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A 30-foot American flag flies above the Sanibel Causeway on Monday night, part of the patriotic welcome home for Army soldier Frank Lidester

photos by Jeff Lysiak

Sanibel Welcomes Soldier Home For The Holidays

by Jeff Lysiak

An enthusiastic and emotional crowd of more than two dozen people greeted a U.S. Army soldier when he arrived on Sanibel on Monday evening, just in time for the holidays.

Frank Lidester, whose mother is an island resident, was treated to a VIP welcome around 6:30 p.m. on December 23, with the flag-waving contingent anxiously awaiting his arrival. Unbeknownst to Lidester, several locals had planned a patriotic reception for him.

Four members of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and two crewmen from the Iona-McGregor Fire Department positioned a pair of ladder trucks at the base of the Sanibel Causeway high span bridge, hanging a 30-foot American flag – borrowed from the City of Fort

Myers Fire Department – across the roadway.

Lidester was overwhelmed by the warm welcome he received from the crowd, many of whom he had never met before.

“This is a nice surprise,” said a stunned Lidester, a native of Lafayette, Indiana. “It really means a lot to me.”

The most poignant moment of the welcome reception came when Lidester saw his grandparents standing a few yards away from the crowd. The soldier walked quickly towards them and embraced his grandfather, Don Center of Fort Myers Beach. Watching them hug, according to one witness, “gave me goosebumps and tears.”**

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Frank Lidester and his grandfather, Don Center

What's Happening At The House In 2013-2014

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Jan. 24 Concert
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CLASSES

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iPad/iPhone

Thurs. Jan. 9 9:30 am

Optimize Your Health

Jan. 15 1-3pm
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Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

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Quilts of Valor representative Pat Brettschneider, Colonel, USA Retired René Affourtit and Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra

Affourtit Honored With Islands' First Quilt Of Valor

Longtime Sanibel resident and West Wind Inn General Manager René Affourtit received a very patriotic surprise on December 18. A dozen close friends and neighbors arrived at his home accompanied by Pat Brettschneider, representing the Quilts Of Valor Foundation.

"We saw a piece about the quilts on *NBC Nightly News*," said Affourtit's friend and neighbor, Marc Giattini. "Before Brian Williams finished speaking we knew we had to pursue getting a Quilt Of Valor for René."

Retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Colonel, Affourtit's military career carried him from deployment as a Green Beret in Vietnam to service as Chief of Staff to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

During the formal presentation of the 6x5-foot quilt, handmade by volunteer quilters Sharyn Wurst and Linda Hancock, Brettschneider's remarks included, "We understand that freedom is not free, and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice. We hope it will serve as a symbol of how much we appreciate your long and illustrious military career, all the way from the

battlefield to the highest echelon of the Pentagon."

In his December 19 letter of thanks to Brettschneider, Wurst and Hancock, Affourtit wrote, "The quilt will always remain a part of me, not just because of your recognition of me (probably undeserved) but for the selfless time the patriotic quilters put into these works of art. They are the ones who should be honored."

Quilts Of Valor is a grassroots group of quilters all across the United States whose mission is to honor all our combat service members and veterans who have been touched by war with a Quilt



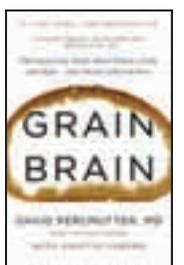
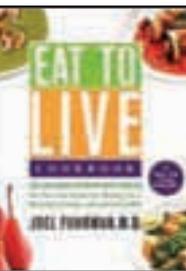
Affourtit surrounded by Marc and Cheryl Giattini, the requesters of his Quilt Of Valor

Of Valor. Since the group was founded by Catherine Roberts in 2003, when her son deployed to Iraq, over 94,000 quilts have been presented. To learn more about the Quilts Of Valor Foundation, including how to request a handmade quilt for a U.S. combat veteran, visit www.qovf.org.

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Jimmy Jensen with Dee Brady, owner and captain of the *Voyager 1*, which accompanied Diana Nyad on her record-breaking swim from Havana, Cuba to Key West, Florida

Historic Vessel Stops By Jensen's Marina

by Jeff Lysiak

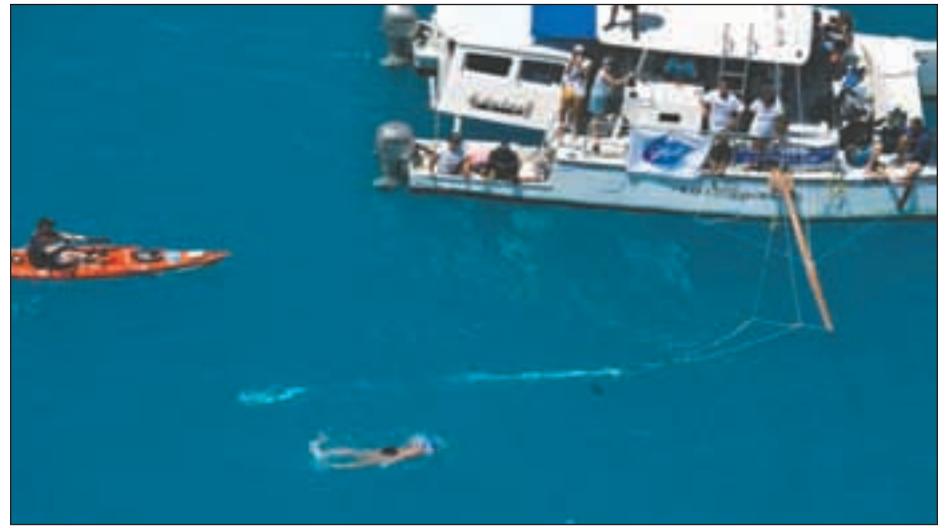
Earlier this month, the vessel which accompanied long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad on her historic Havana, Cuba to Key West, Florida swim stopped by Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina on the way back to her home port.

Dee Brady, owner and captain of the

Voyager 1, visited the Captiva marina during her commute between Key West and Anna Maria Island.

"Who doesn't love the Jensens?" Brady said last week. "I've stayed at their cottages many times over the years. Whenever I make that trip, I like to take three days to do it, and Jensen's is easy in, easy out."

Brady has accompanied Nyad during each of her four attempts to swim the 110-mile route between Cuba and Florida since 2010. Nyad's first attempt took place in 1978, when she was 28 years old. The now 64-year-old swimmer successfully completed the swim this past



Aerial image of the *Voyager 1* as it accompanied Diana Nyad on her historic swim in September 2013

summer, beginning on the morning of August 31 and finishing at 1:55 p.m. on September 2.

Brady, her *Voyager 1* crew, a team of doctors, shark and jellyfish experts and observers followed a safe distance from Nyad throughout her journey. She described the author, motivational speaker and record-breaking swimmer as "incredibly funny, smart and generous." But above all, she added, Nyad is "simply inspiring."

"It was an honor to be a part of making history," said Brady. "During those previous attempts, it was heartbreaking when her swims ended. But when she made it, it was... indescribable... over-

the-top joy."

Over the past four years, Brady brought her 34-foot motorized catamaran to Key West, where Nyad would train for her long-distance swim. In August 2011, she swam for 29 hours in rough seas before the attempt was halted. Another try one month later ended after 41 hours due to strong currents and both jellyfish and Portuguese man-of-war stings. Storms and jellyfish stings thwarted her fourth attempt in August 2012.

Finally, on September 2, 2013, Nyad became the first swimmer to make the Cuba-to-Florida crossing without a shark cage, covering the distance in 53 hours.*

Center 4 Life Events

Check out all the activities at the Center 4 Life. Meet your friends or make some new. If you are interested in membership, contact Island Seniors, Inc. for details.

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

Hand and 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.

iPad and iPhone Classes - Instructor: Ronda Seifer Walis, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m. \$60 per session for members and \$90 for non-members. Class size limited to four. Own iPad/iPhone required.

iPad - Introduction - January 7 and 9 and February 4 and 6.

iPad - Intermediate - January 14 and 16 and February 11 and 13.

iPhone - Intermediate - January 21 and 23 and February 18 and 20

Page Turners with Ann Rodman - If you are not on the Page Turners list, and wish to be, email annrodman@aol.com or contact the Center 4 Life. The next selection for Wednesday, January 8

at 2:30 p.m. is *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci This book was recommended by Nola Thesis, director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partners. She will say a few words about her program.

AARP Safe Driving Classes

- Thursdays, January 23 and 30 and March 20 and 27, 1 to 4 p.m. Classes are held in the Center 4 Life building on Library Way. The January class is scheduled for two Thursdays, January 23 and 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 with a \$5 discount for AARP members. Taking the class makes you eligible for an auto insurance discount. Register by calling Ed VanderHey at 292-4012. You need not be a member of the Island Seniors to attend.

Caloosahatchee Oxbow and Riverlore Cruise

- Sunday, February 9. This 2.5-hour adventure begins by going through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga and through the meanders of the historic upriver Caloosahatchee. Follow the river back in time when a waterfall served as the headwaters of the Caloosahatchee and settlers braved living in the wilderness. The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and SCCF natural resource policy director. Cruise is aboard the 47 passenger *Manatee Rover* pontoon boat departing at 1 p.m. from the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam off SR 80 in Olga and returning by 3:30 p.m. \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members.

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THE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

It is election time at IWA again, and next year two seats on our Board of Directors will be up for election. The seats are currently held by John R. Cunningham, and Ralph E. Sloan. Mr. Cunningham is completing his 2nd term, and Mr. Sloan is running for re-election for his 1st full term after completing the late Mr. Gardner's term.

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

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



**Holiday mini-golf at The Community House
Holiday Mini-Golf
Offers Family Fun**

For the 19th year, The Community House will be turned into a "putters paradise," with an entire course of colorful indoor golf holes. Holiday Mini-Golf runs Thursday, December 26 through Sunday, December 29, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission for open play is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12.

Volunteers are needed to collect admission, issue putters and serve snacks. Call 472-2155 to sign up. For more information or to be an SCA sponsor, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.✱



The students sang their hearts out for their parents and families

CECI Holiday Concert

The Children's Education Center of the Islands celebrated the holiday season with a joyful concert followed by snacks for the parents and families of the students. The students sang *Jingle Bells*, *Must Be Santa*, *Feliz Navidad*, *Mele Kalikimaka* and many more. Ms. Cindy's Music & Movement class danced to the *Florida Kids Jingle Bells*, wishing for mommy to take them to run and play in the snow.✱



Alina Ziemian loved the cupcakes with Christmas tree green icing



Madison Byrne showed her Christmas spirit for the concert

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Kiss 2013 Goodbye At New Year's Eve Celebration

by Jeff Lysiak

The City of Sanibel's 5th annual New Year's Eve Celebration, dubbed Kiss 2013 Goodbye, returns to the Sanibel Recreation Center on Tuesday, December 31. Doors will open at 8 p.m. for the party, which runs until 12:15 a.m.

The New Year's Eve celebration is a family-friendly, alcohol and tobacco-free event. Admission includes food, games (for adults and youth), a professional DJ and entertainers, dancing, face painting and a midnight balloon drop.

The featured performer will be magician Joey Evans, whose unique comedy magic shows have been an audience favorite for over a decade. His show has been described as "high-energy and audience interactive, leaving everyone in disbelief at how funny the impossible can be." Evans has performed at Universal Studios, aboard cruise ships, as well as for Fortune 500 companies, country clubs and several past U.S. presidents with great reviews.

Activities for children, teens and "tweens" include Just Dance 2014, Minute To Win It and Dance 'Til You Can't with DJ Chill Will. Prizes will be handed out for Father Time, Mother Time and Baby New Year.

Also, seven items will be available during a silent auction, plus a 50/50 raffle will be conducted just before the midnight countdown and balloon drop.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth ages 7 to 17. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth ages 7 to 17. Children 6 and under are admitted free. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

In addition, bingo for adults (18 or older) will be played, with only 65 seats available. The game offers prizes valued in excess of \$9,000. Cost is \$85 per chair in advance or \$100 at the door (includes event admission ticket and three bingo cards).

All proceeds are donated to the City of Sanibel's Recreation Center Financial Assistance Program to assist workers on the island and island residents who financially qualify for their children to attend the after school program, fun days, holiday and summer day camp at the rec center.



Gathered to promote this year's New Year's Eve party at the Sanibel Recreation Center are, front: Dave DeFonzo; middle from left: Michael Eitofis, Marcy Stutsman, Estella Barain, Char Durand, Andrea Miller, Scottyllynn Kelly and Thomas Downin; back from left: Mitch Marinak, Tiffany Casola, Sarah Christopher, Jai Earle, Barbara Gennity, Matt Fannon, Kayla Schuneman, Tasha Maddix and Debbie Kwok.

Event sponsors include Steve and Gail Burke, Advanced Disposal, Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club, Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Foundation, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, and Bob, Darlene and Boomer Duvin.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345, visit www.mysanibel.com or call event chairman Barry Roth at 313-9591.✪

ENTERTAINERS



Joey Evans is a magician, comedy writer & performer. Performances include: Universal, Cruise Ships, Fortune 500 Companies, Country Clubs and for past U.S. Presidents with great reviews.

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The Sanibel Recreation Center New Year's Eve Celebration is a family-friendly, alcohol-free event sponsored by the City of Sanibel, Non-Profits, local businesses, families and individuals. Proceeds assist youth of financially eligible families to attend the After-School Program, Fun Days, Holiday and Summer Day Camps.

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11:40 - 11:55 p.m.	50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING & SILENT AUCTION WINNERS
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On Wednesday, January 1, the 25th annual Tugboat Willy's New Year's Day picnic will be held, with live music all day. Call Post 123 for more information.

On Sunday, January 5, stop by the Legion for spaghetti and meatballs served all day.

Every Wednesday, Post 123 offers \$5.95 Hump Day specials.

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League action continues every Monday at 5 p.m.

Texas Hold'em is played Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are welcome but must be American Legion members.

Every Friday, Post 123 serves a six-ounce rib eye steak sandwich all day. The half-pound burgers are a local favorite. Food is served all day, every day, with specials daily. The public is welcome.

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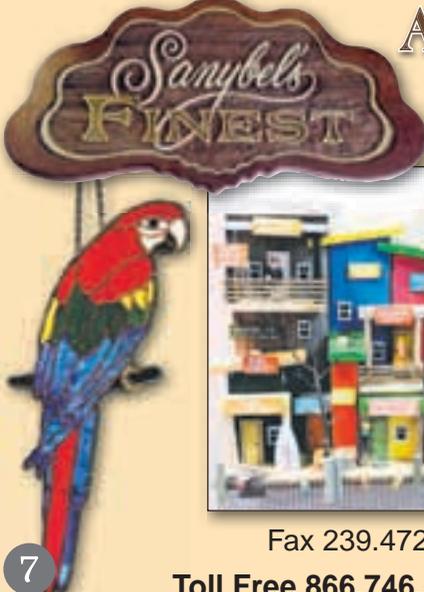
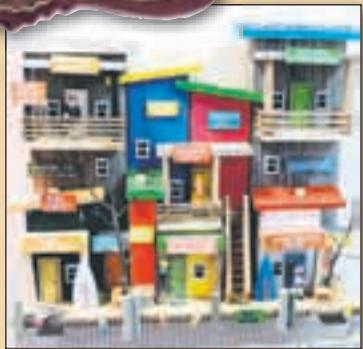
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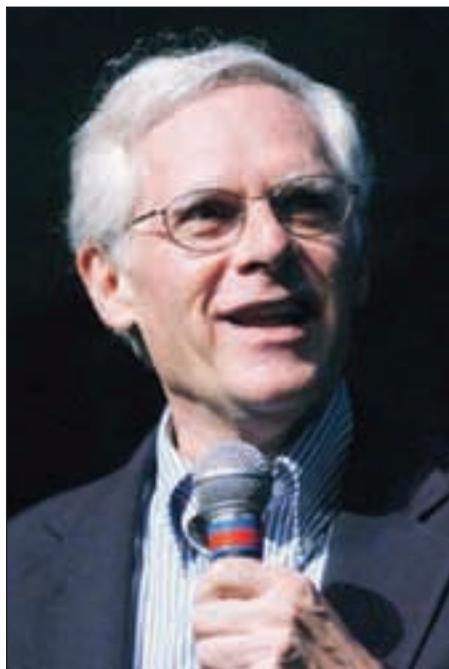
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Fitness Classes are available and all ages are welcome. Members pay \$3.50 per class, visitors \$6. Island Seniors annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership cards to attend.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. This class aims to keep brains fit and heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords, and body weight will be used. Silvia Villanueva is the instructor.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flex-

ibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

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. Kris Brown is the instructor.

Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. This class does all of its exercises using a chair. It is designed to stretch tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. It meets the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel. Kris Brown is the instructor.

For more details regarding our programs or on becoming a member of Island Seniors, contact the Center 4 Life at 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way, Sanibel.*



John Quillin and Carson Liebetrau

Finn Walters

Pin The Tail On The Bethlehem Donkey

The LOGOS kids at Sanibel Community Church held a Happy Birthday Jesus party on December 11. They also celebrated all the kids who had birthdays in December and the half year, July. John Quillin modeled the table decorations while Carson Liebetrau enjoyed his cake. Afterwards, the kids played Pin The Tail On The Bethlehem Donkey, and Finn Walters was one of the table winners.✱



Pin The Tail On The Bethlehem Donkey game results

Youth Baseball/Softball Clinic At Sanibel Ball Fields

A Youth Baseball/Softball Clinic will be held on Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27 at the Sanibel Ball Fields, located next to The Sanibel School. The City of Sanibel is not sponsoring or endorsing this event.

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Mayeron Returns To Garden Club's Annual Auction

submitted by Carolyn DeCoster

Victor Mayeron has agreed to return as the auctioneer for the Shell Islands Garden Club of Sanibel and Captiva annual auction on Tuesday, January 7 in the North Room of The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, guaranteeing a lively time for all. The auction starts at 12:30 p.m., and the public is invited to attend.

Members of the club will donate items from their homes and gardens,

homemade jams and jellies and other goodies to be auctioned off. Included thus far are a complete set of Charlie Sobczak books, a book of Georgia O'Keefe's frame-worthy prints and an original painting. Proceeds will benefit various local philanthropies of the garden club including CROW, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, ECHO and SCCF.

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



Victor Mayeron



Dune sunflower

Weeds 'N Seeds

Weeds 'n Seeds is a group of amateur botanists who enjoy finding and identifying native plants on Sanibel. Their walks, visiting different locations on the island, last for two hours and are guided by a leader with a plant list.

The group will meet on the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Nature Center porch on Monday, January 6 at 9 a.m.

Depending on the location visited, participants may need parking money. They should bring a hat, water, sun block and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks.

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Putting Science Back Into Flood Insurance

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

The recent uproar over the Biggert-Waters Act – more commonly recognized as the bill which attempted to fix certain issues with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) – brought everyone’s attention back to the issue of flood insurance. (Considerable increases in the premiums property owners would pay also helped.) Unfortunately, the focus was more on cost and less on purpose – and much less on the facts and fictions surrounding the NFIP.

In that spirit, let’s address some of the myths that have been repeated during the recent ruckus:

- This is not a subsidy of the coast. The NFIP covers all kinds of flooding... coasts, rivers, lakes and more. In fact, the NFIP mission (as stated in a Congressional Research Services study) is “a unified floodplain management strategy to reduce property losses from flood peril and public spending to compensate disaster victims.” Four of the top 20 costliest flood disasters covered by NFIP are non-coastal; many of the others include both coastal and non-coastal damages.
- This is not a subsidy of the wealthy. Remember, the NFIP has a maximum coverage of \$250,000 – so it’s really supporting the middle-class coastal homeowner, a very endangered species these days. Yes, owners of high-end homes can get coverage – but only up to \$250,000, even if their home is worth 10 times that.
- It’s not a subsidy at all. The NFIP (until Hurricane Katrina) was not subsidized by taxpayers, but was a line of credit from the U.S. Treasury that allowed post-disaster payments to be repaid by future premiums – a system that worked just fine until the \$16.6 billion hit from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Part of the Biggert-Waters Act was to extend FEMA (which oversees the NFIP) some measure of debt forgiveness to offset the current \$17.75 billion due to Treasury.
- From 1978 to 2011, the NFIP had lost money annually (e.g. paid out more than it took in in premiums) five years out of 36 -- not a bad record of self-sustainability. Of course, this doesn’t take into account the pending payout costs for Superstorm Sandy, which will push the program further into the red... but, as with any insurance, you have to look at the long view financially, with the expectation of making adjustments as year-to-year events take their toll.
- The changes in flood maps reflect new technology as well as a revised look at storm flooding risk. Since the highest premiums hit the homes with the highest likelihood of flood damage – typically, the at-grade structures – the greatest impact is on

the older coastal homes (since most buildings of a more recent vintage would have been elevated thanks to NFIP coastal building rules). Again, this means the middle-class, middle-income homeowner was looking at the biggest hit, which explains the hue and cry over the premium spikes.

- The act worked to address properties that were not paying “actuarially correct” premiums – but that amounted to barely 20 percent of the NFIP properties. That’s not to say those properties didn’t need to be brought up to actuarial par over a reasonable period of time (they do, since other NFIP premium payers have been subsidizing them for years), but the number is not as large as some reports would have you believe.
- The NFIP also helped improve coastal construction, reducing flood damages by an uncalculated amount while helping those properties hit by flooding to recover – and to rebuild under rules that made future flood damages less likely. It also put more at-risk properties into the overall pool by requiring flood insurance for federally backed mortgages. (Unfortunately, both benefits were not all-encompassing or always totally enforced.)

However, with all the talk about politics, parity and public reaction, not much is being said about science and making decisions based on facts rather than emotions. Any delay in implementing the Biggert-Waters reforms is a political decision; but delaying the research needed to make the NFIP more factual and able to base its decisions on science undermines the good things flood insurance has done – and, worse, undercuts the system’s ability to make necessary adjustments toward future sustainability. (Actually, some of the science addressed in Biggert-Waters wasn’t totally on target – or was missing altogether – a fix we wish lawmakers would work on instead of dwelling on politics and premiums.)

Good science is all the more important when you consider that 13 of the top 20 storm damage events (judged by the amount paid by NFIP) have occurred since 2000. Even taking out sea level rise as a factor, the increased number of people along the coast or (in flood-prone areas away from the coast, which are also covered under NFIP) means that even formerly routine storm events will now cost more – and extraordinary storms such as Katrina and Sandy will have an even more catastrophic financial toll in years to come.

Flood insurance is not going away – nor should it, since people will continue to live in flood-prone areas and disasters will continue to happen. That means we need science-based research and facts more than ever, if a valued and viable NFIP is to evolve in a way that will ensure its future sustainability. Public pressure may delay some of the costly reforms from Biggert Waters, but it should not derail the push to make science the basis for NFIP decisions once again.

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'Ding' Darling Lecture Series Features Nationally Acclaimed Experts

Famed nature photographer Clyde Butcher, celebrity birding authors Don and Lillian Stokes, and John Englander – whose book *High Tide on Main Street* foretold disasters like Hurricane Sandy – headline the eagerly awaited 2014 “Ding” Darling Nature Store Friday Lecture Series at JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

The free series kicks off on Friday, January 17 in the “Ding” Darling Visitors & Education Center Auditorium with Bob H. Lee, author of *Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden*.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is sponsoring the 2014 Lecture Series with support from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Due to their popularity, the free lectures will be held twice each Friday, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

“The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has a true commitment to conservation and the health of our wildlife, and we’re so grateful to have them team up with the Society on our lecture series,” said Birgie Vertesch, DDWS executive director.

