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'Ding' Breaks Ground For Children's Education Boardwalk



Computer rendering of the boardwalk's observation deck

Representatives from JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge and The Sanibel School gathered recently with donors and green architect Amy Nowacki to break ground for the long-anticipated Children's Education Boardwalk that will connect school and refuge property on Sanibel.

Donations for the project came from the Jim Sprankle Duck Decoy Exhibit sponsorships, the George and Miriam Martin Foundation, a bequest from the late Cyril Rubin, memorials to the late Win Kloosterman, a contribution from The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and many individuals from throughout the country.

From a locked gate on school property, the boardwalk will cross a brackish wetland currently inaccessible to the public en route to the refuge's Indigo Trail. It will give school children and visitors up-close views of alligators, wading birds and other wildlife.

The boardwalk, which is expected to be completed by early April or sooner, will be accessible to the public from the refuge. It will meander through mangroves and expand into an in-the-round venue to accommodate up to 25 students and other groups.

The project is one of only a handful of school-refuge partnerships in the nation that are physically connected by an educational boardwalk, according to Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland.

"We are so pleased to be getting under way with this project that so many have worked and contributed selflessly to make a reality," said DDWS President John McCabe. "We know it will be a valuable tool in our mission to educate visitors of all ages about the importance of preserving the environment."

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Sanibel Shell Festival Under Way

Last year, the Sanibel Shell Fair and Shell Show marked its 75th anniversary with a month-long celebration of shell-collecting history, attracting national attention. This year, the event returns on March 7, 8 and 9 to begin its next 75 years under a new banner, the Sanibel Shell Festival.

Whether you are a die-hard shell connoisseur, a casual collector, someone who admires intricate craftsmanship or a beach lover looking to learn about shells, the Sanibel Shell Festival is a must-do affair.

At the festival, guests will find world-class, prize-winning shell specimens on display, educational exhibits plus an array of intricately made shell art and crafts. In addition, attendees will find an array of treasures from the sea they can take home as gifts or souvenirs.

The festival is under way at The Community House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. Admission is free for the outdoor shell area, and a \$5 donation to enter the inside Shell Show. Parking is free, and food and beverages will be available.

Tickets for the Shell Fair Raffle are \$5 each or three for \$10, and can be purchased 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 or call 472-2155.



Swamp people hanging out at The Community House photo by Island Photography

Swamp House Party Coming To The Community House

As another installment of the House Party Series, The Community House is hosting a Swamp House Party on Friday, March 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. The Yard Dogs will provide the entertainment. This band has a strong local following devoted to its eclectic mix of bluegrass, Cajun, Zydeco, country and Southern rock. This is a rare opportunity to catch them on Sanibel.

In addition to the down-home music, there will be games, a corn hole tournament and gator bites. Redneck attire is recommended for this evening of authentic back-country fun.

The sponsored non-profit for the event is the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. The series sponsors are Billy's Bike Shop, Billy's Rentals, Joe and Marge Meek, Rosier

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What's Happening At The House In 2013

Shell Festival

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Raffle Tickets see details at www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net

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Dream Vacation A Prize In Raffle

As part of its annual fundraising efforts to support operations, The Community House has announced a very unique raffle featuring three fabulous prizes and, with only 300 tickets to be sold, a heightened chance for being one of the lucky winners.

Prize #1 is a dream vacation in the wine country of the Cote d'Or area of Burgundy, France. The winner of this prize will enjoy a week's stay in a charming, fully equipped, three bedroom guest house in the village of Santenay for a party of up to six people. Your activities for the week will be personalized for your interests by custom tour organizer Hidden France. You can chose to tour exclusive wineries, visit local historical and cultural sites, go bicycling in the countryside or dine in award-winning restaurants. (This prize is ground package only and does not include air travel.)

Prize #2 is a \$2,000 gift certificate from Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle Place, where you can find a new piece of designer jewelry to pamper yourself or a gift sure to delight that special someone in your life. Congress Jewelers has an array of fine jewelry and watch brands to choose from, including many designer lines. In addition, their famous Sealife by Congress collection is now available in its own boutique at Periwinkle Place, featuring its line of shell-inspired jewelry and nautical creations in 14k gold or sterling silver.



A week in the lovely wine country of Burgundy, France



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Prize #3 is an airline trip of your dreams with two round-trip tickets on JetBlue to any destination served by their system. You can choose a getaway to the bustle and glamour of cities like New York, Chicago or San Francisco, or an



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Raffle tickets are \$100 per ticket and are on sale now. Only 300 tickets will be issued. You can purchase your tickets at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way; Bank Of The Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way; or Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle Place Shops. The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m. at The Community House (during the Soul and R&B House Party). You need not be present to win. Prizes must be used within one year of the drawing.

Proceeds from the raffle are used entirely for operating expenses of The Community House. For more information visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net, call 472-2155 or visit The Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way. ✨

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Forfar Field Station on Andros Island in the Bahamas

Coral Reef Research And Exploration For Teenagers

submitted by Jenna Sullivan

If you are between 15 and 18 years old, available the week of June 15 to 22 and excited about exploring the ocean (or if you know anyone fitting that description), listen to this: Sanibel Sea School wants to take you on the adventure of a lifetime. We are going to Forfar Field Station on Andros Island in the Bahamas to immerse ourselves for one week in what is surely Earth's most diverse and spectacular ecosystem: The Coral Reef.

We will help protect the spectacular reefs we explore through participating in a global coral reef monitoring initiative, contributing valuable data information on fish and invertebrate populations to an online database that is used by scientists to better understand the current health of coral reefs on a global scale.

Andros is the largest Bahamian island and is famous for its spectacular coral reefs and its mysterious and beautiful blue holes. With world-class reefs as our classroom, our laboratory and our backyard, students will learn to identify and study the behavior



Colorful coral reef

of coral reef creatures as they snorkel and free dive around the reef. Through guided research projects and exercises, students will hone their reasoning and inference skills to answer scientific questions.

In typical Sanibel Sea School style, we will combine rigorous research science and ocean exploration with artistic creativity and just plain old fun times. Each student will create some sort of art during the trip to share with the camp – music, photography, knot-tying, dance, anything they feel inspired to create. We will explore Bahamian arts and culture through field trips and activities. And of course, we will have plenty of time for having fun and getting to know each other, island style – Forfar's beach volleyball net, hammocks and fire pit will be put to good use.

So, this summer, dive headfirst into the dynamic world of coral reef field research. You will gain new insights into the field of coral reef ecology and make a valuable contribution to coral reef research and conservation, all in a setting as breathtaking as it is biologically rich. You will acquire and perfect skills that will help promote overall academic success and you will strengthen and hone your creative abilities. You will have an experience that will transform how you see yourself – as a capable, competent, informed citizen of a larger, global community.

For more information or to sign up, call 472-8585 or send an email to info@sanielseaschool.org. To find out more, visit www.sanielseaschool.org.✧

START Hosts Informative Red Tide Public Panel

submitted by START

The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of START (Solutions to Avoid Red Tide) hosted a panel discussion on February 27 with local and regional experts on red tide to help the public understand the ecological and human health effects of red tide. This event could not have come at a better time, as public concern about red tide has been high due a recent red tide bloom in Sanibel and Captiva.

The event drew about 150 members to The Community House. As questions about public health and safety arose from the crowd, experts from Mote Marine Laboratory, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation and Sanibel Sea School were on hand to educate the audience and address concerns.

While the presence of the organism responsible for red tide produces a toxin, which elicits a cough, the panel of scientists explained that there is actually very little need for alarm. Symptoms such as throat irritation and a slight cough are temporary for individuals not suffering

from pre-existing respiratory conditions.

The panel did have a suggestion, however, for people suffering from conditions such as asthma and COPD – “Send out a ‘scout’ to the beach to check out the conditions,” advised Dr. Barb Kirkpatrick, senior scientist at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota and the manager of Mote's Environmental Health Program. “Have them listen to the beach. If they hear other people coughing, it is not a good time to send an asthmatic or someone with respiratory problems to that particular beach.”

The panelists stressed that a red tide bloom should not keep visitors and residents from enjoying the beaches of Sanibel and Captiva.

“Just because there is red tide toxin in the air at the Lighthouse doesn't mean that Bowman's Beach isn't a perfectly good place to spend the day, or vice versa,” said Dr. Bruce Neill, executive director at Sanibel Sea School. “Also, the toxin level in the air at any beach can change drastically throughout the day – if a morning walk produces coughs, an afternoon walk at the same beach might be just fine.”

The panel further suggested the use of particle filter masks as one method of mitigating red tide's effects.

The recent red tide seems to have washed up a rising sentiment over

water quality and the health of the Gulf of Mexico, a topic worthy of attention among social and scientific circles. While red tide has occurred for hundreds of years, the frequency and duration of a red tide bloom has certainly increased along with the development of Southwest Florida.

Fertilizers are thought to largely exacerbate both the intensity and the frequency at which harmful algal blooms occur. Vice Mayor Mick Denham expressed a need for the City of Sanibel to continue to examine and improve its fertilizer use ordinance and to encourage other municipalities to adopt similar ordinances to ensure the protection of coastal waters, a sentiment met with applause from the audience.

While the panel of experts was able to elaborate on the health effects of red tide, many questions may remain unanswered for the foreseeable future. Dr. Kirkpatrick raised a grave concern for those in the red tide research field:

“The way we study red tide cannot be efficient because of funding, or lack thereof. Funding is ample when there is a red tide bloom, such as the one we experienced in 2005. However, as soon as red tide goes away and the fish kills are cleaned from the beaches, funding dries up and the public forgets. Our budget is at one quarter of what it was during the

2005 bloom. This rollercoaster funding does not allow us to do our jobs.”

The panel encouraged audience members to write to their congressmen and advocate for steadier red tide research funding.

In an effort to serve the public and further its mission of coastal preservation, the San-Cap chapter of START has three ongoing initiatives. The Seafood Savvy program is in place to work with local restaurants and seafood vendors on promoting and serving ocean friendly seafood. The Coastal Classroom, available online at www.coastalclassroom.org, provides curriculum tools to middle school teachers to help them better educate their students on ocean conservation and marine science issues.

Finally, the Beach Conditions Monitoring Network is an online service that allows the public to get up-to-date information on red tide activity and other beach parameters in order to determine which beach to visit at a particular time. This information can be found online at <http://coolgate.mote.org/beachconditions/>.

All of START's initiatives help people be better conservation stewards and are funded locally by our annual fundraiser, the Crackerfest, which occurs in the fall. For more information, visit www.start1.org.✧

Shell Club Honors Member

submitted by Joyce Matthys

If you have attended the Sanibel Shell Show any time in the last 38 years, you probably have seen Evelyn Spencer. She works all day, every day of the show, walking around the scientific exhibits, rarely sitting down. She enters shell exhibits in this highly competitive show annually, and has won many blue ribbons and prestigious awards.

What makes Spencer special is that she is 98 years old.

Shortly after the 2013 shell show ends, Spencer will be leaving Sanibel. While on an extended trip to Australia this fall, she became ill and had to return to Sanibel for medical care. Now she has decided that it is probably best that she move up north to be closer to her family. This will be Spencer's last shell show, and she hopes to be there every day.

Spencer was recognized for her years of support and volunteerism at the last Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meeting. Friends and club members shared some of their fond memories and then shared a special cake decorated with seashells.

When you visit the 76th Annual Shell Festival, come inside to the shell show to say hello to Evelyn Spencer. If you have not met her before, you will be amazed at her wit and vitality.✽



Evelyn Spencer with her shell cake

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Shell Festival Raffle Tickets On Sale Now

For a donation of \$5 each or three for \$10, you can be a part of a raffle to benefit The Community House. Tickets are being sold and the items are on display at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. Tickets can be purchased between 9 a.m. and 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.

Prizes to be awarded include:

- The Flower Garden – A 10-inch 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.
- Miniature Flower Tree – A creation of more than 300 shell flowers by three-time Gertrude A. Ford Best Miniature Flower Arrangement-Hobbyist award-winner Dorothy Harper. Valued at \$1,000.
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For more information, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.✽

Sanibel Shell Show Featured Guest Speaker

Scientific Judge M.G. "Jerry" Harasewych will be the Sanibel Shell Show featured guest speaker.

Harasewych is a curator in is a curator in the Department of Invertebrate Zoology at the Smithsonian Institution and the co-author of *The Book of Shells*, a life-size guide to identifying and classifying 600 seashells. His lecture will be given at The Bailey Matthews Shell Museum on Friday, March 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. All Shell Fair exhibitors are invited to attend.

The title of Harasewych's presentation is Cerion, "the most difficult genus of land snails" demystified. The talk will include an overview of the history of discovery and taxonomic thought about diversity within this genus, which contains over 600 named species as well as some of the more recent research on the patterns and processes that have lead to such complex patterns of morphological diversity.

For more information, call The Bailey Matthews Shell Museum at 395-2233.✽



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Shell Museum Upcoming Events

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum hosts educational events during the month of March.

- Sailors' Valentine Class – Tuesday, March 12, Thursday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Anna Marie Nyquist Education Area
Create your own Sailors' Valentine. Connie Miller will instruct participants in the art of making flowers and other

creative designs with a variety of shells. Sailors' Valentines are traditionally octagonal wooden boxes and make great gifts and coffee table decorations. Price for registration is \$300 and \$135 for the shell kit. Space is limited. For more information, contact Diane Thomas at 395-2233 or dothomas@shellmuseum.org.

- Natural Science Lecture Series: John and Liana McManus – Wednesday, March 13, 2 to 3 p.m., Museum Auditorium
From The University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, John McManus,

Ph.D., and Liana McManus, Ph.D., will lecture on Coral Reef Management featuring the Australians Symposium on World Reef Management. Talk sponsored in part by the Island Inn of Sanibel. For more information, contact Diane Thomas at 395-2233 or dothomas@shellmuseum.org.*

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Kindergarten Orientation

The Sanibel School will be holding its kindergarten orientation on Tuesday, March 19 for children who will be five years old on or before September 1 and who plan to attend school in the fall. Orientation for students is at 9 a.m. and orientation for parents only will be held at 6:30 p.m. that same day. Call the registrar, Donna Marks, at 472-1617 for more information.*

San-Cap Orchid Society Meeting

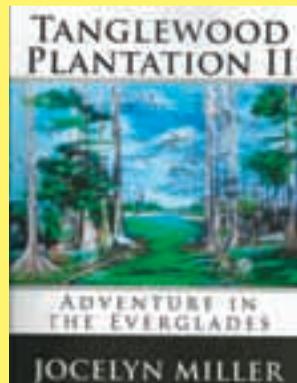
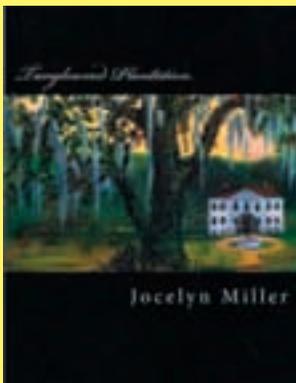
Vandas And Why We Love Them will be the topic of the Monday, March 18 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. The speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Martin Motes, who is a distinguished AOS judge and well known vanda breeder. He has won numerous awards for his orchids throughout his career as co-owner of Motes Orchids in Homestead. Along with his wife, Mary, Dr. Motes has written several books on orchids and vandas including *Florida Orchid Growing*, which offers readers a month-by-month guide to successful orchid culture in the Sunshine State. 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 San-Cap 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.

San-Cap 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, while guests may attend the meeting for \$4.

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Captiva Community Panel Meeting

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Rooms in Chadwicks Square at South Seas Island Resort. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Panel structure and possible bylaws revision.
- Presentation on the county's historic preservation efforts.
- Presentation on Captiva Community Center renovation plans.
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
- A Captiva Fire District update.
- A Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update.

Public participation is invited and encouraged.

Also, the panel's Bylaws Committee will meet immediately after the Captiva Community Panel meeting. Two or more panel members may be in attendance to discuss possible revisions to the panel bylaws, to be drafted and presented to the full panel for discussion and approval.

The next Captiva Community Panel meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, April 9. Additional information and background documents are available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.✪

Civic Association Plans Luncheon And Meeting

submitted by Jim Lynch, President, SRCA

The Rocks Civic Association Board of Directors has announced Wednesday, April 3 as the date of its annual luncheon and meeting.

The Rocks Civic Association covers the area from the West Wind Inn to the end of West Gulf Drive and all the subdivisions north of West Gulf Drive. It is the largest civic association on Sanibel.

If you live in the area of "The Rocks," you are encouraged to attend the meet-

ing, which will be held at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, starting at noon.

Issues of concern to Rocks residents will be addressed during the meeting after lunch. Arrangements are being made with Bailey's General Store to cater sandwiches and snacks. Soft drinks and desserts will also be provided.

For questions or additional information, call 395-2348.✪

Free Health Screenings

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club will perform complimentary diabetes, glaucoma, hearing and blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11 at the Sanibel Recreation Center. The diabetes test uses a tiny drop of blood extracted with an almost painless prick of the finger, which is then read by a blood glucose meter in five seconds. The glaucoma test checks peripheral vision and eye pressure, which can detect existing eye damage and/or provide predictive information.

The Lion screeners have been trained and certified by a doctor and use all appropriate methods to insure antiseptic conditions and privacy during the screening. Screenings are performed on a first come, first served basis.

Finding and treating eye disease early is the best way to limit the effects of glaucoma and diabetic eye disease. If left untreated, they may cause severe vision loss or even blindness.

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

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**...on Friday, March 15,
at the Annual Meeting of the
Committee of the Islands**

Controlled growth has become a passion for Ralf Brookes, who one commentator noted has a resume "that reads like a 'good guy' character in a Carl Hiaasen novel." He represents cities like Bradenton Beach and Yankeetown, as well as private clients, in seemingly hard-to-win cases where the common thread is sensible development versus over-development -- exactly the challenges that our barrier island community works so hard to meet.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

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of the Islands at: coti@coti.org

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Sanibel Uncorked! The Food and Wine Festival was an outstanding success held by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club at Lily & Co. Jewelers. Lily & Co. (co-host) and Baileys General Store and Catering are Student Enrichment Supporters. Safety Officer and Vintage supporters are Barrier Island Title Services, Inc., Tammie's Total Care, LLC, The Sanctuary Golf Club and NU WAY Concrete Forms, Inc.

Cooking demonstrations were performed by Island Celebrities: Chef Melissa from Sweet Melissa's Restaurant, Chef Matt Asen From Timbers/The Grill/Matzaluna's Restaurants, Chef J.T. from Bailey's Catering and Chef Karl Hamme from Bailey's Catering.

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Many thanks to all the generous folks who bought entry donation tickets. Thanks go out to all the hard working volunteers, too, from Lily & Co. and from Bailey's, the valet parking staff, and the Optimist Club members. Anyone we missed, thank you!

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INSIDE CITY HALL

Ex-Councilman Calls City Map Change A Conspiracy

by Anne Mitchell

A long-simmering issue in which Sanibel resident Steve Maxwell has charged city staff with altering a map of his subdivision without council consent came to a head on Tuesday when a former city councilman, Peter Pappas, took his side, calling the city's inaction a threat to the integrity of The Sanibel Plan.

"I suggest you get a lawyer," Pappas told the council after stating the city had "altered public documents and falsified them not once, not twice but three times... and then conspired to keep it that way."

Pappas, a longtime Sanibel resident, continued, "... you must retrieve the authority of council and restore it ... It is like an undiagnosed aneurysm. It is ready to burst." Pappas said of the case, which Maxwell has brought repeatedly before the council over several years, including producing an earlier, unaltered blueprint he uncovered in a city department.

Pappas said City Manager Judie Zimomra had called him to a meeting some weeks ago with other staffers to discuss the case, in which Pappas had shown some interest during his time on council.

Council on Tuesday opted to postpone the issue so that the members could "get

up to speed" on the complex details and asked Zimomra to prepare a memo on the topic. It will be placed on the May 7 council agenda at 9:15 a.m.

Mayor Kevin Ruane said, "I am always concerned when two citizens come before this council and make any kind of accusation."

The issue comes as Sanibel prepared to finalize a state-mandated review of The Sanibel Plan, which includes noting any changes to the development intensity maps. It appeared to be a routine agenda item, until Maxwell and Pappas spoke up on Tuesday during a public comment segment of the hearing. The previous Evaluation and Appraisal (EAR) amendment submitted by Sanibel seven years ago shows the unaltered map of Raintree Place.

Maxwell spoke first, referring to city maps of Raintree Place, off Island Inn Road, that led to a lawsuit over property rights. He said, "I have asked for two years for a legal decision on the map regarding development intensity and land use in which I am an affected property owner." He pointed out that the city states in the EAR review that no changes have been made to city maps. "That is false."

Maxwell has contended that Raintree Place, where he has lived since 1999, was to be an extended private roadway easement, eventually being connected to Twin Ponds Drive. However, the city maintained that had never been intended to be developed in that manner and that no official city documents showing the roadway extending to Twin Ponds ever existed.

A result of the map change, Pappas

said, was "enormous financial hardship" for the property owners involved. According to documents, those owners were the Gomberg and Rothschild families, who lived on Raintree Place at the time.*

City Hires Consultant To Seek Toll Share

by Anne Mitchell

In its bid to get Lee County to resume causeway revenue sharing with Sanibel, the city council has approved the hiring of a consultant to review all the financial documentation.

The consultant is Roy Hyman, whom Mayor Kevin Ruane said is on the Golden Goose Committee in Lee County and who is familiar with aspects of county financing. Hyman will be paid up to \$12,500 for his work.

In the past, Sanibel received up to \$800,000 a year from tolls, representing 21 percent, but after a lawsuit Sanibel and a citizens group filed to stop construction of the new, single span bridge, the city had to forgo its cut to make up for the higher price the delay caused. County officials claimed the delays drove the cost from \$50 million to \$120 million.

Now, Ruane believes the junior lien on the construction bonds has been paid off and Sanibel is once more eligible to receive a share, which could be as much as \$1.3 million to \$1.4 million a year. He has said that the bonds are amply

covered by the tolls, which amount to 175 percent of the required amount. The bond contract calls for 120 percent to be covered.

Barbara Cooley, resident, wondered whether Sanibel would end up paying for decisions made by Lee County regarding the materials used to build the bridge. She was referring to cracks recently found in the bridge.

Ruane said the audit will go back to the date of construction.

There's also a question of what toll revenues can be used for by Lee County. They can be used for roads, but only those connecting with the causeway, Cooley said.*

BP Claim: City Hires Lawyer

The City of Sanibel has hired the Wilbur Smith law firm of Fort Myers to evaluate and pursue claims against BP, Halliburton or Transocean arising out of the April 20, 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill and its aftermath.

City Attorney Ken Cuyler told the city council on Tuesday that Smith represents several other municipalities with similar claims.

The law firm's payment will be 25 percent of any monies it garners for the city.*



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City Issues Pickup Techniques For The Removal Of Dead Fish

The Sanibel Public Works Department is picking up dead fish along the public beaches as conditions warrant. Property owners and managers are authorized to remove dead fish from the beach along their respective properties.

Anyone removing fish from the beach should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Only dead fish may be removed from the beach. This ensures that beach habitat for Sanibel's wildlife is protected during the cleanup process.
- Dead fish may only be removed by hand, using hand tools such as pitchforks or grabbers. The use of shovels and mechanical equipment is strictly prohibited.
- All fish should be double bagged and placed in an onsite dumpster for disposal.
- If you have large fish, marine mammals or sea turtles that are too large to handle, please contact the City of Sanibel Police Dispatch at 472-3111.
- No motorized vehicles are permitted on the beach and only those vehicles authorized by the City Manager may be used in cleanup activities.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute is reporting a patchy red tide bloom extending from Sarasota to Monroe Counties. The bloom has been patchy in nature and is currently affecting approximately 120 miles of shoreline, with highest concentrations reported in Pine Island Sound during the past week.

As red tide blooms approach coastal areas, breaking waves can cause the toxin to become mixed with sea spray, resulting in an aerosol. People exposed to red tide blooms can experience varying degrees of eye, nose, and throat irritation similar to cold symptoms. These symptoms usually go away once a person leaves the affected area. People with severe or chronic respiratory conditions, such as asthma or chronic lung disease, are cautioned to avoid red tide areas.

For questions regarding today's beach conditions, contact the City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department at 472-3700. For more information about the current red tide bloom, visit <http://myfwc.com/research/redtide/events/status/statewide/>*



Fernando Ortega

Concert To Feature Dove Award Winner

Singer, songwriter, and winner of the Dove Inspirational Album of the Year, Fernando Ortega is coming to Sanibel Community Church on Sunday, March 10 for two concerts. The first concert will be at 3 p.m., followed by a repeat performance at 6 p.m. There is no reserved seating, with the sanctuary doors opening 45 minutes prior to the concerts. A love offering will be received for the ministry of Fernando Ortega. All are encouraged to bring a canned good for FISH (Friends

In Service Here) on Sanibel Island.

Fernando Ortega's music is a powerful blend of traditional hymns mixed with both a Celtic and Latin sound. He will be accompanied by both the piano and cello. Famous for the songs *Give Me Jesus* and *Be Thou My Vision*, Ortega's music resonates with the deepest emotions of the heart. In his own words, Ortega said, "My songs have always been about how the Gospels find expression in a person's everyday life -- the sorrowful, the mundane, the joyful." Come experience an evening with this gifted Christian musician.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information call 472-2684 or visit www.sanibelchurch.com*

Church To Host Speaker

Margie Wood, president and founder of Unlimited Options in Latham, New York, will be the featured speaker at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Thursday, March 14 at 1 p.m. Wood is known for her energetic, positive and sensitive approach to life and brings joy and laughter to her audiences. Wood will speak in Fellowship Hall.

For more information call 472-0497. Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is at 2050 Periwinkle Way.*

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OBITUARY



ALLEN WOODBURY CATER

Allen Woodbury Cater, known to all
 as "Woody," of Edina, Minnesota
 and Sanibel, died on February 11,
 2013 in Edina at 79 years of age. What
 a ride!

Woody drove a six-pony hitch in
 the Minnesota State Fair and showed
 three- and five-gaited horses. He had a
 NROTC scholarship to the University of
 Minnesota and served 20 years as a navy

pilot; five years active and 15 years in the
 reserve. Flying in the first supersonic jet
 squadron in the navy, he flew an F8 and
 had 500 carrier landings. Woody retired
 as a commander. He went on to form his
 own company in the food business.

He loved his cabin in Balsam Lake,
 Wisconsin, where he was always sur-
 rounded by family and friends of all gen-
 erations. There were mandatory rides on
 his refurbished (by him) 1938 fire truck,
 John Deere tractor, boats, a 6x6 army
 truck and anything with a motor. Woody
 loved skiing in the mountains out west,
 going back to 1950. Also, boating was a
 must in Woody's life.

Sanibel and Captiva were near and
 dear to his heart for their natural beauty.
 Woody was active in the Captiva Island
 Yacht Club, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation
 Foundation, JN "Ding" Darling National
 Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel-Captiva Trust
 Company and was on the board of The
 Schoolhouse Theater for years.

Woody is survived by Betty, his wife of
 57 years; three children, Mark, Jeff and
 Stacie Weiss (Mike); four grandchildren,
 Kelsey, Shelby, Kevin and Annie; sister,
 Neide Cooley (John); several nieces,
 nephews and cousins; and many friends.
 The family thanks them all for their love
 and prayers.

A memorial service will be held on
 Monday, March 18 at 5 p.m. at St.
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Holy Week at Sanibel Community Church

Sunday, March 24---Palm Sunday.

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional
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Thursday, March 28---Upper Room Luncheon

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 songs and prayers. Reservations are required.

Thursday, March 28---Maundy Thursday Communion Service

7:00 pm. An original service of readings and songs
 arranged by our own Lee Deputy to bring us to the cross.
 The service will conclude with communion.

Friday, March 29---Good Friday film, "The Passion of the Christ"

7:00 p.m. Mel Gibson's film on the "big screen" in the Sanctuary.

Saturday, March 30---SCC Community Easter Egg Hunt

11-1:00 p.m.---For all families with kids ages 3 year through 5th grade. Games, prizes,
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Sunday, March 31

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Sunday, March 31---Resurrection Celebration on

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 9:00 a.m. Contemporary.



