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Miss Charlotta's Tea Room

## Historical Village Decorated For Christmas

The Sanibel Historical Village decorating committee dressed up the village for Christmas this past week, saving Shore Haven – and their senses of humor – for last.

The committee chair is Pam Magnotto,

who brings her creative talents not just to Christmas but to village events and special displays.

Magnotto's creative and lighthearted idea for Shore Haven's Christmastime look was to wrap the front door like a big present with a wreath in the center like a bow. Magnotto used caution tape for the ribbon and bow, to reflect the construction that's going on there.

"Volunteers and visitors alike are laughing when they notice it," said museum

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Lions Tom Nachazel and Len Minsky at the Lions Christmas tree booth

## Oh Christmas Tree! Oh Christmas Tree!

The Sanibel Captiva Lions are busy selling trees on the lot between Bailey's General Store and the

Island Theater. This tradition began in 1967 when the club was first chartered.

The trees are delivered from Michigan in refrigerated trucks and still have snow on their branches on arrival. These high-quality long-lasting trees are available in sizes from five to 12 feet, and are sold from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. All

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Doug and Paige Babcock with Angie and Tony Lapi

## 'Tis The Season For CROW

The holidays came early for those who attended CROW's Holy Ball on Sunday, December 8. Over 150 guests attended the holiday party in support of the Clinic for the Rehabilitation

of Wildlife (CROW). The Holly Belles hosted the annual event to raise funds for both the wildlife hospital and the visitor education center. Steve Calabro, executive director of CROW, welcomed guests and thanked The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company as the master sponsor for the evening. "I loved this event when

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During last year's Santa Run, jolly ol' St. Nick made 127 stops around the islands

## Kiwanis Club's Annual Santa Run

He's been doing it for so many years, Father Christmas' annual Santa Run may be more of a

stroll these days – but he promises to make all the deliveries entrusted to him.

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

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Shell basket

## Celebrating Christmas The Old Sanibel Way

One of the items at the Sanibel Historical Village Gift Shop is Francis Bailey's book, *My 92 Years On Sanibel*. In it, he remembers Christmas as a boy on Sanibel.

"When I was growing up, Christmas was at the church," Bailey wrote. "One Christmas Eve, daddy, Uncle Ernest and Robert Cockerill dressed up like the Three Kings of Orient Are. Daddy never remembered any of the words. It was hilarious. ... Santa Claus always came and every child on the island got a present. Even if you had just come in the night before, we had something for you. If we didn't have a child's name, we'd ask about 'an 18-month-old girl' so we could get her name and Santa would be able to call it out. It was a homey tradition."

Bailey added. "There was Santa aplenty on Sanibel, let me tell you."

Bailey's book is available in the village gift shop, located in the Old Bailey Store, for \$19, tax included.

The Historical Village's gift shop has many solutions for holiday gift-giving, from stocking stuffers to one-of-a-



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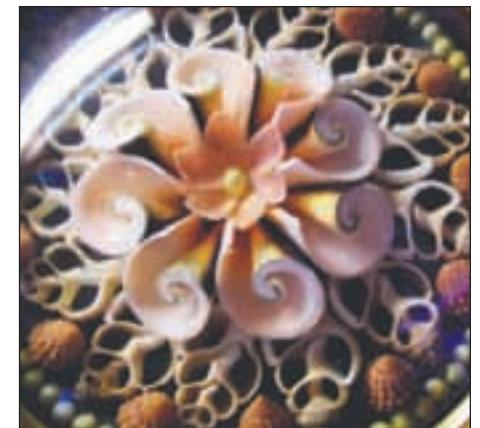
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kind presents.

For children, there are history-themed coloring and paper doll books, pirate coins and treasure maps, craft kits and small games.

For the history buff, there are books by island authors about Sanibel history, plus Civil War memorabilia. There are also videos with interviews of island residents reminiscing about early island days, or about Calusa history.

For the do-it-yourselfer, there are craft kits ranging from weaving to quilt pillows, rag dolls to rag rugs, plus hand-crafted mini sailor valentine boxes for that perfect shell found on our beaches.

For that special person, there are Luc Century's lighthouse or Calusa etched glass ornaments exclusive to the village shop, Gisela Damandl's pine needle baskets, Barb Walling's Sanibel shell wreaths and ornaments, plus sailors' valentines in all shapes and sizes by Jim and Rose Prestigiacomo.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays through August 6. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings.

Admission for entrance to the gift shop only is free. For more information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).\*

## Center 4 Life Schedule

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome.

Island Seniors, Inc. members may attend fitness classes by paying \$3.50 per class or visitors \$6 per class. Island Seniors, Inc. annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership cards to attend.

**Happy Hour Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. This class keeps your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords and your body weight will be used. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought for the day.

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

**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.

**Gentle Yoga** – 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 at 11 a.m. Similar to Gentle Yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday. Kris Brown is the instructor.

**Tuesday Kayaking** – December 3, 10 and 17 at 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets provided. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, hat and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

**Bridge** – Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Hand & Foot** – Tuesday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Canasta** – Tuesday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

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

**What's a Spreadsheet?** – Wednesday and Thursday  
**Island Seniors, Inc. Annual Meeting** – Friday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is island resident Jim Sprinkle, world-renowned waterfowl wood sculptor. There will be an update from the board members on membership. Lunch will be served. Sign up at the center. Seating is limited.

### Page Turners with Ann Rodman

• Wednesday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m. The featured book is *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher. Contact the center if you would like to participate.

• Wednesday, January 8 at 2:30 p.m. The featured book is *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci. Email annrodman@aol.com for more information.

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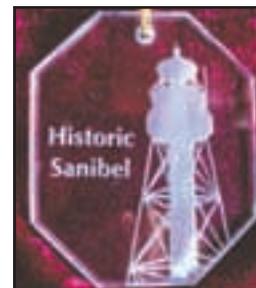
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# Annual Christmas Eve Beach Service At Lighthouse Beach

The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will host the annual Christmas Eve Beach Service at Lighthouse Beach December 24 at 5 p.m. The service will feature candle lighting, carol singing and a novel telling of the Nativity Story by senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner. The service is beginning half-an-hour earlier than in previous years in order to accommodate bikers and walkers. There will be a special bike corral set up at the end of the newly improved and widened shared-use/bicycle path leading to Lighthouse Beach. This year, there will be parking at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, with trolley service to the beach.

The offering taken during the service will benefit two agencies working with the needy; Friends in Service Here (FISH), a Sanibel based organization, and The Salvation Army. Attendees are reminded to stay off the dunes and the beach grasses, and walk only on designated paths to and from the beach.

At 9 p.m., a candlelight service will be held in the church's sanctuary which is bedecked with a 15-foot Christmas tree and poinsettias. Music will include a performance by Konstanze Niedung, who was born in Germany and raised in Cape Coral. Niedung earned a BA in music at Vassar and a masters of music at the New England Conservatory. She was a vocal fellow at Tanglewood. Niedung will be singing *O Holy Night* and German-born Peter Hilger will lead the congregation in *Stille Nacht - Silent Night*.

The service will include lessons of the season and a brief meditation by Dr. Danner. All services are open to the public. The church is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For more information, call the church office at 472-0497 or visit the website at [www.sanibelucc.org](http://www.sanibelucc.org).



The car wash will raise money for the students' Washington trip

## Car Wash For Washington Trip

Eighth Grade Students from The Sanibel School will be holding a fundraising car wash on Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise funds for their Spring class trip to Washington D.C.

The was will take place at the school on Sanibel-Captiva Road. Donations are welcome.

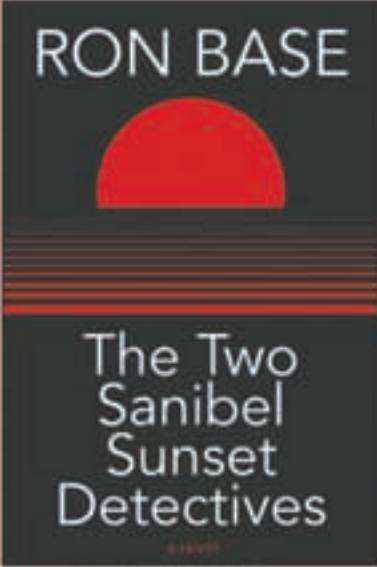
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Rutland's porch

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## Historical Village Decorations

manager, Emilie Alfino. "The building is looking nicer every day, with the roof line lowered and windows in place that look like the originals. The siding is gone, replaced by cedar, which has to cure for a couple of months before it can be painted. It's nice to highlight Shore Haven's beauty with a whimsical decoration on the door."

The rest of the village is decked out for Christmas as well, with trees and garland, presents and stockings and other surpris-

es almost everywhere you look.

"We hope people will visit us at this special time, when everything looks especially lovely," Alfino said. "We're open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and closed on Christmas Day."

The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older and free for members and those under 18. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicapped access to all buildings.

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For further information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).

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## Lions Club Christmas Trees

proceeds go to local charities and the Bailey's College Scholarship fund.

The Sanibel Captiva Lions Club meetings are usually held the first and third Wednesday of each month. They welcome full-time and seasonal residents, men and women, who are interested in becoming members to join them. With 1.3 million members, the Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world.

For more information, visit [www.sanibelcaptivalions.org](http://www.sanibelcaptivalions.org).



Christmas ornaments in the gift shop



Christmas tree in the old Bailey's Store

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## Santa Run

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

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

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

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

### NEWS FROM OUR ADVERTISERS



Connie Mahaney in her early years at the Sanibel Beauty Salon

Congratulations to Connie Mahaney, who celebrates her 40th year at Sanibel Beauty Salon on December 17.

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Connie Mahaney, celebrating her 40th year as a Sanibel Beauty

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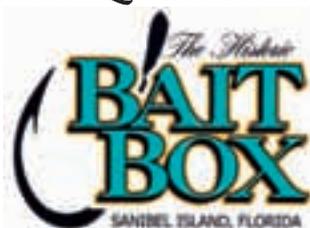


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Lion Debi Almeida with David E. Carter

## Emmy-Winning Producer Talks About Upcoming Sanibel Documentary

On December 4 the San-Cap Lions club hosted David E. Carter, a top-selling producer of books on logos and branding and the recipient of seven Emmy awards for his creative work.

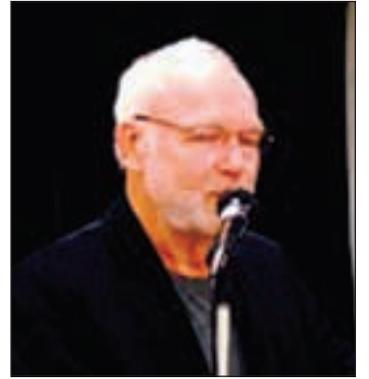
Originally from Ashland, Kentucky, Carter has been living on Sanibel for the last 10 years.

During the 1988 writers strike, when Johnny Carson asked on TV if anyone could write decent sketches for his show, Carter, in Ashland at the time, produced a sketch within 48 hours. It was accepted and shown by Carson three days after it was received. Thus began a collaboration with Carson until his retirement from *The*

*Tonight Show* in 1992.

Since his arrival on Sanibel, Carter has produced a documentary for CROW that received an Emmy nomination. In his documentary, *Baseball, I Love You*, he told the story of a 1950s youth baseball team from Kentucky. He recreated Ashland, Kentucky's Central Park baseball field by using the Sanibel baseball field with participation of Sanibel children. This documentary has been a success on Public Television and is part of the permanent collection at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

More recently, Carter is producing a documentary entitled *Growing Up On Sanibel*, which consists of a series of interviews with the children who live on the island and the adults who grew up in this "timeless paradise." BIG ARTS will premiere the film on April 10 in conjunction with an art auction, the proceeds from which will benefit ten charities on the island.✧



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

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Directors are elected by the Membership at IWA's Annual Meeting to be held in April. Anyone who would like to run for one of the open seats should contact our Board Recording Secretary, Beau Stanley, at (239) 472-2113 (extension 114) or by e-mail at beau@islandwater.com by **no later than January 10, 2014**. A background check will be run on all Board candidates.



# INSIDE CITY HALL

## Expanded Segway Tour Areas Approved

by Jeff Lysiak

The planning commission approved revising the existing conditional use permit for Billy's Bikes and Segway of Sanibel to operate their group tours on the island, offering an expanded selection of tour locations.

Roy Gibson, acting director of planning, explained the revisions to the existing permit, noting that owner Billy Kirkland's business – located at 1509 Periwinkle Way – continues to be in conformance with the revised requirements and provisions of Ordinance No. 13-007. He noted in his presentation that on October 1, 2013, city council adopted Ordinance No. 13-007 amending Ordinance 05-011, providing additional areas of the city's shared use path, roads and road rights-of-way authorized for Segway tour operations.

Three new Segway tour areas had been proposed in Kirkland's application. They included:

- **Historical Cemetery Route:** Using the shared use path system, tours will be operated along Periwinkle Way, Donax Street and Middle Gulf Drive to the historical cemetery. Returning, tours will follow Middle Gulf Drive, Algiers Lane, Casa Ybel Road and Periwinkle Way.

- **Sanibel Historical Village and Museum Route:** Tours will be operated along Periwinkle Way and Dunlop Road. Returning, tours will reverse the route.

- **Bailey Road Route:** Tours will be operated along Periwinkle Way, Donax Street, Junonia Street, through Periwinkle Park (private property), Periwinkle Way and Bailey Road. Returning, tours will follow Bailey Road, proceeding through the gate opposite The Dunes subdivision entrance, the Chamber of Commerce (privately owned and leased property) parking lot, Causeway Boulevard, Bailey Road and Periwinkle Way.

Among the 23 conditions recommended by city staff were requiring one Segway tour operator for every six tour participants; no more 10 Segways per tour, excluding the Segways used by tour guides; no participants under 13 years of age and/or weighing under 100 pounds; no riders using Segways in excess of 8 mph, with the exception of tour operators; police reports are to be filed for any accident that occurs during training and/or touring involving personal injury to a user or customer of the tour or any other person or entity, and/or anything other than minor and insignificant property damage to the Segway, the user or customer, or any other person or entity.

"Your safety record is excellent, and we hope that continues," Commissioner Phillip Marks said to Kirkland following the presentation. Marks also questioned City Attorney Ken Cuyler with regard to the use of Segways by disabled persons. Both Cuyler and City Manager Judie Zimomra confirmed that the city issues permits for Segway use by disabled persons, and applications are available at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

Kirkland answered one inquiry about the new tour routes, saying that he and

his tour operators will check the condition of all paths, crossings and locations prior to offering those tours.

Commissioner Tom Krekel, who admitted that he was initially against the idea of allowing Segway tours on the island back in 2007, said, "In a controlled circumstance like this, they work."

Mike Valiquette, commission chairman, made a motion to approve the requested permit revisions, which was seconded by Marks. The motion passed 7-0.\*

## Correction

In the December 6 issue of the *Island Sun*, in the story headlined Planning Commission Appointments Rescinded, Candidates Sought, the word "rescinded" was used erroneously, since city council never took action on the proposed resolution to reappoint three planning commissioners.\*

## City Investigates Shared Use Path Improvements

by Jeff Lysiak

Prior to the start of the planning commission's regular meeting on Tuesday, City Manager Judie Zimomra delivered a presentation on the interconnectivity and intraconnectivity of Sanibel's shared use path system, which is part of the commercial redevelopment discussions currently being

investigated by the commission.

During her hour-long presentation, Zimomra reviewed the current conditions of interconnectivity (defined as bicycle and pedestrian connections to the shared use path system) and intraconnectivity (defined as bicycle and pedestrian connections between adjacent properties), how both are addressed by the Sanibel Plan and Sanibel Code, and shared several visual examples of each.

At each of the 13 examples shown, city staff made multiple observations, including the current conditions, surface, surrounding vegetation, visibility and potential safety issues, and recommended opportunities on how they might be improved.

"If there is an opportunity to use a shorter path, bicyclists and pedestrians will follow that," said Zimomra after showing an example of a dirt surface interconnectivity. "The question is, what do we want to do about that, if anything."

The presentation also showed a best practices example, which depicted an off-island pathway with a concrete surface connecting the sidewalk to a parking lot. The photograph showed striping delineating parking lot access, which alerts motorists to bicyclist and pedestrian activity.

Zimomra's report concluded that both interconnectivity and intraconnectivity paths vary in conditions and safety, and there is an opportunity for Sanibel to separate vehicles from bicyclists and pedestrians, particularly at entrance areas.

"It's a work in progress," she added. "Sometimes, going out and looking at the current condition gives you an opportu-

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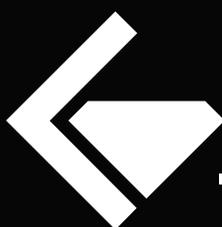
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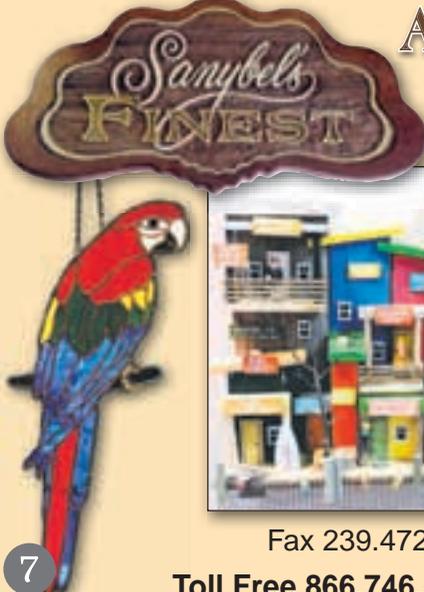
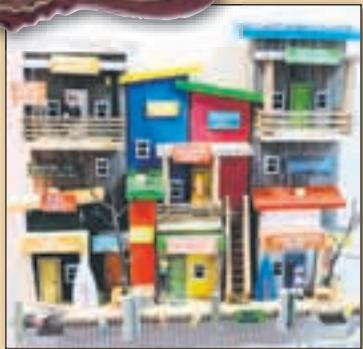
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## OBITUARY



### HARRY FREDERICK JORDAN

On Thursday, December 5, 2013, Harry Frederick Jordan of Sanibel, Florida passed away peacefully in his home at the age of 57. Harry was born on July 10, 1956 in Cleveland, Ohio and was raised on Sanibel. He graduated from Cypress

Lake High School in Fort Myers, where he excelled on the wrestling and football teams. He then went on to serve his country as a member of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his father James Carl Jordan Sr. and mother Mozella Jordan, both of Sanibel, and wife Peggy Ancrum Jordan of Naples. He is survived by four children, Jamal, Samantha, Heather and Keala, as well as his grandchildren, Dayquan, Jadevon, and Jadavain; his brothers James and wife Marguerite, Anthony and wife Isabella, and Timothy and wife Sara; his grandmother Regina Walker and husband Walter; and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of very dear friends.

Harry was deeply loved by his family and will be missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

A viewing will be held at Harvey-Englehardt Funeral Home, 1600 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 12. The funeral service will take place on Friday, December 13 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.\*

## Food Drive For Hungry Kids At SCC



Helpers prepare boxes for the food drive

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Scott Schwartz shared his knowledge of Hannukah and the menorah with the help of his sons Joshua and Kai

## CECI Hannukah

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Luminary was a big night for the students as they began their night by singing holiday music and then had photo ops with Santa himself.\*



Shawn, Simon and Abby Allison taught students about the accordion and sang Hannukah songs



Yuan Bonhayag and Elton Von Wowerm show off the dreidels they made while learning about Hannukah

## Mastersingers Christmas 2013

Mastersingers Christmas 2013 will be presented at Sanibel Community Church on Sunday, December 15 beginning at 6 p.m.

Much of the music sung by the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers will be the works of noted local composers, including an original composition expressing the wonderment of Christ's birth, *O Magnum Mysterium* by Jason Bahr, a member of the bass section and FGCU professor.

The program also includes *Gloria*

in *Excelsis Deo* with music by Nancy Hill Cobb, former conductor of the Mastersingers; *I Wonder as I Wander* arranged by Mastersingers Advisory Board member Jim Stephenson, and *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arranged by Jeremy Silverman, a local composer from McGregor Baptist Church.

The second half will be a celebration of Christmas classics and include an audience sing-along.

For information on ticketing, visit [www.mastersingersfm.com](http://www.mastersingersfm.com) or call 288-2535.

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Meleah Thomas won for best shot of the night

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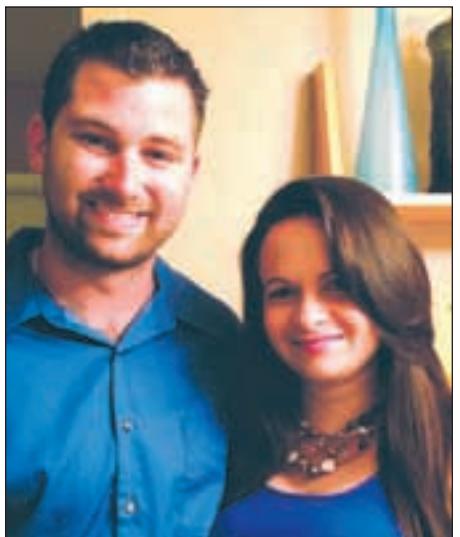
This year's golden Christmas ornament

The Sanibel School Music Department has received shipment of the 2013 Edition Sanibel Island Christmas Ornaments.

Each year, the music department custom designs a new ornament to raise funds for the music program. All proceeds help with the purchase of music, instruments and equipment for the program to benefit grades K-8.

This year's ornament features shades of gold and white with green seahorses.

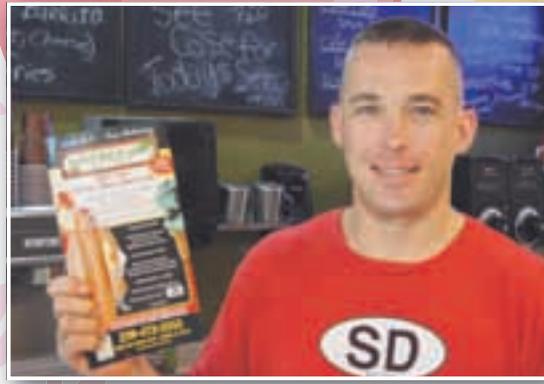
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## Fish Caught



Tony Halvatzes with the snook he caught

Sanibel resident Tony Halvatzes caught a 34-inch snook on white bait while fishing near Matlacha last week while on a Sea Reed Charters boat. The snook was safely released back into the water.✪

## Volunteers Needed For Christmas Bird Count

San-Cap Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday, December 14. The results of the local count will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in the 114th National Christmas Bird Count. More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this census of early winter bird populations. The results of their efforts are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early winter bird populations across the Americas. Simply put, the Christmas Bird count, or "CBC," is citizen science in action.

Before the turn of the 20th century, people engage in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas "Side Hunt." They would choose sides and go into the field with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) quarry won. Conservation was in its infancy around the turn of the century, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then-budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition, a "Christmas Bird census," that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them. So began the Christmas Bird Count. Thanks to the inspiration of Chapman and the enthusiasm of 27 dedicated birders, 25 Christmas Bird Counts were held that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario, to Pacific Grove, California with most counts in or near the population centers in northeastern North America. Those original 27 Christmas Bird Counters tallied a total of 90 species on all the counts combined.