Other lectures will examine John J. Audubon, frigatebirds, mangroves, Florida panthers and more. The season’s complete schedule is listed below.

Book signings follow all of the starred (*) lectures. Seating for the lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the free Visitors & Education Center and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge’s official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures.

*January 17 – Bob H. Lee, Author – *Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden*

*January 24 – Charles LeBuff & Deborah Gleason, Authors – *Sanibel & Captiva Islands: A Look Back In Time*

*January 31 – John Englander, Author – *High Tide on Main Street: Rising Sea Level and the Coming Coastal Crisis*

*February 7 – Don and Lillian Stokes, Authors – *3 Easy Steps To Bird ID*

February 14 – Brian “Fox” Ellis – John J. Audubon Re-enactment

February 21 – Kenneth Meyer, University of Florida – Magnificent Frigatebird

February 28 – Volunteer Luncheon/No Lecture

March 7 – Joy Hazell, Florida Sea Grant – Learning & Loving Mangroves

March 14 – Mike Owen, Biologist – Fakahatchee Strand

March 21 – Rick Bonney, Cornell Lab of Ornithology – Citizen Science

March 28 – Erin Myers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Florida Panthers

April 4 – Charles LeBuff and Chris Lechowicz, SCCF – Amphibians & Reptiles of Sanibel & Captiva Islands

*April 11 – Clyde Butcher, Nature Photographer – *Florida: Where Water, Earth & Heaven Meet*

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

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The stunning photography of Clyde Butcher is one highlight of the refuge’s upcoming lecture series



DDWS vice president Doris Hardy (blue shirt) accepts a check for \$5,000 from the gang at The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company to sponsor the 2014 “Ding” Darling Nature Store Friday Lecture Series

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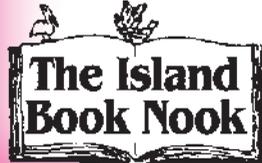
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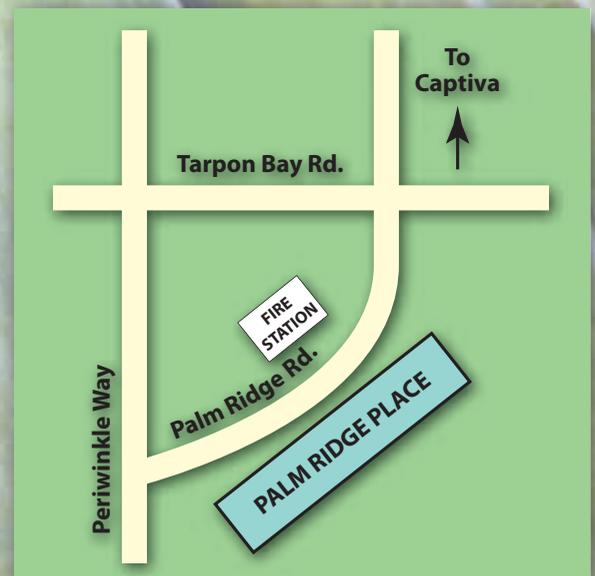
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The Year In Fishing, Good And Bad



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

With this year quickly coming to an end, I often think back about this past year's fishing and the state of our fishery.

The first thing that comes to mind is what outstanding redfish action we had this fall. This was quite possibly some of the best fall redfishing I can ever remember. Starting in about mid-August and going on until about mid-November I had many redfish trips when we located a big schools of large hungry fish and anglers caught one after another.

I feel a big part of the reason we had so many big redfish in the sound this year was because of the big snook cold water kill of four years ago. The less snook in the ecosystem the more food the redfish had to eat and therefore more redfish could survive to become part of the brood stock. With redfish taking roughly three years to mature, the timeline really works for this theory.

All this crazy memorable redfishing action happened during a period that we had more rain than we had seen in the past few years of dry summers. During this same time all the headlines in the news every night were about how bad the water quality was and that there was no life in the sound due to the massive amounts of fresh water being dumped out of Lake O.

Quietly, during this whole media circus and supposed major water crisis, along with many of my fishing guide buddies, we made a living day in day out all

around the mouth of the river. Clients were simply amazed at how many fish they caught after they had almost not even booked a fishing trip due to reports they had seen about the devastation of the water releases reported on even the national news. All of this action was in some of the darkest water we have seen for years. Despite all the bad publicity, clients who listened to their longtime fishing guides and not the news have some incredible once in a lifetime redfishing memories.

Hopefully, this coming year the Lake O water releases issue will finally be somewhat resolved or y the government at the state and federal levels will choose to take action. Our local government needs to get involved too as many of our water quality issues unfortunately start much closer to home. Yes, Lake O is a big part of the problem and needs to be addressed but year after year when the rainy season is over and our water clears up, this whole issue seems like its forgotten until the next wet summer.

If you are on an old leaky septic system and or fertilize your nice green Bermuda grass lawn, you are part of this water quality problem too. Many cities in Florida are still on septic systems and residents fight being on a city sewer system tooth and nail. This is a two- part problem. During the rainy season all the fertilizer and leaky septic systems run right into the river and are then pushed downstream by the lake releases. Controlling cleaning and holding the huge amounts of water being released from Lake O is a quick fix but only a part of the big picture. Everyone who lives in Southwest Florida needs to be part of the long-term solution.

September 1 this year marked the first opening of snook season for almost four years. This closure was a huge success and really let the numbers of snook rebound. I think the FWC really did a great thing to protect this premier gamefish of our area. Anglers are currently enjoying some of the best snook fish-



Jim White with a 43-inch snook, one of the biggest snook we caught all year

ing we have seen in many years. Trout numbers in the sound continue to be in great shape, at least as good if not in better condition than they have been in for many years. This will be the second year in a row trout fishing was not closed in our area for November and December and we are currently experiencing some of the best trout fishing of the year.

The big news and good news for most tarpon fisherman this year was the Boca Grande-style jig being outlawed as of November 1. It is now also against the law to remove a tarpon from the water. With what seems to me like declining numbers of tarpon in our area over the last five or more years, hopefully this will be a baby step to help our tarpon population slowly recover. Another issue with our tarpon numbers is the declining amount of juvenile tarpon habitat. This is a much bigger problem to address as it deals with water quality and the protection of mangrove estuaries.

Despite all the bad water news this year, after being out on the water almost daily it appears to me our fishery in Pine Island Sound is generally in good shape. What makes our backyard such a incredible fishery is the amount of healthy grass flats we have and all the bait these flats produce. The only species that seemed to in fewer numbers was the tarpon and with new rules in place to protect them

this year, I hope they will be on the slow road to recovery too.

Happy angling and thanks for reading Capt. Matt

*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 captmatt-mitchell@aol.com.**

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Life jackets don't have to be bulky, as seen on this FWC rescue vessel crew

Boating Safety And Life Jackets

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recently provided inflatable life jacket kits to U.S. Power Squadron units across the state. The kits will be used by instructors to provide information on inflatable life jacket use and to show students how easy it is to wear a life jacket all the time while boating.

"Organizations like the Power Squadrons are a critical part of boating safety efforts in Florida and across the

country," said Brian Rehwinkel, FWC boating safety outreach coordinator. "The instructors with the Power Squadrons are often the first boating safety contact a new boater will encounter, and the information learned in a boating safety class can make a big difference on the water."

Life jacket kits were purchased through boating safety grants for approved boating safety classroom courses in Florida.

Life jacket wear does make a difference. Statistics show that more than 62 percent of the 55 boating-related deaths confirmed in 2012 were attributed to drowning, which life jackets are designed to prevent.

"We want to promote the message that there is a wide variety of comfortable, affordable and stylish life jackets on the market today," Rehwinkel said. "It is easier than you might think to keep you and your passengers safe."

The project with the Power Squadrons will help get that message out to those

enrolled in boating safety courses.

The Power Squadrons is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects.

For more boating safety information, visit MyFWC.com/Boating.

Fish Caught



Rol Campbell with a 17-pound red grouper

Rol Campbell, president of the Sanibel Island Fishing Club, caught a 17-pound red grouper approximately 32 miles offshore while fishing with Capt. Charles Sobczak aboard *Nine Lives*. The fish was almost 32 inches long.

It was pulled out of the rocks after a 15-minute battle.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Faces Of CROW 2013



by Patricia Molloy

This year, CROW has treated nearly 3,500 native and migratory wildlife patients. Of that number, nearly 2,000 were babies.

Highlights

January: The year began with a surprise visit from inhabitants of the Great White North. More than a dozen razor-bills – one of the rarest arctic seabirds in the United States – mistakenly flew to tropical Southwest Florida during their seasonal migration.

February: Two Fort Myers residents investigated a report from neighbors that a three-day-old owlet had fallen from its nest. After donning heavy gloves, the fuzzy little youngster was placed in a box on their lanai overnight. The next morning, they called the Sanibel wildlife clinic for assistance. An examination at the wildlife clinic proved that the owlet was unharmed.

The owlet was fed and re-nested in a more sturdy, handmade nest. Both parents were heard making clicks and squawks, and mom and dad resumed caring for and feeding their baby the following morning.

August: An eastern screech owl was admitted to CROW after being hit by a passing car. As a result of the accident, the rear of its left eye was torn, causing discoloration of the iris, enlargement of the pupil and air bubbles.

As Dr. Heather explained, “Neither I, nor any other ophthalmologist I spoke with, have seen (this).” While she feared that the owl would be permanently blinded in the affected eye, she felt certain that it could survive in the wild.

October: Several baby striped skunks, called kits, were admitted to the hospital as orphans. The “odor-able” babies were housed in a separate room in the nursery to avoid any stinky mishaps. After several weeks of supportive care, they were successfully released.

November: While an unsuspecting bald eagle was enjoying a quiet breakfast in an outdoor flight enclosure, staff and volunteers scurried around the wildlife hospital gathering clean towels, protective falconry gloves and cameras, all of which were loaded into an awaiting van. Once the checklist was complete and the eagle had eaten, the majestic raptor was placed inside a large carrier and whisked away.

Once at the release site: “She was very ready to go – I opened the top of the cage and she was out in an instant,” said volunteer Ruth Parks.



Thirty three percent of patients are mammals. This shy, female coyote pup was admitted with a broken leg, likely caused by a careless driver



Sixty percent are avians, like this crested caracara, which was successfully treated for a broken ankle



Reptiles make up nearly six percent of patients treated, like this green sea turtle, which weighed more than 300 pounds

In addition to hospital rounds, Dr. Heather has been busy raising the hospital’s national profile through participation in international conferences, taking part in a clinical trial of the drug cholestyramine and by maintaining close contact with federal, state and local agencies that are involved in veterinary medicine, natural resources and/or wildlife conservation.

As Dr. Heather noted, “Regardless of how you feel about cute, fuzzy animals, remember that these animals play an important part in all of our environment. They can be an early warning system for diseases that can affect you, your children and your pets.”

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This rare Kemp's ridley was taken outside regularly to a sea turtle tank for "day camp"



The unusual Chuck-will's-widow is a nocturnal avian the size of a pigeon



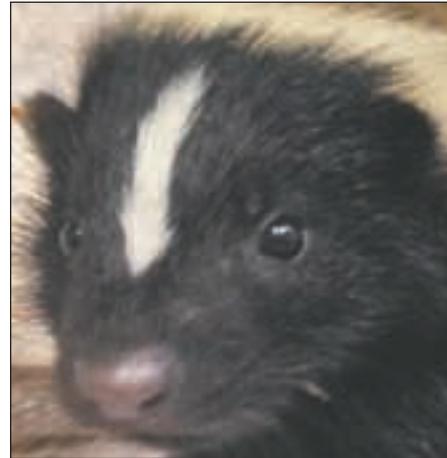
At 15 inches, the pileated woodpecker is one of the largest woodpeckers in North America



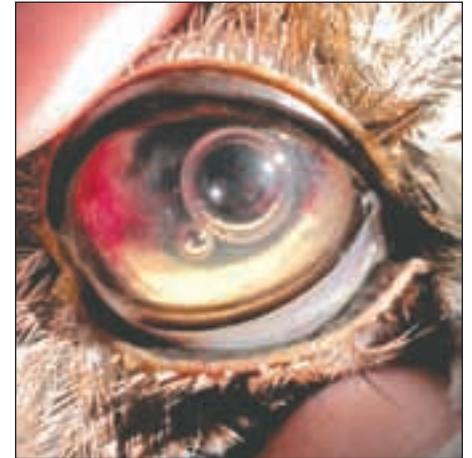
This laughing gull took part in a federally-sanctioned experimental drug trial at CROW



The nursery at CROW is always full. Pictured is a little eastern cottontail bunny.



Several striped skunk kits were kept away from other babies to avoid any stinky mishaps



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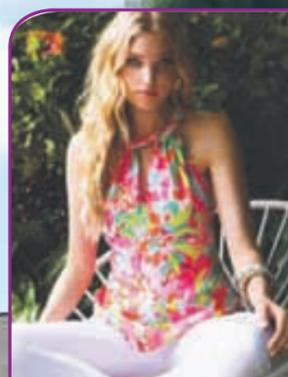
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Bird's Eye View

Domestic Cats, Coyotes And The Sanibel Rice Rat



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

Continued

Last week, I brought up my concern for the survival of a little-known, endemic mammal called the Sanibel Island rice rat. I think there is plenty

of native habitat preserved on the island for this wetlands creature, but I am worried about the impact two exotic predators could have on the species.

Domestic cats love to eat any rodent they come across and many owners don't give it a second thought as they let their feline companions outside when they are meowing at the door. Preying on rats and mice is what cats do and just because we humans feed our pets every day doesn't nullify the animal's innate desire to feel the chemical rush they receive when stalking and pouncing on prey their ancestors hunted thousands of years ago.

Case in point: How many human hunters do you think enjoy a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs before going out and stalking and killing their chosen

prey? Even though they are well fed usually, the human hunter still loves the rush of the hunt. I even suggest that my love of taking my canoe trips into the refuge and seeing how close I can get to the wildlife without disturbing them has, at its roots, the rush I receive when getting close to my prey. I have just, intellectually, chosen to stop short of killing my prey, but my instinct as a predator is the same. Cats don't have that capability to moderate their innate desires; they act on their instincts.

The good part of my concern about domestic cat predation on the Sanibel Island rice rat is that most sterile domestic cats do not range very far from their immediate home range so they may not be exploring very far into the rice rat's native wetlands habitat and Sanibel has so much preserved land that maybe the threatened species can maintain a safe distance from this potential threat. If the human owners of domestic cats can realize the danger their pets present to the native wildlife, making sure they stay close to home and sterilizing them, perhaps, can minimize that threat.

But I do not believe the solution for the coyote threat will be that easy. The same preserves where the rice rat can hide from domestic cats are the perfect hiding places for these exotic predators as well. And I am also afraid that the coyote, with no real natural control on its population levels, will continue to thrive on this island until most of the small animal prey-base (including domestic cats) is decimated. If that happens, not only will the

island's prey species disappear, but all of the island's native small animal predators may suffer as well, such as snakes, hawks and owls.

Now, I find the coyote a fascinating wild creature that I love to hear yipping in the middle of the night while camping in its native habitat west of the Mississippi River. But in Florida and on Sanibel, I only see devastation as a result of it being here. You see, the wolf used to be a major factor in keeping the coyote out of most of eastern North America. But we humans don't like the wolf to compete with us for wild game or occasionally take our livestock, so we exterminated the wolf in the east. And the coyote said, "Thank you very much!"

I may have written about this before, but there is a great story concerning the relationship between coyotes and wolves and the impact that relationship can have on other species such as birds of prey. A few years after they reintroduced wolves to the Yellowstone ecosystem, the scientists discovered that raptors were also coming back to the National Park.

What they found out was that when the wolf was removed from the system, coyotes increased in abundance and, since they fed more on the same prey as the raptors, there wasn't enough food to go around and the whole ecosystem got out of whack. Once the wolves were allowed to come back, the coyotes declined in number, the small animal prey-base increased, and the raptors soon began hunting in the national park once again.

Isn't it interesting how humans are always messing with the natural balance of things and the whole system gets screwed up?

So, we eliminated the wolf from the eastern U.S. and in the 1950s the coyote crossed over the Mississippi River and began its long migration towards Sanibel. Now the coyote has become our problem on Sanibel. And the solution will have to be, perhaps, an unpleasant one for the "animal lovers" on the island. There may have to be some sort of harvesting program.

I would be interested in seeing how controversial that idea would be. There has not been a very vocal outraged sentiment about the purging of the alligator population on the island. I wonder how Sanibelites would feel about harvesting those cute little coyotes.

And there may not be many that care that much about the Sanibel Island rice rat, but something has to be done or the whole system could fall apart. Cat owners could take more responsibility for their pets' behavior, but how do we keep the coyotes from creating a biological wasteland in the interior of the island?

Humans have created a problem. We better start thinking about what we're going to do about it.

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began his comedy career in 1986 when he entered the Jewish Comic of the Year Contest at the Going Bananas club in Philadelphia. Television, radio and personal appearances followed as he honed his distinctive approach to stand-up comedy. He has been seen on *Good Morning America*, the *Today Show*, Showtime, the BBC and CNN, among others.

Today, Alper performs nearly 80 shows a year. In addition to his solo shows, Alper performs frequently in a pairing with Muslim comedian Azhar Usman. He has authored three books. His latest is *Thanks, I Needed That.*, a collection of 32 true stories. He's also produced two best-selling comedy CDs and a 102-minute DVD titled *What are you... a comedian?*

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Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Ball Busters Lead

Rich Ennis, Dave Doane and Terry Ricotta had three wins each as league leading Bunt's Ball Busters coasted to a 13-3 victory over Island Lifers, gaining a 19-game lead in the standings. Ball Buster Captain Bob Buntrock also posted four effortless wins against Island Lifer Captain Connie Lee. Sounds good, but the fact is that Connie had guests in town for the holidays and forfeited the four games to Buntrock, who insisted that a "win is a win is a win."

With Captain Kip Buntrock again sitting on the bench, his Odd Balls streaked to 11-5 win over Sanibel Café. The

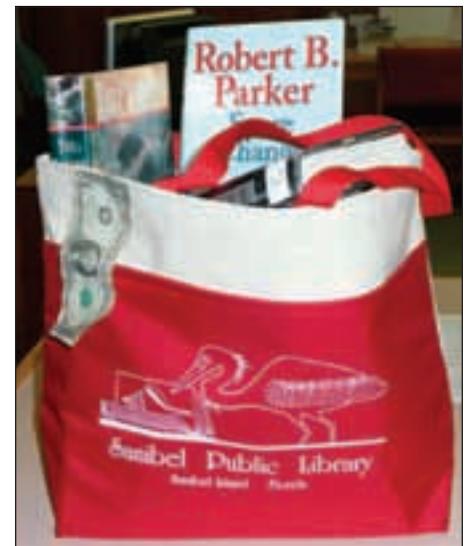
Café's loss came only one week after their almost miraculous upset victory over Bunt's Ball Busters. The Odd Ball win was led by snowbird Noah Smith, who was labeled "my main man" by Kip Buntrock because Smith hails from the state of Maine. Once again, Buntrock displayed a keen grasp of the obvious. Doc Lubinski and Jimbo Gaubatz each had three wins for the victors.

With three victories each, John Riegert and Jack Dalton dragged the Sandycappers to a 9-7 win over Fresh Legion Crew. Crew Captain Gator Gates had two wins for his team and got three more wins from super-sub Dennis Bender, former captain of Bathroom Magic, two-time winner of the league.✪

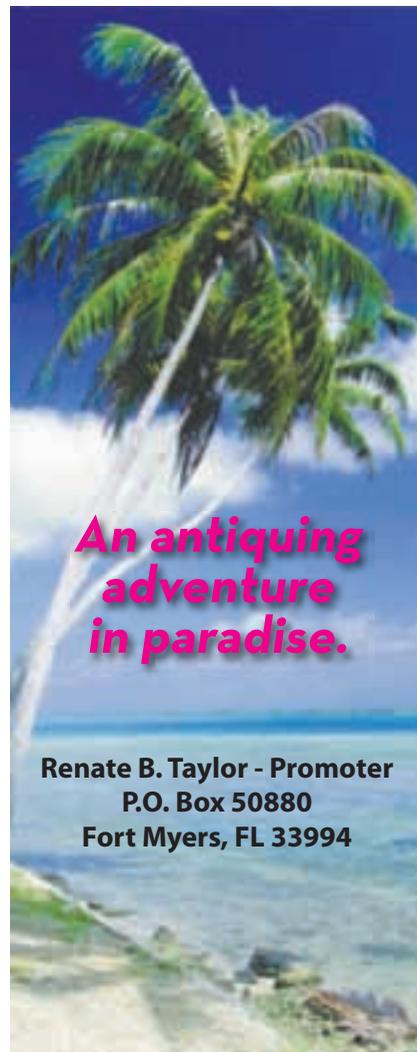
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Hanging Out Together

by Gerri Reaves

Airplants, or epiphytes, are found in many plant groups, including aroids, begonias, bromeliads, orchids, heaths, nightshades, ferns, and true mosses.

Because they are not rooted in the ground, airplants are often mistakenly thought to be parasites and unfortunately removed from the host.

In fact, they do not harm the host plant and it is not necessary to remove them from their perches.

Hosts serve as platforms to reach for sunlight and gather nutrients and moisture.

The moss-like plants collect detritus and moisture in their scales. Other types collect nutrients in the base of the cup-like rosette of leaves or through rhizomes.

Often, more than one species of airplant sets up house on a host, as these photos demonstrate.

However, they also live in isolation, nestling into building crevices, attaching to fences, or even clinging to power lines.

A rough-barked live oak (*Quercus virginiana*) branch, like the one in the photo, makes a good platform for Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*), southern needleleaf (*Tillandsia setacea*), and cardinal airplant (*Tillandsia fasciculata*.)



Native airplants and love vine create a suspended mass hanging from a live oak tree

photos by Gerri Reaves

All those species are members of the bromeliad family – the same family as the pineapple – and the latter is listed as endangered in the state.

In the case of the hanging mass in the other photo, it's difficult to discern who the host actually is. Originally, the ballmoss (*Tillandsia recurvata*) and the endangered giant airplant (*Tillandsia*



This live oak branch is the platform for several native airplants

utriculata) were supported by a live oak.

After losing their footing, however, the detached plants ended up enmeshed in the leafless love vine (*Cassytha filiformis*), a native with a tendency to climb and form mats on woody plants.

This suspended tangled “platform” shows just how tenacious and versatile airplants can be in the search for a place to thrive.

Enjoy the little communities these plants form and refrain from remov-

ing them from the host. They face the threat of habitat destruction and, for some species, the devastating Florida bromeliad weevil as well.

Sources: *Common Epiphytes of Florida* by Bruce K. Holst and ifas.ufl.edu.

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Upcycle! Art Fest At 'Ding' Darling

Sanibel Island's first fine arts and crafts event to require the use of repurposed and re-envisioned materials is set for April 16.

Twenty-five artists working in all media from around the U.S. are expected to qualify for the Upcycle! Art Fest, which will be held at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

"We are planning an educational and entertaining event that will directly benefit wildlife and its habitat at 'Ding' Darling," said Barb Lund, Upcycle! Art Fest com-

mittee chair. "Besides demonstrating the importance of recycling and conservation, it will offer visitors opportunities to purchase one-of-a-kind pieces and even try their hand at it."

