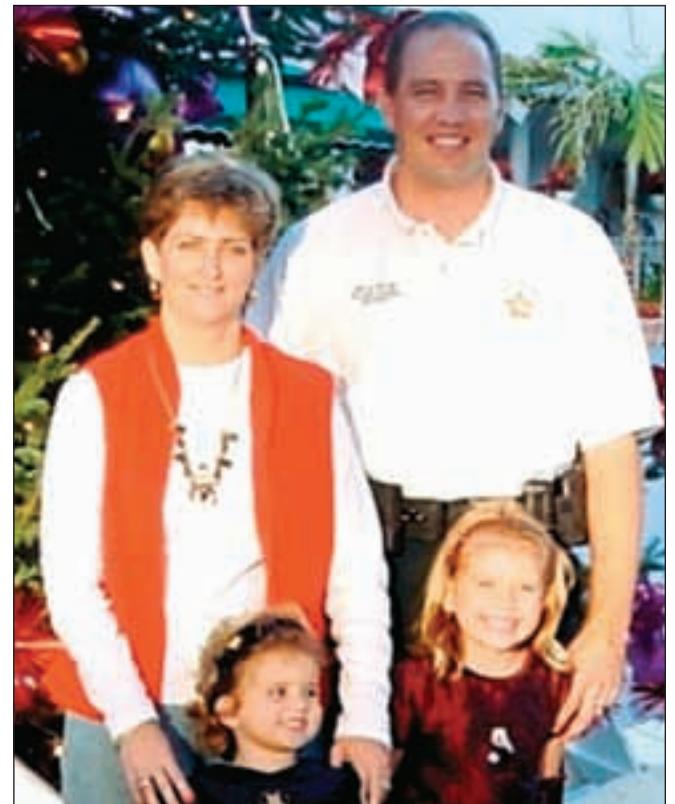
Their mother, Esther, still has island connections, working on neighboring Sanibel Island at Wells Fargo Bank. She said her daughters grew up on the islands, attending day care on Rabbit Road, going to Sanibel Elementary School, and then they had to get up and catch the school bus at 5:15 a.m. every day to go to high school.

Despite the family's recent move to the mainland, Esther said, her daughter Crystal still has to get up at 5:30 to catch the school bus.

"I don't know why it still takes so long, there are a lot of railroad crossings now," she explained.

Lee County Sheriff's Deputy Ed Waite and his family have moved into the resident sheriff's house behind the Captiva Community Center where the Falde family used to live.

The Civic Association is in the midst of a fundraising drive to renovate both the Community Center and the resident sheriff's house, a project that will include a major expansion of the Community Center meeting hall, expanding the library, and a new headquarters and museum for the Captiva Historical Society. ✨



The Falde family not long after arriving on Captiva 14 years ago. Esther Falde, Crystal Falde, Alan Falde and Amber Falde



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- Teresa Riska-Hall, executive director of the Sanibel Community Association*



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Dunes Debuts New Artists In Series



On January 28, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club hosted a reception for the four artists who will be exhibiting their works in the club's foyer area, as part of the ongoing Meet The Artist Series. Pictured from left are artists Sherry Collier (oil paintings), Andi McCarter (sculptures), Christina P. Wyatt (oil paintings) and Neil Glaser (watercolor paintings), along with Leilani Sivsov, general manager at The Dunes

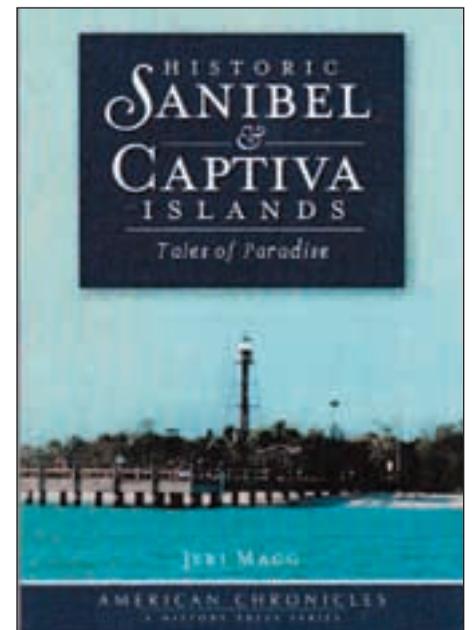
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Magg To Appear At Sanibel Library

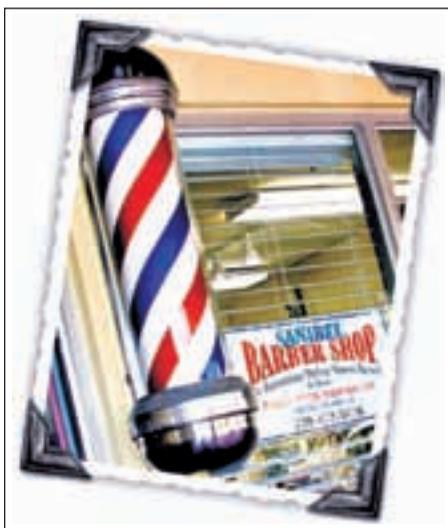
On Thursday, February 21 at 2 p.m., local author Jeri Magg will entertain history buffs with tales about Sanibel and Captiva's pioneer days at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road.

Attendees will find out who robbed a grave at Wulfert, which preacher planned to build a railroad on Sanibel and why a concert pianist's behavior at the beach made headline news. These and other stories are gleaned from the author's book, *Historic Sanibel and Captiva Islands: Tales of Paradise*. Following her lecture, Magg will be available to sign copies of her book.

For more information, call the Sanibel Public Library at 472-2483.*



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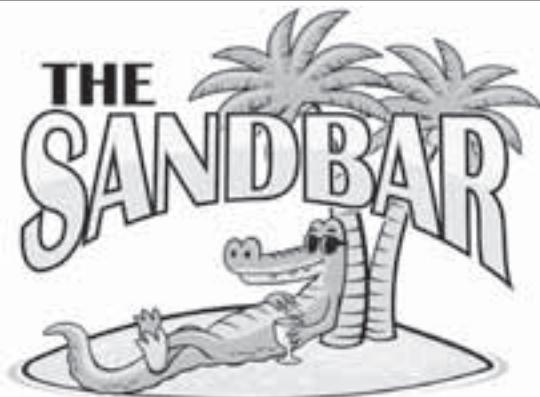
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thing: the day activities, dinner, showcase, wine, dessert), \$180 for four-person team. There is also an \$8 showcase ticket (which includes the evening's presentation, wine and dessert only). Proceeds to benefit BIG ARTS scholarship program.

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Gallery Hosts Artists At Pair Of Exhibit Openings



On February 5, Watson MacRae Gallery in The Village Shops hosted a pair of new exhibits, entitled "Women's Stories II: Love, Life & Dreams" and "Love, Sanibel." Pictured from left at the opening night reception is gallery owner Maureen Watson and exhibiting artists Linda Green, Susan Mastrangelo, Leila Walker and Sandy Moran. Both exhibits will be on display through March 2 photo by Jeff Lysick

Sobczak's book is a cautionary tale about the dangers we face if we seek shortcuts and quick fixes in an effort to circumvent the tough but safe route (reducing carbon emissions) to climate change mitigation.

This presentation should be of particular interest to anyone living on a barrier island in Florida.

Copies of the novel will be available after the presentation.

Sobczak will do book signings, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 22 at MacIntosh Books and Paper, 2365 Periwinkle Way; and Sanibel Island Bookshop, 1571 Periwinkle Way, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on February 25. The new novel will be officially released on February 20. ✨

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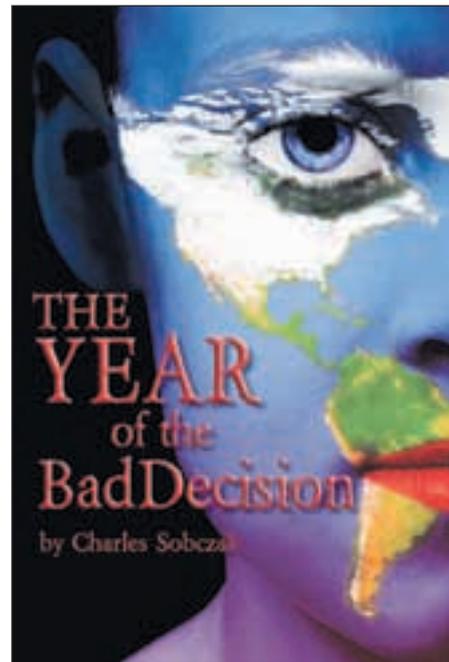
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Sanibel Author To Speak At Captiva Memorial Library

Sanibel author Charles Sobczak, whose recent books include *Living Sanibel - A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands*, will give a PowerPoint presentation at 4 p.m. on February 20 at Captiva Memorial Library, 11550 Chapin Lane, Captiva. The name of the presentation is *Saving Florida - Living on the Front Lines of Climate Change*. Admission is free.

The presentation is loosely based on Sobczak's new novel, *The Year of the Bad Decision*. The novel is set in Chicago and Montana and deals with a failed geo-engineering project that takes place in the not too distant future, 2043.

This is what Dr. Michael Mann, author of *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars* has to say about the novel, "One part *2001: A Space Odyssey* and one part *The Day the Earth Stood Still*.

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Illustration of the Calusa Indians

Calusa Program At The Library

Melissa Timo, the outreach coordinator for the Southwest Region of the Florida Archaeology Network, will be at the Sanibel Public Library on Tuesday, February 26 at 2 p.m. for a program on the Calusa Indians. Timo's lecture, *Fierce People – The Archaeology of the Calusa*, will cover the documentary and archaeological evidence of the area's first residents.

Learn about what life was like here from just after the last Ice Age, through the development of the Calusa, until their downfall after the fateful arrival of Juan Ponce de Leon and the Spanish. Hear about local archaeological sites and new research about the first Floridians, and which sites are open for the public to explore.*

Monday Night Movie

Period Drama Film

by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS movie for Monday night, February 18, is *A Royal Affair*.

It is a beautifully composed, lyrical film that entirely devotes itself to the authenticity of its characters, the beauty and tranquility of royal wealth and grandeur, and to the birth of Denmark as a fully realized country with an informed populace.

The chronicle of 18th-century Denmark's transition from oppressed country to enlightenment begins with the teen English Princess Caroline (Alicia Vikander) shipped off to Denmark to marry King Christian VII (Mikkel Boe Følsgaard). She is initially thrilled with her status as queen, hearing that her husband is charming and a fellow art lover.

But when she arrives in Denmark, she discovers he's also given to mood swings, inappropriate outbursts, bouts of depression and telltale signs of mental illness. When a new royal physician, Johann Stuenkel (Mads Mikkelsen), is appointed and becomes the king's best friend, a torrid romance begins between the queen and the doctor.

The state of Denmark is definitely rotten; the people's suffering is immense. The doctor's radical ideas take hold in the mind of the queen and those around them. As they slowly seek to shape the future of Denmark through enlightened ideas and practices that benefit the people, their own future hangs in the balance.

A Royal Affair is a well-crafted period Danish drama and there's a great deal to enjoy about the film. It features beautiful costumes, an exceptional musical score, rich historical content and elegant acting. It's easy to understand why the film is Denmark's official entry in the Foreign Language Film category of the 85th Academy Awards. The period drama remains gripping to the end and the film is gorgeous to watch.

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.

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Bill and Elaine Jacobson with library staffer Wendy Lambrix

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society Display at Library

A display detailing the first 60 years of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society is available for viewing at the Sanibel Library.

The display features newsletters, lecture notes, minutes and items from the Vegetation Committee, and was developed by the Bill and Elaine Jacobson and Phyllis Gresham.

"Putting together this history was

a labor of love," said Bill Jacobson.

"It's particularly interesting to note that Audubon people were involved in the wildlife refuge, SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) and early activities in defining Sanibel," he added.

In 1953, naturalist and seasoned island visitor Ben Boyce recognized Sanibel's and Captiva's ideas about conservation, organized and became president of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society and sponsored a summer bird count and two environmental reviews.

Early SCA program chair Opal Combs established a pattern of activities and schedules that still operate in the chap-

ter's programs today, including education, meetings, programs and discussions.

In the 1990s, nature photographer and program chair David Meardon engaged other nature photographers to provide programs on destinations from Alaska to the Galapagos Islands.

Current program chair Elaine Jacobson finds speakers with topics ranging from water management and ecojournalism to advocacy and environmental lobbying. Guided bird walks, public education, bird identification and concern for the environment are activities developed and expanded by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society that help the islands to this day.

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society historic papers are part of the Sanibel Public Library Archives and are on display through February.*

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Author Magg To Speak At Library

The Sanibel Public Library is featuring local author Jeri Magg on Thursday, February 21 at 2 p.m. in Room #4. Magg will be doing a presentation and having a book signing on her book *Historic Sanibel and Captiva Islands: Tales of Paradise*.

The story of Sanibel and Captiva Islands stretches back over three hundred years to a time when natives roamed the islands and Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon first met and tried to subdue the Calusa Indians in San Carlos Bay in 1513. The next few centuries were flooded with pioneers, fishermen and clergymen in their quest to tame the wilderness in search of a better life. Discover how anthropologist Frank Cushing visited pioneer Sam Ellis in 1895 after the farmer discovered bones on his homestead and how President Theodore Roosevelt's men saved a little girl from drowning when he lived on a houseboat in Captiva studying local marine life.