Volunteers are needed for this year's CBC. Birding skills are desirable but not necessary. If you would like to participate in this year's Sanibel-Captiva CBC, you may obtain additional information by calling 437-2459.✪

## Shell Found



Matthias Wendt, pictured with Elaine Smith, shows off the horse conch he found

On Sanibel, near Bowmans Beach, the morning on December 1, Matthias Wendt, from Zurich, Switzerland, found a big horse conch.

"I am from Zurich and an eager sheller for 12 years on the island and are always lucky to find new treasures whenever I go shelling," he said. "I was four times in the *Island Sun* already, usually with a junonia," he added.

"The first time I came to Captiva was in 1976 with my parents for one day at the age of 12 and since then I dreamed to come back one day, which came true in 2001, and I return every year mostly in December."✪

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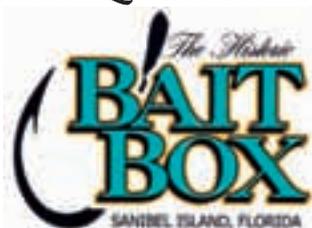


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## Shells Found



Kelly, Scott, Tip, Karen and McKenna Reiman

The Reiman family from Sturgis, South Dakota found a variety of shells near the lighthouse while vacationing on Sanibel during the Thanksgiving holiday.✪

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A Christmas cruise photo op with Santa Claus

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## Shells Found



Mike Gillmore with his shell finds

Island sheller Mike Gillmore found a junonia rolling up against the rock pilings at Lighthouse Beach on the eve of his birthday, November 22. Then he found a second junonia on Thanksgiving Day along with two rare olives, a golden olive and a fulgurator olive, on the Captiva side of the jetty at Blind Pass.

He said the two olives had been on his bucket list to find and he was very excited to find both of them in one day and attributed the northwest winds and cooler water that day for bringing them ashore.\*

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## Releases From Lake O Show Improvement

by Jeff Lysiak

A letter from the chairman of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to Sanibel and four other west coast communities indicated that identifying sites for excess water storage during periods of heavy rainfall is critical to the long-term health of rivers and estuaries throughout the region.

According to Dan O'Keefe of the SFWMD, both central and southern Florida experienced an abundance of rain over the summer (averaging 32 inches).

"To reduce impacts to South Florida's estuaries during this historic rainy season, district staff have worked tirelessly to identify sites to store excess water," wrote O'Keefe. "The use of public land is being maximized to hold water, and partnerships with private landowners have been established for the same purpose. In addition, operational changes in the flood control system were made to send more water south into the Everglades and to tide. This was achieved by maximizing freshwater flows through key areas of existing canal infrastructure and pump stations."

According to James Evans, director of natural resources for the City of Sanibel, the current level of Lake Okeechobee –

as of the morning of December 3 – was 14.65 feet.

"Last year at this time, it was at 15.1 feet," Evans told the city council at its meeting last week. He also said that the trickle release schedule implemented at the peak of the rainy season has local waters "going in the right direction."

O'Keefe also wrote in his November 1 correspondence that the SFWMD does support requesting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reevaluate the risk assessment of the Herbert Hoover Dike.

"It seems feasible that completing repairs in Reach 1 (southeastern section) would reduce risk in the overall system and allow the corps, under the existing Lake Okeechobee Release Schedule (LORS), to either provide additional storage in the lake and/or reduce the volume of freshwater releases to the estuaries," he added.

However, the SFWMD would not support re-evaluating the regulation schedule as each portion of the Herbert Hoover Dike is repaired, suggesting the idea would be "counterproductive."

"A comprehensive LORS re-evaluation would be an arduous process consuming significant time and resources," O'Keefe pointed out. "The district believes there is sufficient flexibility in the current LORS to find further opportunities in daily water management decisions to help the estuaries."

In addition to Sanibel, the four communities contacted by O'Keefe include Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach.\*

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## CROW Case Of The Week

If You Care,  
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by Patricia Molloy

“For the orphans at CROW, we are their family and their only hope for the future,” began Dr. Heather Barron at the wildlife clinic’s annual holiday fundraiser, Holly Ball, held on

Sunday. “As any parent can tell you, it takes a lot of work to raise a baby.” This year alone, CROW has raised nearly 2,000 orphaned, injured and abducted baby mammals, birds and reptiles.

When Dr. Heather took over as Hospital Director in January of 2012, she introduced an educational program entitled “If you care, leave it there!” in an effort to prevent perfectly healthy babies from being scooped-up and rushed to the clinic. “Many people just don’t understand. They are trying to do the right thing and they inadvertently abduct a young animal and take it away from its parents,” she explained. Instead of picking up a seemingly abandoned wild creature, she urged audience members to pick-up the phone and call CROW.

The key to raising any child is good nutrition, optimal healthcare and mental

stimulation. With regard to the young patients at CROW, Dr. Heather explained that the clinic utilizes enrichment tools such as toys, not to ensure their happiness, but to help them build skills that are necessary for survival in the wild.

In addition to implementing educational programs aimed at the general public, Dr. Heather has been building CROW’s national profile. She has achieved this through participation in international conferences, by taking part in an experimental trial of the drug cholestyramine at the behest of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, and by maintaining close contact with federal, state and local agencies that are involved in veterinary medicine, natural resources and/or wildlife conservation. CROW’s hospital is now being lauded for its work in conservation medicine, which recognizes that the disease trends documented in wildlife medicine are great indicators of the health of the environment. Certain diseases can affect humans, potentially on a global scale, and conservation medicine is the best early warning system of what may be around the corner for our health.

“Regardless of how you feel about cute, fuzzy animals, remember that these animals can play an important part in all of our environments. They can be an



The Yellow-crowned night heron feeds after dark which is very unusual for a waterbird



Eastern gray squirrels often have red in their fur, but solid black ones are fairly common

early warning system for diseases that can affect you, your children and your pets.”

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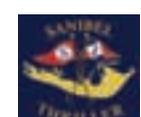
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## New Intern And Staffer For Refuge

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) recently hired a new shared-use intern and also promoted a former intern to staff.

As a result of a current federal hiring freeze at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, the society has begun a program whereby it shares its interns with the refuge.

After completing service with Americorps, Gavin McGimpsey joined the staff in November 2013 as the fourth intern who will work for both the friends group and the refuge.

One of the first shared-use interns, Jess Shelton, was recently promoted to a staff position as associate director of community outreach and development. Her duties will include assisting executive director Birgie Vertesch with administra-



**Jess Shelton**

tive tasks and developing methods to spread the refuge’s mission of education and conservation outside refuge confines.

McGimpsey’s job entails assisting the



**Gavin McGimpsey**

refuge with visitor services under the tutelage of Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland.

“I’m interested in learning more about ‘Ding’ in the next couple months, and possibly developing an interpretive program,” the new intern said. “I’m also learning quite a bit about birds.”

A native Philadelphian, McGimpsey grew up in Idaho Falls, and graduated from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, in 2011 with a degree in philosophy and a minor in legal studies.

McGimpsey got initiated properly into refuge-society life on a warm Veterans Day, when he volunteered to don the refuge’s Teddy Roosevelt costume for the Shell Point Retirement Community parade. Shelton, at the same time, got a taste of community outreach during the event.

“After a year as an intern, I just wasn’t yet ready to leave ‘Ding’ and all the wonderful new friends I’ve made,” said Shelton, who hails from Cincinnati, Ohio, and studied economics at Hanover College in southern Indiana.

“What I love most about working for a non-profit is how every day is different, and you get to do such a variety of different things,” she added. “I’ve already seen



**Jess Shelton and Gavin “Teddy” McGimpsey prepare for the Veteran’s Day parade**

how the events go and been through a ‘Sanibel season.’ This new job allows me to take all that experience and really step into more of the planning and leadership roles of those events and programs.”

“I love working with the team here at ‘Ding’ and the Society,” said McGimpsey. “The other interns have been great helping me get adjusted, and Birgie and the refuge staff are a lot of fun to work with. I’m looking forward to learning a lot from all of them. I might stay longer than I’d planned at first – it’s gorgeous here!”

“A big thanks to the ‘Ding’ Darling Wildlife Society for helping us out during a difficult staffing struggle,” said Westland. “I don’t know what we’d do without these bright, vivacious young faces who bring so much energy to our mission.”

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

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

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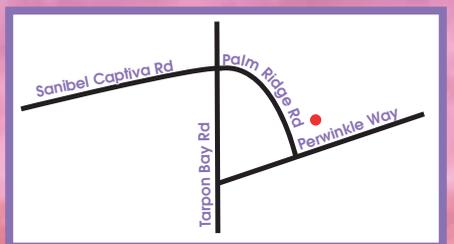
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# Aquarium-Style Creek Fishing



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Anglers simply could not wish for better December weather conditions than we have experienced this week. Even though we are on a less than perfect tide pattern and what seems

like neverending daytime low water, fishing action in the sound was non-stop. As most of the country is suffering though some crazy cold weather, can you really think of a better place to be than out on the water with a bent fishing rod in your hand?

As snook season closed on December 1, action is now now all catch-and-release, but it kept going strong. Most of my time fishing this week was spent in the deeper creeks and channels during these minus low water periods. This set-up paid off big with good action and lots of snook caught every trip. Though most of these snook are on the short side of the slot, what they lack in size they make up for in sheer numbers. One deep mangrove shoreline with the right set-up could hold 20 to 30 snook. As long as the water was moving, these snook seemed to happily pop our shiners right off the surface with almost every well-placed cast.

The two biggest snook caught and released from my boat this week both



Anglers with two 33-inch snook caught and released within about five minutes while fishing Pine Island Sound with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

measured right at 33 inches and were caught within about five minutes of each other. Just about every time out, at least one much bigger snook was hooked and simply won the battle, generally out-muscling and beating the angler under the bushes before parting ways against the barnacle crusted roots. Catching and seeing so many snook is really a testament to the Florida Wildlife Commission properly managing the fishery and closing it to harvest for almost four years. Snook of all sizes are now in some of the highest numbers I can remember in years.

Clear water in many of these same

mangrove creeks has made locating these snook pretty easy. Some of the deeper holes and mangrove bends that have fast moving current hold many big snook. It was not unusual this week to see a dozen or so 30-inch-plus snook laid out from the mangroves on or near the bottom while moving from shoreline to shoreline in these creeks. The sheer numbers and variety of fish in these creeks is awesome right now and this aquarium-style fishing action will never get old to me. This will only get better as we move through winter and the water continues to get clearer.

Live shiners remained the bait of choice for all my fishing needs. Not to sound greedy, but it seems the more shiners you can pack in your live well in a morning, the better the days' fishing action will be. All our gamefish are feeding hard right now to pack on the fat before the winter cold and their food sources dry up.

Chumming these narrow mangrove creeks with shiners brings all these hungry fish out of the woodwork and to the table to eat. Just a few scoops of stunned live shiners are all it takes and you will be watching fish explode on the surface, chasing and gulping shiners. Watching a whole mangrove creek light up with feeding fish is an awesome sight. Different species of fish eat the shiners in different ways. Generally, you can identify the species by the different pop.

The loud popping noise that a feeding snook makes cannot be mistaken for any other type of fish. Big snook make almost a sonic-like boom as they eat a surface bait. Image a bowling ball being dropped in the water from 10 feet and that's pretty close to the noise.

Other species getting in on the all-you-can-eat shiner buffet this week included mangrove snapper up to 15 inches, grouper, big trout and jacks of every size. This is great visual mixed bag bite. Watching a big fish blow up on a shiner and then casting a hooked shiner to where the pop was makes for an almost instant hook-up.

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

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## Shells Found



Jill Martin displaying the many shells she found on Sanibel photo by Pam Rambo

Jill Martin of Homestead, Florida found two junonias and several alpabet cones while visiting Sanibel.

"My amazing Thanksgiving weekend shell finds – not one but two junonias," said Martin. "I've been coming to Sanibel several times a year since 1981 and have never found one, so imagine my delight in finding my first one, then my second one just three days later. Wow! I cried!"

Martin found them both behind the West Wind Inn, along with two beautiful alpabet cones.\*

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Bird's Eye View

# What Did He Say?



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

This article isn't really about "wild-life" per say, it's about the animal that dominates all other life on Earth; the human being. I just read an article online from the

journal *Nature Communications* that suggests that for Old World monkeys and apes (which includes us), species that live in larger social groups are more likely to have complex facial patterns than those species that live in smaller groups. The argument is that the greater the density in a given population, the greater the need to be able to identify those who an individual can trust from those who can't be trusted.

It has been suggested that one of the abilities that the human species evolved in order to achieve the level of dominance it has today over the other species on the planet has been the development of its ability to express and understand complex forms of communication from one individual to another. That development of complex speech and language capability usually is presented as a major force whereby we were able to survive and outcompete other species whose physical strength and prowess

was stronger than ours. This new study shows just how far back the roots of these capabilities may go.

But the complexities of our faces and the expressions that go with them go much deeper than simple individual identification. Our ability to communicate complex feelings, thoughts and ideas is quite often expressed without ever uttering a word. Have you ever looked at someone across a crowded room and knew immediately what they were thinking?

I think for me, one of my greatest maturities was learning to listen to what my intuition was telling me when it came to human communication skills. I recognized fairly early that I could understand what was going on in an animal's mind, but I never trusted what my gut was telling me about another human being. It wasn't until after years of disappointment that I slowly began to pay attention to those feelings.

And that sort of makes sense because as I understand it, women are supposed to be better at reading the subtleties of facial expression and body language than men. Believe it or not, women are supposed to be better at buying used cars from used car salesmen than men. Women may not usually (though, of course, not always) be all that mechanically oriented, but they are better adapted to know when the salesman is trying to pull the wool over their eyes.

Have you ever heard of "women's intuition?" Men like to say that the idea has no merit, but I think there is a perfectly good reason for women to

have evolved these face-reading skills more efficiently than men. Ages ago, their ability to survive the dangers of raising a child was very much dependent on whether or not they could trust their male counterpart to stick around throughout the child-rearing process.

Think about it. For eons, the female has been watching the male profess his undying love for her over and over only to find out that in reality he's been expressing those same feelings to the girl in the next tribe. If the female was going to put all of her energy into producing a child and the chances of that child surviving into adulthood increased if the male provided his undivided attention to the mother and child, she had better evolve some pretty robust "lie-detecting" skills before things got serious.

But in today's world, we are communicating with individuals we never really see. Contracts are signed, money changes hand and sometimes life-changing agreements are made without ever being in the same room with the other party. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is another reason why I worry about our children spending their lives with their noses stuck into their smart phones.

It has been suggested that our children are spending so much time talking to someone without actually seeing that person face to face that they are not developing their innate skills to know when they are being lied to. Could our technologies evolve so fast that our natural instincts can't keep up?

I know that I'm old-fashioned, but

when I make a social contract with another human being, I want to look them in the eye and read what's really on their mind before I do something that I might regret.

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

## Snook Harvest Season Closes December 15

The recreational harvest season for snook closes December 15 in Atlantic state and federal waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, and will remain closed through January 31, reopening to harvest February 1. Snook can continue to be caught and released during the closed season.

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First place went to Stevie Gorka, sixth grade, for a photograph taken of the wildlife preserve from the new boardwalk

## 'Ding' Darling Student Photo Contest Winners Announced

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS)-Friends of the Refuge, along with sponsor Bank of the Islands/Edison National Bank, recently awarded The Sanibel School winners in its annual student photo contest.

Middle school students in Margaret Drennan’s photography class visited the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge last month for a photography workshop and nature shoot.

Photography students from Cypress Lake Middle School visited on a separate occa-



The Sanibel School Principal Barbara Von Harten, Kristin Dunavant, Stevie Gorka, Julian Meyers and Rob Lisenbee of Bank of the Islands

sion for their own contest, also part of the annual event. Cypress Lake students will receive awards on December 11 on the school campus.

First place winner from The Sanibel School was Stevie Gorka; second place went to Kristen Dunavant; and third place to Julian Meyers.

Sanibel School teachers judged the contest. Winners received medallions and checks from Bank of the Islands for \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.

Bank representatives and The Sanibel School Principal Barbara Von Harten were on hand at the refuge for the awards announcement and presentations.

“You kids see things differently through the lens, and we love seeing your visions in your photography,” said DDWS Executive Director Birgie Vertesch at the presentation. “This is a wonderful way to appreciate nature and share with others the beauty you experienced here at ‘Ding’ Darling.”

The 21 photo entries will be on display in the free “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center through December and will later be exhibited at Bank of the Islands of Sanibel.

“We will be adding a new student photography contest to our agenda next year,

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Second place went to Kristin Dunavant, seventh grade, for a photograph of a wolf spider thanks to the Theodore Cross family of Sanibel," said Vertesch. "Watch for details about our inaugural "Ding" Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photo Contest."

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Third place went to Julian Meyers, seventh grade, for a photograph of a rock dove

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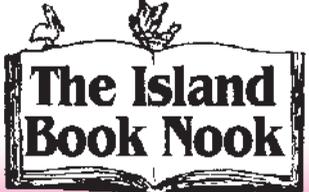
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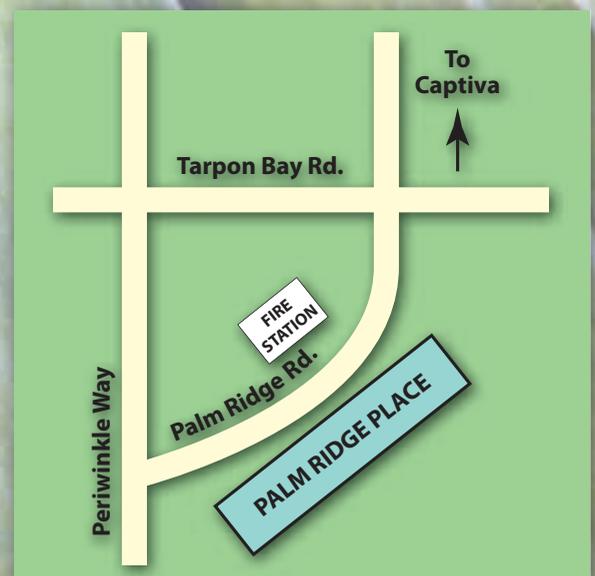
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# American Oil Palm

by Gerri Reaves

The only palm native to Florida that rivals the impressive size of the American oil palm (*Attalea butyracea*) is the endangered royal palm (*Roystonea regia*).

A native of South America, the American oil palm towers to 80 feet or more.

Also called the palla palm, it grows in the wet savannahs of its native region and Central America.

With a trunk measuring as much as 20 inches in diameter and a wide-spreading canopy, the American oil palm is simply too big for the typical home landscape.

However, if space and over-neatness aren't major concerns, this palm will definitely fit the bill as a tropical centerpiece.

The large fronds arch from thick bases



The American oil palm is native to the wet savannahs of South America



This decades-old American oil palm is host to epiphytic species like ferns and the strangler fig

on the trunk and have a twisted axis, which gives them a shuttlecock or feather-duster look, much like that of the foxtail palm.

The erect, many-branched inflorescence reaches three to four feet long. The male flowers are pale yellow, and the female flowers develop into light-brown to orange female fruits.

American oil palm thrives on heat and humidity and prefers consistently moist soil. It will tolerate some drought but suffers if over-watered.

American oil palm's gigantic leaves are used for thatched roofs and the root extract is used in treating hepatitis. The nuts are used as cattle and pig feed.

Sources: e-mono-cot.org and palmpedia.net.

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## Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture And Tenth Anniversary Celebration

submitted by Andrew Stansell

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education has scheduled its 2014 Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture and 10th anniversary celebration for February 21.

Actress Kaiulani Lee will perform her one-woman show, *A Sense of Wonder*, as this year's lecture. It will be held in the Schein Performance Hall at BIG ARTS on Sanibel at 7:30 pm.

In the play, Kaiulani Lee shares the story of Rachel Carson's love of the natural world and her fight to defend it. We see the extremely private Rachel Carson thrust into the role of controversial public figure. The play takes place in Carson's cottage on the Maine coast shortly after the publication of *Silent Spring*, where she is simultaneously battling the chemical industry, the government, and the press to get her message to the American people.

Carson was an author, marine biologist and conservationist who drew the world's attention to the dangers of unregulated pesticide use in the mid-20th century. Next year will mark 50 years since Carson's passing in 1964, and her legacy continues to inspire the Center and Florida Gulf Coast University.

Immediately following the lecture, the center will host its 10th anniversary celebration at the Haffenreffer home on Sanibel. Director Peter Blaze Corcoran and co-chairs will make remarks on the center's 10-year history and recap a decade's worth of scholarship, education and action in pursuit of a more peaceful and sustainable world. During the reception, two scholars of Rachel Carson's work will reflect on the importance of her writing after fifty years.

Invitations to the celebration will be mailed in early January. Tickets will include the celebratory reception with remarks and refreshments. Patron level tickets will also be available and will include reserved loge seating during the performance. To be added to the mailing list or to reserve patron seating, email [cese@fgcu.edu](mailto:cese@fgcu.edu) or call 590-7444.

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# Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation



An SCCF volunteer displays a case filled with cane toads

## How To Catch A Cane Toad

Come to the SCCF Nature Center on Tuesday, December 17 at 10 a.m. and learn about Sanibel's newest invasive non-native amphibian. The giant marine toad (aka cane toad) was documented during SCCF's annual frog call survey this summer for the first time. Come and learn about this newest invader and how to help control them in your neighborhood and yard. A live cane toad will make an appearance for the pro-



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gram. You will leave the program as a graduate "toad buster," hopefully returning to your neighborhood to catch cane toads around lights after dark. No one knows what will happen to our native critters that try to eat these toxic toads. Dogs can die if they eat one... what happens to a bobcat that eats a cane toad? The toads are not toxic to handle... unless you eat one. Just wash your hands after handling, or use gloves or a net to capture and bring them to SCCF for freezing. Program admission is free for all.

## Bobcat Tales

There is a bobcat that calls every inch of Sanibel and Captiva home. Female bobcats now have kits following them through her territory as she hunts rats and rabbits for them. Come to SCCF and learn more about these shy felines that live so peacefully amongst us. The program begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18 at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 San-Cap Road. Cost is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Following the program, take a walk on the trails to the Sanibel River, look for bobcat scat and climb the tower overlooking the Sanibel River.



Bobcat photographed after Hurricane Charley

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

## Children's Center Students Take Part In Luminary Festivities On Sanibel



Students from the Children's Education Center of the Islands sang holiday songs on the steps at Periwinkle Place. They started with a rendition of *Jingle Bells*, complete with bells. Other favorites included *Feliz Navidad* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.