The festival will take place at the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring works for display, judging, and sales. Activities will include artist exhibits, an art sale, a silent auction for an exclusive piece fashioned by Andrew Corke specially for the event, make-and-take crafts for children and adults, and environmental slide presentations.

Artists wishing to register for the event can do so at www.UpcycleArtFest.org.

Spots remain for 10 more artists to be accepted by a jury on a first-come and quality basis.

Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring or participating in Upcycle! Art Fest may contact Birgie Vertesch, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society executive director, at 292-0566 or director@ding-darlingsociety.org.

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Imagine Gala

interactive technology, smartphone-based bidding, and educational displays, all while raising funds for the center's programs and exhibits. Unique to the gala will be collaborative art pieces featuring the heads and faces of local community leaders enhanced by children's depictions of their bodies.

Eric Raddatz, founder of the Naples and Fort Myers film festivals, will be the emcee and auctioneer.

Guests will be able to explore new exhibits that the center expects to complete in early 2014. Watershed Wonders: Caloosahatchee Connections is an interactive exhibit that illustrates the Florida watershed from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico through the Caloosahatchee. Phases 3 and 4 of this project are scheduled to be completed in January.

The Water Table exhibit, a hydroponic display including plants and fish, is also scheduled to be completed in January.

For more information about The Imaginarium Science Center and the Underwater Wonders Gala, call 321-7420 or visit www.i-sci.org.

An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery



Baby raccoon

photo(s) courtesy of CROW



Baby otter being fed



Baby opossum drinking milk from a jar



Baby striped skunk

The CROW Picture Show offers insights about the native and migratory wildlife species brought to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), with photos of patients in treatment at the facility.

In 2012, CROW's wildlife hospital cared for 3,583 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 61 percent were birds, 33 percent mammals and six percent reptiles.

CROW is not permitted to display its patients publicly, so this presentation offers the next best thing: numerous candid snapshots of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The next CROW Picture Show is on Friday, December 27 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in CROW's Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from the Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under. The entry fee also includes access to the Visitor Education Center, which exhibits CROW's efforts to save wildlife through care, education and collaboration.

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Free Refuge Programs To Resume



This year's Friday Indigo Trail Walk takes in the new Wildlife Education Boardwalk

From birding and biking the refuge, to learning about gators and crocs, the seasonal calendar of free programs and tours at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge begins on January 2 and runs through April 25. New this year, Indigo Trail Hikes will include the recently opened Wildlife Education Boardwalk, plus three programs have been added to the schedule: Raptors of Southwest Florida, Reptiles and Amphibians, and Nature's Pollinators & Plant Walk.

Daily programs begin at 8:30 a.m. and include such diverse topics as Nature Photography, Plants of the Bailey Tract Tour, Calusa Shell Mound Tours, Florida's Venomous Wildlife, and Family Craft & Story Time.

"We have something for visitors of all ages," said refuge education specialist Ranger Becky Wolff. "The free refuge programs and tours last anywhere from a half hour to two hours."

For a full calendar of programs and tours and descriptions, visit www.dingdarling-society.org/winter-programs. Educational programs are made possible through support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).*



Ranger Becky Wolff points out some replica animal tracks along the boardwalk



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Shell Found



Dave Miller with his junonia

On December 6, Dave Miller from Norfolk, Arkansas, found a junonia on Captiva in front of Tween Waters Inn, where he was staying.

He said, "I was in the water waist deep at high tide (2 p.m. Friday, December 6) when I saw an orange flash in the water as shells were being swept back into the water. When I scooped it up with a bunch of other shells, there it was! Right on top of the other shells captured in my scoop. After 13 years of coming to Captiva and finally finding one, what a treat. God is good"✪✪

Shark Caught



Joe and Laurie Prokopovich pose behind a large bull shark

On December 15 at sunset, Joe Prokopovich, with help from his wife, Laurie, caught a sizable bull shark at Blind Pass. The couple were visiting from Freeland, Pennsylvania.✪✪

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CROW Wonders Of Wildlife Presentations



Great horned owl undergoing treatment

CROW's visitor education center and gift shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. It allows visitors to share in the life cycle of the patients from the time they are admitted until their ultimate release back into the wild.

For those who want a closer look at what CROW does, daily presentations are offered at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.. Admission to the education center is \$5 per adult, \$3 per teenager, and free for children under 12.

The week's schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 27 – Why Animals Come to CROW. Each year CROW

treats over 3,000 native and migratory wild animals in Lee County. A CROW team member gives an overview of its annual patient statistics and their reason for admission.

Saturday, December 28 – Owls of Southwest Florida. There are five owl species native to Southwest Florida, and their hunting adaptations enable them to be top predators. Owls are typically nocturnal, but there are crepuscular exceptions. A CROW team member teaches about who they are from hunting adaptations to common reasons for admission to the hospital.

Monday, December 30 – Ask the Clinical Staff. CROW is a teaching hospital that offers externship, fellowship and internship opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation. CROW medical staff tells what animals are currently in the hospital and how they treat over 3,000 patients a year.

Tuesday, December 31 – Patient Profiles: Sea Turtles. CROW is the only licensed sea turtle facility between Sarasota and Miami on the southwest coast of Florida. A CROW team member describes why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species.

Thursday, January 2 – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises. The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow, and the species is found digging from southern Georgia to Southwest Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosys-

tem, it is classified as a keystone species. The presentation is about why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species.

For more information, visit www.crowclinic.org or call 472-3644 ext: 228. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel Captiva Road.✪

Birding In The Preserves

Experienced birders will lead outings on the second and fourth Fridays of the month to two island preserves: Sanibel Gardens Preserves, jointly owned and managed by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the City of Sanibel; and the Shipley Trail at the Bailey Homestead Preserve.

Both new and experienced birders are welcome to participate with the chance of seeing a variety of birds in a diversity of wildlife habitats.

Botany enthusiasts are also welcome to help identify plants along the trails. All walks begin at 8 a.m. but the locations do vary. Walks are free for members and non-members. Call 472-2329 for more information.

Where to meet:

January 10 – For Sanibel Gardens, enter Island Inn Road from Tarpon Bay Road and park on the side of the road near the trailhead, or enter Island Inn Road from West Gulf Drive, park near road barrier and take a short walk to the



Bald eagle

trailhead.

January 24 – For the Shipley Trail, meet in the parking lot at Roadside City Park on Periwinkle Way (just east of Islander Trading Post). The Shipley Trail runs through the Bailey Homestead Preserve and connects the city's Pond Apple Park Trail to Roadside City Park.

NOTE: The Shipley Trail is not yet open to the public, nor is the rest of the Bailey Homestead Preserve, which is still undergoing restoration.✪

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Sand-Sculpting Display Coming To The Community House For Fun Fest

As part of the upcoming Sanibel Fun Fest community festival, to be held on January 24, 25 and 26, The Community House will be holding a Sand-Sculpting Contest.

It's a way for Island businesses and non-profits to build team spirit, have some fun and get exposure by showcasing their organizations to the world.

Sculptures will be constructed Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25 in a special sand display area to be set up on The Community House grounds.

Teams will be outfitted in Fun Fest gear as they set to work on their entries. Fun Fest attendees will be able to get a close-up view, cheer on or critique their favorite team, and vote for the best entry.



Sand sculpture entries can range from classic castles to wildlife to familiar commercial images

Judging will be held on Sunday, January 26, and trophies will be awarded for Best of Show, People's Choice and Sculptor Team Spirit.

Organizations can enter a team by becoming a sponsor (\$500), putting together a team (can be employees or just friends of the organization), and dreaming up a sand sculpture design that fits the event's theme ("Our Island Community").

Sculpture ideas can range from classic sandcastles to depictions of island life or even an interpretation of an organization's logo. Team members need not have previous sand-sculpting experience, as expert design help and instructions in building techniques will be provided by a professional sand-sculptor from Team Sandtastic.

Since space for the sand-sculpting entries is limited, sponsors are urged to sign up early to secure a spot for their team. Contact the sand-sculpting event coordinator Salli Kirkland at 472-4919 to sign up.

Individuals with previous sand-sculpting experience who are not part of a business or other organization but wish to participate should also call, and a spot will be found for them on one of the teams.

Proceeds from Sanibel Fun Fest and the Sand Sculpting Contest benefit the Sanibel Community Association, a non-profit 501c3 organization which operates the Sanibel Community House now in its 87th year of service to the island community. ✨

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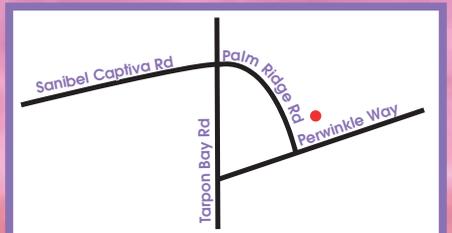
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Sanibel Welcomes Soldier Home For The Holidays



A crowd of more than 20 gathered to greet Lidester upon his arrival to the islands

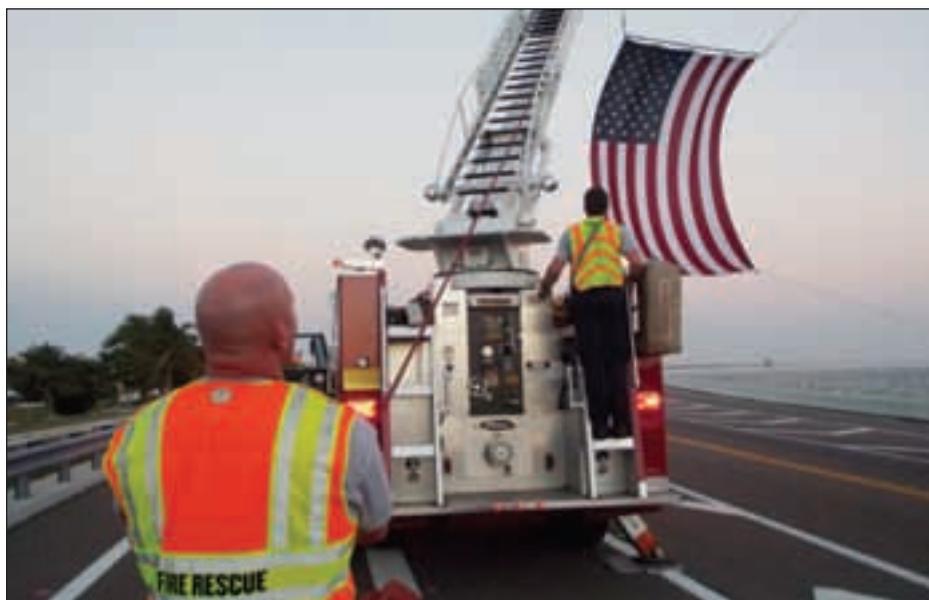
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Sanibel Fire & Rescue District members Tim Barrett and Bill Briscoe, along with Sanibel Police Department Sgt. George Krivas, unfurl the stars and stripes



The flag before it was raised above the causeway



Firefighter Carl Johanson keeps the line tight as the American flag is secured into place

Academy At Shell Point Offers A Tale Of Two Cities: Detroit And Singapore



Singapore city skyline dusk panorama 2011

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes Dr. Phil Gannon presenting The Tale of Two Cities: Detroit and Singapore. This three-part series is scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, January 7: Is the Past Prologue? A View of Detroit and Singapore from 1700 - 1942

Tuesday, January 14: The Detroit Story: From an Industrial World Leader to Bankruptcy

Tuesday, January 21: The Singapore Story: From Third World to First

Sessions will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Grand Cypress Room at The Woodlands at Shell Point.

The Tale of Two Cities will compare Detroit and Singapore – two major metropolitan areas of the world that followed significantly different economic, social, and political pathways. Detroit went from a position of leadership economically, educationally, and socially, and then reached the point of total bankruptcy. Meanwhile, Singapore transformed from a third world country facing financial difficulty to a position of both economic and educational world leadership. What happened?

These courses will be led by Shell Point resident Dr. Gannon, a native of Detroit and a graduate of the city's K-12 educational system. Dr. Gannon was a Michigan college president for 32 years, served both democratic and republican governors participating in studies of Detroit's educational problems, and also served on the board of trustees of the Detroit Institute of Technology. Later, he was president of an educational consulting firm that conducted in-country studies in China, Japan, Vietnam, South Korea, and Taiwan.

Dr. Gannon's sessions are free, but reservations are required as space is limited. Call 489-8472 for more information.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point is an educational initiative for the residents of the retirement community. It provides approximately 90 classes each semester that encompass a well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults. The academy was named one of 2008's most innovative active aging programs by the International Council on Active Aging, an association that supports professionals who develop wellness/fitness facilities and services for age 50-plus adults.✧

Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, December 17, there were four tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association.

The winners were:

1. Maureen Hnatow and Anne Krueger

2. Lou and Hendrik Regtuit

There was a tie for third and fourth between the teams of Clara and Terry Tbrana and Belle Lipsky and Sara Ramming.

The game runs for six months, November through April, at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. There will be no games on December 24 and December 31.

Starting in January, there will also be a game held at the same time and location on Thursdays. The Thursday game runs from January through April.

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Tickets On Sale For Whitney Wolanin Concert

Tickets for Whitney Wolanin's much anticipated January 24 performance at The Community House are now on sale. The 23-year-old pop chart songstress, who grew up on Sanibel and attended The Sanibel School, is making a rare personal appearance on the island as the headline event for the Sanibel Community Association's weekend-long Sanibel Fun Fest.

Wolanin attended high school in Fort Myers before departing for Vanderbilt

University in Nashville. A vocal powerhouse, she has been singing since the age of two and made her first professional recordings while in her early teens. Since then her career as a singer and songwriter has blossomed, and this year she has been recognized with four Grammy nominations.

Whitney's recently released a Christmas recording of *Run, Run, Rudolph* is currently number 5 on the Billboard Adult Contemporary chart, surpassing all other recorded versions of the song including Chuck Berry's original which topped out at Number 69. The song can be heard in a music video parody of the classic movie, *A Christmas Story*, which features Wolanin, her parents and her sister in the roles made

famous in that movie. The video can be seen on Youtube or on her website: whitneywolanin.com.

Sanibel's Community House figured importantly in Wolanin's early days. She reminisces fondly about attending theater camps and teen dances there, as well as performing in musical productions at The Sanibel School. So coming back to appear on the island is an opportunity for an enjoyable "return to her roots," as well as a rare opportunity for local residents to hear her in person.

The 7 p.m. concert will be preceded by a 6 o'clock meet and greet cocktail reception for VIP ticketholders. Reserved seating is available. Call 472-2155 or stop by The Community House office. General tickets are \$75 and VIP tickets



Pop singer and Sanibel native Whitney Wolanin is to appear at the Community House January 24

are \$200 and are good for access and VIP seating at all Fun Fest weekend events.

The Sanctuary Golf Club is sponsoring the appetizers and VIP reception.✧



Event Volunteer Registration

January 24, 6-9 pm; January 25, 10-4, 6-9; January 26, Sunday 12-4

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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 performance 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.

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



Sami Doherty, Elizabeth Urbanczyk, Bobby Logue, Annie Freres, John Ramsey and Jessica Humphrey

A Holiday Treat At The Strauss

by Di Saggau

It's billed as a Holiday Spectacular and that perfectly describes what is going on now at the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater on Sanibel. The show, written by Bobby Logue and John Ramsey, both seasoned performers, is without a doubt the best holiday show I have ever seen at this theater.

It opens with Elizabeth Urbanczyk singing *All I Want for Christmas is You*. She knocks this song out of the park. Soon the other cast members join her, and they swing into a lively song and dance medley that lets you know it's going to be a special evening.

The show incorporates some old favorites done with a new twist and that really makes the production fresh and exciting. There are some Christmas songs that are sure to bring tears to your eyes. I have never heard them before and am grateful they were included.

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Stories For Grownups

Stories For Grownups is held the first Friday of the month throughout season, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. The first session is January 3. There is no admission charge.

This month, the featured storyteller is Dr. Sidney B. Simon, professor emeritus from the University of Massachusetts. Before he earned that title, Simon was an internationally known authority in psychological education. Author of 15 books in the areas of values clarification, getting unstuck, negative criticism and forgiveness, Simon is also the author of two children's books, *Henry the Unmatchable Mouse* and *The Armadillo Who Had No Shell*, written for his own kids when they were little. WW Norton published them in the late 1960s.

Simon has appeared on various talk show programs, including *Oprah* and *The Phil Donahue Show*. Locally, he was honored as Lee County Literary Artist of the Year in 2012. The Gulf Coast Writers Association has invited him back three times as keynote speaker.

All are invited to come and listen, or come with a story you might get a chance to tell.

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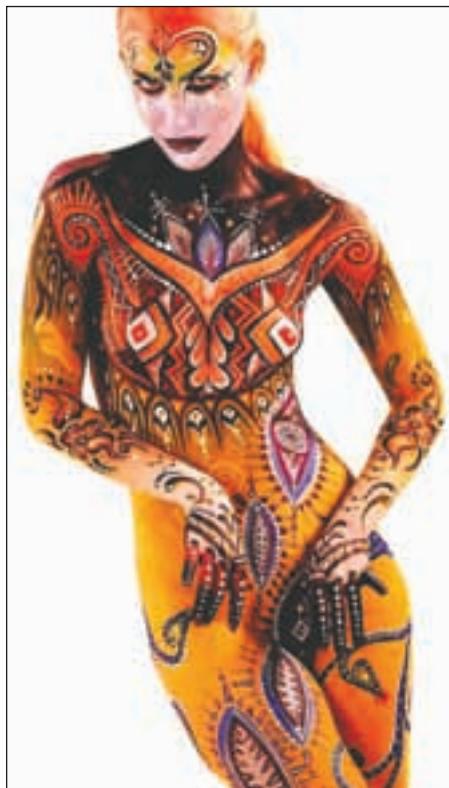
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Artist Scott Fray created this exotic design to the live models who will serve as their three-dimensional canvases. The original art designs they create will be based on the theme Enlightenment. At the end of the designated four-hour time period, work will cease and a panel of three professional judges will determine the winning designs. The top three entries will be awarded cash prizes.

Asian themes influence a creation by Wolf Reicherter

levels of creativity."

Fine Art Of Bodypainting To Debut At FunFest

On Sunday, January 26, visitors to the Sanibel Fun Fest will have the opportunity to witness a new form of art being created before their eyes, as the innovative and emerging art of bodypainting makes its debut on Sanibel.

It is part of The Community House's three-day festival. Ten accomplished artists will have just four hours to transform "blank human canvases" into living pieces of art.

This officially sanctioned and judged competition will begin Sunday morning when the artists will start applying paint

Artists selected to compete will be chosen based on an evaluation of their past work by Living Art America, an Atlanta-based organization devoted to developing the emerging art form. Living Art America was formed by The Chelko Foundation, whose founder Paul Chelko was known for his abstract and ultra-realistic paintings, and who was also involved in performance art, music, poetry and film. The Chelko Foundation's purpose is "to empower women to transcend their current circumstances and achieve new

While bodypainting may be considered avant-garde, Fun Fest organizer Marge Meek championed bringing this innovative art-form to the island after being enthralled by an exhibit in Atlanta in 2013. "Since Sanibel is a haven, an absolute sanctuary, for so many accomplished artists in so many different mediums of expression, I felt islanders and visitors alike would be captivated by this three-dimensional living art form." Meek went on to clarify that anyone who has visions of seeing risqué art may be disappointed. She explained, "While using the human body as the canvas, the models are 'clothed' or covered in leotards or swim suits."

Living Art America reinforces that description. They explain that throughout history, the human form has been a focal point for master artists. Bodypainting on live subjects is an extension of that focus, and it gives talented artists a new medium for expressing their vision and expert technique. The end result is original masterworks on the multidimensional human form.

Clearly, this exhibit in Sanibel represents an opportunity for those who have never seen living art to be enlightened, as the competition's theme suggests. Said Ken Goldwasser, director of Living Art America, "We are always excited about introducing this art-form to new audiences, and so we are particularly delighted to bring this exhibit to a sophisticated art community such as Sanibel."

Fun Fest will open at noon on Sunday, and all the artists will work on their designs inside The Community House, where spectators will be able to get a close view of their work in progress. Judging and awards presentation will be at 3 p.m.

In addition to the bodypainting display, Fun Fest's other activities on Sunday include the following:

- Live music on the outdoor stage featuring The Troublestarters, from noon

to 4 p.m.

- Car Show featuring the Cool Cars and Motorcycles of Sanibel.
 - Sand Sculpture Competition entries on display all day. Awards presented at 3 p.m.
 - Food and beverages, including offerings from: Cip's, Sweet Melissa's, Island Pizza, Bailey's, Leslie Adams Catering, Italian Ice and Tallulah's Seafood Truck
- Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for children six to 12, and free for those five and under (Sunday admission is free to those who attended on Saturday). Festival hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Sanibel Community Association and go toward support of The Community House.✪

A New Children's Eco-Adventure

The Island Book Nook carries the latest publication by John Raffensperger, MD, a Sanibel resident and professor emeritus in surgery at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

The Eagle Tree is an adventure story for children age seven years or older. It encourages the reader to appreciate and protect the natural environment. The story takes place on an island much like Sanibel.

When his mother becomes ill, Peter, a shy boy, must move in with his conservationist grandfather. Dr. Bill introduces Peter to native wild animals such as snakes, alligators and sharks, and outdoor activities like fishing and exploring beaches and nature preserves. Becoming comfortable in nature helps Peter make new friends and prompts him to act when he and his classmates discover threats to the local ecosystem.

Peter gets in trouble when he mails a dead fish along with a letter protesting water pollution, but he emerges as a local hero to other children and adults in his new island home.

The Island Book Nook, A Paperback Exchange Bookstore, is in the Palm Ridge Plaza on Palm Ridge Road. The store is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Sunday. Visit www.theislandbooknook.com.✪

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A scene from *The Sapphires*

Monday Night Movie

The Sapphires

by Di Saggau



The BIG ARTS movie for Monday Night, December 30, is *The Sapphires*, an Australian film inspired by a true story. It follows four vivacious, young and talented

Australian Aboriginal girls who leave their community in the hope of entertaining U.S. troops in Vietnam and becoming big stars.

The film is a labor of love and a warm tribute to the four women. We first meet the future singers as children, three sisters and their cousin, performing in 1958 at a family celebration. The light-skinned cousin is taken to become part of what is called the Stolen Generation.

Until 1967, native Australians dubbed Aborigines were not classified as humans by the Australian government. This was depicted in the film *Rabbit-Proof Fence*.

The sisters continue to sing together and eventually reconnect with their

photo by Lisa Tomasetti The Weinstein Company

cousin. Chris O'Dowd is Dave, a good-humored talent scout with a great knowledge of soul music. As their manager he books the sisters their first true gig giving them a taste of stardom, and in 1968 travels them to Vietnam to sing for the American troops.

The music includes *I Heard It Through the Grapevine*, *I'll Take You There*, *Hold On, I'm Coming*, and many more that add a lot of energy and spirit to the sound track. The film has an irresistible feel-good vibe, winning music and charming performances. The film runs 103 minutes.

The movie Monday night January 6, is *Since Otter Left*, a drama that's both funny and moving. More on that next week.