Join local history columnist Jeri Magg as she recounts the storied history of these little slices of paradise.*

Specialist To Speak At Shell Club Meeting

Last December 16, 8 million bay scallop larvae were released into local waters as a part of a bay scallop restoration program. Recent scientific news articles have highlighted efforts to survey bay scallop populations in Southwest Florida and the efforts being made to restore scallop abundance to levels not seen in several decades. The hope is that improved water quality and recovery of seagrass beds will set the stage for a recovery in local scallop populations.

Betty Staugler, sea grant extension agent for the Florida Sea Grant College Program in Charlotte County, headed this project and will be the guest speaker at the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meeting on Sunday, February 17. The meeting will be held in the Education Room at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.



Guest speaker Betty Staugler

Refreshments will be served and door prizes given.

For information call Joyce Matthys at 503-871-1082.*



Librarian Barbara Dunkle accepting donations from Sarah Elle Emm

Library Donation

Sanibel Public Library Youth Librarian Barbara Dunkle accepted donations from local author Sarah Elle Emm for the Teen Collection at the library.

Emm provided copies of her new book, *Prismatic*, the first in the 3-part *Harmony Run Series*.*

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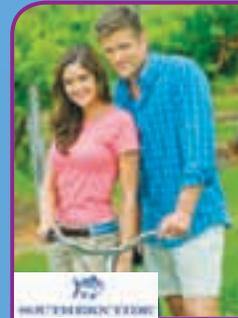


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Campaign Seeks To Preserve Historic Property

by Jeff Lysiak

For the past three decades, the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) has supported the environmental education, research and conservation mission of the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Recently, the society has embarked on a preservation campaign to acquire 6.56 acres of land on Woodring Point – property currently occupied by long-time island residents Ralph and Jean Woodring – and enhance the refuge’s education center.

The campaign goal for the land acquisition is \$1.4 million, plus an additional \$400,000 for the education center element. The society has established a deadline of September 2013 for reaching the \$1.8 million total.

According to a “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society brochure promoting the campaign, both the society and Lee County’s Conservation 20/20 program will each purchase part of the land, contingent on the refuge assuming responsibility to restore and manage both parcels.

“Conservation education is key to saving our lands for future generations,” said DDWS Executive Director Birgie Vertesch. “This campaign is a visible message to people of all ages that we value our lands and waters. We are doing our part today that people like Teddy Roosevelt, ‘Ding’



A bird's eye view of the Woodring's historical bayfront property from their boat dock to the main house, nestled among a forest of Australian pines and mangrove trees

Darling and so many others before us did a generation ago.”

Looking down from the crow's nest of an adjacent property, the entire Woodring homestead sits nestled among a small forest of Australian pines, mangrove trees and various greenery that borders Tarpon Bay. Several structures of various sizes and functions, from the main house – a

modest, two-story home built nearly 100 years ago – to a tiny smokehouse building still in use, dot this island landscape, which in some areas seems to resemble the old Florida that gets lost with every passing day.

John McCabe, DDWS president, looks out across the property. He said that should the \$1.8 million be raised over

the next seven months, the Woodring homestead – some of the last undeveloped land remaining on Tarpon Bay – would be preserved from future development. Preservation of this land has also been endorsed by the Sanibel City Council and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Taking a stroll down Woodring Point, continued on page 8B

Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge Trumps Previous Year

On January 26, The Sanctuary Golf Club held The 11th annual Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge benefitting the Charitable Foundation of the Islands. This event has grossed more than \$800,000 since its inception and added another \$110,000 from this year's event. The event included brunch, a beautiful afternoon of golf and concluded with the ever popular helicopter drop, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and an awards ceremony on the patio. Committee members for this year's event included Mike Valiquette, chair; Chip Roach, co-chair; Al Hanser, Ralph Clark, Gordon Coons, Terry Igo, Ken Kouril, Drew Donnelly and honorary chairs Chuck and Helen Ketteman.

“We are humbled and very happy to be the honorary chairs of the Community Challenge,” stated Chuck Ketteman. “As one of the original organizers, it is especially gratifying to see how the community has embraced this event, and the level of funding that the event provides to the Charitable Foundation of the Islands. The foundation helps so many people in need, and the Community Challenge is a key source of its funds. We are also so proud of our fellow members of The Sanctuary Golf Club, who strongly support this event and so many other activities on the islands.”

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The 11th annual Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge raised \$110,000



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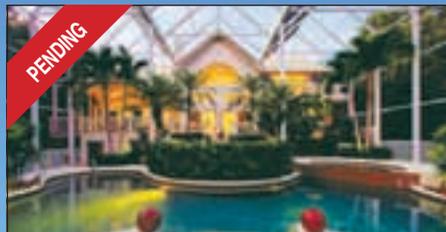
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March 1, 2 p.m. – **Memory Challenges** with Millennium Cognitive

staff. Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members \$15 for non-members. Challenge your mind with brain games and mental puzzles such as the N Back Game and Pile Puzzler that will work the different levels of your mind, especially areas that have been dormant for years. Make challenging your brain a habit.

March 8, 1:30 p.m. – **Planning Ahead, Downsizing, Selling Your Home, and How to Handle the Transition** by Mary Moore, moving resources manager at Shell Point Retirement Community. Making a move can be overwhelming. Learn tips on staging your home for sale, downsizing and “rightsizing” your belongings as you transition to your new home.

March 15, 2 p.m. – **Coin Logic** with Millennium Cognitive staff, limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. The coin logic program will help you develop and increase understanding of patterns and variables. These games will strengthen logic and reasoning skills. Armed with a pile of coins, your mental powers will be put to the test in a series of challenging games.

March 22, 2 p.m. – **Creative Problem Solving** with Millennium Cognitive staff. Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Creative problem solving is not just about getting the right answers, it’s about sharpening your mind to think logically. The human brain thrives on learning and experiencing new things. If something is routine or too easy, brains are essentially operating on autopilot, which does little to boost cerebral strength. Class will include working with matchsticks and toothpicks in order to come up with the solution for the given problem.

Discovering Florida Daytrips

Tuesday, March 5 – **Fairchild**

Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Miami. Includes transportation, admission and guided tram tour of Fairchild Garden. Cost is \$59 for members and \$69 for non-members. Fort Myers pickup at 8 a.m.

Thursday, March 7 – **Solomon’s Castle and Herrmann’s Original Royal Lipizzan Stallions.** Includes transportation, guided tour of Solomon’s Castle in Ona, lunch at the Castle, visit to Herrmann’s Royal Lipizzan Stallion Farm to see the training session. Cost is \$79 for members and \$89 for non-members. Fort Myers pickup at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19 – **Original Miami South Beach Tour.** Includes transportation, guided walking and riding tour of the historic Art Deco District, lunch on your own with time on Lincoln Road, guided sightseeing boat cruise around Biscayne Bay. Cost is \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. Fort Myers pickup at 6:30 a.m.

GAMES:

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Bridge – 1 p.m. Monday and

Wednesday

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Mahjongg – 1 p.m. Thursday

Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday

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

Bea Pappas Painting To Be

Raffled

The center 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 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 Wednesday, March 6.

The Chorus Is Coming –

Wednesday, March 6, under the direction of Steve Cramer. The Sanibel Community Chorus Ensemble will perform at the Center 4 Life Potluck Dinner. The event will be held at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with the performance at 6:30 p.m. Bring an appetizer to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the Center 4 Life. There is no charge for members, \$5 for non-members.

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

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Sanibel Fit 4 Life collapsible water bottles are on sale now at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Collapsible water bottles are great for filling up on the go and more convenient to flatten and toss in your bag than bulky reusable water bottles. They are also better for the environment as they reduce the use of disposable plastic water bottles. The collapsible water bottles are only \$5 and are available at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

February is Healthy Heart Month, so don't forget to stop by the front desk for the schedule and a punch card. For every Healthy Heart Month event you attend, you receive one stamp on your card. Turn in your card with five stamps and earn a free Sanibel Fit 4 Life collapsible water bottle.

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



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Donation Brings Campaign Total To \$844K

Thanks to a generous donation of \$25,000 this week from Tom and Laura Hanson, the Refuge Preservation Campaign has reached a new high of \$844,000.

"We believe in investing in Sanibel," said Laura Hanson.

"We are deeply appreciative of this generous support for our mission to preserve Woodring Point property and improve the Refuge Education Center," said Campaign Committee Chair Jim Sprankle. Other committee members include Mary Lou Bailey, Chauncey Goss, Porter Goss, Doris Hardy, Jon Heinrich, Chip Lesch, McCabe, Mike Mullins and Bill Vanderbilt.

The "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge's (DDWS) Preservation Campaign is raising funds to acquire 6.56 acres on Sanibel Island's Woodring Point for the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and to update and enhance the refuge's Education Center.

The property's preservation is a cooperative effort. DDWS and Lee County's Conservation 20/20 program will each purchase part of the land, contingent on the refuge assuming responsibility to restore and manage both parcels. DDWS must raise private funds to purchase its parcel.

The Woodring family, who homesteaded the property in the 1800s, currently owns the property, which is adjacent to the refuge and privately owned conservation lands.

The purchase of the Woodring property will benefit the refuge, a key parcel necessary to re-create an intact habitat on the point. Its location at the entrance to Tarpon Bay, a vital habitat and feeding grounds for a variety of at-risk species and other fauna,



Tom and Laura Hanson with Campaign Committee Chair Jim Sprankle and dogs Jet and Silk



The Woodring Point property borders Tarpon Bay, where the refuge already protects much of the land and waters

makes its preservation especially critical, according to refuge biologists.

If not preserved by the refuge, the land could be developed with as many as five dwellings, each permitted a boat dock extending into Tarpon Bay. Construction of new homes and the increase in boat traffic would have significant impact on the habitat of both the land and marine species that live or feed on or near this property.

"With a successful campaign, this land purchase will protect rare bay beach habitat that more than 80 different land and marine species call home or visit for food and shelter," said DDWS President John McCabe. "Our goal is to raise \$1.4 million for the land purchase."

"The Education Center, which hundreds of thousands of people from around the world visit annually, is vital to the refuge's mission of conservation education. Built and equipped over a decade ago, it will benefit from this campaign with the replacement of obsolete technology, the repair and updating of exhibits and improved public access, including an elevator. To properly enhance the Education Center, we hope to raise an additional \$400,000, for a total of \$1.8 million."

The partnership of Lee County with the refuge to purchase and manage the property depends upon DDWS's ability to raise the additional necessary funds to save one of the last remaining bay beach properties on Sanibel.

"With a time-sensitive fundraising deadline of September 2013 to purchase the Woodring property, we will need major gift commitments to this campaign in order to be successful," said Sprankle. "We look to our supportive community to help us save another environmentally crucial and historic parcel of Sanibel Island."

For more information, contact DDWS executive director Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/campaign-update.

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Woodring Property

across the street to a remote area called Ladyfinger Lake, a spot even longtime islanders have seldom heard of, McCabe points out an old shack. The small building – perhaps 12 feet long and 10 feet wide with a small porch in the front – sits abandoned on some cinder blocks.

“I don’t know how old that structure is... but I was told it was used in a movie once,” he said. “Just look at it. It’s got a lot of character, doesn’t it?”

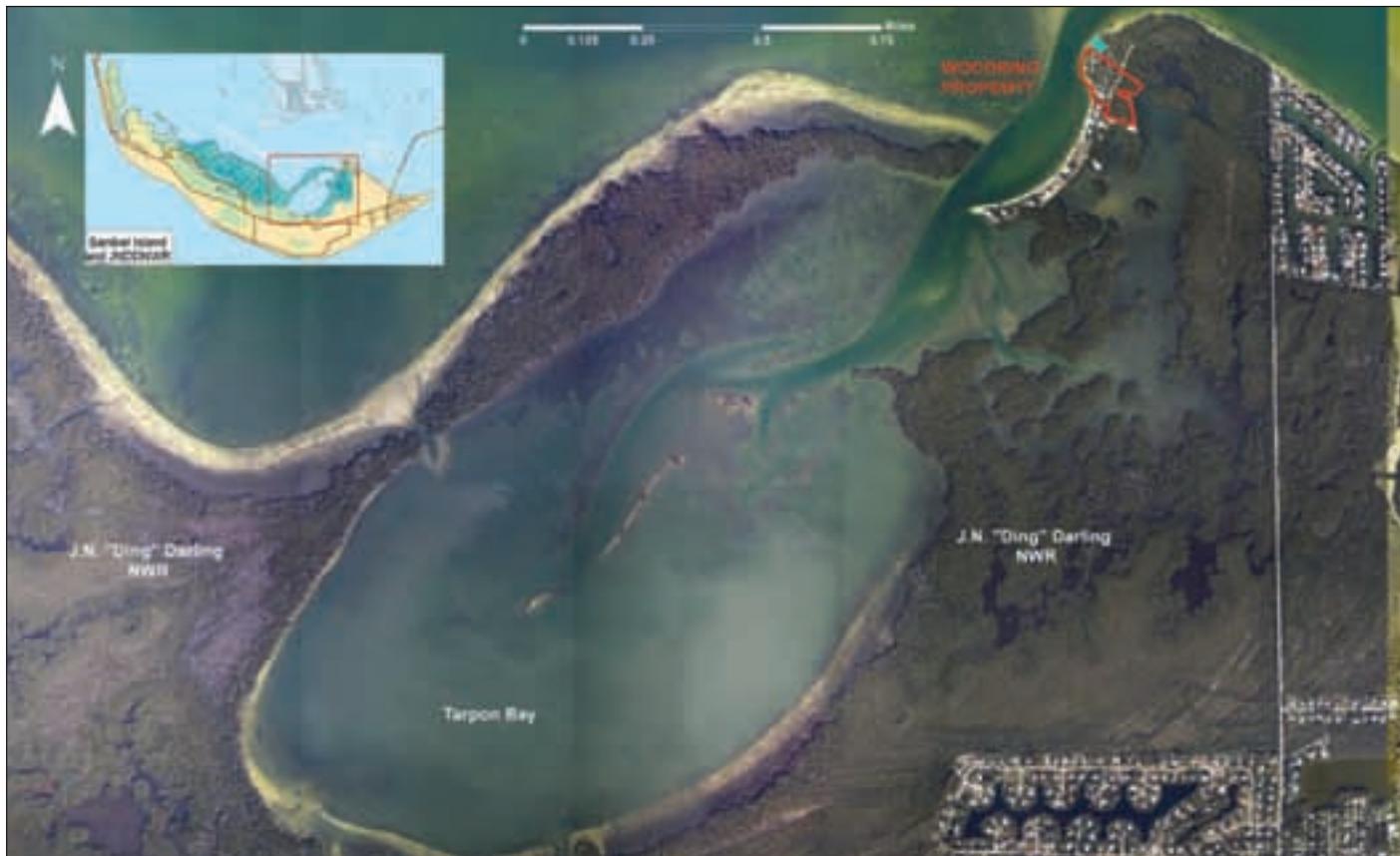
However, more important to McCabe and to the society, is the surrounding wilderness.