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Jim Burnsed with his "first mate" Tommy Reed Burnsed

Tommy's Story

by Anne Mitchell

Thomas Reed was born with Down Syndrome on June 29, 1949 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Thanks to a loving family – not his own – he lived a full and happy life until he died on Friday, February 22, 2013, age 63.

His adoptive parents, Jim and Dall Burnsed, were relative newlyweds living in Orlando when they took him into their home in 1975 and, even as their children came along and grew, their love for Tommy did not falter.

Tommy's "sister" Amy (Burnsed) McKay, takes up the story, explaining that his birth parents had died and he lived with a niece in Florida.

"We lived in a rural area east of Orlando and Tommy's niece lived in our neighborhood. Tommy was not allowed in his niece's house. She made him sleep outside in a tool shed. He wasn't allowed to shower or use the restroom in her house, either. She also did not feed Tom. Pretty much, Tommy was homeless and alone," she said.

"Tommy would walk around the neighborhood begging for food. My mother would make him bologna sandwiches. Once my dad realized what the situation was, he and my mom started taking care of Tommy. When they decided to move to Sanibel, they didn't want to leave Tommy behind. I'm not sure how they convinced his niece to let him go with us, but they did. And in 1980, my family moved to Sanibel and Tommy moved with us."

McKay says her parents cared for and loved Tommy as much as cared for and loved all of their other children.

"Family vacations, family pictures, holidays... everything we did included Tom," she added. "When they moved to the island, my parents took a job managing Blind Pass Cottages and Marina. Tommy would walk around the property and collect coconuts. He made himself a little roadside stand and he would sell the coconuts. Returning guests and residents started calling him Coconut Tom."

She continued, "Tommy worked at the very first Lazy Flamingo washing dishes. I'm sure he wasn't the best



Dall Burnsed

employee, but everyone loved having Tommy around."

In 1982, Jim Burnsed started working as a fishing guide and Tommy became his first mate. They were a team until just a few years ago.

Dave Jenson, co-owner of Jensen's Twin Palms Marina on Captiva, called Tommy, "A loveable character; he always wanted to hug you."

As the years went on, Tommy developed dementia. He also had a heart condition called aortic stenosis.

"In October 2012, the doctors gave him six months to a year. So, we threw him a party," said McKay. "He loved parties. I hired an Elvis impersonator and he brought Tommy up on stage with him. Tommy danced and sang and had a wonderful time."

"My parents were afraid he wouldn't know what was going on. I always tell my parents it was a miracle. God gave us one more day with the Tom we all remembered," she added.

Tommy's dementia rapidly got worse after that day and his physical condition deteriorated.

At the beginning of February, he was admitted to Hope Hospice. On Friday, February 22, 2013 at 3:05 p.m. Tommy passed away.

"My mother and my sister, Tracy, were with him. They held his hand and told him they loved him," McKay said.

"Tommy was a good man. He was always happy and he loved meeting people. His life's accomplishments may not seem that great but the impact he had on my family and everyone he met was monumental. Since his passing people say things like, 'Your family gave him a great life.' Or 'He was lucky your parents found him.' But the truth is that we are the lucky ones! We are so very lucky that Tom found us. We are all much better people for having known and loved him." ❄️❄️

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MOPS meets at Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way, every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Amy Selby at amyselby27@gmail.com or Emma Hall at emh411@gmail.com.*



Pictured from left, Scarlett Lorenzo-Strauss, Abbie Wheeler, Brooks Selby, Thai Lorenzo-Strauss and Ava Selby

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Sanibel Fishing Club Meeting

On Tuesday, March 12, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is cordially invited to attend.

This month's featured speaker is Mike Campbell, the Lee County Natural Resources senior environmental specialist. He will be doing a PowerPoint presentation titled Lee County Reefs: Past, Present and Future. Campbell will be talking about the recent sinking of the U.S.S. *Mohawk* off of Captiva as well as other historical deployments. He will also be discussing future artificial reef plans including a possible submarine and a snorkeling reef, among other possibilities.

The *Mohawk* was blown up and sunk on July 2, 2012 and is already a well established diving and fishing site, holding snapper, cobia, barracuda and amberjack. Whale sharks, once common in the Gulf, have been spotted around the *Mohawk* a half dozen times since its deployment. He will also be sharing all the GPS coordinates for the dozens of reefs currently surrounding the islands.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School.

For information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend our next meeting. The Sanibel Island Fishing club has been an active social club for more than 27 years on the island. To learn more about the club, to view catch photos or to explore their fish recipe section, go to www.sanibelisland-fishingclub.com.*



The U.S.S. *Mohawk* taken upon detonation on July 2, 2012

Moonlight Rookery Island Cruise



Bird at sunset

A Moonlight Rookery Island Cruise, a cooperative venture of The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and Captiva Cruises, will be a unique opportunity to observe wading birds as they wind down their day and come in to roost for the evening. Passengers will cruise to secluded mangrove islands in Pine Island Sound to witness a nightly migration before traveling back to Captiva, enjoying the moonlight on the water and the magic of the night.

This special cruise will be held on Thursday, March 14 and the fee is \$40 per person, which will help support SCCF's Environmental Education Fund. Reservations are required. Information and reservations for this adventure may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.*

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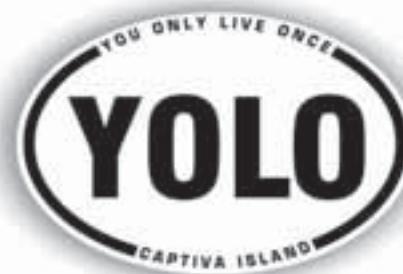


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Lecture Follows Refuge Outreach To Asia

Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland will share stories and images from their international outreach missions in 2012 at a special presentation at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the free "Ding" Darling Education Center.

As part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service International Affairs' Wildlife Without Borders initiative, Westland traveled to Siberia for two weeks in July 2012, and Tritaik spent 17 days in central and southern China in December 2012.

Wildlife Without Borders addresses grassroots wildlife conservation problems from a broad, landscape perspective, seeking to build expertise and strengthen institutions dedicated to conserving nature.

To that end, Westland traveled to Baikalsky Reserve in Russia to help redesign existing visitor facilities and plan new ones on the shores of Lake Baikal. She also consulted on development of environmental education and interpretation programs.

Tritaik traveled to Shanxi and Hunan Provinces in China to evaluate habitat management activities in nature reserves and advise on planning and holding bird festivals.

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.



Paul Tritaik and Toni Westland with souvenirs from their Asian travels

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Upcoming event listings follow; all include two presentations at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors can visit the free education center and also 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 "Ding" Darling Lecture Series events:

(*Book-signings will follow all starred presentations)

- *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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Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Shorebird Walks At The Sanibel Inn

On Wednesday, March 13 at 8 am, 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 shore

Gator and Crocodile Tales

The Biology of Alligators and Crocodiles is an ancient tale of survival. On Wednesday, March 13 at 10 a.m., learn about these living dinosaurs to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. Alligator eggs hatch as a male or female depending upon the incubation temperature of each individual egg. Take a walk on the trails and see if you can find an old alligator nest. Cost of the program is \$5 for adults. SCCF members and children are free.



American alligators

The Alien Invasion

Over 500 fish and wildlife species, 1,180 plant species and an unknown number insects that are not native live and multiply in Florida. They were introduced by humans. Some, like the pythons in the Everglades, are having devastating effects. Learn about the species that make up Sanibel and Captiva's "alien invasion" on Thursday, March 14 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF Nature Center. Cost is \$5. SCCF members and children are free.

Snowy Plover Program

Watch where you walk. There are plovers on the beach. SCCF has been monitoring and staking the nests of this bird on Sanibel beaches for 10 years. SCCF biologists will educate you on this threatened species and explain what you can do to protect their small nesting populations. The Snowy Plover Program is on Thursday, March 14 at 2 p.m. in the SCCF auditorium. Cost is \$5. SCCF members and children are free.



Snowy plover on eggs

Photographic Observations

On Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m., island photographer Bill Heyd will present his candid photographic observations of island bobcats, great horned owls, and eagles at the SCCF Nature Center. Following the program, participants will take a guided trail walk and climb the tower overlooking the Sanibel River.

Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information on these programs. Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✪



Bobcat female or immature male, photographed in January 2011

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Most Of The Sound Still Spared From Red Tide



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

For the first few days of this week, it really looked like the red tide was going to make it up into the sound and we could have a major fish kill on our hands.

The southern end of the sound – specifically around the causeway, mouth of the river and most of San Carlos Bay – was covered with dead fish. I'm not sure if they died in the bay or a combination of incoming tide and south wind had pushed the floaters in from around Lighthouse Point.

As quickly as the dead fish showed up, a day or two later, they were gone from the southern sound. This red tide saga has been going on in our area for roughly five months, with dead fish reported

all over the beaches from Sarasota to Naples. This is the longest a red tide has stuck around our area since 2005, when we had a 13-month red tide. Luckily, so far most of the sound has stayed free of high concentrations of the toxic algae and we have experienced no major fish kills in the bay.

Sheepshead fishing remained on fire around the passes this week, with the best bite being on the slack and incoming tide. Chunks of frozen shrimp fished around docks and sea walls caught sheepshead to four pounds. During clear water conditions, the sheepshead could be seen milling around structures. Now we are on the backside of another major cold front, there should be another major wave of sheepshead push into the bay from the gulf. These fish are all loaded with roe, so only take what you need for a meal.

Higher afternoon tides made for some quality redfish action. Working mangroves with a popping cork and jig loaded with a frozen jumbo shrimp caught reds to 25 inches. Working the wind-blown shorelines on the eastern side of the sound between the powerlines and Flamingo Bay Channel did take a little moving around to find the redfish, but once

located, catching a dozen or so out of one hole or point was the norm. Drifting the float rig in tight to the shoreline was a fast way to locate them; if you did not catch a red within five minutes, it was time to move on.

During cold windy periods, I spent my time fishing the deep creeks way back in the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. This was a great option when making a longer run up to the passes was not really possible due to the conditions. On the lowest phases of the tide, some mangrove creeks were hot with a wide variety of fish while other creeks simply were dead.

Once I found a hot spot in a sheltered creek, the variety of fish seemed endless, with even a few pompano and flounder caught in the mix. Bouncing a live shrimp really slowly across the bottom caught fish both under the deeper mangrove shorelines and out in the deeper water in the middle of these channels. The colder and windier it is, the better the fishing in the "Ding" can be.

My go-to bait for sheepshead at the pass and for redfish under the trees has been frozen jumbo shrimp. I buy a frozen 5# block of "great for bait" frozen jumbo shrimp and pull them out of my cooler a few at a time. I then break them into chunks for sheepshead or fish them with just the head and tail removed for redfish. These shrimp are a great and often better alternative to live shrimp and are so much easier to cart around. These food quality shrimp can be found at various locations all over the islands. Check out www.greatforbait.com.

With everyone quick to blame the prolonged red tide and red drift algae on water releases from Lake O, releases from the lake are only part of a much



Hunter Jolly with a sheepshead caught with Capt. Matt Mitchell

bigger problem we are all facing. After spending time on the lake both fishing and duck hunting, I am always amazed at how pristine and algae-free the lake is. I believe the root of this problem is the excessive use of fertilizer in Florida from both our population and increase and from farming.

Just by the geological nature of our state any fertilizer, either used excessively for farming or residential use, is eventually going to make its way into our water. With residential fertilizer use increasing every year, we need some major regulations that will drastically reduce or totally ban the use of phosphorus fertilizer in Florida.

If we want to preserve and improve our water quality, this starts with every one of us.

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

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Bird's Eye View

The Media And What's Really Dangerous



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

I have been a professional naturalist on Sanibel for over 35 years, trying to help the people of Sanibel coexist with the island's natural environment and its wildlife. I sort of

I must admit, I was just as confused as Francis. As a professional naturalist, I understood the necessary role alligators played in maintaining a healthy balance for the island's ecosystems, not only as a predator, but most importantly, as a protector of bird rookeries from raccoon predation. What turned these important animals into monsters was the innate human desire to domesticate every creature they came across by offering them free food. And this information was consistently being distributed in educational brochures and at island nature lectures. I was confused as to why so many "smart" people seemed to be missing the point.

You see, my mistake was that at that time, I still believed human beings were intelligent creatures. And all we

naturalists and knowledgeable people on the island had to do was "educate" the "uneducated" and those folks would "learn" that what their natural instincts, reinforced over and over by Hollywood, told them was not necessarily the reality of the world. As long as humans followed a few basic rules, we could live with these creatures.

After years of trying to understand the difficulties in our "learning" capabilities, I have decided that humans truly are intelligent creatures. I don't see chimpanzees sending anyone to the moon; that type of technological intelligence is what we are capable of doing exceedingly well. But what I have come to realize is that if we have an instinctive bias behind a certain thought or feeling, it is very difficult to

intellectually override those thoughts or feelings.

And our increasing reliance on and acceptance of tabloid-oriented information networks feeds on our species' deepest innate fears and sensationalizes the realities of the natural world and the wild creatures that live in it, so as to make it very difficult for the general public to truly coexist with those creatures. One can hardly find any information about the natural world being presented by the general media industry these days without learning how dangerous it is.

How can new residents of Sanibel moving down from up north be expected to embrace willingly the idea that alligators and snakes might be walking and

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naturally took to that role because for some reason, I have always felt more comfortable around and understood the natural system better than the human-oriented world I was brought up in. This is why Sanibel was a logical place for me to put down roots because of its outspoken determination to champion the idea that humans and natural systems can live in harmony with each other.

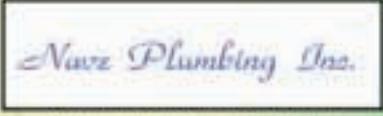
Sanibel, it seemed, spoke my language.

So, as I have mentioned in earlier articles, when I first arrived here there were already several naturalists who were helping the folks of this community fulfill the goals of that dream, and I jumped right in there with them to make Sanibel's dream a reality. I listened and learned much from the naturalists, but I also learned a lot from those that were not trained as naturalists because many of the locals understood what it meant to live in harmony with the natural scheme of things.

I remember when I first got down here, the "Old Florida Crackers" I met told me that when they were kids, "the best swimmin' holes were the alligator holes." Now, of course, you weren't ever going to see me acting quite so foolish, but years later, during my first term on the Sanibel City Council, when someone during public comments would complain about why we weren't "doing more to get rid of the alligators on the island," I can still see Francis Bailey (our longest-serving City Council member and renowned Patriarch of the Island) putting his hand over his microphone, looking over at me and saying quietly, "I don't understand these people! Why are they so afraid of alligators?"

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'Ding' Documentary Included In Film Series

“Ding” Darling Refuge’s inaugural eight-week Film Series continues on Wednesday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Education Center auditorium with the documentary *America’s Darling: The Story of Jay N. “Ding” Darling*.

The film, nearly three years in the making, has traveled throughout the U.S. since its debut at the Refuge in October during “Ding” Darling Days. “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) was a major sponsor of the highly acclaimed production.

Darling, who won two Pulitzer Prizes for controversial political cartoons in the early 1900s, visited Sanibel and Captiva Islands often in the 1930s and was responsible for the Refuge’s creation.

Film producer Samuel Koltinsky, who will talk and answer questions at the airing, has filmed from Darling’s hometown in Michigan to his Iowa stomping grounds and beyond, making several visits to Sanibel to research and shoot.

Among others, Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland and Darling’s grandson, Kip Koss, talk about the legendary conservationist. The great-great-grandson of Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling, Christopher Steffen, is the film’s on-camera host.

Various people involved in the Federal Duck Stamp and Junior Duck Stamp programs also appear. Darling himself created the federal program, which has raised hundreds of millions of dollars for the purchase of wildlife habitat; he also designed the first duck stamp.

Admission is free to the film, which is sponsored by the Sanctuary Golf Club of Sanibel Island and DDWS. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. The schedule of upcoming film airings is listed below; all begin at 2:30 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Education Center. Copies of the film are for sale in the Refuge Nature Store, proceeds from which directly benefit Refuge wildlife. Koltinsky will be on hand to sign the DVDs.

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

Upcoming “Ding” Darling Film Series events

- March 13 – *America’s Darling: The Story of Jay N. “Ding” Darling*
- March 20 – *Addicted to Plastic*
- Apr. 3 – *Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition*

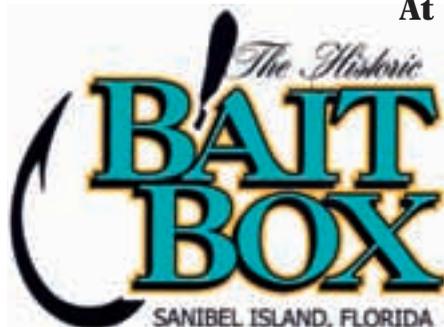
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Tour Offers A Look Upstream

For those who have not spent time cruising along the Caloosahatchee or Lake Okeechobee, March 22 and 23 will be a good opportunity to do so. The League of Women Voters (LWV) has teamed up with Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) to coordinate a trip for residents and visitors to better understand life upstream.

On March 22, the group will assemble on the south side of Franklin Locks, just off State Road 80. SCCF's Natural Resources Policy Director Rae Ann Wessel will greet the group and share some of her river lore and challenges that face this community today, living downstream from such a massive, manmade watershed.

After a picnic lunch, travelers will move upstream and meet South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) board member Dan DeLisi at the Clewiston Field Office. DeLisi and the staff will explain the role of SFWMD in controlling water flow in their district, which stretches from Orlando to the Florida Keys.

The final stop is the Clewiston Museum to meet Director Butch Wilson, long-time resident and storyteller extraordinaire. Exhibits tell the story of Clewiston, from a tiny settlement created for people from the north escaping cold winters to the modern-day agricultural activities.

Wilson will share his own perspective of how water shaped the history of his community. The museum also serves as headquarters for the chamber of commerce, so visitors can review information about other things to see and do in



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Clewiston. Afterwards, you can drive to the top of the Hoover Dike. Wilson will be available after the museum's regular closing time to answer questions about life on Lake Okeechobee.

Participants can spend the night in Clewiston and take an early morning trip out to Storm Water Treatment Area (SWTA) #5, a world-famous location for bird watching. Local resident Margaret England from Hendry County Audubon will serve as guide. SWTA #5 is not easily available for public use. Spotting scopes

and binoculars are good tools to have for this part of the trip.

The trip is \$40 for members of LWV or SCCF and \$45 per person excluding lodging and meals. Contact Bob Winters for more information at 472-1972. Call Carolyn Gray at 395-9694 for registration.

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Southern flying squirrels

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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, March 8 – Why Animals Come to CROW. Do you ever wonder why and how animals wind up at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife? Presented by volunteer Claudia Burns.

Saturday, March 9 – Gopher Tortoise. The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow, and the species is found digging from Southern Georgia to Southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a Keystone

Species. Staff member Jordan Donini talks about the species and how CROW's medical staff treats and rehabilitates such patients at the hospital.

Tuesday, March 12 – Florida's Turtles. Of the 26 turtle species native to Southwest Florida, 18 are freshwater turtles and five are sea turtles. Volunteer Beverly Ball and staff member Rachel Rainbolt talk about the local species and how CROW's medical staff treats and rehabilitates patients at the hospital.

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

Thursday, March 14 – Clinical Rounds. CROW operates educational externship and fellowship programs for undergraduate natural sciences and veterinary medicine students. Extern Kate Bender discusses what species are currently in the hospital and how students learn to treat over 4,000 patients a year.

For more information, visit www.crowclinic.org or call 472-3644. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel Captiva Road.*

Shell Found

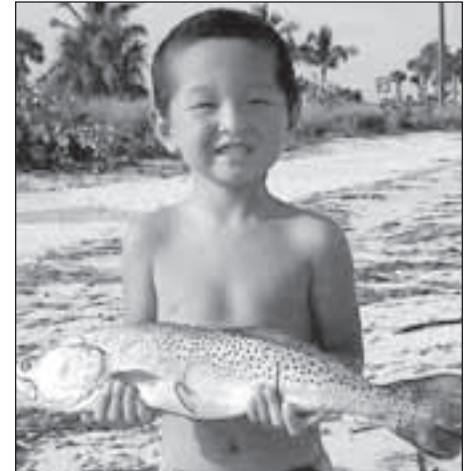


Tom Bernet with his junonia find

Tom Bernet found a junonia on the beach in front of Sunset Beach Inn on February 1. He and his wife Joni have been coming to Sanibel every year (at least once) for 12 years. This is his first junonia, or as he calls it, "The Big J." His parents started coming to the island in 1979 and it has been a family destination ever since.

"This is the first junonia found by our family in over 30 years of beach combing," he said.*

Fish Caught



Jacob Wilhelm with his catch

Jacob Wilhelm, four years old, caught this trout on a Google Eye lure off the causeway on Sanibel Island. Jacob was not strong enough to cast the rod and reel combination but once the trout struck, he would not allow anyone to assist and just walked backwards until the lunger was beached.

Jacob lives in Fort Myers and cannot stop talking about this, his second ever fish.*

Shell Found



Kailea Silvers

Kailea Silvers, 10, found an alphabet cone on February 27 at Blind Pass Beach.*



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A Tale Of Two Cottontails



by Patricia Molloy

“Hippity, hoppity, Easter’s on its way.”

Most of you are likely quite familiar with the quote from Beatrix Potter’s *Peter Cottontail* rhyme, a children’s classic. What you

may not know is that the wildlife veterinarian staff at CROW cares for hundreds of native sick, injured and abducted babies each year, including Eastern cottontails.

Baby animals are frequently brought into CROW by well-meaning citizens after discovering what they believe to be an abandoned nest. In the case of wild bunnies, a mother rabbit spends most of the day away from her nest to avoid drawing the attention of predators. If a nest looks undisturbed and the mother is nowhere in sight, that is her plan.

Currently, the clinic is caring for two baby Eastern cottontails, patients #0086 and #0087. They were admitted together as tiny bunnies with eyes barely open. They are in a hutch together and were initially bottle-fed a milk replacement; they have since graduated to grass and Oxbow Bunny Basics, which contains a lot of fiber and a good balance of protein and amino acids to keep them healthy



A tube sock filled with warm dry rice helps to keep the smallest of bunnies warm and cozy, like their mothers would in the wild.

and growing properly. Thanks to the dedication of CROW’s staff, they are thriving in spite of the fact that nothing can replace mother’s milk (rabbit milk is the most caloric of all mammals) or her tender loving care.

With Easter right around the corner, instead of purchasing a novelty gift basket, make a lasting contribution in honor of a friend or family member by donating to CROW. As Potter went on to write in *Peter Cottontail*, “And listen to him say: ‘Try to do the things you should.’ Maybe if you’re extra good, He’ll roll lots of Easter eggs your way.”

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



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Norm Zeigler will return to the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road, to do another exciting presentation on a favorite Sanibel hobby: fly fishing. Zeigler will be at the library on Thursday, March 14 at 2 p.m. and his program is titled Fly Fishing: Far And Wide. For more information, call 472-2483. Also, Norm's fly fishing group meets at the library on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.✧



Bald eagle

Pond Apple Trail Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be on Saturday, March 9 at The Pond Apple Trail. Meet in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot on Causeway Road at 8 a.m. These bird walks are open to the public and those of all levels of experience. A \$2 donation is appreciated. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for further details.✧

Shell Found



Holly Haas

Holly Haas, a shell hobbyist from Madison, Wisconsin, netted a rare diminutive junonia during low tide at Blind Pass. The shell is one-and-a-half inches in length and in perfect condition. Haas took it to The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and a volunteer told her it was a very rare specimen, considering the size and condition.✧

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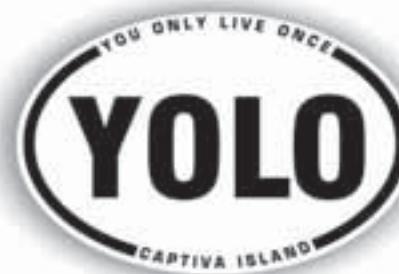


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Bird's Eye View

crawling through their backyards when their instinctive fears have already been triggered by Tarzan movies showing them how crocodilians behave around people and hearing Indiana Jones saying, "Why'd it have to be snakes?!" Those "Old Florida Crackers" and Francis Bailey were born with the same instincts as the folks moving down from up north, but they had lived their whole lives with these creatures and they were able to override their instinctive fears with real-life experiences.

I have a very difficult time watching The Discovery Channel and National Geographic programs because about all you ever see is *Shark Week: Fascinating Killers, I Survived A* (whatever animal) *Attack, Predators Kill* (this and that). Think how many kids grew up watching *The Crocodile Hunter* almost being killed in every program. I know that Steve Irwin loved the animals he worked with and he was very knowledgeable about them (he was also an "adrenaline junkie;" he loved the "rush" he got by putting his life on the line). But I argue he was also being used by the producers of his programs that wanted to sell advertising and, therefore, was in fact promoting future loss of habitat.

I wonder how many times those children watching these "Educational Wildlife

Programs" thought the dangers presented to them by Hollywood were exciting to watch on TV, but then moved to a place like Sanibel as adults and didn't want those same animals living in their neighborhoods. I've heard way to many times over the years, "I'm an environmentalist, Bird. But what's that alligator, or snake, doing in my backyard?"

So do those of us that still adhere to the dream of coexistence just walk away and give Sanibel up to the "pseudo-environmentalists?" Maybe I'm a fool, but I still believe that we humans have the ability to override our instinctive fears or desires and weigh those feelings against the realities of how the natural world really works. If we cannot learn to override these feelings intellectually, then our claim as "the community that coexists with nature" will become nothing more than a shallow, embarrassing façade masking the real reasons so much land was left undeveloped on the island, not for the animals as we have so vehemently exclaimed, but rather for our own selfish enjoyment.

Over the next few weeks, I am going to go over a list the media has been promoting lately as some of the most feared and dangerous things that kill humans (and add a few of my own). Sometimes I will lump a group of species together where some species are more dangerous than others and I will always try to bring some reality into the threats these creatures present to us.



photo by Elizabeth Harvey of South Portland, Maine

March Madness In Nature

Royal tern hip checks osprey, forcing him to drop his catch of the day in the water below.

The photo was taken at the fishing pier on Sanibel.✱

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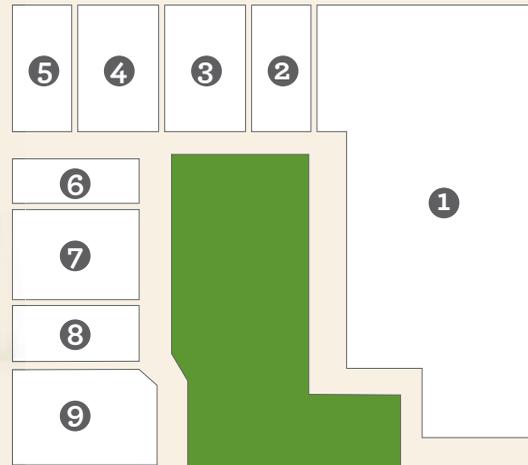
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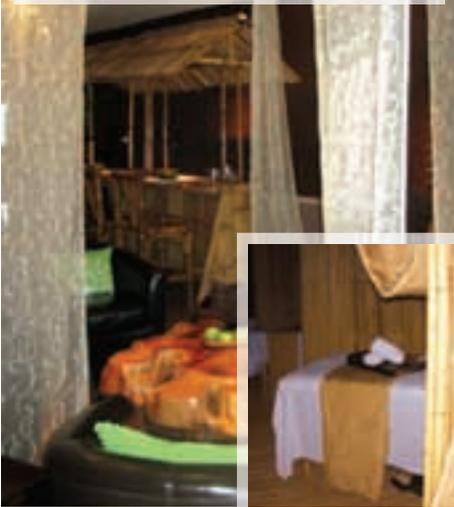
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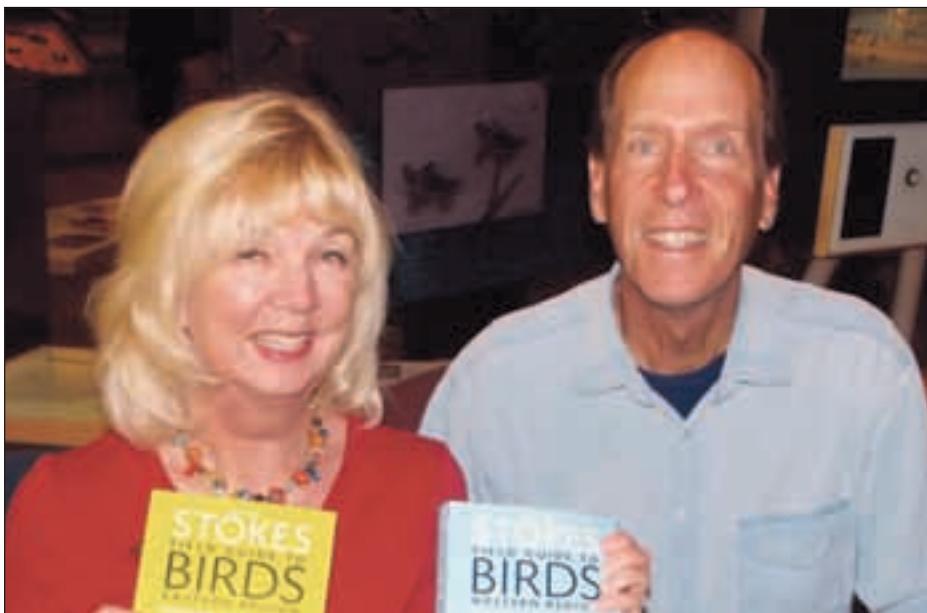


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Lillian and Don Stokes gave a 90-minute lecture on March 1 at the education center at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Following the lecture, the couple signed copies of their books on birding. photo by Jeff Lysiak

Stokes Deliver Lecture On Birding, Photography At Refuge

by Jeff Lysiak

Speaking before a capacity crowd at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's Education Center last Friday morning, Don and Lillian Stokes shared some of their wildlife photography secrets that have made them two of the most well known bird authors and educators in North America.