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. Tickets are available by calling 395-0900.*

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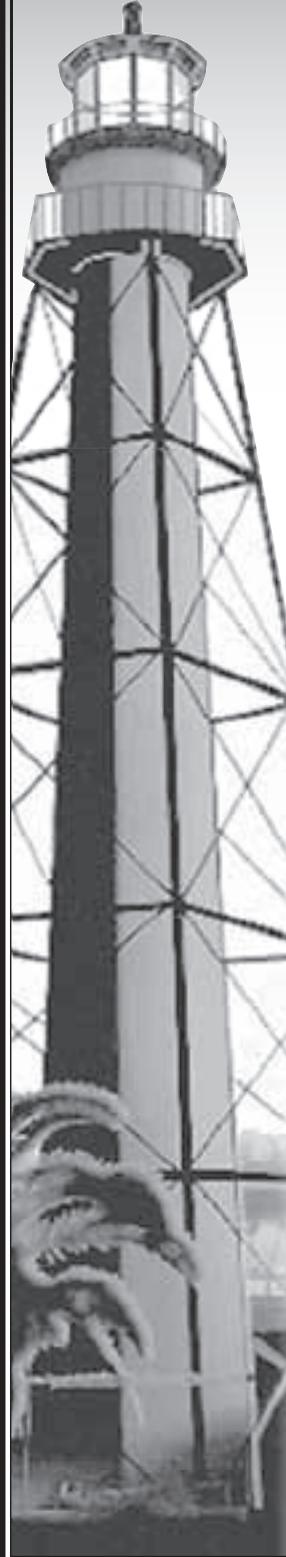
1. *Obituary Writer* by Ann Hood
 2. *The Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron Base
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 5. *Dog Songs* by Mary Oliver
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Dara and Deanna Craig

Sisters Featured In Sanibel Film

“This is what Sanibel is all about,” said Eric Pfeifer, after he saw a clip from the upcoming documentary, *Growing Up on Sanibel*, which is sponsored by Pfeifer Realty Group.

Sisters Dara and Deanna Craig and Hannah and Laney Fay are featured in a segment that includes the recent production of *Willie Wonka* at The Sanibel School.

The segment begins with a rehearsal as Musical Director Joseph Angelo works with the student cast and crew. Behind-the-scenes action shows the students as they prepare for their performances. The documentary will also include clips from the actual public performance.

Dara Craig, a junior at Cypress Lake High School, who has performed in multiple Sanibel School musical productions, was able to compare experiences with her sister, Deanna, a freshman who has also appeared in several school productions.

Laney Fay, now a freshman at



Laney and Hannah Fay

Washington & Lee University, and her younger sister, Hannah, have both performed in multiple productions at The Sanibel School.

On camera, each talked about how their on-stage experiences expanded their horizons and made them more confident in everyday life.

Pfeifer said, “Young people are the future leaders of Sanibel. Many kids and young adults on Sanibel are growing up to explore and appreciate the numerous opportunities that surround them in their own backyard. They are the next generation of this unique island we all call home.

This is why I decided to sponsor this documentary.”

Growing Up on Sanibel will premiere at BIG ARTS on April 10. There will also be an art auction of the 10 *Sanibel* is... pieces. The art has been appearing monthly in full-page ads by Pfeifer Realty Group in the *Island Sun*. All proceeds from the auction will go to 10 island nonprofits.*

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Holiday Spectacular

Urbanczyk and Annie Freres, with their strong, thrilling voices, serve up some beautiful renditions. Jessica Humphrey and Sami Doherty add their musical talents to the show. Everyone has a chance to shine in their own unique fashion.

You'll love Humphrey's version of *Last Year I Gave You My Heart* and Doherty's *Santa Baby* that involves flirting with men in the audience. Admit it guys, you loved it.

A few movie classics are also in the show. *Blue Skies* by Ramsey is a sophisticated version that adds great pizzazz. Logue treats us to the classic *It's the Most Wonderful Time of The Year*.

Then there's all that dancing, lots of tap numbers and who doesn't love tap? This is a show to lift your spirits and get you in the perfect mood for the holidays. Logue and Ramsey and the entire cast are to be applauded for their exceptional work in bringing Christmas Spectacular our way.

The show runs through December 31. I strongly recommend you see it. The Strauss Theater is located at 2244 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Tickets are available by calling 472-6862 or 395-0900.*

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Juried Art Council Award Winners Announced At BIG ARTS



Eleanor Dominek, first place winner for *Near Day's End the Apache Trail*, with Tom Kulina, Laverne Phillips Memorial Award Winner for *Advent*

BIG ARTS welcomed approximately 200 people during the artists reception and award ceremony for the Sanibel-Captiva Art League 38th annual Juried Art Council of Southwest Florida Exhibit in Phillips Gallery on December 13.

The exhibit juror was Steve Rogers, an internationally-renowned watercolor artist and workshop instructor who is also a signature member of the American Watercolor Society (AWS) and an ambassador/director of AWS and signature member of the National Watercolor Society.

The juried exhibit accepted artwork in watercolor, oil, acrylic, mixed media, collage, sculpture and original prints that featured "patterns."

In addition to the juried exhibit in Phillips Gallery, Founders Gallery currently showcases the BIG ARTS member-only Big And Small - Buy It Off The Wall exhibit. All of the original artwork in both exhibits is available for sale while on display.

The winners of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League 38th annual Juried Art Council of Southwest Florida Exhibit are as follows:

- First place (\$500): Eleanor Dominek, *Near Day's End The Apache Trail*
- Second place (\$250): Jim Bird, *Cut From The Same Cloth*
- Third place (\$125): Rita Tarr McLain, *Nature's Patterns*
- Merit Award (\$75): Joan Klutch, *Simplicity #17*
- Merit Award (\$75): Joan Tangren Reynolds, *Nature's Morning Patterns*
- Merit Award (\$75): Carl Schwartz, *Hungry Koi*
- Merit Award (\$75): Peter B. Zell, *Pond Apple Trail*
- Laverne Phillips Memorial Award: Tom Kulina, *Advent*

Both exhibits are free and open to the public through January 15 at BIG ARTS Phillips and Founders Galleries.

Discover more about BIG ARTS, including volunteer opportunities and membership options as well as purchase tickets or learn more about our full season lineup of exhibits, performances, classes and events by visiting BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, online at www.BIGARTS.org, by phone 395-0900 or via e-mail at info@BIGARTS.org.

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Fort Myers Public Art

Yoko Ono Exhibit Coming To Fort Myers



by Tom Hall

Work by Yoko Ono is coming to Fort Myers on January 24. Re-imagined anew for the first exhibit of Jade Dellinger's tenure as new director and curator of the

Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Yoko Ono Imagine Peace will reintroduce several of the artist's most current works.

"Long before she emerged into popular awareness as John Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono had established herself in vanguard art and music circles as one of the most daring, innovative and eccentric artist-performers of her time," writes art critic Peter Frank. "As one of the founders of the Fluxus movement at the beginning of the 1960s, Ono helped identify and define the playful, subversive, visionary sensibility that has undergirded experimentation in all the arts ever since."

Over the course of her artistic career, Ono has consistently investigated the theme of peace and has invited those who interact with her work to play an active role in their creation

and existence. Works like *Wish Tree* (1996/2014), *Imagine Peace Maps* (2003/2014), *Onochord* (2003/2014) and *Imagine Peace Tower* (2006/2014) offer gallery visitors an opportunity to participate individually and collectively with the artist in the realization of each work.

The *Wish Tree* has been included in museum and cultural center exhibitions around the globe since 1981. At each venue, viewers are encouraged to write their personal wish for peace on a sliver of paper or shipping tag and tie them to the branch of the tree. They are added to the *Imagine Peace Tower* in Reykjavik, Iceland. Ono doesn't read them, as she feels it is not right to read people's private wishes, but by including them in a single totem-like sculpture, Ono expects their cumulative emotive message to engender a universal consciousness for world peace.

"As a child in Japan, I used to go to a temple and write out a wish on a piece of thin paper and tie it around the branch of a tree," Ono once explained of the project. "Trees in temple courtyards were always filled with people's wish knots, which looked like white flowers blossoming from afar. All my works are a form of wishing."

Ono relit the *Imagine Peace Tower* in memory of her husband on October 9 (the anniversary of Lennon's birth) and had it illuminated each night between 8 p.m. and midnight until December 8 (the 33rd anniversary of his death). She intends to turn the *Imagine Peace Tower* back on between December 21 and New Year's Eve, on



Yoko Ono Imagine Peace is coming to the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison State College

February 18 (her own birthday) and from February 21 to March 18, 2014.

Opening January 24, the exhibition at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery will enable area residents and visitors to consider the world with fresh eyes as they stamp the phrase "Imagine Peace" on the *Imagine Peace Maps* location of their choice, attach their own handwritten wish for peace to the *Wish Tree*, and have their wish delivered to the *Imagine Peace Tower* in Reykjavik, where it will shine on eternally, joining more than a million others previously collected.

"You are also welcomed to beam the message 'I Love You' to one and all using *Onochord* flashlights," states the in the press release announcing the exhibition. "You may take an *Onochord* flashlight and an *Imagine Peace* button as a gift to you from the artist and carry these timeless messages out into the world."

As Yoko Ono has often observed, "A dream you dream alone is just a dream, but a dream we dream together is reality."

Passages of Light, a video that chronicles the conceptualization and construction of the *Imagine Peace Tower*, and reinterpretations of the works *Parts of a Lighthouse* and *Mend Piece*, will also be featured in the exhibition. *Play it by Trust*, a monochrome chessboard and all-white painted lawn-sized game pieces, will invite visitors to experience a playful metaphor for the futility and confusion of all types of conflict – where differentiation between opposing sides is difficult if not impossible and the commonality of opponents is exposed.

The exhibition *Yoko Ono Imagine Peace Tower* is curated by Kevin Concannon and John Noga with the support and involvement of the artist. The installation at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery has been configured in direct collaboration with Yoko Ono to reflect the gallery's mission and its role as a learning laboratory on the campus of Edison State College in Fort Myers.

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery was founded as The Gallery of Fine Arts in 1979 on the Lee County campus of Edison State College (then Edison Community College). On June

4, 2004 it was renamed the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery to honor and commemorate the college's long-time association and friendship with the artist. Over more than three decades until his death, the Gallery worked closely with Rauschenberg to present world premiere exhibitions including multiple installations of the *1/4 Mile or Two Furlong* piece. The artist insisted on naming the space the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery (versus the Robert Rauschenberg Gallery) as it was consistent with the intimate, informal relationship he maintained with both the local Southwest Florida community and Edison State College.

Gallery exhibitions are sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida, Department of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council. Yoko Ono Imagine Peace is generously underwritten by Trevett Capital Partners, Steven Hubbard and Carolann Swanson, Barbara Yeomans, and the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery Docent Helping Hand Fund.

An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District's public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to truetours.net.✪

Academy Award Series Line-Up

The 2013 BIG ARTS Film Society Academy Award Contender's Series starts on Wednesday, January 8, at 1 p.m. at Island Cinema. It will continue for eight Wednesdays at the same time through February 26.

Each week one of the top Academy Award contender films will be screened followed by a discussion at George and Wendy's Seafood Grille. Everyone is invited to attend. Films will be announced as soon as they are confirmed, usually seven to eight days prior to the screening.

The eight films in the series will include some of the following: *12 Years a Slave*, *Nebraska*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, *Blue Jasmine*, *All is Lost*, *American Hustle*, *The Wolf of Wall Street*, *August Osage County*, *Saving Mr. Banks*, *Inside Lewyn Davis*, and *Her*.

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January 8 – Spiral rope bracelet
February 5 – Large shell right angle weave necklace

April 2 – Sea biscuit pendant
You can see some of Gober's more exquisite items for sale at Pandora's Box. Per class price is \$35 for SCA members and \$40 for guests. Advanced classes will be scheduled ad hoc for \$50 for three hours for members.

For more information or class registration, call 472-2155. To become an SCA sponsor, call or visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net.



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Preservation Hall Jazz Band To Play



Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Shell Point Retirement Community will welcome Preservation Hall Jazz Band on Saturday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m. in The Village Church Auditorium at Shell Point Retirement Community.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band derives its name from Preservation Hall, the venerable music venue located in the heart of New Orleans' French Quarter, founded in 1961 by Allan and Sandra Jaffe. The band has traveled worldwide since 1963, spreading their mission of nurturing and perpetuating the art form of New Orleans Jazz. Whether performing at Carnegie Hall or London Center, for British Royalty or the King of Thailand, the band embodies a joyful, timeless spirit.

Under the auspices of current director, Ben Jaffe, the son of the founders, Preservation Hall continues with deep reverence and consciousness of its greatest attributes in the modern day as a venue, band, and record label. Many of the band's charter members performed with the pioneers who invented jazz in the early 20th century, including Buddy Bolden, Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong and Bunk Johnson. The founding artists and dozens of others have passed on the lessons and love of their music to a younger generation that now follows in their footsteps. According to *Time Out New York*, "The Preservation Hall Jazz Band is a bona fide New Orleans treasure."

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BIG ARTS Call To Artists

BIG ARTS invites artists to channel their love of books and reading into their submissions for the juried exhibit, entitled Based On Books. The entry fee is \$25 for BIG ARTS members and \$35 for non-members. An artist may submit up to two entries for consideration and awards for this exhibit and the entrance fee remains the same, regardless of whether one or two pieces are submitted. BIG ARTS annual memberships begin at \$50 and artists may become BIG ARTS members during receiving.

Entries may be two or three dimensional works in any media but must incorporate the theme of books, such as elements from outside or inside books. Artwork may incorporate book titles, themes, characters, locations, action, reaction, travel, poetry, classic, comic, fantasy, fiction, history, mystery, page or spine. All of the artwork must be available for sale and must be ready for proper hanging and display. Artwork must not have been previously shown at BIG ARTS and all entries must be original. Mechanically produced reproductions are not allowed, nor are giclee prints or copies.

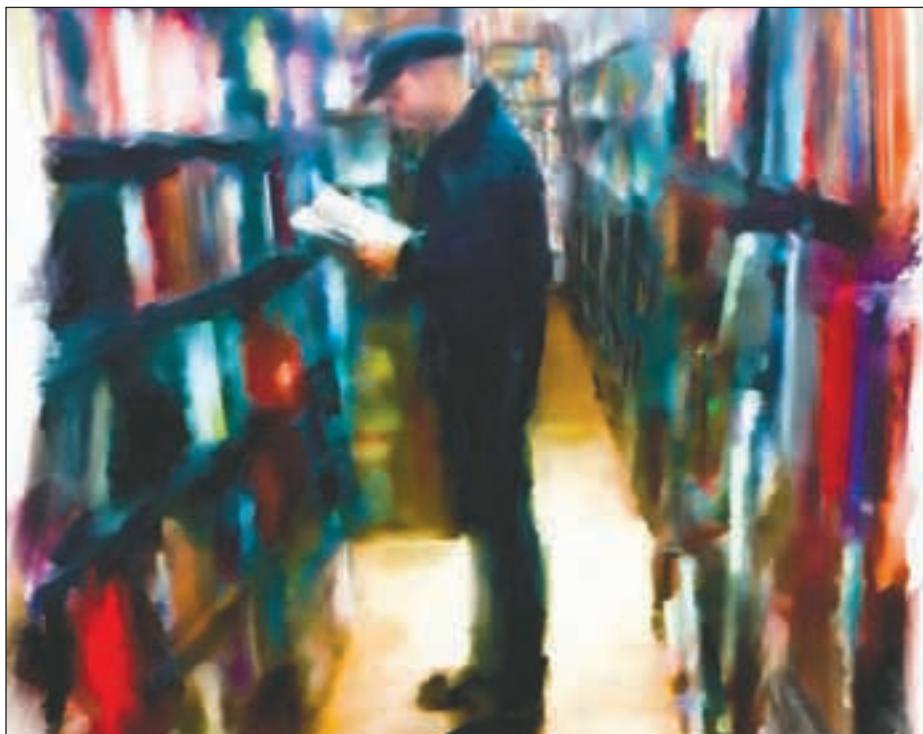
Douglas Flynt, a fine art instructor and oil painter, will serve as the judge for the Based On Books exhibit. Flynt holds a BFA and BA in History and Criticism of Art from Florida State University as well as a MFA from New York Academy of Art. He conducts workshops, classes and private instruction in Fort Myers and is also a regular workshop instructor at the Grand Central Academy of Art in New York City.

All entries must be submitted for review to BIG ARTS

between 9 a.m. and noon on Friday, January 17. No entries will be accepted prior to the official receiving date and time.

The full prospectus is available online at www.BIGARTS.org and at BIG ARTS, located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. The Based On Books exhibit will be free and open to the public for viewing in Phillips Gallery from January 20 through February 26. The artists reception on Friday, January 31, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., will also be free and open to the public to attend. First place (\$500), second place (\$250) and third place (\$125) awards will be announced during the reception as well as two Merit Awards (\$50 each).

To learn more about BIG ARTS, visit BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, online at www.BIGARTS.org, by phone at 395-0900 or via e-mail at info@BIGARTS.org.



Immersed, digital imagery by Pam Brodersen

Book Discussion

Readers are invited to discuss *Flight Behavior*, by Barbara Kingsolver, the focus of the Wednesday January 22 book discussion meeting at the Sanibel Public Library. The meeting is free and open to the public.

The discussion begins at 2 p.m. in meeting room 4 across from the elevator on the ground floor. Lorraine Walker Williams will lead the discussion.

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suffering oppressive poverty, bored housewife Dellarobia Turnbow, on the way to meet a potential lover, is detoured by a miraculous event on the Appalachian mountainside that ignites a media and religious firestorm that changes her life forever.

The books featured in the book group discussions are available and located in the library near the reference desk. While it is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the lively discussion, all are welcome. If you have questions, call the library at 472-2483. ☆

Sanibel Man To Tell About Holocaust

Steen Metz will share his Holocaust experiences at Sanibel Public Library on Friday January 10 at 2 p.m.

The Sanibel resident will tell the story of his childhood in Denmark during the Nazi occupation and his family's imprisonment in the Theresienstadt concentration camp. In his memoir, *A Danish Boy in Theresienstadt*, Metz tells of his family's harrowing experience, their struggle for survival, and insights into the Nazis' propaganda to the public about conditions in the camp.

In the camp, Metz faced inhospitable and unsanitary living conditions as well as cruelty from German guards. His father died of starvation less than six months after their arrival. Metz was completely shut off from the outside world until April 1945, when the Red Cross came to the camp and freed the inhabitants.

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selected by Tanya Hochschild

Invictus

by William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winc'd nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,

And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

South African leader, Nelson Mandela (Madiba) was inspired by this poem. He copied it onto a scrap of paper and read it in his prison cell while incarcerated for 27 years on Robben Island. He recited the poem to other prisoners and was empowered by its message of self-mastery. It was as if this poem was written especially for Nelson Mandela. It has however been used by various actors, sportsmen and leaders on many occasions.*

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Uncommon Evening To Celebrate Davis

The annual Uncommon Evening, presented by the Uncommon Friends Foundation on March 26, will honor Fort Myers resident Berne Davis on her 100 years of philanthropic endeavors. She will mark her 100th birthday on March 19.

The Southwest Florida community is invited to participate in the special celebration of Davis' life. The gala evening will be held at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street, Fort Myers.

The event will also feature the presentation of the 9th annual Business Ethics Award, Character Education Teacher Awards and scholarships to 20 recipients.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$100. Tables of eight and sponsorships are available. Contact Arlene Roth, 337-9503, or aroth@uncommonfriends.org to make reservations.*

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January

In less than two months since Ed Lockard and Drew Donnelly, the new owners of Sanibel Island Golf Club – formerly known as Beachview Golf Club – took over operations, there have been several changes. Some have been subtle. Others, a bit more drastic. “Now, we’re more customer-friendly. We want to give people a better experience that they weren’t getting at the old Beachview Golf Club,” said Lockard.



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

A small crowd gathered at the Refuge Education Center for the official unveiling of the Living With Dinosaurs exhibit. But more than that, the group was there to say “Welcome home” to a legendary local reptile that made the refuge her home for nearly a quarter of a century. On January 16, the staff and volunteers at the refuge welcomed visitors to explore their newest exhibit, which features the articulated skeleton of the 11-foot-plus female American crocodile who died in 2010.



Unveiling the new Living With Dinosaurs exhibit at the Refuge Education Center are, from left, Paul Tritaik, Cindy Reinhart, Doris Hardy and John McCabe

The 2012 tropical storm season resulted in significant erosion along Sanibel’s beaches at several locations including Lighthouse Beach Park, West Gulf Drive in the vicinity of West Wind Inn, and south of Blind Pass. The storms included Tropical Storm Debby in June, Hurricane

Isaac at the end of August and Hurricane Sandy in late October.

The Captiva Civic Association unveiled a major expansion and renovation of the existing Captiva Community Center and Captiva Memorial Library. This renovation will add nearly 1,200 square feet to the existing 7,400 square-foot building at 11550 Chapin Lane.

Dredging of the inside of Blind Pass could begin as early as this week, according to Sanibel Natural Resources Director James Evans. The project will be managed by Lee County Natural Resources and will be performed by Florida Dredge and Dock, Inc. All beach compatible sand dredged from the inside of the pass – estimated to be about 40,000 cubic yards – will be placed on Sanibel near Silver Key.

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

February

There will be no Sanibel City Council election in March this year. The incumbents were the only candidates to qualify. They are Kevin Ruane, mayor; Mick Denham and Marty Harrity.



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

The “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) has embarked on a preservation campaign to acquire 6.56 acres of land on Woodring Point – property currently occupied by longtime island residents Ralph and Jean Woodring – to enhance the refuge’s education center. The campaign goal is \$1.4 million, plus an additional \$400,000 for the education center.

With bicycle use on Sanibel up 56 percent since 2006, city planners have been considering ways to ensure that the number of bicycle racks on the island is adequate. The planning commission got a first look at a draft ordinance and recommendations from the planning department based on a survey of other biker-friendly communities – and they were not convinced that changes to the land develop-

ment code are needed to add more racks. Instead, city easements could be used.

March

Representatives from JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge and The Sanibel School gathered with donors and green architect Amy Nowacki to break ground for the



Computer rendering of the boardwalk’s observation deck

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

In its bid to get Lee County to resume causeway revenue sharing with Sanibel, the city council approved the hiring of a consultant to review all the financial documentation. In the past, Sanibel received up to \$800,000 a year from tolls, representing 21 percent, but after a lawsuit Sanibel and a citizens group filed to stop construction of the new, single span bridge, the city had to forgo its cut to make up for the higher price the delay caused.

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

Picture an area of Sanibel with picnic tables for people to gather, a place for small concerts or weddings, some green space, interconnected parking areas and free access to wi-fi. That’s just one scenario that can be drawn from a long list of ideas that the city council came up with in an effort to bring the island’s dilapidated and outdated commercial areas up to speed.

Once again, the city is looking at the concept of a town center around Palm Ridge Road and the neighboring city hall/

library/BIG ARTS complex – but this time around, no ideas are off the table, and the city wants to take a leadership role in bringing it to fruition.



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

Baby chicks are on the way, much to the delight of viewers who have been flocking to Ocean’s Reach Osprey Cam to keep tabs on this year’s osprey family at the resort. Six months ago, Ocean’s Reach added a high-definition webcam to the special 35-foot-high nesting platform the resort built five years ago to accommodate the birds. Guests from around the world have watched the day-to-day activity of these raptors, sharing comments and screen shots that have been featured on the resort’s daily blog. “This season, our female osprey laid three eggs,” said Andy Boyle, general manager.