“A lot of animals of concern have been seen on this property, including the bald eagle, gopher tortoise, black skimmer, little blue heron, reddish egret and the red rat snake, among other species,” said McCabe. “And manatees come in and out of these channels all of the time. The smalltooth sawfish are back in these shallow areas, too, so this area is very critical for protection.”

Much of the Woodring property is dotted with mangroves along the waterfront accesses.

“As the marine entrance to the refuge, protecting this land is vital to protecting the wildlife on both the land and the water on this sensitive bay beach habitat,” added Vertesch.

While the final plans for all of the buildings on the Woodring property have yet to be determined, several of the structures would be preserved for educational purposes. Other buildings,



Map of Sanibel Island, showing the location of the Woodring property

which are no longer structurally sound, would be removed.

Jim Sprinkle is the chairman of the Campaign Committee. Other committee members include Mary Lou Bailey, Chauncey Goss, Porter Goss, Doris

Hardy, Jon Heinrich, Chip Lesch, John McCabe, Mike Mullins and Bill Vanderbilt.

To make a contribution to the Woodring Homestead Preservation Campaign, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

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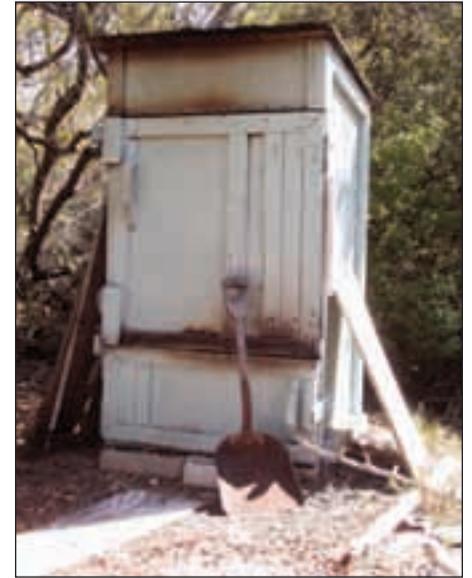
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Dated stepping stones leading to the main house



Entrance to the Woodring's boat dock



A small smokehouse, which is still in use



A smaller abandoned structure on the property



Outhouse and other smaller structures on the property



Garage structure, picnic table and hammock



Guest house on the Woodring property



Young osprey living in one of the nests on the property



The main house on the Woodring homestead, which dates back to the late 19-teens

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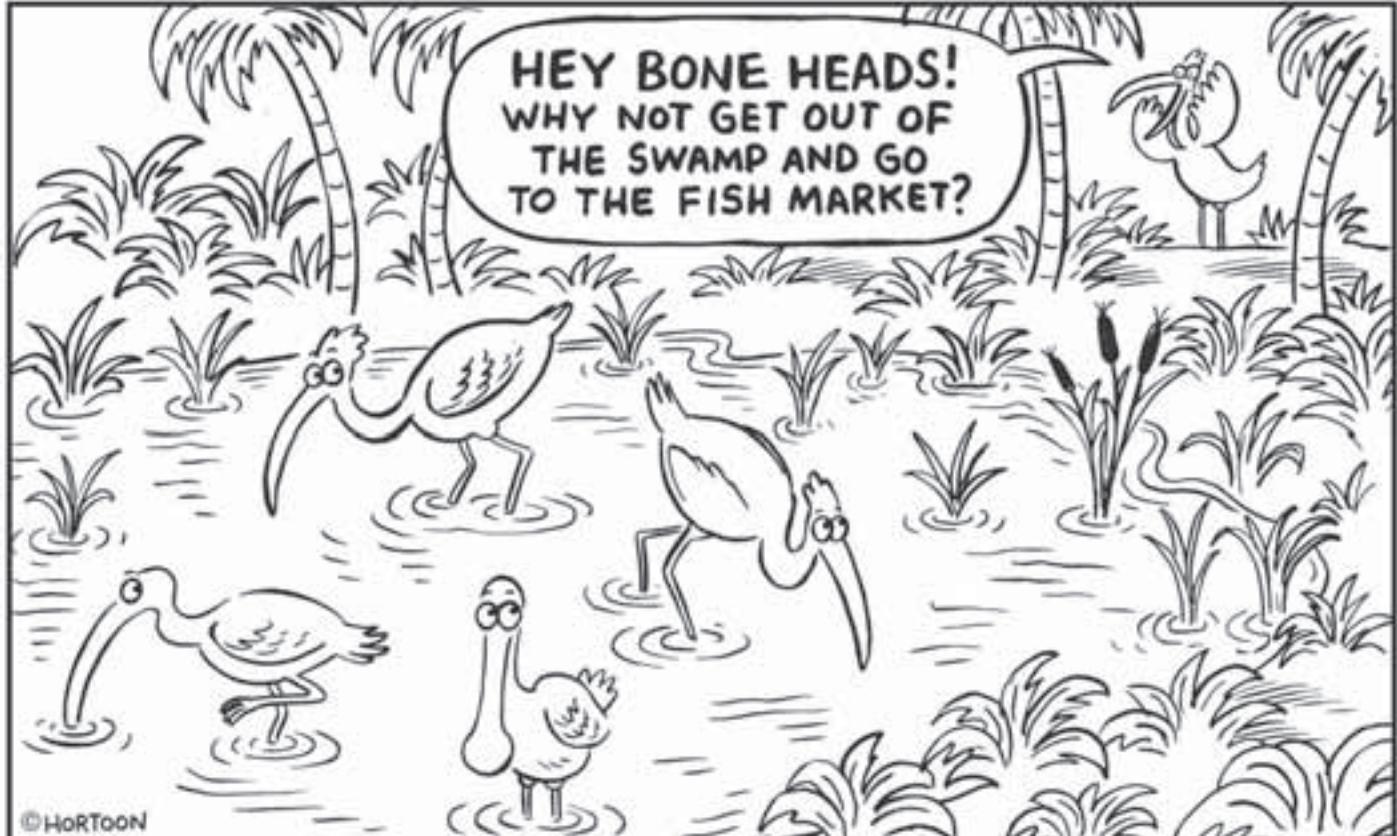


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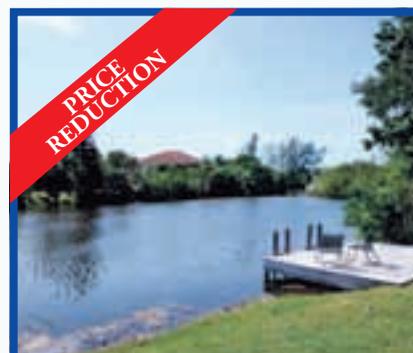
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Kids learning to cook

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Bringing fun, nutrition and education together in a single event is something that FISH of Sanibel, Inc. is proud to talk about. Last year, FISH began a Cooking With Kids program which motivates and empowers children to make healthy food choices. Through hands-on nutrition education activities, children of all ages explore, prepare and enjoy fresh, affordable foods. They discover that good food is delicious and that learning how to prepare and cook nutritious meals is an important way to take care of your-



Cooking with kids in January

self. The latest event was held on Thursday, January 24 at the St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church kitchen.

Cooking With Kids events always incorporate a hands-on cooking demonstration and nutrition education by Celia Hill, county extension agent IV, Lee County Extension of University of Florida/IFAS. During the event, Hill used foods available from the FISH Food Pantry to teach the children and their parents/guardians about the importance of a balanced diet. She and the kids then cooked tasty, healthy meals; everyone got an

opportunity to help prepare and, perhaps, most importantly, taste their kitchen creations.

"The Cooking With Kids program has been very successful, and we hope that our young participants are learning about health and nutrition while cooking meals to share with their families and friends. Thank you to all who helped facilitate this exciting evening, and to St. Michael & All angels Episcopal Church for being a great host for our latest event." said Christine Swiersz, FISH program director.*

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2012-13 Standings through February 11, 2013

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	137	71
Second	Bathroom Magic	137	71
Third	Sanibel Café	117	91
Fourth	Odd Balls	100	108
Fifth	Island Lifers	90	118
Sixth	Sandycappers	88	120
Seventh	Deep Pockets	83	125
Eighth	Fresh Legion Crew	81	127

February 11 Results

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

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Whitewash

Captain Connie Martin's Island Lifer team continued its climb upward in league standings with a 7-5 pounding of Bunt's Ball Busters. The win pushed the Ball Busters into a tie with Bathroom Magic with only six weeks left in the season. Lifer Carmen Senese had a 3-0 night handing Ball Buster Captain Bob Buntrock his first whitewash of the season.

Bathroom Magic shook off a slow start to win seven out of its last nine games and hand an 8-4 loss to Deep

Pockets. Magic man Jack Dalton had another 3-0 night for the winners.

Doc Lubinski paced the Odd Balls to a 7-5 win over Sanibel Café with another 3-0 night, this time over Sanibel Café's John Earle. Matt Hall chipped in with two wins for the Odd team. Pete Mindel and Joe Mason each had two wins for Sanibel Café.

The league's year-end Singles Tournament is scheduled for Monday, April 1. Paying their \$20 entry fees to date are: Jack Dalton, Chip Gelpi, Pete Mindel, Bob Buntrock, John Earle, Dave Doane, Kip Buntrock, Terry Ricotta, and Gator Gates.*

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Amanda Podlasek poses with some of the trophies she won during this year's Edison Science & Engineering Fair

Student Advances In Science Fair

by Jeff Lysiak

For her Senior Division entry into the 2013 Thomas Edison Kiwanis Science & Engineering Fair, 17-year-old Amanda Podlasek decided that her Environmental Science project would focus on something meaningful not only to her but to her community: red tide.

Podlasek, currently a junior at The Canterbury School, won first place in the 11th grade division for her project, titled "Where can citizens place settling communities that is most effective in helping prevent the effects of red tide (*Karenia brevis*)?"

In addition, Podlasek's project went on to win the overall high school competition, as well as the regional title.

"Winning at competitions like this makes you want to work harder," said Podlasek. "It also keeps you determined. I kinda expect a lot more from myself."

In her project, which she began five years ago, Podlasek explains in her abstract, "Recent issues with red tide outbreaks is high cause for sea animals to die, but not just that – it also hurts the local beaches and the economy. However, it was the death of our local wildlife that made this researcher want to analyze the causes for outbreaks and search for solutions."

According to Podlasek, she has spent the past five summers working at the Sanibel Sea School, which helped inspire the foundation for her red tide research. She also thanked Dr. Bruce Neill and Jenna Sullivan from the school for sponsoring her project, which will advance to the state level of the Edison Science & Engineering Fair, to be held in Lakeland in early March.

"I've been to states twice before," said Podlasek. "It's really exciting. You get to meet lots of new people, and from them, I've seen lots of new ideas. I'm starting to grasp things a little bit better now because I've grown as a scientist."

But academic aspirations aside, Podlasek is your typical teenager. She enjoys going to the beach, hanging out with her friends and shopping. However, during the upcoming spring break, she and her mother will visit the campuses of Stetson and Lynn Universities.

"I'd like to study biology or zoology, or maybe look into something that has to do with becoming a veterinarian," added Podlasek. "But just like the Science Fair, I started out with a simple project, and every year, it's grown a little bit more. Now, it's a lot more complex." ✨

NARFE Meeting

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), South Lee County Chapter #1263, will meet on Thursday, February 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Famous Dave's Barbeque Restaurant, 12148 S. Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers. The guest speaker will be John Hoglund from Southwest Florida Tinnitus & Hearing Center. For information call 482-6713. ✨

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Couple Donates Four Bicycles To CHR; Bike Bistro Giving Refurbishment

by Jeff Lysiak

The idea of cleaning out their cluttered garage gave Fred and Janet Fowler an even better idea: giving back to their community.