Delivering a 90-minute lecture entitled Birding & Photography: The Best Of Both Worlds, the couple – who split their time between their 48-acre Bobolink Farm in New Hampshire and a winter home in The Dunes on Sanibel – took turns in their



One of the most colorful birds ever photographed by Lillian Stokes is the painted bunting, which is featured on the cover of *The Stokes Field Guide To The Birds Of North America*

PowerPoint presentation focusing on each other's strengths: Lillian talked about how to improve one's photography skills, while Don discussed how to increase one's knowledge of bird identification and topography.

During her portion of the lecture, Lillian told the audience about the three essentials in making a quality photograph – which she called Lights, Camera and Action – as well as making slight adjustments and/or physical improvements as a photographer.

"Tuck your elbows in tight and hold the barrel of the camera... teach your body to stay steady," she explained to the crowd, standing rigid, mimicking a tripod. She also suggested:

- Change the angle of your shot; getting lower often improves an image
- Look at your background; moving to a different location may be an improvement
- Anticipate your action; know your subject, their behavior and their movements



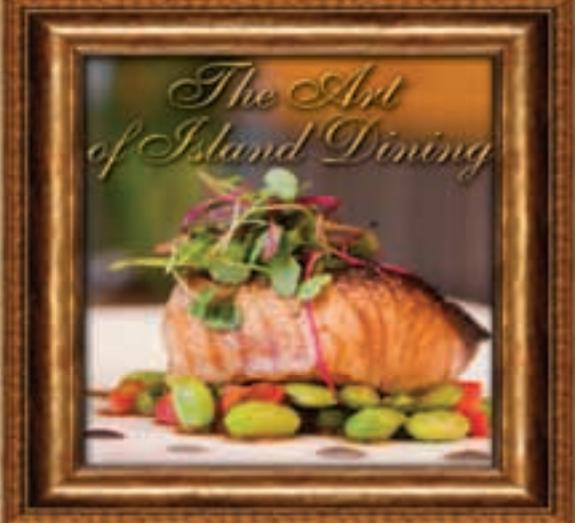
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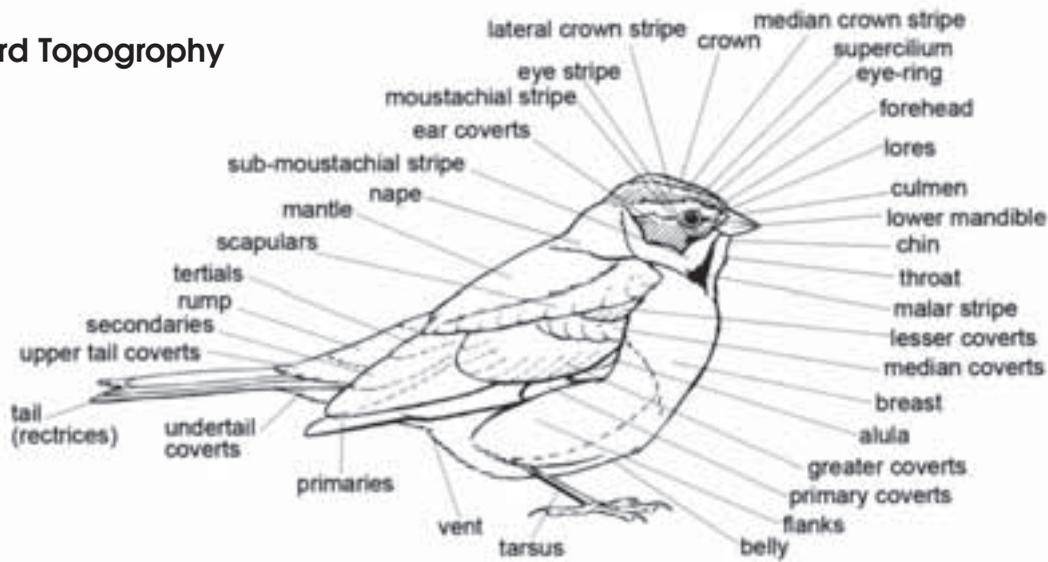


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Bird Topography



During her presentation, Lillian showed many of her best-known images, many of which have been published in *The Stokes Field Guide To The Birds Of North America* as well as other editions of bird-related books written by the couple, which have sold more than 4.5 million copies worldwide.

"I think that if I could talk to John James Audubon, I'd say to him that in order to capture what animals look like, you don't have to shoot them... you don't have to pin them... you don't have to paint them any longer," Lillian said. "Photography is the artwork medium of today."

Bird identification, although it may appear to be intimidating, can be quite a simple thing to learn, Don told the crowd.

"If you study bird topography for about five minutes, you can get a pretty good idea of how to go about identifying birds better," said Don, who showed a slide depicting the many regions of a typical bird –

including the crown, the eye stripe, throat, mantle, scapulars, primaries, tertials, breast, belly, tarsus, rump and tail – along with several photographic examples of bird species showing subtle differences in color but vast differences in shape and size.

"It's amazing that you can have a species called a tri-colored heron... which actually has many, many more colors in it," he explained. "It's fun that people can see a bird that they think they 'know,' only to discover that there are so many other new things that can be learned about them."

Following their presentation and a short question-and-answer session, the Stokes signed copies of their books at the education center gift shop and took pre-orders for their two upcoming books, *The New Stokes Field Guide To Birds: Eastern Region* and *The New Stokes Field Guide To Birds: Western Region*. Both will be available on March 26.✧



A yellow crowned night heron, photographed by Lillian Stokes, snacks on a crab at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

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St. Andrew 4th graders with naturalist Kristy Raines enjoying a touch tank exploration at Tarpon Bay Explorers

'Ding' Darling Hosts Students

Enthusiasm was high as 4th graders from Cape Coral's St. Andrew Catholic School spent a warm February day in The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The annual field trip is an event the students, as well as their teachers and parent chaperones, look forward to.

The field trip kicked off with a guided trip through the refuge's Wildlife Drive with ranger Becky Wolff leading the charge. Students were introduced to the ecologically important mangrove trees and learned the secrets of the trees' abilities to tolerate living in a saltwater environment. An array of wildlife inhabiting the mangrove estuary was spotted, including numerous bird species, mangrove tree crabs and even a mangrove water snake.

After a break for lunch, the group headed to Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge concessionaire, for a Touch Tank Exploration program with naturalist Kristy Raines. The students were treated to some hands-on fun as they learned about the small marine life that inhabits Tarpon Bay. The program provided up-close examination of sea stars, live whelks and conchs, hermit crabs, horseshoe crabs, shrimp, numerous varieties of



St. Andrew Catholic School 4th grade field trip to 'Ding' Darling Refuge

fish and the ever-popular seahorses. Raines also presented the skeleton of a bottlenose dolphin and the jawbone of a Florida manatee.

The field trip was capped off with shopping in Tarpon Bay Explorers' nature-themed gift shop. Several students purchased mementos to remind them of their special day at "Ding." ❄️

Unusual Pose

This young bird that appears to be drying his wings was captured in a photograph taken by Martha Soshnick's Nikon P80 digital camera as the setting sun illuminated the shot. This behavior is standard procedure for cormorants and anhingas but seldom seen in herons. Local birders Sue and Malcolm Harpham, when asked for comment, both agreed that this behavior was very unusual. Their suggestion was to publish the picture in the *Island Sun* so that readers could comment. ❄️



This very unusual pose of a big blue heron was seen on Heron's Landing Bayou

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Arab World At Historic Moment



by Max Friedersdorf

Hundreds of millions of Arab citizens across the vast Middle East are in various stages of revolution, protest and unrest, according to Rami George Khouri, editor at

large for the *Beirut Daily Star*, the largest English language newspaper in the troubled region.

Speaking before a sellout Sanibel audience last Sunday evening, March 3 at the FORUM at BIG ARTS in Schein Performance Hall, Khouri recalled how a single incident in Tunisia involving a fruit and vegetable vendor setting himself on fire to protest government treatment, led to the current general upheaval throughout the Middle East.

This spontaneous outpouring now involves upwards of 350 million Arabs, according to Khouri, an American born journalist with dual U.S.-Jordanian citizenship residing in Beirut.

"There are many examples in history," Khouri commented, "where one person took a courageous stand after tiring of mistreatment and abuse."

The historic process taking place,

Khouri explained, is being led by young people and middle class citizens fed up with autocratic, non-democratic governments, the denial of human rights, corruption in government, and the lack of equitable social and economic opportunities.

Every country is different, Khouri remarked, and the unrest ranges from the violent civil war in Syria to stages of protest in the wealthy countries of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Morocco.

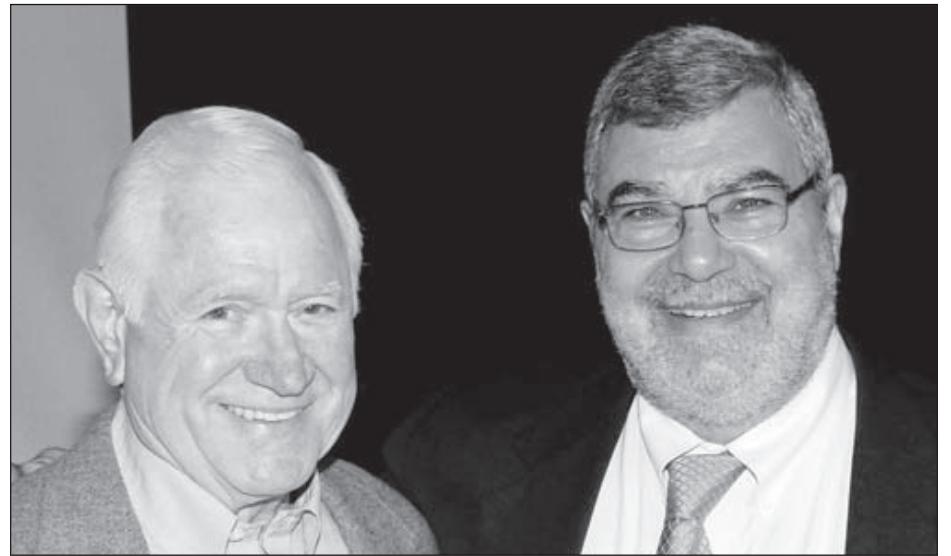
While not only demanding changes in government, Khouri continued, this is an "epic moment" in the Middle East, "for the first time in history 100 million Arabs are involved in writing their own constitutions."

"It is also the first time in history that there is an alignment of citizens, governments, states and communities interacting with each other," Khouri noted.

The key driving these uprisings includes intangible demands such as dignity, respect, pluralism, pride, social equity and justice; coupled with materialistic demands for food, housing, health care, clean drinking water, and jobs.

This transitional process, Khouri warned is "very messy, very complicated and will take some years with a constitutional goal of preserving the will of the majority, while preserving the rights of the minority."

On other issues, Khouri said there is strong public opinion support for the Palestinians, but did not expect any progress in the conflict because of the settle-



FORUM Chair Dick Wright and Rami George Khouri

ments program.

During a lengthy question and discussion session moderated by FORUM Chair Dick Wright, Khouri was asked "Why Now?" about the Arab uprisings, and he responded that there had been a trend across the region since the mid '90s against autocratic and dictatorial rule "that needed something to set them off. This was an accumulation of two and one-half generations of abuse and humiliation."

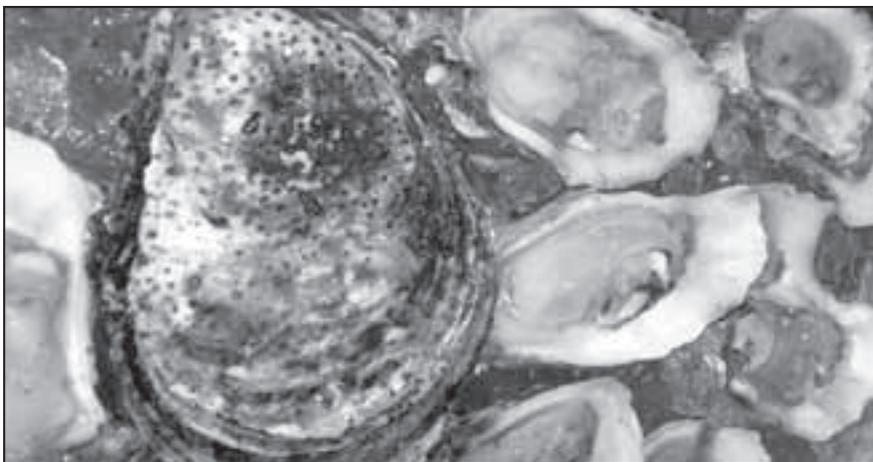
In response to another question, Khouri said the mainstream media coverage of Iran was "awful" and urged people to seek "better information."

He also commented to a questioner that women's rights in the Middle East

was on par with those of women in Virginia in 1782.

Khouri said the recent demonstration by about 30 to 40 women in Saudi Arabia was "profoundly important" because it shows that ordinary citizens have broken through a barrier of fear. These are strong cultural forces and the government will gradually have to respond.

In his final response during the question period, Khouri urged the U.S. to field a balanced team to handle peace negotiations in the Middle East similar to the successful crew that resolved the Northern Ireland dispute.*



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The Arabesque Winds To Perform At Sanibel Music Festival



The Arabesque Winds

The Arabesque Winds will perform with one of their favorite pianists, Cherry Tsang, at the Sanibel Music Festival on Saturday, March 9 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Tickets are \$35 each. The concert is sponsored by Susan and David Spector

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." 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. In 2011, they collaborated for the third consecutive year with the Rochester City Ballet to present *Peter and the Wolf* for children. Tsang joins the ensemble for the timeless *Poulenc Sextet* and some charming smaller works for winds and piano.

The March 9 program will include:

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*

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

Ravel: *La Tombeau de Couperin*

For ticket information and a brochure, contact the festival's hotline at 344-7025 or visit www.sanibelmusicfestival.org. Tickets may be ordered online. Single tickets are available by cash and check only at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way on Sanibel.*

Israeli Ariel String Quartet At Sanibel Music Festival



Ariel Quartet

Characterized by its youth, brilliant playing and soulful interpretations, the Ariel Quartet will perform at the Sanibel Music Festival on Tuesday, March 12 at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Tickets are \$35 each. The concert is sponsored by Jim and Roz Marks.

This string 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."

Their March 12 program will include:

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

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

The next CROW Picture Show is on Friday, March 8 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center



A baby otter looking up at the camera



A baby otter drinking his milk

at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under.

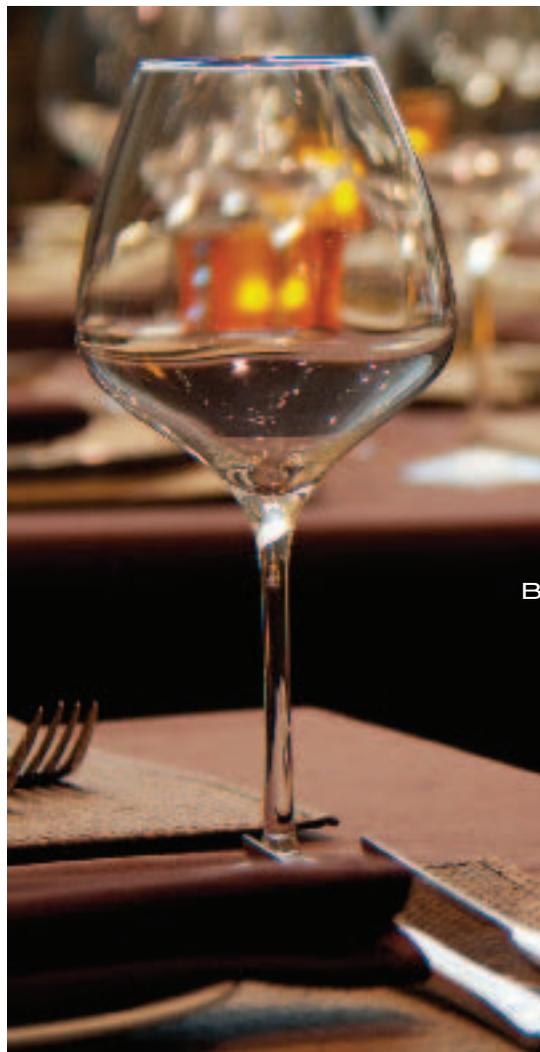
The fee includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's hands-on educational facility and become familiar with CROW's efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

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Visual Arts Reception, ARTSalon With Marcus Jansen

Marcus Jansen's artworks will be on display in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery through March 30. Jansen's artists reception will be held on Friday, March 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Jansen is noted as a pioneer of urban landscape paintings; he started painting in the early 1980s during the emerging graffiti art movement from New York. He graduated from Berufsfachschule fuer Gestaltung/ Design in 1985. He became known for his post-modern expressionist paintings in the late 1990s shortly after serving in the U.S. military in the first Gulf War. His works have since evolved into a unique language of important political and socially-charged imagery commenting on a transforming society and world events. Jansen's works are found in major museum collections around the world, and he has produced works for companies like Warner Brothers and Absolut Vodka.

Art historian Jerome A. Donson referred to Jansen as, "The Innovator of Modern Expressionism," in Jansen's first book, published in 2006. Jansen's work has been published in *Forbes Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *The Kuwait Times*, *Art News* and *Art in America Magazine*. He is in *Who's Who in American Art* and *Who's Who in International Art*. His work can be found in the collections of the Kemper



On A Morning Hike, oil enamel on paper, by Marcus Jansen

Museum of Contemporary Art, The Moscow Museum of Modern Art, The National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art, The New Britain Museum of American Art and the Smithsonian Institution. Jansen's work can be found locally at UNIT A - Contemporary Art Space in Fort Myers and 101 Exhibit in Miami.

Jansen will hold an ARTSalon lecture titled Expressionism Today: Urban, Socio-Political Paintings at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 15 at BIG ARTS. Admission is \$5.

Also, BIG ARTS juried Fine Crafts Exhibition seeks entries of original, fine art from objects with a high level of craftsmanship. The juror is Anica Sturdivant, Interim Gallery Director at Florida Gulf Coast University. Entries must be entered for submission by Tuesday, April 2. The exhibit will open in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery from April 4 through 30. An artists reception is scheduled for Friday, April 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Phillips Gallery Patron Sponsor FineMark National Bank & Trust.

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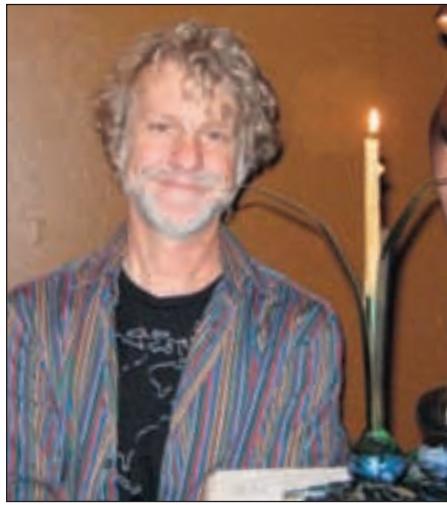
An Annual Creative Collaboration

by Di Saggau

The 7th annual ArtPoems was held February 28 in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS and it featured the works of 12 poets and 12 artists in a creative collaboration of art-inspired poetry and poetry-inspired art. The art included sculpture, photography, paintings and jewelry. Eight new participants joined 16 others who have been there before. Creators of the event are poets Lorraine Walker Williams and Joe Pacheco.

Pacheco told me, "ArtPoems has been most successful in creating a marriage of the visual and verbal artistic communities through collaboration. Before ArtPoems, poets and artists on Sanibel worked in almost total ignorance of each other.

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Artist Lawrence Voytek



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Inedible brown fruit appears amid the fronds

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Silver Bismarck Palm

by Gerri Reaves

Silver Bismarck palm (*Bismarckia nobilis*) is admired for its symmetrical crown of silvery blue-green leaves. A fairly recent introduction to Florida, this majestic fan palm of large proportion deserves the “nobilis” in its Latin name.

Although a native of Madagascar, the species gets its common name from Otto Von Bismarck, the former imperial chancellor and prime minister of the German Empire.

This tree is best suited to large landscapes where it can be the center of attention. This stout-trunked palm can reach up to 60 feet high and 20 feet across.

The waxy palmate fronds sometimes measure 10 feet across, and the sharply toothed thick stems up to 10 feet long.

Creamy fragrant flowers appear on stalks as long as four feet, with male and female flowers blooming on different trees. The round brown fruit is inedible.

Drought-tolerant, low-maintenance, and moderately salt-tolerant, it will do well in the lower sections of the Florida peninsula and in the Keys. It prefers full sun but tolerates some shade.

While this palm is outstanding for its beauty and adaptability to southernmost Florida’s climate, it is not noted for any benefits to wildlife.

Sources: *Waterwise* by the South Florida Water Management District, floridata.com, floridapalmtrees.net, and hort.ufl.edu.

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Silver Bismarck palms demand a large space, the better to appreciate its symmetry and silvery blue-green leaves

photos by Gerri Reaves

Bonsai Society Beginner’s Workshop

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will present a Beginner’s Workshop, to be conducted by Mike Lane, at its Saturday, March 16 meeting. After an introductory talk,

participants will receive a fukien tea tree for styling and individual instruction on bonsai styling techniques.

Additionally, Krystin Muller will give a brief talk on caring for wood cutting tools and will be available following the workshop to professionally sharpen scissors and cutting tools; a small fee will be charged.

The public is invited to attend the 9 a.m. meeting, held at the Support

Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC) Building at 6281 Metro Plantation Road in Fort Myers. Guests are welcome and invited to bring their trees for styling suggestions. There is no charge for attending; a \$10 fee will be charged for the workshop participants. Parking is free.

Bonsai is the practice of artistically styling and maintaining small trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. The

Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida is a non-profit organization that promotes education and appreciation of bonsai and related arts.

To sign up for the Beginner’s Workshop, or for more information about the society, call Jim Bremer at 482-7543 or visit www.thebonsaisswfl.com.*

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Final Showing Of 'Amazing Production'

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater's second performance of *Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle* will be shown on Sunday, March 10.

Written and performed by Steve Carroll, this one-man show pays tribute to the will and ambition of Charles Lindbergh, an aviation pioneer most famous for his solo non-stop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris in 1927.

In a review in the *Island Sun*, Di Saggau writes, "Historian and actor Steve Carroll is the talent behind this amazing production," and says, "Carroll shows all sides of Lindbergh and he does it in such a way that makes the audience feel they are having an intimate look at the aviator's life."

Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle chronicles the triumphs and tragedies of Lindbergh, an American icon who unwittingly became one of modern media's first celebrities. Beyond the media spotlight on his life, Lindbergh used his talents to serve the public good in several branches of the military and was instrumental in the invention of an artificial heart. He also fought for the conservation of sea mammals and won a Pulitzer Prize for his book, *The Spirit of St. Louis*.

Carroll is a theater veteran who has appeared in a wide variety of productions, including *The Glass Menagerie*, *Driving Miss Daisy* and the works of William Shakespeare. Carroll also has



Steve Carroll in *Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle*

extensive television experience, having made guest appearances on ABC-TV's *One Life to Live* and CCTV's *A War of China's Fate*.

The Lone Eagle will be performed at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10. Tickets are \$30, children 17 and under are \$15.

The Lone Eagle is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsors Tween Waters Inn and John Grey Painting.

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is at 2200 Periwinkle Way. Group discounts for 10 or more are available for all shows; prices range from \$25 to \$36 per ticket. Groups of 50 or more receive a greater discount.

Stop by BIG ARTS at 900 Dunlop Road, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*



Encaustic Workshop with Ginnie Peterson

BIG ARTS Offers Workshops

Enrollment is under way for upcoming workshops at BIG ARTS. Full workshop schedules are available online at www.BIGARTS.org or by contacting the main BIG ARTS office at 395-0900.

Making Silk Paper and Wool Felting with special guest artist Maia Tsinamdzgrivshi from the Republic of Georgia is Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open Studio: Clothed Model or Still Life with Eleanor Gause is Tuesday, March 12, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Adult Tap (Intermediate) with Bobby Logue begins March 12, meets Tuesday noon to 1:30 p.m. (no class March 19)

Pottery on the Wheel with Kelly Flaherty begins March 12, meets Tuesday 6:30 to 9 p.m.



Painting will be taught by Hollis Jeffcoat

Poetry Writer's Workshop: Intensive with Hannah Rogers is Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (register by March 8)

Essential Apps with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 14, 9 a.m. to noon
iPhone Lesson 2: Basics with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 13, 9 a.m. to noon

Connect Face to Face with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 14, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Encaustic Workshop (using molten beeswax with color/pigments) with Ginnie Peterson is Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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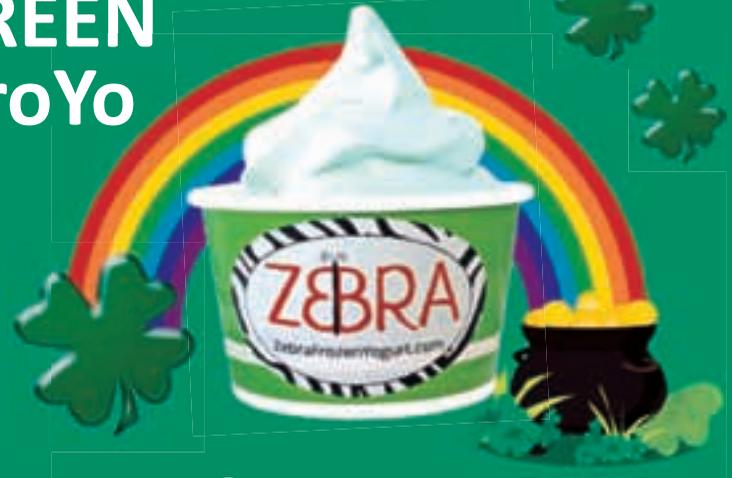
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The Marvelous Wonderettes cast: Amanda Downey, Elizabeth Urbanczyk, Em Laudeman and Anne Chamberlain

Step Back In Time With Fun-filled Musical

A cotton-candy colored jukebox musical comedy is now showing at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater. *The Marvelous Wonderettes* runs through March 23. Last seen Christmas 2011 on Sanibel spreading holiday cheer in *Winter Wonderettes*, the girls make their triumphant return in Roger Bean’s high-energy hit that has “shoop-de-dooed” its way to rave reviews.

When called upon to perform at their 1958 Springfield High senior prom as a last-minute replacement, good friends Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy rally together to entertain their classmates in four-part harmony. In between belting out favorites such as *Mr. Sandman*, *Dream Lover*, *Lipstick on Your Collar* and *It’s My Party*, we discover more about the girls’ hopes and dreams as they trade gossip, giggles and confessions, and learn that one of them may be even be crowned Prom Queen.