April



Students from The Sanibel School at the new playground, located behind the Sanibel Recreation Center

On April 12, a brand new playground was officially opened behind the Sanibel Recreation Center, with students from The Sanibel School becoming the first children

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to climb, crawl, twirl, slide and swing upon the multi-faceted \$132,000 facility. It's a joint project between the City of Sanibel (\$72,000) and the Lee County School District (\$60,000).



Children enjoying the new swing feature



Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and Iona-McGregor Fire Department provide a hero's welcome for a wounded veteran

The islands put out the red carpet – or more accurately, a patriotic welcome arch formed by fire truck ladders – to greet a wounded veteran. Lance Corporal Christian Brown was invited by Operation Open Arms, a non-profit organization helping to provide U.S. service men and women visiting Southwest Florida every conceivable benefit during combat leave or return from a foreign duty station.

Brown was hosted on Captiva by the Jensen brothers and given a hero's welcome with a parade, gifts and a fishing trip.

May

The landmark Sanibel Lighthouse, which is getting a much-needed rehabilitation, will remain the same drab color it is now and which, by all accounts, has always been, a rusty brown hue. "There will be no red and white barber stripes," like the livery of some prominent lighthouses," said City Manager Judie Zimomra. The council awarded the job to the low bidder.

A survey of land in and around the city hall complex – carried out to gauge the potential for creating a core civic area encompassing BIG ARTS, the library, farmer's market and historical village – has determined that there's the potential for some 30 acres of developable land. The city's public works department would have to be moved to accomplish this.

The cooperation of the various organizations in the area are crucial to any plan, but they appear to be in agreement.

The Sanibel Planning Commission paved the way for the new owners of Sundial Beach & Golf Resort to add 32 bonus outdoor seats to the property and to have a second, downstairs kitchen to service those seats and the poolside tiki bar. Sundial, one of Sanibel's oldest resorts, was dilapidated and now, under new ownership, is undergoing a major overhaul including adding a spa, wedding facilities and enhancing the lobby, bar

and meeting rooms. The restaurant is also being updated.

This is the first big project under the city's new resort redevelopment ordinance.



The critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle recovering at CROW

CROW has successfully released a critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle back into its natural environment, the Gulf of Mexico. The turtle was seriously ill from exposure to red tide before being rehabilitated successfully at CROW, which has cared for 12 sea turtles already this year.

June

If you're wondering whether Verizon will ever construct the promised cell phone tower off Donax Street, be assured that the project is still in the works. The much-needed boost to Sanibel's east end wireless reception will proceed, said City Attorney Ken Cuyler. The project may have taken longer than usual because Sanibel required that Verizon build the 149-foot tower to resemble a flag pole. But the problem was that flags and their rigging are noisy. Council asked Verizon



Susan Bailey, pictured with Billy Stallings, her son, was emotional as she spoke of her father's final days

to come up with an internal lanyard system. Verizon said it would be a challenge because it had never built anything like it before. It was to have been complete early this year.



Francis P. Bailey, Jr.

Sunday – Father's Day – was a fitting day to remember Francis P. Bailey, Jr., beloved "father" of the Sanibel community. Bailey died June 8 at age 92, having spent most of his life on the island as its champion, mentor and benefactor. The community turned out in droves in 90-degree heat to gather in the backyard of the old Bailey home-stead.

July

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) accepted a first place

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Gulf Guardian Award from the EPA at a June 26 ceremony in Tampa. CROW won the award for its role toward achieving and preserving healthy and resilient coasts in the states bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

August

With water quality on the front burner due to an exceptionally wet rainy season, Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane wants to step up the city's stance on protecting the beaches from the damage done by massive polluted discharges from Lake Okeechobee. Ruane told the city council on Tuesday that talking about harm to the environment has not been enough to get the attention – or action – of the powers that be. It's time, he said, to talk about the effect on jobs, the economy and real estate. Council hired a PR firm to handle a campaign and to put Natural Resources Director James Evans full time on the water issue.

Sanibel's three busiest crosswalks are under review and various alternatives for relocation were presented to the city council. The crosswalks are: Between the Dairy Queen and Lazy Flamingo; the intersection of Casa Ybel Road and Periwinkle Way; and Tarpon Bay Road and Island Inn Road.

September

Two separate deals with Lee County and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will bring an additional 6.57 acres of land under the authority of the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, fulfilling the hopes of longtime environmental supporters who preferred to see the refuge grow rather than see those lands sold off to developers.

"The purchase of the Woodring property is a great example of cooperation between federal, county and city agencies, along with the private philanthropic sector all working together to protect a pristine piece of property crucial to conservation and wildlife protection," said Jim Sprankle, chair of the Woodring property preservation campaign committee. The combined acreage could have supported an additional five homes on the island's east end, with a market value of the property estimated at more than \$7.9 million.

October

Despite an official reopening of the refuge's Wildlife Drive following installation of a new asphalt surface, the refuge was immediately closed due to the government impasse that shuttered national parks and refuges nationwide. The refuge had been closed for more than four months.

The city council on Tuesday paved the way for Billy Kirkland to expand from one to three Segway tours on Sanibel. The tours would be limited and not allowed on all public roads. The tours would have specific routes. Kirkland will still have to go before the planning commission for a conditional use permit to add an Historical Village tour and an Historic Cemetery route to the existing Bailey Road circuit.

The 2013 Captiva Island Shoreline Protection Project, which will replen-

ish approximately 800,000 cubic yards of sand along the entire shoreline of Captiva, nearly six miles between Redfish Pass and Blind Pass, and the rehabilitation of existing dunes, continued along the segments adjacent to Andy Rosse Lane.

Beachgoers seemed unaffected by the presence of two dredge vessels – named *Dodge Island* and *Padre Island* – as well as the large pipes which transport the sand harvested off-shore. The work is being performed by Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, LLC. Sand pumping began October 7.



Aerial image of the mid-island beach renourishment area

November



Volunteers from START and Sanibel Sea School stand next to one of the monofilm recycling bins

The Causeway Island Park beaches are among the most intensively used public beaches in Lee County. The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of START, a state-wide ocean conservation organization, along with Sanibel Sea School, a Sanibel based non-profit organization dedicated to marine conservation, have joined forces to help enhance visitor experience and reduce the environmental impact of recreation on marine environments.

BikeWalkLee, a local community coalition advocating for complete streets in Lee County, has selected the City of Sanibel and the Sanibel Bicycle Club as a 2013 Complete Streets Champion of the Year for "a decade of incredible work to make Sanibel a model walkable, bikeable community."

December

The Sanibel Lighthouse may be 129 years old, but thanks to a recently completed restoration project of the island icon, she certainly isn't showing her age.

The 98-foot-tall structure, located on the island's east end, has recently been refurbished from top to bottom. The City of Sanibel signed an agreement with Razorback, LLC, a general contractor from Tarpon Springs, Florida to perform

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A scenic view of the Sanibel Lighthouse
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the renovation work on the lighthouse.

Work on the lighthouse began in May and was completed the week before Thanksgiving.

Prior to applying a fresh coat of paint, Razorback stripped the entire structure, sandblasting the old coating off the tower, from the foundation to the top of the lantern room roof.

When you go into Nave Plumbing on Sanibel, chances are you will meet at least two people who have a lot in common. These two people went to the same school, love the same sports, have worked in the plumbing business all their adult lives, probably have seen more changes in their lifetime on Sanibel than most of us, and now they have at least one more thing in common. On December 6 at the National Convention in North Carolina, Curtis Nave was voted into the ISA Softball Hall of Fame, joining his long-time teammate and business



Curtis Nave

partner Roger Tabor, who was elected into the Hall of Fame in 2010.

The love of sports runs in the family, as Curtis' brother was recently recognized for playing in 24 straight Roy Hobbs World Series of Baseball. Known for his awesome power and lifetime 700-plus batting average, Curtis Nave joins an elite list of 31 players now enshrined in the Hall.✱

Pet Paloozas Return To Island

The Royal Shell Companies, Tahitian Gardens merchants and Pets du Soleil Photography once again join together to support the Gulf Coast Humane Society. The GCHS will bring some good dogs looking for a new home to Tahitian Gardens, located at 1975 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The shelter pets will be available for their meet-and-greet on Saturday, January 11



Sue and Betsy are an example of the pets you can meet at the next Pet Palooza at Tahitian Gardens

from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., so stop over and see if your new best friend is there just wagging for you.

If you are already a pet owner, Pets du Soleil Photography will be on premise with their climate-controlled photography trailer set up especially for pet portraits. K-Nine Connections Life Center and Academy Kennels will be on site to talk to owners about pet training as well as providing a fun agility course for your pet to try. If the weather is hot, there will be doggie pools for the pups to enjoy. These fun activities run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please have your pets on leashes for their safety.

There is no admission charge, but donations are appreciated and a portion of the days proceeds (both from the above companies and many of the Tahitian merchants) benefit the Gulf Coast Humane Society. For a complete list of the shelters needs, visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.

Throughout season, The Royal Shell Companies host several meet-and-greet events with the GCHS. Sanibel has historically been very generous in their support both with monetary donations, supplies and by opening their homes and hearts to many of the shelter's dogs.✱



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Amanda Boots, far left, draws the winning ticket in the Island Temptations raffle, sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club, held at The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market/Sanibel Grill on December 18 photo by Jeff Lysiak

Optimist Club's Island Temptations Raffle Winner Drawn

by Jeff Lysiak

Last week, members of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club held their 6th annual Island Temptations raffle drawing at The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market/Sanibel Grill. The raffle raised nearly \$2,000 for the Optimist Club's scholarship program and to assist in the funding of an archery program at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

Amanda Boots of John Naumann & Associates drew the winning ticket on December 18, with the winner receiving gift certificates to 19 local restaurants (worth \$850) plus a T-shirt. The raffle winner was Bobby Dune, who by coincidence works as a cook at The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market/Sanibel Grill.

"I was surprised and really happy," said Dune, when reached for comment the following afternoon. "It's a very nice thing... I just took a bunch of my friends out for lunch."

Restaurants participating in the Island Temptations raffle include George & Wendy's Seafood Grill, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Island Pizza, Matzaluna, The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market, Sanibel Grill, Zebra Frozen Yogurt, Over Easy Café, Sanibel Café, Traders Store & Café, Lazy Flamingo, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Dairy Queen, Sweet Melissa's, Island BBQ, The Great White Grill, The Jacaranda, Lighthouse Café, Traditions on the Beach and American Legion Post 123.✽



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From left, Ken and Kim Kouril, Jeannie Kendall, Al Hanser, Barbara Von Harten, Ginny Fleming, Steve Brown and Ann Arnoff

CFI Donates To Foreign Language Program

Al Hanser, Chair of the Charitable Foundation of the Islands (CFI), presented a \$7,500 check to Barbara Von Harten, principal of The Sanibel School, to support the Foreign Language program at the school.

"We are proud of our island school and are happy to help support our most valuable resource – our children," said Hanser.

The Sanctuary Golf Club General Manager Ken Kouril and Kim Kouril have children who attend The Sanibel School, and both volunteer to help raise money for the school. Kim is the Sanibel School Fund Secretary.

Hanser gathered with Board of Directors, including Ginny Fleming, Steve Brown, Jeannie Kendall and Ann Arnoff, for the check presentation.

Money raised by The Sanibel School

Fund and PTA provides many resources and enhancements that the shortfalls in the Lee County School System budget cannot, including educational software, classroom computers, the foreign language program, steel drums, a music keyboard lab, supplies for classrooms, and much more. Parent and community support for these programs have helped The Sanibel School earn the Blue Ribbon designation, as well as an "A" rating, for the past 11 years.*

Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell



It was a great day for singing, well not really. Well, it was a great day for emoting; no...7 a.m. is too early for emoting. However, it was a great day for Rotary, when we invited Robert Cacioppo, founder and producing artistic director of the Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, to be our guest speaker recently.

Cacioppo is a familiar face and name on the island; He, along with his wife and creative partner Carrie, were part of the theater community here on Sanibel re-opening the Pirate Playhouse in 1991 and producing there for several years. Shortly after they left the island the Cacioppo's formed the Florida Repertory Company and the company took up residence in the charming Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers. The Arcade

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Polar Bear Plunge Cancelled

by Jeff Lysiak

Last week, John "Papa Bear" Carney of the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the National Polar Bear Club, announced that the 14th annual Polar Bear Plunge – which had been schedule to take place on Wednesday, January 1 – has been cancelled.

"Because I will be out of town and have had no luck getting people to take charge, the official plunge has been cancelled," Carney announced. "However, I am sure many people will show up on their own and celebrate at the 'crack of noon.'"

Traditionally, hundreds of people – including cubbies (first-timers), juveniles (one-time previous dippers) and adult bears (those who took the plunge in previous years) as well as mice (onlookers) – have gathered at Sanibel's Tarpon Bay Beach on New Year's Day at noon for a romp and group hug/huddle in the gulf waters.

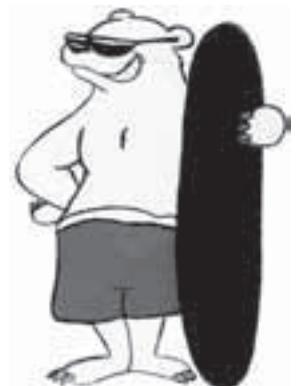
This past January, more than 300 people took part in the Polar Bear Plunge.*



John "Papa Bear" Carney raises his glass during the singing of the Polar Bear Anthem in 2013 photo by Jeff Lysiak

The Polar Bear Anthem

(Sung to the tune of God Bless America)
While the storm clouds gather far across the sea
Let us swear allegiance to our club that's free
Let us all be hopeful for a day with sun
As we raise our glasses and we have some fun
God bless the Polar Bears
On New Year's Day
Stand beside us and join us
To the shore with a roar as we play
From the uplands, to the marshes
To the gulf shore filled with ice
God bless the Polar Bears – it sure feels nice
God bless the Polar Bears – we're bears, not mice!



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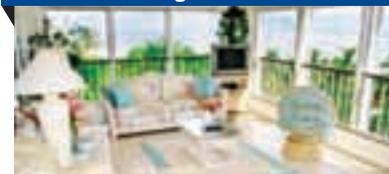
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Aida Bukovica and Mary Love with 2013 Love Your Neighbor hosts Peter and Daun Dessak at the 2013 event

Support Sought For The Heights Foundation

Love Your Neighbor, an annual event featuring Norman Love Confections and Mark Loren Designs, will be held on Wednesday, January 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Gulf Harbour home of Debbie and Tony Migliore.

Guests will enjoy an assortment of culinary creations from local restaurants along with a selection of fine wine and spirits. Live and silent auction items will

be offered and all proceeds will benefit the School Success programs for at-risk children in the Harlem Heights Neighborhood.

\$150,000 was raised at last year's event. 2014 sponsors include Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation, Cheryl and Dave Copham, Mrs. Bernese Davis and Private Client Insurance Services, and Elaine and Fred Hawkins.

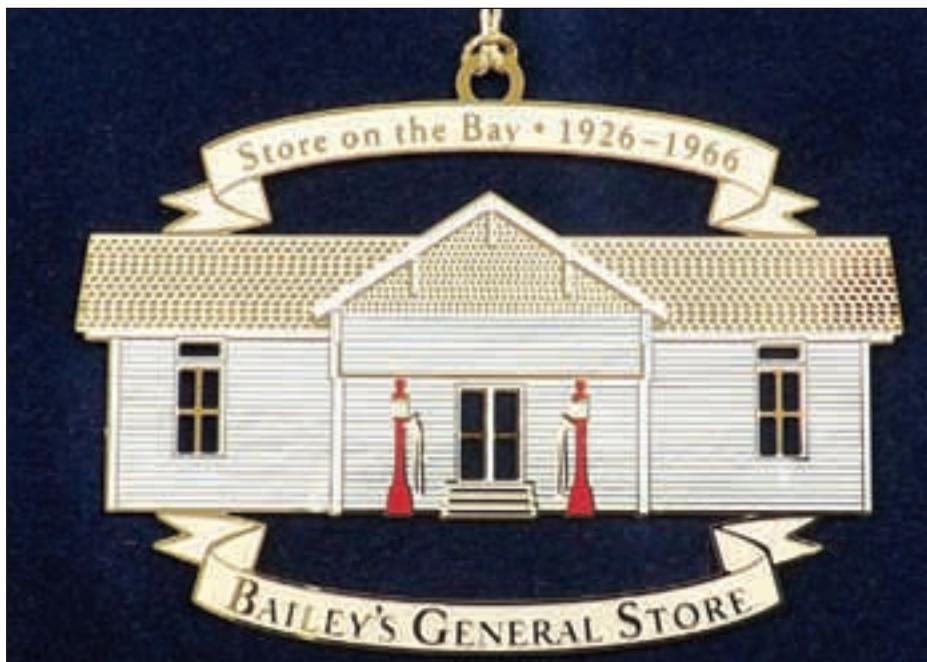
"We believe it is important to support our neighbors in the Harlem Heights community" said Debbie Migliore. "The Heights Foundation's mission is to build strong, self-sufficient families and education is the key to their success."



Victor Mayeron and Heights Foundation President and CEO Kathryn Kelly at the 2013 Love Your Neighbor event

"Our School Success program includes academic tutoring, after school and summer camp programs, scholarship and college access assistance, school supplies, and tuition support," said Kathryn Kelly, President and CEO of The Heights Foundation. "Each program is geared to meet the specific needs of children and young adults who seek to further their education. The Gulf Harbour community has been very supportive of the Heights Foundation and we appreciate the Migliore's opening their home for this important fundraiser."

Tickets are now on sale for \$150 each and space is limited. Sponsorships that include a pre-event VIP party are also available. Purchase tickets at www.heightsfoundation.org or call Laurie at 482-7706.*



The 2013 Bailey's General Store ornament

Take Home A 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 a 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 the original store

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James O'Bryan and Betsy Heizmann with a collection of the seahorses

Seahorses On Sale At The Bank

Bank of the Islands is selling seahorse sculptures for a good cause – the Golisano Children's Hospital. Each sculpture, which can be painted and decorated by its new owner, costs \$30. Checks should be made payable to Golisano Children's Hospital, which will receive 100 percent of the proceeds.

Earlier this year, Bank of the Islands/Edison National Bank signed on as a Gold Sponsor for A Seahorse Dream, a new fundraising project benefitting chil-

dren's healthcare in the community. "These little guys are the smaller version of the big Seahorse Dream Project sculptures," said Bank of the Islands Vice President Rob Lisenbee. "We are donating our big seahorse to The Sanibel School. Having a smaller version in your home or office is a great way to support the hospital our young neighbors sometimes need."

Bank of the Islands' Sanibel office is at 1699 Periwinkle Way, at the corner of Casa Ybel Road. The Captiva office is at 14812 Captiva Drive, next to the Captiva Post Office. To learn more about the Seahorse Dream project, visit www.seahorse-dream.org or call 481-3907.✪



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Law Firm Supports Community House

The Wilbur Smith Law Firm has become a gold sponsor of The Community House and its three-day Fun Fesr.

"We believe our core values align perfectly with The Community House and we believe in keeping the historical house open for everyone as it has been from the beginning," said Sawyer Smith.

The inaugural three-day Sanibel Fun Fesr benefits the non-profit operations of The Community House. Festivities kick off on Friday, January 24 with a concert by Whitney Wolanin, a top recording artist with roots on Sanibel. Her current song, *Run, Run Rudolph*, has shot to No. 2 on the Adult Contemporary chart last week, sandwiched between Kelly

Clarkson's *Underneath The Tree* and Mary J. Blige's *This Christmas*.

Saturday and Sunday features many different activities such as a sand sculpture contest, local arts and crafts, indoor games for children, a mermaid and pirate competition, The Sanibel School Steel Drum Band, 26-foot *Pieces of Eight* pirate ship, a car and motorcycle show, sanctioned body painting competition and featured music on the outdoor stage.

Other gold sponsors are Chico's, Sanibel Captiva Trust Co., Suncoast Beverage Sales and *Times of the Island*. Other sponsors are Congress Jewelers, Bank of the Islands, West Wind Inn, Sweet Melissa's Café, Island Inn, Sanctuary Golf Club, John Grey Painting, *Pieces of Eight* Pirate Cruise and the *Island Sun*.

For more information on this or other SCA-sponsored events, visit www.sanibel-communityhouse.net or call 472-2155.✪



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Bailey's Holiday Ornament

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 on pilings, 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 nine-hole golf course to the west of the store for relaxation.

The store remains intact as a part of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.

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 gives a brief description of the significance of the design. The ornaments, certificates and folders are produced by The Charleston Mint of Brevard, North Carolina.✪

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Dale Reiss shows off her three new gold medals earned while competing at the 2013 Florida Senior Games

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Reiss Earns Three Golds At Florida Senior Games

by Jeff Lysiak

Sanibel resident Dale Reiss, competing at the 22nd annual Florida Senior Games, brought home the gold once again by topping all competitors in her age category in three powerlifting categories: bench press, dead lift and push-pull (combined bench press and dead lift weight totals).

"In the bench press, I lifted 100 pounds," said Reiss, 66. "In the dead lift, I lifted over 200 pounds, so my combined weight lifted was over 300 pounds."

The 2013 Florida Senior Games, which were held from December 7 to 15 at various venues in Lee County, welcomed more than 1,500 athletes – aged 50 and older – in competitions including archery, bowling, tennis, racquetball, shuffleboard, basketball (3-on-3 and free throw shooting), croquet, cycling, golf and pickleball, among others. Reiss took part in the powerlifting competition, which was staged at the Bay Oaks Recreation Center on Fort Myers Beach.

This year's set of gold medals will be added to Reiss' collection of Florida Senior Games awards, which she began competing in four years ago at the suggestion of her trainer, Laurie Curry.

"My trainer suggested that I enter as a way to keep me motivated," Reiss said. "Working out gets boring, but competing is fun. You get to meet new people, you stay motivated... and you might even bring home some bling!"

The 2014 Florida Senior Games return to Lee County from December 6 to 14 and will serve as a qualifier for the 2015 National Senior Games, to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.✱

Nine-Hole Walk, Run Or Crawl At The Dunes

On Saturday, January 18, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club will host Robbie's Run, presented by Grampy's Charities, to benefit the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, a program of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida.

The event is a 9-hole golf course fun walk, run or crawl.

In partnership with Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a pediatric office that travels to schools,

community centers and neighborhoods to deliver dental care and medical screenings to thousands of under-served children.

To participate, visit www.rmhcswfl.org for details and start collecting pledges. A special after party is planned for all participants who collect \$500 or more in pledges and donations.

A "golf ball drop" will be the highlight of the event. Tickets for the ball drop are available to the public for \$100 each and can be purchased at Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Ronald McDonald himself will drop the balls from high in the sky and the closest to the pin wins 50 percent of the money collected. Furthest from the pin wins a special prize as well. Participants need not be present to win.