Dr. Heather Barron gives Santa a Christmas list for her children Drew, Dillon and Addie



Jayden Wolfe poses with Santa



Emmett Williams tells Santa what is on his wish list

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# Highlights Of The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club Jingle Bell Walk



Participants - including Santa Claus himself - begin the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club's Jingle Bell Walk, a 5K walk and fundraiser for FISH of Sanibel, held last Saturday morning at Bowman's Beach

photos by Jeff Lysiak



Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club at the finish line of the Jingle Bell Walk



Susan Barnes holds up one of the Jingle Bell Walk T-shirts



FISH of Sanibel's Maggie Goldsmith with her dog Samy



Santa poses for a picture with Nicole McHale



Jingle Bell Walk participants, from left, Mary Beth Pryor Gonzalez, Adair Heath and Judy Pryor with Santa



Michelle Gilelakh, left, and Mary Bell pose for a picture with Santa



Sponsors of the Jingle Bell Walk included Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery



Optimist Club members, from left, Mike Macray, John F. Jones and John Pryor



Participants line up at the registration table for the 5K walk



A group from Framingham, Massachusetts took part in the Jingle Bell Walk



Cooling his bare feet in the gulf, Santa greeted Jingle Bell Walk participants as they passed by

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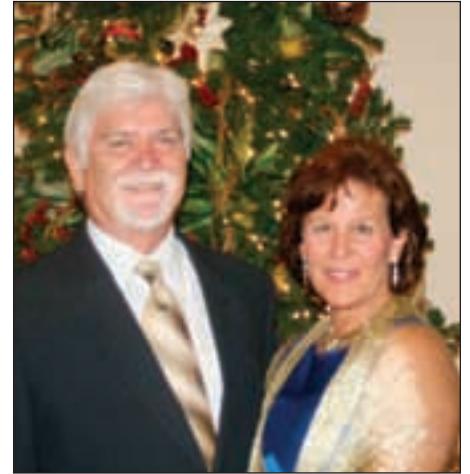
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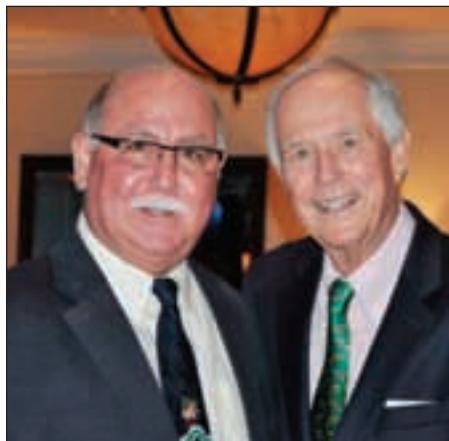
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## CROW Holly Ball

it started many years ago as the social event of the season and I am happy that the new Belles brought the event back for its second year," said Al Hanser, founder and co-chairman of the trust company.

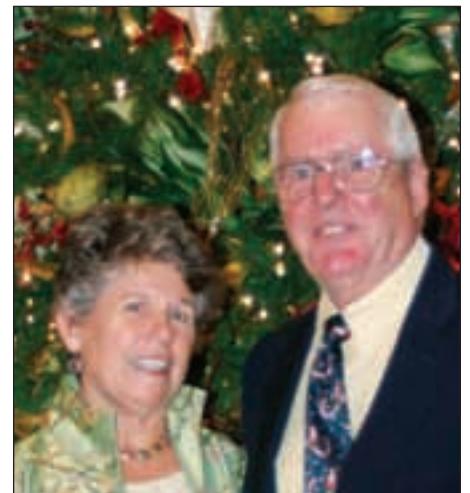
During the evening, a live auction included a three-night stay at Castaways with a ride on *Sanibel Thriller* and Segway Tour from Billy's Rental, a Congress Jewelers gift certificate with dinner at Traders and spa treatments from The Spa at Tween Waters, a Cayman Island Getaway donated by Dr. Heather and Andrew Barron, a catered Seafood Extravaganza from Timbers Restaurant and Seafood Market, a Red Sox Mania package, a private tour of CROW with



CROW Executive Director Steve Calabro and Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Founder Al Hanser



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## CROW Holly Ball

lunch for four, and an impromptu two-week Christmas "stay"cation donated by a guest at the event. This year's event is expected to raise more than \$40,000 for CROW through bidding, donations and raffle purchases.

In 2013, CROW cared for 4,000 wild-life patients in the five-county Southwest Florida area. Proceeds from the Holly Ball will assist in the mission of saving wildlife through care, education and col-laboration in 2014.\*



Perry Fotos Orchestra

## Island Cotillion Launches New Dance Season

**E**ighty-nine people "danced the night away" at The Sanctuary Golf Club recently, to the music of the Perry Fotos Orchestra.

The formal Christmas Dinner Dance was hosted by cotillion members Jana Stone and Ray Galligan, Marj and Fred Nordstrom and Mary and Fred Bondurant.

This was the first of three dances of



Guests Don and Marietta Short with incoming chair Andrea Gainer

this new 2013-14 season. Members are looking forward to the formal February Valentine's Gala and April's casual dance, which will have a western theme.

The Island Cotillion was founded in 1986 for the purpose of organizing and supporting several formal and informal dinner dances each season. Membership is by invitation and comprises primarily couples who reside on Sanibel and Captiva islands and who enjoy dancing and the camaraderie of their fellow members!

New members are welcome. Persons desiring more information are encour-aged to phone JoAnn McKelvey at 395-2237 or Andrea Gainer at 395-3184.\*



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BIG ARTS Concert Band will stage their Holiday Concert on December 17

## Ring In Holidays With BIG ARTS Concert Band

BIG ARTS Concert Band will perform their popular Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall.

Led by conductor Mike Lamade, the concert will feature holiday classics, such as Victor Herbert's *March of the Toys* as well as *Sleigh Ride* and *A Hanukkah Celebration*. Irvin Berlin's iconic *White*

*Christmas* medley will feature vocal solos by Kathleen Lamade, Ron Balboni and Roger Studer.

The concert will also include a special performance by Massachusetts-native Ron Balboni, performing Elvis Presley's popular *Blue Christmas* accompanied by the 35-piece concert band.

New to BIG ARTS this season, conductor Mike Lamade is a graduate of Syracuse University School of Music and a former high school band director. His band performed at the Miss America Pageant, several Philadelphia Eagles football games as well as at the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC.

Adult tickets to the BIG ARTS Concert Band Holiday Performance are \$7, while tickets for students with valid student ID are free. Tickets for children 17 and under are also free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Please reserve all student and child tickets in advance to guarantee



Ron Balboni performing as Elvis seats by calling the BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.\*

## New Regional Venue And Date For 2014 Cattle Barons' Ball Announced

The American Cancer Society announced a new date and regional location for its signature fundraising event, the one of a kind Wild West-themed Cattle Barons' Ball. The 2014 gala will be held on March 28 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs, a more central location for the boot-stomping event's Estero and south Lee County supporters.

"The Cattle Barons' Ball is truly a one of a kind event in this area, and the new central location and spring date will infuse the gala with added excitement and participation," said Todd Gates, chair of Gates Construction, who is chairing the 2014 event with his wife, Angela. "We're looking forward to working with our extremely supportive volunteer committee and the staff at the Hyatt to create the imaginative and upscale western environment that our past and new supporters will love."

The Cattle Barons' Ball is famous for its over-the-top western décor and generous denim-clad sponsors. Next year's event promises to be bigger than ever, featuring a night of unique cowboy-themed games, silent and live auctions, exquisite desserts and some special surprises. The always western theme meal, and highly acclaimed One Night Rodeo will once again entertain with their award-winning, boot-stomping country music.

The Cattle Barons' Ball is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society of Lee County. Now in its 11th year, the event has raised more than \$3.7 million for support services, research and education. Anyone interested in learning more or volunteering to help with the 2014 Cattle Barons' Ball can contact the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or call Jamie Powell at 936-1113.\*



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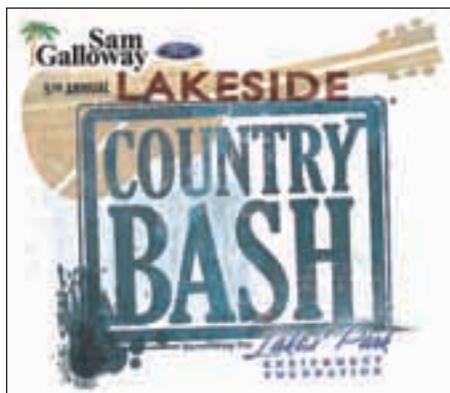
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# Lakeside Country Bash Announces 2013 Performers



**The Band Perry**

photo by David McClister

Chart-topping sibling trio The Band Perry will headline the 5th annual Lakeside Country Bash on Sunday, December 15 at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers. Sponsored by Sam Galloway Ford, Lakeside Country Bash will include special performances by country music artists Joe Nichols, Josh Thompson and Craig Campbell with music remix artist "DJ DU" playing country hits in between sets. Gates open at noon, with the first performance beginning at 1 p.m.

Tickets are available at \$40 each for advance general admission. In addition, a limited number of advance VIP general admission seated tickets are available for \$85. Day-of tickets are sold at the gate for \$50 for general admission. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster retail outlets and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or avoid ticket surcharges by purchasing at Sam Galloway Ford located at

1800 Boy Scout Drive in Fort Myers, all IBERIABANK locations in Lee and Collier counties, or Lakes Regional Park. The proceeds benefit the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation in support of ongoing enhancements at Lakes Park.

Since releasing their self-titled debut album on Republic Nashville in 2010,

The Band Perry has ascended to dizzying heights. Fronted by Kimberly Perry and rounded out by her younger brothers Neil and Reid, the band has notched a string of hit singles, including the quadruple-platinum *If I Die Young* (which climbed to No. 1 on Billboard's Country and AC charts), the platinum *You Lie* and the gold-certified Country No. 1 *All Your Life* as well as *Better Dig Two* from their sophomore release *PIONEER*, which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Country Albums Chart and No. 2 All Genre. The project, produced by Dann Huff, sold nearly 130,000 copies in the first week and has received acclaim from top critics across the country. They've also enjoyed sold-out headlining dates and a showering of honors, including multiple ACM, CMA and CMT Music awards, as well as Teen Choice, AMA, ACA and Billboard Music award nominations – all of which has cemented the sibling trio as one of the hottest acts in recent history.

Sponsorship opportunities also available at a variety of levels and include exclusive VIP-area tickets with catering, restrooms and front-stage access. For sponsorship opportunities and additional information, visit [www.lakesidecountrybash.com](http://www.lakesidecountrybash.com), call 533-7575 and tune in to Cat Country 107.1.✪

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## Shell Point Welcomes The Four Freshmen

Masters of harmony, The Four Freshmen will present a variety of traditional hits and holiday favorites on Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in The Village Church Auditorium on the Island at Shell Point Retirement Community.

Sharing the sounds that have enamored listeners worldwide for 65 years, The Four Freshmen have gained recognition as one of the most influential vocal groups of all time. The group has been inspired by the likes of The Beach Boys, Kenny Rogers, The Mamas and The Papas, Frankie Valli, The Manhattan Transfer and countless others.

As freshmen in college, four young

men crafted a unique style of vocal harmony that soon caught the ear of the great bandleader Stan Kenton. The group has toured the country since their inception, receiving six Grammy nominations along the way and continuing to perform to sold-out audiences around the globe. Although the faces have changed through the years, the integrity of the sound created by the original four members has been meticulously maintained by its current lineup: Bob Ferreira, Brian Eichenberger, Curtis Calderon and Stein Malvey.

Individual tickets are available for \$35 each. Or, save on the Pick Three ticket option by purchasing your choice of tickets to three of the remaining four concerts in the Fine & Performing Arts Series for \$90, a \$15 savings. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.shellpoint.org/concerts](http://www.shellpoint.org/concerts) or by calling 454-2067.✪

## Rotary Presents Concert By World Famous Pianist

The Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva will present a fundraising concert, Virtuoso Sentimento, a night with world famous pianist Francesco Attesti on Thursday, January 16. The concert will be held at The Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar beginning at 6 p.m. The perfor-

mance will begin at 7 p.m.

Attesti is an Italian pianist of international acclaim. Among his generation of musicians, he is considered one of the finest interpreters of the romantic and early 20th century repertoire. Attesti is also a Rotarian and dedicates a number of his concerts for raising funds to support Rotary causes around the world. In 2006, Attesti played a critically acclaimed fundraising concert for Sanibel-Captiva Rotary in Philips Gallery at BIG ARTS. Proceeds from this concert will go to support Rotary Gift of Life Florida.

Tickets are \$50 and are available at

Congress Jewelers, Bank of the Islands, at the Rotary booth at the Sanibel Farmers Market or by e-mail at [chet@sanibelrotary.org](mailto:chet@sanibelrotary.org).

Rotary Clubs and districts throughout the world that become aware of children in need of heart surgery will contact Gift of Life. These children have been identified by local physicians as suffering from congenital heart defects. The club arranges for them to be flown to the United States where a volunteer team of medical professionals performs the necessary life-saving surgery. Alternately, arrangements may be made for Gift of Life affiliated

hospitals, medical centers and healthcare professionals throughout the world to treat them. The latter practice reduces the need for extensive travel for the children and their families. To date, Gift of Life programs around the world have brought life-saving heart surgery to more than 16,000 children.\*

## Zumba Classes Offered



Fitness Instructor Evette Zurbriggen

Zumba fitness trainer Evette Zurbriggen has held fitness classes at the historic Community House over the past four years. "They are the easiest and most upbeat people to work with," Zurbriggen said.

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# Students Learn Valuable Lessons During Student Government Day

by Jeff Lysiak

Seventh graders from The Sanibel School made their annual visit to city hall last Thursday for Student Government Day, where members of the city council and various department leaders share their knowledge of local government, laws and city infrastructure.

"I used to love days like today... anything that gets you out of school," councilman Marty Harrity said as he welcomed the 38 pupils to MacKenzie Hall. "This is gonna be a fun day for you. You're gonna see a lot of good stuff."

The entire class began their field trip visiting with members of the city council, then split up into three groups. Each group would visit various city departments – including finance, building, natural resources, MIS, recreation, public works, planning and the police – before having a luncheon provided by Bailey's General Store.

Mayor Kevin Ruane began his presentation by explaining the role of the city council, then detailed the three main goals of that governmental body on Sanibel: water quality, financial stability and commercial redevelopment.

Councilman Mick Denham explained the process of elections and Harrity went over the council's dedication to the Sanibel Plan.

"The most important thing that we do is listen," added Harrity. "We answer to the citizens – and that's you. You are all citizens."

Jim Jennings, the senior member of the council, explained how the community can offer input to members of the council. Then Vice Mayor Doug Congress went over how local laws – which he explained were called ordinances – are made.

"It's always good to have a little understanding about local government," said Jennings. "This is where you can really make a difference."

The first group of students "elected" to serve as members of the city council, city manager, city attorney and

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Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane, left, explains the role of the city council to seventh graders from The Sanibel School on Student Government Day last Friday

photos by Jeff Lysiak



On the council dais during Student Government Day are, from left, Aaron Rose, Grant Ireland and Izzy DeCosta



The mayor held a bowl with various council and city staff titles, from which the students picked what their jobs would be



Megan Brown took the "pro" position during the debate



Dahlia Dry, left, and Kilyn Fox served as council members



On the council dais are, from left, Grant Ireland, Izzy DeCosta, Jacob Lemmon and Zach Farst



Students took notes following the debate on what they learned during Student Government Day

## Monday Night Movie

*The Chorus*

by Di Saggau

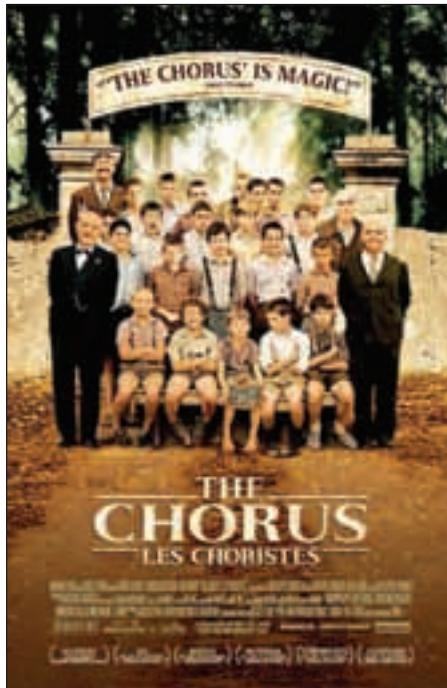
**T**he BIG ARTS movie for Monday night, December 16 is *The Chorus*, a magical French film with a simple tale that opens up to you. It's about a new teacher, Clement Mathieu

(Gerard Jugnot), who tames his young charges in a somewhat notorious boarding school by teaching them to sing in a boys' chorus. The celestial beauty of the music and a touching story make this a wonderfully uplifting film.

The most important student is the tall, fair-haired Pierre Morhange (Jean-Baptiste Maunier), who is often in trouble and refuses to join the choir, until his teacher catches him singing by himself. Morhange's voice is rich and natural with a haunting purity only possessed by boy sopranos. Mathieu awards him solo parts on the condition that he behaves.

You will also meet Pepinot, a young boy who waits every Saturday for his father to collect him. We later learn his parents were killed in the second World War, but he will not accept this. He plays a key role at both the beginning and end of the film.

Critics have called this "An enchantingly beautiful and moving film." "A well-nigh irresistible film celebrating the



redemptive power of music." "A movie you've seen many times before, but the setting is different, its characters are well drawn and it delivers its uplifting message with succinctness, sincerity and skill." *The Chorus* is the winner of 12 awards, including the Cesar Award for best music written for a film and 23 nominations including Best Foreign Language Film. The film runs 95 minutes.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$8 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion in Phillips Gallery. Sponsors are Bank of the Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters are Sanibel Taxi, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel and John R. Wood Real Estate.

BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. Tickets are available by calling 395-0900, online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or via email at [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org).

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *A Bubble Moment* by Katie Gardenia
  2. *Mama Gets Trashed* by Deborah Sharp
  3. *Two Sanibel Sunset Detectives* by Ron Base
  4. *Things That Matter* by Charles Krauthammer
  5. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
  6. *Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty
  7. *Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt
  8. *Gift From The Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
  9. *F For Effort* by Richard Benson Benjamin
  10. *Aviator's Wife* by Melanie
- Courtesy of Sanibel Island Bookshop\*

## Billy Nalle's Fort Myers Films

**F**ort Myers of the 1930s and 1940s come to life on the movie screen in *Billy Nalle's Fort Myers Films*, to be screened on Thursday, January 16 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street in historic downtown Fort Myers. Sponsored by the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the film will be shown at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a cash bar available.

These 8mm films were shot by legendary musician and composer Billy Nalle, a native of Fort Myers. They capture Page Field in 1938 before the runway was paved, aerial shots of downtown, the Fort Myers High School class of 1939 picnicking on Fort Myers Beach, the Yacht Basin on Christmas Day 1946, Kids Day 1938 at the old Fort Myers High School on Thompson Street, McGregor Boulevard in 1947, the high school Green Wave band in a 1947 parade by the Yacht Basin and more.

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## Commissioners OK Boat Dock Replacement

by Jeff Lysiak

On Tuesday, planning commissioners granted preliminary approval for a conditional use permit to remove and replace a boat dock and add two new boat lifts at a Woodring Point property.

The application, submitted by Stokes Marine, Inc. on behalf of property owners David and Mika Filkins, also included a request for a variance to the city's land development code, which requires a 30-foot setback from the side property lines as extended into the water, along with relief from the seaward extension limitation.

According to city planner Benjamin Pople, staff has reviewed the application and recommended 33 conditions in order to grant the conditional use permit, variances and development permit to construct the replacement dock and boat lift accessory at 1878 Woodring Point. Among the conditions were:

- The terminal platform of the replacement boat dock shall not encroach closer than 21.7 feet to the southwesterly property line, as extended into the water.
- Railings shall be installed along the northeasterly extension of the terminal dock platform, or this extension shall not be constructed, to prevent the docking or mooring of more than two vessels.
- The structures can be placed in the tidal flow in such a manner as to minimize adverse environmental impacts.

Resident Larry Schopp, speaking during the public comment portion of the hearing, suggested that the application

did not meet four of the seven requirements for a variance. He also noted that if the property owners reconstructed the dock with one boat lift instead of two, no variance would be required.

Following a brief discussion, commission chairman Mike Valiquette made a motion to approve the conditional use permit, variances and development permit. Holly Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Filkins' applications for final approval will be considered at the next planning commission meeting, scheduled for January 14.✪

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## Shared Use Path

-nity to evaluate where we should be."

Commissioner Chris Heidrick suggested that the city look into establishing standards for path markings. Fellow commissioners Dr. Phillip Marks and Chuck Kettelman stressed the importance of safety. "If we can establish a priority, safety is our number one issue," said Kettelman.

Further discussions on the subject brought up vehicle and bicyclist accidents on the island. Zimomra confirmed with Police Chief Bill Tomlinson that the most frequent traffic accident remains motor vehicles stopping for bicyclists and pedestrians crossing roadways, then being rear-ended by oncoming traffic.

Commissioner Holly Smith proposed taking a survey of property owners to better identify public safety "hot spots" on the island.

Zimomra told the seven-member board that she will provide an update at their next meeting, scheduled for January 14, to be followed by drafting guidelines and standards.✪



Cameron Dolly and Calie Connor listen to Mayor Kevin Ruane

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## Student Government Day

representatives from various city departments debated the topic "Should horses be allowed on the beach?" The mock council weighed citizen input and discussed the pros and cons of the matter before coming to the conclusion – and a 5-0 unanimous vote – not to permit horses on city beaches.

Following the debate, students asked questions of the council and took notes for future reference. They will be tested on lessons learned during their field trip.✪

## Investing In Beaches Can Pay Off For Governments

submitted by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association

If Florida were a country, it would be the world's leading tourist destination, and would be the second ranked country (behind the rest of the United States) in the world for tourist spending.

That's just the beginning of an analysis of Florida's beaches by James R. Houston, director emeritus of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Engineer Research and Development Center, which was included in the latest issue of *Shore & Beach*, published by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association.

Of course, beaches are the iconic image of the Sunshine State, which has the most ocean coastline of any of the continental United States, and trails only Alaska among all states. But Houston chronicles how much impact those beaches really have on Florida's economy in this extensive article:

- Florida's beaches are the most visited in the world, with an estimated 810 million day visits annually (over California's 720 million day visits). These include visits by residents, tourists from other states and international tourists.
- Florida's day visits also dwarf the 280 million day visits to all National Park Service properties annually along with the 137 million day visits to the Top 20 U.S. theme parks.
- Houston estimates that, in 2012, tourists drawn to Florida beaches (roughly half of the state's total, he says) spent about \$36 billion and were directly responsible for more than a half-million of the state's 8.7 million jobs, and may support more than a million jobs total.
- These beach tourists paid \$2.2 billion in state sales taxes (12 percent of all collected), as well as an estimated \$1 billion in local taxes and \$3.2 billion in federal taxes.
- International beach tourists are responsible for about \$12.6 billion, and help to give the United States a trade surplus of \$4.8 billion (that's what Florida tourists spend outside the U.S. vs. what international tourists spend in Florida).
- Factor in the indirect spending from beach tourism, and Houston estimates these tourists are responsible for generating some 10 percent of the state's \$754 billion

Gross Domestic Product.

- The total value of insured coastal property in Florida is almost \$2.5 trillion (in 2007 data, the latest available) – the highest of any state.