Fast forward 10 years later to 1968, as Act Two opens with the Wonderettes – now a little older and a little wiser – gathering for a class reunion. A lot has changed in 10 years, both musically and personally for the girls, and their reunion show highlights such ’60s favorites as *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.

In the *Island Sun*, Di Saggau raved the Wonderettes have, “marvelous voices and lots of energy,” and, “With their frothy crinolines and exaggerated movements, the girls win over the audience with classic renditions of *Lollipop*, *Sugartime*, and *Alleghany Moon*.” In her review, Saggau added, “You’ll have a wonderful time,” and the show is “tremendous fun.”

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 students.

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

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

Groups of 10 or more are eligible to take advantage of Herb Strauss Theater’s group discount rates for all shows, with prices at \$25 to \$36 per ticket. Groups of 50 or more receive a greater discounted ticket price.

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Shell Museum Honors And Celebrates Volunteer Corps

Thanks to many in-kind donations from local island restaurants, museum volunteers enjoyed an amazing array of food and beverages during the annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception, held on February 25 at The Bailey-

Matthews Shell Museum. Thank you to all the wonderful people who make the museum a wonderful island educational organization.

The Bailey Matthews Shell Museum board of trustees and staff want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the generous businesses that made this year's reception "the best ever," according to the volunteers. Donors include The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market, The Jacaranda, Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille, Matzaluna, CIP's, The Lazy Flamingo, Old Captiva House, Il Cielo, COSTCO Wholesaler and Thistle Lodge.*



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Museum volunteer for 18 years Barbara Hansen and her husband, Richard, enjoy the wonderful food during the museum reception



Fourth year volunteers Tom Risher, Susan Young, Cindy Timm, Edward and Marilyn Braum, Virginia Robinson and Tom and Margo Toering



Edward and Marilyn Braum (both 4 years) enjoy networking at the reception



Patricia and Cam Calvert (8 years) during the volunteer reception



Fifth and sixth year volunteers Genese Hessman, Harold "Smoky" Payson, Candy Heise, Jean Rompala, Phyllis Sharp and Mary Hackett



Freda and Dick Willis (14 years) pose during the reception



Genese Hessman (6 years) and her husband, Fritz



Jandy Bird (8 years) and her husband, Jim



Jean Jacob (8 years) and her husband, John



Jean Rompala (8 years) and her husband Richard



Leroy Neitzel (2 years) and his lovely wife, Diane



Linda Miller (3 years) and her husband, Joseph



New to the museum this year, Linda and Thomas Annesley enjoyed the evening with new colleagues



Margo and Tom Toering (both 4 years)



Third year volunteers Marilyn O'Dea, Linda Miller, Don Dillinger, Cheryl Duffy and Wil Schlosser



Jean Rompala appreciates all the great food during the reception



Mary Carol and Don Dillinger (3 years)



Tom Risher (4 years) and his beautiful wife, Jeanne



Ken and Joyce Matthys (18 years)



Second year volunteers Stephanie Payson, Marie Pearl-Colberg, Judy Gaggin, Jennifer McLean and Leroy Neitzel



Dave and Judy Gaggin (2 years)



Patty Wassel, Wil Schlosser (3 years), Hal Pilcher (18 years) and Jennifer McLean (2 years)



Stephanie Payson (2 years) and Harold "Smoky" Payson (6 years)

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Workshops

PMC: Create Jewelry Using Your Own Surface Patterns & Designs with Mary Ann Devos is Saturday and Sunday March 16 and 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Painting with Hollis Jeffcoat (intermediate) Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19, 1 to 4 p.m.

iPhone Lesson 3: Intermediate with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 20, 9 a.m. to noon

Entertaining Apps for iPhone & iPad with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 21, 9 a.m. to noon

Windows & MS Office for iPad with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 21, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Experimental Multimedia with Bea Pappas begins March 21, meets Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Accessibility for iPhone & iPad with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 22, 9 a.m. to noon

iPhoto for iPad: Part 2 with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 22, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Open Studio: Clothed Model or Still Life with Eleanor Gause is Tuesday, March 26, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

iPhone Lesson 4: Advanced with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 27 9 a.m. to noon

Create Art on your iPad with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 27, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

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Productivity for iPhone & iPad with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 28, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

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Swamp House Party

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For more information, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road; call 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*

Sanibel Sea School's Octifest

submitted by Jenna Sullivan

Invitations have been sent, menus checked and décor finalized for Sanibel Sea School's 7th annual fundraiser, Octifest, to be held on Saturday, March 23 on the causeway island closest to Fort Myers.

Octifest is unique as a fundraiser in that it celebrates the ocean environments along the shores of San Carlos Bay while attendees enjoy the environment that the community has worked to protect and conserve. The scholarship funds generated will benefit the island non-profit in its quest for a world where all people value, understand and care for the ocean. The party for a cause will take place under a large tent to house raffles, auctions, dinner, drinks and more.

The event runs from 6:30 to 10 p.m. During the early hours, guests will enjoy cocktails, conversation, a silent auction and an opportunity to support the programming needs of the sea school. The dining portion of the evening will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. Executive Director and co-founder Dr. Bruce Neill will also give a brief presentation on many of the great things Sanibel Sea School is doing.

The excitement culminates with the live auction. This year, there is a great list of auction items that will thrill guests. Among these is a five-day sailing expedition for three couples in the British Virgin Islands, hosted by Doc Bruce and Miss Evelyn, President of the Board of Trustees and co-founder of Sanibel Sea School. The winners of this item will spend five days aboard a 48-foot catamaran exploring the islands and coral reefs

of the BVI.

"A sailing expedition is a fantastic way to see and learn about the coral reefs of the BVI," said Dr. Neill. "The weather is fantastic, the geography distinct and historically rich; with a guided tour of the marine environments, this trip becomes a relaxing intellectually-rich adventure. Combined with the community of close friends, an expedition like this makes for memories of a lifetime."

Other items to be auctioned live are four tickets for a New York Mets home game. The winning bidder will arrive early at Citi Field during batting practice. An autographed ball, baseball cards from Cy Young award-winning pitcher Johan Santana, as well as a "First Mets No-Hitter" T-shirt, are also included in the package.

Other unique items will also be up for live auction, with all proceeds of the night benefitting the programs of Sanibel Sea School. These funds will go toward scholarships for students, ocean discovery gear, snorkeling equipment and other teaching tools used each and every day at the sea school.

There are still a few surprises in store for attendees of Octifest, though the sea school is tight-lipped about what they might be. Guests will have to wait and see what other items they might be able to bring home when the night is through.

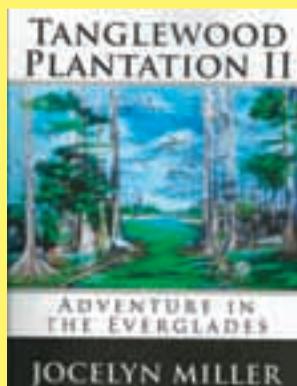
If you would like to attend, contact the Sanibel Sea School at 472-8585.

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Cinema Toast: Celebrating The Music Of The Movies At BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS presents Cinema Toast: Celebrating the Music of the Movies at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 15. Cinema Toast salutes classic Hollywood films through song, including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *The Graduate*, *The Way We Were* and *Titanic*.

Cinema Toast features singers Scott Coulter, Jessica Hendy and Lee Lessack accompanied by pianist John Boswell and jazz musicians. Boswell has served as a music director for Judy Collins, Andy Williams and Bob Newhart, and has played the role of Moose in the national tour of *Crazy For You*. Coulter has toured in the traveling Broadway production of *Forever Plaid* and can be heard in Disney's *Enchanted*. For his work in cabaret, Coulter was awarded the 2001 Manhattan Association of Cabarets & Clubs Award. Hendy has appeared on Broadway in productions of *Cats* and *Aida*, and has performed with the Long Beach and Fort Worth symphonies as well as with the Cincinnati Pops. Lessack is a celebrated recording artist and performer whose vocals have been described by *Billboard* as "cabaret romanticism of a high order." Lessack has released several solo albums, including the critically-acclaimed, *Chanteur*.

Expect to hear all your film favorites in Cinema Toast. Highlights include *Moon River*, *Over the Rainbow*, *Staying Alive*, *Goldfinger*, *The Rose*, *Footloose*, *Fame*, *Colors of the Wind*, *Can You Feel The Love Tonight* and *The Sound of Music*.

General seating is \$42, loge seats are \$47, and student admission is \$15.

Cinema Toast: Celebrating The Music Benefactor Sponsor John M. and Mary Jo Boler, Sponsor Bailey's General Store.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. BIG ARTS offers single event tickets as well as series and subscription tickets at www.BIGARTS.org. Tickets are also available at BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, by calling 395-0900, and at the Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, by calling 472-6862.✪

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Art in Bloom at museums in other cities, Minneapolis Institute of Arts

Art In Bloom

submitted by Carolyn DeCoster

A unique grouping of talents will come together to create Art in Bloom on Sanibel, featuring art from the Sanibel-Captiva Art League with floral interpretations from the Shell Islands Garden Club.

Nancy Hilger and Harriet Pattison, co-chairs of Art in Bloom on Sanibel, a cooperative venture between Sanibel-Captiva Art League and the Shell Islands Garden Club, have both participated in Art in Bloom at museums in other cities, Nancy at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Harriet at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Art in Bloom is a featured event at museums in many parts of the country.

Artists from the Sanibel-Captiva Art

League have volunteered their paintings to be used as inspiration for members of the garden club to create their impressions in floral designs of the art works. On Wednesday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Art in Bloom on Sanibel will be on display at the Sanibel Public Library lobby, 770 Dunlop Road, for the browsing enjoyment of visitors and residents.

The Shell Islands Garden Club is a membership of hands-in-the-dirt gardeners with interests in floral design, horticulture, conservation and local philanthropy.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League is now in its 43rd year. Its mission is to create opportunities to create art, share art, support art education and to enhance the community artistically.*



Nancy Hilger and Harriet Pattison

Presentation At Sanibel Library

Come to the Sanibel Public Library on Monday, March 18 at 2 p.m. for a very special program with historian and writer Maureen Sullivan-Hartung. She will be doing a presentation titled Beer Worms, Square Grouper and Indians, Oh My! This presentation will focus on the early history of Collier County.

In addition to her love of local history, Sullivan-Hartung is also a nature

lover and supporter of our local environment, belonging to the Friends of the Everglades begun by the late grande dame environmentalist Marjory Stoneman Douglas. She is also a Friend of Rookery Bay, a Friend of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, a Friend of the Audubon Society as well as a Friend of the State Parks and a Friend of the Everglades National Park.

"Everyone who comes to visit me here in Naples always gets a tour of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, the Naples Pier and the nearby Everglades. Southwest

Florida's climate is totally different from our northern neighbors and I want them to be able to see those differences, because we do indeed live in a beautiful paradise," she said.

Sullivan-Hartung has lived in Naples since 1981 and has been freelance writing since 1994, following a year-long stint as a weekly newspaper reporter. Her articles and photographs have been published in numerous magazines throughout the state of Florida. For more information, call the Sanibel Public Library at 472-2483.*

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Historic Birthday

cake to cut at 10 a.m. in Rutland's beautiful dining room. Later on, there will be treats in Charlotta's Tea Room."

In addition to goodies, author Marya Repko (*A Brief History of Sanibel Island* and *The Story of Sanibel Island: A History for Younger Readers*) will give a talk on Sanibel history and sign books in the Old Schoolhouse. This will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m.

From 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be craft demonstrations in the tea room.

Craft kits are available for sale in the museum gift shop.

At 1:15 p.m., long-time museum docent Ted Hoesel will speak about his extensive vintage clothing collection, while Hal and Nola Theiss do a reenactment of Sanibel lighthouse keepers in the Old Schoolhouse.

Learn more about the Rutland House and Sanibel's history at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, 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. Visit the museum gift shop, which carries

a variety of items for children, sailor's valentines, pine needle baskets, and hand-made aprons in adult and children's sizes, and aprons to fit American Girl dolls. All the merchandise in the museum store is made in America.

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

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Lunch With Bestselling Author



Lisa Jackson

by Di Saggau

On Tuesday, March 19, author Lisa Jackson will be the featured speaker at the Sanibel Public Library Foundation's annual fundraiser at The Sanctuary. The event is \$55 per person and starts at noon, followed by a presentation by the author from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and a book signing.

Jackson has published over twenty bestsellers.

During a recent phone interview with her from her home in Oregon, she told me that part of what she will share with the audience is the not-so-glamorous life of a *New York Times* bestselling author. She said, "It takes a long time to get there. People might be surprised to learn that it's not a world of limos, chauffeurs and maids. I'm basically a small-town girl." Early in her career, Jackson was struggling to keep food on the table. Her luncheon presentation will describe her journey from struggling writer to nationally bestselling author.

Jackson's books often deal with killers, sometimes twisted killers. I asked what it

is that fascinates her about these types of people. She said, "I'm fascinated by fear. Fear is a strong emotion, it drives us in almost everything. The public is fascinated with serial killers. I'm fascinated with disappearances and what happens. I try to make my books more suspenseful than gory."

The book she is working on now, titled *Tell Me*, is due out in July. It is loosely based on an actual murder that occurred 30 years ago in Oregon. Jackson sets the crime in Savannah and includes two familiar characters from her other books, a detective and a reporter. She occasionally bases her characters on people she knows.

Jackson is an every day, early morning writer because her creative juices flow best at that time. She stated, "Usually I get up around 5 or 6 a.m. and work until 3:30 p.m. with a few breaks. When facing a deadline, like now, I'm up at 4:30 a.m. I work better when it's dark and nothing else is happening, no distractions."

She also co-writes with her sister Nancy Bush. She said, "We kind of leap frog as we write. She'll write three chapters and we'll go over them and then I'll write a few. We're very close so it works pretty well." Their recent collaboration is *Something Wicked*, a book one reviewer said is "definitely one you don't want to read alone at night." Her latest book, *You Don't Want To Know*, is set in Grizzly Falls, Montana, about a woman who is literally living a mother's worst nightmare following the loss of her son, Noah. Jackson will have copies of her books available at the luncheon.

Her advice to aspiring authors is, "Write the entire book. Keep your day job, join a writer's group and finish the darn book. It's a different game than when I started 32 years ago. One good way is to write an e-book and get a buzz going. At the same time, try to talk to an agent, but finish a manuscript, put it online. You need to have a product, not just an idea."

To make reservations for the March 19 luncheon at The Sanctuary or for more information, call 214-0088 or e-mail authorluncheon@comcast.net.✱

Book Signing

On Thursday, March 14 at 2 p.m., Michele Albion will be doing a presentation and book signing of her new book *The Quotable Henry Ford* at the Sanibel Public Library.

Albion was the first professional curator of the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. She is the author of *The Florida Life of Thomas Edison* and *The Quotable Edison*. She is a resident of Dover, New Hampshire and a long-time friend of the library.

Brilliant businessman, successful entrepreneur, pioneer of the low-price, mass-produced motor vehicle, and profoundly important to 29th century American life, Henry Ford was also a character of little-known but surprising contradictions. He sported a hefty ego yet suffered from a pathological dislike of public speaking. He pioneered 40-hour work weeks and a minimum wage yet hated labor unions.

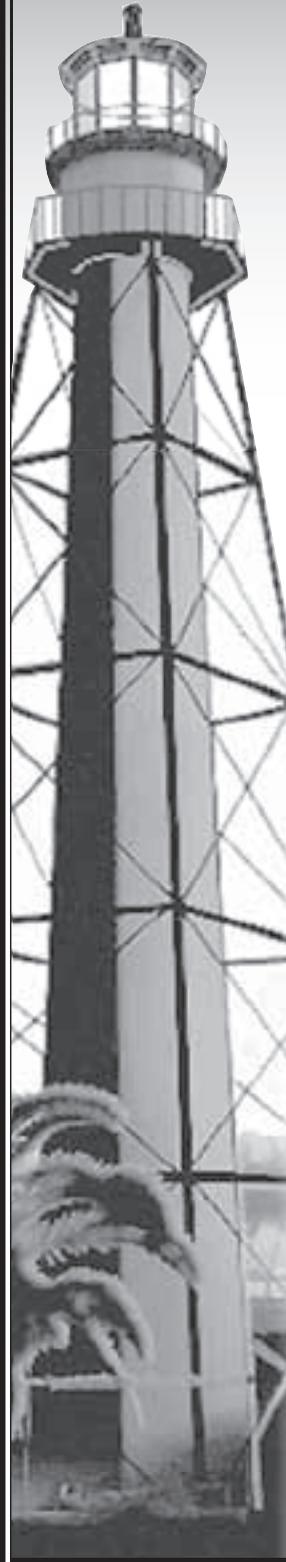
There is no charge for this program and it is open to all. Adult programs at

the Sanibel Public Library are made possible through the support of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc. and its donors.✱

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Night Moves* by Randy Wayne White
 2. *Dry Grass of August* by Anna Jean Mayhew
 3. *Snow Child* by Ivey Eowyn
 4. *Invisible Thread* by Kayra Schroff
 5. *Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
 6. *Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
 7. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
 8. *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles
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Community Chorus in concert

Spring In Bloom With Concerts From BIG ARTS Community Chorus

BIG ARTS Community Chorus will present a set of Spring Concert performances on March 20 and 21 at Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

Each concert will feature a virtual musical bouquet, as the 80-voice chorus will perform arrangements representing everything from classics to folk songs to Broadway. Chorus Director Steve Cramer has prepared a unique repertoire including popular favorites, Hungarian, South African and American folk songs, and an extensive list of selections from *Les Misérables*.

A matinee performance will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20. The evening concert is 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21. Tickets for general admission are \$10; children 17 and under are admitted free with adult.

For further information about the BIG ARTS Community Chorus, workshops, and events at BIG ARTS, or to become a member, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.✪

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Annie Wainwright, *The Librarian*, bronze, fish platter, glass

digital darkroom. Her work as a commercial photographic illustrator won praise as well as national and local Gold Addy Awards.

Wainwright came to the United States from England almost 30 years ago, and since then has worked in various mediums, including ceramic and bronze sculpting, acrylic and watercolor painting, and glass fusion. She has had several solo exhibitions, and has exhibited – and been a prize-winner – in many juried shows.

Artists showcased at The Dunes this season have included Sherry Collier, Neil Glaser, Andi McCarter, Myra Roberts and Christina P. Wyatt.

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club is at 949 Sand Castle Road.*

Artist Series At The Dunes

by Jeff Lysiak

To continue The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club's successful Meet The Artist Series, in which the club is showcasing several local artists throughout the season, Pam Brodersen and Annie Wainwright will have their artwork showcased beginning on Monday, March 11.

Both Brodersen and Wainwright will attend a meet the artist reception on opening night from 5 to 7 p.m.

"The Dunes is now playing an active role in the art community of the island, as a tribute to all the talent that we have here," said Leilani Sivsov, general manager at The Dunes. "So far, I am very happy about the success of this series and I love having the honor of exhibiting such fine art."

Brodersen is a digital artist whose process goes far beyond the taking of a digital photograph. A stylus on a pressure-sensitive tablet becomes her brush, which allows her to hand work her images; computer software becomes a



Pam Brodersen, *Shadow Dancers*, digital imagery

Garfield's Brief Presidency

At the Sanibel Public Library on Tuesday, March 19, a special presentation by Damaris Peters Pike as "Lucretia Garfield – First Lady For A While," the uplifting story of President James A. Garfield and the tragedy of his brief presidency. Included in the presentation are songs from the era, which includes the Civil War. This program will begin at 2 p.m.

Pike portrays a variety of historic women in her Women Of Note series, and recently presented a program on Frankie Gershwin in Lee County.

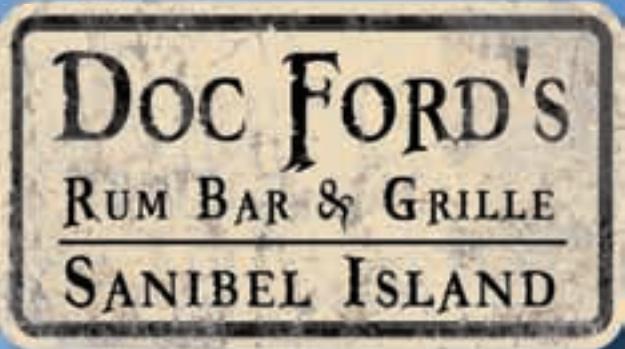
There is no charge to attend this

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

Library Talk

On Wednesday, March 20 at 2 p.m., come to the Sanibel Public Library and hear Holly L. Shaffer, site historian and volunteer coordinator at The Edison-Ford Winter Estates and former tour guide for 15 years at the Joshua Chamberlain home in Brunswick, Maine. Shaffer will present an informative program on the life of Joshua L. Chamberlain, with an emphasis on his part in the Battle of Gettysburg.

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David Finckel With Wu Han And Philip Setzer To Perform At Festival

Ranked among the most esteemed and influential classical musicians in the world today, cellist David Finckel and his pianist wife Wu Han, along with violinist Philip Setzer, will perform on Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Music Festival at Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Tickets are \$45 each. The concert is sponsored by Gene and Lee Seidler and Janet and Joseph Davie.

Finckel and Setzer are members of the eight-time Grammy Award-winning Emerson String Quartet, though Finckel is leaving the quartet at the end of the 2012-13 season. Finckel and Han, through their multifaceted endeavors as concert performers, recording artists, educators, artistic administrators and cultural entrepreneurs, go unmatched. They are owners of the recording company ArtistLed, and have served as the Artistic Directors of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center since 2004. They are also the founders and Artistic Directors of Music@Menlo, a chamber music festival in Silicon Valley that has garnered international acclaim since its inception in 2003. Recently, they began a residency at the Harris Theater of Music and Dance in Chicago.

Their March 16 program will include: Haydn: *Trio in A major XV: 18*; Britten: *Sonata*; Dvorak: *Trio in F minor. Op. 65*.

Single tickets are available by cash and check only at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way on Sanibel. Tickets may be ordered online at www.sanibelmusicfestival.org. or by calling the Festival's hotline at 344-7025.*



David Finckel, Wu Han and Philip Setzer

Event Showcases Students' Talents

Hope HealthCare Services and Gulfshore Ballet present *Dancing with Hope*, featuring former Miami City Ballet principal dancers Iliana Lopez and Franklin Gamero, on Saturday, March 9.

The performance benefits both organizations and takes place at Edison State College's Rush Auditorium, located in the J building at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

Advanced dancers from Gulfshore Ballet, Southwest Florida's premier, not-for-profit school of classical ballet, will

present a two-part performance with live piano accompaniment under the guidance of one of the school's renowned artistic directors.

Light refreshments will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., with a variety of dance costumes on display. An outdoor garden reception for VIP guests begins at 4:30 p.m. and features live music and champagne with Gulfshore Ballet's directors. The showcase performance begins at 6 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$100 and VIP tickets are \$200. Sponsorships begin at \$1,500. For reservations or additional information, contact 489-9164 or visit www.hopehcs.org/dancing.*

Poetry And Prose At BIG ARTS

The Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers will read original selections from their prose and poetic works at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

Martha Jeffers, Tanya Hochschild, Lorraine Walker Williams, Gary McLouth, Chris Godwin, Maryanne Daly, Loretta Pickens, Morton Levy, Hazel Barber, Dawn Schumann, Jean Jensen, Duke Barron, Joe Pacheco, Tom Jones, Jim Gustafson, Jane Hogg, Sandy Greco, Renny Severance and Mary LaVelle are

the writers and poets presenting their works.

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

Admission to the read is \$5. There will be an intermission.

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

New Recruit Training

On Thursday, March 14 at 9 a.m., the Structure Safety Inspectors (SSI) in conjunction with the Captiva Island Fire District will be conducting a new recruit training lecture and mock training exercise drill. The lecture will consist of material and information on how to become a SSI team member. The exercise mock drill will simulate a disaster that has occurred on Captiva Island. The location will be in South Seas Island Resort.

The SSI team was established in 2005 after Hurricane Charley struck Captiva in 2004. Its members are from the local community, consisting of business owners and local residents. This team works under the direction of the Captiva Island Fire District and the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Team members assess damage to all structures on Captiva Island. All information obtained from the teams is then forwarded to the Lee County EOC and then to FEMA for further government assistance. Call 472-9494 if you plan to attend.*

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With his new book *How Money Walks*, entrepreneur and tax-reform advocate Travis H. Brown takes an in-depth and compelling look at how people, businesses and working wealth move between the states. Travis H. Brown's *How Money Walks* explores growth disparity between states

Brown will be visiting The Community House from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27 for a reading and reception. Published just a few weeks ago, the book is already garnering buzz nationwide. Brown has recently appeared on CNBC and Fox Business, among other outlets. During his Sanibel appearance, Brown will share fascinating (and sometimes startling) facts about the states that are winning and the states that are losing.

Brown, the co-founder of the public affairs and advocacy firm Pelopidas, LLC, is an expert in the area of tax reform. Major news outlets, think tanks and business groups turn to him for his well-researched, data-based, nonpartisan views on economic growth. A regular contributor to Forbes.com, Brown makes complex issues accessible and interesting. *How Money Walks* uses unimpeachable IRS data to answer tough questions – such as why, between 1995 and 2010, millions of Americans moved between the states and took with them more than \$2 trillion in adjusted gross incomes. Brown is an engaging speaker who illustrates his research with the help of a proprietary, interactive, 55-inch touchscreen.

How Money Walks is a timely, relevant book that will resonate with audiences throughout the United States, including Floridians. It explores why some states, like Florida, saw tremendous gains (\$86.4 billion in a 15-year period) while other states, like New York, experienced massive losses (\$58.6 billion in that same timeframe). Money—and people—moved from high-tax states to low-tax ones, and the tax that seemed to matter the most was the personal income tax. The states with no income taxes gained the greatest wealth, while the states with the highest income taxes lost the most.

How Money Walks received its national launch in New York City last month. Throughout 2013, Brown will participate in speaking engagements and media interviews across the nation; in addition to Sanibel, stops include Washington, DC; Dallas, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; Scottsdale, Arizona; and Las Vegas, Nevada.

The book is available through Amazon.com and at HowMoneyWalks.com. Hard copies of *How Money Walks* are \$14.99, and e-reader downloads are \$6.99. The book contains dozens of highly interactive elements, allowing readers to explore how money walks across the nation. The book's companion app is available at the Google Play store.

For more information about *How*

Money Walks or to book Travis H. Brown for a media interview, e-mail brokee@pelopidas.com.

Programs For Word Enthusiasts

On Tuesday, March 12 at 2 p.m., Ed Sessa will be at the Sanibel Public Library to do a presentation titled *Across the Ages and Down the Years: A History of Crossword Construction*. If you like the library's Author Series program with Will Shortz, you will want to hear about the history of crossword puzzles. Sessa has published many of his crossword puzzles.

On March 13 at 2 p.m., Gary McLouth will present his program, *The Importance of Readers to Writers*. McLouth will discuss and sign copies of his book *Do No Harm*.

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This American Game

by David Ellis

With spring training underway, our thoughts turn to baseball...

News item – A catcher for the Eastern League team of the Cleveland Indians was charged with an error when he threw a potato instead of a baseball to trick a baserunner, who dashed for home plate, only to be tagged out with the real baseball. The catcher was later fired by his manager, who said, "I won't tolerate this kind of stuff."

No more of this kind of stuff –
this far-flung pomme de terre, this apple,
forbidden fruit, arches over third base,
hangs heavy in the summer air.

This game of acting, this summer theatre,
this game of making the other player react
to appearances, deceptions.

This runner at third base leans hard, as if to race for home.
This pitcher looks over, fakes a throw to stop him:
he stops and retreats, unable to sort real threat from seeming.
Both are actors, both are audience.

This game of psychology, great egos playing against
great muscular forces, seeking instant gratification
and catching them flat-footed in their fantasies.

This old hidden-ball trick – this incomplete deception
defeats the baserunner but not the manager.
This disobedience, this E-2, gone now from the game.

This catcher's unplanned business decision,
this contract, this bright future, thrown into left field:
this income, this wife and family, this innocence lost.