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The Dunes Golf Club

Better Ball

The Dunes Men's Golf Association members played a 1-2-3 Better Balls of 4 tournament on December 18. The results were:

- 1st Bob Schoen 114
Bill Hotchkiss
Jack Cohen
Pat McNeilus
- 2nd Jim Burkholder 115
Tom Veratti
Joe Burns
Bruce Sprinkle
- 3rd Terry Finzen 118
Robert Orr
Dave Jones*

The Dunes Golf Club

Scramble

The format for The Dunes Women's Golf Association tournament on Friday, December 20 was a 2-Person Net Scramble. The results were:

- 1st Annie Wainwright 65.0
Doris DeWitt
- 2nd Daphne Hellmuth 68.8
Claudia Finzen
- 3rd June Muench 69.2
Maureen O'Brien
- Chip-ins
#4 Annie Wainwright
#12 Marge Meek
#13 Claudia Finzen*

The Dunes Golf Club

Nifty Niners

The Nifty Niners played a Short Course Shamble on Thursday, December 19. The results were:

- 1st Roberta Rohl 38
Shirley Richards
Peggy Hogg
Pat Haggerty
- 2nd Sue Altum 40
Valerie Hotchkiss
Trudy Burkholder
Maureen O'Brien
- Chip-ins: Nancy Hopkins # 17*

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Winners in the December 21 tournamentm Rich Rompala, Mike Zembko and Dick Choccol Sanibel Island Golf Club

One Net Best Ball

On Saturday December 21, the men's league at Sanibel Island Golf Club played a one best net ball game. Because there were three threesomes due to the odd number of players, three different blind draws had to be used to determine the final outcome.

The threesome of Rich Rompala, Mike

Zembko and Dick Choccol and their blind draw were awarded first place with a net score of 53.

Rich Rompala shot a 76 for his best round of this season, and Dick Choccol contributed two net eagles. Choccol said it was especially nice to win on his birthday.

In second place was the team of Al Krause, Don Bradford and Jack Tukey and a blind draw with a score of 55.

The foursome of Jim Mulka, Roger Triftshauer, John Kilkenny and David Smith took third with a score of 56.*

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23rd Annual Tour De Cape At Cape Harbour

The 23rd annual Tour De Cape at Cape Harbour begins with a pre-event packet pick-up celebration on Friday, January 17. Participants can pick up packets, maps and T-shirts 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy a great start to the weekend with music, food and fun. Activities are located near The JOINT restaurant.

On Saturday, January 18, the 2014 5K Run will be held. The run/walk is designed for advanced and novice runners. Check-in begins at 6:30 a.m. and race time is 8 a.m. A continental breakfast will be available for participants. Awards ceremony will be held in the pavilion tent around 2 p.m.

Also on Saturday, the Kids/Family Fun Mini Tour De Cape will take place. Registration is \$5, day of the event only. The family ride begins at 10 a.m. The course is well supported by the Cape Coral Police Department and is designed to be flat and safe. Bicycling helmets are required for this event. All participants will receive a T-shirt, hot dog, chips and a drink. Lunch will be served in the Pavilion tent.

On Sunday, January 19, Tour De Cape Bike Rides will be offered. Sunday's

bike tours offer varied routes from 15, 30, 60 and 100 mile courses in the west and north sections of Cape Coral. The event provides a continental breakfast, lunch, on route rest stations with snacks and beverages, SAG vehicles, police support and route maps.

There are three ways to register for the 2014 Tour De Cape:

- 1) Mail in registration form with payment
- 2) Go online to www.active.com
- 3) Register at the pre-event on Friday, January 17

All participants who register prior to January 6 are guaranteed to receive a T-shirt. Make checks payable to: City of Cape Coral. A driver's license number is required. If the registrant is under 18, the form must be co-signed by a parent or legal guardian. Participants under 13 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

A CPSC approved helmet is mandatory, no exceptions. In Florida, a bicycle is a vehicle and must obey all traffic laws. The Tour De Cape is not a race and is not a closed course.

Mail registration forms to:
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Weather Poses Big Challenges For Super Bowl XVIII – First To Be Played Outdoors In Cold-Weather Stadium



by Ed Frank

While we bask in the warm breezes of Southwest Florida, our brethren in the north have experienced one of the coldest, snowiest Decembers on record – and winter has hardly begun.

I mention this fact knowing that in little more than a month, the first Super Bowl in history will be played outdoors in a cold-weather site – Met Life Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Can you imagine the biggest event in professional sports encountering the type of blizzard on February 2 that buried Philadelphia a few weeks ago when the Detroit Lions and Eagles appeared as snowmen slipping, sliding and fumbling on a football

field of impossible playing conditions?

Adding to this concern is the forecast of the *Farmer's Almanac* that predicts a heavy storm moving into New Jersey around the time of the Super Bowl.

In the long history of this marquee event it has generally been blessed by good weather. Even in a cold-weather city such as Indianapolis, where the game was played two years ago, the weather was unusually warm although the game was played indoors in Lucas Oil Stadium.

The coldest Super Bowl was in 1972 when the temperature dipped to 39 degrees at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans when the Dallas Cowboys beat the Miami Dolphins. And seven years ago, there was a brief heavy downpour in Miami where the Indianapolis Colts defeated the Chicago Bears.

Some say a snowy Super Bowl would add to the mystique of this famous event. But it's doubtful the players would agree.

In that Lions-Eagles game earlier this month, the players did adjust to the weather misery as all but eight of the 54 total points scored were recorded in the second half. But the Lions fumbled seven times in the blizzard. And when the yard lines became obliterated, snow blowers were required to remove the eight inches of snow that had fallen.

The average temperature in New Jersey in early February hovers in the 20- to 25-degree range. So bring your warm johns, hand warmers and heavy cold-weather gear if you plan to attend. Surprisingly, Met Life Stadium does not have a heating system under the field to melt any snow.

The Super Bowl Host Committee and nearby New York City are preparing for cold and snow by building an eight-lane, 180-foot-long toboggan run in Times Square and shutting down a 13-block stretch on Broadway which will become the Super Bowl Festival during that weekend.

If you remember this year's Super Bowl in New Orleans, a mysterious power failure darkened most of the Superdome causing a lengthy game delay.

There probably won't be another blackout in the upcoming Super Bowl. But don't be surprised if there is a whiteout.✱

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Get ready for the 2014 season with The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's Under The Sea: Across The Pond event. Scheduled for Sunday, January 26 from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club, the event features a live performance by The British Invasion band, a group of four talented musicians that recreate the sound and style of famous British musical artists. The program also includes dinner, dancing, and a live and silent auction.

Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery has donated a \$2,500 shopping spree that will be up for auction at the event. The shopping spree is good for one year and can be used all at once or in multiple visits.

Registration is now avail-



Lily & Co. owners Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell, along with Lily, Angel and Gracie

able online for Under The Sea 2014. Tickets are \$135 per person and reservations can be made directly online from the Events page of the museum's website, at www.shellmuseum.org. For more information about the event, contact Krystal Butherus at 395-2233 or email kbutherus@shellmuseum.org.✱



The mural is a holiday gift from John Grey Painting to The Community House

Beach Mural At Community House Adds More Detail

The holiday season is upon us, and a prominent example of the gift-giving spirit continues to brighten The Community House. John Grey Painting carries on the work of a new mural that will grace the east wall of The Community House auditorium.

The mural will show a whimsical beach scene, complete with sparkling Gulf waters, waves, welcoming sand, shore birds and palm trees. It will bring life to what has always been a plain painted wall, adding some graphic interest to the east side entrance to The Community House.

In addition, the mural will be the focal point of a promotion during January lead-

ing up to the Sanibel Fun Fest, which will be held the last weekend of the month. During the promotion, residents and visitors can help to decorate the mural by attaching real sea shells to the wall to create a three-dimensional effect.

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1. Three Dodgers pitchers since 1916 have struck out at least five batters in each of their first five major-league starts. Name two of them.
2. Who has the most managerial wins in Kansas City Royals history?
3. When was the last time before 2012 that Northwestern's football team won a bowl game?
4. How many championships did the Los Angeles Lakers win under the ownership of Dr. Jerry Buss?
5. When was the last time before 2013 (Chicago and Boston) that two of the Original Six NHL franchises met in the Stanley Cup finals?
6. Who was the first NASCAR driver to be featured on a box of Wheaties cereal?
7. When was the last time before 2013 that no American male tennis player was in the top 10 of the ATP rankings?

ANSWERS

1. Hyun-jin Ryu, Hideo Nomo and Kaz Ishii. 2. Whitey Herzog won 410 games between 1975 and 1979. 3. It was the Rose Bowl after the 1948 season. 4. Ten titles. 5. It was 1979 (Montreal and the New York Rangers). 6. Dale Earnhardt. 7. It had never happened before in the rankings, which began in 1973.

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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.w

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



Victor Luna, bakery/deli associate at Bailey's General Store

of asparagus and choice of potato; Parmesan-crust 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.

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 is indoor seating as well as 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 Beach Resort has undergone a \$5 million renovation and is open to the public with three new restaurants and a talented new chef specializing in fresh gulf seafood and other culinary creations.

Waterview features fine dining Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 10 p.m. with panoramic gulf views. Be sure to sample the signature dish: Clay Pot Baked Mediterranean Gulf Grouper.

Dine al fresco at the Sea Breeze Café with an all-day menu Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 10 p.m. There's live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and Happy Hour daily from 7 to 10 p.m.

Turtles Beach & Pool Bar is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and there's an all-you-can-eat BBQ Buffet Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Happy Hour is from 3 to 5 p.m. daily.

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 frappes.

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

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS



The Modulators are playing at the New Year's Eve Party at 'Tween Waters Inn, Captiva

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, Cruzan Vibes, a Soca Reggae Band will be playing and on Saturday entertainment will be by The John Allender Band, playing rock and blues. 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. On Tuesday, New Year's Eve, Robbie Hutto, a local favorite, returns for the first time this season. Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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Nifty Knitters

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

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

The group kept growing. They decided they needed a name and, seventeen years ago, Pelican Knitters burst into being. Their meeting place, equally unexpected. A knitter mentioned the group to a friend who happened to work at SunTrust Bank and she invited them to use the bank's meeting room each Wednesday morning. They meet weekly and welcome any newcomer who shares their interests. Dozens of different knitters have been among them.

Now for the warmest part: what do they knit? There are the usual things... socks for the northern nephews, layettes

for the expected babies, blankets for the grands going off to college, sweaters for some, scarves for others... but that's the least of it. Here come the acts of random kindness, the charitable giving.

For many years a Santa Claus has ridden on a train that passes through the impoverished hill country of the Appalachian mountains and at Christmas time he tosses out gift packages to needy local families who line the tracks. Remove the wrappings and you'll find sets of hats and scarves and mittens, sometimes even sweaters, knitted, many of them, by the Pelicans. This year they sent off two huge boxes. That's several hundred items.

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

This marks the fifth year that hundreds of items were sent to Sister Cleaves, an 80-year-old nun who works at a regional hospital in rural Kentucky. She distributes the accumulated hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to the destitute children in her area. Still other boxes were headed to a Lakota Indian reservation in South Dakota.

Several knitters, mindful of local need, reached out to see where in Lee

County they might establish connections. As a result, piles of hats, really soft ones, are intended for the chemo patients at the Florida Cancer Center while others are going to shelters for abused women and children, several in Fort Myers and one in Cape Coral. These shelters, part of ACT, a project begun in 1979, offer a circle of support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Prayer shawls are being made to be delivered to the Rape Center in Fort Myers and, new this year, some shawls will be going to Lee Memorial, offering comfort to patients coming in for chemotherapy or others being shuffled about for various tests and procedures entailing long waits in air-conditioned corridors.

Endings, beginnings, all knit together... the Pelican Knitters keep casting on stitches.*

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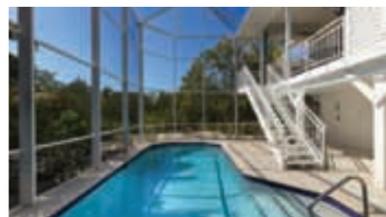
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FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be busier than you had expected right now. But between the socializing rounds and the workplace tasks, there are opportunities for special moments with that certain someone.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creative approach leads to a quicker-than-expected solution to a workplace problem. Now you can devote more time to that proposal you hope to introduce by midmonth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Technological glitches create problems early on. But by midweek, all runs smoothly once again, and you're well and truly on your way to meeting all your deadlines.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels are high, and you feel you can handle everything that comes along. But try to take a break from your hectic pace for some quiet time with someone close to you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Before you pounce on that shiny new opportunity, take more time to check it out to see how much substance actually lies beneath all that glitter. A family member has important news.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A personal situation you thought was resolved resurfaces, thanks to a possibly well-intentioned move that went awry. Deal with it as soon as possible. Accept the help of a trusted friend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That goal you set way back when is finally in sight. Maintain your focus on achieving it, and don't allow yourself to be distracted by unimportant demands for your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A temperamental flare-up creates negative feelings that need to be dealt with immediately. But things once again go well after

the apologies are made and hurt feelings are soothed.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An early impulsive act causes confusion. But all is smoothed over once explanations are made. Expect a friend or family member to ask for your kind and always wise advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might have to do some juggling of your priorities, as a personal matter appears to require more time and attention. Put your pride aside and accept help from those who offer it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your creative aspect is strong. Not only does it help you accomplish your goals, but it also inspires others. This could lead to a potentially rewarding collaboration opportunity.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful about making major decisions when you're not really committed to them. And resist any pressure to do otherwise. Better to delay action until all doubts are resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: You set goals and are rarely distracted by any attempt to move you off the path you've chosen to reach them.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Jan. 2, 1811, Timothy Pickering, a Federalist from Massachusetts, becomes the first U.S. senator to be censured when the Senate approves a motion against him. Pickering was accused of violating congressional law by publicly revealing secret documents.

- On Dec. 30, 1862, the U.S.S. Monitor sinks in a storm off Cape Hatteras, N.C. Just nine months earlier, the ship had been part of a revolution in naval warfare when the ironclad dueled to a standstill with the C.S.S. Virginia (Merrimack) -- the first time two

ironclads faced each other in a naval engagement.

- On Jan. 5, 1920, the New York Yankees major-league baseball club announces its purchase of the heavy-hitting outfielder George Herman "Babe" Ruth from the Boston Red Sox for the sum of \$125,000. The deal paid off as Ruth went on to smash his own home run record in 1920, hitting 54 homers.

- On Jan. 1, 1946, on the island of Corregidor, in Manila Bay, 20 Japanese soldiers approach a lone soldier -- literally waving a white flag. The soldiers had been living in an underground tunnel and only discovered that the war was over by reading it in the newspaper.

- On Jan. 3, 1967, Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who killed the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, dies of cancer in a Dallas hospital. The Texas Court of Appeals recently had overturned his death sentence for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald and was scheduled to grant him a new trial.

- On Jan. 4, 1974, President Richard Nixon refuses to hand over tape recordings and documents that had been subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee. Nixon would resign from office in disgrace eight months later.

- On Dec. 31, 1984, Bernhard Goetz, the white man dubbed the "subway vigilante" after he shot four young black men on a New York City subway train, turns himself in at a police station in Concord, N.H. Goetz claimed that the men, all of whom had criminal records, were trying to rob him and that he had acted in self-defense.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was beloved American pianist and comedian Jimmy Durante who made the fol-

lowing sage observation: "Be nice to people on your way up because you meet them on your way down."

- Famed marksman and exhibition shooter Annie Oakley was born the daughter of Quakers, who gave her the name Phoebe Ann Moses.

- It was in July 1911 when daredevil Bobby Leach became the second person (and the first man) to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. His daring came at a cost, though; he spent six months in a hospital, recovering from injuries due to his feat. He later went on publicity tours, recounting his experience and posing with the barrel that took him over the falls. He was on one such tour in New Zealand in 1926 when he slipped on an orange peel, injuring his leg slightly. The leg became infected, necessitating an amputation -- which still didn't save him. He died two months later, the daredevil felled by a citrus rind.

- Those who study such things say that fully 10 percent of the country's total income is due to organized crime.

- You might be surprised to learn that only two out of every 10 ears of corn grown in the United States actually ends up being eaten by people. The other eight are destined to feed animals and to be made into ethanol gasoline.

- If you're like more than half of all Americans, you'd be willing to live in a haunted house -- provided you didn't have to pay rent.

- There are those who say that actor Johnny Depp is afraid of clowns.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer." -- Will Rogers

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Rotary Happenings

became the permanent home of the Florida Repertory Theatre in 1998.

Bob speaks of his passion for producing quality productions at the Rep. This is its 16th season and it has gained national recognition and received glowing reviews from *Wall Street Journal* drama critic Terry Teachout, who calls the Rep "One of America's top repertory companies."

Bob and his creative team have worked hard to gain this reputation following their original mission of producing first-rate professional theater in Southwest Florida with a wide body and variety of work. The theater now has an estimated audience reach of 80,000 and has a current budget of around \$3 million. It has 39 staff members, half whom are craft people that work out of a 10,000-square-foot off-theater facility.

The rep's professionals belong to Actors' Equity, Stage Directors and Choreographers Society and USA United Scenic Designers.

Fort Myers city officials certainly made the right decision by negotiating a three-year rent-free arcade lease agreement with the Florida Repertory Company Theater to take residence in downtown Fort Myers. That original agreement has been modified slightly but the city continues to support the Florida Rep after the economic impact to the area proved to be substantial.

Just a few of the numbers Bob threw out:

- 60,000 people attend the theater each year;
- 52 percent buy dinner – average dinner tab \$28 per person;
- Many staff members rent property in the downtown area; and
- The theatre is a definite draw for the city and retail merchants, vendors, and restaurateurs.

Cacioppo did say that there were a few years when the economy slowed down and the business side of the company had to create new strate-



Bob Cacioppo

gies to continue ticket sales and make the theater experience affordable and assessable to all while still offering quality theater productions. The introduction of production preview evenings at \$25/\$20 has been a great success.

He said he must focus on the business side to be a success.

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Last year the rep also created a second small theater space, ArtStage Studio Theatre, for more intimate type of shows next door to the main stage and continues with its children's theater productions, acting classes, and children's theater camps.

Not to point you out of town but if you happen to go over the causeway into Fort Myers some evening, check out the River District, Fort Myers' downtown and the Florida Repertory Theatre. The listing of shows is on the internet.

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club, 949 Sand Castle Road. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail President Scot Congress at scot@scongress.com.**

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Ezzi added, "This year's theme is A Salute to Veterans. Come out to the show to help support and highlight the importance of recognizing all veterans for what they, and their families, sacrifice and contribute for the betterment of us all."

The Florida International Air Show, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation, allvolunteer organization raising more than \$2.9 million for Southwest Florida working charities. The performers range from extreme stunt pilots who enjoy pushing the envelope to graceful gliders who gently sail across the blue skies.

Additional pilots and performers will be announced within the coming weeks.

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by Jeanie Tinch

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

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

And, of course, working with a professional is definitely the right way to go. With custom decorating, most design-

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

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

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

CFO Breakfast Roundtables

The Southwest Florida Chapter of IMA is having its next quarterly CFO Breakfast Roundtables on January 7 and 8. The topic is Outlook 2014: National & Regional Economic and Capital Markets, presented by Aysegul Timur, professor of economics, Hodges University, and Andy Hill, CFA, Responsible Advisors. Special guest moderator for the Collier program will be John Cox, president of Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

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Timur and Hill are globally recognized and have offered commentary in most popular business media.

There is no cost to participants, walk-ins are welcome and registration is requested at www.swflima.org.

The format for the program will be a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and the presentation followed by a roundtable discussion that ends at 9:30 a.m.

The 2 CPE program will be presented on two dates and locations to accommodate schedules:

Lee County on Tuesday, January 7, at the Fort Myers Campus, Hodges University at 4501 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers; and

Collier County, Wednesday, January 8, at Naples Campus, Hodges University, 2655 Northbrooke Drive.

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- \$1,895,000



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John Lai

New General Manager At 'Tween Waters

T'ween Waters Inn Island Resort & Spa announced the appointment of John Lai as general manager. Lai will oversee operations at the historic resort on Captiva Island as well as all food and beverage, banquet and marina operations onsite.

As a resident of Southwest Florida for over 27 years, Lai brings local experience and leadership via several hospitality positions including his most recent position as general manager at the Hyatt Place in Fort Myers. At 'Tween Waters Inn, Lai will supervise daily operations across all aspects of the resort, focusing mainly on continuing to improve customer satisfaction. Former General Manager Jeff Shuff will remain on property, acting as CFO of Rochester Resorts, parent company to multiple Sanibel and Captiva properties.

"I am truly honored and excited to be given this opportunity to lead 'Tween Waters Inn," said Lai. "'Tween Waters

Inn is not only steeped in history, but has consistently carried a tremendous reputation. My vision is to not only continue the tradition of excellence that has been established, but to position the property for continuous improvement in guest, associate, and shareholder satisfaction and establish sustainable success."

Lai actively serves as treasurer of the Conference and Convention Council for the City of Fort Myers, sits on the board of directors for the Lee County Hotel Association and has been appointed by the county commissioners to the county sustainability advisory committee. A familiar face to the Gulf Coast of Florida, Lai has managed Sanibel Sunset Beach Resort, Sundial Beach Resort, Pointe Estero Beach Resort, Sandpearl in Clearwater Beach and most recently Vero Beach Hotel & Spa and Hyatt Place in Fort Myers.*

Visitors Up, Passengers Down

In October, Smith Travel Research recorded a 50.3 percent occupancy rate for The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, reflecting a 3.6 percent increase, compared to 48.5 percent in October 2012.

However, in the same month, passenger travel through Southwest Florida International Airport totaled 478,376, a decrease of 1.3 percent compared with October 2012. Year-to-date passenger traffic increased 4.2 percent over the same period last year.

Frontier Airlines (www.flyfrontier.com) has inaugurated new nonstop service between Southwest Florida International Airport and Wilmington/Philadelphia New Castle Airport in Wilmington, Delaware. This is the first time nonstop service has been offered between Fort Myers and Wilmington. Twice-weekly flights will operate on an Airbus A320 aircraft.*

iPhone And iPad Workshops

IPhones and iPads keep you connected to friends and family. They provide news and entertainment from around the world. They can enrich your life in many ways. They can also be intimidating.

The Community House is offering workshops designed to demystify the technology so you can take advantage of all the benefits of the iPhone and iPad.

iPhone/iPad I is for those wanting to master the basics of setup, navigation, efficiency with the basic apps such as phone, mail, Safari, calendar, Facetime, maps and Siri. This workshop will be held January 9 and March 13 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

iPhone/iPad II is for those wanting to take their skills to the next level. Specific apps for password control, photo editing, GPS guidance and shopping will be discussed. Also covered will be tips for working efficiently, using the cloud, and integration across multiple devices. This workshop will be held February 6 and April 3 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Advance registration is encouraged.

The instructor is Eric B. Orkin, a former business school professor and department chair at the University of New Hampshire, a high-tech entrepreneur, author of numerous articles, and an inductee into the HiTech Hall of Fame.

The cost is \$30 per class for members, \$35 for guests.

For more information or reservations, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.*



iPhone and iPad screens

Sundial Appoints Sales Manager



Pam Fields

"We are proud to have Pam Fields guiding our sales team," said Sundial Beach Resort General Manager Bob Kramm. "She joins us with impressive credentials attesting to her skills as a superb leader not only training our sales managers, but also in developing expanded markets to help maximize the volume of group business."

Fields has been a board or committee member for associations serving the hotel industry, including the FSAE - Florida Society of Association Executives, where she was named Associate of the Year for the State of Florida. She also received the Distinguished Achievement in Sales & Marketing award from the Hotel Sales & Marketing Institute and the CHME (Certified Hospitality Marketing Executive) designation, one of only a handful in the U.S.

