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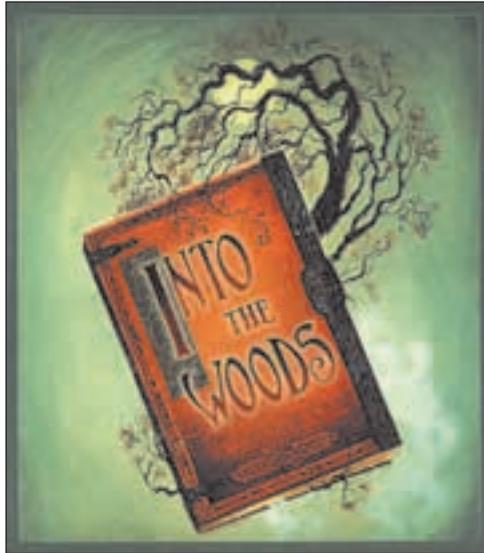
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Tony Award-Winning Musical Opens At Herb Strauss Theater

What happens after happily ever after? Find out in the Tony-award winning musical, *Into The Woods*, opening at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater on January 10 at 8 p.m.

The Stephen Sondheim/James Lapine beloved musical is a retelling of classic Grimm stories. Audiences will be enraptured as a childless baker and his wife attempt to lift a family curse by journeying into the woods. During their journey, the couple encounter Rapunzel, Cinderella, Jack (of Beanstalk infamy) and Little Red Riding Hood. Follow along as these iconic characters tell a new cautionary tale about the responsibility of having your wishes come true.

The fairy tale themed show features one of the largest casts ever to perform at Herb Strauss Theater, including Trey Compton (Jack), Anne Chamberlain (Cinderella), Elizabeth Urbanczyk (Witch), John Ramsey (Baker), Cloe Sabin (Baker's Wife), Jessica Humphrey (Little Red Riding Hood),



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Smooth Jazz Sounds At Schein Hall On Saturday Night

Internationally renowned jazz musicians, the Rossano Sportiello/Nicki Parrott/Eddie Metz Trio featuring Harry Allen, will perform in BIG ARTS Schein Hall on Saturday, January 10 at 8 p.m. The group will lead a journey through the masterpieces of *The Great American Songbook*, featuring popular music of the '30s, '40s and '50s, interpreted according to the idioms of classic jazz improvisation.

Sportiello (pianist, composer and arranger), Parrott (vocalist and string bass player) and Metz (drummer) will be joined by Swing Bros. recording artist Harry Allen on tenor



The Rossano Sportiello/Nicki Parrott/Eddie Metz Trio

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One of master builder Mark Mason's works

Sanibel Fun Fest Seeks Teams For Sand Castle Building Competition

As part of the three-day Sanibel Fun Fest at The Community House, local groups have an opportunity to learn the art of sand sculpting and compete in the sand castle building competition. Any organization or group is encouraged to form a team, sign up and take part.

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Pet Palooza Is This Saturday

The Royal Shell Companies, Tahitian Gardens merchants and Pets du Soleil Photography will host Pet Palooza in support the Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) on Saturday, January 11. The GCHS will bring some dogs looking for new homes to Tahitian Gardens, 1975 Periwinkle Way, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a meet-and-greet.

If you are a pet owner, Pets du Soleil Photography will be on site with a climate-controlled photography trailer set up for pet portraits. K-Nine Connections Life Center and Academy Kennels will be available to talk to owners about pet training and provide an agility course for pets to try. If the weather is hot, there will be doggie pools for the pups. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For safety reasons, all pets must be on leashes.

There is no admission charge, but donations are appreciated and a portion of the day's proceeds benefit the Gulf Coast Humane Society. For a list of the shelter's needs, visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.

Throughout season, The Royal Shell Companies hosts several meet-and-greet events with the GCHS.*



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

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Island Seniors, Inc. At The Center 4 Life

Start out the new year by joining the Center 4 Life. Meet your friends or make some new. Browse through the activities listed then stop by the center to sign up.

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 – with instructor Ronda Seifer Walis, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$60 per session for members and \$90 for non-members. Class size limited to four. You must provide your own iPad/iPhone.

- iPad Introduction – 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, February 12 at 2:30 p.m. is *My 92 Years on Sanibel* by Francis Bailey.

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. 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 WP 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 WP Franklin Lock and Dam off SR 80 in Olga and returning by 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members.

Costume World Trip – Monday, January 27. Guided tour of the incredible costumes at Costume World. Sit-down lunch, story of the costumes and live Cabaret show. If you love Broadway musicals, this is the trip for you. Cost is \$89 for members and \$99 for non-members. Transportation is included. Contact the center to sign up.

Tuesday Kayaking – January 14, 21 and 28 at 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets provided. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, hat, and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

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

Power Hour Fitness – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords and stability balls, along with mats, are used to strengthen 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 information on programs or on becoming a member of Island Seniors, Inc., contact the Center 4 Life at 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way.*

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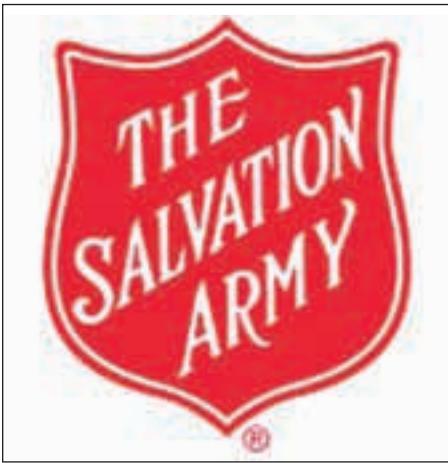


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Sanibel Red Kettle Campaign A Success

by Jeff Lysiak

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign on Sanibel garnered donations that were better than expected in 2013, collecting \$25,369 throughout the holiday season.

According to Clint Parsons, volunteer area coordinator for The Salvation Army on Sanibel, last year's Red Kettle Campaign – which ran from the day before Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve – generated nearly the same amount (\$25,574) as the year prior.

"I thought we would be down a little bit more, but we were off only a few hundred bucks," said Parsons. "So it really wasn't a bad season for us."

On Sanibel, The Salvation Army had two collection sites – one at Bailey's General Store and one at Jerry's Market

– where 30 to 40 bell ringers worked two-hour shifts, seven days a week throughout the campaign.

Parsons also credited The Salvation Army's volunteers for another outstanding campaign.

"We have to give credit to our volunteer bell ringers, who do an incredible job each and every year," he said. "And we thank our donors for a very successful year."

According to the website www.salvationarmyusa.com, contributions from the Red Kettle Campaign allow the organization to fund a number of programs, including providing food, shelter, toys, counseling and more to millions of Americans in need.✪

Historical Village To Hold First Twilight Talk

The Sanibel Historical Village will hold its first Twilight Talk of the season from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 16. The speakers will be Richard Johnson and Mary Mead Bailey Johnson.

Representing the third generation of ownership and operation of Bailey's General Store, Mary Mead, as her family knows her, is one of Francis P. Bailey Jr.'s five children. She grew up on Sanibel with her family, dogs, cats and birds. The "Homestead," sometimes called the "Green House," was her family home and she has many memories of growing up on Sanibel. Mary Mead graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a degree in marine technology and the University of

North Florida with a degree in environmental science.

A relatively new addition to the community, Richard arrived on Sanibel just after Hurricane Charley, giving him an opportunity to see the island at one of its worst points, but the community itself at one of its best. Since then, he says, the island bug has bitten him (in addition to the no see ums). He is involved in the Sanibel community through various nonprofits. Richard graduated from Jacksonville University Davis School of Business with a degree in business management.

The cost for the lecture is \$5; free for museum members. Tickets must be paid for and picked up prior to the event. Seating is limited. Tickets are available in the old Bailey's General Store in the village during museum hours, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reserve seats or for more information, call museum manager Emilie Alfino at 472-4648.

The other scheduled Twilight Talks are:

February 26 – Betty Anholt, the island's historian

March 19 – Kristie Anders, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

April 9 – Deborah Gleason, chair, Sanibel Historic Preservation Committee

The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission for entrance to the gift shop only is free. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.✪

Captiva Community Panel To Meet

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Rooms in Chadwicks Square at South Seas Island Resort. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Update on the community survey and Captiva Plan update workshop schedule.
- Discussion on property tax and appraisal issues.
- Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
- Captiva Fire District update.
- Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update.
- Other business as necessary.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva Community Panel meeting will tentatively be February 11. Information and background documents are available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.✪

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The Year of Creeping Change



by Barbara Joy Cooley, president, Committee of the Islands

A year ago, I wrote a commentary called *When the Small Becomes Big: Incremental Change on Sanibel* (published December 14, 2013).