David Ellis' poems have appeared in Cimmaron Review, America, Midland Review, Owen Wister Review, Laurel Review and many others. He has published a book of poems, Fibonacci's Sequence, available from Abebooks.com. He has been a fellow at the Millay Colony, the Virginia Center for Creative Arts and The Studios of Key West. ✨

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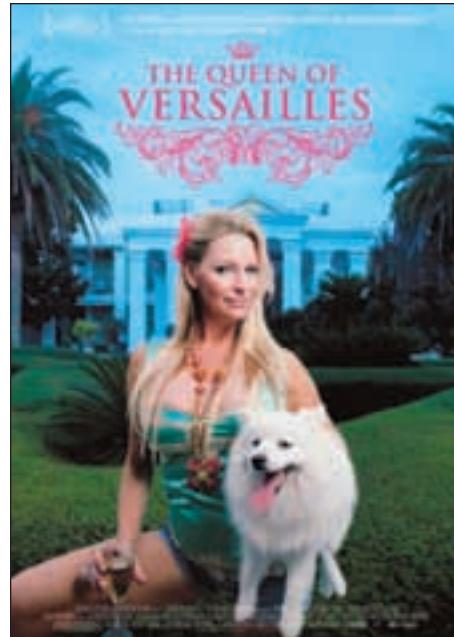
by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS movie for Monday night, March 11 is *The Queen of Versailles*. This is a documentary film unlike any other. Roger Ebert said, "When I walked into the movie, I fully expected to

hate Jackie and David Siegel, a couple we meet in the process of building themselves the largest private home in America. What I left with was not hatred. I disapprove of the values they represent, but I also find them fascinating and just slightly lovable."

Versailles originally started off as a documentary following the Siegels, who were building their 90,000-square-foot home, inspired in part by the Versailles palace in France. But as filmmaker Lauren Greenfield chronicled their opulent lifestyle, the recession hit. Not only were the Siegels forced to stop building their dream home, but their lavish lifestyle slowly disintegrated as the real estate bubble burst David's business. He became a billionaire by founding Westgate Resorts, a very large time-share company.

This turn-around added quite an unex-



pected climactic twist for the documentary and Greenfield was there to chronicle the entire unraveling. It turned her project into quite a different film than what was originally planned.

Jackie is David's third wife and she is clearly a trophy, a former model, 31 years younger than her husband. She is also the mother of seven of his eight children, all of whom seem refreshingly normal and well adjusted. Jackie was born into humble circumstances and earned an engineering degree.

The Siegels are surprisingly unpretentious. They are good people. Their house staff of 19 adores them and they

have worked hard for what they have. What makes this an entertaining film is how the Siegels handle their economic meltdown. The staff dwindles down to four, Jackie starts cooking again and the kids' Christmas gifts come from Walmart. Watching the Siegels' wealth slowly drip away is a sobering reminder of what can happen when the market crashes.

Don Irwin will lead a discussion after the film and I am sure he will update everyone on the current status of the Siegels.

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

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

Films are shown in high-definition on a large screen with surround sound. Assistive listening devices are available. Sponsors are Bank of the Islands

and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters are Sanibel Taxi and Jerry's Foods of Sanibel.

For tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*

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ArtPoems

Now, they share the joy and fruit of inspiring and learning from each other to create and perform exciting new art works."

Williams added, "I have dedicated myself to ArtPoems because I am passionate about creativity. Both artist and poet create in isolation. Through the pro-

cess of ArtPoems, they come together to challenge their own limits. Poetry and art reflect powerful messages in our culture and enhance our lives."

Dance and music were also included this year to bring further dimension to the event.

On March 7, the 7th annual ArtPoems was presented at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.*

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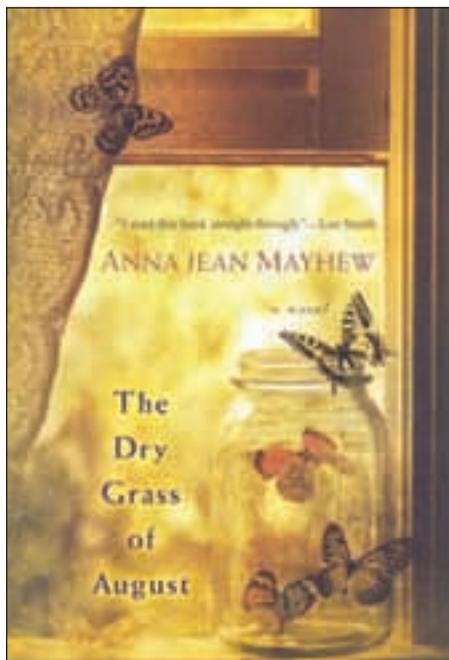


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In this debut, Mayhew offers a riveting depiction of Southern life in the throes of segregation, what it will mean for a young girl on her way to adulthood and for the woman who means the world to her.

On a scorching day in August 1954, 13-year-old Jubie Watts leaves Charlotte, North Carolina with her family for a Florida vacation. Crammed into the Packard along with Jubie are her three siblings, her mother, and the family's black maid, Mary Luther. For as long as Jubie can remember, Mary has been there, cooking, cleaning, compensating for her father's rages and her mother's benign neglect, and loving Jubie unconditionally.

Bright and curious, Jubie takes note of the anti-integration signs they pass, and of the racial tension that builds as



they journey further south. But she could never have predicted the shocking turn their trip will take. Now, in the wake of tragedy, Jubie must confront her parents' failings and limitations, decide where her own convictions lie, and make the tumultuous leap to independence.

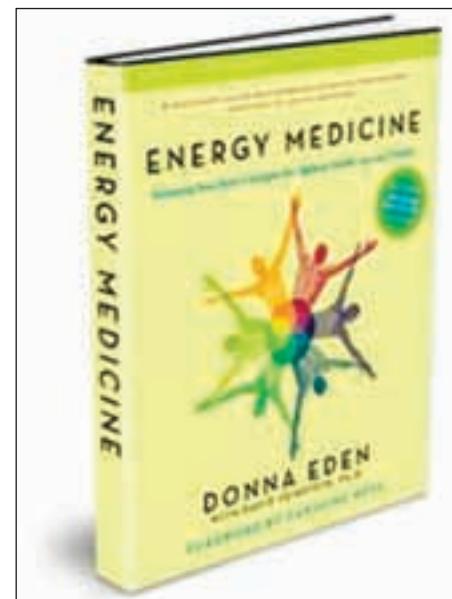
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This event is being sponsored by Sanibel Holiday.

Tickets for are \$20 for members and guests are \$25. A luncheon features honey grilled chicken salad with mixed field greens and raspberry balsamic vin-



Wallis Simpson and Edward VIII

agrette. Doors open at noon. Call The Community House at 472-2155 to make reservations. We anticipate this one-woman show selling out, so call early or visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net. Prepaid reservations only.

For more information on this event or other SCA-sponsored events, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.*

Silk Road Exhibit Showcases Fine Arts Textiles

Fiber artist and instructor Maia Tsinamdzgvrishvili from the Republic of Georgia brings her Silk Road fine arts textile exhibit to BIG ARTS Founders Gallery from March 4 to 30. The artist’s reception is Friday, March 15, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Tsinamdzgvrishvili studied textiles at the Tbilisi State Academy of Fine Arts in the country’s capital. She has exhibited widely in Georgia as well as in Poland, Switzerland, Israel, China, Spain, France, Russia and Belgium. *The Messenger* notes that she is “recognized as the finest Georgian contemporary artist working in silk.”

Georgia’s silk industry thrived until recent decades. Tsinamdzgvrishvili finds families in the region who still cultivate silkworms and buys the fibers and cocoons directly to use as raw material for her intricately fused silk and wool scarves. She also uses the cocoons, dyed by hand and sliced, to make collages that resemble seashells on a Florida beach. Tsinamdzgvrishvili’s Seashells collection will be featured in her BIG ARTS show, along with large tapestries – called gobelini in Georgian, after the famous French family that founded the first tapestry center in Paris in the reign of Louis XIV – which seem more like paintings with their spontaneous splashes of color.



Moonlit Night, tapestry by Maia Tsinamdzgvrishvili

In addition to the exhibit, Tsinamdzgvrishvili be hosting a fiber art workshop Saturday, March 9, where she will teach participants techniques in wool felting and silk papermaking.

BIG ARTS Founders Gallery is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., from January to March.

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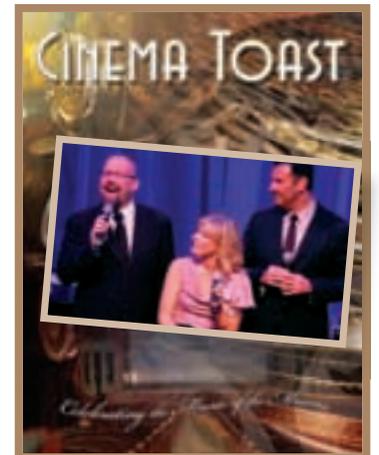
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Modernist Home Featured On Zonta's Peek

submitted by Dalia Jakubauskas

A modernist beach getaway on this year's A Peek at the Unique, the signature fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva, is a standout even among the distinctive homes featured on the tour to be held March 16. Ultra-modern and spare, the concrete structure incorporates modern and natural elements to create something resembling more sculpture than house.

Completed last August, the home is the dream of Miami Beach residents Alex and George Alvarez, who have visited Sanibel for more than 20 years and longed for a beach retreat for their family, which includes three daughters and one granddaughter. Eight years in the design, the 1,700-square-foot home is the work of Miami architect Rene Gonzalez, who is renowned for his modernist designs and imaginative use of materials. The unique nature of the home's construction meant that all materials, contractors and craftsmen were brought in from Miami.

A complete contrast to the couple's restored art-deco residence on Miami Beach, the Sanibel home incorporates natural and manmade elements to render living space that is at once serene and starkly beautiful. Wood, stainless steel, glass, travertine and polished concrete are integrated throughout.

The exterior is softened by louvers made of Prodema, a renewable, composite material made of wood, resin and paper. Concrete floors finished to look like wood are featured throughout the home, which is divided at the entryway into a main living space with master bedroom, and guest quarters with two bedrooms.

Even though the house is relatively small, it appears spacious thanks to high



Front of the Alvarez home

ceilings and an entire wall made of glass and stainless steel that opens onto a deck and infinity lap pool. The living room flows into an expansive eat-in kitchen featuring recessed appliances that disappear behind sleek, white lacquer cabinets that

open with just a touch of a finger.

Whimsical pieces like a massive paintbrush, a chair made to look like a hand, and a huge fork reflect Alex Alvarez's gift for interior design, which she did herself.

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Osprey Cam Provides Opportunity To See Chicks Hatch

Baby chicks are on the way, much to the delight of viewers who have been flocking to Ocean's Reach Osprey Cam to keep tabs on this year's osprey family at the resort.

Six months ago, Ocean's Reach added a high-definition webcam to the special 35-foot-high nesting platform the resort built five years ago to accommodate the birds. Guests from around the world have watched the day-to-day activity of these raptors, sharing comments and screen shots that have been featured on the resort's daily blog.

"This season, our female osprey laid three eggs," said Andy Boyle, general manager. "The first egg was laid on February 7, with the other two following on February 9 and 11. Since incubation takes 35 to 42 days, all eyes will be on the Osprey Cam starting March 14 as we anxiously await the eggs to hatch."

He continued, "Our Osprey Cam has been a huge hit with guests and friends of Ocean's Reach. Dozens of people write us – some from as far away as the U.K., Scotland and Finland – to let us know how much they enjoy the live feed. We'll keep the webcam operational for the next several months so that everyone can enjoy watching the chicks hatch, feed and fledge – it will be fun to watch as they learn how to spread their wings."

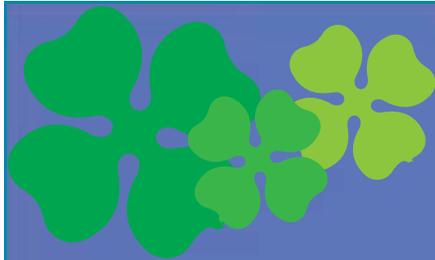
Boyle thanked Jim Griffith, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, as well as Carlos Hernandez, owner of Tree Trimming Doctor, for their help in caring for the nest this year. In late January, they organized a crew to safely remove excessive twine and fishing line that the birds had brought into the nest.

Ocean's Reach has quickly become a favorite local destination for birding enthusiasts. Throughout the season, birding expert and park ranger Walt McNairy has been hosting a series of Nesters & Resters beach walks. His final beach walk is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at 9 a.m. at Ocean's Reach, 2230 Camino del Mar. Bird walks are complimentary and all are welcome to attend.

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Viewers of Ocean's Reach Osprey Cam anxiously await the hatching of the chicks in mid-March



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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday Kayaking – March 19, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 8:30 a.m.

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

Florida Repertory Theatre – *Other Desert Cities* by John Robin Baitz, Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m. "The most richly enjoyable new play for grown-ups!" – *The New York Times*. Tickets are \$21 for members and \$26 for non-members.

The Fantastics at the newly remodeled Florida Artstage, Saturday, March 23. *The Fantastics* is the longest running musical and still playing in New York. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Educating Rita by Willy Russell, Saturday, April 20. Olivier Award-winning Best Comedy from the author of *Shirley Valentine*.

Page Turners with Ann Rodman – Wednesday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. *Zeitoun* by David Eggers. True story about what happened to a Syrian-American man and his family during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. A horrific series of events for a very fine man.

Wednesday, April 10, 2:30 p.m. *The Room* by Emma Donoghue. The entire world of a five-year-old boy is the 11'x11' room in which his mother is being held against her will.

Tenth Annual Friday Coping With Life Series
Every Friday at 11 a.m. –

Storytelling by Bert MacCarry in the Kraft Room. Free to open to all ages. For more information call 472-1781.

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.

April 12, 2 p.m. – **Brain Basher Puzzles** by Millennium Cognitive staff. Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 non-members. Travel to Brain Boot Camp in order to boost your IQ and sharpen your memory. At the end of the program, you'll discover your memory will be sharper and your mind more agile. The puzzles are organized in levels from easy to difficult so you can increase the intensity of your mental workout as you progress.

AARP Safe Driving Course –

Thursdays, March 21 and 28, 1 to 4 p.m., with Ed VanderHey. Receive a discount on your auto insurance if you complete the two-session, six-hour course. Cost is \$14 with a \$2 discount for AARP members. Call 292-4012 to register.

Discovering Florida Daytrips
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.

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

Intermediate Bridge Lessons with Linda Tedeschi – March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Improve your game. Bring a partner or you will be paired up. Basic knowledge of the game is required. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members per session.

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Mahjongg – 1 p.m. Thursday

Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday
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Computers – Picasa with Patty and Your Photos, Wednesday and Thursday, April 3 and 4, 1 to 3 p.m. Hands-on training in Picasa, a free program from Google. Copy photos from your camera or memory card to your PC and create and edit albums that are easy to email. Learn to crop, resize, sharpen and brighten colors. Class limited to six. Cost is \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members, due at sign up. Bring your camera, cable, memory card and reader with 10 to 20 photos. Sample photos will be available.

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Village Shops Hosts Pet Palooza 2



Attending PetPalooza 2, held on February 28 at The Village Shops, were Mary Frances Morris, Karen Fordiani and Carrie Ann Ventre - representing Academy Kennels and K-Nine Connections - with an adoption-hopeful dog named Tiger Lily

photos by Jeff Lysick



Gulf Coast Humane Society volunteer Dawn Clark with adoption-hopeful Popsicle



Sanibel resident Pat Gardner came to the event with her pooch, Holly



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BIG Arts Community Chorus performs during the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on February 26

FISH Annual Meeting Recognizes Work Done By Island's Volunteers

Over 125 FISH of Sanibel, Inc. volunteers and guests attended the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held on February 26 at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel. The Annual Meeting is a way to formally thank some of the organizations and individuals in the community who have partnered and supported FISH over the past year.

Attendees welcomed John Morse as its new FISH President and were introduced to two new board members, Linda Green and Rich Rompala. The BIG ARTS Community Chorus, directed by Steve Cramer, performed a selection of music from its upcoming spring concert.

Morse highlighted how funds were raised during 2012, emphasizing that FISH is proud of the fact that 90 percent of all donations directly fund their client programs and services. He also presented the growing number of client services currently offered by FISH, many of which are in collaboration with United Way and other agencies. Morse discussed the organization's accomplishments, challenges and plans for this coming year and stressed the importance of FISH's work in the community, and the continuing increase in demand for services.

FISH also recognized its many valued volunteers and thanked them for their huge commitment to the organization. Specially recognized were:



Connie Mara, Veronica Gallo, Frank Gallo and Bill Kelley



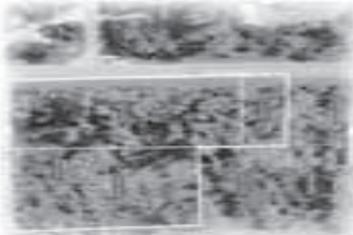
Susan Rosenburg, Shirley Schiffman, Ann Bresslau and CC Caldwell

- Equipment Volunteers: Jerry Edelman, Gary Kremil and Brad Murray
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- Meals By FISH Volunteers: Dick Schreck, Annie Schreck, Shirley Akins and Nancy Black

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Historical Village Elects New Board Members

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village held its annual meeting on February 26 at the Sanibel Public Library.

During the meeting, new board members Ellen O'Neill and Alan Lessack were elected to serve three-year terms. O'Neill has extensive fundraising experience and was the Ontario County Director of Economic Development in New York

State. She also served as chair of the United Way board and the Chamber of Commerce board. She recently moved to Sanibel and became involved with the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village last year.

Lessack was Vice President of U.S. Field Operations for B'nai B'rith, and senior director for B'nai B'rith in Chicago. His volunteer experience includes serving as a certified docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation, now specializing in river cruises. He currently serves as a board member of Healthy Start of Southwest Florida. Lessack joined the Historical Village as a

docent in 2010.

Also formally elected to the board after being appointed to serve out the term of former member Nancy McNeill was James Frizzell, MD. A native of New Hampshire, Frizzell graduated the University of Vermont College of Medicine with specialty training at Dartmouth Medical School. He had a private practice in gastroenterology for 38 years in Frederick, Maryland, and founded the Frederick Surgical Center. Frizzell and his wife, Janet, are both docents at the village. They are full-time Sanibel residents and own three local businesses.

Leaving the board due to term limits are long-time president Alex Werner and Gayle Pence, who has served as vice-president and head of a number of committees. Werner and Pence served for six years and will continue to be volunteers and docents for the museum. The board presented them with Luc Century

etchings featuring the Rutland home, the first building to serve as the museum, to thank them for their leadership and service. Representing the City of Sanibel was Councilman Marty Harity, who recognized their contributions over the last several years.

An executive session was held immediately following the meeting, at which the following officers were elected: Dorothy Donaldson as president, Debbie Staley as treasurer and Jan Halliday as secretary. The executive session was left open in order to determine who will serve as vice president.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is a nonprofit organization formed with the mission to preserve, protect, share and celebrate Sanibel's history. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS just past Sanibel City Hall.

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The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with full tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Adult admission is \$5; people under age 18 are free. Single memberships are \$25, family memberships are \$50, and other levels are available. The museum's mailing address is P.O. Box 413, Sanibel, FL 33957. Learn more at www.sanibel-museum.org.*

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FISH Volunteers

- Backpack Volunteers: Maureen Valiquette, Bill Kelly, Dick Cohan and Liddy Johnson
- Food Pantry Volunteers: Liz Clark, Laurie Hafener, Randy Carson, Kym Nader, Maureen Valiquette, Jerry and Trish Parkhurst, Laurie LaManna, Judy Wisentaner, Holly Smith and Ed Riddlehoover
- Special Long-time Volunteer: Roni Freer

FISH utilizes a group of over 200 volunteers from Sanibel and Captiva who regularly help to provide a wide range of services to neighbors in need.*

Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell



There was an article in the March *Rotary International (RI)* magazine about incoming president Ron Burton from Norman, Oklahoma.

The article touched on many of the reasons why Burton has been a Rotarian for the last 34 years. He said, "I almost terminated my membership about a year and a half after I joined the Norman Rotary Club. I tell people that it was because I didn't have a reason to go."

Keeping club members involved is the key to retaining them. All clubs can be guilty of not recognizing the signs that a member may not feel connected to the mission of his or her club. Although each new member goes through a vetting process, there is often a time period when those new members still don't fully realize what Rotary membership is about.

Rotary has such a long and rich history. It was founded February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wanted to create a professional club with the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. There are now 34,282 Rotary clubs around the globe and over 1.2 million members

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Gayle Pence opens her gift



Alex Werner opening his gift

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Rev. Ellen Sloan and the mission team

Mission Trip To Honduras

Eleven members of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church spent a week at El Hogar Schools in Honduras as a mission team in mid-February. Honduras is the second poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere after Haiti, with a poverty rate near 50 percent. The school provides a home, food, clothing and a quality education to 250 poor children. Many of the children are orphans or come from broken homes.

In preparation for the trip, the congregation donated over 1,000 pounds of clothing and linens to El Hogar. This filled the 22 large suitcases the airline allowed to be checked. The overflow will be shipped at a later date. The Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan blessed the team during a church service prior to its departure.

During the week that the mission team lived at the elementary school in Tegucigalpa. A major focus was on getting to know the children by playing with them. Each evening after supper, the mission team worked closely with the children, leading them in music and a variety of specific arts and crafts projects, as well as participating in more spontaneous fun like playing Frisbee and soccer. Strong bonds of friendship



Caring teachers abound



Morning devotions

developed between the students and the visitors. During the day, while the students were studying, the team also painted three classrooms.

Once the children complete grade six at the elementary school in the city, they continue their high school education at one of three sites. The boys can choose to live and study at either the El Hogar technical or agricultural school, while the girls attend a private school located just outside the city. The team visited all three sites.

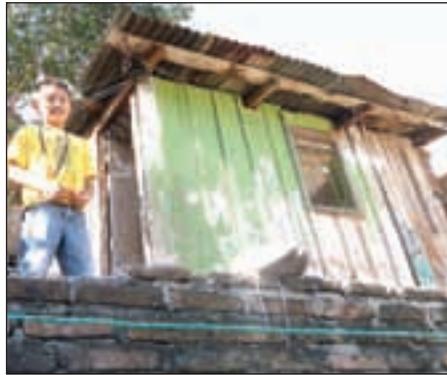
Weekly mission teams provide the children an opportunity to interact with people from outside Honduras. The hope is that children will graduate with an education and skills to support themselves and often their families, as well as allow them to contribute to improving their communities.*



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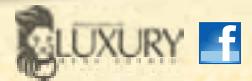
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CECI's Annual Family Picnic

The Children's Education Center of the Islands held its annual family picnic last weekend and it was a great time for all who attended. There were current students as well as alumni that have gone on to the The Sanibel School.

"CECI creates friendships and a sense of community that lasts for years" said parent Kirstin Sawicki.

The event featured a pot luck-style get together, with hamburgers and hot dogs donated by Smoke Signals. The children played on the extensive playground while parents got a chance to catch up with each other and share some laughs.*



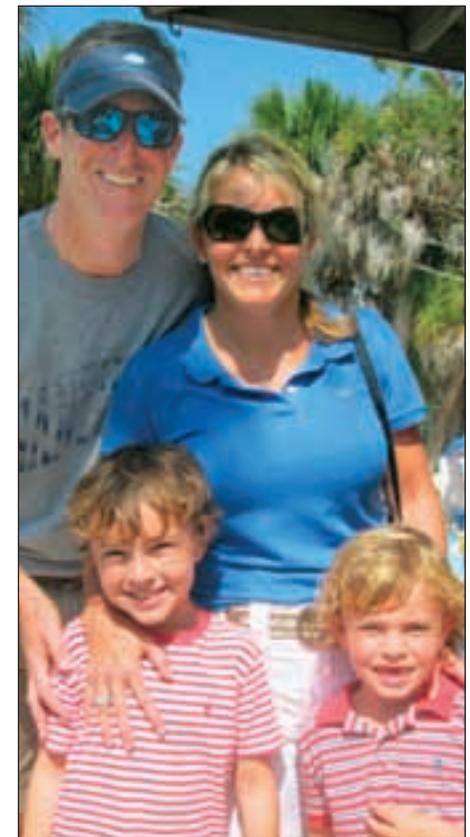
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The Girl Scouts each have a goal to sell 228 boxes, to raise enough money to support their troop through the school year and next year. Every year the Girl Scouts donate 10 percent of their cookie sale profit to a local charity of their choice. This year a part of Troop 228's donation will be made to FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel. The Girl Scouts will also be collecting donations for Mints for the Military where customers can donate boxes of cookies to active military servicemen and women. In 2011, Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida donated more than 28,600 packages of cookies to U.S. troops stationed around the world.

The cookies are \$3.50 a box. Choices are Do-Si-Dos, Thank U Berry Munch, Trefoils, Dulce De Leche, Tagalongs, Thin Mints and Savannah Smiles. Savannah Smiles are a lemony powdered-sugar cookie introduced last year to celebrate the centennial of Girl Scouts, which started in 1912.

To purchase cookies you can call Troop Leader Diane St. Pierre at 472-9211.*

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Rotary Happenings

worldwide. Its members have an amazing amount of business and professional experience, and outstanding problem solving skills. Fellowship, socializing and working together create life-long friendships.

Rotary works on solving problems to improve the welfare of children, women and men around the globe with an intent of making their lives better and giving them a chance to make a contribution to society. Rotary projects focus on water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. Rotary Club projects can be local, national or global.

Burton will challenge the Rotary leadership after he officially takes office in July: "Get your members involved. You can lead by example." His theme for this year is Engage Rotary, Change Lives. He says, "If you truly get involved in Rotary, it's going to change your life. You can't stop that. In the process of engagement, you're going to change a lot of lives, and you can't stop that either. I can't imagine how many lives have been touched and changed by Rotarians over the years, but the life that's going to be changed most of all is your own."

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President John Grey, wrote this year,

"The most rewarding experience I have ever had is traveling with club members to participate in Rotary service projects in Haiti, Guatemala, and here in the Sanibel, Fort Myers and the Naples area, only a few miles from my home. I encourage you who have an interest in improving the human experience to explore the opportunities that membership in Rotary offers."

Rotarians are dedicated to the idea that they can make a difference in the lives of others and when you put the concept of helping others ahead of helping yourself, everything becomes possible. The Rotary motto is Service Above Self.

We will be inducting two new members in the next few weeks and invite anyone who is interested in the club to attend a Friday morning meeting. Breakfast is on us.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Sanibel Island Golf Club, 1100 Par View Drive. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President, John Grey-John@JohnGreyPainting.com or President-Elect, Scot Congress-Scot@scongress.com.*

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Peter Blaze Corcoran presents a copy of *Learning for Sustainability in Times of Accelerating Change* to Anne Bradley of Captiva Memorial Library

Corcoran Book Talk At Captiva Memorial Library

submitted by Michael Saenz

Director of the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Florida Gulf Coast University, Peter Blaze Corcoran delivered remarks as part of the Captiva Memorial Library's Cultural Fest on Wednesday, February 27. Corcoran, an island resident, delivered an insightful lecture on the center's two recent books and how they can help people achieve a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world together through education.

Corcoran discussed *Learning for Sustainability in Times of Accelerating Change* (Wageningen Academic Publications 2012), a publication which he edited as the center's most recent contribution to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. In addition, he introduced *Fundamentals of Sustainable Development* (Routledge, London 2012) which he co-edited with Niko Roorda and Joseph Weakland.

"Peter Blaze inspires me to think beyond the boundaries of conventional thought," said Ann Bradley, senior librarian and branch manager at Captiva Memorial Library. She believed Corcoran's lecture "drove home our personal responsibility to educate ourselves and others to conserve our precious natural resources."

Key interrelated environmental threats were highlighted during the lecture and included degradation of ecosystems, habitat destruction through rapid development, and the major threat posed by global climate disruption. Corcoran discussed the anthropogenic causes of the increasingly unstable state of the environment. He attributed our current reality to a lack of foresight, denial, and evasion. He believes that hope for a better future lies in education for sustainability. He discussed the center's two new books as a

contribution to the fields of environmental and sustainability education.

Corcoran opened his lecture with a poem by renowned poet Mary Oliver, who delivered the center's 9th annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church on February 8.*

Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, February 26, there were 11 tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association.