"I am delighted to join the Sundial sales team and look forward to be able to help return the property to the prominence and popularity it once maintained as a perfect setting for meetings and retreats," Fields said.*

Pam Fields, a hospitality professional with nearly two decades of expertise in group sales, has been named sales manager at Sundial Beach Resort on Sanibel Island.

In her new position, Fields will also serve as manager of the Florida State Association market, a territory she is familiar with after 18 years as associate director of sales at Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa plus service to the former Registry Resort & Spa in Naples.

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Taking Back Paper – The Dangers Of Owner-Financed Real Estate Deals



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

Selling a property or residence can be a psychologically difficult exercise to accomplish. Engaging real estate brokers, setting a sales price, agreeing to terms

and nursing a transaction to closing certainly has its high and low points.

While securing a buyer with ready cash is the optimal solution, many buyers include mortgage contingencies in the sales contract. From time to time, the seller will decide to accept a note and mortgage from the buyer to finance the purchase price.

Sellers decide to take back paper for any number of reasons. The buyer might have problems qualifying for traditional bank financing and the seller believes the buyer to be a favorable credit risk. The seller may also be intrigued with the opportunity to earn an attractive interest rate.

Before deciding to owner-finance the

purchase of property that you are selling, consider what one of my law partners with vast experience closing real estate transactions has to say. "There are a lot of misconceptions out there," says D. Hugh Kinsey, Jr.

"Many people believe that if the buyer/borrower misses a payment or two then the seller/Lender can simply take back ownership of the property," Kinsey says. "It isn't nearly so easy."

The process involves filing a foreclosure lawsuit. The seller/lender who holds the note and mortgage must file such a lawsuit in circuit court, where the filing fees could approach \$2,000, not counting attorneys fees. Moreover, the seller/lender has to forward all the costs associated with filing the foreclosure lawsuit with no certainty of recouping those costs.

"If you have to foreclose the property, you better hope that you originally hired a qualified attorney in the jurisdiction where the property is located to prepare the note and mortgage documents," Kinsey adds. "I have seen many note and mortgage documents prepared by

non-attorneys, or those found online or in office supply stores that failed to adequately protect the lender's interest in the property. When this happens, foreclosing the property becomes much more difficult when the buyer misses payments."

One example of documents that may not be in compliance with the law are those calling for balloon payments – such as an interest only promissory note that balloons all interest and principal at some date in the future.

"Dodd-Frank disallows balloon payments on residential property transactions, and also provides that the lender must investigate the borrower's ability to repay. Loans involving residential property must be fully amortizing, and many seller/lenders do not want to wait many years to receive 'full payment'," Kinsey adds.

Assuming that the seller/lender successfully forecloses the property, he doesn't get the title back. At this point the property goes to a judicial (public) auction. If someone outbids the lender at the auction, the lender may get his judgment paid but would not take back ownership of the property. Further, if the lender holds a second mortgage or his note has somehow been subordinated to another lender, he would have to pay off the other lender who has priority in order to get clear title.

"These aren't the only nightmares that a seller/lender may have to deal

with," Kinsey warns. "If the buyer/borrower didn't pay his property taxes, there might be back taxes owed on the property, or worse, tax certificates might be accruing that the seller would have to satisfy. Some buyer/borrowers trash the residence when they realize that they are going to be foreclosed upon.

Yet another risk involves fire, wind-storm and flood insurance. If a tragedy destroys the property and the buyer/borrower is under- or uninsured they may simply walk away from the property leaving the seller/lender with a damaged or destroyed home to foreclose. So the legal documents must require insurance and the seller/lender must remain vigilant in examining annual insurance certificates."

Another point that Kinsey makes is that private lenders don't have the ability to report bad debts to credit reporting agencies like a traditional bank lender would have. This often results in the private lender being the last creditor to be paid when the buyer/borrower has money problems.

The bottom line is to tread carefully before taking back paper when selling a property or a residence. One needs to do one's homework on the buyer/borrower, and work with a qualified attorney who can advise as to the pitfalls and draft the legal documents necessary to protect the seller/lender as much as possible.

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Scholarships Available From Foundation

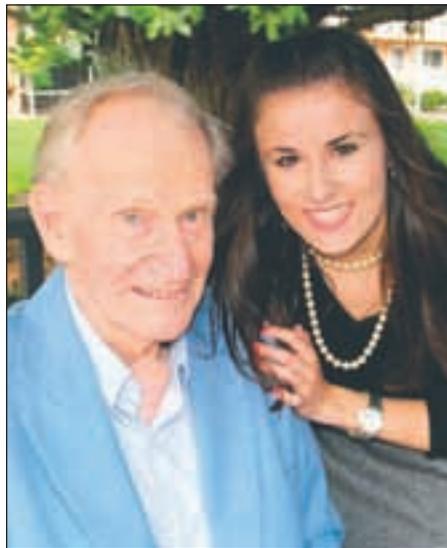
The Southwest Florida Community Foundation's scholarship application process for the 2014-15 school year began on December 20.

Approximately \$400,000 in scholarship money is available from 37 scholarships for local high school seniors and 22 scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties through the SWFLCF scholarship funds.

Students interested in applying for a scholarship can access the E-Apply online scholarship application tool through the SWFLCF's website at www.floridacommunity.com on the Scholarships page.

Students may apply for multiple scholarships and are given the option to upload transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation and financial documentation (if required). For need-based scholarships, students are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2014.

"Thanks to supportive donors who value the importance of post-secondary education, we offer a variety of scholarships including those for vocational or specialized training schools, as well as for attendance at colleges and universities," said Anne Douglas, regional initiatives director for the SWFLCF. "In the past, we have had some scholarships that were not awarded because students did not apply for them, so we are trying to do



Scholarship donor Nip Wilson with last year's recipient Catherine Hackler

our best to educate local students on the various types of funding available."

According to Douglas, examples of some of the more unique scholarships include support for students with disabilities, student athletes, adult students going back to school, students from particular schools or communities and students pursuing a graduate or professional degree.

For example, The Howard P. and Magdalen K. Breitenbach Scholarship was established to fund a needy student who was either a service member in the United States Navy or is a child or grandchild of a service member in the United States Navy.

The G. Napier and Ellen Wilson Scholarship was established in honor of U.S. Navy pilots killed in Korea and will

support high school students volunteering at the veteran's administration clinic to help veterans.

The Mary Ann Elder Scholarship was established to provide funding for students entering or continuing a master's degree program in social work. The scholarship was established by Rudy Elder in honor of his wife who was a social worker and worked for a number of local nonprofit organizations.

ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



Chuck Bergstrom



Chuck Andrews

Top Associates

RE/MAX of the Islands announced that Chuck Bergstrom was its top selling associate for the month of November.

Chuck Andrews was the most productive marketing associate for November.✪

The SWFLCF chose the month of December as the launch date after receiving numerous calls from students who wanted to be able to work on scholarship application submissions during winter break. In 2013, the SWFLCF awarded nearly \$450,000 in scholarships.

With a streamlined online application process available, students are not required to submit paper applications.

For more information about the SWFLCF, call 274-5900 or visit www.floridacommunity.com.✪

New Administrator

Premier Sotheby's International Realty announced that Rhonda Rosas has joined the Sotheby's team as new office administrator for the Sanibel and Captiva offices.

Rosas comes with many years of experience and professionalism in the real estate industry.✪



Rhonda Rosas



Edison State College School of Education faculty and staff

Top College For Teacher Education

Edison State College was recognized as one of the Top Colleges in Florida Shaping the Next Generation for Teacher Education by the Online College Database. This honor recognizes post-secondary institutions in the state that graduated the most education and teaching professionals in 2012. All colleges recognized for this honor had to meet the following criteria:

- Fully accredited
- Four-year college
- Public, private or not-for-profit
- U.S. college
- Minimum of 10 graduates from education/teaching program in 2012

"We are so proud of our teacher candidates as they go through the School of Education at Edison and then graduate to teach and shape the minds of the children, who are our future leaders," said Dr. Erin Harrel, Dean of the School of Education at Edison State College. "We are happy to know that statistically upwards of 80 percent of our teacher candidates are hired within six months of their graduation."

"Many colleges and universities have

tremendous teacher education programs," said Doug Jones, founder of The College Database. "But which ones are producing the most young educators today? We wanted to identify the colleges making the largest impact on our students."

The College Database is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to provide free information about education options both locally and nationally to students,

parents and other interested parties. The goal is accomplished by making all information and tools on the site free and easily accessible. The College Database has become a leader in providing educational information to libraries, high schools and career centers across the country.

To view the full list of college rankings, visit www.onlinecollegesdatabase.org/online-colleges-in-florida/#Best-Colleges-Shaping-the-Next-Generation-Florida.

Application Deadline Change

The deadline for submitting applications for 2014 Uncommon Friends Foundation scholarships, honoring deserving individuals who have a financial need and the potential to succeed in school, has been changed to January 15. Applications are available now and students in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties are eligible to apply. The recipients

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I am having difficulty teaching my preschool church school students basic social skills. All I want is for them to sit in a circle and listen

to me read stories. The children don't respond very well when I ask them to sit and listen. What else can I do?

Terrie A., Fort Myers, Florida

Terrie,

You are in a difficult position. This may be the first preschool experience for many of these children and they may not actually understand what you are asking of them. Since you see these children only once a week at most it may be hard for them to understand your role in their lives and your expectations. You will need to explain and teach them how to behave in your classroom.

One technique that you may want to use with these children is behavioral modeling. In social learning theory, behavior modeling is the precise demonstration of a desired behavior. According to this theory, proposed by the famous psychologist, Albert Bandura, we learn not only by doing, but also by watching what others do. Behavioral modeling is a well-accepted method to help children and adults learn new behaviors. You need only to follow a few steps to implement this type of modeling.

First you must find a role model or maybe even a video that demonstrates the exact behaviors that you want your

students to emulate.

Describe the behavior very specifically to the children as your role model/video demonstrates it. Make sure that the children pay attention to the model as the behavior is performed. Here's an example of specifically worded directions that might be helpful for you in this situation.

- I sit on my seat.
- I look at the teacher.
- I listen, with my ears.
- I keep my hands to myself.

Allow the children to process and remember the behavior the role model performed.

Each child must then perform the behavior individually although you can have the entire group practice at the same time.

You should praise the children for performing the behavior, and to reinforce it so that it continues to happen. A great reinforcement idea is to take a picture of each child in the class demonstrating the appropriate behavior and then post the pictures in the classroom as a visual reminder for them.

Make sure to practice the behavior sequence each time you begin class. It will help remind the children of your expectations. The children will enjoy receiving the positive reinforcement for their good behavior and should learn the routine quickly.

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.

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The Sanibel School's math team relaxes before the competition

Sanibel Team Participates In Mathematics Competition

The Sanibel School math team participated in the 11th annual Mathematics competition at Florida Gulf Coast University on December 16.

Members are Sam Arensman, Nicky Ashton, Sierra Rainville and Anna Snow. The team received sixth place out of 23 teams in the Algebra I team competition.

Other members who participated in the Algebra I individual competition are Jennifer Crown, Hannah Fay, Courtney Maw and JJ Roberts.*



Members of The Sanibel School's math team

Women, Opportunity And Wealth Program

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company will host a 2014 Women's Series to empower women to be better informed and prepared to handle their finances independently and dynamically. WOW (Women. Opportunity. Wealth.) will include four sessions highlighting various women's issues.

"It is essential for women to feel confident and secure about making decisions in today's challenging times. WOW is designed to help our clients and friends cut through the clutter and make wise decisions about their personal life," said Executive Vice President Robin L. Cook.

The sessions are:

January 14 - Are There Treasures in Your Attic?

February 4 - A Practical Primer; Use of Estate Planning Documents

February 19 - Taking Control of Your Portfolio and Your Returns

March 18 - Patient Advocacy for Yourself and Loved Ones

Interested attendees should contact Frances Steger at 472-8300 or FSteger@san-captivustrustco.com. All events begin at 9:30 am. and seating is limited.*

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Application

of the scholarships will be announced on March 26 at the foundation's Uncommon Evening, being held this year at Harborside Convention Center in Fort Myers.

Since 1998, the foundation has provided scholarships to more than 335 individuals who have demonstrated the personal traits of the five unique men and their wives James D. Newton wrote about in his book, *Uncommon Friends*. His "uncommon friends" were Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Dr. Alexis Carrel, Charles Lindbergh and their wives.

Scholarship categories include the following:

- The Special Recognition scholarship is awarded to an individual who has financial need, the desire and potential to succeed in school, and possesses positive character traits.

- High Tech Center scholarships provide assistance with tuition, books, and supplies for one term at High Tech Center. There are no age requirements for this scholarship.

- Florida Prepaid College Foundation scholarships provide scholarships for college tuition and local fees to ninth grade students who contract to succeed in high school, say free of drugs and crime, and fulfill other scholarship conditions.

- The Boy Scouts of America scholarship helps pay for books for the first semester of college.

- The Edison College Single Parent

scholarship provides assistance to single parents who have overcome extraordinary obstacles in furthering their education and in gaining skills to enter the workforce.

- The Future Teacher scholarship is awarded to students matriculated in a program leading to a degree in education.

- The Lee County Bar Association scholarship is for students matriculated in a program leading to a degree in law to assist with the tuition, books, and supplies at any Florida college/university.

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

We were invited to the time-share of a delightful retired couple that we have known for only a short time. We knew that they had health problems but did not realize to what extent.

They each take numerous tablets and pills by mouth, need inhalators, special creams and lotions, take their blood-sugar readings several times a day, give them-

selves injections, are watchful of their diets and when they go to bed they are all wired up because they both have sleep apnea.

They have so many health problems that urgent care centers refuse to treat them and they must go directly to the hospital emergency room.

Unfortunately, by their own admission, many of their conditions were caused by them ignoring their doctor's advice and not going for treatment years ago.

Please advise your younger readers that the retirement years are fun and much more enjoyable if you have good health. There is a great deal of merit practicing preventive medicine in your own health care.

Pricilla

Dear Pricilla,

Preventive medicine is a new area of specialty, and much is being done to try and prevent the onset of many preventable diseases – but few older people seem to be listening. They remember what their doctors told them in the past, for example, “lit doesn't matter what you eat.” Now we know better.

Retirement can be fun, but being sick is terrible and it is boring listening to many of these older people who do nothing but complain about their aches and pains.

Lizzie

Dear Pricilla,

Preventive medicine, good health hab-

negativity increases blood pressure and muscle tension. Perhaps you have been absorbing too much negativity by watching a lot of news.

Practice learning to unplug. During rush hour commutes as well as the dinner hour, it would be most helpful to make a habit to unplug from the hardcore newscasts that sensationalize fear. If something important occurs, trust that a friend will keep you informed, and enjoy dedicated moments of silence.

Briefly unplugging from all technology each day offers a respite to mind, body and spirit. Take time out to relax by doing some deep breathing, guided imagery, or a nice Jacuzzi or bubble bath. Playing soothing music is also a nice remedy to reduce stress and anxiety.*

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I have been feeling more fear lately than usual but I cannot pinpoint why. I have been watching more news lately but I am concerned about the direction things seem to be going.

Any way to reduce the fear?

A: Listening to newscasts that hype stressful national and international events for ratings only increase the stress (fight or flight) response. Repeated exposure to

its are so difficult yet so important. It is so much easier, tastier and wicked to give into the here and now... to indulge in the immediate and forget the future. With all things, at some point we have to pay for our choices, poor health habits, poor health, poor money management, and money problems.

Thank you for the good advice from one who knows.

Pryce

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

Eden Energy Medicine

Caring For Our Eyes – Windows To The World



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

Time to fess up and raise your hand. How many of you do any eye exercises? How many have done eye exercises in the past?

Ummmm. That is a pretty poor showing of hands. But no worries – start now and make a difference.

While teaching a class in Dallas, Texas two weeks ago, one of my students reported that after having done the daily eye exercises for three months, her right eye improved from 20/40 to 20/20. A senior faculty member of EEM reported that after three months of doing the eye exercises, including ones targeted for cataracts, her ophthalmologist reported the cataracts were gone.

So, let's learn the eight exercises in the Daily Eye Energy Routine, which takes five minutes or less:

1. Rub eyes when you awaken. When I was a child, we were told to never rub our eyes. In reality, rubbing the eyes, if done gently, engages the Stomach meridian, which has its high tide from 7-9 a.m. Remember that this meridian runs right through the eyes.

Palm the eyes and rub the orbits while still in bed. This technique brings fresh healthy energy to the eyes. In Japan, many schools include this exercise as part of the school day, resulting in Japanese children wearing fewer glasses.

Rub both hands together and then shake them off. Cup both hands, placing them over the eyes (but not touching the eyes). Cross your little fingers over the third eye (between the eyebrows) while placing your thumbs over your temples. Make sure the fingers extend into the hairline. This posture increases flow into the eyes (the palms of your hands are dispersing energy from their south polarity); the thumbs are on Triple Warmer to calm the body; the crossing of the fingers is located over the Bladder meridian end points and at the point where the energy crosses from the right to the left side of the body and the fingers are at the Liver

Neurovascular points (Liver meridian is the primary meridian associated with the eyes). Hold for one to three minutes. It feels juicy doesn't it? Yeah. Ready for Step 2?

2. Rub the orbits around the eyes to simulate flow, balance the brain circuits that receive visual stimuli and reset the muscles of the eye.

3. Be shifty-eyed. Throughout the day move your eyes from close to far, from focus to scanning, keep your head straight while you look all the way to the left, to the right, up and then down. Keep those eyes loose in the head

4. While reading, working on the computer or text messaging, stop for a moment. Rub the orbits of your eyes around the eye sockets, and then palm them (number 2 above) for a minute or so.

5. Wash eye glasses in cold water at least once a day. Did you know glasses collect stale energy, which gets stuck on the glasses and frames themselves? Just by running cold water over the glasses, this stale old energy is moved, enabling your fresh energy to be free to circulate around your eyes without hitting crappy stuff.

6. Figure 8 around your eyes. There are two ways that help. The first is to figure 8 around the eyes like a mask-starting at the inner brow, moving around the top of the eye, around the bottom, back up to the brow on the other eye and repeating the pattern. Use both hands while your eyes are open so it deeply resonates into the brain. The second is to make 8s in and out from in front of the eyes to about 8 inches into your field with the eyes open. Make at least eight to 10 8s both ways.

7. Use good eye support ergonomics. Use good light, sit the correct distance and in proper posture when at the computer, watching TV, reading or driving in the car. Just be mindful.

8. Cover Eyes Exercise. Next week we will learn this exercise which feels so refreshing.

There we have it. These exercises enhance your vision, support the eye energies and make you feel better. We only have one set of eyes, so find the time to love those eyes. Be humble, be happy, and be appreciative.

If you have a questions for Semmelman, email her at ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com. Learn more at 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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Are Your Meds Making You Sick?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: You said that some drugs are related to fluoride and may cause hypothyroidism or other diseases of the reproductive tract. Which medications and why?

DL, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Shocking, I know. Some of the most popular medications in the world are "fluorinated" meaning they were created using a backbone of fluoride, the same fluoride used in toothpaste, insecticides and some supplements. The situation with fluoride is that it competes with iodine in your body. It tricks the cell into thinking it is iodine because it looks similar. Once enough fluorine atoms hook onto your cell, you become iodine deficient. That could make you thyroid deficient because your thyroid gland cannot produce any thyroid hormone without iodine!

Iodine protects your male and female reproductive organs, like your breasts, uterus, ovaries, prostate, testicles and all your private parts. When you take a fluorine-containing drug, I worry that you will become deficient in other miner-

als, especially iodine. You may become fluoride toxic. I'm not saying drugs cause illness in your private parts, though they could, but really, it's the drug-mugging effect of fluoride-based medications that could raise risk for iodine deficiency.

Chronic fluoride ingestion could spell side-effects, which unfortunately won't get spotted as a "side effect," rather they will be diagnosed as some new disease that you don't authentically have. Many practitioners and patients have no idea their medication contains so much fluoride-related compounds. I'm a pro at the drug nutrient depletion effect, what I call "drug-mugging" so I am happy to empower you with this information.

You can ask your doctor if you need to continue your medication or if you can switch drugs to something in the same therapeutic category that is not fluorinated. Never suddenly stop taking a medication because some cause dangerous withdrawal reactions, in particular antidepressants. If you have to take your medication, then you can evaluate your iodine status with a 24-hour urine analysis. If it's low, you may want to supplement.

Now, here are some popular fluorinated drugs:

Some statin cholesterol drugs such as atorvastatin (Lipitor), fluvastatin (Lescol) Fluoroquinolone antibiotics such as ciprofloxacin (Cipro) and levofloxacin (Levaquin) are implicated with dangerous "floxing;"

The antidepressants fluoxetine (Prozac), paroxetine (Paxil), citalopram (Celexa) and escitalopram (Lexapro);

The popular antifungal fluconazole (Diflucan);

Steroids like dexamethasone (Decadron), fluticasone (Flonase) and flunisolide (Nasarel and Nasalide);

The medication used for major depression and obsessive compulsive disorder called fluvoxamine (Luvox);

The infamous drug midazolam (Versed) which was implicated in the death of pop superstar Michael Jackson. It's commonly used to relieve anxiety and induce drowsiness before surgery.

The symptoms of fluoride overload are too numerous to mention here, they include problems with hormones, thyroid, sexual organs, the heart, nervous system and GI tract. Do you think you have fluoride overload or iodine deficiency? It's a possibility if you take a fluorinated drug. If you liked this article please sign up online, for my weekly newsletter because I am constantly writing about drug-mugging and how to protect yourself.

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. ✨

Medal Of Honor Forever Stamp Sheet Released

The U.S. Postal Service dedicated the World War II Medal of Honor Forever stamps – paying tribute on Veterans' Day and everyday going forward to the 464 American veterans who received the nation's highest military honor for going above and beyond the call of duty during the Second World War.

Available as a set of 20 stamps, customers may purchase the Medal of Honor: World War II Prestige Folio Forever stamps at Post Offices nationwide, at www.usps.com/stamps, at 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724) or at www.eBay.com/stamps.

"Our challenge as a nation is to never forget the sacrifices all of these individuals made on our behalf," said Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe in dedicating the stamps. "We hope these new Medal of Honor Forever stamps will provide everyone with one more way to preserve our veterans' stories for future generations. I urge you to use these stamps and mail them around the nation and the world. Save them for your children and grandchildren. Let them serve as small reminders of the giant sacrifices made by the heroes of World War II."

Joining Donahoe in dedicating the stamps were World War II Medal of Honor recipients Army Master Sergeant Wilburn Ross of Dupont, Washington; Army Private and retired postal employee George Sakato of Denver, Colorado; widow of Army Second Lieutenant/Senator Daniel Inouye, Irene Hirano Inouye of Honolulu, Hawaii; past President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society/Marine Corps retired Colonel and Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient Harvey "Barney" Barnum; Chairman, Friends of the National World War II Memorial/retired U.S. Army Lieutenant General Claude Mick Kicklighter; Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley; and National Park Service National Mall and Memorial Parks Superintendent Robert Vogel.

Recounting his experience near heavily defended Hill 617 near Biffontaine, France in October 1944, Sakato recalled saying to himself, "What the hell? Why?" Sakato continued, "When he died, I got so mad, I cried and ran up that hill. I don't know where I got the energy to do that."