Just under half of the state's coastline is deemed "critically eroding," so what kind of investment is being made to protect this valuable infrastructure?

- Local governments contribute an estimated 2.2 percent of the \$1 billion they receive annually for beach tourists to maintain and restore beaches (or about \$22 million).
- State government, through its dedicated funding mechanism (which suffered some setbacks during the economic downturn and also funds the state agency that oversees beaches) has been spending about \$17 million on beach projects per year recently – or less than 1 percent of the tax revenue tourists to those beaches generate.
- Finally, the federal government – which gets \$3.2 billion in beach tourist tax revenues each year – has spent between 0.05 to 0.5 percent of that amount to help maintain Florida's beaches in recent years.

Houston makes the point that international tourism is a competitive field, as countries vie to maintain and enhance the manmade and natural amenities necessary to attract them. Viewing Florida's beaches as one of those natural amenities that can entice international tourists (and their discretionary dollars), an investment in maintaining those beaches can be given a dollar value in resulting tourism – and a lack of investment similarly can be translated in tangible losses.

So, he says, a 1 percent drop in Florida's international beach tourists would result in an annual \$32 million in lost tax revenue to the federal government – or 15 times more money than the federal government spent on Florida's beaches in 2013 (or twice the amount spent in 2012).

He concludes: "It is folly to not support restoration and maintenance of the very infrastructure (beaches) that attracts these international beach tourists. ...Without action, not only do local communities, the state and the nation ultimately suffer significant economic impacts, but we all lose the esthetic and recreational benefits of Florida having beaches that have been recognized as world class for their beauty and sheer fun."

*Shore & Beach* is a peer-reviewed technical journal on coastal management and science published quarterly since 1933 by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association. A searchable index is online at [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org).✪

## Poet's Corner



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

selected by Tanya Hochschild

Winnie Donoghue moved to Sanibel Island in 1984 with her husband, Ed. She founded the Island Writer's Group that same year. It continues to flourish and now has five groups and approximately 50 members. Winnie made many friends on the island, including beach friends met while walking with Nubie. She passed away this summer and we all miss her.

### The Beach At Dawn

by Winnie Donoghue

Darkness.  
Overhanging palms.  
I feel with my foot for the big stone  
and the root that slants across the path.  
Odor of sand mixed with dirt,  
plangent sound of surf.  
A single strand of cobweb brushes my face.

A slight rustle,  
then a brown marsh rabbit  
darts across the path,  
Nubie jumps and strains against her leash.

A gibbous moon  
and one bright star,  
Jupiter, light the dark gray sea.

The dog rushes forward,  
remembering the mullet  
which lay here yesterday.  
The eye is gone this morning  
the head connected to a long back-bone  
from which the flesh is stripped.  
It is delicious.  
I drag her off.

From Bowman's Beach to Tarpon Bay,  
we are alone.  
East wind blows my hair  
and flattens Nubie's ears.  
In tight formation overhead,  
eight pelicans greet the morn.  
Gentlemen of the club.

Down the beach, we stop.  
A loggerhead turtle  
has washed up in the night,  
larger than a child,  
its amber shell a gleam.  
Flies hum around its head.

Sunrise begins now,  
slate-blue clouds  
and back of them,  
turquoise and roseate pink.  
Dark color giving depth  
to the radiance behind,  
a Florentine ceiling  
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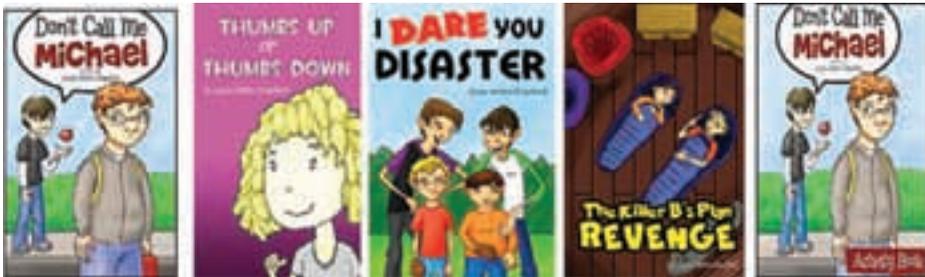
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## Book Signing With Crawford



Tate Publishing and Enterprises invites readers to attend a book signing by author Joyce Holton Crawford at the Island Book Nook on Monday, December 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Island Book Nook is located at 2330 Palm Ridge Road, Suite #11 on Sanibel Island.

For more information, send an email to [teachcraw@hotmail.com](mailto:teachcraw@hotmail.com) or visit [joyce-holtoncrawford.weebly.com](http://joyce-holtoncrawford.weebly.com).

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**Snow Renourishment, Best in Show winner**  
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**Mixed Nuts, Non-commercial winner**

## Parade Winners Announced; Celebration Continues

Winners of the 4th annual Captiva Holiday Village Decorated Golf Cart Parade were announced on Saturday, December 7. Sponsored for the third year in a row by Royal Shell Companies, this year's parade had 50 decorated carts traveling from Chadwick's Square at South Seas Island Resort to Andy Rosse Lane, looping around Chapin Lane and Wiles Drive, and back past the Green Flash restaurant before returning to South Seas.

This year's winners were: American Realty of Captiva, Best in Show for *Snow Renourishment*; Kingfisher Vacations, Commercial category for *Rudolphin*; and *Mixed Nuts*, Non-commercial category for the third straight year, featuring Betsy Hanna, Terry McClure, Cannella Mullins, Kim Nealon, Kathleen Nealon and Deb Wendall.

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

This year's judges were Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Executive Director Erick Lindblad, NBC-2 News anchor Kellie Burns and internationally published travel writer and author Steve

Winston.

"Colossal thanks to the Royal Shell Companies for sponsoring the 4th annual Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade," said parade chair Denice Beggs. "Also, many thanks to South Seas Island Resort for hosting the awards party and Doc Ford's for musical entertainment."

This annual parade was made possible by a number of community businesses, service organizations, public servants and residents including the Decorated Golf Cart Parade Committee, the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, *Island Sun* newspaper, South Seas Island Resort, Tween Waters Inn Island Resort and Best Boat Club & Rentals, Captiva Cruises, YOLO Watersports and Stilwell Enterprises/Keylime Bistro.

"The Royal Shell Companies are proud to sponsor the Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade for the 4th consecutive year. This unique event continues to grow, bringing the community, residents, businesses and island guests together for a fun and memorable event every year," said Don DeLuca, president and general counsel for The Royal Shell Companies. "We look forward to many more parades in the future as well as the notoriety the event will garner as a result of the Travel Channel airing last year's event on December 15 at 7 p.m." The Travel Channel's holiday special is titled *Xtreme Xmas*.

From a California Christmas ice kingdom and an underwater holiday mermaid show to an extravagant boat parade and a turbo-charged manmade Santa-sleigh,

*Xtreme Xmas* takes viewers inside America's most unusual, wild, wacky, awe-inspiring and bizarre Christmas celebrations. The Travel Channel crisscrossed the country featuring the men and women who take Christmas celebrations to ultimate heights and dive deep into holiday celebrations unlike any other, including a Christmas golf cart parade in Florida, a holiday doggie dress-up contest in Conway, South Carolina, and an all-night rave in San Francisco, titled *The Elf Party*.  
The four-weekend-long Captiva Holiday

Village launched its 2013 spectacular the Friday after Thanksgiving with fireworks, tree lightings, holiday readings and musical performances.

Each themed weekend will be a fun-filled extravaganza of sight and sound, set against the backdrop of the Gulf of Mexico and evening sunsets. During the event weekends, visitors will experience everything from a lighted boat parade and Junkanoo dancers to a Marching Mullet Parade and newly added Holiday Stroll at

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**Rudolphin, Commercial winner**

Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis

# Kiwanis Korner



submitted by Eric Pfeifer

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And all through the house,  
Not a creature was stirring,  
Not even a mouse.

Then all of a sudden,  
Arose a Kiwanis man.  
"Let's take care of the youth  
Around this great land."

The money is raised  
Through Diner Delight Books,  
And spaghetti and meatballs  
By various cooks.

Our leader summoned  
Our dubious Board  
And said, "Give it all out,  
We shall not hoard."

It begins with some men  
Donning an unfitting red suit.  
They never look pretty,  
And certainly not cute.

They load up the cars  
On the Santa Toy Run  
To make sure every child  
Will have Christmas fun.

In case there's a child  
Who we don't know out there,  
We give even more  
To Friends Who Care.

Then we keep going,  
It doesn't end after Yule.  
We are always supporting  
The Sanibel School.

This year was a biggie,  
With the doctors and nurses.  
For The Children's Hospital,  
We dug into our purses.

At the hospital, if you look  
Beyond all the carts,  
We also support  
Healthcare and the arts.

We all think that learning  
Is fun and so cool.  
We gave out 31 scholarships  
For kids and their school.

Learning begins  
At the Children's Education Center.  
When giving to kids  
We also help mentor.

As the boys then get older  
And become young men,  
We give our support to  
Take Stock In Children.

BIG ARTS needs our help  
For kids in the summer.  
If they didn't learn music,  
It would be a big bummer.

The symphony benefits  
From our annual giving.  
The beautiful music  
Makes life worth living.

There are more ways to learn,  
Beyond books and tough courses.  
Special Equestrians teaches  
Kids on their horses.

And speaking of horses,  
If you want a few kicks,  
Come watch the Bike Rodeo  
Filled with great tricks.

We like to support  
The Sea School's Octifest.  
What else do we do?  
How about the rest?

FISH is our friend.  
We can't seem to stare  
When we walk in and see  
The cupboards all bare.

Sanibel has some shells,  
And this we all know.  
The Shell Museum is our friend,  
To learn Malacology, you must go.

When kids get sick,  
We become fighters.  
That's why we support  
Southwest Florida's Candlelighters.

Some children need help,  
And more than just bids,  
Kiwanis always supports  
Voices For Kids.

Animals need help, too.  
This we all know.  
We never forget to support,  
"Ding" Darling and CROW.

We help kids on their quest  
For Science Fair gold  
And the Sanibel Library  
Preserve books of old.

We want every child's future  
To seem bright, never bleak.  
So we add to our list  
Autism Speaks.

Where else would you eat meatballs  
Showing off that new blouse  
If we didn't contribute to  
The Community House?

Now soccer, now football,  
Now tennis and SWAT.  
We give to them all,  
We love them a lot.

On baseball, on softball,  
And tee ball, too.  
We help with gloves and bats,  
And not just a few.

We support Islands Night  
To see kids on their floats.  
Hoping for sunshine,  
Not rain-filled moats.

If you have ever wondered  
Why our bellies are stouft,  
We love our cookies.  
Ask any Girl Scout.

I hope you enjoy  
This short little ditty.  
We also took care,  
Of some kids at the city.

After reading our story,  
And checking it twice,  
Do you think we can be  
Even more nice?

Call any Kiwanian  
And say, "Do not forget  
To please include us  
In your next year's budget."

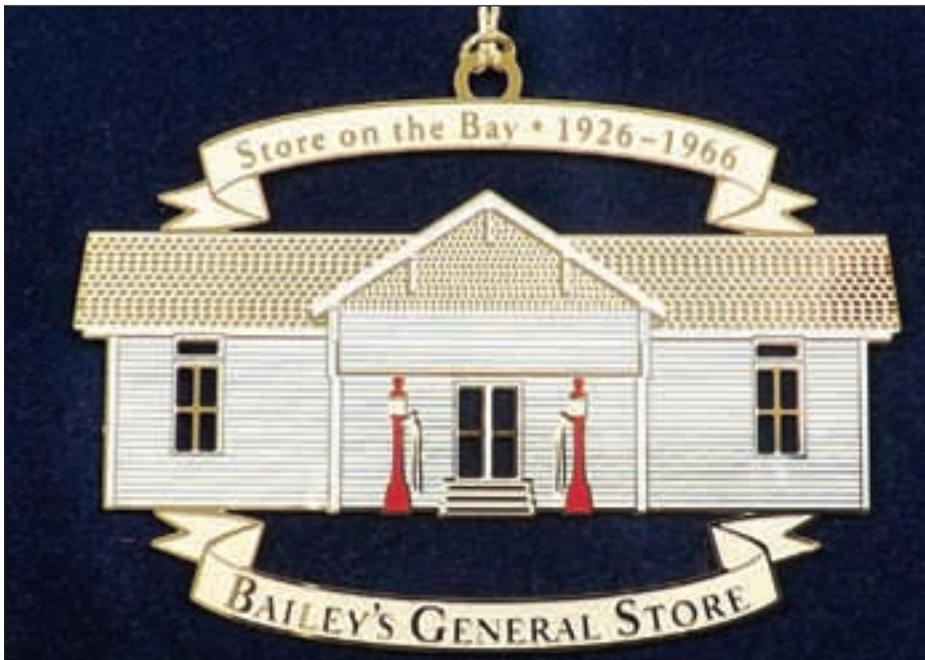
So if you think our world  
Is happy dollars and bad jokes.  
And parking is guided  
By yellow-shirted blokes,

Please read this again  
And count all the groups.  
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The 2013 Bailey's General Store ornament

## Bailey's 2013 Holiday Ornament

The 2013, Bailey's General Store limited edition ornament depicts the Bailey's "Store on the Bay," which was used from 1926 until 1966. This is the fifth in the series of limited edition collector ornaments.

The ornament is dedicated to the memory of Francis P. Bailey, Jr. who operated the store from 1944 until his

passing on June 8, 2013 at the age of 92.

The "new store," as Bailey called it, was built to replace our original store which was destroyed in the hurricane of 1926.

The "Store on the Bay" was located on the shore of San Carlos Bay at the end of the current Bailey Road, built securely on pilings and with a long dock extending into the bay. The ferry boats landed there, passengers disembarked, deliveries were made and those leaving the island boarded the departing ferries. Like the original store, this store stocked items needed by the residents of the islands for daily activities.

The store was the center of many activities on the island. Western Union provided news and outside communications and a public phone for use by those arriving and departing. There was a small tea room for ferry passengers and locals. Automobiles could fill up at the gas pumps at the front, ice blocks were delivered daily for refrigeration and newspapers and mail were dropped off at the dock for delivery.

In addition to the social opportunities offered by the tea room, there was also a 9-hole golf course to the west of the store for relaxation.

The store building remains intact as a part of the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum. The spirit of being the center of life on the islands is still evident today in the current Bailey's General Store as people continue to call for information, directions, weather and utility updates. And Bailey's is still the place to "see and be seen" for the "Daily Bailey's" and by neighbors and friends on the islands.

Each ornament is made of 24k gold on brass and comes in a royal blue presentation folder showing the Bailey's logo on the front. The folder contains a certificate indicating the limited edition ornament number and giving a brief description of the particular significance of the design. The ornaments, certificates and folders are produced by The Charleston Mint of Brevard, North Carolina.✽

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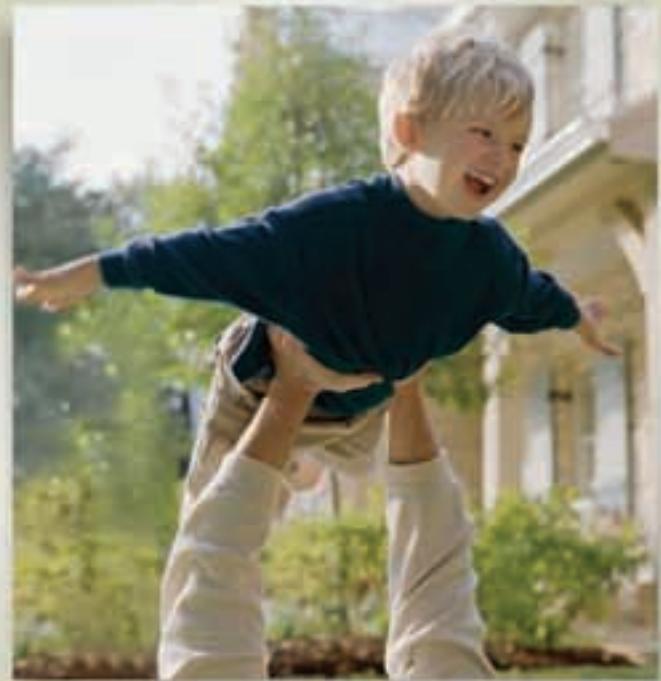
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## Golf Cart Parade Winners

South Seas Island Resort.

For more information or a complete schedule of events, visit [www.CaptivaHolidayVillage.com](http://www.CaptivaHolidayVillage.com).

The 2013 Captiva Holiday Village continues with the following events:

### December 12

- Ancient Mariners lecture by Archeologist Theresa Schober and sponsored by SCCF at 7:30 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn
- South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### December 13

- Marching Mullet Parade at Jensen's Twin Palm Resort at 5 p.m.
- Captiva Island Historical Society outdoor film night at Jensen's Twin Palm Resort at 7 p.m.
- South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### December 14

- Seafood and Fishing Festival at Jensen's Twin Palm Resort from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- American Realty of Captiva Junkanoo Parade
- The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Lighted Boat Parade at 6 p.m.
- Post Boat Parade Party at Keylime Bistro with live entertainment, food and beverages
- Holiday Hayride through the village to South Seas Island Resort and back

from 6 to 11 p.m.

- South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### December 15

- Carol Sing at Chapel by the Sea followed by refreshments at the Captiva Community Center
- South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### December 19 to 22

- South Seas Holiday Stroll from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. ✨

## Teen Night At STARS Complex

The Fort Myers Teen Advisory Council presents Glow Dome on Saturday, December 14, from 6 to 11 p.m., at The STARS Complex in Fort Myers. The complex will be decked out with all types of glow-in-the-dark items in support of Stop the Violence for the Holidays. There will be music videos, dancing, video games and other activities. The entry fee is \$5 for teens 14 to 18 years old. Student ID is required.

DJ Joker will provide the music and there will be \$1 concessions. The lounge will feature an area where young ladies can get their nails and makeup done, and receive free hair and makeup tips from a professional stylist.

The STARS Complex is at 2980 Edison Avenue. ✨

## Chairpersons Named For 2014 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest

Elaine Hawkins and Dorothy Fitzgerald have been named chairpersons of the 2014 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest. The fundraiser will be held February 21 and 22 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club.

Hawkins is president of Fort Myers-based Private Client Insurance Services and Specialty Risk Management Services. Active in the community, she sits on the board of directors of Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc.

"We are honored and excited to be a part of this fundraiser that is so vital to Southwest Florida," said Hawkins. "Our new children's hospital will positively affect everyone's quality of life, which ultimately, impacts our economy."

Fitzgerald, an attorney and accomplished health care executive who has helped to build three hospitals in the northeast, is on the board of directors of Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc. She is a managing member of Sanibel Girl, a Sanibel Island retailer which donates profits from sales and custom design to local charities, and is active with Sanibel-Captiva Cares, which to-date has raised \$5 million in support of the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

"I am passionate about giving back," said Fitzgerald. "Charity is a principle, not a dollar amount."

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is a two-day event that begins with dinners featuring select vintners and local chefs in private homes from Fort Myers to Naples on Friday, February 21, and concludes with a Grand Tasting and Auction the following day, Saturday, February 22 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club.

Title sponsor of the 2014 event is SKANSKA GATES. Additional sponsors include FineMark National Bank & Trust, LTC Global, Sam Galloway Ford Lincoln, Private Client Insurance Services, Home-Tech and Investors' Security Trust Company. In-kind sponsors are Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club, Palm Printing/Printers Ink, Angelina's Ristorante, Jason's Deli and Norman Love Confections.

The festival is organized by Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides funding to local children's causes, and has raised more than \$8.9 million over the last five years. The primary beneficiary is the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, which is scheduled to open in 2016 at HealthPark Medical Center in South Fort Myers. The state-of-the-art family-center children's hospital will provide new and expanded pediatric medical services and subspecialty services to children from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

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**Location is Everything**  
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath home situated on a quiet cul-de-sac in the Dunes Golf and Tennis Community. This home features tiled flooring and the large living/dining room is enhanced by a stunning wood, tongue and groove vaulted ceiling. Sliding glass doors open on to a glass and screen enclosed porch overlooking the pool with a sweeping golf and water view. This home also offers a permitted, private guest suite with bath just off the pool. This is definitely a must see! **1182 Kittiwake Circle.**  
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**Dunes Community**  
Nicely Upgraded Immaculate 2BD/2BA home in the Dunes Golf and Tennis Community. This home features an open floor plan, the living room features a stone fireplace, gorgeous wood floors and a vaulted ceiling with wood beams. The tiled kitchen has new cabinets with lovely quartz countertops and the dining room sliding glass doors open to a porch overlooking the private/screened pool. The master bedroom includes an extra large 10X6 walk-in closet and a separate private screened porch with a view of the beautiful land-scaping. **1076 Sand Castle.**  
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**Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League**

**Stage Set For Big Match Monday**

Terry Ricotta had a 4-0 night and led Bunt's Ball Busters to a 13 game league lead after nine weeks of play in the 23-week season. The victory pushed the Odd Balls into fourth place. The Odd Ball team was missing several of its players and had to call on captain Kip Buntrock for four games. Buntrock managed to stay winless. His team is planning to return him to the bench next Monday.

Four victories from Jack Dalton and three more from captain Kevin Pottorf propelled the Sandycappers to an 11-5 trouncing of Sanibel Café and sole occupancy of third place. Sanibel Café captain Richard McCurry was Dalton's victim and Pete Mindel succumbed to Pottorf. Sanibel Café continues to hang on to second place with Sandycappers and Odd Balls closing fast.

Following the example of his beloved Michigan State Spartans, Fresh Legion Crew captain Gator Gates won all four games against Island Lifer Gary Murza. His teammate, Becky Skog, chalked up three wins over Steve and Tom Walters.

Big match 5 p.m. on Monday has first place Bunt's Ball Busters taking on second place Sanibel Café. The Café needs to win by a bunch to avoid faltering in the race for the League's top spot.✪

**SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2013-14  
Standings through December 9, 2013**

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	100	44
Second	Sanibel Café	87	57
Third	Sandycappers	77	67
Fourth	Odd Balls	75	69
Fifth	Island Lifers	53	91
Sixth	Fresh Legion Crew	40	104

**December 9 Results**

Bunt's Ball Busters	11	Odd Balls	5
Sandycappers	11	Sanibel Café	5
Fresh Legion Crew	10	Island Lifers	6

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# Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

**S**anibel and Captiva Luminary nights are the official start of the Christmas holidays here on the Islands. This tradition gets the season rolling and Rotary would like to thank the organizers and sponsors of this event for making both nights joyous ones. In particular, we would like to thank our own band of Rotary elves for filling the luminary bags with sand and candles and placing them along the pathways on both Sanibel and Captiva.



Rotary's guest speaker this week was Jim Powers of Southwest Florida Museum of History in Fort Myers.

Powers has a couple of jobs at the museum as researcher and tour guide. The passion just oozes out of him when he talks about the history of Fort Myers. He enlightens us by first explaining that up to the twentieth century Fort Myers was still a cow town. Just picture this: dirt roads, non-permanent wooden buildings, cowboys, bars and bordellos.