In it, I described the several factors that make it unlikely for major changes to happen on Sanibel. The island is almost at "build-out," much habitat has been restored, and the People's Choice charter amendments were passed. While these things seem to preclude much major change – and that's a good thing – small changes are still possible. And small changes can accumulate, eventually resulting in a big change.

At this one-year point since that commentary, it's time to check in: Have small changes started to accumulate? The answer, unfortunately, is "yes." And the changes have come in the form of zoning variances from our Land Development Code being granted with ever-increasing frequency. Let's take a look at this trend.

As part of its regulatory responsibilities, the Sanibel Planning Commission reviews and decides on zoning variances. By law, there are seven standards that must be met in order for the Planning Commission to legally grant a variance. This is as it should be because variances are, after all, excused violations of the Land Development Code. Lately, five of the seven planning commissioners have failed to see that these standards are met before deciding to vote to grant a variance.

Committee of the Islands board members have spoken at these planning commission meetings about the need to meet these legal standards for variances. Two of the commissioners generally do apply these legal standards; however, the other five commissioners generally do not.

While these inappropriately granted variances may not be individually significant, the result over time is a weakening of the Sanibel Plan and Land Development Code because these variances have a cumulative effect.

The Seven Standards

Here are the seven standards (contained in section 82-140 of the Sanibel Land Development Code):

(1) A literal enforcement of the particular regulation would result in undue and unnecessary hardship to a property owner because the particular shape, size, location or topography of a lot or parcel, or of a structure thereon, would cause practical difficulties that would deprive the owner of reasonable use and enjoyment of such lot or

parcel in the same manner as other properties similarly situated.

(2) That the special conditions relate to unusual conditions peculiar to the specific lot or parcel or relate to special conditions of the structure involved, and are not generally applicable to other lands or structures similarly situated.

(3) That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from actions taken by the applicant or proposed by the applicant, and are not otherwise self-imposed.

(4) That the applicant has taken all reasonable steps to mitigate or eliminate the requested variance by the acquisition of adjacent lands or the relocation or redesign of the structure involved.

(5) That the development or use of the subject parcel in some other manner than that proposed, in accordance with the applicable requirements, is not feasible.

(6) That the requested variance will not be adverse to the developed neighborhood scheme and will not adversely affect the plan and scheme set forth in this Land Development Code, and will not cause the proposed development to be inconsistent with the Sanibel Plan nor adverse to the health, safety and general welfare of the community.

(7) That the variance granted is the minimum necessary to mitigate the hardship demonstrated.

Succinctly said, the variance must only be used to address a hardship that is not brought on the applicant by himself; rather, the hardship must be one that is incumbent with the property and its peculiarities and characteristics, preventing the reasonable use or development of the property. Also, the extent of the variance should be as small as possible – just enough to address the hardship.

What's happening?

In reality, what is happening now is that pretty much everyone that applies for a variance is granted that variance – usually in a 5 to 2 vote of the Planning Commission. The granting of those variances has resulted in more variance applications being made.

That trend needs to stop. We need Planning Commissioners who will grant variances only in the rare instances when they are warranted, because doing otherwise will result in an erosion of the Sanibel Plan and Land Development code. To keep Sanibel special, small changes must be controlled.

Creeping, incremental change... it could be a problem.

Or it could be positive, such as with the implementation of the Dark Skies rule on Sanibel. The outdoor lighting which is still not compliant with this rule must be changed during the next year (prior to January 1, 2015), according to the Sanibel code. For example, lights that shine upward on a sign or façade must be changed to lights that shine downward instead, to reduce light pollution at night. The changing

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CASI Kick-Off Breakfast With Mayor Ruane

submitted by Sonja Smith Suitor

More than 100 people gathered at The Sanctuary recently to hear Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane explain city council's three, recently adopted goals for the coming year. The event was CASI's (Condominium Associations of Sanibel, Inc.) annual kick-off breakfast.

One of city council's goals is to continue to build financial stability. Specifically, council has been working to retire long term debt, to build up reserves and to identify policies that adequately track and



Steve Mackesy, Island Management, and Aaron Pruss, Becker and Poliackoff

better evaluate potential revenue. Because of such policies, council has been able to hold tax rates at the same level for



Jim Harvey, Tom Annesley, Rudy Faust of Captain's Walk, Elizabeth Rumberger of Island Management



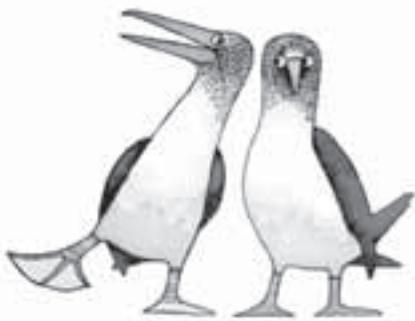
Dina Craig and Andy Boyle, Ocean's Reach; Lee Ellen Harder, BIGARTS; Dru Doyle, Ocean's Reach

the seven years Ruane has been on the council. The mayor pointed out that for every dollar paid in property taxes to the county, only 12 cents comes back to the city to fund expenses, another three cents goes to retire city debt. Sanibel intends to provide needed services while living within a carefully considered budget. The need for reserves became clear after Hurricane Charley when the city had to

borrow \$15 million for restoration. At that time, the city only had \$2 million in reserves. Today the city has \$20 million in reserves. Council is exploring the re-instatement of revenue sharing from causeway tolls.

A second goal of city council is to develop a workable plan to encourage commercial district redevelopment. City council and the planning commission

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Creeping Change

of each light fixture is a small, seemingly insignificant change. But add up all these small changes, and it will be even easier to see the Milky Way at night. Sanibel is one of the few remaining places where that is possible.

The power of incremental change over time is often underestimated. So we must be mindful of those small changes, and keep them positive. That's how we can keep Sanibel special now and in the future.

To read our past commentaries on island issues, visit www.coti.org. We invite your input on this and other issues affecting our islands. Send us an email at coti@coti.org, or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook. ✨

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Blake DeVitt and Linda Naton, Somerset; Tammy LoVecchio, Gulfshore Insurance

want to ensure the stability and future success of the island's existing mix of retail and office spaces. The city's redevelopment emphasis began in 2010 with the resort redevelopment effort which was intended to encourage renovation and redevelopment in the resort housing district, where most condominiums are located. The current commercial district work plan will continue to examine whether modifications are needed in the Land Development Code to maintain the Sanibel Plan while allowing progress and fairness.

As part of the commercial redevelopment project, council is looking at a civic core concept. BIG ARTS, the Sanibel Community Association and the Center 4 Life are all considering expansion. The city hosted a series of conversions between those organizations to explore the possibility of a shared campus that would also encompass the library and city hall. Such a plan might maximize resources for meeting and event space, shared roadway and bike path access, and better traffic flow in the area. While the stakeholders would fund their own

building costs, the city is pursuing grants for some of the funds it would need to enable connectivity and shared parking between these venues. This project would only move ahead if approved by Sanibel voters in a referendum.

The third council goal is water quality and quantity. Significant degradation of gulf water quality happened again this summer because rain in South Florida was 70 percent above average. Degradation of water and beaches from various sources are becoming more frequent, more damaging and more costly. There are three solutions for improving gulf water quality. Lake Okeechobee releases must better address the health of the estuaries. Septic systems along the Caloosahatchee basin and in Lee County must be functional and non-polluting. Responsible, science-based fertilizer use must be commonly practiced.

Working with fellow committee members in the Metropolitan Planning Organization and as chair of the Lee County Tourist Development Council, the mayor built a coalition of local mayors and officials to join together in petition-



Mayor Kevin Ruane and Julie Smith, Sanibel Siesta

ing regional, state and federal officials for specific performance on water quality. While protecting the environment is a high priority, the city found that partners

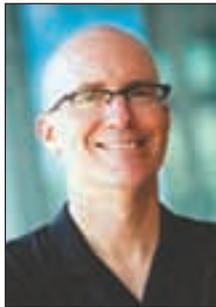


Bruce Peterson, manager and Lee Olson, president of Pointe Santo

were even more energized when they considered the regional economic impact of poor water quality. In testifying before the Senate Select Committee several times and discussing the issue with the governor and federal elected officials, the
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Hot Topics Luncheon

The Sanibel League of Women Voters will host its second Hot Topics luncheon and speaker on Tuesday, January 14 at Sundial Resort beginning with registration at 11:30 a.m., the luncheon at noon and the speaker at 12:45 p.m.