The winners were:

North/South

1. Diane Metz and Caroline Oldenburg
2. Sara Berendt and Shirley Levine
3. Holly and Benjamin Day
4. Jim Daney and Clark Wackerman

East/West

7. Marlyn and James Stewart
2. Linda Tedeschi and Charlene Young
3. Lydia and Walter Freedman
4. Ann Cooper and Barbara

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Willy Ocasio, office manager of Bank of The Islands' Captiva branch, presented a \$3,000 check to ABC Committee Chairman Jack Cunningham

Check Presentation

Willy Ocasio, office manager of Bank of The Islands' Captiva branch, presented a \$3,000 check to ABC Committee Chairman Jack Cunningham. This check will go toward renovation and expansion of the Civic Center's Community Center. Bank of the Islands has become a major sponsor for the Captiva Civic Association's 2013 ABC Celebration dinner and auction.

"We are so pleased to join Lily & Co. as the 2013 ABC Celebration co-sponsors," said Bank of the Islands President

Robbie Roepstorff. "Our Captiva office opened this time last year, and this is a great way to show how much we have appreciated becoming part of the Captiva community since then."

Cunningham, president of the Captiva Civic Association, said, "We were delighted to have Bank of the Islands join in the sponsorship of our annual ABC Celebration and we are particularly thrilled with receiving this generous donation toward the Captiva Community Center renovation and expansion. It is wonderful having Bank of the Islands right here on Captiva and involved in this important community-building project."*

Portraits In Print

by Jane Vos Hogg



Complex Crafter

A buy-able item... a small basket filled with tiny flowers... each one sculpted out of shells... but look! It's a pin... definitely wearable art. "That's a signature piece of Edwina Borovich," I was told.

Reason enough for me to want to visit with her. Besides, since she's been involved with the Shell Fair here in Sanibel for a number of years, I was sure to learn something about what happens behind the scenes at the upcoming annual event.

Was I in for a surprise!

Working with shells was the least of it. Creative and competent, her craft skills radiate out in all directions... she's a gem. Years ago, it began with beading... lovely, unusual pins, tiny people with moveable limbs (no lack of humor in this lady) and a range of more traditional shapes, fish and flowers for instance. "What do you do with these?" I asked. "Sell them, of course. These bead items paid for my daughter's hockey involvement straight through high school. Actually, for the years she played in college, too. The small bugs were priced near \$10... larger pieces, like this fish for instance, might cost \$15."

Pins past, she moved on to bracelets. Unique buttons, married to macramé, eventually bits of sea glass added, the varieties were endless. (Some of these pieces can still be found in a small gallery on Beaver Island, way north in the Great Lakes.)

Her range of craft skills are under-

standable. Those are things you can be taught if you're fortunate enough to have a good teacher. But what stokes her flames of creativity? What stimulates her curiosity? That began long ago. In her case it was in Michigan, not too far from Detroit.

"Back then, there was a grandmother in every house; not just mine (my father's mother lived with us) but in the houses of all my friends. Grandmothers did a lot of the sewing... fixing things, making things... there were always bits and pieces of fabric, boxes of buttons... all sorts of things to play with. And not just in my house. When I'd go to visit friends, I'd often find myself visiting with their grandmothers, for they were all sewers. That's how I learned how to sew."

College came. "Michigan State... I wasn't an art student. I majored in special ed and in grad school, I was focused on learning disabilities. I taught for 39 years and then, after I retired, I spent five years working as a consultant with a focus on reading and behavior problems."

Not too much sewing here, but early on, she'd been married to a man who had a design studio. She'd sew for him, making tablecloths or window treatments, even pillows, all using unusual fabrics in non-traditional ways to complement his projects. It was an experience that taught her a lot about color and design. While the marriage didn't last, the hands-on learning experience sure did.

Life moved on. Vacationing in Sanibel became a yearly thing. Edwina and Dan, her companion of 25 years, have been vacationing here since the 1990s. Once retired, they came for just for a month... then that crawled up to two, on through three and now it's for a full half year. Fortunate renters, they've had the same place in Gulf Pines for the last six years. Perfect tenants because this avid gardener takes care of the basically natural grounds... green and growing all around... even flowers flourish under her care.

Lots of time for beach and shore wandering, she loves simple things... shells for instance.

"These tiny mollusks build their own beautiful house... once empty and on shore, the waves, winds and sand can recapture it, crush it or it gets blown away. Or else the crunchers come... all those people with the big shoes just crunching along. I pick those shells up and marvel at them. Even the broken ones are things of beauty."

Back in 2007, she joined the weekly Shellsorts group meeting at The Community House, not only to work with and learn about shells but to attract others to join them and to teach those who wanted to learn. Edwina loves simple things, like sorting small shells.

"Just looking at them... I find them fascinating."

So each Monday, she began spending many hours sorting and bagging small shells, readying them for all those who stopped by to purchase as well as to get ready for the big event - the Shell Show and Fair.

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Getting in the (imagined) mood at St. Andrews Links in Scotland are Richard Johnson, CHR board chair; Vice-Mayor Mick Denham, Craig Albert, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank; and Ed Lockard, Sanibel Island Golf Club

Golf With FGCU And Help CHR

submitted by Sue Denham

Building on the success of its first-ever community fundraiser, Mardi Gras last month, the volunteer board of Community Housing & Resources (CHR) is heading into another first: the FGCU-Sanibel Invitational Golf Tournament.

Set for Saturday, March 16, it all happens at the Sanibel Island Golf Club (formerly Beachview) beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

CHR supporters and friends are seeking sponsors and players for this inaugural event, which will feature members of the Florida Gulf Coast University men's golf team and local golf pros. Each team of three golfers will be matched up with an FGCU student or local pro. Tournament entry is \$100 and includes golf, snacks and awards luncheon, with prizes for the top three teams. Miller and Budweiser distributors have signed on as beer sponsors.

"We want this to be a fun golf outing on a beautiful course, and no particular level of talent is required," said Richard Johnson, CHR board chair and manager of Bailey's General Store. "We want people to come out, enjoy playing with the golf stars from FGCU, and support CHR." Funds, he said, are constantly needed because rents on CHR's 74 units are structured to be affordable, based on each resident's income, and this does not cover maintenance, upkeep and improvements.

The Sanibel Island Golf Club is under new management with a new name and would love to show off the course, especially to those who have never played it. "We're excited to host this tournament to benefit CHR," said Ed Lockard, co-owner of the club. "It's obviously a great cause and we're happy to be a part of it."

The Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is the event's principal sponsor. Other sponsorship opportunities are the Eagle (\$1,000) which includes one threesome and sign recognition at one tee or hole; and Birdie (\$500) which also includes one threesome and recognition. Those who don't play can become a tee or hole sponsor (\$100) and receive name recognition.

For information on sponsorships, contact Kerri Maw at 292-4944 or kerrimaw@comcast.net. To sign up as a player, call the golf pro shop at 472-2626 and ask for Ed Lockard or Drew Donnelly. Paying spots are limited.

Community Housing & Resources is a non-profit organization that since 1983 has been providing affordable housing to families and individuals who work in and/or serve our community. CHR relies on community support and donations from individuals and businesses.*

Youth Martial Arts Classes

New Youth Martial Arts classes are now being offered by Martial Arts University at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Mondays and Thursdays. The classes will focus on traditional Japanese karate as well as touching on twelve other styles of martial arts. Participants will learn Japanese terms, self-defense, discipline, self-control, fitness and more. The "Sensei" (instructor) will provide students with a fun and safe environment for everyone. Classes will be

offered twice a week for boys and girls ages 5 to 12.

Classes will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 5 to 9 and from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 10 to 12. The fee for this class is \$80 for eight classes for Sanibel Recreation Center members and \$100 for non-members. The first 10 students registered will receive a free uniform (a \$30 value). Some safety equipment will be required after the first month.

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Sanibel Island Golf Club Men Scramble Into March

On March 2, the men's golf group at Sanibel Island Golf Club played a regular scramble with a lunch to follow as they do at the beginning Saturday of each month. Three teams were very close, with two tied with scores of 63 and the third place team right behind with a score of 63.34.

The winning team was determined by taking the lowest score on the back nine. The foursome of Bill Stell, Mike Zembko, Al Krause and Roger Triftshauer was the winner. They had a couple of terrific shots on the back nine. On hole number 16, three drives went into the water. "Admiral" Triftshauer managed to hit his drive in the big bunker that guards the green. Stell then blasted his shot from the sand into the



Don Bradford, Jay Allen, Dick Waterhouse and Jim Mulka

hole for a birdie. Zembko sunk a long putt on number 14 for a birdie, those two shots making the difference for first place.

Second place was then awarded to Jim Mulka, Jay Allen, Dick Waterhouse and Don Bradford with the same score of 63. Bradford made some key putts, Mulka provided some long drives while Waterhouse and Allen played well for the tie.

In third place, just one third of a point from forcing a three-way tie, was the trio of Dick Cordair, Joe Barbieri and Jerry Mader.*

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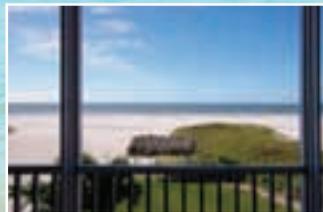
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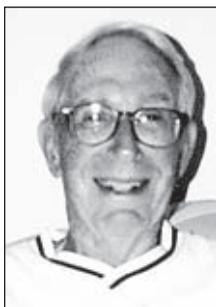
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Miracle GM Andrew Seymour Traveled Highways And Byways Enroute To His 'Dream Job'



by Ed Frank

If you're looking for a 9 to 5 job, you shouldn't pursue a job as general manager of a professional baseball team.

But if you talk to the personable Andrew Seymour, general manager of the Fort Myers Miracle, the Class A farm team of the Minnesota Twins, he will tell you it is the best job in the world.

The 42-year-old Seymour has crisscrossed the United States and Canada the last two decades in various baseball jobs before landing the Miracle GM job last year – the very team he started with in 1993 as an unpaid intern in his first job out of college.

With a degree in sports marketing from George Brown College in Toronto, he sent out more than 200 applications

before Mike Veeck, one of the Miracle owners, offered him the internship.

A year later, the Toronto native was back in Canada with the Thunder Bay Whiskey Jacks, then to Tyler Texas and back here in 1997 as Miracle promotions director where he remained until 2007. In 2008, he took a job as GM with the Vancouver Canadians, a Class A farm team of the Oakland A's, then to the Grand Prairie (Texas) Air Hogs, an independent league team, and finally back here last year in what he calls his "dream job."

With all that geography, you've got to wonder whether Seymour might be better suited as a travel agent, but he said all those jobs better prepared him for the multi-dimensional responsibilities of Miracle GM.

Despite all that traipsing around North America, Seymour and his wife, Jenifer, are proud parents of a 4-year-old and an 8-year-old.

Although the Miracle schedule is just 140 games – 70 home games – it's a 12-month-a-year job as the Miracle staff also is responsible for the business side of the Twins' spring training operations, with the exception of ticketing and media relations.

He has hired 225 men and women to handle parking, ushering and other duties during spring training. There are 56 concession stands and other venues at Hammond Stadium with Miracle responsibilities plus the gift shop, ATMs, etc.

Lining up company and organizational promotions for both spring training and the Miracle season is a major task and the key to financial success. He was quick to point out that the annual Islands Night is one of the biggest and most successful Miracle promotions, with more than 5,000 fans in attendance.

Once the Twins' spring training schedule is announced, his staff immediately starts lining up sponsors, selling stadium suites and stadium advertising.

A typical day for Seymour often runs 12 to 14 hours, long after the end of games as receipts must be tallied and plans made for the next day.

You will even see Seymour on the field before each game assisting the game sponsor who throws out the first pitch or the person singing *The National Anthem*.

Seymour is excited about the \$45-million planned renovation of Hammond Stadium and the Lee County Sports Complex. Although there is concern that the construction could pose problems for the 2014 Miracle home schedule, he said he is confident the work would be scheduled so as not to require the Miracle to move to another location next year.

Stadium capacity will be increased from 8,100 to about 9,000, parking will be expanded, bench seats will be replaced with chairs, concession stands and bathrooms will be modernized and the stadium will be given a modern, wide-open appearance, he said.

As a result, the Twins have signed a new 30-year agreement to remain here and

the Miracle contract also has been lengthened.

This year is the 21st year that the Miracle has been associated with the Twins, one of the longest running affiliations in Minor League Baseball.

As a member of the Florida State League, the Miracle draws more than 100,000 fans per season, second highest in the league.

"Our goal is to average 2,000 a game (140,000) and we've come close," he said. The team averaged 1,911 in 2011, but was down slightly last season.

"We never lose sight of our commitment that we want our fans to have a great time," he said.

And that commitment requires long, long hours of work.

Everblades Begin Final Stretch For Playoff Spot

The Florida Everblades began the final week of the regular season with a victory last Saturday over the first-place Gwinnett Gladiators to break a four-game losing streak.

The four losses dropped the local hockey team to eighth place in the ECHL American Conference, the last playoff seed.

Florida is the defending ECHL champion, having won the Kelly Cup a year ago. Their 29-20-4-6 season record is slightly better than a year ago, when they began their championship run.

The Everblades begin a four-game road trip this week to Cincinnati, Fort Wayne and Kalamazoo, returning home to Germain Arena on March 13 for a late-season five game homestand.*



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SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who holds the pitching record for most consecutive batters struck out?
2. Name the last major-league team before the 2011 Philadelphia Phillies to win more than 100 games in the regular season and not reach the World Series.
3. When was the last time before 2010-12 that Notre Dame won at least eight games for at least three consecutive seasons in football?
4. Who was the last NBA rookie before Detroit's Brandon Knight in 2012 to have at least 20 points and 10 assists with no turnovers in a game?
5. How many times has Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin been the runner-up for the Hart Memorial Trophy (NHL MVP)?
6. Who was the last NASCAR Cup season champion to drive a Dodge before Brad Keselowski in 2012?
7. Who was the last teen to win a singles title in a Grand Slam women's tennis event?

ANSWERS

1. The New York Mets' Tom Seaver struck out 10 San Diego batters in a row in 1970. 2. The 2004 New York Yankees won 101 games. 3. It was 1987-93. 4. Houston's Steve Francis, in 1999. 5. Twice (2008, 2009) before he won it after the 2011-12 season. 6. Richard Petty, in 1974-75. 7. Maria Sharapova won the U.S. Open in 2006 at the age of 19.

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Standings through March 4

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bathroom Magic	166	78
Second	Bunt's Ball Busters	159	85
Third	Sanibel Café	138	106
Fourth	Odd Balls	117	127
Fifth	Sandycappers	108	136
Sixth	Island Lifers	103	141
Seventh	Deep Pockets	96	148
Eighth	Fresh Legion Crew	90	154

March 4 Results

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

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Magic Extend Lead With Three Weeks Remaining

Bathroom Magic pounded Island Lifers, 10-2, to move seven games ahead in their quest for a

second straight league championship with only three weeks remaining before the season ends. John Gonzalez and Bob Dupree led the Magic guys with 3-0 marks over Tracy and Tom Walters.

The Sandycappers also posted a 10-2 record against Deep Pockets. John Riegert went 3-0 and once again, Jeff Brown moved his hands from his throat to his cue and submerged Deep Pockets ace Mike Miller, 3-0. The win vaulted

Sandycappers into fifth place.

John Earle, Richard McCurry and Randy Carson had two wins each in Sanibel Cafe's 7-2 victory over Fresh Legion Crew. The high point of the evening, however, was the 2-1 win that Legion Captain Gator Gates racked up

over Pete Mindel. Mindel was heard to mutter later, "Who can beat miracle shots?"

Dave Doane from Bunt's and Matt Hall from the Odd Balls produced half of their team's wins as both teams battled to a tie.✪

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Portraits In Print

By coincidence, another craft was about to enter Edwina's life. Her sister had given her an antique shell pin for Christmas. "Just shells made into a bouquet...but \$55! Ridiculous."

Wondering exactly how such things were made, one day she left the sorters table to go inside to see what the shell crafters were doing. At the beginner's table, they were making flowers and someone was holding a class to teach the newbies how to proceed. "Funny," she thought. "I make floral arrangement with real flowers all the time, but the prospect of doing such a thing with shells made me too nervous to begin."

Finally, fear overcome, she began to create pins, each one a small flower with shell petals. Pleased with her product for the rest of that season, she spent mornings inside with the crafters and afternoons outside with the sorters.

Her trademark piece, a pin... a small flower basket filled with shell-created blossoms. The second year she made them, she was encouraged to enter them in the Shell Fair by Dorothy Harper, the award-winning artist who

had taught her how to make those beautiful little flowers. Edwina selected five, placed them in a cigar box with the story of the original gift of the antique one and entered the piece in the Shell Show hobbyist jewelry class. She not only won first place, but the special Wanda Will best hobbyist jewelry award as well.

Everything she creates - along with all the items made by the other shell-crafters - gets sold and all the money is contributed to the Sanibel Community Association.

"Community. That's what it's all about. I love being a part of these talented artisans and try to make at least 100 pins and barrettes to do my share. I want the art of shell crafting and the Shell Festival to continue forever."

Crafting is woven into the fabric of her life. "I wouldn't feel whole if I didn't create." When does she have the time to do it, I wondered.

"I usually work from 10 to midnight, when the world quiets down and my imagination flies free."

Her output... neatly laid out on the table... the Borovich brand of sugar in her wake-up morning coffee.✪

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Around The Islands With Anne

Captiva Antiques Store Is A Trove Of Period Treasures; The Bait Box Is Angling Central For Four Decades

by Anne Mitchell



The islands' one and only fine antiques gallery, **Albert Meadow Antiques** on Captiva, is again open for the winter season, featuring a veritable treasure chest of estate jewelry, fine silver, period bronzes, art deco pottery, native American weavings and American paintings, to name just a few.

Partners David W. Doherty and Josephine Anderson scour New England for exceptional items, which they bring to their charming Captiva cottage-store each year from December until April. They leave April 10 for their summer base in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. To make up for their all-too-brief stint on Captiva,

while they're here, they are open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Doherty said he strives to offer "museum quality antique jewelry at affordable prices." There's something for all tastes, including sleek art deco, showy art nouveau and ornate Victorian styles. You'll find many different periods represented, from Victorian, Edwardian, Art Deco, Art Nouveau and Retro.



Albert Meadow Antiques is housed in a charming cottage on Captiva

He said many people like the fact that they can find one-of-a-kind jewelry items at his store, often of better quality and value than in a traditional jewelry store.

Among the couple's special "finds" is a collection of Art Nouveau lockets in gold, which are hard to find, says Anderson.

She also points out a display of intricately decorated gold bangles, a specialty of the store and perennial favorites among their clientele.

Says Doherty, "We have a great selection of period diamond rings from 1880 to 1930, set in gold and platinum."

One collection he and Anderson are particularly happy to offer is Art Deco porcelain from England by Clarice Cliff.

"During the Depression, she wanted to cheer everybody up at breakfast time," said Anderson, pointing to conical sugar sifters, honey jars and teapots with vibrant, sometime whimsical, designs. "She hired only women as painters," she added. Doherty said, "Cliff was only the second person in the world and the first in England to do Art Deco designs on pottery." The Cliff pieces are part of her Bizarre Wear line.

The sterling silver pieces include



Fish necklace in enameled sterling silver from Margot de Taxco, at Albert Meadow Antiques, surrounded by other pieces of Mexican silver jewelry



Some of the Clarice Cliff Art Deco porcelain at Albert Meadow Antiques

bold and handsome silver jewelry made in the Mexican town of Taxco, a noted silver center, in the 1930s to 1950s. Among them are what Anderson calls "important pieces" by Margot de Taxco, whose enameled sterling silver is represented in statement necklaces, one featuring fish, another mermaids.

Albert Meadow Antiques is at 15000 Captiva Drive, across from The Bubble Room, phone 472-8442.

Today's high tech fishing line can be costly, but if you're in the market for a new reel, here's a great opportunity to get spooled up for free.

With the purchase of any Penn Battle reel, **The Bait Box** will load the reel with Spiderwire Invisibraid Ultracast line, which retails for 15 cents a yard.

TJ Haley, manager of The Bait Box, said depending on the reel you choose, the value of the line could be \$20 to \$70.

Another promotion at the local tackle shop is a free Rage rod worth about \$100 if you buy two or more St. Croix rods for \$300 or more, said Haley.

The Bait Box has been Sanibel's go-to place for all your fishing needs since 1971 and is operated by native islander Ralph Woodring.

"We have rental rods too," said Haley. You can also book an inshore or offshore fishing trip with one of a number of guides who work out of the shop.

Among them is Capt. Frank, who operates the *Miss Hayden*, a 26-foot unsinkable boat, the same kind that the U.S. Coast Guard uses for rescues, Haley noted. The boat has twin Honda 150 hp engines, which gets you offshore in quick time. Capt. Frank has a U.S. Coast Guard master's certification and is a Marine Corps veteran, according to Haley.

Offshore anglers catch grouper, snapper and large sharks, said Haley.

Fishing trips can be booked for half, three-quarter and full days, both offshore and inshore, he added.

The Bait Box is at 1041 Periwinkle Way Sanibel, phone 472-1618. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, 365 days a year. Go to the store's website at www.thebaitbox.com for tide charts, fishing conditions, photographs and monthly specials.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille offers music Tuesday through Sunday. Tonight, Friday, there will be live music by Marty Stokes & The Captiva Blues Band. Saturday is Ladies Night with drink specials and DJ Eric with a turntable full of hits from 9 p.m. to midnight. Sunday Jazz Brunch features live smooth jazz from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Tuesday, it's Chris Coile with 50s and 60s hits from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Karaoke is Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to midnight. Anthony Wayne, guitar and vocals, will entertain on Thursday.

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 & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar & vocals; Monday, Mike Arnone aka "The Jersey Kid," a pop pianist and vocalist performing everything from The Rat Pack to Mo-Town; 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.

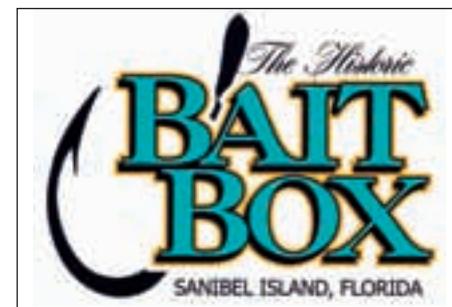
The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn has live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays. The Crow's Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

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.✧



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Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Men's Golf Association event results from Wednesday, February 27, format Grand Seniors Tournament, are:

Gross

1st	Don Weymouth	88
2nd	Dick Hopkins	89

Net

1st	Bruce Nobel	68*
2nd	Mike Richmond	69

* Winner by way of score card play-off.

4 Man - 2 Best Quota

1st	Jack Czarnecki	+21
	Hank Humphrey	
	Jack Roberts	
	Tim O'Neill	

2nd	Jim Burkholder	+18
	Peter Cline	
	Roy Brodersen	
	Ed Hannon	

3rd	George Sell	+12
	Richard Giangiorgi	
	Jerry Muench	
	Phil Pilobosian	

Men's Interclub Qualifiers, Olde Hickory:

Jack Roberts	+10
George Sell	+6
Joe Burns	+6
Jack Czarnecki	+6

Dave Jones	+5
Bob Rohl	+4
Jack Strothman	+4
Jeff Mistler	+2
Jerry Muench	+2
Joe Raboy	+2
Bob Schoen	+1

Alternates

1. Doug Mallon
2. Bill Hotchkiss *

Dunes Sunday Mixed Golf

The Dunes Sunday Mixed Golf results from March 3, format: best odd and best even 1 net better of 4, are:

1st odd	Hank Humphrey	
	Ann Humphrey	
	Dod Wainwright	26
	Annie Wainwright	

1st even	Tom Donovan	
	Mary Donovan	
	Dick Jones	27
	Carolyn Jones	

Closest to the hole
#2 Val Hotchkiss
#9 Gordon Rains*



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You could have some problems with doubters who don't share your enthusiasm for that new project you're supporting. But use the facts to win them over to your side.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone is impressed by how you managed to get your case to the right people, despite attempts to keep you on the outside looking in. Expect to hear more about this.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Good for you -- your gift for seeing both sides of a dispute helps cool down a potentially explosive workplace situation. Some family-related tensions also begin to ease.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your determination to prove yourself is put to the test by midweek. Counting all the positive factors you have going for you will help you get over your self-doubt. Good luck.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Several co-workers are still determined to resist coming over to your side. But don't let that stop you from presenting your proposal to the people who count. Stay the course.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might prefer to be taken on faith and not have to prove yourself. But the truth is, you need to offer more facts if you hope to persuade people to accept what you say.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family situation takes an unwelcome turn. While others might be looking around for answers, you'll soon sort it all out logically, and the matter will be resolved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might try to create doubt about your reliability for his or her own agenda. But your

reputation and your colleagues' long-standing faith in you saves the day.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change of plans forces you to come up with an alternative by the end of the week. Look for colleagues to offer valuable suggestions.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nothing upsets the Goat as much as broken promises. But before you vent your anger, consider that this could ultimately prove to be a blessing in disguise.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An old workplace problem you thought you had solved for good resurfaces. But this time, co-workers will take a more active role in helping you deal with it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful not to be misled by a negative reaction to one of your more important projects. If you believe in it, then it has worth and is, therefore, worth staying with.

BORN THIS WEEK: Everyone appreciates your gift for finding beauty, even where it seems least likely to exist.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 17, 1762, in New York City, the first parade honoring the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army. Early Irish settlers to the American colonies, many of whom were indentured servants, brought the Irish tradition of celebrating St. Patrick's feast day to America.

- On March 11, 1818, "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus," is published. The book, by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is frequently called the world's first science-fiction novel.

- On March 12, 1933, eight days after his

inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first national radio address, or "fireside chat," broadcast from the White House. Roosevelt made sure each address was understandable to ordinary Americans.

- On March 13, 1944, Britain announces that all travel between Ireland and the United Kingdom is suspended, the result of the Irish government's refusal to expel Axis-power diplomats within its borders. Ireland stood its ground.

- On March 14, 1950, the Federal Bureau of Investigation institutes the "Ten Most Wanted" list in an effort to publicize particularly dangerous fugitives. The creation of the program arose out of a news story in 1949 about the "toughest guys" the FBI wanted to capture.

- On March 15, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson addressed a joint session of Congress to urge the passage of legislation guaranteeing voting rights for all. On Aug. 6, 1965, Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

- On March 15, 1972, "The Godfather" -- a three-hour epic chronicling the lives of the Corleones, an Italian-American crime family led by the powerful Vito Corleone -- is released in theaters. "The Godfather" was adapted from the best-selling book of the same name by Mario Puzo.

- On March 16, 1985, in Beirut, Lebanon, Islamic militants kidnap American journalist Terry Anderson. On Dec. 4, 1991, Anderson's captors finally released him after 2,455 days. Anderson spent his entire captivity blindfolded.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was screenwriter, playwright, novelist, director and producer Ben Hecht who made the following sage observation: "Trying

to determine what is going on in the world by reading newspapers is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand of a clock."

- Those who study such things say that the Earth spins faster on its axis in September than it does in March.

- When the TV show "Bewitched" first started filming, the star, Elizabeth Montgomery, was just a month away from giving birth to her first child, so the first five episodes were shot almost in their entirety without her. It wasn't until the baby was a few weeks old that she was able to go on the set to film her scenes.

- If you're a fan of the Beatles, you probably won't be surprised to learn that during the decade of the 1960s, they had more top 10 hits and more No. 1 records than any other recording artist.

- Before the June 1944 invasion of Normandy, a crossword puzzle that was printed in the London Daily Telegraph contained the words "mulberry," "Neptune," "Omaha," "overlord" and "Utah." That may not seem to be a fact of much interest, but it turns out that those were all secret code words used by the Allied military in planning the upcoming offensive. The puzzle's author, a schoolteacher, was tracked down and interrogated, but the puzzle's content was ultimately chalked up to coincidence.