Southwest Florida was considered swampland, not much happening here, right up to the 18th century. People and supplies were brought in by water and the only horse power there was on land,



**Jim Powers of Southwest Florida History Museum**

was provided by the real thing, horses.

The museum has exhibits of regional habitants and their environments before the 19th century starting with Paleo Florida, the time of the dinosaurs. Beyond this period, indigenous Indians lived and hunted in the area but that population was mostly transient.

"The Calusa Indians did settle here and were builders during their reign that lasted into the early 1700s; they transformed the landscape by building hundreds of shell mounds, altering the waterways and constructing canal highways that connected the coasts,"

Powers said. The diorama exhibited at the museum provides an overview of the Calusa lifestyle along with the many tools artifacts and displays.

Although Ponce De Leon had visited the area in the 1500s, it wasn't until much later that European explorers tried to establish roots in Southwest Florida. Native Americans contracted the white man's disease and the Calusa population was mostly decimated. An emulation of a small number of Calusa survivors and other native American Indians came together as the Seminole Tribe.

Powers said, "Fort Myers was one of the first forts built along the Caloosahatchee River as a base of operations against the Seminole Indians. Fort Denaud, Fort Thompson, and Fort Dulany (Punta Rassa) all pre-date Fort Myers. When a hurricane destroyed Fort Dulany in October 1841, the military was forced to look for a site less exposed to storms from the Gulf of Mexico. As a result of the search, Fort Harvie was built on the grounds that now comprise downtown Fort Myers. Renewed war against the Seminoles in 1850 caused a re-occupation and extensive reconstruction of Fort Harvie, which began in 1850 as a military fort. It was renamed in 1850 for Col. Abraham C. Myers, who was stationed in Florida for seven years and was the son-in-law of the fort's founder and commander. In 1858, after years of elusive battle, Chief Billy Bowlegs and his warriors were persuaded to surrender and move west, and the fort was abandoned. It stood empty

until December 1863, when Union Army troops re-occupied it during the Civil War. On February 20, 1865, the fort was attacked by three companies of Florida militia, determined to end the Union cattle raids against local ranches. The Confederate state troops demanded the fort surrender, but the Union commander refused and sporadic firing continued through most of the day. The Confederates retreated after dark. One Union soldier was killed and three wounded. One Florida militiaman was wounded. Even though the attack had been driven off, the Union troops abandoned Fort Myers the following month.

Skipping forward, Powers turns the spotlight on cows. Cattle made up the first of what are referred to as the three Cs of Florida agriculture: Cattle, Citrus and Cane.

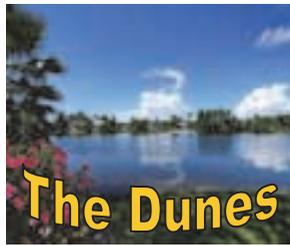
There is so much more to see and learn at this wonderful small museum, located at 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers, just a short distance from downtown. This is a great place to visit for both adults and children.

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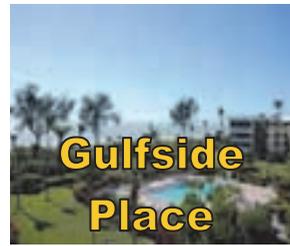
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Applicants completed a detailed application accompanied with tax returns and other financial information to be eligible for financial assistance. Awards range from 35 to

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Fundraising occurs throughout the year and all money raised stays on the Island. Each year this program is celebrated with a community New Year's Eve party held at the recreation center. The New Year's Eve party is a family event with something for everyone. The party includes a variety of food, beverages (non alcoholic) prepared by local restaurants, games for all ages, dancing to the tunes of a professional DJ, and this year, a performance by a comedy magician. The party begins on New Year's Eve at 8 p.m. and goes until 12:15 a.m. In the past four years, attendance has ranged from 425 to 700 people.

Tickets can be purchased at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road or by phone at 472-0345. Adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door, youth are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door, children 6 and under are free.

For more information on the financial assistance program or the New Year's Eve party, visit [mysanibel.com](http://mysanibel.com) or call event chair Barry Roth at 313-9591.✪

## County Recognizes Zonta Clubs



Zonta members protest violence at the commission meeting

On Tuesday, December 3, the Board of Lee County Commissioners issued a proclamation in recognition of Zonta Club of Fort Myers, Zonta Club of Bonita Springs and Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva for their efforts to raise awareness about and support initiatives that work toward preventing violence against women.

The proclamation expressed the county's support of these groups and their mission to mobilize the Lee County community to prevent violence against women.

"Zonta Club of Fort Myers is honored to be recognized by Lee County for our work with the 'Zonta Says NO' campaign. We appreciate all of the community support we have received in our efforts to raise awareness about this vital issue and bring the community together to end violence against women," says Martha Nagata of Zonta Club of Fort Myers.

"Zonta Says NO" is a global campaign that focuses on this worldwide problem.

On November 25, Zonta International launched the "6 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence." This campaign called upon members from 1,200 Zonta clubs in 65 countries to march, demonstrate, educate, and launch other activities to raise awareness about this serious global issue.

"One in three women worldwide will experience physical or sexual violence. This is not just a problem that affects women in other countries, but also women right here in Lee County. In November, the Zonta groups of district 11 put up orange ribbons on power poles and street lights along US 41. "We want to get people talking and taking action to prevent violence against women," says Nagata.

The Zonta clubs in Lee County have also partnered with agencies such as the Abuse Counseling & Treatment Center, PACE Center for Girls, SalusCare and Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships to help provide grants and offer support to these organizations that offer services to victims.✪

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## VCB Breaks Tax Collection Record

The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB), representing The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel in Southwest Florida, reported record-breaking tax collections for the third year in a row, with \$28.6 million in tourist tax on paid accommodations for fiscal year 2012-13, which ended September 30.

The new record is a nearly 8 percent increase over last year's record-breaking \$26.5 million in collections and a 30.9 percent rise from the \$22.7 million collected in fiscal year 2010.

"These numbers are even more impressive given their historical context," said VCB Executive Director Tamara Pigott. "The bed tax has dipped only three times in county history, the most recent being during the recession-hit 2009 season. The four-year climb in collections since then says a great deal about how hard our community has worked together to make our local tourism industry strong."

The VCB also reported positive results for other key tourism performance indicators for the destination. Visitation rose 8.5 percent from fiscal year 2011-12; expenditures increased 4.5 percent; and average occupancy jumped by 6.8 percent. Similarly, the average daily room rate climbed 2.9 percent, and the average party size for visitors also finished up by

3.2 percent year-over-year.

In addition to the record-breaking numbers for the VCB's fiscal year, the calendar year visitor statistics were favorable. From January through September 2013, visitation rose 12.3 percent, and average occupancy climbed 6.6 percent. Expenditures were up 3.7 percent, with visitors spending \$2.1 billion in Lee County so far this year.

"Our local tourism partners played an important role in our collective success by delivering a great product, fantastic deals and outstanding customer service," said Pigott. "I'm also proud of our recent marketing efforts. We fine-tuned our approach to target visitors both by geography and by their behaviors, and that's certainly paying off."

Lee County's tourism industry has an

economic impact of \$2.7 billion annually and generates nearly \$149 million in local government revenues. It employs 52,300 residents, which accounts for one in five jobs in the county.

Pigott said the VCB remains committed to serving the broader interests of Lee County's economy by acting as an industry leader to market the entire area globally, facilitate travel to the destination, and preserve and protect the area's unique attributes for the continual benefit of its residents and visitors.

Tourist tax revenue – also known as the bed tax – funds three countywide functions: destination marketing; beach and shoreline renourishment, maintenance and enhancement projects; and stadium debt service and major maintenance.

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Sanibel Island Golf Club

# Men's Scramble On December 7

submitted by John Boynton

Thirty-five men competed in an intense scramble golf match under blue skies and a 78-degree Sanibel sun on December 7. Birdie putts were falling all over the course, with five teams finishing between 13 and 15.5 strokes under par, net. The winners at 55.5 were Anthony Baldino, Bjorn Olsson, Dave Bugby and Gholi Darehshori.

Baldino, Super Senior champion at his home club in New Jersey, continued his fine play after shooting a sizzling 72 at SIGC three days earlier. Darehshori made his first appearance at the club this year with a big splash by blocking the bag drop with his SUV stuck in park! The incident didn't bother Gholi much on the course as he went on to drop three long



December 7 Sanibel Island Golf Course scramble winners, from left, Gholi Darehshori, Dave Bugby, caddie Laura Siebermorgen, Tony Baldino and Bjorn Olsson

putts for his team. Bugby and Olsson, as usual, were solid throughout.

Second place, just one-half point back at 56, went to SIGC president emeritus and faithful scribe Jack Tukey, his British guest, Horatio Twiss, Mike Zembko and long-hitter Bruce Cutler. The team committed no bogies, but needed just one more birdie to win. Arkansas manufacturing magnate Bill Stell, Fred Zimmer, David Smith CPA (Canadian) and Hunt Etheridge were third at 56.5. Ultra competitive Renee Lohser, finishing out of the money once again, was overheard blaming his team captain, Helmut Peters: "Helmut played well," Lohser admitted, "but his handicap is too low."

Surprisingly, the team of former club president Bill Fellows, Buddy Long, former club treasurer Bill Sadd and Don Bradford finished in last place with a seven under par score.

Blue Coyote owner Mitch Schwenke's kitchen and his friendly, efficient wait staff served up a creative and delicious lunch

after the competition. SIGC men golfers went home fat and full to fall asleep watching NCAA football.\*

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## Tax Record

nance for Lee County's spring training facilities. The countywide tax is authorized by Florida Statute 125.0104 to increase tourist-related business activities in Lee County.

The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel include Sanibel and Captiva islands, Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero, Cape Coral, Pine Island, Boca Grande and outer islands, North Fort Myers and Lehigh Acres.\*

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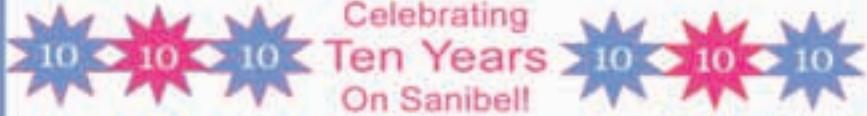
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# Third Baseball Scout Jailed In Kickback Scheme Indicates Serious Recruiting Problems In Latin America

by Ed Frank



Major League baseball executives met this week in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, to hammer out details for the upcoming 2014 season along with the perennial hot stove league wheeling and dealing for players.

But we wonder whether there was any action at all, or even any discussions, about ongoing problems involving the recruiting of potential big leaguers in Latin America.

For several years we have written about the difficulties in verifying the ages of these youngsters, the heavy-handed treatment of teenage players by so-called agents in those countries and the lack of education for so many of these boys who dream of star-

dom in the major leagues.

The latest chapter in this serious issue unfolded recently in federal court in Chicago when the third former Chicago White Sox scouting official in the Dominican Republic was sent to prison in an elaborate kickback scheme that was masterminded by his boss.

Sentenced to eight months in prison was Victor Mateo, once a promising player in the New York Yankees organization whose career was cut short by injury. He switched to scouting and was hired by the White Sox in 2006 to scour the talent-rich Dominican Republic.

He admitted forcing three young Dominicans to pay him kickbacks from their signing bonuses.

His sentencing culminated a federal probe in which Mateo and two other White Sox officials, including David Wilder, the team's senior director of player personnel, pleaded guilty in the kickback scheme.

Mateo claimed that Wilder directed him to overstate the talent of prospects to inflate their signing bonuses and then demand cash kickbacks from the prospects. Wilder was fired by the White Sox and was sentenced earlier this year to two years in prison and ordered to pay more than \$400,000 to the team in restitution.

The third scout involved in the scandal, Jorge Oquendo Rivera, is serving a year in prison.

It's doubtful whether these jail terms will end the baseball problems in Latin America.

The shady environment of Latin American baseball was detailed last year in a movie involving the Minnesota Twins' top prospect, Miquel Sano, and the difficulties in verifying his age through records in the Dominican Republic.

In fairness to major league baseball, efforts have been made to clean-up the multitude of problems and issues in scouting, recruiting and handling of Latin America prospects. But problems remain and likely will continue until stronger measures are taken.

## 25th Annual Shark Shootout This Weekend in Naples

Greg Norman's popular Shark Shootout, featuring 24 of the world's top professional golfers, returns to the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples this weekend.

Twelve two-man teams will vie for the \$3.1-million purse during three days of competition that includes a modified alternate format Friday, a better ball Saturday and a final-round scramble on Sunday. The Golf Channel will cover the first-day's round and NBC will broadcast the weekend play.

Defending champions Sean O'Hair and Kenny Perry, the recently crowned 2013 Champions Tour Schwab Cup Champion, will return to defend their title.

The following are the remaining 11 two-man teams:

Jonas Blixt and Greg Norman; Ian Poulter and Lee Westwood; Harris English and Matt Kuchar; Jerry Kelly and Steve Stricker; Jason Dufner and Dustin Johnson; Chris DiMarco and Billy Horschel; Mark Calcavecchia and Chad Campbell; Rory Sabbatini

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## Planning Under Way For 2014 Komen Florida Race For The Cure

Planning for the eighth annual Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida Race for the Cure is well under way with more activities and ways to be involved than ever before in Southwest Florida. The race takes place on March 8 at Coconut Point Mall in Estero, kicking off with a celebratory Pre-Pink Out Party the night before the race.

An enthusiastic group of volunteers and race chair Ann Simon are responsible for keeping the race fresh and filled with new activities. For the first time, a Kids for the Cure will feature children's activities, games and prizes. A Man Cave will be set up for men to relax and with games and refreshments.

Live bands called Bands for the Cure will donate their time by playing along the route. Entertainment and ceremonies will be concentrated behind Hollywood Theaters on the Via Coconut side of the mall to create a friendlier environment. And back by popular demand, the Flowers of Hope display will once again feature pink tulips planted along the running course in honor of or in memory of a person who battled cancer.

At the Pre-Pink Out Party, there will be live musical entertainment, refreshments and race registration. Breast cancer survivors can have beauty makeovers by the Survivor Glam Squad including hair, makeup and glamor photos.

New volunteers are welcome. The committee meets once a month at the offices of Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida at 26800 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 210 in Bonita Springs. Additional meetings may be scheduled more frequently in the two weeks leading up to the Race.

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From left, Brett Bodine, Lance Cook, Marshall Bower and Katie Haas

## Tournament Raises Funds For Foundation

More than 200 people took part in the Red Sox Foundation's 2nd annual Swings for the Sox Golf Tournament and Party in the Park on October 25. The one-day event raised \$40,000 for the Red Sox Foundation to support the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc.

In addition to an 18-hole scramble at the Plantation Golf & Country Club, participants enjoyed entry into JetBlue Park, lunch on the Green Monster provided by Rib City, batting practice swings on the field, tours of the facility and one-of-a-kind silent auction items and raffle prizes including weekend getaways. The Players Championship passes at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, Florida, an opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at a 2014 Red Sox spring training game and a meet-and-greet with Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester.

This year's winning foursomes included Jason Grabowski, Jim Hehl, Paul

Boudreaux and Crosby Boudreaux for the lowest gross score and Jon Romine, Brent Gibson, Brian Smith and Jason Tomassetti for the lowest net score.

"We are so thankful to all of our sponsors and participants who helped us double our funds from last year's event to support our local public schools," said Katie Haas, senior director of Florida business operations for the Boston Red Sox. "This golf tournament is just one of the ways the Red Sox Foundation supports Lee County nonprofits and community programs year round."

Last year's inaugural event raised funds for two local nonprofits, the Heights Foundation and the Children's Home Society. Each received \$10,000 from the tournament proceeds.

Presenting sponsors for this year's event were Hertz Corporation, Marco Island Marriott and Florida Gulf Coast University. Other sponsors included WCI Communities, Lee Memorial Health System, CVS Caremark, Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union, Manhattan Construction, Pool Pros, Merrill Lynch, First Watch Restaurants, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Rib City and Dr. Stephen and Barbara Calabro.\*

## Evening With The Red Sox Scheduled For February 24

The 9th annual Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County's Evening with the Red Sox dinner and auction has been scheduled for Monday, February 24.

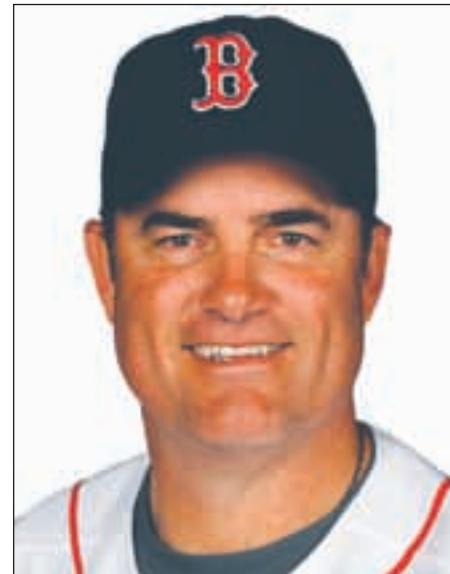
"Last year, we had the largest turnout with more than 310 in attendance," said Jim Larkin, general manager of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers and chairperson for the event. "With the Red Sox winning the 2013 World Series, we are hoping to increase attendance this year and funds raised for our local at-risk youth."

For the second consecutive year, the event will be held at JetBlue Park at Fenway South, the Red Sox's 106-acre spring training and player development complex, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. Once again, Red Sox players will be in attendance signing autographs along with Red Sox Manager and American League Manager of the Year runner-up John Farrell as the event's special-guest speaker. Last year's event included autograph signings with Red Sox players Dustin Pedroia and Mike Napoli as well as Farrell.

Returning as presenting sponsor for 2014 is Ted Todd Insurance. Additional sponsorships and tables are now available from \$1,250 to \$10,000. Donations for auction items are also being accepted.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. and includes a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, silent and live auctions, autograph signings and dinner.

In 2014, the BGCLC will celebrate 40 years of providing quality youth programs in Lee County. Funds raised during the event provide more than 30,000 hours of service to more than 420 young people in the community. Last year, more than 1,300 youth demonstrated academic success, character and leadership and healthy lifestyles from the agency's programs.



John Farrell

"These youth rely on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County to provide a safe place to explore their interests and learn valuable life skills," said Shannon Lane, chief professional officer for the BGCLC. "This cannot be accomplished without the generous support of businesses and individuals in our community."

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs is to inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

The BGCLC strives to provide a safe, world-class club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through its doors. The organization envisions all of its members graduating high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Clubs are located in communities with the greatest need where similar services are limited or nonexistent. Membership dues are \$10 per school year so that all children can have access to its programs. The BGCLC relies upon the philanthropic support of individuals, corporations and foundations in order to sustain and grow its services.

For more information, contact Shannon Lane at 334-1886 or slane@bgclc.net.\*

### SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Braves player before Justin Upton in 2013 to have seven home runs in his first 12 games of the season?
2. Name the pitcher who holds the major-league record for most games in a season.
3. When was the last time before 2012 that Stanford's football team won a conference title in the Pac-12?
4. How many times did Wilt Chamberlain average at least 30 points and 20 rebounds per game for a season?
5. Name the number of times since 1994 that a No. 8 seed beat a No. 1 seed in a playoff series in the NHL.
6. When was the last time Argentina's men's soccer team reached the semifinals of the World Cup?
7. Who recorded the best finish by a female jockey at the Kentucky Derby before Rosie Napravnik finished fifth in 2013?

### ANSWERS

1. Dale Murphy, in 1985. 2. Mike Marshall of the Los Angeles Dodgers pitched in 106 games in 1974. 3. It was 1999. 4. Seven times during his 14-year NBA career. 5. Ten times. 6. It was 1990. 7. The same Rosie Napravnik finished ninth at the Kentucky Derby in 2011.

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**The Dunes Golf Club****Two-Man Team Quota Points**

The results from the Wednesday, December 4 Dunes Men's Golf Association, format 2 Man Team Quota Points, are:

Flight #1		
1st	Norbert Kunz Jim Burkholder	+14
2nd	Noel Davis Joe Miller	+13
3rd	Jerry Muench Jack Roberts	+8
Flight #2		
1st	John Frymoyer Bruce Noble	+10
2nd	Sandy Cortopassi Tom Donovan	+9
3rd	Mike Hnato+9 Jack Strothman*	

**The Dunes Golf Club****Nifty Niners**

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Nifty Niners event results from December 5.

Format: Individual Low Net

Flight 1

1st	Joan Kelly	32
2nd	Ann Levinsohn	35

Flight 2

1st	Gay Nichols	29
2nd (tie)	Jeanne Mallon	34
2nd (tie)	Rosemary Ryan	34

Next week's format will be 1 Best Net of 2. The sign-up sheets are in the golf shop.\*

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**Baseball Scout**

and Scott Verplank; Graham DeLaet and Mike Weir; Charles Howell III and Justin Leonard; Retief Goosen and Boo Weekley.

**Everblades Begin Eastern Road Trip This Week**

The Florida Everblades began a four-game Eastern road trip this week holding down second place in the ECHL South Division with a 14-6-1-1 season record. They trailed South Carolina by five points.

The trip includes stops in Elmira, Reading and Wheeling before returning to home ice December 20-21 when they will host Greenville at Germain Arena.\*

**Teen Night**

The Fort Myers Teen Advisory Council presents Glow Dome on Saturday, December 14, from 6 to 11 p.m., at The STARS Complex in Fort Myers. The complex will be decked out with all types of glow-in-the-dark items in support of Stop the Violence for the Holidays. There will be music videos, dancing, video games and other activities. The entry fee is \$5 for teens 14 to 18 years old. Student ID is required.

DJ Joker will provide the music and there will be \$1 concessions. The lounge will feature an area where young ladies can get their nails and makeup done, and receive free hair and makeup tips from a professional stylist.

The STARS Complex is at 2980 Edison Avenue.\*

**Museum Seeks Bookkeeping Volunteer**

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is looking for a bookkeeping volunteer. If you have experience and a few hours during the week to help out, contact Paul Brown at 395-2233.

As the busy winter season approaches, the need for volunteers expands in order to fulfill the extensive programming the museum offers.

Active volunteers receive causeway toll reimbursement and a discount at the museum store.\*

**Duplicate Bridge**

On December 3, there were four tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association.

The winners were:

- 1st - Fred Fedler and Paul Stewart
- 2nd - Holly and Norman Thomas
- 3rd (tie) - Ann and Lee Cooper
- 3rd (tie) - Clara and Terry Terrana

The game runs for six months, November through April at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

For more information, call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.\*

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# ISLAND FARE

## Dine Your Way Around Sanibel And Captiva With Anne Mitchell

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### RESTAURANTS

The variety of dining options on Sanibel and Captiva just keeps getting better. For their size, the islands offer an extensive culinary array – all making the most of the area's fresh and abundant seafood and local produce. You'll find everything from burgers to barbecue, bistro style, Italian, Mexican, American, classic deli fare, organic, vegan, gluten-free, café food and Caribbean.

In this column, each week you will be able to stay updated on our local dining establishments and what they're offering and get the scoop on the island dining scene, whether it's fine or casual, take-out or frozen desserts.