Professor Charles Stewart III

Charles Stewart III, a professor at MIT who has studied the history of voting patterns across America, will deliver the address and lead the discussion on Florida and the voting wars. He is the Kenan Sahin distinguished professor of political science at MIT, where he has taught since 1985. His research and teaching areas include congressional politics, elections and American political development. His current research about Congress touches on the historical development of commit-

tees, party leadership and senate elections.

Since 2001, Stewart has been a member of the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, a leading research effort that applies scientific analysis to questions about election technology, election administration and election reform. He is currently the MIT director of the project. He is an established leader in the analysis of the performance of election systems and the quantitative assessment of election performance.

Stewart has been recognized at MIT for his undergraduate teaching, being named to the second class of MacVicar Fellows in 1994, awarded the Baker Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, and was the recipient of the Class of 1960 Fellowship. Since 1992, he has served as housemaster of McCormick Hall, along with his spouse, Kathryn Hess.

Stewart received his BA in political science from Emory University, and SM and PhD from Stanford University.

Reservations are required and can be made by emailing Ellen O'Neill, program chair, at eoconnell805@gmail.com. The cost is \$25 per person, payable at the door or by check to LWV, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957.*

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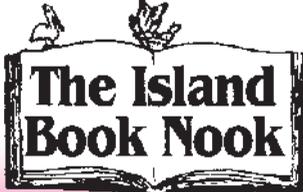
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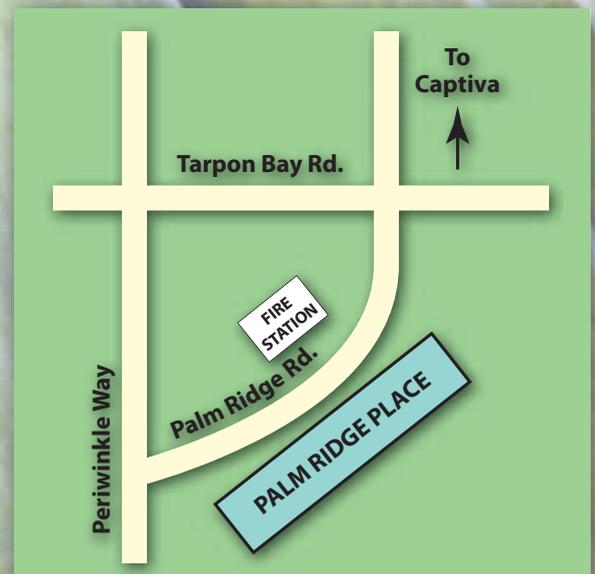
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Periwinkle Pines Stakeholder In Civic Core Plan?

by Jeff Lysiak

During the first city council meeting of the new year, the conceptual plan for the proposed civic core master plan on Sanibel was discussed, including the suggestion that representatives from the Periwinkle Pines subdivision be included as a stakeholder in the planning process.

Back in November, architect Henry Woodroffe outlined a plan that would consolidate BIG ARTS, the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, Center 4 Life and The Community House onto a 25-acre site along with city hall, the Sanibel Public Library and the public works department.

At last month's council meeting, several residents spoke in opposition of the civic core conceptual plan. Fay Carney called the idea of moving The Community House off Periwinkle Way "outrageous" while also opposing the destruction of the Herb Strauss Theater.

"All that has been talked about so far is a concept," Mayor Kevin Ruane said on December 3, further explaining that the city has looked at 12 designs for the project. He also called objections to the concept premature, since nothing has been decided yet.

On Tuesday, Ruane updated his fellow council members on progress with civic core discussions. He said that in addition to a meeting with stakeholders and city department managers, he met with the chiefs of Sanibel's police and fire depart-



Berdenna Thompson receives the proclamation officially naming January 17 as Arbor Day in Florida from Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane

photo by Jeff Lysiak

ments, who voiced "minor" concerns with the conceptual plan presented.

"The next steps, we're going to look at drainage, traffic, density and intensity, and how this fits in with the Sanibel Plan," said Ruane, who noted that he will meet with the city manager and some of the non-profits to discuss further details related to the civic core. "Until we actually have a conceptual plan, I don't know how we can even talk about this," he said.

Vice Mayor Doug Congress suggested that staff create a flow chart with bullet points, as had been done with the transit in public parks alternative transportation study at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, so people may better understand the "life cycle of this process."

Councilman Mick Denham also sug-

gested that Periwinkle Pines be included as a stakeholder in the civic core planning process. Ruane indicated that any action that officially added a stakeholder should be done when the entire council was present. In light of Jim Jennings' absence, that proposal was tabled until the February 4 meeting.

During public comment on the subject, resident Karen Storjohann offered that the council "walk around to the other side of the table" and look at the potential negatives with the civic core proposal. She also voiced her opposition to moving The Community House from its' historical lot on Periwinkle Way.

Periwinkle Pines spokesman Ed Hancock agreed with the suggestion of being included among the plan's stakeholders, praising that decisions on the matter "aren't being done by five guys in a back room... it's a well thought out concept."

Former council member Peter Pappas supported the idea of keeping the development of the civic core plan relegated to city staff and stakeholders until it becomes fully developed. To present the concept to the public prematurely might result in the plan being "lost before we can properly define its merits."

"I'm satisfied as a citizen that I'll be able to add my input when the time comes," added Pappas.

In other business:

Ruane read a proclamation declaring January 17 as Arbor Day in the State of Florida, then presented it to long-time island vegetation committee member Berdenna Thompson. Thompson thanked the council for recognizing the annual celebration, and noted that this year's Arbor Day ceremony at The Sanibel School

will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 31. Recently passed island pioneer Francis Bailey will be honored with the planting of a new slash pine on the school's grounds.

Denham told the council that he has had discussions with two hoteliers who suggested that they would like to redevelop their properties, but are hampered by the restrictions in the city's Land Development Code related to maximum room size. Both would prefer a 600-square-foot room size, which would require modifying the ordinance. Denham requested that city staff bring back a report investigating whether redevelopment that would allow build-back of larger rooms, but would not increase lot coverage, would be feasible.

Barry Alan Roth, coordinator of the city's annual New Year's Eve Celebration, reported that 429 people attended this year's festivities, with 60 to 70 volunteers working the event. He also called the fundraiser for the city's Recreation Center Financial Assistance Program a "labor of love." Final figures of money raised at the event will be presented at February's council meeting.*

Three Planning Commissioners Reappointed

by Jeff Lysiak

The Sanibel City Council reappointed the three current members of the planning commission - Chuck Ketteman, Tom Krekel and

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Coalition Speaker To Address Democratic Club

On Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m., Grey Torrico, detention and enforcement organizer, will address the Democratic Club of the Islands at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Torrico was born in Chile and brought to the United States at the age of 7. Growing up in Naples, Florida, she became aware of how harsh the treatment of immigrants was in the area. In 2008, while at the University of Florida, she founded CHISPAS, a student-led organization that united immigrant youth, both legal and undocumented, and helped those who were also in a fight for justice. Through this, Torrico became involved with the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, and young undocumented youth throughout the state. She graduated in 2009 with a bachelor of arts in political science and Spanish with a certificate in Latin American studies.

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OBITUARY



IKKI MATSUMOTO

Internationally acclaimed artist Ikki Matsumoto was born in Tokyo, Japan in 1935 to a well-known Japanese cartoonist and children's book illustrator, Katsuji Matsumoto. He was the second child of seven and could not remember a time in his life when he wasn't drawing. Art was in his blood from the very start. He died just one day shy of his 79th birthday.

In 1955, Ikki came to the United States and met his wife, Polly (Adamson) Matsumoto, while studying at the Art

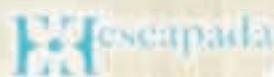
Academy of Cincinnati, where he was studying under world renowned artist Charlie Harper. His talents led him to embark on a career in commercial art, newspaper advertising design and textbook illustrations. He had a two-volume book published by Rand McNally and later illustrated the bestseller *The Joy of Cooking*. In 1985, Nancy Reagan commissioned him to design an Easter egg that is now part of the permanent collection in the Smithsonian.