- The country's first pay phone was installed in a bank in Hartford, Conn., in 1889. It cost 5 cents to place a call, the equivalent of \$1.25 today.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters." -- Albert Einstein

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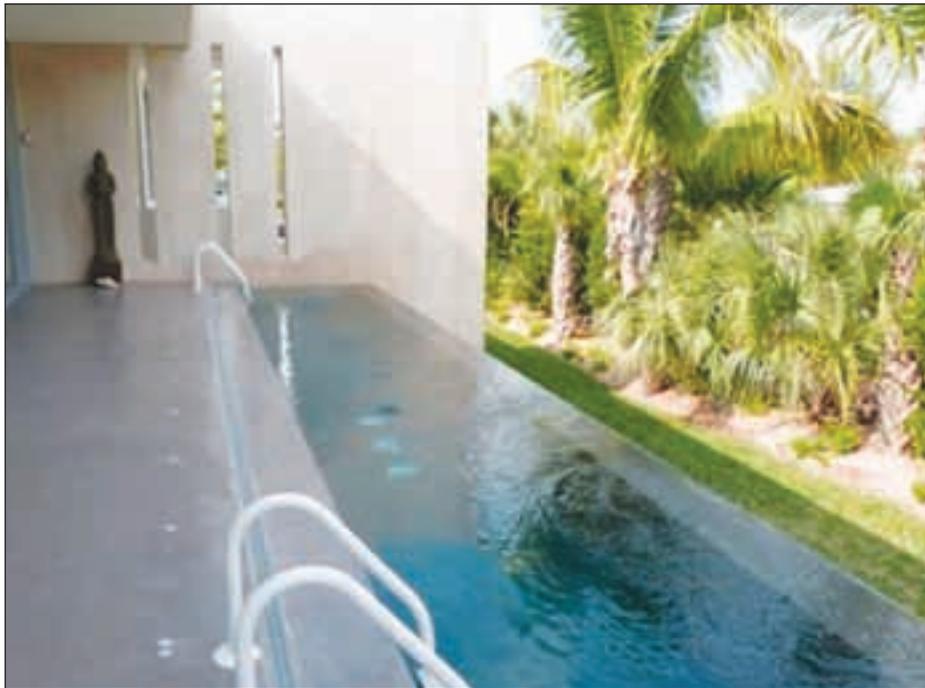
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Peek House

Her collection of Buddhas and sculptures of Southeast Asian deities offer an interesting contrast with huge jars filled with shells collected on Sanibel. Large works from Cuban-American artist Romero Britto and Venezuelan artist, Antonio Ugarte, soften the expansive wall space.

Alex said she was moved to open her unique home to the Peek after learning of the work that the Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva does to assist needy women in their



Infinity pool at the Alvarez home



Red Buddha and giant spoon and fork in the Alvarez kitchen

quest for better lives. Funds raised from the event are awarded each year as grants to local and international organizations that help women improve their lives. "We enjoy helping good causes and are happy to help," she said.

The home is sponsored by Gulf Breeze Cottages, and is one of four featured on this year's Peek. The event is a sell out, but those wishing to support Zonta's efforts can still help by purchasing tickets for the club's raffle, Six Chances at the Unique. Tickets are just \$10 each and on sale from any Zonta member and outside Bailey's General Store on weekends through Saturday, March 9.

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

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Insurance And Electrical Issues



by Bryan Hayes

I recently received a call from a realtor friend that I have been doing business with for years. He asked me to take a look at an inspection report. The issue was with an electrical panel. The inspection company had indicated that due to the make of this particular panel, most insurance companies would not write a policy on this property.

My first reaction was "They finally did it." The "they" I am referring to are the insurance companies. The "it" I am referring to is the problem that most insurance companies have with one type of electrical panel manufactures. So I made a couple of phone calls and confirmed that a great deal of companies were following suit on this issue.

Let me explain: Federal Pacific Electric – or FPE – has been manufacturing electrical components since the 1950s. In fact, they produced millions of residential electrical panels in the '60s, '70s and '80s. Many of these products still exist on the islands today. Here is where the problem comes into play. Almost all electrical equipment needs to have U.L. testing done to prior to be being released

to the public. FPE went through the process of having their equipment tested and all was good. The problem arose when it was discovered that some of the parts and pieces that were being used in these electrical panels may have not met U.L. specs. There have been reports of breakers not tripping when they were supposed to and then causing fires. In fact, in one controlled study, up to 25 percent of the breakers in these panels did not trip at the rated level. The problem of aging comes into play also as breakers age, they may not respond the way they did when they were new, compounding the problem.

The insurance industry has been talking about this for years and they finally are clamping down on this type of electrical equipment. So what should you do? First thing is don't panic. Find your electrical panel and take a look at it. Try and find the marking on the outside of the panel or on the inside door. You are looking for the make of the panel. If it is a Federal Pacific (FPE), you are going to want to have it looked at. Does this mean that you are going to have it changed? Not necessarily, but that call should be made by a qualified individual. We offer this inspection for free, as do most other electrical service companies. You can also snap a picture with your Smartphone and send it to me at the email address below.

*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.**

Superior Interiors

Help On Where To Start



by Marcia Feeney

I want to redecorate, but don't know where to start help is here.

Since decorating mistakes can be very costly and time consuming, I always urge my clients to do their homework before

undertaking any redecorating project.

What kind of homework? Well, you might consider starting by collecting brochures and pictures of various design products and styles that you particularly enjoy. Once you start becoming aware of colors, designs and various products available to make your design dreams a reality, you'll find your decision making is much easier.

Next, take a personal inventory of your likes and your dislikes. I find that most of my clients have a much easier time knowing what they don't like. Whatever the case may be with your preference, your decorator will benefit from this knowledge.

And, of course, working with a professional is definitely the right way to go. With custom decorating, most designers and product manufacturers

stand behind their products. Remember, if you take your own measurements and they are incorrect, your purchase cannot be returned. Nothing is more disheartening than finding that beautiful sofa you just had delivered is totally overwhelming your room and not as comfortable as you had hoped it would be.

Be sure to weigh all your options, take your time, do your homework and most importantly, call a professional.

*Marcia Feeney is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at marcia@decden.net.**

March Madness Pet Adoptions

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will hold its Low version of March Madness this month. Not only are adoption fees reduced to just \$35 for cats six months and older and dogs 40 pounds and over, but adopters can get an additional \$10 off if they can make a basket. No slam dunks or three-point shots are required for this deal.

There are several ways to join in the magic of March Madness at LCDAS. Hundreds of pets are available for adoption at the shelter, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Volunteers are available to help you narrow the choices to your Final Four and select the perfect family pet.

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Tiger Lily with Courtney Piggott of Gulf Coast Humane Society

Tiger Lily Finds A New Home

Last Thursday Pet Palooza 2 was the place where Tiger Lily, an energetic two-year-old 20-pound boxer-beagle, mix found a new home. "We were on the deck at The Village Shops when I heard that sound of delight that little children make," said Barb Harrington with the Royal Shell Companies. The girl and the dog were nose to nose and totally enjoying each

other. Tiger Lily's tail was wagging and the girl was hugging her and petting her. They spent close to an hour playing and the little girl's parents and grandparents watched and spent time with Gulf Coast Humane Society's (GCHS) volunteers learning about the adoption process. Friday afternoon, Courtney Piggott with GCHS contacted Barb Harrington with the good news, "Tiger Lily has been adopted."

Last summer The Royal Shell Companies hosted a pet adoption event at Tahitian Gardens and two dogs were adopted. At Pet Palooza 1 at Olde Sanibel Shoppes in January, close to \$700 was collected plus many donations that will help at the shelter. Pet Palooza 2 was successful with yet another dog finding a good home. Pet Palooza 3 will take place in May.

Finding homes for these dogs and collecting donations for the shelter are the main goals of the event, however, there are many activities for those who have a loving pet in their home. Pets du Soleil on Location Pet Photography is on hand to photograph resident pets and the K-9 agility crew offers activities for dogs. The center merchants are also open for shopping.

If you're thinking about getting a new pet, visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org where you'll see some good dogs looking for new homes.*



Robin L. Cook

Wealth Management Program

Robin L. Cook, vice president-wealth advisor for Regions Private Wealth Management, will present a program on Friday, March 15 at 2 p.m. titled Enjoy Retirement by Retaining Your Gold in Your Golden Years. Cook is a Sanibel resident and long-time friend of the library. She has 20 years of experience in the financial

industry in private banking and branch management. Cook is a 2006 graduate of the Florida School of Banking at the University of Florida. She is a Series 7, 63 and Florida life insurance licensed, and is a certified senior advisor.

There is no fee to attend the program. Adult programs are sponsored in part by the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc. and its donors.*

Scholarships For Creative Students

TopNotch Records pop artist, songwriter and pianist Whitney Wolanin of Sanibel has always been passionate about education and feels so lucky to have attended her dream school, Vanderbilt University, and wants to give other creative students the same opportunity.

To apply for the \$25,000 worth of scholarship awards, students will create a music video or short film, as telling the story of, and including, Wolanin's new hit single, *Wrong Guy (I Did It This Time)*.

The deadline to apply for the 10 scholarship award shares is May 15.

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Will Power

The In-Laws



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

From time to time when drafting up wills and trusts, I have a client tell me that they want to split their estate into shares for each of their children, but they don't want

wants. So if his will gives everything to his wife, then she's likely to inherit what you left him."

"We love our daughter-in-law," my client might respond, "but what if she remarries and leaves everything to some new husband? We don't want that. We'd prefer that our grandchildren receive what's left."

"In that case, you shouldn't leave everything to your son outright; instead, you should leave it in a continuing trust for his benefit," I add. "You can make him the trustee of his own share, but instead of it being subject to his will, you could add a provision that if he dies and if there is anything left of the share, then it is to benefit your grandchildren. That way you give him control as trustee and as primary beneficiary, but you can direct it at his death, rather than giving his will complete control over what you left him."

Before the client instructs me to do just that, I throw something at them that they may not have ever considered.

"If you leave the assets in a continuing trust, you might want to give your son a power of appointment over the assets so that he can direct who gets them in his will."

"Why would we do that? Then we're right back where we started. If he gives everything to his wife, then what's the

point of creating a trust share for our son that would go on to our grandchildren?"

"That's a good question," I say. "But consider this – what happens if your son has hit hard times economically and dies unexpectedly? Then there might be considerable sums held in trust for the grandchildren, leaving their mother destitute. You wouldn't want that either, would you?"

"Probably not," client says. "So what do we do?"

"A power of appointment does not have to be an all-or-nothing proposition," I'll advise. "You could give your son the power to appoint some portion of his share, but it must be appointed into a trust for his wife that continues for her lifetime. In other words, you could limit how much of his share he can redirect away from the grandchildren (who would be the default beneficiaries) and to his wife, but you can also ensure that, upon her death, it goes back to your bloodline."

The power of appointment might say something along these lines: "I grant to

my son the limited power to appoint up to half of the remainder of his trust share to his wife, provided that he exercise the power in such a manner as to direct such sums into a trust paying his wife income for her life and then the remainder of the share at her death will revert to my grandchildren."

I explain that the actual wording of the will would be more legal in nature, but that would be the gist of it.

While it's easy to simply go with default language that would distribute all of a deceased son's share to that son's children, that might not be the right thing to do, especially when your child is in a longterm marriage and your grandchildren are of that marriage. Every family's situation will be different, so it is important to consider the ramifications of your default beneficiaries should something unexpected happen.

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the estate to go to their daughter-in-law or to their son-in-law. Instead, they would prefer that whatever is left of the inheritance would go to their grandchildren.

The intent is perfectly reasonable. If your son dies and if his inheritance goes to your daughter-in-law who then remarries, it's possible that your hard-earned estate will one day end up with some other family that you don't know.

So when I get direction to bypass the in-laws, I will often ask my client if they are talking about what would happen if their son/daughter predeceases or if they are talking about a situation where their child survives my client and then dies.

"What does this matter?" is a question I often hear in response to mine.

"Well, let's say that your son survives you," I begin. "If you leave his share of the estate outright to him, then he now owns it and can leave it to whomever he

Grant Workshops

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation will host grant workshops across the five-county area it serves the week of March 18. The grant workshops are meant to inform nonprofit agencies about the various grant opportunities available through the foundation.

According to the Community Foundation's Director of Programs Anne Douglas, the series will address changes to the foundation's current grant programs and updates on the 3D initiative.

"Grants can be a considerable source of frustration for nonprofits," said Douglas. "These informational workshops are meant to breakdown the confusion and questions and make the process as simple and pain free as possible so that we are able to get funds into the hands of the community organizations that need them."

Sessions include:

- Monday, March 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Alliance of the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers.

- Tuesday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Clewiston Museum, located at 109 Central Ave. in Clewiston; and

from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hendry County Economic Development Council, located at 644 S. Main Street in LaBelle.

- Wednesday, March 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Naples Daily News, located at 1100 Immokalee Road in Naples.

- Friday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County, located at 2280 Aaron Street in Port Charlotte.

The SWFLCF is celebrating its 36th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs. With assets of more than \$64 million, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$54 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2012 fiscal year, the SWFLCF granted more than \$3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

Reservations are required by Friday, March 15. For more information, call Anne Douglas at 274-5900, visit www.floridacommunity.com or RSVP to jremmel@floridacommunity.com.✪



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New Report Spotlights Coast's Value In Jobs, Trade And Tourism

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

Many understand that beaches are business generators, an attractor for visitors and residents (and the businesses that follow them). But a major player in our trade balance? A stalwart source of U.S. jobs that can't be sent overseas? A key to our country's international competitiveness in tourism?

Yes, our coast is all that and more, according to an article in the newly published issue of *Shore & Beach*. Author James Houston, director emeritus of the Corps of Engineers' Engineer Research and Development Center, has looked into the economic value of America's beaches in the past, but this latest update of his research delves deeper into the international aspects of that economic energy.

His view is positive: "Few Americans are aware that the travel and tourism (T&T) industry is among America's largest industries, employers and earners of foreign exchange – and beaches are its leading tourist destination.

"In an era where the availability of jobs is a major issue and their offshoring a significant concern, the T&T industry is the largest employer in the U.S. and its jobs are difficult to offshore. U.S. economic competitiveness is of concern, since it runs large trade deficits, but its largest trade surplus is in T&T, where it runs a multi-billion dollar surplus even with China."

After giving us the good news, Houston follows with the kicker: Our coastal economic engine won't continue to run as strong if our coast is not maintained.

"Survey after survey finds that beaches are the leading U.S. vacation destination. However, beach erosion is a major concern for many beaches. As beaches ... decrease in width, tourists head to other destinations, including foreign beaches.

"Beach nourishment has been shown to increase tourist numbers and provide a good return on investment, in particular to the federal government through taxes. However, the U.S. lags much of the world in the growth of tourism infrastructure investment including restoration of beaches. As a result, the growth of U.S. tourism is projected to lag much of the rest of the world.

"Renewed U.S. investment in tourism infrastructure is important to grow the economy and number of jobs and to reduce the U.S. trade imbalance."

Houston concludes with this sobering note: "Without a paradigm shift in attitudes toward the economic significance of travel and tourism and necessary infrastructure investment to maintain and restore beaches, the U.S. will continue to relinquish a dominant worldwide lead in its most important industry."

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Shoreline Strengths

- Travel and tourism accounts for one in every 10 U.S. jobs – more than all U.S. manufacturers combined.
- In 2011, while the U.S. ran a trade deficit overall of \$727 billion, travel and tourism resulted in a \$43 billion surplus due to the international tourists drawn to this country's numerous assets (including beaches).
- Some 85 percent of all the U.S. tourist-related revenues are generated by the coastal states.
- Beaches drew an estimated 2.2 billion visits in 2010 – more than twice the number of visitors to all our federal and state parks.
- One estimate is that beaches contribute about \$225 billion annually to the U.S. economy.
- After Miami Beach was initially restored, the jump in tourism income was more than five times as much as the cost of the restoration project itself.
- Now, it is estimated that international tourists alone make an annual contribution to Miami Beach's economy 50 times greater than the cost of the beach restoration.
- For every \$1 the federal government spent on beach restoration in 2012, it collected an estimated \$570 in beach tourist tax revenues.
- International tourists generate about \$215 in tax revenues for every \$1 the federal government spends on beach restoration.
- Coastal countries such as Spain, Germany and Japan (with far less coastline than the U.S.) routinely can spend more on maintaining their beaches annually than the U.S. spends on its coastlines in a decade – or more.

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Health System Announces New Security Measure

Visitors to Lee Memorial Hospital will encounter a change when they enter the hospital starting in March. To enhance security, a Fast Pass identification system is being installed at the three public entrances and visitors will be issued a photo name badge to wear while in the hospital. Security will also have a more visible presence with security officers stationed in each entrance lobby.

Fast Pass is an identification system that rapidly prints an adhesive photo badge. Similar systems are often used in school systems and by cruise lines.

"We continually evaluate our security protocols to provide the safest environment possible for our patients and visitors," said Lisa Sgarlata, chief administrative officer for Lee Memorial Hospital. "This system will allow us to know who is coming into the hospital and the reason for their visit." The badges are each good for just one day.

LMHS is enhancing security system-wide. Lee Memorial Hospital will be the first hospital to implement the Fast Pass system, followed by Gulf Coast Medical Center. Eventually all of its hospitals will have enhanced security measures with the specific methods customized to the needs of each facility.

"The Fast Pass system is easy to use

and produces the badge in seconds, but we expect there may be some temporary delays in entering the hospital when we first get used to the new process. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes and appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding," added Sgarlata.

Visit www.leememorial.org for more information.*

Dress For Success Fashion Night In Black & White

Dress For Success, Southwest Florida's annual signature event, will be held on Wednesday, April 10 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Clive Daniel Home in Naples. This year's theme is A Fashion Night In Black & White.

"This simple, yet elegant fundraising event will continue to create awareness of Dress For Success Southwest Florida and provide our clients a beautiful setting to showcase their milestones and share their successes," said Barbara Melvin, Dress For Success board of directors president.

The event is presented by Founding Sponsor, White House Black Market and will highlight a fashionable lineup of exciting events that guests are sure to enjoy. The keynote speaker of the night will be Donna Noce, White House Black Market President and Dress For Success



Donna Noce

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Project Runway finalist Mila Hermanovski is being flown in from Los Angeles and will be the featured guest. She is donating a unique silent auction item; a custom Mila dress design sketch. Ladies will also enjoy "Fashion Drive" with the season's hottest clothing, jewelry and accessories available for purchase. The men in the crowd will enjoy the "man cave" featuring manitizers, flatscreen television, cigars and more. Everyone will receive a gift.

"We are thrilled to host this annual event that brings our clients and community together, and provides an unforget-



Mila Hermanovski

table evening for all," said Barbara Dell, Executive Director, Dress For Success Southwest Florida. "Proceeds from this event will support the many Dress For Success programs held in Naples and Fort Myers, such as 'Going Places Network by Walmart' for unemployed women, the 'Professional Women's Group' for job enhancement and retention and the 'Entrepreneurial Spirit' for women starting a one-person business."

Tickets are \$100 and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-4992 or email swflorida@dressforsuccess.org.*

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I have 10-year-old fraternal twins, a boy and a girl. My daughter seems to do so much better in school than my son.

I have raised them the same plus they are twins; shouldn't they be achieving at school in the same way? Is there something else I should be doing for my son?

Scott R., Fort Myers Beach

Scott,

Twins are uniquely similar in so many ways, but they have differences as well, and especially with fraternal twins. As a recent study points out, the differences you are seeing may be gender based rather than reflect a parenting difference.

This study that included 5,800 students from kindergarten through fifth grade may shed some light on these differences for you. Researchers from Columbia University and the University of Georgia evaluated students' performance in reading, math and science. They then linked these scores to the teachers' assessment of the students' performance. Study results that even though boys' test scores were higher, they received lower grades on teachers' assessment.

"The variation in school grades between boys and girls may be because girls have better attitude toward learning than boys was the main conclusion from this study. The skill that matters the most in regards to how teachers graded their students is what we refer to as 'approaches toward learning,'" said Christopher Cornwell, head of economics in the UGA Terry College of Business and one of the study's authors. "You can think of 'approaches to learning' as a rough measure of what a child's attitude toward school is: It includes six items that rate

the child's attentiveness, task persistence, eagerness to learn, learning independence, flexibility and organization. I think that anybody who's a parent of boys and girls can tell you that girls are more of all of that."

Additionally researchers say that non-academic or classroom behavior skills may explain why boys receive poor grades. Behavior such as "how well each child was engaged in the classroom, how often the child externalized or internalized problems, how often the child lost control and how well the child developed interpersonal skills" were clearly related to the grades the students received.

This is not really new information as it replicates much of what was found in research in educational studies from the 1980s and 1990s. What is new however is the trend we are now seeing that fewer young men are going to college, or staying in college - the lack of educational attainment. The hypothesis set forth from the UGA/Columbia study is that these lower grades that the boys receive discourage them during their elementary school years from setting high academic expectations for themselves. To date, no conclusions can be made.

What this study points out, however, is how very important it is for families to have clearly stated goals and expectations for their children. Research has shown that parental expectations for children's academic achievement predict educational outcomes more than other measures do of parental involvement, such as attending school events. Parent encouragement and support go well beyond tests and grades and can set the stage for their children to achieve at their highest levels.

*Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.**

make a Canterbury education accessible to qualified students who could not otherwise afford the cost of attending."

This year, Canterbury is providing approximately \$1,460,000 of financial assistance. The school adheres to the National Association of Independent School's Principles of Good Practice for Financial Aid in its granting processes.

In addition, students of promise can apply for need-based merit scholarship opportunities for students entering 6th and 9th grades. The students must apply and meet certain academic requirements, demonstrate leadership qualities and take a qualifying test at Canterbury School.

The net proceeds from the Dream Big event will benefit the scholarship and financial aid programs. Tickets are \$150 per person, \$300 per couple, or \$100 for Canterbury alumni. Sponsorships are available. For more information, contact the development office at 333-3294, or email LOzboyaci@canterburyfortmyers.org.*

Annual Scholarship Fundraising Event

Canterbury School will present its annual fundraising gala, Dream Big - the Sky's the Limit, to support the school's need-based financial aid program, provide curriculum enrichment and classroom enhancements on Saturday, April 20, 7 p.m., at the ACI Hangar at Page Field. The event is presented by FineMark Bank.

More than 25 percent of Canterbury students receive some form of need-based merit scholarship and/or financial aid support. "We recognize that the full cost of an independent education is beyond the means of some outstanding students and families," said Tony Paulus, head of the school. "The financial aid program at Canterbury School is designed to help

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Luminary Of The Year

A committee of past Hodges University Luminary Award recipients announced last week that it has selected Fort Myers businessman and philanthropist Sam Galloway, Jr. as its 2013 Luminary of the Year award recipient. The annual award will be presented during a luncheon on Thursday, March 28 at the Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The Luminary Award recognizes local citizens who personify society's most valued human characteristics and thus have moved society in a positive way, serving as distinguished examples of the virtues of perseverance, honesty, moral character and charity.

"Sam Galloway, Jr. is one of the area's most respected community leaders, demonstrating extraordinary integrity, character and civic-mindedness," said Philip M. Memoli, Vice President of University Advancement for Hodges University. "Over the years, he has established a legacy of philanthropy and community service in Lee County. He is a true Luminary in our community and we are honored to recognize him for all that he has achieved."

A Fort Myers native and graduate of Fort Myers High School, Galloway, Jr. currently serves as president of the Galloway Family of Dealerships, one of the oldest and most respected businesses in the Southwestern region of Florida. The dealership was started by his grandparents in 1927 as Lee Motors in down-

town Fort Myers.

Galloway, Jr. has received numerous business honors including being named to the Ford Motor Company's Salute to Dealers Program. He gives back to his community by working for numerous charitable causes and with many civic organizations, serving as Chairman Emeritus for the Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. (CCMI), an organization working to end homelessness and hunger in our community. He has served in many other community organizations including the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Edison-Ford Winter Estates Foundation, Edison Festival of Light, The Salvation Army Board, American Cancer Society, Lee County Sheriff's Office Walkie-Talkie Walk, Holiday Sing-a-Long and Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Mr. Galloway joins a growing list Luminary Award recipients including Wayne and Mavis Miller (2012), Francis and Sam Bailey (2011) and Dr. Veronica Shoemaker (2010).

For his outstanding involvement and dedication to our community, and for making significant contributions of leadership and service which have improved and enriched the lives of so many residents of our community, Hodges University is pleased to honor Sam Galloway, Jr. as its 2013 Luminary of the Year. He will be formally recognized at a luncheon on March 28 at Harborside Event Center. The event is sponsored by the John E. and Aliese Price Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, CenturyLink and the Bireley Family Foundation.

For more information on ticket reservations or sponsorship opportunities,

call Alyssa DeLora at 938-7826 or visit www.hodges.edu.

Eden Energy Medicine

Thumping Spleen Activates Lymph System



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML

Spleen thumping is the third thump in the Five Minute Routine. In prior columns, the other two thumps – Thymus and K-27 – were discussed.

Together, these three thumps jump start your energetic systems to maximize vitality.

Stimulating the spleen points activates your lymph system, which is essential to the body's ability to metabolize energies, substances and even thoughts. The spleen meridian supports health and immune functioning; it also governs inflammation, infection and blood flow.

Actually, there are two sets of points that may be thumped: the first set of spleen Neurolymphatic points are located under the nipples in the indent that is one rib below the "bra line" (rubbing these points removes toxins from the lymph directly associated with the spleen meridian; and since the lymph system has no "pump," briskly rubbing is extremely ben-

eficial); and the second set are the end-points of the spleen meridian, found at the side of the ribcage at the base of the ribs and about four inches down from the armpits. By thumping either set of points, which are frequently tender, the energy level is lifted, blood sugar is balanced and the immune system is boosted.

When is it especially beneficial to thump Spleen? There are many indications that the spleen energy needs a boost e.g.; feeling confused, emotionally upset or irritable; feeling dizzy or faint; nauseated from hunger; suffering from diabetes or hypoglycemia (i.e. blood chemistry imbalance); have a fever; suffer from chronic fatigue or other illness; going through PMS; or suffering from an autoimmune disease.

The Spleen Thump technique is easy. Tap, thump or rub either set of points on both sides of the body at the same time for 15 to 20 seconds while breathing deeply in through your nose and out through your mouth. As you are tapping, a big sigh or yawn frequently follows as the energy of spleen is boosted, leaving an immediate feeling of enhanced energy. Tap or thump to music and it becomes even more fun – swing those hips to the beat.

Have fun with your energy! Send me your questions. Next week's topic is "Sore, Achy Joints, Or Arthritis? – Try This Connection."

If you have a questions for Karen, email her at ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com. Learn more at www.semmanenergy.com. EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.*



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Larsen Pavilion Receives Five Star Rating

Larsen Pavilion, the skilled nursing center at Shell Point Retirement Community, has received the highest possible overall rating of five stars in *U.S. News & World Report's* fifth annual Best Nursing Homes, available exclusively at www.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes.

The Best Nursing Homes 2013 ratings highlight the top nursing homes in each city and state, out of nearly 16,000 facilities nationwide. *U.S. News's* goal is to help users find a home with a strong track record of good care.

Best Nursing Homes draws on data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, a federal agency that assesses homes in three categories – health inspections, level of nurse staffing, and quality of care – and gives each an overall rating.

U.S. News awarded the Best Nursing Home designation to homes that earned an overall rating of five stars from CMS in January 2013.

Along with the ratings, *U.S. News* has published a series of articles and a step-by-step video to guide users in choosing the right nursing home. The articles and ratings are exclusive to the website and aren't expected to appear in print.

"Fewer than one out of every five nursing homes got an overall rating of five stars," said Avery Comarow, *U.S. News* Health Rankings Editor. "All seniors deserve the best nursing care available, and these are homes that merit their consideration by demonstrating such high quality."

"We're obviously very thrilled," said Sherry Brown, director of long term care and Larsen Pavilion administrator. "The



Larsen Pavilion at Shell Point Retirement Community

five star overall rating is a major achievement and one that is not easy to obtain; we're very pleased to be given us this recognition and to be listed in this prestigious report."

More than one year ago, Shell Point completed a seven-year, \$32.3 million major renovation of the Larsen Pavilion that included the addition of a free standing state-of-the-art rehabilitation center, activity spaces, waterfront walkway and deck, chapel, dining room, reading area, administrative building, and a complete remodeling of each residential room and bathroom.

However, Brown insists that it isn't just the newly modernized building that achieves these high standards.

"I am extremely proud of our staff, as well for the special effort they make each day to care for our residents," she said. "Our goal is to provide an individualized, person-centered approach to patient

care. We really look at the specific needs of each resident to create as much of a homelike setting as possible."