#### BAILEY'S GENERAL STORE

Bailey's General Store has a full deli, bakery, daily lunch specials, take out and catering for cook-outs, picnics and parties. This is the oldest supermarket on the islands, established long before a causeway linked Sanibel to the mainland.

The bakery has freshly made donuts, scones and breads. The deli offers a variety of hot foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as catering services for special events. Services include shopping for your groceries and delivering them to your home or vacation destination. If you are on a gluten-free diet, pick up the extensive list of gluten-free products near the entrance to the supermarket.

The Coffee Bar at Bailey's serves espresso based drinks, hot chocolate, smoothies and specialty coffees.

#### BLUE GIRAFFE

Blue Giraffe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This restaurant offers casual island dining seven days a week from a menu featuring fresh local seafood, chowders, salads and steaks. Besides dessert choices, you can get hand-dipped Edy's Grand Ice Cream.

Dine outside on the boardwalk or inside at hand-painted tables decorated by a local artist, or sit at the full liquor bar for a mixed drink, glass of wine or cold beer.

#### CIP'S PLACE

Cip's Place is named for the late Jimmy Cipriani, a longtime islander and owner of the property on which the restaurant sits. Jimmy always made time for a good conversation, good company and great food. In Jimmy's memory, Cip's styles itself as a local watering hole. A mural that takes up an entire wall shows lots of islanders through the ages – including Cip – and if you don't recognize them all, ask to see the "key."

Food choices range from "comfort" to culinary with some Caribbean and island favorites as well. And do try the home-made potato chips, the fried buttermilk chicken with sage gravy and the snapper tacos.

Choose between the outdoor garden patio or front porch. Indoor seating and full bar are also available. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m.

#### CHIP'S SANIBEL STEAKHOUSE

Chip's Sanibel Steakhouse has many great options for locals and tourists alike. It is open seven nights a week with daily happy hour from 5 to 6 p.m., featuring two-for-one drinks and \$4.95 appetizers. For early diners, there's a three-course prix fixe menu for \$35 including a cocktail. In addition to an updated wine list, seasonal house-infused liquors such as strawberry-jalapeño tequila, blood orange vodka and cucumber gin are available.

The menu features steaks and seafood, including a six-ounce filet mignon topped with jumbo lump crabmeat finished with Hollandaise and served with



Brian Podlasek, left, owner of the Island Cow, and Chris Smith, bartender

of asparagus and choice of potato; Parmesan-crusted seabass served with mushroom risotto and finished with a creamy dill sauce. Save room for dessert though, because whether you are a chocolate lover or Key lime pie fan, Chip's has something for every sweet tooth.

#### CROW'S NEST AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN

The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn is a more casual place than its sister the Old Captiva House. It's home to the famed Captiva Crab Races on Mondays and Thursdays and is a popular venue for live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays.

There is a nightly happy hour.

#### DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's best-selling mystery novels.

This summer, in addition to its Sanibel restaurant, Doc Ford's added a Captiva location, in Chadwick's Square.

It's a well known gathering place and tropical theme sports bar with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich. The fish tacos are an island favorite and there's a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito.

#### THE DUNES RESTAURANT

You may not be aware that the restaurant at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club on Sanibel is open to the public for lunch and dinner.

The clubhouse offers great views of the lush greens and fairways and the sunsets are spectacular.

There's a new gourmet chef on board, a brand new lunch menu and sunset dinner specials every night. In addition, there are comedy nights, wine dinners, trivia nights, murder mysteries and Name that Tune.

#### GEORGE & WENDY'S SEAFOOD GRILLE

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille features live music Fridays and Saturdays and Karaoke on Thursdays. Specials include prime rib on Tuesdays for \$18, snow crab legs on Wednesdays for \$18, and Friday night fish fry, \$15.

Happy hour is celebrated from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The full bar has an extensive wine list, 10 beers on tap, local, domestic and craft beer, mojitos, martinis and tropical favorites.

Football specials are served in the bar area during NFL games and Saturday college games. Food specials include 50-cent wings, \$1.50 sliders and \$2 chili cheese jumbo hot dog. For \$5, choose from pretzels with beer cheese, chicken quesadilla, jalapeño poppers, loaded cheese fries or bratwurst. Cheese flatbread is \$6.

Drink specials include \$1 Jello shots, \$2 drafts of Bud Light and Yuengling, \$2 bottles of Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light, Miller Lite and Rolling Rock, and \$2 off all wines by the glass. Bloody Marys are \$3. There are free Jello shots with each Chicago or Buffalo touchdown.

Hours are 11 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

#### GRAMMA DOT'S

Gramma Dot's, the only dockside dining on Sanibel, offers a lunch and dinner menu seven days a week from "Sanibel's only Seaside Saloon" where you can leisurely dine at the Sanibel Marina in view of luxury yachts and modest fishing boats and watch the comings and goings of seagoing folk and fishermen. The menu features a full line of "only fresh" seafood, salads, sandwiches and more. Appropriate dress is required.

If you're arriving by boat, check in with dockmaster for a lunch slip, monitor VHF 16. You can tie up for a night or two at the available dockage if you wish. Gramma Dot's is open daily at 11:30 a.m. For dinner, arrive before 8 p.m.

#### GREEN FLASH

The Green Flash has marvelous waterfront views of Captiva's bayside and Pine Island Sound. The Green Flash was built on the site of the historic Timmy's Nook, opened in 1950. Fittingly, seafood dominates the menu, although other options are offered as well. The Green Flash is easily navigable by boat and is located southwest of Marker 38 on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Hours are daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner.

#### GREAT WHITE GRILL

The Great White Grill is a sports bar featuring 29 beers on tap and a good wine list. It's home of The Steel Curtain Pizza. There's free pizza delivery too. The Great White carries the TV Baseball package and the NFL package for sports enthusiasts and has arcade games for kids of all ages.

The regular menu includes hand-cast fresh dough pizza, wings, fries, chicken fingers, salads, gyros, sandwiches and burgers. Check out the Pittsburgh Salad, which consists of grilled chicken, French fries, cheddar cheese, cucumbers, tomatoes and onions on a bed of lettuce.

#### GREENHOUSE GRILL

The Greenhouse Grill offers happy hour pricing on a special appetizer of the day as well as beer and wine by the glass from 4 to 6 p.m. daily. The menu stretches from fresh salads, homemade soups and grilled black Angus burgers to pasta, steaks and fresh seafood. A must-have is the signature dish of the house, bouillabaisse, a medley of six seafoods prepared in a light broth of fresh aromatic herbs. All meals focus on fresh seasonal ingredients.

You can sit under the market umbrellas on the pet-friendly patio or inside the quaint and casual dining room.

The grill is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations appreciated and carry out orders are welcome.

#### IL CIELO

Located at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Il Cielo features thoughtful, local cuisine 4:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Il Cielo will continue its daily happy hour specials from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the bar, which include specially priced appetizers and two-for-one drink specials on all domestic bottled beer, well drinks and house wine selections. A three-course \$38 per person price-fixed menu with two complimentary glasses of house wine per person will also continue Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Il Cielo includes space separate from the main dining room for private functions or community events as well as an outdoor patio dining area.

**IL TESORO**

Il Tesoro serves authentic Italian food "with the taste and feel of a Tuscan holiday," according to owner Chef AJ Black. He infuses flavors from the old world to the new world of cooking using only fresh seasonal ingredients to bring his dishes to life. Daily specials focus on pairing authentic meals with a bold array of fine Italian wines.

Il Tesoro (The Treasure) serves dinner seven nights a week from 5 to 10 p.m.

**ISLAND COW**

The Island Cow is a family favorite with its colorful indoor and outdoor seating and live entertainment. "Come as our guests... leave as our friends!" is the motto. The Cow serves breakfast, lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and meats and has an extensive children's menu. Starbucks coffee is also on the menu.

Breakfast is served between 7 and 11 a.m. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**JACARANDA**

The Jacaranda Restaurant & Patio Lounge is a Sanibel mainstay, with a reputation for fine seafood and steaks. Dinner is served year round and starting Tuesday, November 12, the Jacaranda will be serving lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can eat inside or outside on the pretty patio with its fairy lights and tropical vegetation. The Jac Bar with its live music nightly is the unofficial HQ for Sanibel's social scene. The patio lounge menu includes a selection of "happy apps" for \$5.95 and half price drinks during happy hour, 5 to 7 p.m. There is also a raw bar.

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**JERRY'S RESTAURANT AND DELI**

Jerry's Restaurant and Deli in Jerry's Market is the next best thing to dining in a tropical garden. This family-style restaurant has large windows to view the lush garden with caged tropical birds that are favorites with visitors and residents. Daily specials are offered in the spacious restaurant and you can order a sandwich or hot food from the deli or help yourself at the well-stocked salad bar to take out.

The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**LAZY FLAMINGO**

The Lazy Flamingo is a famed island hang-out with two Sanibel locations: one at 1036 Periwinkle Way, the other - the original - at 6520 Pine Avenue, near Blind Pass. "If our seafood were any fresher, we would be serving it under water!" is the Flamingo's motto. And that includes, shrimp, grouper, oysters, conch fritters and chowder as well as chicken.

The Flamingo Bread and the Caesar Salad are signature items. Pull up a stool to the rustic bar or take a high or low table. The interior feels like the inside of an old pirate ship with its portholes and hewn wood surfaces. The atmosphere is definitely casual and beer is available by the bottle, on draft or by the pitcher.

**MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN**

In the mood for pizza? Matzaluna Italian Kitchen has a wood-fired oven to bake authentic pizzas, including gluten-free ones. That's in addition to a big selection including over 20 combinations of pasta dinners from \$11.95 (including soup or salad and fresh baked bread), affordable veal, tender chicken, choice steaks and seafood (Italian style) in a casual market-like setting. Gluten-free pizza is also available.

Matzaluna recently added craft beers on tap. On Wine Wednesdays, every bottle priced \$25 and over will be discounted by \$8 all evening. Hours are 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily and happy hour is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**MUCKY DUCK**

The Mucky Duck may well be the most famous restaurant on the islands due to its longevity and quirky name. Then there's the fabulous sunsets. Patrons gladly wait on the beach for tables - this place draws crowds - sipping cocktails and beverages until they can take their seats. Reservations are not accepted.

The Duck is open for lunch and dinner, serving fresh seafood, pub-style food, sandwiches, steaks and other items.

**OLD CAPTIVA HOUSE AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN**

Old Captiva House at 'Tween Waters Inn, Captiva, offers romantic sunset dining in an historic setting with live piano music. Executive Chef Jason Miller prepares New Florida island favorites, tropical seafoods, classic meats and daily fresh-baked breads and pastries, served with an extensive selection of wines, liquors and coffees.

First built as a one-room school for children of Captiva's pioneer settlers, the Old Captiva House still reflects much of its original charm - from white French doors to hardwood floors to the Gulf of Mexico sunset that streams through the western windows. Its collection of famed cartoonist JN "Ding" Darling's 1930s whimsical vacation illustrations has led to its designation as a landmark in Southwest Florida.

**OVER EASY CAFÉ**

Over Easy Café is a pet-friendly place with indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast and lunch. The covered patio is a popular spot. Choose from 22 different Eggs Benedict, scramblers and omelettes, 11 pancakes and French toast choices, 15 egg specialties and wraps, eight salads and 26 sandwiches and burgers, plus baked goods. Beer and wine is available.

Breakfast is served all day. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**POCOLOCO**

Need a pick-me-up? Looking for some downtime? Either way, your best bet is PocoLoco on the tropical courtyard at Jerry's Center. Indoors or out you will savor gourmet coffee, tea, signature sandwiches, pastries, or a cone of the region's most popular ice cream, Love Boat. PocoLoco is the Sanibel source for this ice cream and always features a couple dozen delicious favors. Stop by, sit in the sunshine and chatter with six cheerful parrots for a unique and memorable experience.

**ROSIE'S CAFÉ & GRILL**

Rosie's repertoire includes crab cakes, grouper and shrimp entrees and steaks with all the trimmings, Southwestern dishes such as burritos and fajitas, soup and sandwich combos, and salads. Among the most popular items is Rosie's Famous Cheese Steak made from shaved rib eye, grilled mushrooms, onions and green peppers, Ultimate Cuban and Classic Reuben, home-made muffins and cinnamon rolls and Key lime pie, root beer floats and banana splits. A children's menu and carry-out are also available and outdoor seating is available.

Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and happy hour is from 3 to 6 p.m. seven days a week with two-for-one draft beer and wine and a menu that starts at \$4.50 for items such as nachos with cheese and salsa and \$5.50 wings and chicken tenders. The ice cream bar has 20+ flavors of locally made Royal Scoop ice cream.

**SANIBEL BEAN**

The Sanibel Bean coffee shop is java central on Sanibel Island. With its indoor and outdoor seating and free wi-fi, it's a popular venue for laptop-toting coffee lovers to relax and check their inboxes, have breakfast or lunch or recharge the batteries in the afternoon.

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## Restaurants

Besides a big selection of coffee from around the globe and a variety of coffee drinks, The Bean has tea and other beverages and a variety of hearty sandwiches, pastries and muffins, plus other light fare.

### SANIBEL DELI & COFFEE FACTORY

Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory offers a gluten free menu in addition to regular choices, along with pizza and wings, Boar's Head meats, frozen yogurt and ice cream. There are outdoor tables shaded with umbrellas and free wi-fi.

### SANIBEL GRILL

The Sanibel Grill has 16 big screen TVs with satellite TV tuned to every televised sporting event. The Grill shares a kitchen with The Timbers, serving the same fresh seafood, along with burgers, sandwiches, pizzas and salads. Crunchy Grouper and Crunchy Shrimp are signature dishes.

### SANIBEL SPROUT

The Sanibel Sprout is the islands' only health food store and vegetarian/vegan gourmet take-out eatery. Fresh organic juices, smoothies and pure, clean food is their hallmark and "Let Food Be Thy Medicine and Let Medicine Be Thy Food" is their motto.

Juices: Emerald Island, Pink Citrus Sunrise, Carrot Zinger, Garden Goodness and Sweet Sails including shots and elixirs.

Smoothies: Chocolate Pecan Bliss, Strawberry Kiss, Mango Morning, Emerald Mermaid and Chakra Sunrise.

Meals: soups, kale salad with creamy avocado chipotle dressing, coconut quinoa salad, pesto quinoa pasta, arugula salad with figs, pine nuts and raspberry hummus, tuna, corn chips and guacamole, almond

butter and homemade jam, bananas and coconut on sunflower bread, raw artisan crackers. Watch for daily specials. Custom meals can be ordered. Catering available.

The Sanibel Sprout's juice bar attracts a lively crowd of health conscious islanders and visitors, and the daily lunch specials are very popular.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, closed.

### SUNDIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA

Sundial's Fall Festival features fine dining Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 10 p.m. in the elegant **Waterview** restaurant with panoramic views of the gulf. Be sure to sample their signature dish: Clay Pot Baked Mediterranean Gulf Grouper. Or enjoy the more casual **Turtles Beach & Pool Bar** or **Sea Breeze Café** with al fresco dining. Sea Breeze Café serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Happy Hour is twice daily from 3 to 5 p.m. at Turtles and 5 to 7 p.m. in the Sea Breeze Café.

Sundial also presents a poolside BBQ Buffet every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. with live entertainment. The buffet includes grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, and mahi-mahi along with fresh salads, corn on the cob and baked beans, plus a selection of fresh fruits. Price is \$19 for adults and \$12 for children five years and older.

### TIMBERS RESTAURANT & FISH MARKET

The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and the adjoining Sanibel Grill are mainstays of the island dining scene, boasting 35 years of fresh fish on Sanibel Island. The restaurant offers 13 dinners for \$13 daily before 6 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes.

Besides specializing in fresh local seafood, the restaurant has a seafood market that opens at 11 a.m. (except Sunday, when it's 2 p.m.)

### TRADERS STORE & CAFE

Traders is unique in that it combines a bustling restaurant with a large shopping emporium selling casual clothing, jewelry, accessories, home decorating and gift items, books and lamps.

The restaurant serves bistro style food with an island flair with offerings such as black beans and rice, blackened fish and fresh salads from an open kitchen. There's no fryer in this place!

The tables are freshly wrapped in white paper for each party and there's a pot of colored crayons for doodling, whether you're an adult or a child. Traders has been around long enough to have become a favored local hang-out. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., happy hour 3 to 6 p.m. and dinner 5 to 9 p.m. There's live music from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Danny Morgan and Wednesdays with Chris Workman.

### TRADITIONS ON THE BEACH

Traditions on the Beach is one of the few Sanibel restaurants with beachfront dining. The menu features Italian and Mediterranean cuisine based on fresh local seafood, meats and produce. Dining is from 5 p.m. until late and there is live entertainment most nights for listening and dancing.

Besides fish and steaks, you'll find Moroccan Lamb, roast duck, Texas Wild Boar Saddle and veal. Pasta, grilled items and a raw bar round out the menu. There's an attractive bar area also serving food and an extensive wine and cocktail list.

### ZEBRA FROZEN YOGURT

This bold and bright cafe/store offers a variety of frozen yogurt flavors – try the caramel sea salt pretzel – with more than 50 toppings such as strawberries, blueberries, chopped candy and sprinkles. Other offerings include milk shakes, smoothies and trappes.

Zebra has indoor and outdoor seating. The store recently added frozen yogurt to go, by the pint and quart.

## LIVE ON THE ISLANDS



The Bad Banditos are playing at the Crow's Nest at Tween Waters Inn, Captiva, Friday and Saturday

The **Jacaranda** has entertainment nightly. On Friday and Saturday, various artists are featured starting at 8:30 p.m. Weekdays, music is from 7 to 11 p.m. On Monday, it's Renata, playing jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, David Christian, funk, pop and top '40s; Wednesday, Trevor, with contemporary top '40s and reggae; Thursday, Malibu Duo, contemporary, reggae and dance; Sunday, Jamaica "Dave" & Co., reggae and dance.

**George & Wendy's Seafood Grille** has live music Fridays and Saturdays. On Friday, the John Allender Band will play, rock and blues and on Saturday Mary Winner & Dave Potter will entertain with vocals, harmonica and mandolin. Chris Coile, guitar and vocals, will entertain Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday Jazz Brunch is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with live jazz from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday is Hospitality Night with happy hour pricing from 8 p.m. to close. Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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Scott McDonald plays piano every Friday and Saturday at **Il Cielo's Cloud 9 Grill** from 7 to 9 p.m. McDonald, a Sanibel resident, has had a long music career including being pianist for singer Andy Williams.

**The Crow's Nest** at Tween Waters Inn has live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. This weekend, it's The Bad Banditos.

Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. for families and 9 p.m. for adults.

**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.

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## Have Your Own Private Vegan Chef For A Month



**A colorful and nutritious raw vegan plate containing chickpea salad, samosas with mango puree dip and red pepper boats**

by Anne Mitchell

The growing trend towards “wellness” is keeping Nikki Rood hopping at the Sanibel Sprout.

She recently launched a month-long meal plan that she calls the Thirty-Day Challenge that is chock full of vegan dishes that pack a nutritional punch. Rood's repertoire includes such a great variety of dishes and ethnic choices – Indian,

Vietnamese, Mexican and Italian for starters – that you likely will never be bored.

Rood, a certified vegan chef, can make organic raw foods taste like berries and cream, tuna salad and even pizza – with the advantage of great nutrition, no sugar spikes and plunges and no gluten. She uses fruits, vegetables and nuts among other ingredients.

Here's how the Thirty-Day Challenge works: Rood delivers each day breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a morning and an afternoon snack. Also included are two “green” juices that she says “flood the body with nutrients and detoxify it” and a protein smoothie. A sachet of vitamins, supplements, a probiotic and a coconut oil capsule complete the daily regimen.

The meals come in glass jars and containers so they are re-usable. Rood picks them up when she delivers the next batch of food.

She can tailor your meals to special needs such as weight loss or health conditions. Written instructions tell all you need to know and give information about how to re-create the program yourself when the 30 days are up.

“I call it a lifestyle change,” Rood said. “What good am I unless I can show them how to do it themselves after I have stopped?” she added.

The cost of the 30-day meal plan is \$1,500. Other plans for shorter periods such as a week or a long week-end, are available, price on request.

With Christmas fast approaching, this little store also has some novel gift ideas. Sanibel glass sculptor Luc Century has created a line of 16-ounce Mason jars



**A Luc Century etched Mason jar depicting the Caloosa crocodile, from the Sanibel Sprout**

etched with island species such as turtles, herons, owls, pelicans and the Caloosa Crocodile as depicted by the Indians of this region. They come with a stainless steel lid and straw (with a tiny brush for cleaning the straw) and are available with or without a handle. Price: \$65.

If you haven't tried the smoothies and juices at the Sanibel Sprout, the Friday happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m., when they're offered at half price, is a great way to start.

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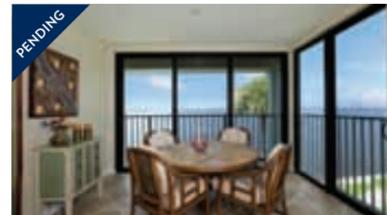
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# My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2013

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Careful, Lamb. Don't let your generous nature lead to some serious overspending as you contemplate your holiday gift-giving. Your social life kicks off into high gear by week's end.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A positive attitude helps you weather annoying but unavoidable changes in holiday plans. Aspects favor new friendships and reinforcement of existing relationships.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Demands on your energy level could be much higher than usual as you prepare for the upcoming holidays. Be sure to pace yourself. Friends and family will be happy to help.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't allow a suddenly icy reaction from a friend or family member to continue without learning what caused it -- and what can be done to restore that once warm and caring relationship.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A relationship seems to be unraveling, mostly from a lack of attention. It might be a good idea to ease up on whatever else you're doing so you can spend more time working to mend it.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) New facts emerge that not only help explain the recent rift with a trusted colleague, but also might provide a chance to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start in your friendship.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family member's personal situation is, fortunately, resolved in time for you to get back into your hectic round of holiday preparations. An old friend might bring a new friend into your life.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Pace yourself in meeting holiday pressures and workplace demands to avoid winding up

with a frayed temper and a Scorpiian stinger that lashes out at puzzled kith, kin and colleagues.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A financial matter requires close attention. Also, news from a trusted source provides the means to help sort out a long-standing state of confusion and put it into perspective.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce family ties. Make it a priority to assess and resolve all outstanding problems. Start the upcoming holiday season with a full measure of love.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't be pressured into a so-called solid-gold investment. Wait until the holiday distractions are over. Then take a harder look at it. You might find that the "gold" is starting to flake off.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A former friend might be trying to heal the breach between you by using a mutual friend as an intermediary. Best advice: Keep an open mind despite any lingering bad feelings.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of saying the right thing at the right time. Your friendships are deep and lasting.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 19, 1732, Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia first published "Poor Richard's Almanack." The book, filled with proverbs preaching industry and prudence, was published continuously for 25 years and became one of the most popular publications in colonial America.

- On Dec. 17, 1843, Charles Dickens' classic story "A Christmas Carol" is published. Dickens never lost momentum as a writer, churning out major novels every year or two, often in serial form. Among his most impor-

tant works are "David Copperfield" (1850), "Great Expectations" (1861) and "A Tale of Two Cities" (1859).