The Fowlers, part-time residents of Sanibel's Gumbo Limbo subdivision since 2008, discovered that they had four bicycles – still in working order but in need of a little TLC – that weren't being used in their garage, so they mentioned it to Steve Martin, owner of The Bike Bistro in South Fort Myers.

"We weren't using the bikes any longer, and he offered to refurbish them – at no charge – if we were going to donate them to charity," said Janet. "Who wouldn't want to do something nice like that? It will make us very happy to know that these bikes will be going to people who are going to need them."

Initially, the Fowlers had three bicycles – two adult bikes and one child's bike – but upon further inspection of their garage, they stumbled upon a fourth bicycle. Martin picked up all four bikes, brought them to his shop and is restoring each of them to fine working condition.

"I offered to let us fix them up," said Martin, owner/operator of the bicycle sales and repair business located 2.5 miles from the Sanibel Causeway. "People are going to use these bikes to go to work, so we're happy to do that. We're a neighborhood bike shop, so it will be good to see these bikes rolling through the community again."

The Fowlers decided to donate the bicycles to Community Housing & Resources (CHR) of Sanibel.



Steve Martin and Clint Carter from The Bike Bistro with one of the bicycles donated by Fred and Janet Fowler of Sanibel to Community Housing & Resources

"I'm sure there's a family in our system that's going to be able to use these bikes," said Kelly Collini, executive director of CHR. "We have 74 families in our rental units, and 35 children in those families. For many of them, bicycles are their main mode of transportation, so they're going to be thrilled to get them."

Once Martin and his Bike Bistro staff have completed the restorations and refurbishments, he will deliver the bicycles to Community Housing & Resources' headquarters on Library Way.

"We've had a lot of community support lately, and we thank the Fowlers so much for thinking of CHR," added Collini.✪

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Around The Islands With Anne

Sanimals Are Cuddly Toys That Come With A Nature Lesson



by Anne Mitchell

When Amy Dunavant, owner of **Friday's Child** children's clothing and toy store, was creating a line of Sanibel-theme stuffed animals, like the former elementary school teacher that she is, she just had to include a nature lesson.

Her Sanimals – six in all with more to follow – each come with a hang tag that gives specifics of the creature, whether it be a bottlenose dolphin, loggerhead turtle or a snowy plover. She gives weight, appearance, diet and other information, plus a fun fact about each one. The Sanimals tag also carries a Sanibel-style message: care, protect, educate, and includes a promise to help care for the environment.

The Sanibel label is not just a catchy name. There has been a true collaboration with island businesses in bringing this product to market.

For example, local graphic artist Dave Horton created the logo, using a seahorse, turtle, spoonbill beak and gator jaws, among others, to spell out Sanimals. Then Dunavant asked Bob Kern, owner of Island Graphics, to print the colorful and informative tags, each with a photograph of the particular animal in its native habitat.

Right now, Friday's Child also has the green tree frog, bobcat and alligator. Prices run from \$16 to \$25.

A mother of three, Dunavant wanted the Sanimals to be safe for children of all ages. They are soft, cuddly and free from choking hazards such as plastic eyes. On her list of other Sanibel critters she wants to add are the otter, manatee and roseate spoonbill.

It's been a work in progress since she came up with the idea and she tweaked the models many times until they were to her liking. Now, seven months later, they are in the store.

Dunavant has really adopted the animal theme in her charming, beach-inspired store. You'll find T-shirts for tots to teens with sharks, crabs, alligators and other graphics, as well as a line of infant onesies with her own exclusive designs.

Friday's Child is in Periwinkle Place, 2075 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-9500.

Tonight, Friday, February 15 from 5 to 9 p.m., **Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery** will hold an artist's reception, cocktail party and fundraiser for FISH, an island charity that helps neighbors in need. Local artist Myra Roberts will be unveiling a number of her newest paintings during the reception.

The following week, Thursday, February 21 to Sunday, February 24, Lily & Co. will let the good times roll with a Mardi Gras-themed party encompassing an international watch show and wine tasting with a good cause.

To kick off the festivities, Lily & Co. will host Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club's Sanibel Uncorked Wine & Food Festival from 4 to 8 p.m. February 21 with silent and live auctions with lots of items up for bid as well as wine sampling, food, continuous cooking demonstrations with local "celebrity chefs," and musical entertainment.

The Optimist Club created Sanibel Uncorked five years ago to help continue its mission of helping children and providing higher education opportunities through its six four-year scholarships.

Lily & Co. will team raffle a Michele timepiece as a benefit for the San-Cap Optimist Club. Tickets are on sale at the jewelry gallery at \$10 each.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Lily & Co. will hold its second annual International Watch Show, an event where guests can buy, sell and trade timepieces and see a large selection of international new, pre-owned, and vintage timepieces.

Representatives from the Michele, Bertolucci and Hour Collection, Inc. watch lines will attend the event. Michele timepieces pay homage to the art deco designs of South Beach. The Hour Collection features timepieces by Patek Philippe, Rolex, Cartier, Chopard, Piaget, Breitling, Ebel, Baume & Mercier, Panerai, Elysee, and Ulysse Nardin. Bertolucci combines Italian inspiration and Swiss know-how into watch making.

The Sandbar restaurant will have its grand opening on Monday, February 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Attendees will be able to sample the food, have a few drinks and see the décor changes that have taken place.

Owners Chet and Nancy Niesel and General Manager Brian Silveira completely remodeled the former Stone Crab Restaurant. They also feature local artist Myra Roberts' retro style paintings. She also created a special painting for the restaurant.

Roberts will be on hand at the event and her giclees and prints will be available for sale.

The Sandbar serves breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week at 2762 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-0305.



The bobcat, from the Sanimals collection at Friday's Child



The snowy plover, one of six local Sanimals critters



The loggerhead turtle, one of six Sanimals

Lovers of frozen yogurt who like to bring their dogs along for the treat are welcome at **Zebra Frozen Yogurt**.

Pets will receive a free "dog frozen yogurt" to eat at the outdoor seating, where there is always a bowl of water waiting.

"Since we opened in November we have noticed many of our customers bringing their dogs and having a frozen yogurt in our outdoor seating area," said Blanaid Colley, owner. "So far they love it," she added.

Zebra Frozen Yogurt is in Bailey's Center at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille offers music Tuesday through Sunday. Tonight, Friday, there will be live music by The Trouble Starters, a rock band. On Tuesday, it's Chris Coile with '50s and '60s hits. Karaoke is Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to midnight. Robby Hutto, guitar and vocals, will entertain on Thursday.

Sunday Jazz Brunch with live smooth jazz is from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday is Ladies Night with drink specials and DJ Eric with a turntable full of hits from 9 p.m. to midnight.

George & Wendy's 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 Marvella Marzan; Sunday, Dusk Duo with Dean and Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals; Monday, Dusk Duo with Dean and Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals; Tuesday, Pianoman Joe McCormick with popular music and smooth vocal stylings; Wednesday, Prime Rib and Prime Jazz!; and Thursday, dancing to Joe McCormick's popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop.

Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, and is open from 5 p.m. until late Monday through Saturday. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m. For reservations, call 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 or 395-2299.✪



A line-up of Sanimals at Friday's Child in Periwinkle Place

Part I of II

The Gavins And The Walkers

Two Black Families And Their History On Sanibel Island

The following is reprinted with minor changes, from a 1996 series of articles by Katie Fjeldstat to mark the Gavin and Walker family reunion, attended by more than 200 people

To many people, Sanibel is thought of as a natural and simple way of life.

However, the Gavins and Walker families have seen the island evolve since their first arrival in the early nineteenth hundreds. To them, "natural" meant the isolated beaches and "simple" consisted of dirt roads that led to the few houses and cottages and resorts in existence at that time.

It has been over 70 years since the Gavins and Walker clan first came to Sanibel. Isaiah and Hannah Gavin were drawn to Sanibel in the early 1900s because of the agricultural industry. They came to the island from Walkulla County with their four children. The Gavin family became the first black family to establish residence on Sanibel, and Gavins and Walkers still remain on the island.

Because black people could not own land at that time, they lived in homes owned by white people. The Gavins and Walkers began growing tomatoes, eggplant and bell peppers. Frank P. Bailey was responsible for marketing and shipping vegetables as far away as New York.

Like the Gavins, the Walker family moved in order to farm. Harry Walker brought his wife, Pearl Alice Baker Walker, and their four children to Sanibel from Savannah, Georgia. They became the second black family to call the island their home.

Eugene Gavin, a current Sanibel resident, was one of Isaiah and Hannah Gavin's and Harry and Pearl Walker's many grandchildren. He has fond memories of his childhood on the islands.

"People were less prejudice on Sanibel," Gavin said. "We just went about and did our own thing and got paid doing the same work as the white people. Everyone was friendly on the island, and we got along well."

Since black and white children did not attend the same school in the early nineteenth hundreds, the Gavin and Walker families sent their children to the Church. It was located across from what is now Bailey's on Tarpon Bay Road.

"We called it the 'black school' because it was where we went to school, church, movies, and plays for Sanibel and Captiva," remembers Eugene Gavin. "It was everything rolled into one."

However, at least seven children had to be enrolled in the school for it to stay open. "Sometimes we would run out of kids and our families would have to send the children into Fort Myers for school. It took about an hour to get to class and the ride took its toll on us," said Gavin.

Eventually, both families had houses on Sanibel and Fort Myers so when the school on the island had to close, they would spend the school year in Fort

Myers. Because the Gavins and Walkers were the only black people with children on Sanibel, they spent a lot of time together.

"It was fun because we had the freedom to go to the beach, shelling, or play in the woods," added Eugene Gavin.

Life was not just playing and having fun, though. Gavin remembers his grandparents working very hard to make a living. "We never had to worry about food but everyone worked very hard. And the mosquitoes did not make things any easier."

While Eugene's grandfathers farmed, his grandmothers would do housekeeping for various families and take care of their own children.

When the hurricane of 1926 blew through Sanibel, it ruined the farming industry. The soil became too salty to grow crops. Therefore, Eugene's grandparents had to find other ways to make a living.

Eugene remembers his grandfather, Isaiah Gavin, as a very resourceful man. "He never sought any sort of financial assistance, always did things himself. He worked off of the land."

Because of Isaiah Gavin's hard work and resourcefulness, he will not be forgotten anytime soon. "My grandfather told me how he could stand on the beach, look clear across Sanibel and see the bay because there were no trees to block the view. Mr. Bailey decided he wanted some decoration and asked my grandfather to plant some trees," Eugene says with a hint of pride in his voice.

"Any pine tree you see along Periwinkle, my grandfather either planted or it is a seed from one of his trees."

As the years wore on, Harry and Pearl Walker began spending more time in their house in Fort Myers. "They would spend the weekends in Fort Myers visiting some of their children who had moved there as adults. Groceries were also cheaper on the mainland so they would do all of their shopping on the weekends," explains Gavin.

Returning to Sanibel after a long weekend on the mainland in the late 40s or early 50s, the Walkers found their house had been burned to the ground. They never discovered the cause of the fire or blamed anyone for the tragedy. Instead, Eugene's father was instrumental in locating and coordinating a house for his in-laws on Tarpon Bay Road. Mrs. Walker remained in that house until the late 70s or early 80s, two years after her husband's death. Two weeks ago, this historical but run-down house on Tarpon Bay Road was demolished.

The Gavins and Walkers became related in 1934 when their children, Edmund and Elnora, were married. Elnora was the daughter of Harry and Pearl Alice Baker Walker. Edmund's parents, Isaiah and Hannah Gavin, were the first black family to establish residency on Sanibel.

Although Edmund and Elnora were still in their teens when they were married, Edmund was able to support his new wife working at the Island Inn. This Inn consisted of a restaurant and cottages, where visitors could come to relax in Sanibel's peaceful environment. South Seas Plantation, Tween Waters Inn, Dean Mitchell's Motel and Casa Ybel

were the only other cottages that existed on the island.

After working at the Island Inn for a few years, Edmund found he wanted to seek his own work. "My father was always a hard worker," said Eugene Gavin, one of Edmund and Elnora's many children. "He was his own person who liked to be in business for himself. Any work that was needed, my dad would do. I never remember him complaining about any work, he seemed to love it all."

He worked as a landscaper, paved driveways, and even sold shells to the Shell Factory in North Fort Myers.

"When we were around six or seven, old enough to help dad, we would go to the beach and collect shells for him," remembers Eugene. "During the winter months we would collect three or four junonias a week. The beaches had the same type shells as today, but they were more plentiful back then."

Eugene describes his father as "very strict, like a drill sergeant."

However, he liked working with his father because "it was exciting to be away from home. I would work for my father, uncle or grandfather just so I could get away from the same routine at home. I loved to explore, to know about everything around the island," said Eugene.

In 1984, Edmund Gavin was acknowledged for his hard work and dedication to the community of Sanibel by being selected as Grand Marshal of the Sanibel Parade. The parade was held in November to celebrate the island's 10th birthday. As part of the festivities, Edmund rode in a Rolls-Royce convertible in the parade.