Located in the Waterside Medical Complex near the center of Shell Point's Island community, the Larsen Pavilion is comprised of four floors with 219 beds.

"The Pavilion provides residents with a unique peace of mind, that if they need to stay in the facility – whether it's for a week or two to recover from surgery, or a long-term stay – they know the quality of care offered is the best available," said Brown.

"More than 60 percent of Pavilion admissions are individuals who experience successful recoveries and are able to return to their homes in a relatively short period of time," she said. "Our goal is to welcome people, get them healthy, and get them back to the best quality of life possible, which ultimately means the most independence possible."

The Larsen Pavilion's on-site medical facilities, rehabilitation center, and physical therapy programs have proven to be great successes. The Larsen Pavilion also provides superior memory care for conditions such as Alzheimer's or stroke-related dementia.

According to Brown, "We dedicate multiple resources to this group, including an entire floor of our facility, a specialized activities staff, and an on-staff behavioral health team."

The Larsen Pavilion welcomes individuals from anywhere in Southwest Florida and is Medicare-approved.

For more information visit www.shell-point.org or call 1-800-780-1131.✪

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From page 28B

Pet Adoptions

Adoption applications may be submitted online at www.LeeLostPets.com or at the shelter. Pets currently available may be viewed online. The website updates hourly. Adoption hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pet lovers who are not able to adopt can help by promoting the shelter pets. You can send out emails or like your favorites on Facebook and share them with friends. Donations to the Animal Care Trust Fund help sick, injured and infant pets that need care to help them get ready for adoption and their forever homes.

The adoption fee for all pets includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, de-worming, heartworm test for dogs six months or older, feline AIDS and leukemia tests for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, training DVD, behavior help line, microchip pet ID and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.✪

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My mother-in-law is causing problems in our home.

My wife was very close to her father, but she and her mother never seemed to be able to get along. Her brother and sister were much closer to their mother than their father.

When my wife's father was dying, he made a death bed request that my wife would always look after her mother, and she said yes. After several years, she came to live at our house. It has been difficult and compounded by a dreadful tragedy in our family. Our 16-year-old son

was recently killed in a car accident.

We are doing our very best but still grieving, and all her mother can say is, "Get over it, things like this happen." My wife is constantly reminded by the promise she made to her father and all her brother and sister do is criticize. Please give us your advice.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

Please accept my deepest sympathy at the loss of your teenage son. Your mother-in-law, in my judgment, is a very cruel woman, unable to show compassion at the time of great need.

When your wife was asked to "look after your mother," it was done by a man who was showing his love for his wife, but he was making an unreasonable request. "Looking after your mother" does not necessarily mean bringing her into your home. She is acting in a dreadful manner, and I would suggest you make other living arrangements for her. I would start with her brother and sister, and if that doesn't help, consider moving her to some kind of assisted living.

Lizzie

Dear Alvin,

Where do you begin? First, I am very sorry about your son, a loss that I cannot even begin to understand. Second, your mother-in-law... since she is living with you, I assume she is having some difficulties with her activities of daily living and her memory. Commonly associated with your mother-in-law's situation is a decrease in insight and abstract thought. If this is true for her, her comments about the loss of your son are not meant

to be cruel, they are a symptom of her decreased functioning. Also, something most of us are guilty of is being uncomfortable with seeing the pain of others. Our response is to want it to go away because it is uncomfortable. Either case may be true for her.

The above aside, it does seem that the current arrangements are not working for the whole family and a change is needed.

Pryce

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

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I am one of the millions who made the New Year's resolution to change my lifestyle. I am already struggling with diet. I know I will feel better about myself if I start eating right.

Can you suggest something to help me without starving myself and sabotaging the process?

A: Begin with setting the intention and meaning it. It is easy to tell yourself you are going to start something and not really have the true intent. It sounds like you want to learn how to eat healthy and maintain a healthy lifestyle through diet for starters. This is a good beginning. Making healthy food choices is an integral part of a healthy lifestyle. The best medicine is prevention. The diet that has been getting rave reviews for years and is

well researched is the Mediterranean Diet. This diet is based on the diets of people who live in Italy, Spain, Greece and other Mediterranean countries and is high in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts, fish, olive oil and a modest intake of wine. The guidelines recommend limited intake of dairy products and meat and no trans or saturated fats from processed food. The diet features fish that contain omega 3 fatty acids, which are important in many of our bodily functions, such as keeping blood from clotting excessively, maintaining the fluidity of cell membranes, lowering the amount of lipids (fats such as cholesterol and triglycerides) circulating in the bloodstream and helping to prevent cancer cell growth. The use of olive and canola oils, which are high in mono-unsaturated fats, is encouraged. Studies have shown that people who have made this diet a permanent lifestyle change live longer and healthier lives and have lower incidence of heart attacks, diabetes and cancer. There also is evidence of a slowing of age-related cognitive impairment in people who eat this way. While there is no one diet for everyone, it seems as though this lifestyle choice has helped many.*

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Dr. Dave
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by Dr. Dave Hepburn

After a rewarding summer of safe sexy cycling (Spandex completes me), I was ready to start hockey season in the best shape I've been in since my days in the NHL

(Sect. 16 Row L).

First game: October 1.

First period: Wow, no need for oxygen/Dilaudid/EMT.

Second period: Still with great wind, so to speak.

Third period: The game is a barn burner. I'm skating hard while others start to fade. Sean Gorman, a bad guy (other team), takes a shot. I make a stupid decision to knock down the aforementioned bad guy's shot with my little finger, snapping it like a 27-year-old pretzel in the Gobi in July during a drought around a very intense bonfire. Finger instantly turns 50 shades of Minnesota Vikings, so I go to the bench, wipe some snow off my skate blade and pack it around my busted pinky. But we have only three D-men so there's no pulling the chute today. My next shift, the very same Mr. Gorman comes down and dekes to the right. I bite like a starving mackerel. It would be the last bite for me in a while. Catching an edge, my entire body hyperextended, bent backwards at the hip like a breaching humpback, a slim well-conditioned whale, I might add.

I felt a tearing on the left side of my body from my rib cage to my left knee. No ice will fix this. I came out for the next shift very uncertain and sure enough, I tried to pivot and nothing moved. In addition to tearing most of my abdominal muscles and my groin, I had also severely herniated myself. Gorman, you destroyed my entire hockey season in one game. I know where you live and I have large syringes. Try to get some sleep.

After a couple of months of physiotherapy, parts of me were improving, but the hernia, as pointed out by the astute physio, was preventing me from getting there. So I went to see Al Hayashi, one of the most skilled surgeons this town has ever seen. More importantly, he does pediatrics and, given my failure to ever seem to mature, he can help my booboo.

I had a sports hernia, a Gilmore groin hernia named after the doctor who described it, Dr. Hernia. So I was booked for a Gilmore repair, which today, two days after the surgery, feels like a Gary Gilmore repair.

Surgery day and, after a little manscaping, I was wheeled down the hallway to the OR, my gown seductively flapping in the wind. Me and my less-than-happy Gilmore shifted onto the table in a demure and modest fashion (why bother), looking forward to the new anesthesia. Come for the surgery, stay for the gas. Anesthesia a few decades ago meant counting to ten, but this time it was "Take a deep..." I woke up in recovery with Dr.

Hayashi leaning over the bedrail saying that it was one of the biggest ones he'd seen. My groggy "What about the hernia?" earned me a wife-slap and I was out again.

Hernias are those lovely pesky bulges that can pop out of our groin, our navel and several other places in our abdominal wall. Due to a weakening or tear in the muscle, the innards tend to pop out at the most inconvenient times and places like Dairy Queen during a Peanut Buster Parfait sale. Often we can pop them back in, only to have them pop out again, potentially providing entertainment for hours. On rare occasions, they may not be pop-backable and may get stuck and incarcerated or strangled, neither of which are pleasant-sounding words like

petunia and playoffs. 27% of men and 3% of women will get a groin (inguinal) hernia. Repair of these is one of the most commonly performed surgeries in Canada. While there has been some debate about the need for every asymptomatic hernia to be repaired, eventually most will become an issue and need repair. Most will enlarge in time.

While many surgeries these days can be done via keyhole (hernias included) often the most successful approach for a hernia is to do it externally. A mesh, like a netting, is usually inserted to help strengthen the repair, prevent recurrence and possibly allow you to catch shrimp in an emergency. More importantly it prevents the bowel from spilling out of your crotch, getting stuck in the spokes of your

bike, all the while absolutely ruining the whole come-hither purpose of wearing Spandex...in the first place.

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

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Linden Lowers Blood Pressure, Helps You Sleep

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist: At one of your lectures, I heard you say you drink linden tea at night, but you never said why. What is it and why is it something you like?

LP, Jacksonville, Florida

Linden herb is so awesome and because it has so many health benefits, I incorporate it into many home-made herbal teas. You may not have been heard of it before but this centuries-old herb has been historically used as a non-narcotic treatment to help with sleep and anxiety and it lowers blood pressure.

Linden herb is chock-full of antioxidants and ingredients that impact your cardiovascular, digestive and respiratory tract. Linden is best known to help with mild insomnia and anxiety. One of the active ingredients in linden is an essential oil called farnesol, which helps relax the cardiovascular system. This may have a positive impact on arrhythmias while also curbing stress. Most people report feeling relaxed, and even drowsy. Linden can

also help with indigestion as well as nausea and vomiting.

This is interesting. Linden mildly reduces blood pressure because the farnesol it contains acts like a natural calcium channel blocker (drugs that are in this category include amlodipine, nifedipine and diltiazem, among others). Linden also is a mild diuretic and gently dilates blood vessels allowing blood to flow more freely. Sweet, if you have high blood pressure!

That said, don't give up your medication; I don't think it's as strong as medicine unless you combine it with other antihypertensive herbs.

This is a good time of year to mention that linden is capable of soothing the upper respiratory tract, great if you have a cold or flu. It promotes sweating, so this as a great natural way to break a fever and release toxins from your body. It has natural antiseptic properties, so it could ward off infections. Having both expectorant and anti-inflammatory properties, linden can help thin mucus and this could be very soothing for some people, especially those with bronchitis, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or asthma.

Linden supports liver health and enhances bile secretion and these actions help you eliminate toxins better. Linden is not that popular (yet), so if you want it, these are only a few options: Dried herb is sold online and some health food stores, just make tea like I do (one tablespoon herb per cup of water); for a stronger effect, buy a pure extract made by Herb Pharm or capsules made by Nature's Way.

Linden grows all over Colorado and it's a gorgeous tree. If you have one, be careful harvesting because of skin reaction. Also, too much linden can adversely affect the heart. Because it has widespread effects on the body, head to toe, it could interact with medications, especially lithium and diuretics. It's important to ask your doctor if new herbs – even great

ones like linden – are appropriate for you.

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.

ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Realtor Awards Ceremony



Jim and Penny Hetmanek



Karen Bell



Barb Cacchione

During its recent awards ceremony, VIP Realty Group honored Jim and Penny Hetmanek Sales Associate of the Year for Sanibel and Captiva and Top Sales Associate for all VIP offices in Lee and Collier counties.

The Karen Bell Team was awarded Team of the Year for Sanibel and Captiva and Top Team company-wide. Robin Humphrey and Martha Smith received the Marketing Excellence Award company-wide for representing the most sellers in 2012. Rookie of the Year for the island offices was Barb Cacchione.

The awards ceremony was held February 15 at Kelly Greens Country Club in Fort Myers. Realtors from the Sanibel, Captiva, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach and Naples VIP Realty offices were in attendance.



Robin Humphrey and Martha Smith

Top Agents

John Gee and Company recognized Bobby McGlynn as its top listing agent for the month of January.

The company also honored Bob Hodosky as its top selling agent for the month of January.



Bobby McGlynn



Bob Hodosky

February Top Agent

Premier Sotheby's International Realty of Sanibel and Captiva announced that their top marketing and top sales agent in February was Kim Herres.



Kim Herres

Realtor Joins Firm

Pfeifer Realty Group welcomes broker-associate Heather Pierce to its team of real estate professionals.

As a native of Georgia, the beaches of Florida were Pierce's second home.

"My family and I came to Sanibel to immerse ourselves in a community that focuses on preservation of our natural resources," said Pierce, who has experience in both residential and commercial property management.



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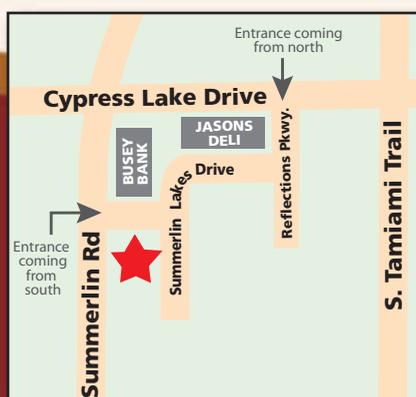
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- 3 pounds medium stone crab claws, cooked and chilled
- 1/2 cup sugar
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- 1/2 cup orange or tangerine juice
- 8 hearts of palm, fresh or canned
- 1/4 cup red onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup red bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup yellow bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced
- 2 medium oranges or tangerines, peeled and sectioned
- 1/4 cup fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 2 cups fresh spinach, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar

2 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped

Crack claws; remove shell and movable pincer, leaving the meat attached to the remaining pincer. Set aside. In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, vinegar, honey and orange or tangerine juice. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened to syrup. Remove from heat, cool and set aside. Slice hearts of palm into thin strips. In a bowl, combine the hearts of palm, onions, peppers, orange or tangerine segments, tarragon and spinach. Dress salad with olive oil and vinegar; toss until moistened. Serve salad in the center of each plate with stone crab claws arranged around. Drizzle the honey citrus sauce over all and garnish with chopped parsley. Serve extra honey citrus sauce on the side.

Yields 4 servings

Nutritional value per serving: (4 medium claws with salad) calories 499, calories from fat 247, total fat 29g, saturated fat 4g, trans fatty acid 0g, cholesterol 190mg, total carbohydrate 51g, protein 15g, omega-3 fatty acid 0.05g

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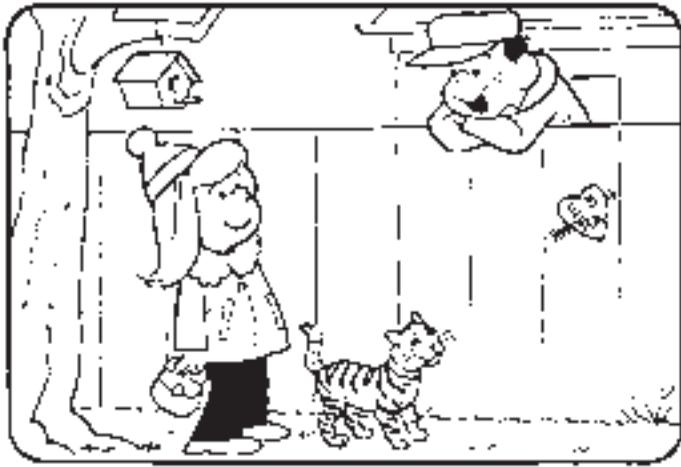
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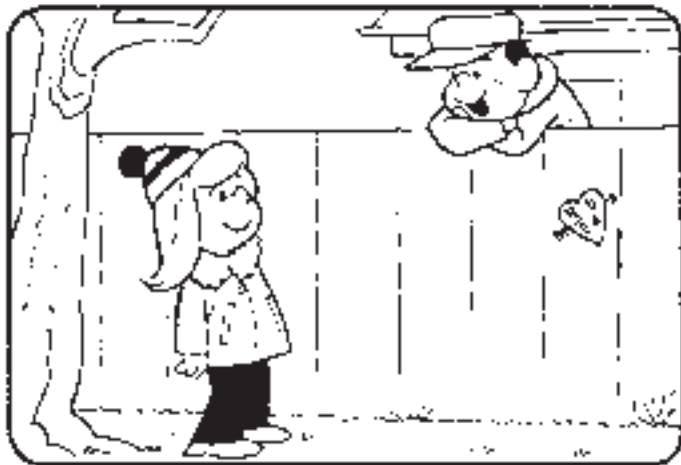
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answer on page 43B

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To play Sudoku:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

answer on page 43B

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Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Tarpon Bay	Captiva	2010	6,000	4,998,000	4,735,000	
Bay Woods	Bonita Springs	1999	13,000	3,700,000	2,800,000	187
Seaspray	Sanibel	1990	3,931	2,348,000	2,200,000	94
Oak Knoll at Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1994	8,904	2,330,000	2,180,000	25
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2009	4,175	2,200,000	1,900,000	80
Shenandoah	Fort Myers	2005	8,649	1,299,000	1,150,000	49
Bellagio At The Colony	Bonita Springs	2007	7,473	1,495,000	1,000,000	390
Laguna Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1968	4,315	1,100,000	940,000	132
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 Age: 1 Year Old
 Color: Black & Tan

Comments: "Action" is my middle name. My ideal match is someone who loves being on the move. We could run, jog, play ball, or go to the beach. Whatever you choose we're sure to have lots of fun!

Adoption Fee: \$35 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' March Madness Adoption Promo (make a basket and get an extra \$10 off).

Pet Bio
 Name: Madori ID# 550448
 Breed: Domestic Shorthair

Sex: Female
 Age: 6 Years Old
 Color: Black and White

Comments: I'm an adorable, sweet, loving lap kitty who's waiting to find someone to shower with affection. I want to be your "one and only" so if you are looking for a companion to be your only pet, we would be a perfect match.

Adoption Fee: \$25 (during Animal Services' March Madness Adoption Promo get an extra \$10 off when you make a basket).

For information about this week's pets, call

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*

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HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At The Sanibel School
 Call Michelle Wesley
 239-910-8000

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the After School Program which runs Mon.-Th, 2:30 - 3:15 pm call Linda Reynolds 472-1617

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HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

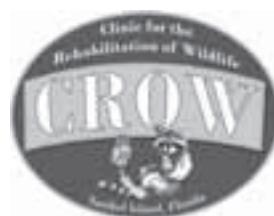
The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren.

We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm.

If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.

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HELP WANTED



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 Phone: 239-472-3644, ext 1
 Fax: 239-472-2334
www.crowclinic.org

HELP US PLEASE!!

We need volunteers for:
 Clinic emergency patient admissions desk and baby animal feeders
 Visitor education center greeters and gift shop cashiers
 CROW - (239) 472-3644, ext. 231 or volunteers@crowclinic.org

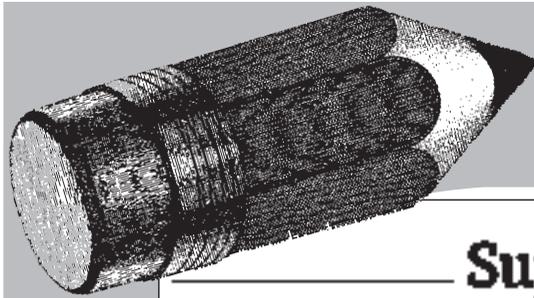
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Island Sun

NEWSPAPER
 Sanibel & Captiva Islands

CALLING CARD 239-395-1213

Emergency	911
Sanibel Police	472-3111
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel	472-5525
Captiva	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources	472-1189
Planning Department	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel	472-2483
Captiva	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Senior Center	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony	418-0996
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.)	565-7872 or 433-7798
American Legion Post 123	472-9979
Angel Flight SE	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society	472-3744
Sanibel Bike Club	sanibelbicycleclub.org
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	274-5900
CROW (Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife)	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here)	472-0404
Sanibel Island Fishing Club	472-8994
Horticultural Society of the Islands	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva	472-8334
Kiwanis Club	677-7299
League of Women Voters	472-6689
Lions Club (Tom Rothman)	395-3248
Master Gardeners of the Islands	472-6940
Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-4823
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	395-2040
www.sanibelsoccer.org	
The Military Officers Assc. of America	
(MOAA, Alex MacKenzie)	395-9232
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline	(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club	671-6381
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation)	472-2329



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 43B

Super Crossword

GO WITH IT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lyrics without right
 - 7 Amongst Albi or Tobby
 - 14 From sea to sea
 - 20 State of Alaska
 - 21 Newspaper sales pitch
 - 22 Present but not a verb
 - 23 Front board of truck or ship
 - 25 Bailing person
 - 26 Manmade stream
 - 27 Tapered peach pit
 - 28 A in Australia
 - 30 Iconic drink
 - 31 Beer we State Dept. of
 - 33 Always a verb
 - 34 Always a verb
 - 38 Castle town
 - 40 UNIT
 - 42 Unit
 - 43 Glass of car
 - 44 Whipped
 - 47 Lacking
- DOWN**
- 2 — Call
 - 3 The World According to 1982
 - 4 CD or CD computer
 - 56 Online chat
 - 57 Model, e.g.
 - 59 "All in all"
 - 61 Where some fountain
 - 63 African? Large ducks
 - 68 Teachers union abbr.
 - 70 High, windy
 - 71 Presidential
 - 72 Infallible
 - 73 Greek god of wisdom
 - 77 "I'm an"
 - 80 A in phrase of Donald Duck
 - 81 Call output
 - 82 Battle field
 - 86 Her job
 - 89 Part of DS
 - 92 "I've"
 - 93 Polaris star
 - 94 Lucy's
 - 96 Coal history
 - 98 Big low
 - 99 Village miss
 - 104 "I'm from"
 - 107 Eyes
 - 108 Shell shell
 - 109 Simple
 - 110 Ending for
 - 111 Change the
 - 112 Large city of North Dakota
 - 117 Badly
 - 119 Canada
 - 120 11th mo.
 - 121 DS
 - 123 Snow
 - 126 Chair
 - 128 Being
 - 133 Tolerant
 - 134 Some
 - 135 Creek
 - 136 Game
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Software
- 4 Young
- 7 Litigious
- 8 Major
- 10 North
- 11 Ball game
- 12 New
- 13 Ornaments
- 14 Barbie's
- 15 Start of
- 16 An
- 17 Inconvenient
- 18 A
- 19 Imprisonment
- 20 Unpleasant
- 21 Kind of
- 22 Term one
- 23 "It's"
- 24 President
- 25 Leave out
- 26 Common
- 27 Gold
- 28 Help
- 29 Hair
- 30 "Sub"

DOWN

- 1 Root
- 2 Ham
- 3 Farm
- 4 Head
- 5 Am
- 6 Tack
- 7 Con
- 8 Sharp
- 9 False
- 10 NYC
- 11 Teeth
- 12 Hodgers
- 13 Catcher
- 14 Opa
- 15 Opa
- 16 Cause
- 17 En
- 18 Pat
- 19 Golden
- 20 Cause
- 21 En
- 22 Green

MAGIC MAZE ● SHY WORDS

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 N K H D A X U E R P M J G D A
 X P V S Q N K I T F D A X V T
 O L K O Y H S T F S M J H E C
 A E Y C W L U R P N Y T Y T J
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How the letters in the maze form words is up to you. All directions are allowed. Backtrack only if you need to.

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 Gushy Gushy Shylock Trusty
 Dshy Marshy Shyness Wishy washy
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CRESCENT ISLAND

A lifestyle that most can only dream about! This 4-acre private island is enveloped by the waters of San Carlos Bay and Pine Island Sound. Located a short distance off the southern tip of Pine Island, with a close proximity to St. James City's restaurants, marinas, and shops! Or across the waterway, within in minutes enjoy the membership only Sanibel Harbour & Yacht Club. Charm has a way of strengthening when you can trade in your vehicle for a kayak & television for spectacular views from every vantage point. A self-contained fully furnished custom Florida style 2 bedroom pool home with a music room that could easily be converted for a third bedroom. **Offered for \$1,950,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez**



BEACHVIEW

1213 Parview
 Beautifully maintained golf course home located on a magnificent lot with Southern exposure. Home includes 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, office, family room, built-ins, volume ceilings. Split floor plan/split level guest bedrooms. House is bright and airy and has a great floor plan. Pool area is lush and tropical. Home is meticulously kept and is close to beach. **Offered for \$890,000. Contact Ralph Galietti 239/826-5897 or Cathy Galietti 239/826-5807.**



CAPTIVA

1102 Tallow Tree Court
 Amongst the Beach Homesites of South Seas Resort With the Beach Homesites the owners own their land and the community consists of three private streets, community pool and tennis courts. Built in 2001 there is none other like this and first time to ever hit the market. 5 bedroom, 4. Bath Direct Gulf Front. Sold fully furnished and accessorized. **Offering Price: \$3,300,000 Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



CROWN COLONY

Lowest priced 4 bedroom home in Crown Colony! Has a private pool & spa with a lake view. two baths, living/dining room combo, granite eat-in kitchen and family room. Included use of activity center's exercise room, pool and tennis. Membership in the Golf Club optional. **Offered for \$365,000. Contact Larry Hahn 239/898-8789.**



ONE OF THE BEST LOCATIONS IN PALMETTO POINT.

This home is in excellent condition with great curb appeal. Pool overlooks canal with a 90 foot One of the best locations in Palmetto Point. This home is in excellent condition with great curb appeal. Pool overlooks canal with a 90 foot concrete dock across from the Preserve. 3 large bedrooms all with full baths. Formal living and dining. Very private setting. concrete dock across from the Preserve. 3 large bedrooms all with full baths. Formal living and dining. Very private setting. **Offered for \$799,999 Contact Ralph Galietti 239/826-5897 or Cathy Galietti 239/826-5807.**



CROWN COLONY

Gated living at its finest!!! This 3/2/2 is located in the highly desirable Crown Colony gated community. Home features 18 inch tile throughout, granite surfaces, crown molding, stainless steel appliances, custom lighting, brick pavers, lush-tropical landscaping, high ceilings, luxurious master bathroom with soaker tub and MUCH MORE!! This home is in tip top condition and is move in ready. **Offered for \$325,900. Contact Connie Walters "Ms Listr" at 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975**



DIRECTLY ON SAN CARLOS BAY!!

Views from almost every room. This remodeled home offers a pool with hot tub, two guest suites on 3rd level with a morning kitchen, entertainment area, large walk in closets, stunning balcony views of the bay. Master suite on main level and an office/4th bedroom., Stone, tile, crown molding, impact glass on all windows and doors, over sized 2+ car garage. The wild life, dolphins, manatees and more can be enjoyed in this quiet & gorgeous home. This is a must see. **Offered for \$2,495,000. Contact Tracy " Mr. Listr" 239/ 994-7975 or Connie "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540**



SANCTUARY CAREFREE LIVING

Spectacular 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath furnished Villa Home in great location with lovely views of lake and 18th fairway of Sanctuary Golf Club. Courtyard entrance with separate mother-in-law suite. Dramatic great room featuring 15 ft. tray ceilings, crown molding, gas fireplace, & 8 ft. doors leading to brick terrace & pool area. Custom kitchen with granite island, 2 pantries, built in desk. Master suite features 11 ft. tray ceilings with crown molding, fire place, and oversized walk-in closet & luxurious marble master bath. 3rd bedroom is furnished as library. Offering carefree living with yard & pool maintained by association. Just steps to the clubhouse and tennis / fitness facility. **Offered for 995,000. Contact Toby Tolp 239/848-0433, Steve Harrell 239/565-1277 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602**



PUNTA RASSA 1103

Absolutely smashing high elevation unit with breathtaking views of San Carlos Bay. Brand new Kraftmaid kitchen, granite counter tops, Moen faucet, Maytag washer and dryer. This unit comes with a deeded parking space and brand new furniture. **Offered for \$364,900. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.**



NEAR BEACH

3 Bedroom, 3 Bath home across the street from the beach located in Palm Lake Subdivision off of prestigious West Gulf Drive. This home has an open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, 2 car garage, extra Murphy beds, screened sundeck and a separate attached pod that can be used as a private office or a private guest bedroom with full bath. **Offered for \$529,000 Contact Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975**



SUNDIAL SPECIAL

K-203

Direct Gulf Front. Beautiful condominium at Sanibel Island's only resort. Two bedrooms, 2 baths and fully furnished with everything you need for a fabulous vacation residence. Currently doing extremely well in Sundial's on-site rental program. Sparkling second floor gulf views from the family room, kitchen and master bedroom with sliding glass doors to the screened in lanai. Has updated kitchen and baths and is the least expensive direct gulf residence in Sundial Resort. Enjoy glowing sunsets, walks on the beach or a dip in the pool just steps from your home. Don't miss out on this opportunity! **Offered for \$744,500 Contact Brian Murty 239/565-1272**