- On Dec. 18, 1912, after three years of digging in the Piltdown gravel pit in Sussex, England, amateur archaeologist Charles Dawson announces the discovery of two skulls that appear to belong to a primitive hominid and ancestor of man.

- On Dec. 21, 1945, Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the U.S. 3rd Army, dies from injuries suffered not in battle, but in a freak car accident. He was 60 years old. Descended from a long line of military men, Patton graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1909.

- On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby gorilla named Colo enters the world at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first-ever gorilla born in captivity. She went on to become a mother, grandmother, and in 1996, a great-grandmother to Timu, the first surviving infant gorilla conceived by artificial insemination. Colo is still alive today.

- On Dec. 16, 1960, two airliners collide over New York City, killing 134 people aboard the planes and on the ground. A miscalculation by the pilot of the United flight put his plane directly into the path of a TWA Super Constellation. Christmas presents carried by the planes' passengers were strewn all over the streets.

- On Dec. 20, 1989, the United States invades Panama in an attempt to overthrow military dictator Manuel Noriega, who had been indicted in the United States on drug-trafficking charges. Noriega's Panamanian Defense Forces were promptly crushed.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American author Erica Jong who made the following sage observation: "Advice

is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."

- Jon Bon Jovi is probably best known for his eponymous '80s hair band, but he's also quite a philanthropist, working on behalf of organizations including the Special Olympics, the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity. In 2011, the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation opened a restaurant called JBJ Soul Kitchen, in which patrons pay only what they can afford, or can even volunteer in lieu of payment.

- Those who study such things say that all mammals, from rodents to elephants, urinate for approximately 21 seconds. This now is known as the "Law of Urination."

- A poll conducted by Gallup determined that 42 percent of Americans believe that people are sometimes possessed by the devil.

- Scientists unearthed frozen 30,000-year-old plant tissue from fossil squirrel burrows in northeastern Siberia. This would not be remarkable, except for what came next: Researchers thawed the seeds and planted them. The seeds germinated and grew, producing viable seeds of their own, making [START ITALIC] Silene stenophylla [END ITALIC] the oldest viable multicellular living organisms.

- If you die without any friends or family to attend your funeral, Amsterdam is apparently the place to do it. In that city, a civil servant will provide flowers and a poet will compose a eulogy in verse for those who would otherwise make an unaccompanied and unmourned final journey.

- If you leave a cold glass on a table, it's likely to leave a mark. The Italians (of course) have a word for that mark: cualacino.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The secret of success is to know something nobody else knows." -- Aristotle Onassis

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## End Of The Year Gifting



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

**C**an you believe that 2013 is almost over? Relieved? Scared about what 2014 is going to bring? Me too!

But with the New Year inevitably come questions about gifting and taxes. Most gifts to our loved ones are gifted tax-free, but you should know some basics before gifting anything of value to your children, grandchildren and other loved ones.

The most that you can give tax-free to any one person is \$14,000 in any calendar year. This counts whether you give cash, a valuable painting, a car or any combination of items. A husband and wife together can therefore give \$28,000 worth of assets to any one person during a calendar year and count them as tax-free. If the assets aren't gifted from a joint account, you can still treat the gift as coming from both the husband and the wife so long as a Gift Tax Return Form 709 is timely filed, and the spouse elects to "split the gift" by checking a box on the return and signing it.

Gift splitting is more common in second marriage situations. An example might help assist in understanding this technique. Suppose that Robert is married to Doris, and that this is a second marriage. Robert has two sons from a prior marriage, Herb and Scott. Doris has two children from her prior marriage, Sophia and Rachel. Robert wishes to give each of his sons, Herb and Scott \$24,000. Assume further that Robert and Doris maintain separate bank accounts.

So Robert transfers \$28,000 each to Herb and to Scott. This would be a taxable gift exceeding the \$14,000 per beneficiary rule unless Doris agrees to "split the gift" by signing a Gift Tax Return Form 709. Doris is not affected by splitting the gift, nor are her children affected. In this example, Robert is gifting money from Robert's separate bank account. Doris may therefore still give \$14,000 each to her children and grandchildren. In fact, Doris can ask Robert to split the gifts to her children, Sophia and Rachel to give them \$28,000 each as well so Doris can write those checks directly from her account.

In addition to gifts of money, many of my clients tell me that they intend to give

other items, such as valuable paintings or jewelry. In order for a gift to be considered "tax-free" and to remove it from the estate for federal estate tax purposes, the donor must actually transfer custody of the asset to the donee. Let's illustrate this by another example.

Suppose that Doris intends to give a valuable Monet painting to her daughter Sophia. Doris tells Sophia that the painting is hers, but that Doris intends to keep the painting in Doris' living room until she dies. "After I die, I want you to take the painting off the wall and put it in your home," Doris instructs Sophia.

Doris has not made a tax-free gift to Sophia. In fact, Doris has not made a gift at all. If Doris dies with the Monet still hung on her wall, then under the tax law the painting is included in Doris' estate for federal estate tax purposes. Clients often ask me how would the IRS know whether the painting was still hanging in Doris' home at the time of her death?

The answer lies in a number of places. The most likely clue of ownership might be uncovered when the IRS requests a copy of Doris' homeowner's insurance. The IRS would look to see whether at the time of Doris' death there was a rider on the homeowner's policy covering the Monet. If Doris truly transferred the Monet to her daughter Sophia, then there would be no reason for Doris to continue to insure it.

Some folks think that they are clever by "selling" something of value as opposed to gifting it. Suppose Fred "sold" a piece of property to his daughter Melanie for \$10,000 when in fact the fair market value of the property at the time of the transfer was \$110,000. Here, despite the fact that Fred "sold" it, the IRS would consider the transaction to be a \$100,000 gift (calculated as a transfer of \$110,000 of property for \$10,000).

If you have any particular questions about gifting that may be affected by the tax laws, discuss them with your estate planning attorney prior to making the transfer.

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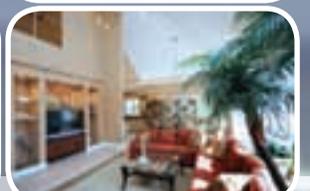
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## Craft Brewery Grand Opening

A new local craft brewery is opening its doors to the public this Saturday, December 14. Point Ybel Brewing Company is the brainchild of long time Sanibel residents Walt and Amy Costello. The grand opening will take place from noon to 7 p.m., offering an assortment of ales, merchandise and music.

"We've been waiting a long time for a good local craft brewer to come," said John Nader, owner of The Great White Grill on Sanibel. "Everyone asks us what the local beer is and we didn't have an answer. Now we do."

The brewery and tasting room is located at 16120 San Carlos Boulevard in Fort Myers. "We wanted to start up on Sanibel," said Walt Costello, "but beer brewing is considered manufacturing on the island and would have been hard to do."

"I first heard about Walt and Amy Costello in the spring of 2012," said Peter Kendall, co-owner of Point Ybel Brewing Co. Kendall and some friends had planned to introduce an island based craft beer named Sanibel Red and was looking at options for making the product. The Costellos were already brewing up some great beers on their back porch.

Kendall approached the Costellos and asked them if they would make his brand of Sanibel Red. They merged their assets and efforts and built a bigger brewery. After a year of working out the kinks, getting all the recipes set for the larger brewing system, and building the tasting room, they are ready to open the doors to the public.

The brewing company will offer six different ales for customers to taste at the grand opening: Endless Summer Pale Ale, Sanibel Red Ale, YAY Saison Ale, No-See-Um Extra Pale Ale, Snook Bite India Pale Ale and Black Mangrove Dark Ale.

The company name comes from the Sanibel Lighthouse, which is named Point Ybel on nautical charts.\*

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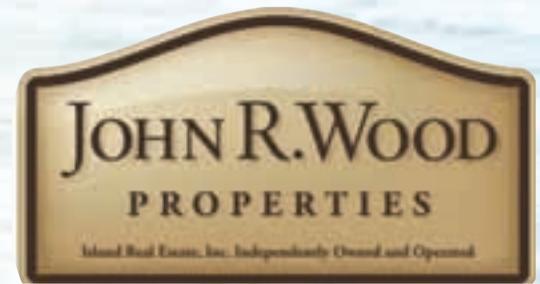
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# School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**Dear Shelley,**

My high school daughter has recently had quite a few writing assignments that require her to write for an audience.

Writing for an audience seems to be a new emphasis. Why is writing for an audience important and do you have any tips to make this easier for her?

*Glenda B., Sanibel*

**Glenda,**

It sounds like your daughter's teacher is focusing on one of the new Common Core Anchor Standards in Writing. This standard is part the ELA Literacy section of the Common Core, which reads: "Produces clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience."

Rebecca Albers, teacher and Edutopia editor, says, "The goal of having students write for an actual audience is that it puts them in a situation of having to really think about purpose, organization, and word choice. They aren't just doing it for the sake of a grade or because 'we have to.'"

Below are Ms. Albers pre-writing questions to help a students focus on

writing for an audience. She suggests that students answer this questions prior to a writing assignment so that they can develop a strong purpose and vision for their writing.

**Role:** What is your primary role in this writing task? Friend? Daughter? Concerned citizen?

**Audience:** Who is your reader? What do you know about your reader(s) that is helpful?

**Format:** Which will be most effective? A letter? Essay? Speech? Poem?

**Tone:** How will you convey your feelings and your position? What words and phrases will you use to do this?

Ms. Albers further states, "Once teachers transform traditional writing tasks into real-life ones that include audience, they will see the 'have-tos' turn into a desire to get it done, make it good, and the excitement of getting a response from their reader or readers."

Writing for an audience is an important skill to master and one that your daughter will appreciate having as she begins to write letters to colleges and future employers.

*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.\**



2013 audition panel

## Young Artists Awards To Grant \$20,000 In Scholarships This Year

Registration is now open for the Young Artists Awards auditions for students ages eight to 21 in the performing arts. All students from throughout Southwest Florida are eligible to apply.

Cash scholarships worth \$20,000 and other prizes will be awarded this year. To better accommodate the number of students wishing to participate in the program, the organization has expanded to four full days of auditions.

Participants will have the opportunity to perform before panels of professional adjudicators. Over 40 judges from throughout the nation participated last year.

Students will receive scoring sheets and written comments from all members of their judging panel. All genres of music, acting, dance, and vocal performance are encouraged.

Twenty-two finalists will be chosen to perform individually at the organization's 11th anniversary gala at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on March 10. All finalists and runners-up will also perform in a coached group number.

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These 100 percent cotton long or short sleeve tee shirts are available at Pfeifer Realty Group, 1630 Periwinkle Way. To date, these shirts have raised more than \$2,400 for these worthy organizations. For details visit: [www.PureSanibel.com](http://www.PureSanibel.com).

## Jeweler Offers Chance To Win Shopping Spree

Lily & Co. Jewelers on Sanibel Island is holding a drawing for a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree.

Enter by picking up a Captiva Holiday Village book for \$20, find the

Lily & Co. page and present it at the store, located at 520 Tarpon Bay Road, before the December 22 drawing for your chance to win.

"We are always looking for ways to celebrate the holidays with our community," Lily & Co. co-owner Dan Schuyler said. "A shopping spree seemed like a good way to brighten the holidays."

Captivans celebrate the holidays in their own special way: transforming the tiny barrier island into a holiday village with live entertainment, parades, seafood festival, a visit from Santa Claus and tree-lighting events every weekend until December 22.

The booklet, which is available at Lily & Co., acts as an admission ticket for one evening of South Seas Holiday Stroll Lights Up Captiva (\$20 value) and contains coupons from other island businesses worth more than \$500.

South Seas Resort has illuminated its picturesque marina with thousands of twinkling lights and decorations for its holiday stroll December 12 to 15 and December 19 to 22.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will support the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, a state-of-the-art, family-centered, full-service hospital for families from near and far who need comprehensive pediatric care.

Each year, nearly 20 percent of children in need of hospital care are forced to leave Southwest Florida to receive treatment because Golisano Children's Hospital doesn't have room to care for them. The hospital has responded to

the need for expansion by setting a goal to raise \$100 million for a new building at HealthPark Medical Center, located on the corner of Summerlin and Bass roads in Fort Myers.

The Captiva Holiday Village will also feature live entertainment from 6 to 9 p.m. each weekend, along with arts and crafts, games and s'mores.

To purchase tickets, visit [co.clickandpledge.com](http://co.clickandpledge.com) or visit Bank of the Islands locations on Sanibel and Captiva, Edison National Bank offices in Fort Myers, and McCarthy's Marina and Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grill, both on Captiva.

For more information about the Captiva Holiday Village, visit [www.captivaholidayvillage.com](http://www.captivaholidayvillage.com).

## LCEC Rate Decrease

LCEC is keeping its rates stable for 2014, according to a statement from the electric utility.

LCEC has not raised rates since 2008, although the cost of materials, labor and purchased power has risen over the past few years.

Natural gas prices recently reached a historical low allowing power suppliers with diverse fuel mixes to take advantage of reduced fuel costs. LCEC shares these savings with customers through the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA), which is noted on the electric bill.

"Process improvements, proactive maintenance, constant budget oversight, the use of technology and the diligence of employees have all contributed to holding the line on LCEC electric rates," the statement continued.

The cost of power will be reduced from \$17.96 per 1,000 kWh to \$16.65 per 1,000 kWh, beginning January 1.

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## Superior Interiors

## Fabulous Flooring



by Jeanie Tinch

Floors are the second largest and broadest expanse of color in a room – the first being walls. They are also the most permanent feature, replaced less easily and less often than wall treatments or

even upholstered furniture. Purchase and installation costs are substantial, so it's important to select floors with an eye to the future.

For many reasons, it's best to consider investing in the best quality possible for your budget. That doesn't necessarily mean buying the most expensive flooring. In estimating what you are willing to invest, consider the lifespan of your floor covering. This will help give you a truer picture of cost and what is truly the most economical for you, your budget and your lifestyle. And, by all means, consider using the services of a professional interior decorator to assist you in this important buying decision.

Modern technology has made flooring more attractive, varied and practical. Such natural materials as wood, marble, stone, slate, clay tile and wool are still high in initial cost, but may not be in the long run because of their durability.

Man-made flooring materials such as

vinyl and carpets of synthetic fibers come in price ranges able to fit almost any reasonable budget.

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

## Friends Who Care Needs Gift Sorters And Wrappers

Friends Who Care is seeking volunteers to help with sorting and wrapping of donated gifts for children and adults.

The organization has been assisting island residents since 1983, providing help for children and adults in crisis-related situations. Friends Who Care works anonymously through information from local churches, schools and other caring individuals in the community.

Many volunteers have helped collect gifts including the Sanibel Post Office, Sanibel Fire & Rescue District, Shell Islands Garden Club, ABWA, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, Sanibel Island Golf Club, The Sanctuary Golf Club, The Senior Center, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Bank of the Islands, Sanibel-Captiva Association of Realtors, Sanibel Community Church, and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

The local service clubs, Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary, have contributed funds and so have private individuals, local realtors and churches as well as Bailey's General

Store and Jerry's Market.

The schedule is:

- Tuesday, December 17 at 3 p.m. is sorting day at The Community House.
  - Wednesday, December 18 at 9 a.m. is wrapping day.
- Drop by either or both days to volun-

teer, adults only. Call Sally or Theresa at 472-5152 if you have questions.

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club delivers gifts to the children and seniors on the islands on the evening of December 23 during the annual Santa Run. ✨

## Lee County VA Healthcare Center Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

The Lee County VA Healthcare Center, located in Cape Coral, will mark its first full year of activation on December 17. Operated by the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System (VAHCS), the 220,000-square-foot center officially opened to veterans on December 17, 2012 following a ribbon cutting, or grand opening ceremony, held on December 7 the same year. The facility replaced the VA outpatient clinic previously located in Fort Myers.

"The Lee County VA Healthcare Center has had a tremendous first year of activation," said Suzanne M. Klinker, director. "The new center has greatly expanded our ability to provide primary and specialty health care services to the men and women we have the privilege to serve in Southwest Florida."

Since activation, the large multi-specialty outpatient facility has treated about 35,000 veterans and completed nearly 255,000 medical appointments – a five percent workload increase from 2012. In addition, more than 1,300 new patients have enrolled for care at the facility.

Throughout 2013, the facility expanded and added new services to include magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT); physical therapy and occupational therapy; and expanded outpatient surgery services in ophthalmology, podiatry and urology. Future surgical program expansions, as well expansions in dentistry, urgent care and women's health are expected in 2014.

The center continues to hire new employees as services expand. Currently, the facility employs about 480 clinical and administrative professionals. Individuals interested in employment at the facility can view open positions and apply online at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

To learn more about the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and the Lee County VA Healthcare Center, visit [www.baypines.va.gov](http://www.baypines.va.gov) or like them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/VABayPines](http://www.facebook.com/VABayPines). ✨

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## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

Years ago as children, my sister and I heard our parents say, "Don't ever put me in a nursing home," or what is now called an assisted living facility.

Times change, living conditions change and longevity changes as does health and families, and maybe most of all costs and financial resources change.

How do you suggest we get out of this one?

Helen

### Dear Helen,

No one should ever be made to promise that they would never do some-

thing because you never know what is your fate down the road. For many people who did promise never to do something, there is positively no other option, or destroy their own or their family's life.

Your parents expressed their opinion at the time, not knowing what would happen down the road. I feel that you are caring for your family and whatever you decide will be the proper choice.

Lizzie

### Dear Helen,

Assisted living communities are not today's skilled nursing facilities. Assisted living communities are apartments with social and some medical support. The social support includes scheduled activities, meals and transportation. The medical support includes medication, administration and various other activities depending on the county standards. Nursing homes are still nursing homes, designed for individuals needing skilled nursing care,

Whether assisted living or nursing homes, it is a difficult transition for an individual to leave one's own home. Sometimes, unfortunately, individuals cannot continue to live safely in their own home.

It is difficult to make promises about the future when we do not know what the future will hold. I know this time in any families' journey is difficult and you will make the best decisions.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is [momandmeating@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeating@hotmail.com).✪

## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** As I age, I have noticed that my sleep patterns are getting worse. I wake up throughout the night with trouble getting back to sleep. Do you have any suggestions how to regain

a better nights sleep?

**A:** Insufficient sleep can pose serious problems and health risks. It's good to see your physician and rule out any significant physical issues. Research has linked poor sleep patterns to poor work performance, accidents, memory problems and mood disorders. It is also thought sleep disorders can contribute to heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

Your insomnia is the most common sleep disorder in the U.S. You may first want to get started with a sleep ritual and also keep a sleep log to monitor your sleep over a one or two week period. You can begin your bedtime ritual by taking a warm bath, reading a chapter in a good book, practice some deep breathing techniques, and go to bed the same time and get up at the same time. As you get more into a ritual, the benefits of a good night's sleep will help you function well in all areas of your life.✪

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## Wine & Food Fest

The Wine Fest also helps support the Edison State College Pediatric Nursing Program and Florida Gulf Coast University's music therapy program at the Bower School of Music.

For Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest tickets, sponsorships or additional information, contact Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc. at 513-7990, email [info@swflwinefest.org](mailto:info@swflwinefest.org) or visit [www.swflwinefest.org](http://www.swflwinefest.org).✪

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Eden Energy Medicine

## Energy Medicine - Providing The Missing Health Link



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML(03-12)

**L**ast week, we noted the observations of Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, MD, Nobel Laureate in Medicine who stated, "In every culture and in every

medical tradition before ours, healing was accomplished by moving energy." Today, we will learn more about the underlying foundation of this powerful tool.

Energy is the foundation of the body's physical structure. Thus, by balancing the energies, hormones and chemical balances in the blood, all other systems come into balance as well. Energy medicine is a simple practice that works with energy as a vital, living, moving force that is the foundation of our well-being. In energy medicine, you heal the body by activating its natural healing energies and restoring energy that may have become weak, disturbed or out of balance. When working with a practitioner, the client is tested by energy assessing, which is similar to

kinesiology (holding one's arm parallel to the floor, then testing to see if the energy into that arm may be interrupted enable the use of the arm as a means to "test" to see where there are irregularities in the energetic systems of the body). EEM offers the only modality, of which I am aware, that is completely dependent on this energy testing to receive feedback directly from a person's being to determine where, what and when to intervene with a person's energy.

Energy medicine is a new field with ancient roots. It builds not only on what is known in western science and medicine, it also draws heavily from eastern health practices and disciplines such as acupuncture, yoga, meditation and qi gong; combining them with contemporary scientific understanding, and applying them in modern ways.

Energy medicine is both a complement to other approaches to medical care and a complete system for self-care and self-help. You may have heard about subtle energy through terms such as the "life force," "chi," "meridians," "chakras," "biofields" or "auras." In many healing traditions, the "life force," the animating power whose presence defines life and whose absence defines death, is understood as a form of subtle energy. Eastern cultures in particular have studied such energies for millennia and have successfully applied their understanding for enhancing both physical and emotional health. Systems designed to influence the body's subtle energies include yoga, Reiki, acupuncture, acu-

pressure, tai chi, therapeutic touch and energy medicine, to name just a few. Acupuncture, for example, utilizes the acupuncture points found on each of the meridians, by inserting a needle, to unblock clogged energy. Many hospitals in the United States now include such methods to help with the healing of a variety of conditions.

Hopefully, these concepts are enticing you to want to learn more about this empowering tool that is at your fingertips to learn yourself. Stay tuned.

Have fun with your energy! Next week's topic is Energy Medicine As A Preventative and it addresses physical or emotional issues."

If you have a question for Karen, email [ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com](mailto:ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com). Learn more at [www.semmelmanenergy.com](http://www.semmelmanenergy.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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## Why You Need Probiotics Year-Round



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

### Dear Pharmacist:

What is your go-to supplement for immunity? I want to get through the season without getting sick this year.

LS, Long Island, New York

Probiotics, because your immune system is in your GI tract. Probiotics also improve energy and metabolism by activating thyroid hormone. This makes you feel energetic and helps you lose weight. Your microbiome includes beneficial bacteria that extract vitamins and minerals from your food, thus "feeding" your cells. A person can eat and eat, and it won't support you nutritionally at a cellular level unless the nutrients are extracted from your meals. This is why overweight people are actually malnourished at the cellular level.

Probiotics improve allergies by retraining your immune cells to tell the difference between harmful and non-harmful things you are exposed to. This is particularly helpful to asthmatics. Probiotics improve autoimmune conditions by helping your system differentiate between "self" and "non-self" particles so that your immune cells (born in your intestines) don't overreact to your thyroid gland, or your myelin for example.

Probiotics relieve constipation and that reduces headaches because if you eliminate waste properly then toxins don't build up in your body. My rule is, if toxins build up in your blood, they back up in your head. These toxins are "migraines," they go off in your body like a grenade, causing migraines. Probiotics get rid of some migraines.