Ikki and his family moved to Sanibel Island, Florida in 1975 and he channeled the beautiful scenery of the island into his artistry. His colorful works of native birds and animals captured the essence of a southern Florida style with his unique Japanese flair.

Ikki is survived by his wife Polly, two sons, Bin and Tai (Bonita), and a daughter, Amy. He was also blessed with six grandchildren. Family and friends around the world will always remember him for his internal light, his talent, and his love.

A public memorial will be held on Thursday, February 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, Florida, 10091 McGregor Boulevard. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Hope Hospice "In loving memory of Ikki Matsumoto" to 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or contact Barbara Brown at 1-800-835-1673, or to the Alliance for the Arts at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33919.✧

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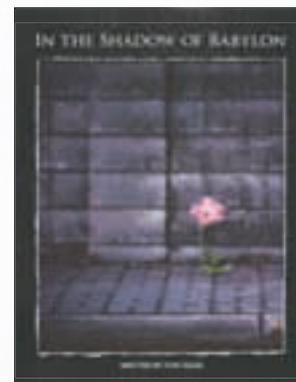
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**NANCY ANN
(GEBHARDT) BONSER**

Nancy Ann (Gebhardt) Bonser, 80, of Sanibel, Florida and Bloomington, Indiana passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2013. She was born September 30, 1933 in Springfield, Ohio, the daughter of Carl and Edna Gebhardt.

She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1955 with a major in education and speech therapy, and was active in her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta. Growing up with a love of dance, Nancy continued dancing in college, performing in several Bowling Green modern dance productions.

On July 3, 1955 she married Charles F. Bonser. Early in their marriage, Nancy taught speech therapy in North Carolina, Louisiana and Texas while Charles was in the air force. In 1959, they moved to Bloomington, Indiana. In Bloomington, she turned her love and energy to raising their children while also volunteering in the community and in the local schools. She especially enjoyed her work with special needs children in the schools. Nancy was also an important partner and support for Charles during his years as professor and dean at Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), hosting many events for the school as well as visitors from around the world at their home, always with her bright smile. She was particularly involved with supporting the many programs the school conducted internationally.

Nancy enjoyed her time traveling the world with friends and family, always eager to see new places and meet new people. She also took time volunteering in the local schools while living in Australia, England and France. Her favorite spot to relax, however, was Sanibel, Florida, which she and Charles first visited in 1965, and bought a home in 1974. On Sanibel, she enjoyed tap dancing, biking and attending performances at BIG ARTS. She was a member of PEO, active in her church and a volunteer at BIG ARTS. One of her greatest joys and blessings was being a grandmother to her four grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Charles F. Bonser of Sanibel, Florida and Bloomington, Indiana; her daughter Catherine (Rob) Neal of Carmel,

Indiana; her son Andrew (Heather) Bonser of Greenwood, Indiana; and her grandchildren Matt Neal, Meagan Neal, Emily Bonser and Jordan Bonser; her brother Carl (Sheila) Gebhardt of Duarte, California.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son Jeffrey Aaron Bonser and brother Richard Gebhardt.

Nancy's beautiful smile and generous heart will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Celebration of life ceremonies will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 3 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ with a reception following at The Community House, and on Saturday, February 1 at the Indiana University Foundation in Bloomington, Indiana at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the following organizations important to Nancy: Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957 or Barrier Island Group for the Arts (BIG ARTS), 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957. ✨

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Coalition Speaker

Working with the Soros Justice Fellowship at the Open Society Foundation in September, Torrico founded the Collier County Neighborhood Stories Project, a community initiative whose focus is to collect testimonies of immigrant communities in Southwest Florida. Torrico currently works in Collier County as the detention and enforcement organizer at the Florida Immigrant Coalition. She conducts bilingual training, workshops and presentations on issues of police abuse, protection and the complexities of the immigration detention system.

Lee County Democrats, Progressive thinkers and all those concerned with immigration issues are welcome to attend. Call 395-9078 for more information or email demclubislands@gmail.com. ✨

Correction

Vivian Luise Stidham was born in Insko, Kentucky in 1923. Her family wishes to correct the year of birth submitted for an obituary in the *Island Sun* published January 3, 2014. ✨

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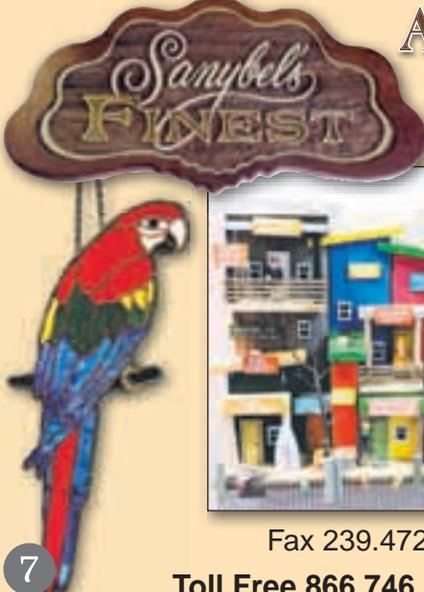
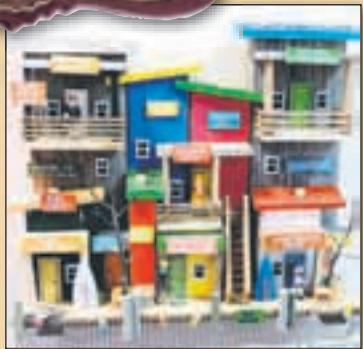
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Logan and Lauren Sobczak

Molly Heuer and Charles Sobczak announce the marriage of their son Logan Heuer Sobczak to Lauren Ashley McLeod, the daughter of Leigh and Bob Simons and Pam and Larry McLeod, both of Sarasota/Bradenton.

Vows were exchanged at the Bishop Planetarium in Bradenton on November 23, 2013. The couple met while both were attending the University of Florida, Gainesville. Sobczak's brother Blake and the bride's sister Lindsay served as attendants. The couple honeymooned in Portland, Oregon. They live in Chicago, Illinois.✪

Temple Bat Yam Has New Rabbi

Temple Bat Yam has announced that Rabbi Myra Soifer will assume the leadership of the congregation this month.

Soifer was one of the first 10 women ordained as rabbi after Reform Judaism accepted them in 1972. Born in 1950 in Miami, Soifer attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, earned a master of arts in Hebrew Letters at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1977 and was ordained there a year later.

She served as student rabbi at the Jewish Community Center in Union City, Tennessee and at Temple Beth Shalom in Charlotte, North Carolina, before becoming assistant rabbi in New Orleans in 1978. She served Temple Sinai in Reno beginning in 1984 until she formally retired after 25 years there. Then she returned for a short time until the congregation hired a new full time rabbi last year.

During Rabbi Soifer's tenure, Temple Sinai completed a huge building expansion project and the congregation tripled in size. She has been very active in inter-faith work and is considered an outstand-



Rabbi Myra Soifer

ing speaker. She created a group named Study Buddies, a forum for local clergy to meet and talk, and initiated a series of lectures on world religions.

While Rabbi Soifer's first Sabbath observance with Bat Yam will take place on January 17, her formal installation will occur later in February on a date to be announced.✪

FISH Visitation Program

The FISH visitation program provides friendly visits for brief periods to those who would like some companionship in their own home environment. As some island elders or disabled people are no longer able to leave their homes, a shared cup of coffee while viewing favorite photos or reminiscing about the past can brighten the day and reduce social isolation.

Some volunteers help by taking them shopping or to run errands. Others stay at the home for coffee and conversation.

Lasting friendships have formed, and this program has proven to be rewarding to all those involved. By providing companionship and outreach, FISH of Sanibel-Captiva volunteers help relieve isolation and loneliness among older and disabled adults. In addition, FISH can also ensure they are receiving needed social and emotional support, and offer knowledge and access to community resources and services that may be of interest.

Anyone interested in becoming a FISH volunteer may contact the Walk-In Center at 472-4775.✪

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Professor To Be Guest Lecturer For Shared Scholar Program

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will be the guest lecturer for the annual Shared Scholar Program this year, sponsored by Bat Yam Temple of the Islands, Captiva Chapel By The Sea, Sanibel Congregational First Church of Christ, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and the Sanibel Christian Science Church. The Shared Scholar program is supported by the Leo Rosner Foundation in honor of June Rosner.