Eugene remembers his mother, Elnora Gavin, as very loving and kind. "Her arms were always open to all family members and outsiders. She was loved and respected by many," Eugene said fondly.

An example of his father's strict upbringing and his mother's gentleness can be explained in a story Eugene still remembers today. "My dad had his truck parked outside our house. One of my brothers thought it would be funny to take the battery from the truck and drain the water. When my father asked my brother's, Ken, Edmund Jr., and me who did it, no one would confess so he punished all three of us. The next day, while my father was at work, my mother asked us who did it and Ken admitted it was him. When we went to school, Edmund and I beat him up!" Eugene explained, laughing. "We still tease Ken about it today."

Elnora's sister, Virgil Walker Fuller, was also a very caring woman that helped influence the Gavin children. "She was a very loving aunt. We always felt very close to her," said Eugene. "Having a person like her always willing to help and listen shapes a child's behavior and helps them to develop."

The Gavin and Walker families were always very close and Eugene's uncle, Harry Walker Jr., had a large impact on all the Gavin children. He was the only person in that generation of Gavins and Walkers to finish high school, college, and serve in the United States Military.

"He was a role model to all of us. We really looked up to him and would love



Harry Walker, who came to Sanibel in 1923, with a friend, Carly Minyard



Pearl Alice Walker

it when he would come back and visit Sanibel from college or the military," says Eugene. Because of Harry's influence, all of Edmund and Elnora's 20 children graduated from high school, 11 attended college or a trade school, and three served in the military. "We have combined over 100 years of military service in our family," says Eugene proudly. "My mother was also instrumental in getting all of her children to attend school. She always believed that education was essential."

Another relative that left an impression in the lives of many was

Eugene's aunt, Sally Gavin. She lived on Sanibel, but moved back to where her family originally resided, Tallahassee. In the late 1960s, after segregation had legally ended, many black people still sat in the rear of the bus. However, one morning Sally was riding the bus with her grandson and he wanted to sit in the very front, right behind the bus driver. As they took their seat, the bus driver turned around and told them the seat was reserved. "We've paid our money," Sally said sternly. "This is where we're sitting. Now, you just need to turn right around and drive this bus." The bus driver obliged.

The second generation of the Gavin and Walker families were very close and helped shaped the lives of all Edmund's and Elnora's 20 children.

"We have all taken a little piece from each of our relatives that has affected our lives in some way," said Eugene. Indeed, with such a large family, and the tree continuing to grow, each family member has taken a leaf from the branch of every relative and let it blow through the wind, influencing their next journey in life.✧



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Sanctuary Golf Challenge

"This event was originally started by The Sanctuary Golf Club with the membership donating the Club for the day in support of our island community. We truly appreciate our partnership with the Charitable Foundation of the Islands and all of the many generous participants and sponsors," added Ken Kouril, general manager of The Sanctuary Golf Club.

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	Mike Dutton	
	Anne Frymoyer	36
	John Frymoyer	
2nd	Hank Humphrey	
	Ann Humphrey	
	Warren Kimber	36
	Barbara Kimber	
3rd	Jim Fantozzi	
	Jane Fantozzi	
	Felix Curcuru	37
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A New Manager, A Revamped Lineup Offers Promise For The 2013 Boston Red Sox



by Ed Frank

As the 2013 edition of the Boston Red Sox assembled here this week for the second year of spring training at the magnificent JetBlue Park at Fenway South, the feeling was obvious that after two consecutive disastrous losing seasons, improvements – major improvements – must be made this year.

The third manager in the last three years, John Farrell, who was Boston's pitching coach from 2007 to 2010, offered this upbeat outlook a few days prior to spring training:

"I'm excited about our balance. We have professional, successful individuals with proven track records. We have guys who

have come from winning playoff teams and World Series teams."

Nine new players were added to the Red Sox 25-man roster in the off-season by general manager Ben Cherington, who told the media last week that he takes the blame for the 69-93 season last year.

That record followed an historic final-month collapse in 2011 resulting in the firing of manager Terry Francona. Manager Bobby Valentine was fired after last season's freefall.

The off-season overhaul by Cherington added these key pieces to his roster:

Catcher David Ross, first basemen Mike Napoli and Lyle Overbay, shortstop Stephen Drew, left fielder Jonny Gomes, right fielder Shane Victorino, starting pitcher Ryan Dempster and relievers Joel Hanrahan and Koji Uehara.

This is a huge one-year change in personnel and presents a challenge to integrate these new faces into remaining Red Sox roster. And it signifies a major change in Red Sox philosophy going from building within through their farm system to a major roster

overhaul via the free agency route.

Although spring training is the time to evaluate talent and adjust to changes, it appears that the opening day lineup is pretty well set.

Center Field – Jacoby Ellsbury, .271 batting average in 2012

Right Field – Shane Victorino, .255 in 2012

Second Base – Dustin Pedroia, .290 in 2012

Designated Hitter – David Ortiz, .318 in 2012

First Base – Mike Napoli, .227 in 2012

Third Base – Will Middlebrooks, .288 in 2012

Catcher – Jarrod Saltalamacchia, .222 in 2012

Left Field – Jonny Gomes, .262 in 2012

Shortstop – Stephen Drew, .223 in 2012

The team's projected pitching rotation at season's start most like will include Jon Lester, Clay Buchholz, John Lackey, Ryan Dempster and Felix Doubront. Lackey missed all of 2012 recovering from Tommy John surgery so his effectiveness is in doubt.

The closer role goes to Joel Hanrahan, who was 36 of 40 in saves last year for Pittsburgh with a sparkling 2.72 ERA. The Red Sox are expecting a dominating season for the newcomer.

Red Sox faithful, among the most fervent in baseball, grew impatient and dissatisfied of late. But it's a new season with a radical new cast of characters in Red Sox uniforms. They will soon know whether their beloved team can once again return to winning baseball.

Everblades Just Eight Points Out Of First

The Florida Everblades hockey team is on the road this weekend facing Greenville tonight, Friday, and first-place Gwinnett Saturday and Sunday.

They started the week with a 24-16-4-5 season record with 57 points and a third place standing in the ECHL South Division, but just eight points behind Gwinnett.

In the last 10 games, Florida record five wins, three losses, one overtime loss and a single shootout loss.

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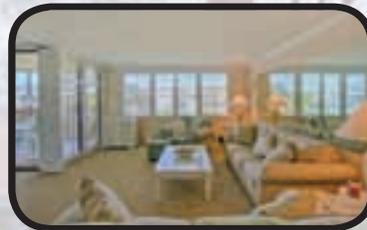
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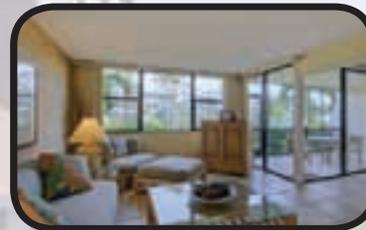
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until mid-week, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate

with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing, and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 21, 1828, the first printing press designed to use the newly invented Cherokee alphabet arrives at New Echota, Ga. A young Cherokee, Sequoyah, had invented the written language, consisting of 86 characters. Within months, the first Indian language newspaper in history was printed. It was called the Cherokee Phoenix.

- On Feb. 24, 1836, in San Antonio, Texas, Colonel William Travis issues a call for help on behalf of Texan troops defending the Alamo, an old Spanish mission and fortress under attack by the Mexican army. Only 32 men from the nearby town of Gonzales responded to Travis' call for help.

- On Feb. 23, 1885, a 19-year-old man named John Lee is sent to the gallows in Exeter, England, for the murder of a rich older woman. After the noose was put around his neck the lever malfunctioned three times. The authorities, mystified at the gallows' inexplicable malfunction, decided to ascribe it to an act of God. Lee was sent to prison instead.

- On Feb. 18, 1930, Pluto is discovered at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., by astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh. In 2006, however, the International Astronomical Union announced that Pluto would no longer be considered a planet due to its relatively small mass, just one-sixth that of Earth's moon.

- On Feb. 22, 1959, Lee Petty defeats Johnny Beauchamp at the just-opened Daytona International Speedway in Florida to win the first-ever Daytona 500. The race was so close that Beauchamp was initially named the winner. Three days later, with the assistance of news photographs, Petty was officially named the champ.

- On Feb. 19, 1974, Alexander Solzhenitsyn awaits reunion with his family after exile from Russia. Publication of "The Gulag Archipelago," a detailed history of the Soviet prison system, prompted Russia to exile the 55-year-old author.

- On Feb. 20, 1985, in a highly controversial vote, the Irish government defies the powerful Catholic Church and approves the sale of contraceptives. The Irish Supreme Court found that a constitutional right to marital privacy covered the use of contraceptives.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted American poet Ogden Nash, best known as a composer of droll

verse, who made the following sage observation: "Some tortures are physical / And some are mental, / But the one that is both / Is dental."

- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, if you're like the average American, you consume 132 pounds of sugar every year. Compare that to folks in the year 1700, who consumed only about 4 pounds of sugar per year.

- If you cook a single ostrich egg, you can feed 24 people.

- When you studied history in school, you probably didn't learn about Edward Hyde. He was a cousin to Queen Anne and was appointed to the post of colonial governor of New York, in which position he served from 1702 to 1708. Though he's not well known now, he was quite the talk of the colonies in his day. It seems that when a delegation of colonists went to his mansion to welcome the new governor, they found him sitting on the front porch, crocheting a doily and wearing one of his wife's dresses. At his first formal ball as governor, he wore a gown. His eccentricities continued until he was caught embezzling public money and was returned to England.

- The next time you see a shampoo commercial and note how creamy and frothy the lather seems to be, keep this in mind: The model in the advertisement probably has either laundry detergent or frothed egg whites on her hair.

- Those who study such things say that 10 years after a hot dog has been dumped in a landfill, the wiener could still be intact.

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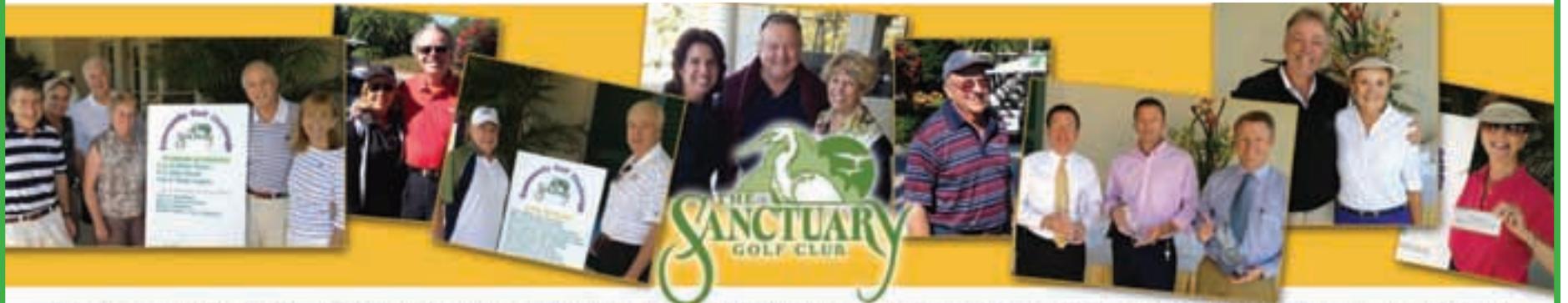
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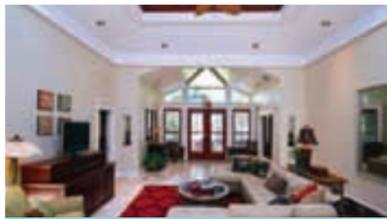
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The Dunes Men's Golf Association Championship

On Monday, February 18, The Dunes Golf Club will hold Championship Round 1 Championship Flight - Medal Play. All others - Match Play.

On Wednesday, February 20, Club Championship Round 2, will take place at 8:30 a.m. Shotgun / Lunch to follow, 4 Man - 2 Best Quota Points/Make Your Own Foursome (for those not playing in the Club Championship).

The DMGA Club Championship Finals will be held on Friday, February 22..

Sign up sheets are on the board. Make sure you sign up to play!

Men's Golf Association event results for Wednesday, February 6, Men's Interclub Qualifier Magnolia Landing / 2.11.13 are as follows:

Interclub Qualifiers

Tom Veratti	+14
Mike Hnatow	+8
Bill Hotchkiss	+6
Bob Schoen	+3
Jim Boughton	+1
Joe Raboy	+1
Douglas Mallon	+1
Jack Czarnecki	-
Phil Pilibosian	-1
George Sell.*	

Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Nifty Niners event results for Thursday, February 7, best odd/best even were as follows:

Flight 1

Odd Holes	
1st Bridget Funk	16
2nd Valerie Hotchkiss	18
Maureen O'Brien	
Even Holes	
1st Valerie Hotchkiss	10
Maureen O'Brien	
2nd Judy Yenkolé	12

Flight 2

Odd Holes	
1st Pat Haggerty	16
2nd Rosemary Ryan	19
Peggy Hogg	
Even Holes	
1st Rosemary Ryan	9
2nd Sue Norpell	11
Dorothy Hirschfeld	
Sandra Jones.*	

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Mens Golf Association Presidents Cup Results 2nd Round Wednesday, February 6

Rounds	1st	2nd	Total
President's Cup Flight			
Rains, Gordon 1st	61	68	129
Burkholder, Jim 2nd	65	69	134
Mistler, Jeff7	72.	64	136
Davis, Noel	70	70	140
Rohl, Bob	71	70	141
Finzen, Terry	68	74	142
August, Tom	77	66	143
Raboy, Joe	71	76	147
Schoen, Bob	71	77	148
Curcuru, Felix	77	72	149
Greenberg, Ed	78	79	157
Czarnecki, Jack	79	76	155
Perkins, Dan	87	94	181
Vice President's Cup Flight			
Veratti, Tom 1st *	61	60	121
Hotchkiss, Bill 2nd	55	66	121
Miller, Joe	65	77	142
Lindman, Bob	69	72	141
Weymouth, Don	70	67	137
Pilibosian, Phil	72	79	151
Roberts, Jack	72	69	141

* Winner in a score card playoff.