Probiotics help rid you of excess neurotransmitters. If you are stressed, nervous, sad, overwhelmed or you cry easily, I suggest taking probiotics. They influence hundreds of genes in your body including the genes that help you

fight infection which is a terrific perk this time of year. I suggest taking them while you're on the antibiotic (don't make the mistake of waiting). After you swallow your antibiotic pills, it eventually exits your gut and enters your bloodstream and that's the time to take your probiotic supplement. Wait about two hours after your medicine, then take your probiotic. High-quality products are sometimes fermented to combine different strains. Here are some of the most popular strains found in supplements:

**Bifidobacterium breve** – Prevents diarrhea and supports natural antibody production.

**Bifidobacterium infantis** – Fights E. Coli and protects against inflammation of the colon and stomach.

**Bifidobacterium longum** – Protects you from the negative effects of nitrates in food, ease lactose intolerance, diarrhea and food allergies.

**Enterococcus faecalis** or TH-10 – Very potent against some deadly organisms, this strain also removes toxins in the colon, digests proteins (proteolytic) and helps allergies.

**Lactobacillus acidophilus** – Neutralizes yeast, campylobacter and some flu strains, while helping to lower cholesterol levels. You often see this in yogurt, though I am not convinced it's alive for long in yogurt.

**Lactobacillus bulgaricus** – May help digestive problems and acid reflux.

**Lactobacillus plantarum** – Protects against some gram-negative bacteria and produces natural antibodies. Often found in sauerkraut and pickles.

**Streptococcus thermophilus** – Possesses strong antioxidant activity due to "superoxide dismutase," an enzyme known to have anti-tumor activity.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.dearpharmacist.com](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).\**

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## Scholarships

The newest award, Audience Choice, will be voted on by audience members in attendance that evening. In addition, all participating students will be given the opportunity to perform at various community events.

As a not-for-profit organization, the Young Artists Awards also collaborates with other area organizations to provide additional information to our student participants in the performing arts.

Auditions will be held on the campus of the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, January 18, Sunday, January 19, Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26 in the following categories:

Classical Voice, Contemporary Voice and/or Musical Theatre, Instrumental Music, Drama, Dance.

New this year, students may register for two auditions in Instrumental Music if they play more than one instrument and two auditions in Contemporary Voice and/or Musical Theatre if they would like to perform one contemporary piece and one musical theater piece.

For guaranteed audition slots, registrations must be postmarked by December 15. A limited number of late registrations will be accepted on a space available basis only if postmarked by December 31. Audition fee registration waivers are available.

Visit the Young Artists Awards website at [www.youngartistsawards.org](http://www.youngartistsawards.org) to download the registration form, and email [info@youngartistsawards.org](mailto:info@youngartistsawards.org) or call 574-9321 for more information.\*

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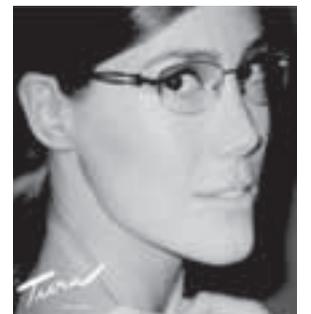
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- 2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
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- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper

**Streusel Topping**

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup, packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup pecans, toasted and chopped
- 1/4 cup margarine, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine the topping ingredients in a small bowl, stirring to form a streusel. Set aside.

Place sweet potatoes in a large saucepan and add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium, cover and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain sweet potatoes and cool. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Transfer sweet potatoes to a large bowl. Using a potato masher or a fork, mash sweet potatoes until smooth.

In a small saucepan, combine honey, orange juice, orange zest, lemon zest, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Bring mixture to a boil over medium heat, stirring to melt the honey.

Remove from heat. Stir honey mixture into sweet potatoes. Spoon mixture into a 1-quart casserole and smooth down the top. Sprinkle the streusel mixture evenly over the casserole. Bake until heated through, about 20 to 25 minutes. ✨



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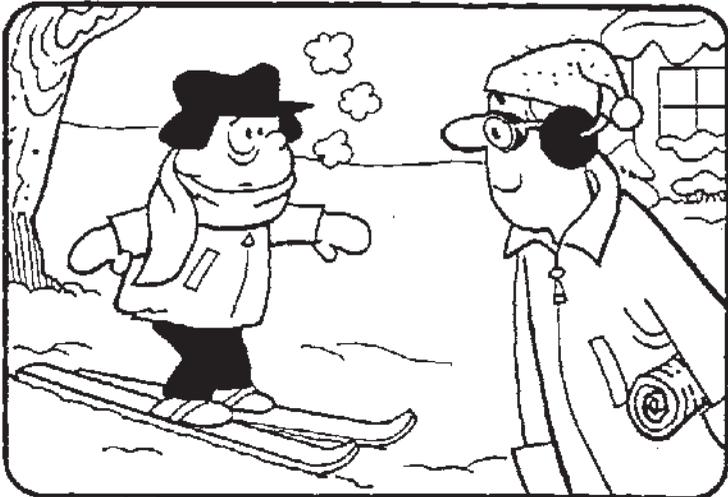
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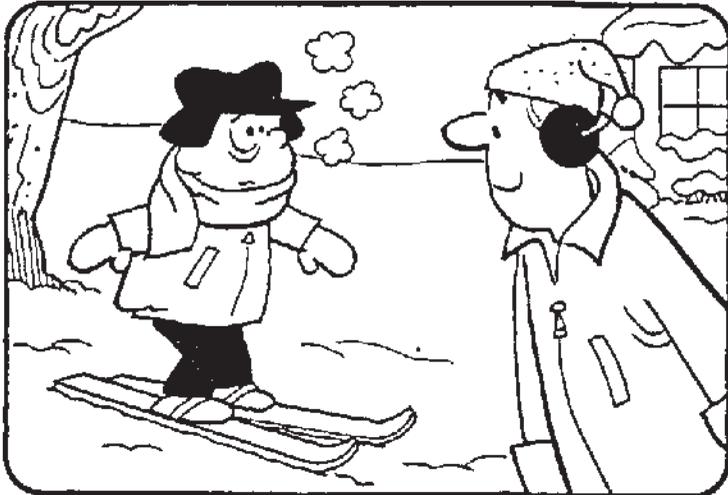
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- Close  
**BRANEY**
- Chase  
**SUPEUR**
- Spare  
**TAXER**

**TODAY'S WORD**

answer on page 35B

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**SUDOKU**

**To play Sudoku:**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

answer on page 35B

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Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Captiva Beach	Captiva	1965	5097	\$2,990,000	\$2,700,000	155
Captiva Beach	Captiva	1981	1879	\$1,495,000	\$1,425,000	321
Edgewater At Gulf Harbour	Fort Myers	2000	3329	\$1,009,000	\$960,000	83
Sandpiper Point	St. James City	2004	2938	\$975,000	\$880,000	440
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2004	3909	\$754,900	\$693,000	106
Laguna Lakes	Fort Myers	2004	2932	\$569,900	\$525,000	20
Catalina Isles	Fort Myers	2007	4346	\$519,900	\$510,000	112
River Forest Island	Fort Myers	1989	2379	\$489,000	\$460,000	11
Sabal Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1990	1500	\$439,000	\$425,000	11
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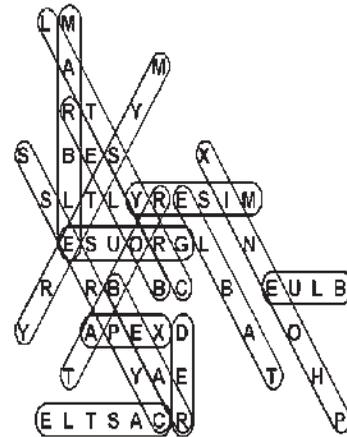
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References Available, call  
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\*NS 10/25 CC TFN

**HELP WANTED**

**FULL TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Saint Isabel Parish in Sanibel Florida seeks full-time Director of Music. The position is responsible for providing music planning, organ/piano accompaniment, cantor when necessary for all weekend and Seasonal Masses, as well as weddings and funerals. Requirements include: Knowledge of Catholic liturgy and tradition, experience in instrumentation and music composition, ability to recruit, train, and support a choir. Please send resumes and letter of interest to: saintisabel@aol.com or Saint Isabel Catholic Church, 3599 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957.

\*NS 11/8 CC TFN

**NURSERY ATTENDANT**

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ seeks paid part-time Sunday Nursery Attendant for year round on Sunday mornings for infant-4 year olds. Background check and references required. 2-3 years teaching experience preferred. We are a theologically diverse congregation. For more information contact 472-0497.

\*NS 10/11 CC TFN

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**HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED**

Part-Time Unit Inspector for a fast paced condo association. Wednesday & Saturday from 8AM to 4PM December through April. 12/HR + Paid Sanibel Tolls. Send resume to [tracy@blind-pass.com](mailto:tracy@blind-pass.com)  
\*NS 12/13 CC 12/20

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**LOST AND FOUND**

**TOOL BOX WASHES UP ON SANIBEL**



This tool box with motor parts washed up on shore Saturday morning, May 8 about 8:30 on the beach at Sundial Resort on Sanibel Island. To claim call Sundial Resort Security 239-472-4151.  
\*NS 6/14 CC TFN

**WANTED TO BUY**

**CASH PAID FOR MILITARY ITEMS**

Cash Paid For Old Military Items. Medals, Swords, Uniforms, helmets, old guns, awards & more. Local Toll Free 1-866-440-3280  
\*RS 12/6 CC 2/28



**GARAGE • MOVING • YARD SALES**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers needed for light general maintenance. Call (CHR) Community Housing & Resources, Inc. 472-1189.  
\*NS 11/1 NC TFN

**BUY SELL TRADE**

Silver and Gold Jewelry 20% OFF for island workers 2431 Periwinkle Way [www.SanibelSeaLifeGallery.com](http://www.SanibelSeaLifeGallery.com)  
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**BOATS - CANOES - KAYAKS**

**WANTED BOAT LIFT**

Local Sanibel Resident with 20' Flats boat is looking to rent a boat lift for the winter months. Please call Dan (317) 507-4447. Thank You!  
\*NS 11/15 CC TFN

**MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

Clothing, Household items, TV's, and much Misc. 8 a.m. Fri., Sat., Sun., Dec. 13, 14 & 15. 478 Lake Murex Circle, Sanibel. Off West Gulf Drive.  
\*NS 12/13 CC 12/13

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers needed for the After School Program which runs Mon.-Th, 2:30 - 3:15 pm call Linda Reynolds 472-1617  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice of Sale the cars below will be sold at public auction. Notice that the owner or Lien Holder may redeem Units by paying all monies Owed plus storage. 12/31/2013 at 10:00am Manheim Ft Myers 2100 Rockfill Rd 95 HONDA JHMEG8649SS025690 95 BUIC 1G4HP52LXSH415118  
\*NS 12/13 CC 12/13

**FOUND**

Prescription sunglasses found in parking lot of Limetree Center on Wednesday, February 27. Claim at Island Sun newspaper, suite 2 in Limetree Center, or call 395-1213.  
\*NS 3/8 NC TFN

**DOCKAGE**

Hourly, Daily, Weekly and Monthly. Captiva Island 472-5800  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

At The Sanibel School Call Michelle Wesley 239-910-8000  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

**FICTITIOUS NAME**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under The fictitious name of SanCap Gateway Realty, located in Lee County, Florida, with an address of 1177 Causeway Road Sanibel, FL 33957 has registered said name with The Division of Corporations of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated the 3rd of December 2013. Robert A. Coscia  
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**Harry Chapin Food Bank!**

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Call (239) 334-7007  
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Registration # G13000117046  
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Fax: 239-472-2334  
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\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

## Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Dalton. I'm a 3-year-old male brown boxer mix.

Just look into my beautiful, expressive eyes and you will see a gentle soul that is waiting to love and be loved. I'm a big teddy bear who is hoping to find my Home 4 The Holidays and forever!

My adoption fee is \$20 to \$50 off the regular adoption fee of \$75 when you draw a discount coupon from Animal Services Holiday Stocking.

Hello, my name is Hook. I'm a 3-month-old male black domestic short hair.

You're going to fall for me - hook, line and sinker! I'm a sweetheart and you can adopt me or any of my black or mostly black feline friends for just \$10.

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

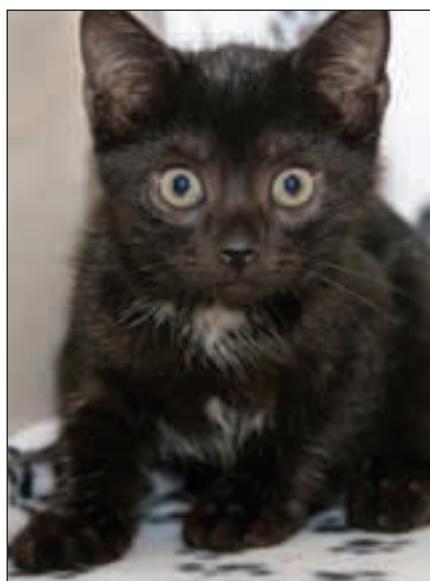
All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.\*



Dalton ID# 577040

photos by squaredogphoto.com Hook ID# 578093



## PAWS

This beautiful 1-year-old girl resembles a Russian Blue cat. She was found in Periwinkle Park on Sanibel and needs a new home.

PAWS named her Sweet Pea because of her super sweet personality. She likes other cats, but would do best in an only cat home. Call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823 for more information about adopting Sweet Pea.

Also, PAWS needs foster homes. Anyone interested in taking a PAWS cat into their home temporarily (all expenses paid) until PAWS can find a permanent home, may call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel.

Meet Mindy Muffin, a young, female, spayed cat in need of a forever home.

She was found in a parking lot living in the wheel well of a car, and it's believed she once belonged to someone because she is a friendly little girl. She has been vet checked, is healthy and had all of her shots.

She is currently being boarded at the vet's office, so she is ready to get out of her cage and into a home. According to the staff at the vet's office, she is quite a sweetie and will make a great pet.

PAWS named her Mindy and the vet's office named her Muffin, hence the name.

Call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823 for more information about adopting Mindy Muffin.\*



Sweet Pea



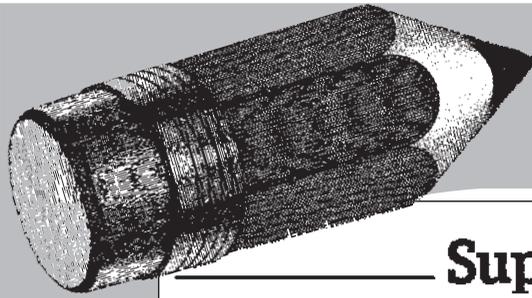
Mindy Muffin

# Island Sun

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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 .....	sanibelLWV@gmail.com
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
<a href="http://www.sanibelsoccer.org">www.sanibelsoccer.org</a>	
The Military Officers Assc. of America	
(MOAA, Alex MacKenzie).....	395-9232
United Way of Lee County .....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline..... (24 hour information line)	211 or 433-3900
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 35B

## Super Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Joe of "Raging Bull"
- 6 Boss woman
- 13 Gabs with flirtatiously
- 20 Routinely
- 21 Explorer Leif
- 22 Carolina of fashion
- 23 Bought brass and bronze?
- 25 Swallow greedily
- 26 Selected passages
- 27 Mediocre grades
- 29 Field marshal Erwin
- 30 Took a chair
- 31 Where a beautiful woman swims?
- 34 Jay-Z hit, e.g.
- 37 Moon of Jupiter
- 40 Restroom, for short
- 41 City in central Sicily
- 42 "Alas, it's true, Ms. Bergen?"
- 47 Autumn chill
- 49 Dolled (up)
- 50 Library of Congress ID

- 52 "Hawaiian Favorites" singer
- 57 "Yer darn —!"
- 58 Show off parrot work?
- 62 Ocean Spray favor prefix
- 63 Take — (chance it)
- 65 Oil qty.
- 66 "... some kind of —?"
- 67 Rum, nam's chew
- 68 Guthrie launches a Jedi master into a somersault?
- 73 Addenda to ltrs.
- 74 Blind as —
- 76 Hesiod's H
- 77 Like Carroll's "borogoves"
- 78 Part of TLC
- 80 Tinkerbell's ancient milky gem?
- 84 "The Raven" maiden
- 86 Blasé feeling
- 87 Yemen port
- 88 Sugar quantity
- 90 During each
- 92 Maneuver to avoid a traffic jam doesn't work?

- 96 Hot tub locales
- 100 Succor
- 102 Beaverlike rodent
- 103 Driver's peg
- 104 Inundate
- Liotta's bucket?
- 108 Size up from medium: Abbr.
- 111 Actor Brando
- 112 Big drink
- 113 Recurring melodic fragment
- 118 Scale ranges
- 120 What each of this puzzle's eight longest answers is a 93-Down of
- 123 Least nice behind
- 124 Hit from film
- 125 Rainer of film
- 126 Class-fies cartoon guy
- 128 Rocker Bob

- 5 Prefix with red
- 6 Pal of Fmie
- 7 Savings plans, briefly
- 8 Jazz poet
- Scott-Heron
- 9 Cato's 1,150
- 10 Withdrawn from people
- 11 "True Blood" co-star
- Stephen
- 12 Adams of photography
- 13 "Evita" role
- 14 Title king for the Bard
- 15 Strong rival of Sparta
- 16 — foel
- 17 Hornly
- 18 Spur
- 19 Simmered
- Spanish dish
- 24 Decided to enter
- 28 "My Gal —"
- 31 Dandy fellow
- 32 GI's address
- 33 Popular Irish ballad
- 34 Spellbound
- Like the conga drum, ethnically
- 36 Destine
- 38 Manipulate
- 39 Fishing stick
- 43 "— girl!"
- 44 1986 book by rocker Turner

- 45 Sassy talk
- 46 Big inits. in fashion
- 48 Many a sharable PC file
- 51 Soft as a bottom
- 53 Ending for Rock
- 54 Like the United Way and NPR
- 55 Locale-specific regulation
- 56 Meal bits
- 58 "What's the —?"
- 59 Moloka: or Maui: Abbr.
- 60 Penny-pinch
- 61 Municipal pol.
- 63 Certain female opera solo
- 64 Writer Dahl
- 67 Snug eatery
- 69 Not a bus.
- 70 Ms. Zadora
- 71 Size that's the opp. of 108-Across
- 72 — clubs (certain card)
- 75 Capote, to his buddies
- 79 Kournikova of the court
- 81 Quick bark
- 82 Berlin article

## JOKE TIME JUMBLES

- 83 Yoko —
- 84 Sticking by
- 85 In addition
- 88 35mm camera type
- 89 Maui paste
- 91 Impassioned
- 93 Letter shuffle
- 94 Hwy. crime
- 95 Old religious scandal inits.
- 96 Gallery in western CA
- 97 Sites
- 98 Big arteries
- 99 California county
- 101 Bad: Prefix
- 105 Capital of De aware
- 106 Bee cluster
- 107 Pled —
- 109 Fish parts
- 110 Come after
- 113 concern
- 114 "—" ("Me too")
- 115 Take — at (insult)
- 116 Hit with a zapping gun
- 117 — and feminer
- 119 Aves.
- 121 Lyric-penning
- Gershwin
- 122 Tripod piece

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Crony
- 4 Light (Sp.)
- 7 Summary
- 12 Carte lead-in
- 13 "A Chorus Line" song
- 14 Entertain
- 15 Energy
- 16 Good product, idiomatically
- 18 Recede
- 19 Be frugal
- 20 Record
- 22 Id counterpart
- 23 Loathe
- 27 Possessed
- 29 "Clue" item
- 31 Cavalry unit
- 34 Guiding principle
- 35 Goes over the books
- 37 Weeding implement
- 38 Brewery output
- 39 Med. plan option
- 41 Creche trio
- 45 Eucalyptus eater
- 47 Heavy weight
- 48 Duke Ellington classic
- 52 Clear the

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- tables
- 8 Ostrich's cousin
- rhyme
- 53 Give a speech
- 9 Scoundrel
- 36 Not barefoot
- 54 Deteriorate
- 10 Fool
- 37 Empty
- 55 Time of your life?
- 11 Em. en, o. —, kue
- 40 Now Zealand native
- 56 Thick
- 17 Recognize
- 42 Cornered
- 57 — Jima
- 21 Psalm group
- 43 Overcharge
- 58 Still
- 23 Seraglio
- 44 Smaller map locale
- 25 Pirouette
- 46 ? Down member
- 26 Conclude
- 48 Turf
- 28 Suitable
- 49 Ex st
- 30 "The Name of the Rose" author
- 50 Erstwhile M&M's color
- 51 "— impossible"
- 31 Bill
- 32 Regret
- 33 Praise in

## MAGIC MAZE — MOUNTAIN : CANADIAN SKI AREAS

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M L M J G D A X V S Q N K I F

D A A X V T M Q O M J H F C A

Y W R T U Y R P N L J H F D B

S Z B E S X V T X R Q O M K I

H S L T L Y R E S I M F D B K

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Q R O R B N B C I B K E U I B

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Apex  | Castle  | Marble  | Red   |
| Bear  | Crystal | Misery  | Table |
| Blue  | Cypress | Mystery | Tabor |
| Boler | Grouse  | Phoenix |       |

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- 1 ¼ Acre Lot borders wildlife refuge
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- Custom Built –One Owner-Many Upgrades
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- Turnkey Furnished
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- Directly across from beach
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**NEW LISTING**

- 4BD/4BA with Den
- Private Pool & Hot Tub
- Chef's Kitchen w/ Custom Cabinetry
- \$1,895,000 MLS 2131189
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984

**The Bird of Paradise**



- 4BD/4BA Near Beach Getaway
- Excellent Rental Property
- Located in Popular Captiva Village
- \$1,395,000 MLS 2130194
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- 3BD/3.5BA with Direct Gulf Views
- Corner Penthouse with Casual Elegance
- Low Density, Pet Friendly Complex
- \$2,550,000 MLS 2131027
- McMurray & Nette 239.850.7888

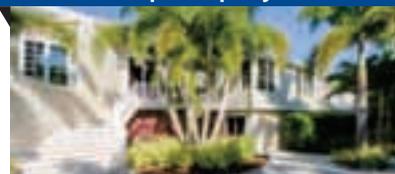
**Expansive Gulf Views**



**NEW LISTING**

- 2BD/2BA, Vaulted Ceilings, Bright and Open
- Corner Unit with Corner Lanai and Stunning Views
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**Sanibel Escape Property**



- Furnished 3BD/3.5 BA w/ 2 Car Garage
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- Gorgeous Gulf Front 3BD/3BA
- Amazing Opportunity, Rare-to-Market
- Large Pool, Private Garage, Large Floor Plan
- \$1,449,000 MLS 2130410
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984

**Premier East End Location**



- 3BD/3.5BA Direct Access Canal Home
- Recently Remodeled-3,000 S.F. Living Space
- 140' of Beautiful Seawall Canal Frontage
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- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984

**Chateaux Beach Front**



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- Beautiful Private Setting Over 1 Acre
- Originally Priced at \$3,600,00-seller says sell!
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**Kings Crown**



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- Beautifully Updated Throughout
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**Dinkins Bayou**



- Stunning Views of Dinkins Bayou
- Large Lot – 30,000+ S.F.
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**1638 Land's End Village**



- Exceptional Gulf of Mexico Water Views
- Penthouse Master Suite with Sun Deck
- Large, Contemporary 3BD Floor Plan
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