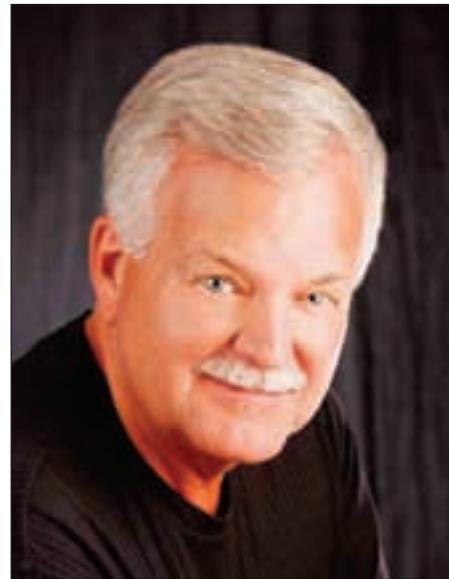
Levine's lecture, entitled *Jesus the Jewish Story-Teller*, will take place on Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Sanibel Congregational Church. The public is welcome; there is no fee to attend.

Levine is university professor of New Testament and Jewish studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter professor of New Testament studies, and professor of Jewish studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and the College of Arts and Sciences. She holds a BA from Smith College, MA and PhD from Duke University, and honorary doctorates from the University of Richmond, the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, the University of North Carolina-Upstate, Drury University and Christian Theological Seminary. Levine has been awarded grants from the Mellon Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Council of Learned Societies. She has held office in the Society of Biblical Literature, the Catholic Biblical Association and the Association for Jewish Studies. With Mark Brettler of Brandeis University, she has edited *The Jewish Annotated New Testament* and with her Vanderbilt University colleague Douglas Knight, she has written *The Meaning of the Bible: What The Jewish Scriptures and The Christian Old Testament Can Teach Us*. She has recorded *Introduction to the Old Testament*,



Amy-Jill Levine

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Douglas Renfroe

Douglas Renfroe In Concert On Sanibel

On Sunday, January 12, Douglas Renfroe, cantor and music director at Temple Bat Yam on Sanibel, will be heard in concert. The performance will be held at the Sanibel Congregational Church on Periwinkle Way at 3 p.m. The afternoon is sponsored and supported by Temple Bat Yam with a free will offering donation.

Renfroe is an internationally acclaimed bass baritone who has served as cantor at Temple Bat Yam since 2001. His concerts throughout Europe and the United States have earned him recognition at major venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Washington Opera, Boston Opera, Sarasota Opera, the Edinburgh Festival, Westminster Abbey, Tel Aviv Lyric Opera and Columbia Artist Management.

His theater credits include touring as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* with performances in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bulgaria and Vienna. He has created two equity theater companies and has appeared in three motion pictures.

As a conductor, Renfroe has appeared at the Varna International Music Festival, the acclaimed Festival at Sea Music Series as well as locally at Barbara B. Mann, Naples Philharmonic and BIG ARTS.

In addition to his tenure at Temple Bat Yam, he is the director of music and fine arts at Beach United Methodist Church on Fort Myers Beach. In 2010, he was appointed artistic director of the Voices of Naples, an auditioned choral ensemble.

Sought after as a soloist and guest conductor, he will be performing in Quebec City from May through September with various orchestras. In addition, Renfroe will be returning as artist-in-residence at Trinity Cathedral in Quebec.

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Sheepshead Are Now Added To The Mixed Bag



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

For non-stop action and a great mixed bag of fish, our winter fishing on shrimp is hard to beat. Catching 10 or more varieties of fish on a trip has been pretty

standard and although most are on the smaller side of the slot, it's great just to have bites every cast. Add to that, you just simply do not know what the next fish will be.

Sheepshead really have started to show up in better numbers and with many more keepers in the mix than we have seen in the last month. Most deep mangrove channels and deeper docks with fast moving tide held good numbers

of the tasty fish. For anglers looking to take home a good eating fish, sheepshead are at the top of the grocery list right now.

Chunks of shrimp fished on jig heads or on a small hook with a split shot was the go-to rig. These fish take a little getting used to as they hit the bait fast and multiple times. Generally, when the line goes slack is when the fish has the bait in its mouth; wind tight and give them a few little pops of the rod tip to put the hook in their hard mouth. Although we have not really started to see the pre-spawn monsters, the little bit of cold weather in our future should really have this bite going off. Our big one of the week measured right at 18 inches. Minimum size on sheepshead is 12 inches and anglers are allowed a generous limit of 15 per person per day.

Many places I targeted sheepshead this week held another winter staple of our area, black drum. This relative of the redfish has a slightly wider body and black and white stripes. As they grow larger, the stripes begin to fade. They don't fight quite as hard as their cousin, the redfish, size for size, but on light tackle a 5- to

15-pound drum is a good fight and a fun fish to catch.

What often surprises me is the large size of the black drum you catch while fishing with a small chunk of shrimp often intended for a sheepshead. Small black drum fillets are hard to distinguish from redfish; they even have the little red spots towards the tail section of the meat. As these fish get bigger though, they are five pounds.

Trout fishing was also a pretty consistent bite this week though most of the trout caught seemed to be right at or just over the 15-inch slot. Most places that held trout also had good mixed bag action with jacks, Spanish mackerel and ladyfish. Deeper bays in the "Ding" Darling Refuge held big schools of trout. In deeper water, bouncing a shrimp on the bottom was the way to go while on shallower flats a popping cork caught more fish.

It's been over a month since we had a big cold front come through (around Thanksgiving) that really cooled things off. Because of this, much of our usual winter fishing is just not quite in full swing. Usually by December, what we refer to as "rat redfish" (16- to 20-inch reds), should be all over the narrow mangrove creeks where they spend the winter, but they have not showed up in the deep back country yet.



Kathleen Smith from Boston with a black drum caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

The few times in the last month that tides have been high enough to target redfish out in the open bay on mangrove shorelines, the action has been really good. As soon as things really cool off, I'm sure these redfish will make the move to these warmer sheltered creeks they call home all winter long.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Turtle Hatchlings



by Patricia Molloy

Baby care has always been a big part of what CROW does, but something unusual happened last month at the Sanibel wildlife clinic: Captive births.

On October 15, a peninsula cooter (*Pseudemys peninsularis*) was admitted after being hit by a careless driver. Dr. Heather ordered radiographs of the patient to determine the extent of her injuries. That's when it was discovered that the adult female was carrying 15 eggs.

Found throughout peninsular Florida, peninsula cooters spend much of their time gliding through still and slow-moving fresh water or basking on slippery logs and sun-soaked rocks. In the wild, adult females construct nests consisting of three holes: one deep hole in which the mother lays most of her eggs and two, more shallow holes that are thought to be false nests. Only one or two eggs are laid in each false nests in what may be an attempt to distract predators from finding and destroying the entire brood.

Unfortunately, the young mother admitted to CROW would not survive her injuries. Upon realized the gravity of the



CROW's reptile room was turned into a maternity ward with 15 tiny turtle eggs

turtle's condition, Dr. Heather performed emergency surgery to extract the tiny eggs. After the procedure, the staff filled a plastic container with sand, nestled the soft-shelled eggs uniformly in the granules, and placed them in a warm incubator. After several weeks, perfectly formed baby turtles began poking their heads out of the nest. Each newborn was quickly placed in a nearby tub to begin swimming lessons.

The staff ensured that the baby cooters were sufficiently warm by placing a 250-watt red heating lamp above the tub. To promote healthy growth, the siblings were fed nutrient-rich food several times per day. Once all the eggs had hatched, plans were made to release the little



A wildlife rehabilitator holds a two-day-old peninsula cooter. The one- to two-inch hatchlings will grow to be 12 to 16 inches.

hatchlings.

The staff and students at CROW beamed with pride when the baby peninsula cooters were set free. What a joyous beginning to the new year.

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photos by Leann Beanland

August, more subtly November through June. The flowers are ivory-white, rising in clusters at the ends of branches. The white petals spread wide when the flowers open. There is a pronounced difference between the male and female flowers, both appearing on the same plant. The fruit ripens in autumn, its tiny berries about 1/3 inch in diameter, orange-red and hard coated when fully ripe.