Rounds	1st	2nd	Total
Governor's Cup Flight			
Mclaughlin, Bruce 1st	70	62	132
Hnatow, Mike 2nd	69	68	137
Jewett, Skip	73	75	148
Cortopassi, Sandy	74	77	151
Dutton, Gary	82	72	154
Daly, Bill	74	82	156
Richmond, Mike	84	73	157
Friedersdorf, Max	86	79	165
Treasurer's Cup Flight			
Swain, Bill 1st	73	69	142
Grosse, Ken 2nd	74	72	146
Sprinkle, Bruce	75	76	151
Reynolds, Dave	77	77	154
Trautwein, Jack	82	80	162
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Florida Homestead Peculiarities



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

With the deadline for declaring Florida homestead fast approaching on March 1, many new residents are busy making their applications. There

are several good reasons to do so. First, you get the property tax exemptions that save several hundred dollars off of a typical annual property tax bill.

Another benefit includes the Save Our Homes Property Tax assessment cap. Once you have declared Florida homestead status, no matter the increase in the assessed value of your residence, it can only be increased 3 percent annually. In other words, even if your residence increases 6 percent over the course of a year, the amount that the taxable assessment can increase is limited to 3 percent. Over the course of several years, the Save Our Homes assessment cap can result in tens of thousands of dollars of property tax savings.

While it is generally a very good thing to declare Florida as your primary residence, there is an estate planning danger that you should be made aware of. My experience is that most attorneys from other states who do estate planning aren't aware of the Florida descent and devise rules. These rules govern to whom you can leave your Florida homestead in your will or trust.

Simply stated, absent a nuptial agreement that expressly waives the Florida homestead descent and devise rights, you must leave your house to your spouse. While this isn't a problem for most married couples who own a home jointly with rights of survivorship, consider the couple who have a residence here and another one in another state and who have separate wills or trusts.

In many of those situations, the attorney will suggest that the homes be split between the two trusts. In other words, the husband's trust might own the Florida residence while the wife's trust owns the other residence. The attorney would recommend this to split up the amount of assets between the two trusts in an effort to utilize both spouse's exemptions from estate tax.

But here's the issue – in order for your will or trust to use the estate tax exemptions (at least under the pre-2012 law that most trusts are drafted under), when you die and your Florida home becomes part of a testamentary trust such as a credit shelter (commonly referred to as A/B trusts) then you have an invalid

devise under Florida law. Even though the testamentary trust is held exclusively for the surviving spouse, it is not an outright bequest to him or her.

When you have an invalid devise, then Florida law doesn't care what your will or trust says. Your surviving spouse has a choice. He or she can elect to take a life estate in the residence or an undivided one-half interest in the residence. The children of the deceased spouse get the rest. This is true even if you wanted only one child to get the residence after the death of the spouse, or if you wanted some other distribution to occur. The law totally disregards what you have in your estate plan when you have an invalid devise.

This can be dangerous for the surviving spouse. He or she owns the residence with the deceased spouse's children. In second marriage situations, this can be especially troublesome.

The surviving spouse won't be able to sell the house without the children's permission or without their signatures on the deed. They have to split the proceeds of the sale of the residence even if they do agree to sell. Further, if one of the children has a creditor problem, then that could cloud the title to the property.

Keep in mind that these issues did not arise until Florida homestead was declared. Everything about the estate plan was just fine. Nothing in the plan changed. But when the residence became Florida homestead, then all of these other issues automatically arose.

This is one of the reasons why it

so vitally important to make sure that your estate plan is up to date when you change from another state's residence to becoming a Florida resident.

Don't get me wrong. The advantages of becoming a Florida resident are many and usually outweigh these homestead descent and devise problems. Florida has no state income tax. Florida doesn't impose an estate tax or an inheritance tax. There are no intangible taxes. Generally speaking, it is economically advantageous to become a Florida resident.

But when you do, just make sure that you keep your estate plan up to date. The descent and devise rules can be accounted for and even circumvented with proper planning. But if you don't adjust your estate plan and leave it in the drawer until something happens, that is when you could run into trouble.

So make sure that you declare your Florida homestead before March 1, but at the same time, seek qualified counsel to make sure your estate plan is up to date.

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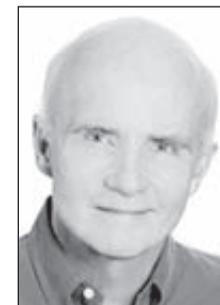
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4. Who was the last University of North Carolina senior men's basketball player to win ACC Player of the Year before Tyler Zeller in 2012.
5. Name the first NHL hockey team to be featured on a Wheaties box.
6. When was the last time Richard Childress Racing won a NASCAR Cup season title?
7. Name the last teenage girl to hold the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis at the end of a season.

ANSWERS

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The sculpture – Nevelson's last major work – is a seven-piece, abstract work composed of balsa plywood and unified by white paint. The sections that create the whole include a powerful 11-foot tall, 26-foot long relief panel and a 54-foot long by 22-foot tall platform, along with three hanging elements and two free-standing columns that reach nearly 25 feet tall. It took crew of eight with a wide range of skills nearly a week to complete the installation at Southwest Florida International Airport.

For those familiar with the airport, the sculpture now resides pre-security in the East Atrium between Concourse B and C, which allows passengers and visitors to walk under and around the intriguing and complex work. That is just what Philharmonic Center for the Arts CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen envisioned when she suggested the loan.

"The Philharmonic Center for the Arts strives to extend its reach beyond its Naples campus. So we are very happy that when visitors and residents arrive at RSW airport, the Nevelson sculpture – a very significant work – makes it clear that, along with incredible natural beauty and outdoor activities, Southwest Florida is a region that considers art and culture a very important part of our community," said van Bergen.

"Southwest Florida International Airport is very pleased to have Dawn's Forest as part of its Art in Flight program," added Robert M. Ball, A.A.E, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "The wide-open spaces and natural light in the terminal are the perfect setting for this magnificent sculpture. We know the millions of people who travel through the airport each year will enjoy the opportunity to view this work by world-renowned artist Louise Nevelson."

Lydia Black, executive director of Lee County Alliance for the Arts, counts this installation of public art particularly satisfying.

"We are proud to help present a museum-quality sculptural piece free to the public," said Black. "A sculpture of this magnitude at the airport, accessible to millions of visitors and residents, is a significant step towards raising awareness of the socio-economic value of our cultural community to our region."

Dawn's Forest has been moved before. Originally commissioned by the Georgia-

Pacific Paper Company, the sculpture graced the lobby of its company headquarters in Atlanta from 1986 until extensive remodeling forced them to offer the sculpture as a gift to a suitable home. Happily, the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art, with both the space and sympathetic collection of American modernists, expressed enthusiasm to accept the work as part of its permanent collection, and by the spring of 2010, *Dawn's Forest* was installed in the Figge Conservatory.✧

Al Sharpton To Speak In Fort Myers



Reverend Dr. Al Sharpton

On Saturday, February 23, the Reverend Dr. Al Sharpton is scheduled to be the honorary speaker at the Keep Moving Forward event presented by the James Brunson Youth Development Foundation. Held at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers, it begins at 5 p.m. and attire is semi-formal.

Founded in Fort Myers, the James "Boosie" Brunson Youth Development Foundation's mission is to create universal understanding through educational scholarships to recipients who are trying to make a better life for themselves and their families. With an education, they can achieve their goals, and the organization continues to assist students in making their dreams come true.

Tickets are a donation of \$60 per person or \$75 after February 15. Go to www.jamesbrunsonyouthdevelopment-foundation.org for more information.

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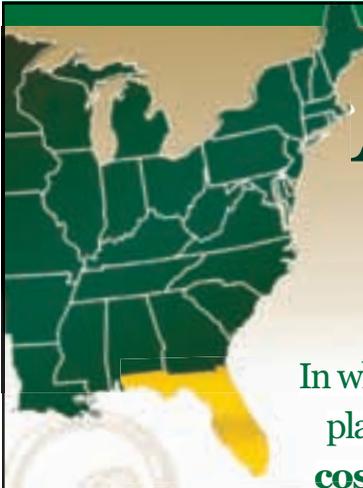
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Tickets For Pam Tebow Event Benefitting Lifeline Family Center

Pam Tebow, mother of Heisman Trophy winner and New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow, will speak at the Lifeline Family Center Annual Benefit on Thursday, March 21 at McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$70 per person and are available online at www.lifelinefamilycenter.org or at the Christ Centered Lifestore at 7191 Cypress Lake Drive in Fort Myers. In addition to single tickets, tables of eight are available for \$400. Sponsorships start at \$1,000 and include a VIP reception with Pam Tebow. For table purchases or sponsorship information, contact Lifeline at 242-7238.



Pam Tebow

The notoriety of the Tebow family increased when their youngest son won the Heisman Trophy following his sophomore football season with the Florida Gators. In 2010, Pam and Tim were in a Super Bowl commercial that celebrated family and life. Pam is also passionate about encouraging women to trust the Lord and to use the influence God has given them to impact their world.

The Tebows lived for a number of years as missionaries in the Philippines and ran an orphanage in the Philippines, which has been home to scores of orphans since 1992. Pam and her husband Bob have been called "homeschool pioneers." They began homeschooling in 1982. All five of their children were homeschooled from kindergarten through high school, and all received college scholarships.

The fundraiser supports the mission of Lifeline Family Center, a privately-funded organization dedicated to providing hope for young women in unplanned pregnancies by offering a two-year residential program in a safe and secure Christian home. The goal of Lifeline Family Center is to enable young women to redirect their lives by breaking the cycle of poverty, abuse and neglect. Lifeline Family Center also has

a community outreach ministry with satellite locations in Lee County to provide free pregnancy testing and crisis pregnancy counseling offering abortion alternatives.

For more information, call Lifeline Family Center at 242-7238 or visit www.lifelinefamilycenter.org.

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank To Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank will commemorate its 10th anniversary on Wednesday, February 20 with an open house at all four locations on Sanibel Island and in Fort Myers. Each location will serve cake and refreshments throughout the day.

"We are extremely pleased to celebrate our first decade with \$236 million in total assets; a solid five percent increase over the previous year," said Craig L. Albert, president and chief executive officer at SanCap Bank. "And, we earned \$1 million during 2012, bringing our total earnings since we opened to \$8 million – more than any other bank in Lee County."

Along with Albert, the only bank chartered on Sanibel Island is also recognizing eight employees who have served with the financial institution since opening. They are Sharon Baker, lead teller; Heather Dowling, vice president of special assets; David Hall, executive vice president and chief financial officer; Jacqueline Jones, deposit operations assistant; Victoria Matic, senior vice president and compliance officer; Jeanette Michaels, loan operations assistant; Nora Mohr, Library Way vice president and office manager; and Deborah Norris, McGregor vice president and officer manager. The bank currently has 39 full-time employees.

The locally owned and operated bank, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank provides customized personal and business banking services throughout Southwest Florida. Specializing in residential lending, the bank offers free business and personal checking. The Sanibel Island banks are located at 2475 Library Way and 1037 Periwinkle Way, and in Fort Myers at 15975 McGregor Boulevard and 12480 Brantley Commons Court. To learn more, visit www.sancapbank.com.

Red Cross Pet First Aid Course

The American Red Cross Pet First Aid Course will be offered at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Thursday, February 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Gain the confidence and skills necessary to tend to unexpected pet emergencies until professional veterinary attention is acquired. During the American Red Cross Pet First Aid Course, participants will have the opportunity to practice skills on realistic dog and cat mannequins.

Course participants will receive a Dog First Aid and Cat First Aid Manual. The manuals each contain a 30-minute DVD with step-by-step information on safety procedures and dealing with medical emergencies.

The cost of the course is \$50 for members and \$62.50 for non-members and includes all materials.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My son's teacher, he's in second grade, just mentioned to me that she thinks he may have visual processing deficits. I really don't understand what that means. Please tell me about this problem.

Clarissa C., Fort Myers, Florida

Clarissa,

Processing deficits can be confusing to understand for many reasons. There is often a unique vocabulary to learn when you are trying to understand processing deficits and there is the conflict between what we understand as our senses, hearing, seeing, etc., and what happens with our senses and processing problems.

Processing deficits are problems with the processes of recognizing and interpreting information taken in through the senses as defined by ldonline.org.