In his single assault, Sakato killed 12 and personally captured four enemy soldiers. His unit, inspired by his bravery, followed him to capture 34 prisoners. Sakato was recommended for the Medal of Honor but was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC). Fifty-five years later, in 2000, his award was upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

"I didn't think I did the heroics credited to me. I was just mad out of my mind when I charged up the hill. I thought I might die, but I was going to die trying. To be part of this stamp dedication is humbling," said Sakato. "I

share this honor with all the other brave men and women who sacrificed."

That same month, near St. Jacques, France, after his company lost all but three of its men while fighting a company of elite German mountain troops, Wilburn Ross positioned his light machine gun in front of his rifle-men and began firing to absorb the enemy's attack. He killed or wounded 58 Germans in more than five hours of continuous combat and saved the surviving remnants of his company. He remained at his post for 36 hours.

"I did what I was supposed to do without thinking," the soft-spoken Ross said. "I didn't think much about what the medal meant to me then, but now it means a lot. I'm grateful to be associated with members of the Medal of Honor Society. They are all selfless individuals who serve as role models to the community. These stamps will help tell their story."

Customers may view the World War II Medal of Honor Forever stamps Prestige Folio, as well as many of this year's other stamps, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/USPSSStamps, on Twitter@USPSSstamps or online at www.uspsstamps.com. ✨

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Beach Mural

John Grey said, "The Community House is a part of Sanibel's history, and it serves an important purpose for our town. Over the years, we've tried to do our part to support it, usually by donating our more traditional painting services. But this mural project is really special, and we hope the whole community comes out to enjoy it, and watch the artist at work."

Christine Moore, the artist who worked with Grey to create the mural design, said, "It has been a fun project to work on. Sanibel is known for its beaches and shells, and this mural design lets us bring those elements into the heart of town. The wall was a bit of a challenge due to the tall windows, but we worked the windows into our palm trees and solved that problem. Everyone should stop down and see the scene develop."

Tom Sharbaugh, President of Sanibel Community Association, which operates The Community House, expressed his organization's gratitude to John Grey Painting for the gift.

"John Grey has been a valued supporter of Community House operations for years, and with this latest contribution he's given us something quite special. The mural will add some freshness and fun to our facility while we finalize our plans for redevelopment of The Community House in the next few years." ✨

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- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/4 cup water
- 14 slider-sized buns

Spicy Orange Sauce

- 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Mix all ingredients together.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large nonstick skillet. Add onion and let cook until tender and slightly caramelized. Transfer onion to a large mixing bowl.

To this bowl add beans, carrots, cornmeal, breadcrumbs, chili powder, salt, cilantro, and water. Use a large spoon or your hands to mash it all together. If the mixture is too dry to hold together add more water, one tablespoon at a time.

Hand-form bean mixture into patties to match the size of the slider buns. Heat remaining oil in a large skillet and pan-fry patties about 3 minutes on each side, until lightly browned and crisp. Add more oil to the skillet as needed.

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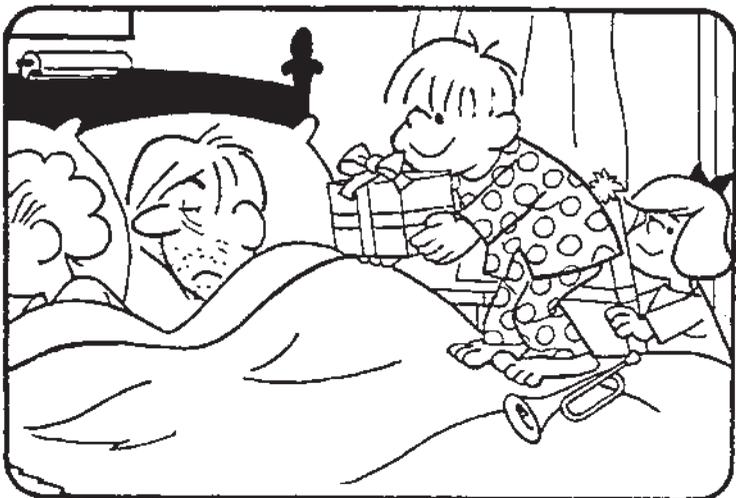
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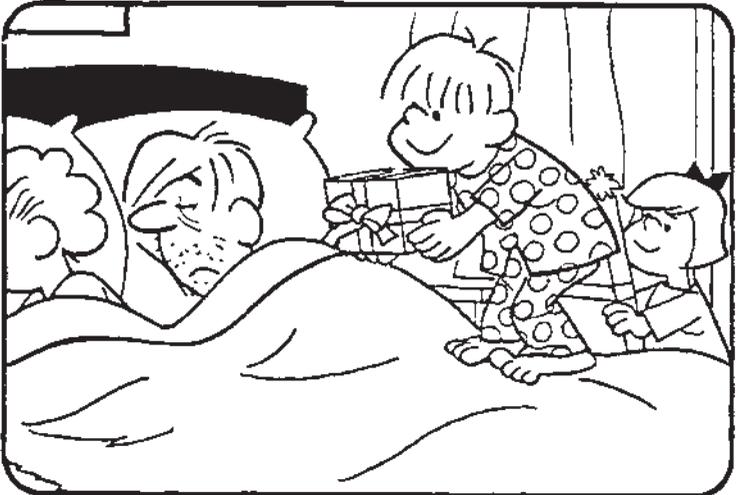
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To play Sudoku:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.)
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Palm Isles	Fort Myers Beach	2009	2,274	\$694,000	\$679,000	11
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1996	2,539	\$689,800	\$675,000	58
Wildcat Run	Estero	2003	3,067	\$749,000	\$660,000	9
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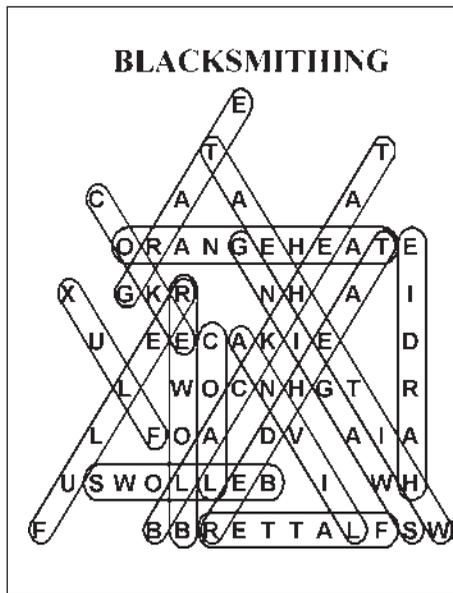
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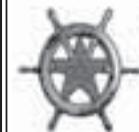
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Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell



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

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

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HELP WANTED

ADMINISTRATIVE

We are currently seeking an experienced, dependable administrative person for our Captiva office location.

The ideal candidate must:

- Have a high school diploma, some college preferred
- Have excellent phone, communication and interpersonal skills
- Have the ability to learn new procedures and manage systems.
- Have strong computer skills and knowledge of PC operations, Windows, MS Office
- Have good problem solving skills
- Manage time effectively
- Be a self-starter able to begin and complete tasks without supervision
- Pay close attention to detail
- Have a willingness to learn and adapt to change
- Be able to thrive in a deadline oriented environment
- ** Must be willing to work on Captiva Island **
- F/T position

Qualified applicants please respond by emailing your resume with cover letter to tammy@royalshellsales.com

*NS 12/27 CC 1/3

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

HELP WANTED

Sales floor position for outgoing individual with interest in cycling. Assist customers with bike/accessory purchases, repair tickets, Segway tour reservations. Detail oriented multi-tasker. Billy's Bike Shop, 1509 Periwinkle Way. 239-472-3620

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HELP WANTED

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.

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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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for light general maintenance. Call (CHR) Community Housing & Resources, Inc. 472-1189

*NS 11/1 NC TFN

BUY SELL TRADE

BIG CLEARANCE SALE

2431 Periwinkle Way
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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

Pets Of The Week



Benny ID# 579433

photos by squaredogphoto.com

Hi, my name is Benny and I am a two-year-old brown male hound mix. Comments: I have a heart that is as big as the sky and I'm just waiting to share all that love with a new family.

Adoption fee: \$20 to \$50 off the regular adoption fee of \$75 when you draw a discount coupon from Animal Services Holiday Stocking!

I'm Daisy, a domestic female calico short haired cat, two years old.

Comments: I've been waiting for months to find my forever home. I'm a beautiful girl and you could make my dream come true by giving me a home before the holidays.

Adoption fee: \$20 to \$50 off the regular adoption fee of \$50 when you draw a discount coupon from Animal Services Holiday Stocking!

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com.



Daisy ID# 574377

When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*

PAWS

Met Mindy Muffin, a young, female, spayed cat, is in need of a forever home.

She was found in a parking lot living in the wheel well of a car, but it's believed she once belonged to someone because she is a friendly little girl.

She has been vet-checked and is healthy and has had all her shots.

She is currently being boarded at the vet's office and is ready to get out of her cage and into your 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 staff named her Muffin, hence the name.

Call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823 for more information about adopting Mindy Muffin.*



Mindy Muffin

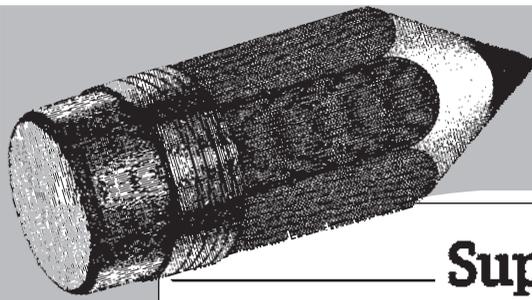
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Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel	472-5525
Captiva	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
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Chamber of Commerce.....	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources.....	472-1189
Planning Department.....	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel	472-2483
Captiva	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Senior Center.....	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	395-0900
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Gulf Coast Symphony.....	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic.....	597-1111
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Sanibel Music Festival	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
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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
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Lions Club (Tom Rothman)	395-3248
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Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	768-0417
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PAWS	472-4823
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Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.....	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	395-2040
www.sanibelsoccer.org	
The Military Officers Assc. of America (MOAA, Alex MacKenzie).....	395-9232
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline..... (24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900	
Zonta Club	671-6381
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
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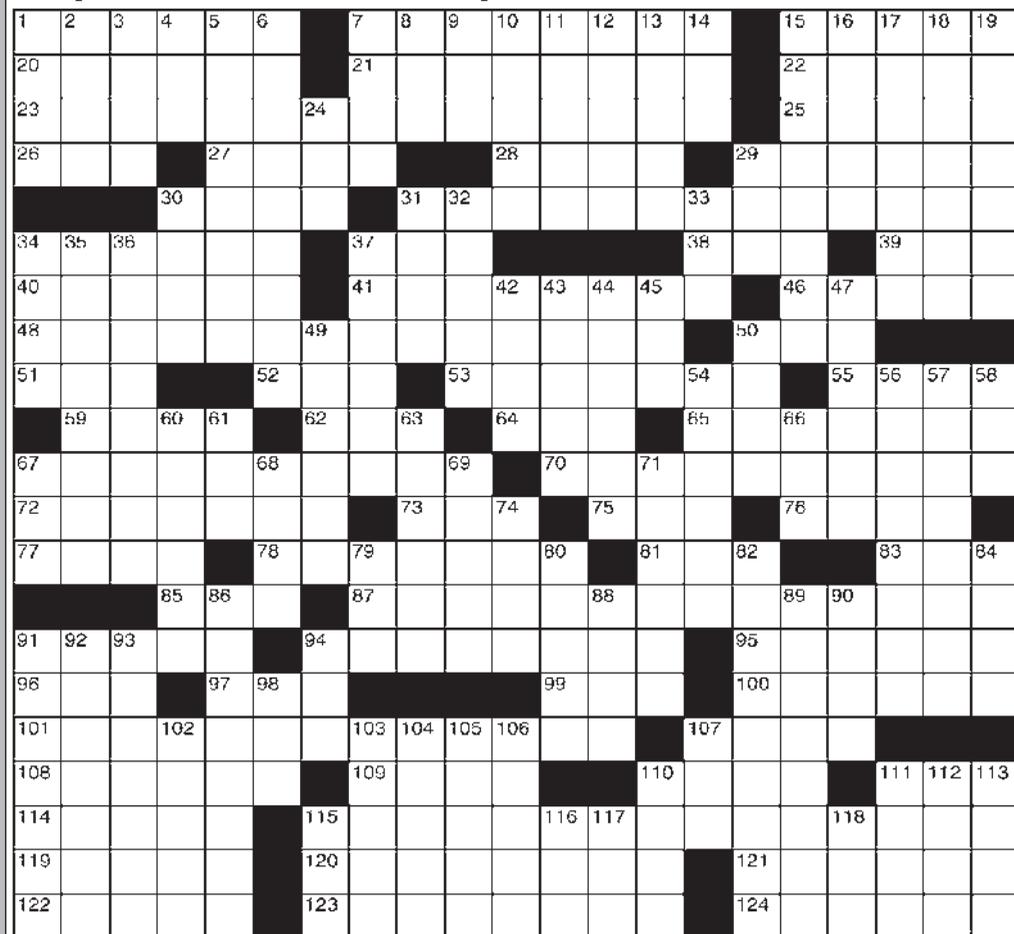
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answers on page 35B

Super Crossword

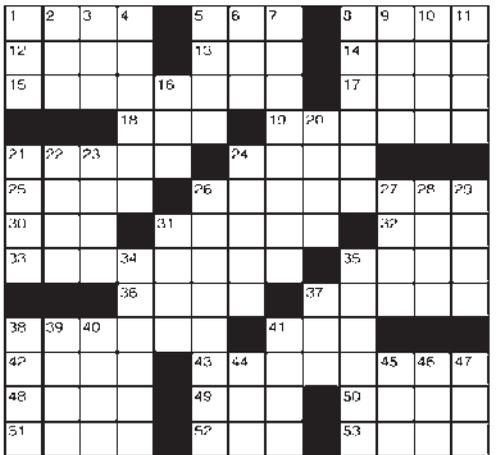
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HERE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Place
 - 7 Installs in advance, as software
 - 15 Using ink, as a signature
 - 20 Really stuck
 - 21 Its capital is Bogotá
 - 22 Dewy-eyed
 - 23 Plate a World War II battleship with a certain metal?
 - 25 Iron emission
 - 26 Downed
 - 27 Sea dogs
 - 28 Biology subj.
 - 29 Actor Guy
 - 30 Fuzzy image
 - 31 Woman on "Friends" being fervent?
 - 34 Long guns
 - 37 Grassy turf
 - 38 "— that time"
 - 39 "Boy oh boy!"
 - 40 Disquietude
 - 41 Commercial forest area
 - 46 "The Grapes of Wrath" migrants
 - 48 African warrior answering to a captain?
 - 50 "Put — Happy Face"
 - 51 Summer, in Montréal
 - 52 NYPD rank
 - 53 Advanced study group
 - 55 Gibson and Brooks
 - 59 "My life — open book"
 - 62 Chew the —
 - 64 Notes after dos
 - 65 Dye anew
 - 67 Put lollipops in the microwave?
 - 70 Greek god who's a physician?
 - 72 Walking so as not to make a peep
 - 73 Hither and —
 - 75 Cambodian leader Lon —
 - 76 Safecracker
 - 77 Critic Shalit
 - 78 Baltimore ball team
 - 81 Massage response
 - 83 Investment option, for short
 - 85 Investment options, for short
 - 87 Pigskin-passing actor Etron?
 - 91 Juice, as a goose
 - 94 Units of GIs
 - 95 Glowing with light
 - 96 Corp. name order, often
 - 97 Enthusiast
 - 99 Sushi eggs
 - 100 Huge meals
 - 101 Place where injured animals are brought to recuperate?
 - 107 Pre-'91 world power
 - 108 Garments
 - 109 Hit tune by the Kinks
 - 110 Having a tiff
 - 111 Flip coin
 - 114 Basel's river
 - 115 Witty remark belted out without instrumental backup?
 - 119 Uses a Nook or a Kindle
 - 120 Gave birth to
 - 121 Trick-taking card game
 - 122 Young's partner in accounting
 - 123 City near Los Angeles
 - 124 Varieties of trapshooting games
- DOWN**
- 1 Ms. Minnelli
 - 2 Doing the job
 - 3 Sugar type
 - 4 One side in the Pro Bowl: Abbr.
 - 5 Least large
 - 6 Very tired
 - 7 Toxic chem. pollutants
 - 8 French "king"
 - 9 High trains
 - 10 Willy of "Death of a Salesman"
 - 11 Dweller in Muscat
 - 12 Bric- —
 - 13 Decrees
 - 14 Hefty's Cinch —
 - 15 Ripe
 - 16 Birth-related
 - 17 Potato-filled dumpling
 - 18 Bolter before a hurricane, perhaps
 - 19 Archenemies
 - 24 Be off target
 - 29 Hat, to some
 - 30 Cordon —
 - 31 Forenoon
 - 32 Playwright Clifford
 - 33 "Invader" on Nickelodeon
 - 34 Regulation
 - 35 Set in motion
 - 36 Boon on "Wheel of Fortune"
 - 37 Plaza figure
 - 42 Weizman of Israel
 - 43 Was irate
 - 44 Writer Lurie
 - 45 Part of R&I
 - 47 Ini — of reggae
 - 49 One of a making-out couple
 - 50 Filled cookie
 - 54 Schoolroom for painting and sculpting
 - 56 Mourns in verse
 - 57 Ed Asner TV series
 - 58 Sophs., two years later
 - 60 Viewpoint
 - 61 Filbert, e.g.
 - 63 Get sober
 - 66 Have a bawl
 - 67 Veer back
 - 68 Talks sweetly
 - 69 — eclipse
 - 71 Crude
 - 74 Roman tyrant
 - 79 Mensa stats
 - 80 Cache
 - 82 12 1/2 and 20 1/2, say, in women's clothing
 - 84 Isn't idle
 - 86 Rid of trees
 - 88 I leroic verse
 - 89 Pool ball striker
 - 90 Old Chrysler
 - 91 Strange
 - 92 One after —
 - 93 Nova — (certain Canadian)
 - 94 German link
 - 98 Is, pluralized
 - 102 Chances on
 - 103 Foil giant
 - 104 Castle protectors
 - 105 Greek letter
 - 106 Stared in amazement
 - 107 Stage star Hagen
 - 110 Pierce player
 - 111 Brutish sort
 - 112 "Star Wars" character Boba
 - 113 God of war
 - 115 Crank (up)
 - 116 Afore
 - 117 Cager Bias
 - 118 No, in Fife



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rodgers collaborator
 - 5 Kreskin's claim
 - 8 Birthright barterer
 - 12 Smell
 - 13 Twosome
 - 14 Swine
 - 15 Paper
 - 17 Responsibility
 - 18 Charged bit
 - 19 Good horseshoe toss
 - 21 Burrito condiment
 - 24 Shetland, for one
 - 25 Spruce up
 - 26 Piece
 - 30 Help
 - 31 Got up
 - 32 Homer's interjection
 - 33 Cellar
 - 35 Landlocked African nation
 - 36 Amateur-night prop
 - 37 Imp
 - 38 Call forth
 - 41 Madam's counterpart
 - 42 Henry —
 - 43 Slumlord's building
 - 48 Heidi's heights
 - 49 A Gershwin
 - 50 Related (to)
 - 51 Egg container?
 - 52 Upper limit
 - 53 Barbershop call
 - a person
 - 9 Croon
 - 10 Chills and fever
 - 11 Cold War nation (Abbr.)
 - 16 Extinct bird
 - 20 "Bus Stop" playwright
 - 21 Pierce
 - 22 Operatic solo
 - 23 Covers
 - 24 Tine
 - 26 Greatly excited
 - 27 Dutch cheese
 - 28 — contender
 - 29 Reedy
 - 31 Beyond control
 - 34 One with "I" trouble?
 - 35 Famed Broadway beller
 - 37 Conk out?
 - 38 Terrible guy?
 - 39 Cleopatra's water
 - 40 Big shots
 - 41 Break suddenly
 - 44 Historic time
 - 45 — out a living
 - 46 Veto
 - 47 Potent stick
- DOWN**
- 1 Scuttle
 - 2 Commotion
 - 3 Sinbad's bird
 - 4 Self-evident fact
 - 5 Paradise
 - 6 Morning light
 - 7 Braised beef recipe
 - 8 Name derived from



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Anvil
- Coal
- Fuller
- Red heat
- Bellows
- Coke
- Grate
- Swaging
- Black heat
- Flatter
- Hardie
- White heat
- Blower
- Flux
- Orange heat



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NEW LISTING

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.**

Offered at 745,000



NEW LISTING

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.**

Offered at \$620,000



UNDER CONTRACT

Darling Island Retreat

This two bedroom, one bath home is situated along the Sanibel River with a full wrap around porch, perfect for relaxing and watching wildlife. The bright living room/kitchen features a vaulted wood ceiling, tiled floors and a spiral staircase leading to a loft, perfect for an office or artist studio. Included is a double car garage and loads of lush landscaping for a very private feeling. **724 Rabbit Road.**

Offered at \$495,000



Adorable Island Home in the Dunes Community

Bright open floor plan in this Dunes 3BR 2BA home which lends itself to beautiful architectural design. The vaulted ceilings in the living space & decking off all bedrooms and open kitchen add an open airy feel. Close to San Carlos Bay at Bailey Rd for fishing, kayaking or sunning. Only a few homes away from the Dunes Clubhouse. The best priced 3BR/2BA home in this community! **970 Sand Castle Rd.**

Offered at \$540,000



UNDER CONTRACT

Panoramic Views Dunes Duplex

Relax and enjoy the beautiful views from the 3/2.5 duplex on the 18th fairway of the Dunes golf course. This bright and airy duplex offers a master suite on the first living level plus a half bath. Your guests are accommodated on the second level where they can enjoy their own space. Enjoy your evening on the screened in lanai and watch the sunset skies.

**1645 Sand Castle.
Offered at \$439,000**



Immaculate East End Canal Home

Magnificent Canal View in the desirable neighborhood of Shell Harbor. With 3 bedrooms plus a den/office and 2.5 baths this home has a wonderful flow. Enter through the outdoor atrium into this immaculate home with canal views. Other features include screen enclosed pool/lanai area with a hot tub, fireplace in the family room, boat dock & lift and a deck off of the Master Bedroom suite. Deeded beach access. Enjoy quiet East End living with easy access on and off the island. **1001 Kings Crown.**

Offered at \$997,000



A Tranquil Paradise

Stunning Florida Style 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in desirable neighborhood of Sea Oats. Enter into a bright and airy Great room with a fireplace, wet bar and three French doors that lead to a glass and screen enclosed porch overlooking a beautiful pool and lush landscaping. Other features include bay windows, central vac, beautiful cabinetry throughout and a two car garage with loads of storage space. Near beach. A beautiful and tranquil paradise!

**475 Sea Oats Drive.
Offered at \$875,000**



Sweeping Lake & Golf Course View

Spectacular lake & golf course views from this ground level 2 bedroom, 2 bath pool home. Walk into this inviting home and observe the sweeping lake view from the living area, kitchen and lanai. Of course the lanai, just off the family room, kitchen and living room, affords extra living space for your enjoyment. Great location for bird watching or watching a "birdie" on the Dunes golf course. Dunes club membership is optional. Dunes homeowners have a deeded beach path. **1481 Sand Castle Rd.**

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