Classified as a shrub or small tree, joewood is a slow growing native evergreen



Joewood fruit

with many branches forming a compact round top. It grows in dry soil or silica sand in the immediate neighborhood of the shore or coast; its native range includes Southwest Florida, the Florida Keys and the Bahamas. Joewood can be seen in abundance on Silver Key with several specimens also in the city hall plantings. It is listed as a threatened species due to habitat loss and the lengthy amount of time required for a new plant to produce seed.

“Jacquina” honors Nicholas Joseph von Jaquin who collected and cataloged many West Indian plants; “keyensis” for the Florida Keys, one of its habitats.

By Resolution No. 89-117 (June 20, 1989) joewood was named the City Plant of Sanibel.

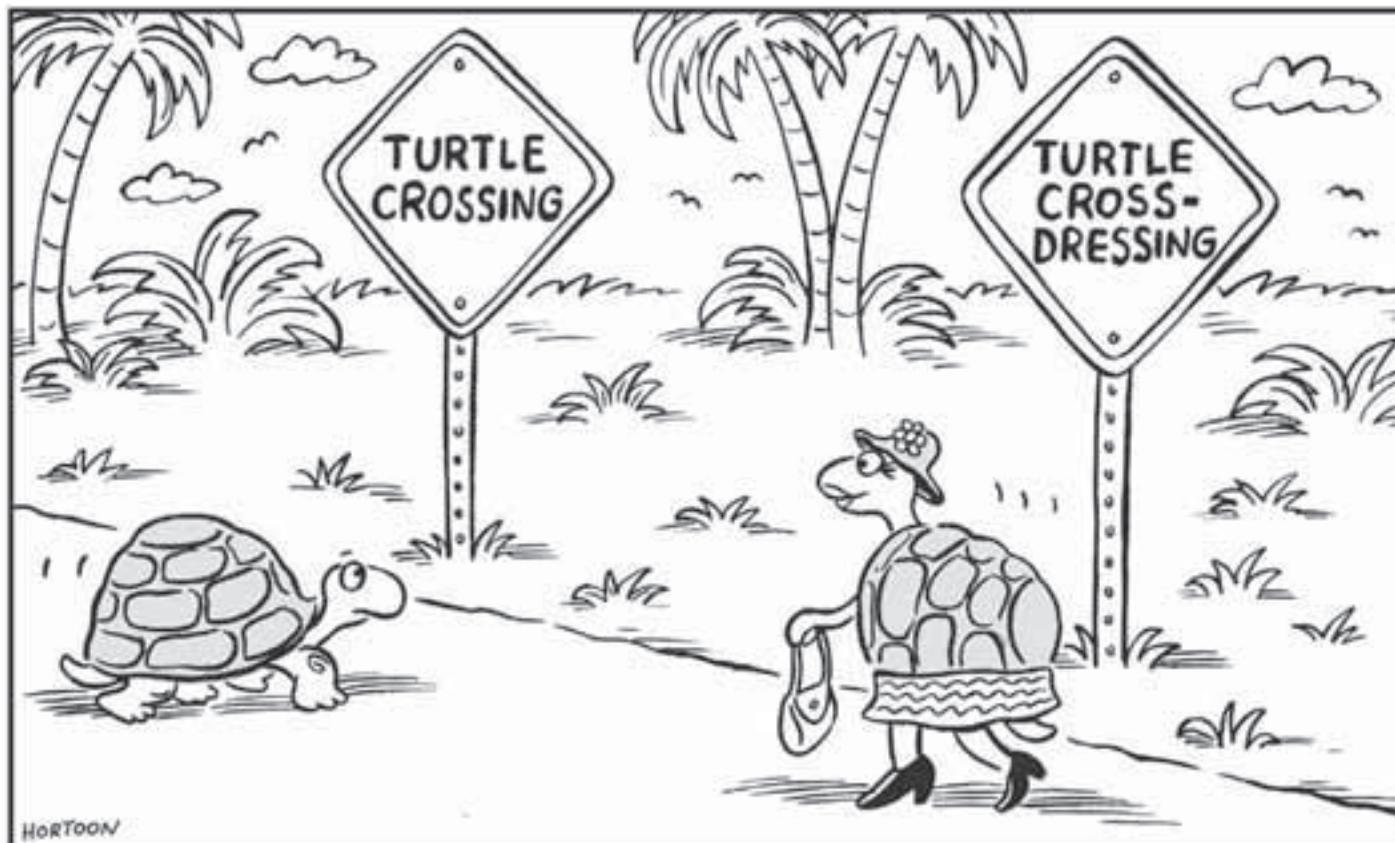
The Natural Resources Department section of the city’s website, www.mysanibel.com,



Joewood flowers

[mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com), offers information and photos of native plants, a listing of licensed contractors, Sanibel’s vegetation standards and codes, and the Environmental Reference Handbook prepared by the city’s vegetation committee. The vegetation committee also offers free native plant tours of the grounds at city hall at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of the month from November to April. For more information, contact the Sanibel Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.*

HORTOONS



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Photo And Video Contest At The Slough Preserve

The Friends of the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve 5th annual photo contest is under way. The deadline for submissions is January 31 at 3 p.m. Photos may have been taken at any time at the slough. Entry fee is \$10 per photographer. Each photographer may submit up to three photographs. Photography categories are plants, animals, open, altered, and youth under 17.

A new category for a three-minute video has been added this year, called Your View of the Slough. The contest is open to amateur photographers only. First prize in each category is a Lee County parking sticker for parking for one year at Lee County parks and boat ramps. (Check locations at www.leeparks.org). Second and third place winners will receive a certificate for the Friends Corner Store at the Interpretive Center.

Rules and entry information are available at the Interpretive Center at the slough and online at www.slough-preserve.org. Awards will be presented the Interpretive Center at 10:30 a.m. February 22. Winning photos and videos will be displayed at the Interpretive Center and will be used for publicity and/or merchandise in the Friends Corner store. Entries can be dropped off at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Interpretive Center, 7791 Penzance Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 533-7557 or visit www.sloughpreserve.org.*

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Captain Jimmy Burnsed, Jr. holding up a bull redfish

Redfish The Topic Of Sanibel Fishing Club Meeting

submitted by Charles Sobczak

On Tuesday, January 14, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its first monthly meeting of the new year. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

The featured speakers will begin their presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is cordially invited to attend. Pizza and refreshments will be available at a nominal charge.

The speakers are Sarah Walters, a research marine biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Capt. Jimmy Burnsed, Jr. of the Santiva Fishing Team. The presentation will focus on one the most popular inshore and near-shore game fish in Southwest Florida, redfish (aka Red drum).

Walters is presently completing an in-depth two year research study into the life cycle of this amazing fish, from spawning to its juvenile growth in the estuaries and finally its migration into the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where mature redfish can reach sizes approaching one-hundred pounds.

For the second part of the presentation, Burnsed will address the various fishing techniques he uses for catching these exciting game fish. He has been fishing in the waters surrounding Sanibel and Captiva since he was a boy and is considered one of the premier fishing guides in Southwest Florida.

This particular presentation will combine the science of a specific fishery with the art of catching the species and is a "must attend" for anyone interested in learning more about a local favorite, for both spinning and fly fishing anglers.

Redfish are known for their tailing in the summer and fall and are a light tackle favorite in the backwaters of Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties.



Sarah Walters, marine biologist
photo courtesy of FWC

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

For information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend our next meeting. The club has been an active social club for more than 29 years on the island. To learn more about the club, and to view our fishing photos or to explore our fish recipe section, go to www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com.

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Shark Caught



The Burg family with their catch

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SCCF Conservation Forum

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and the Everglades Foundation will host a free program at The Community House on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. featuring Dave Sackett, founding partner of The Tarrance Group, one of the most respected and successful Republican survey, research and strategy teams in American politics today. Sackett has an extensive background in campaign strategy, political media and message development, and demographic targeting. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m.

Sackett serves as the pollster and strategic consultant for over 30 Republican governors, U.S. senators, members of Congress, and state leaders, including House Speaker John Boehner, U.S. Senators Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire and Jon Barrasso of Wyoming, and governors Brian Sandoval of Nevada and Rick Snyder of Michigan. Sackett also served as a pollster for the Giuliani for President campaign and as a member of the polling team for President George W. Bush's re-election campaign.

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Plant Smart

Ribbon Fern

by Gerri Reaves

Tufts of ribbon fern (*Vittaria lineata*) are a common sight hanging from the boots of cabbage palms in the hammocks, swamps, and pinelands of peninsular Florida.