Your son's teacher has indicated that he is having difficulty understanding, interpreting and using information that he sees visually. This does not mean that he has a sight problem; however, it means that the difficulty is how his brain uses information taken in via his eyes. According to Ferris State University,

these problems manifest as difficulty remembering studied words, indecipherable handwriting, difficulties copying written words, a short attention span and frequently losing place while reading or reciting. It's also important to note that visual processing difficulties show up differently in different age groups.

This is a rather large topic to discuss in a column, but I will provide you with some brief definitions, examples and ideas for remediation and recommendations for obtaining additional help.

There are six main types of visual processing deficits; visual memory, visual sequencing, visual discrimination, visual figure ground, spatial orientation and visual motor integration. Visual memory difficulties are the inability to recall an image seen either a short or long time ago and might include problems with spelling, reading comprehension or remembering number sequences. Visual sequencing problems include seeing and distinguishing the order of symbols, words or images and would surface with reading and math work. Visual figure ground problems mean that specific images or printed characters cannot be seen on a printed page. It makes finding specific information very difficult.

Spatial orientation, according to ldonline.org, is the ability to understand how objects are positioned in space in relation to oneself. This involves the understanding of distances both near or far, as well as the relationship of objects and characters described on paper or spoken. This is important in spacing on paper, judging

time and moving efficiently.

Visual motor integration is using feedback from the eyes to coordinate the movement of other parts of the body. Problems with this show up in copying from the board, appearing clumsy and having difficulty in sports (National Center for Learning Disabilities).

Interventions should be developed for the specific areas of concern, but generally speaking, it helps to reinforce/repeat directions orally, use color coding or highlighting for organization, clear text and spacing and, perhaps, more time to accomplish work may help. It is very important to work with the school and their personnel to develop a plan to address your child's needs. If problems continue despite school-based interventions, it is important to seek an evaluation from a trained professional such as a neurologist or clinical psychologist who can evaluate your child.

There is quite a bit of information online about processing deficits. Two great sites to visit are <http://www.ldonline.org> and www.nclld.org.

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Cultural Arts Center To Hold Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon cutting of the \$5.8 million, 14,000-square-foot Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center will take place on Thursday, February 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the center, located in the Harlem Heights community at 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. The event is free and open to the public.

The Heights Foundation supports the Heights Center, a place for education, opportunity and enrichment. The center's mission is to promote family and community development, support education, health and wellness, and provide the benefits of enrichment, expressive and cultural arts in the Harlem Heights neighborhood.

The Heights Center stood as a shell for four years after the real estate crash forced a philanthropist to rescind a \$4 million dollar pledge. "Because of the generous support of local donors, along with the tenacity and dedicated work of our board of directors, advisory committee, employees, volunteers, the residents of Harlem Heights and the Harlem Heights Improvement Association, we were able to make the center a reality," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of the Heights Foundation. "We will open our doors debt-free."

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Superior Interiors

A Few Thoughts On Bedroom Decorating

by Cindy Malszycki



All of us require a place for tranquil reflection. Your bedroom is, or should be, that haven. If your bedroom isn't restful and restorative, then change it. If you share it, create a mutually agreeable atmosphere of a welcoming retreat from the outside

world.

You'll need to think about considering more than sleeping accommodations in arranging your bedroom. It invariably becomes the chosen place to accomplish those things that require privacy and solitude – reading a book, writing letters, pursuing your favorite hobby or contemplating your plans for the next day.

We can work with you to provide everything you need to create your very own special retreat. From draperies to bedspreads, accessories to new furniture – we have it all.

Have you considered designing a creative headboard – one that can actually be an attractive wall treatment as well? A canopy look, an upholstered headboard, even gentle sheer fabric draped from your four-poster, can create a magical new sleeping environment.

And custom bedding is a must. Fitted spreads, comforters, duvets – complete with a variety of exquisite and decorative pillow shams, and double dust ruffles featuring ruffles, beads or even fringe – are guaranteed to make your bed take center stage.

*Cindy Malszycki is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at cindy@decden.net.**

Remote Monitoring For Air Conditioning

by Bryan Hayes



Wouldn't it be nice to check and see how your vacation home or rental property's a/c unit is doing? Wouldn't it help to ease your mind to be able to check temperature, humidity and usage

from far away? With new technology this is now a reality. The industry has made huge strides in home automation and the benefits are endless: with just a few keystrokes on your computer or handheld, you are able to view how your a/c is operating. Have you ever worried that your a/c system is not keeping up in the middle of August? Have you had a problem with the a/c water drains backing up in the home in the past? You can check the humidity level in the home; if there is a condensate problem, you will see that you may

have a higher humidity level than normal. Do you worry about guests or renters running the air conditioning with the doors open or to excess? This is something that will show up in usage reports and humidity level records. If you would like to turn the temperature down prior to your arrival, again a couple of keystrokes and you will walk into a comfortable home. Speaking of arrival, wouldn't it be nice to discover any problems with your a/c system and have one of our qualified technicians take care of the problem before you arrive?

There are many different ways to automate your home's systems. You can install a whole house system that controls everything from lighting, HVAC, pool/spa operation and everything in between. If you are interested in just doing the HVAC aspect, you can utilize a wi-fi compatible thermostat. There are many different options. The Nest is one such option that I have written about before. Honeywell also makes a line of systems that cover the gamut from simple to super-technical. One final note: these systems can also save you money.

*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.**

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Eden Energy Medicine

Alleviate Chronic Headaches

by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML



Headache is defined in WordNet English dictionary as a noun that is: "1. Pain in the head caused by dilation of cere-

bral arteries or muscle contractions or a reaction [to] drugs. 2. Something or someone that causes anxiety; a source of unhappiness."

From an Energy Medicine perspective, energy wants to move and needs space. If compressed or pressed (i.e., dilation of arteries or muscle contraction), energy surrounding the arteries or muscles can't dynamically flow. Remember the soft spot on a baby's head and the sutures that must knit together to provide solid bone structure for protection of the brain? These same sutures remain present in our skull as adults. It is noted in wiki.answers.com "In adult life the main function of sutures is to distribute impact force evenly around the skull. The collagen present in the interfacial layer coupled with the jagged interlocking joints distributes impact

force evenly across the entire length of the sutures and connecting bone."

Thus, trapped energy is moved out of the head at the suture points since they are not solid bone, but are interlocking joints. Using the structure of the body enables it to heal itself through simple techniques. The following EM exercise works for chronic headaches and takes about two minutes to complete:

The Isometric Press for chronic headaches:

Step 1. As you tilt your head to the right, place your right palm against the right side of your head over the suture line. While taking a deep breath and holding it, push your head and your hand against each other.

Step 2. As you slowly release your breath, remove your hand and stretch your head toward your right shoulder. Repeat Step 1 and 2 two times.

Step 3. Switch to your left side and follow Steps 1 and 2 for three turns.

Step 4. With your head positioned straight over your spine, place the pads of all eight fingers on the boney structure at the back of your head right at the base of the skull. As you take a deep breath, push your fingers and head toward each other.

Step 5. As you slowly release your breath, open your jaw as you drop your hands to your lap. Take a deep breath in through your mouth; jut your bottom jaw forward while pulling it to meet your upper jaw. Release the breath, open your mouth and let the jaw relax.

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Dr. Dave Supplements And Prescriptions



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

“**D**octor, I’d like to know if any of these supplements are interfering with the prescription you gave me for my foot fungus.”

“What’s the problem, Bloggins?”
“Well I’ve noticed my left pancreas is itchy and my hair is sluggish.”

“Exactly what supplements are you taking?”

“Not sure, so I brought them with me.” At this time I often hear a loud beeping sound as if a large delivery truck were backing up, whereupon I glance outside to observe a large beeping delivery truck backing up. Out tumbles the prize products of late-night infomercials, *National Enquirer* ads and so-called health shows (the ones that exhibit every health expert with the exception of actual health experts.)

“Here they are. Let’s see.” As Bloggins begins stacking bottles upon plastic bottles of virgin beaver tooth extract and beta609 isoelbowanoids, I note a preponderance of items beginning with G-like ginseng, ginkgo, grapeseed, assorted green thingamajigs and giblets of Gary Gilmour. As Bloggins proudly looks over his small pharmacy of assorted supplements, I soon learn that he has no idea what they are actually for.

“By the way, do you take any supplements doctor?”

“I do”
“What?” he asks, eager to add whatever I might suggest to his little armada of bottles.

“Well, on a daily basis I take a Snickers pill, but when the moon is exactly one-third full, I take a couple of Mr. Bigs, particularly if I feel my serum transfats are getting a little low.”

But I actually do take supplements. My constant perusal of the *Lancet*, *New England Journal of Medicine* and *Cosmo* has convinced me to take curcumin, blueberry and salmon oil. I need supplements to make up for the paucity of these essential nutrients at

the grocery store I usually shop at, the HersheySnickers Market.

As I have previously expounded voluminously on the benefits of berries and salmon (for previous articles, please contact the Pulitzer archives and mention my name repeatedly), I turn my attention now to curcumin, as many of you do, if someone has just ingested a bowl of curry before invading your private space.

Curcumin is a component of the tumeric spice that gives curry its brilliant colour and pungency. My mother once made hot curried chicken when I was six and I’m convinced that the part that I didn’t toss to the regretful dog is still eating away at my olfactory glands.

Curcumin has previously been touted to increase our brainpower, improve our vision and give us happier prostates,

apparently for good reasons. It has excellent antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and anti-amyloid properties. It is these nasty amyloids that are constantly being implicated in Alzheimer’s disease.

India has significantly less Alzheimer’s than North America, a cancer rate ten times lower and a statistically significant lower number of Kardashians fans, all indicators of better health. Could curcumin be the reason? It is currently being tested in multiple studies as a chemotherapeutic or chemopreventative agent because of its positive effects against cancer growth and spread. It is being studied in large prestigious cancer centers for its antioxidant properties and is now being looked at for specific cancer prevention and even treatment, including the dangerous melanomas (moles gone wild). In one

study it caused melanoma cells to actually self-destruct.

Curcumin is very safe and tolerable in that ingesting bushels of this stuff appears to cause no toxicity whatsoever, unless on a first date. As more and more disease processes appear to depend on inflammation to wreak their havoc on our brains, arteries and joints, curcumin offers us a safe and effective anti-inflammatory agent.

“Thanks for the info doc. You’ve convinced me. I’ll go pick up gurgumin right away.”

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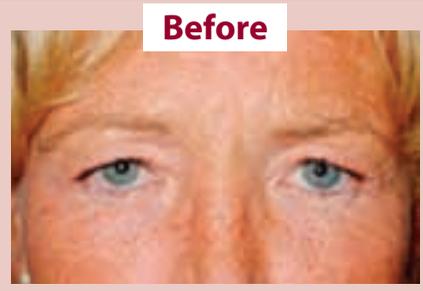
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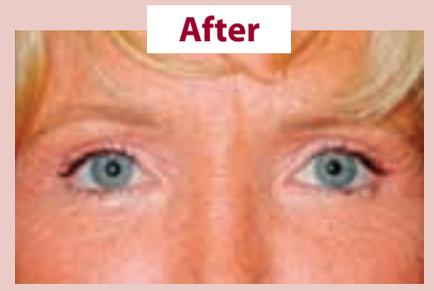
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The grant will assist DVIC with program capabilities, including the development of state-of-the-art training techniques that will prepare disabled veterans with skills for sales support and cross-selling personal insurance products for careers in the insurance industry by January 2015.

"DVIC thanks the FAIA and Good Works Fund for their support," said Gary V. Trippe, DVIC director and co-founder. "Many disabled veterans will receive employment opportunities in the insurance industry, including education and licenses."

DVIC will invite the participation of leading agents and brokers identified by leaders in the industry. Agents, brokers and insurance companies will initially work with the nonprofit organization by outsourcing sales and customer service functions to the veterans group.

"FAIA Good Works Fund is honored to support DVIC's mission in educating, training and assisting our veterans in the insurance industry," said Jeff Grady, FAIA president and CEO.

Through a partnership with an accredited institution of higher learning, training of up to one year will be provided through online courses and virtual classrooms. A stipend will be paid during training. All work will be completed via telephone and computer, thereby eliminating the burdens often associated with physical challenges. The goal is for the disabled veterans to work from a home office setting.

Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers is a nonprofit organization with the mission to educate-train and generate meaningful employment opportunities for physically disabled veterans who will excel at proactively cross-selling personal lines insurance products on behalf of leading independent insurance agencies.

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American Lung Association Launches Annual Stairclimb Event

Registration now is under way and teams have begun training for the 2013 Fight For Air Stairclimb, scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at the High Point Place, 2104 West First Street in Fort Myers and hosted by the Gulfcoast Chapter of the American Lung Association.

Last year's event raised \$45,000 for the battle against lung diseases such as asthma and lung cancer, which is the leading cancer-related death for men and women in the United States. Event organizers hope to up the fundraising effort to \$50,000 this year.

During stairclimbs, which the American Lung Association (ALA) hosts throughout the country, participants raise money by collecting pledges to ascend the stairway in a high-rise tower. High Point Place, the tallest building between Tampa and Miami, has donated access to one of its towers for the Fight For Air Climb. Climbers ascend the high rise's 30 floors and 514 steps.

"Nearly 250 climbers participated last year, and we anticipate that number to increase substantially this year," said Kurt Goerke, regional director of the ALA's Gulfcoast Chapter.