The fronds are flexible, undivided, and only about one-eighth of an inch wide.

Dark green and thick, they can be several feet long, a trait that gives the plant other common names, including shoestring fern, grass fern, and beard fern.

Reddish brown sori, or spore-producing structures, form two lines on the undersides of the fronds along the under-rolled edges. The short creeping stems are brown, scaly, and hairy.

As with many air plants, ribbon ferns' root hairs absorb nutrients from the organic debris available on its established perch. Epiphytes are not parasitic but use the host plant only as a platform.

If you want to encourage native ferns to take up residence in your yard, planting cabbage palms is a good idea. Ribbon fern is one of several native epiphytes, including golden polypody fern (*Phlebodium aureum*), that typically make up the miniature ecosystems that flourish in and on Florida's state tree.

This fern is used medicinally by Florida Seminole and Miccosukee Indians.

Sources: *The Ferns of Florida* by Gil Nelson, *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida*, edis.ifas.ufl.edu, and selby.org.

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Dense tufts of ribbon fern nestle in the boots of cabbage palms

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A black bobcat

There is a bobcat that calls every inch of Sanibel and Captiva home. Female bobcats now have kits following them through her territory as she hunts rats and rabbits for them.

Did you know that there are black bobcats? Come to SCCF on Wednesday, January 15 and learn more about these shy felines that live so peacefully amongst us. The program begins at 10 a.m. at the SCCF Nature Center, located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Cost is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free.

Following the program, take a walk on the trails to the Sanibel River, look for bobcat scat and climb the tower overlooking the Sanibel River. Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information.✧

Input Sought On Buttonwood And Heron Pond Preserves

Buttonwood and Heron Pond Preserve, located on the south side of Pine Island Road three-quarter miles east of Stringfellow Road, now has a management plan the public can view to offer input. The plan will be the topic of discussion at a noon meeting Monday, January 13 at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center.

The plan – called a land management plan – is the product of Lee County Conservation 20/20 staff. The plan describes the preserves and the planned restoration work. After public review, the plan will be presented to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners for approval.

The management plan is available for review until January 12 at the Pine Island Public Library, 10700 Russell Road NW, and also at the North Fort Myers Public Library, 2001 N. Tamiami Trail. Find it online at www.conservation2020.org/Documents/lsp/Buttonwood.pdf.

The meeting's address is North Fort Myers Recreation Center, 2000 North Recreation Park Way in North Fort Myers. Written comments are encouraged and can be given at the meeting, online or through the mail. For more information, visit www.conservation2020.org.✧

Water Supply Is Adequate For This Time Of Year

submitted by Gabe Margasak, South Florida Water Management District

Nearly a month's worth of rain fell during three days in some areas of Miami while much of Central and South Florida experienced below-average precipitation in December. South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) meteorologists have reported.

"When it comes to the regional water supply, we are still being sustained by accumulated above-average wet season rainfall and a few recent rainfall events," said Susan Sylvester, chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau. "It is too early to predict how rainfall in the remainder of the dry season will impact the system."

District-wide, only 0.74 inches of rain fell in November, representing 39 percent of average, or 1.15 inches below average for the month.

Miami-Dade County received 3.62 inches of rain, representing 190 percent of average, or 1.71 inches above average. Warm temperatures, close proximity to the gulf stream and stalled fronts combined to cause above average rainfall in portions of Miami both in November and December.

The Kissimmee region, the east

Caloosahatchee and the southwest coast were the driest portions of the 16-county district, with all areas from Orlando to Naples recording more than 1.21 inches or more below-average rainfall.

Coastal areas of Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach and Broward counties also saw below average rainfall.

Lake Okeechobee stood at 14.16 NGVD on January 2, 0.58 inches below its historic average for this date. The lake received 0.37 inches of direct rainfall in December, representing 23 percent of average, or 1.23 inches below average.

December stats from the National

Miami Sees December Deluge; Rest of South Florida Dries Out

Weather Service:

- West Palm Beach: Tied for the warmest December on record since 1931, at 74.4F
- Fort Lauderdale: 3rd warmest on record since 2006, at 74.2F
- Miami: 2nd warmest on record since 1931, at 75.3F
- Naples: 3rd warmest on record since 1948, at 72.4F
- For the calendar year 2013, the average temperatures at these sites rank in the top 10 warmest for each location. Highlights of the 2013-14 South

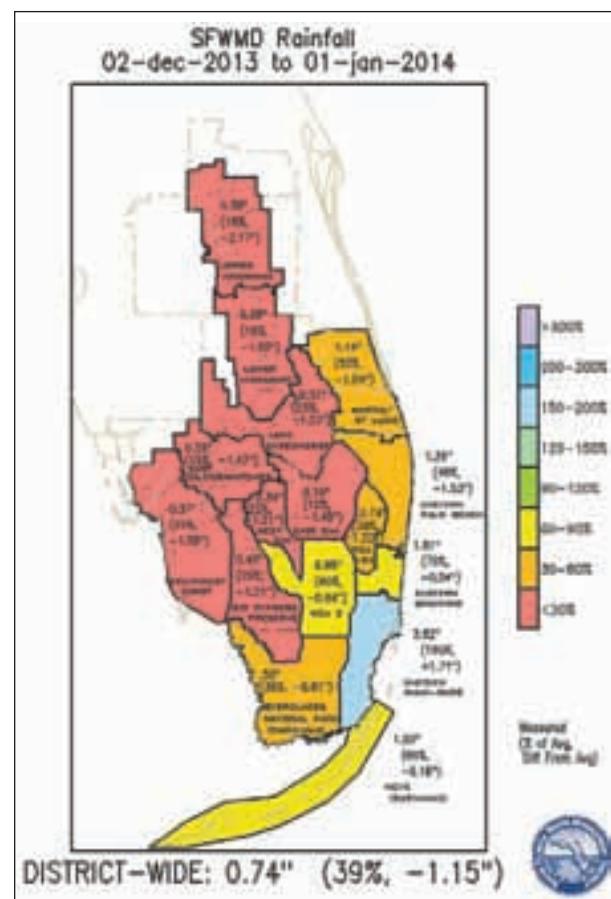
Florida dry season forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center include:

- Below-normal precipitation
- A possibility of near to slightly above-normal temperatures
- For reference, South Florida precipitation in an average dry season is 12 to 15 inches in the interior/west; 15 to 21 inches in the east.

During South Florida's Dry Season from November through May:

- About 18 inches of rainfall is the average;
- May and October are important transition months;
- March, April and May are the driest months because evaporation is high-est.

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region



by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.✧

Shell Of The Week

Micromollusks, Hidden Gems Of Our Beaches



by José H. Leal, PhD, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Curator and Director of Education

Casual beach-combers may walk the beaches for years and not notice them, but “micros”

(as they are known in the jargon of shell collectors) represent a big parcel of the local diversity of mollusks. Ranging in dimensions from half-an-inch to the size of a grain of sand, micros may be as handsome as their larger counterparts. To find micros, collectors take home coarse sand scooped by the water line, then search for them using a hand lens or small microscope. Read more about it on the shell museum website at <http://bit.ly/seilaadamsi>.

This week at the Museum – all events are free with museum admission.

Shell Museum Events

- Exhibit Chat – this 10-minute presentation will provide an in-depth look to a different exhibit. Daily at 11 a.m.
- Live Tank Demonstration – see live



Found locally on Sanibel and Captiva, handsome *Seila adamsi* reaches a maximum size of half an inch

mollusks up-close and personal. See a fighting conch use its foot for locomotion, watch a lighting whelk slam its trap door shut for protection, or witness scallops zip across the tank with jet propulsion skills. Daily at 3 p.m.

- Shelling 101 – Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Shells, but Were Afraid to Ask. Learn how to find, clean and pack shells for safe travel. Discover how mollusks are classified into families and classes. Monday at 2 p.m.

- Shell ID Clinics – this new weekly program will provide shelling enthusiasts additional information about their shelling finds and Southwest Florida shells. Thursday at 2 p.m. (no clinic March 6).

Weekly Schedule:

- Friday, January 10 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.
- Saturday, January 11 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, January 12 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.
- Monday, January 13 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Shelling 101 at 2 p.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 14 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 15 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.
- Thursday, January 16 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Shell ID Clinic at 2 p.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.