As is the trend nationally, the Fort Myers stairclimb is attracting an increasing level of support and participation from local firefighters. Firefighters don their full gear during the climb, providing a healthy competition between neighboring fire districts while at the same time inspiring non-firefighting participants.

"A very healthy rivalry has developed among the local fire departments," Goerke said. "The firefighters all want to be the fastest up the stairs and generate the most donations. The event and our important cause certainly benefit from their involvement."

Teams who have registered for the event are invited to begin training, and practice climbs are scheduled weekly on Saturday mornings beginning this month. The cost to register for the event is \$25, and each climber must raise \$100. More information and online registration is available at www.FightForAirClimb.org.

Fight For Air Climbs are unique fundraising events for the ALA, usually occurring in prominent skyscrapers, stadiums or arenas and involve climbing multiple steps. Sometimes called a "vertical road race," teams and individual participants often use the event as a fitness target, as a race or as a way to be active and meet new friends. Many climbers participate to support someone who has lung disease or as a memorial to someone who has passed away. The lung association chapters in West Palm Beach, Tampa, Orlando, Miami, Jacksonville and Fort Lauderdale also host Fight For Air Climbs.

Sponsor of the local event include Lee Memorial Health System, High Point Place, Lee County Electric Cooperative, Bagel Bagel, Simplified Technologies, Culligan Water, Ree-Shape Your Life, Story Book Realty, McDonald's, Kings Brand, The Morgan House and Sun Harvest Citrus.

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dearPharmacist

Does Deer Antler Velvet Work?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

My hero is Ray Lewis of the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, and I heard he took Deer Antler Velvet to recover from his muscle injuries faster. Do you

recommend this?

DD, Baltimore, Maryland

As a Bronco's fan, I'll answer your question, albeit reluctantly. I've never recommended deer antler velvet extract, but it's sold at health food stores and online. Deer antler spray was thrust into the Super Bowl spotlight with reports alleging Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis ordered the supplement as a sublingual spray and a pill to help him recover from a torn tricep injury, but interestingly, this supplement is also touted as a male sexual performance aid. Hang on for more on that.

Deer antlers grow incredibly fast. The dietary supplements (when authentic) harvest antler velvet from growing deer, moose, elk and caribou. The antlers are removed from the animal before they form solid bone, and the velvet

is removed. It can be painful, and I'm worried that new demand will shortcut proper harvesting techniques. Anyway, after processing, the extract contains calcium, magnesium and zinc, as well as glucosamine, chondroitin and collagen, all of which support bone health. This crazy stuff is banned by the NCAA and the NFL (National Collegiate Athletic Association and National Football League respectively). Why? Because it contains IGF-1 (insulin-like growth factor 1), a hormone that boosts testosterone. It's the IGF-1 that is banned, not deer antler.

This is a good time to tell you that IGF-1 is a totally natural growth hormone. It's what makes children grow into adults. It's circulating in your blood as we speak, so IGF-1 is not bad; it happens to increase muscle strength and improve muscle recovery while breaking down carbs faster. You can measure IGF-1 with a blood test.

As I said, antler velvet tends to mildly increase levels of your sex hormone testosterone. Is it a substitute for Viagra? While a little extra T does improve desire and sexual function, I doubt it will put enough lead in your pencil if your arteries are truly clogged. You see, erectile dysfunction is often a sign of coronary artery disease, so to mask it with a supplement or drug that gets your motor started doesn't make sense to me. I'd rather you unplug the pipelines to get your blood flowing down south (and to your heart), but that's a different column altogether. As for women, deer

antler velvet supplements may increase estrogen levels. If you're low in estrogen and need it for menopausal concerns, I guess you could ask your doctor about this supplement, but what if you are normal or high? That's a major problem. These supplements contain estrogen compounds, so it could worsen any kind of hormone-sensitive condition such as uterine fibroids or cancer, ovarian cancer, cervical problems,

endometriosis, fibrocystic breast disease or breast cancer. While it all sounds impressive, I simply can't find solid studies to recommend it.

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. ✨

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: Can you explain what the relaxation response is?

A: Dr. Herbert Benson, who coined the term relaxation response, suggested that you can use your mind

to change your physiology for improved health and even reduce your need for medications. To begin the relaxation response, focus on your breath. Practice breathing diaphragmatically (belly breathing). Imagine inhaling relaxation through the stomach, diaphragm and lungs; then imagine exhaling stress and tension you have carried in your mind and body. The

breath is a life force that keeps you centered in the present moment. This is why the relaxation response is so important. The same mechanism that turned your body's stress response on can turn it off. When you decide that the real or imagined situation is no longer a threat, your brain stops sending emergency signals to your brain stem, which in turn ceases to send panic messages to your nervous system. Several minutes after you shut off the danger signals, the fight or flight response burns out. Your metabolism, breathing rate, heart rate, muscle tension and blood pressure all return to the levels they were before the incident. So the relaxation response is to this day very useful as a natural restorative process. ✨

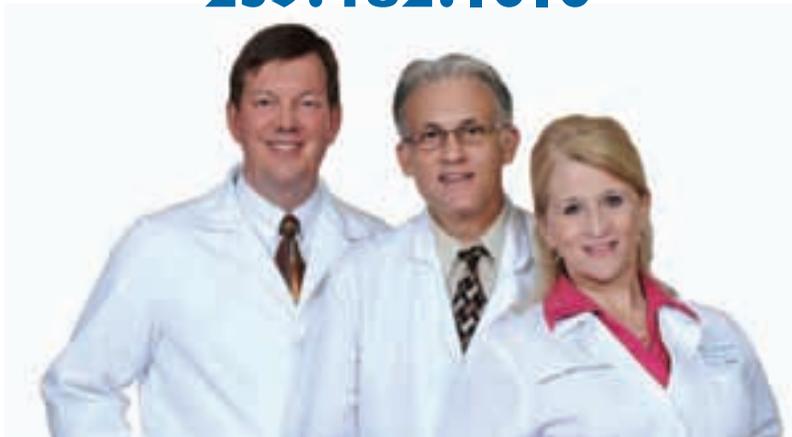
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Mom And Me



contacted the father to give him the news.

He was not the least bit interested, and asked them not to ever contact him again. After the divorce was final, minimal child support was collected from the father by the state and they sent the check to the mother.

The grandparents are parents again. They hate the thought, but the kids need their help. What are grandparents to do? We hope that this will not happen to us, but you never know as we are in our semi-retirement years.

Karen

Dear Karen,

I am observing more and more multigenerational family assistance. This includes grandparents assisting with the care of grandchildren because their adult children have fallen on difficult times.

In addition to this, adult children are caring for their elderly parents in their homes.

In some cases, grandchildren are the primary care providers for elderly grandparents. So while the situation you describe is disappointing to you, it is more and more common. I think multigenerational assistance has always been around. What is different is we, as a society, are talking about it more, and questioning whether or not we want to assist family. Maybe people are becoming more selfish, maybe not.

You will not find a sympathetic ear from me. You will find a lot of praise for stepping up and helping family in time of need, even when it conflicts with your own life plans.

Pryce

Dear Karen,

This daughter is very fortunate to have parents who are able to help in a time of crisis. Many men or women do not have family members available, must struggle all on their own, and seek the help of governmental agencies.

After the major problems are all resolved, the single parent should get himself or herself established on their own with their children and have their own private living space. It is a very, very difficult situation and is happening all around us.

Lizzie

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

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Ribbon Cutting

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by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

The other day I met a new woman at a neighborhood coffee.

She looked rather frazzled and stressed out, and later told us she cared for two grandchildren under three years old. Her daughter's husband had walked out of their house, she had a ten-month-old son and was four months pregnant. She was five hundred miles away from her mother and father. Her parents drove five hundred miles to their home, gathered up the family and their belongings and moved them back to their home.

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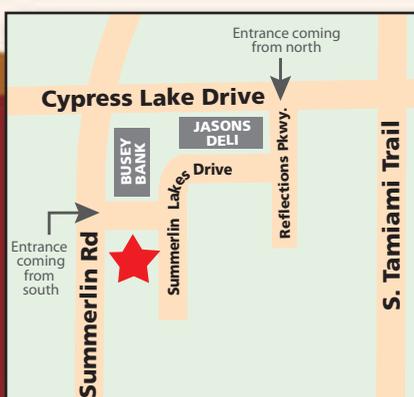
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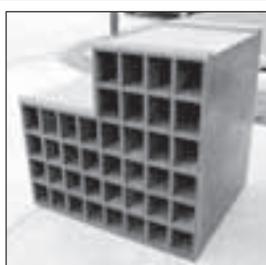
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www.sanibelsoccer.org	
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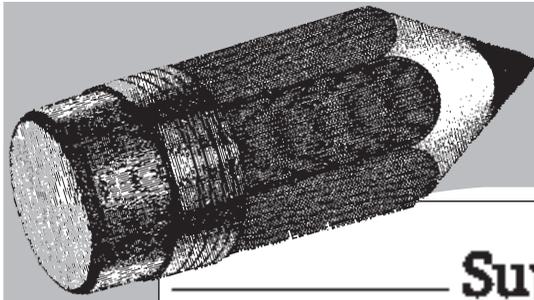
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Answers on page 43B

Super Crossword

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 - 4 Silky green pods
 - 9 "Baby Face" De... (1974)
 - 14 Inevitable panel joint
 - 19 Most disorderly
 - 21 "Man Returns" (1987 film)
 - 22 Haines
 - 23 "Aunt" (1971 film)
 - 25 Stimulate
 - 26 Semantics
 - 27 "I... (1987 film)
 - 28 Corn cake
 - 30 Unusable address
 - 31 Lolly (Sue's family)
 - 33 TV announcer
 - 41 Lillian Wyle's family
 - 42 Finnish verb
 - 43 One's Curves habit
 - 44 Vingo
 - 45 "The Sleeping..."
 - 46 Take something of better
 - 48 "Wanting for Lolly" (1974)
 - 49 (Family Tool Group)
 - 55 Star lobby
 - 56 Ray of hope
 - 57 Ruffalo's anger trigger
 - 58 Chokehold
 - 61 "Baby Face" De... (1974)
 - 64 Tannin
 - 65 Lays 2002
 - 67 Precious to (H.L.) Leland
 - 75 Whip up
 - 76 "Summer for..." (1971 film)
 - 78 Well-timed
 - 79 Make it a do-or-die
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 - 82 "The... (1971 film)
 - 84 The case that...
 - 88 (Swain's...)
 - 93 Stand by for
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MAGIC MAZE ● **FOUND IN A RIVER**

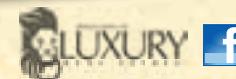
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- Use the letters in the maze to find words found in a river.
- Alligators
 - Snails
 - Dams
 - Ducks
 - Fish
 - Geese
 - Heron
 - Hippos
 - Loops
 - Minnows
 - Otter
 - Silt
 - Snakes
 - Trash
 - Turtles

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- East End, Gulf-Front Luxury
- Private Pool and Spa
- Multiple Balconies/Breathtaking Views
- \$1,849,000 MLS 2111063
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



Tennis Villa 3111

- Charming 1BD with Tropical Courtyard Views
- Fully Furnished and Ready For You
- Just Steps to Beach, Pool, Tennis & Village
- Excellent Rental or Vacation Getaway
- \$267,500 MLS 2130148
- Fred Newman or Vicki Panico 239.826.2704



Panoramic Beach Front

- 2 Acres of Ultimate Sanibel Real Estate
- Gated Subdivision – Gulf Ridge
- Sophisticated but Casual 4BD/4.5BA
- Elevator, Wood Floors, Gourmet Kitchen
- \$3,990,000 MLS 2120422
- McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435



Energy Efficient New Construction

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



NEW LISTING

Sanibel Arms West

- Bright & Cheery 2BD/2BA
- Ground Floor Walk-Out
- Convenient, East End Location
- On-Site Rental Management
- \$395,000 MLS 2130080
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



NEW PRICE

Seascape of Sanibel

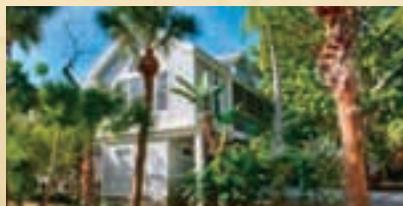
- 3BD/3.5BA Unique Condo Opportunity
- Total Reconfiguration to Maximize Space
- Front & Rear Lanais
- Fully Furnished
- \$1,344,000 MLS 2121244
- Jane Weaver & Cathy Rosario 239.464.2249



NEW PRICE

Incredible Beach Front Estate

- 3BD/2BA located on West Gulf Drive
- 100' of Beach Frontage
- Beautifully Groomed Grounds
- Awe Inspiring Water & Sunset Views
- \$3,295,000 MLS 2120883
- McMurray & Nette 239.850.7888



Ferry Landing

- East End 3BD/2.5BA & Office/Den
- Completely Updated & Stunning!
- Beautifully Updated Kitchen, Master Bath
- Lots of Storage & Professionally Furnished
- \$979,000 MLS 2130101
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



Captiva Open Breeze

- Spacious 5 Bedroom Compound
- Double Parcel with Tropical Setting
- Awesome Pool & Entertaining Area
- Great Rental History
- \$1,795,000 MLS 2121137
- McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435



Mediterranean Beauty on Captiva

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

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