Coming Soon: The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Lecture Series continues with an environmental discussion on Wednesday, January 22 at 2 p.m. Join shelling enthusiasts, environmentalists, and nature supporters for a presentation from Holly Milbrandt, environmental biologist in the Department of Natural Resources for the City of Sanibel. Her presentation is titled Sanibel H2O Matters: A Review of the Summer of 2013. The presentation is free with museum admission/membership or \$5.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Phone 239-395-2233 or visit www.shellmuseum.org.

Scholarship Winner Is Shell Club Speaker

The next Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club meeting will have as guest speaker Alisha Gray, the 2013 recipient of the scholarship funded by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club/Mary and Al Bridell Memorial Fellowship.

Her presentation will focus on red tide research she is conducting at the College of Marine Science at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg. She is a third-year graduate student and plans to finish her master's degree in the Marine Resources Assessment Program this year.

Door prizes and refreshments will complete the afternoon.

The meeting is open to the public will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 2 p.m. in the Education Room of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.*

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CASI Kick-Off

mayor pointed out that the combined property tax value of Lee and Collier counties is \$150 billion. A 10 percent drop in property value may well result from degraded water quality and that would have a devastating effect on state as well as local economies. In addition, the tourist industry, which pumps \$4.4 billion a year into the local economy, is at risk if poor water and beach quality are perceived as common events.

The mayor and local partners have been successful in getting meaningful water quality legislation passed at both the state and federal levels but legislative bills contain no funding. Recommendations for funding are generated by appropriation committees. The mayor has been in conversations with

key members of appropriation committees at both the state and federal level. Citizen participation will be crucial when these committees and legislatures vote on funding. At these times, the city asks citizens to write or email decision makers, providing us with names, addresses and suggested talking points. Gulf front, beach front property owners and associations are especially hard hit so their participation is essential for success. Memories of the mounds of red algae on our beaches several years ago, caused by degraded water quality, should provide ample motivation. To receive the city email alerts on this and other topics, sign up at mysanibel.com.

This CASI kick-off breakfast was sponsored by Gulfshore Insurance, represented by Tammy LoVecchio and Ryan Schmidt. The next CASI breakfast will be on January 24 and feature Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra.*

Rec Center Fun Day January 20

Another Fun Day at the Sanibel Recreation Center for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade is scheduled for Monday, January 20. There will be a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment.

This program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

The early bird rate (before January 14) is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. After that it's \$24 and \$30 respectively.

The recreation center is at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. To register, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.*

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Bird's Eye View

Mangrove Tree Crab



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

Depending on where my canoe trips are going in the refuge and the height of the tide, I sometimes take my customers into what I call mangrove "caves."

These are usually hidden channels that can take you from one open body of water through the mangrove forest and into another open body of water.

I called them "caves" because before Hurricane Charley, the mangrove canopy many times completely covered these dark little creeks through the forest and you felt like you were inside a cave. If you looked at aerial photographs of the mangroves, you wouldn't think there was a channel there at all.

Today, since the winds of Charley pretty much broke the upper half of the mangrove canopy off, these creeks are more open to the sky and their pathway more easily followed on Google satellite maps. I expect it will be many years before the new forest will once again hide these channels from the world above.

But before my canoe enters one of these caves, I always have to prepare my customers for what they are about to

encounter. Because the entrances are usually hidden, I can sense the nervousness of my guests since it looks as though we are going to crash into the mangrove forest wall. They don't understand that once we duck under the overhanging branches, the narrow channel will become clear. I introduce them to the cave by saying, "So far, we have been looking at the mangroves from the outside. Now, we are going inside the forest!"

And then I give them another little thrill when I say, "Now, as we go inside the cave, if you think you see a spider crawling up the mangrove roots or on the branches, you're probably not seeing a spider; you're actually seeing a mangrove tree crab." I figure it is in the best interest of the stability of the canoe that if I warn them ahead of time about the crabs not being spiders they will be less likely to be startled when they spot them.

If I let them discover the crabs on their own, they usually won't notice them until the crab is about six inches away from their face, scampering up the roots or branches as we pass by, at which point they just about jump out of the canoe because their first thought is that the spider is about to jump on their nose.

This little "spider-like" creature is actually an important cog in the ecosystem of the mangrove forest. These small crabs (under an inch long) are omnivores that were discovered in feeding trials to actually prefer animal food such as carrion and small invertebrates over plant food, but in practice they feed mostly on the leaves of the mangrove trees on which they live. It is felt that it is the breaking down of the mangrove leaf litter by the crab's

consumption that contributes significantly to the redistribution of those nutrients throughout the mangrove ecosystem.

In addition, the mangrove tree crab impacts the entire bay ecosystem as an important producer of zooplankton to the surrounding waterways. The production of thousands of larvae of this crab, combined with other zooplankton, is thought to be one of the main pathways of energy transfer between the benthic and pelagic food webs.

And what that means is that we eventually get to eat grouper and snapper due in large part to the existence of this little tree crab. So, once again, we find that something that appears on the surface to have little value for the human species actually serves a very important role.

But besides the value of this little crab to the marine ecosystem, I find it fascinating because it can spend most of its life out of the water and up in the trees. The mangrove tree crab has been able to evolve the ability to live in the trees even though it is not an air-breather like some species of crab. Instead, it absorbs

oxygen by flowing a thin film of water over something called the branchiostegites, which is a reticulated expansion of the carapace covering its gills. When the branchial water begins to dry up, the crab must descend from the tree to wet its gills again.

What I like about this is that it shows me how Life is constantly exploring new ways to expand out beyond the edges of the envelope. Remember in the movie *Jurassic Park*, when the lab technician was trying to explain that the dinosaurs couldn't breed because they were all genetically-engineered females, and the response from Malcolm was, "Life will find a way!"

I think it's cool that the mangrove tree crab has found a way to live up in the trees even though it was born with gills and not lungs.

A former city council member and mayor, Mark "Bird" Westall has owned and operated Canoe Adventures, Inc. on Sanibel for over 33 years. Visit www.canoewithbirdwestall.com for more information.✧

Gala At The Imaginarium

The Imaginarium Science Center presents its 2014 Imagine Gala – Underwater Wonders. The gala offers adults the chance to explore the incredible world of Florida's waterways through its many exhibits. The gala takes place on Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at The Imaginarium Science Center, 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers. Dress is cocktail attire. Advance tickets are \$75 and must be purchased prior to March 22. Tickets purchased after March 22 will be \$100.

There will be live music, food and drinks, auction items and packages with interactive smartphone based bidding, educational displays. Funds raised will go towards the center's programs and exhibits. There will be collaborative art pieces up for auction featuring the heads and faces of local community leaders enhanced by children's depictions of their bodies with a waterways theme. Eric Raddatz, founder of the Naples and Fort Myers Film Festivals, will entertain the crowd as emcee and auctioneer.

Guests will be able to explore new exhibits that the center plans 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. The gala offers members of the community an opportunity to have fun while supporting the development of Southwest Florida's only science center and aquarium.

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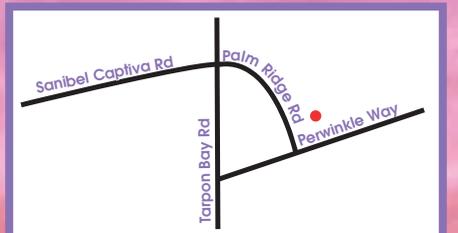
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Author To Tell His Tales At Refuge

Hear about the underbelly of Florida wilderness and how state wardens track wildlife thieves during two lectures by Bob H. Lee, author of *Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden*. The lectures begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, January 17 in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center.

Most people have never imagined the often dicey, sometimes comical and bizarre job of a Florida game warden. *Backcountry Lawman* tells what it's like to catch an armed poacher in the act – alone, at night, without backup or a decent radio to call for help.

Lee spent over three decades as a water patrol officer on Florida's St. Johns River and a land patrol lieutenant in Putnam, St. Johns and Flagler counties. Before retiring in 2007, he taught man-tracking classes through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

His stories describe the cat-and-mouse games often played between game wardens and poachers of ducks, turkeys, hogs, deer, gator and other species. He reveals, for example, how "monkey fishing" – electrocution of catfish – carried the same outlaw mystique in the rivers of Florida as moonshining once did in the hills of Georgia and Tennessee.

Lee has lived through incidents of legend, including one of the biggest environmental busts in Florida history. His

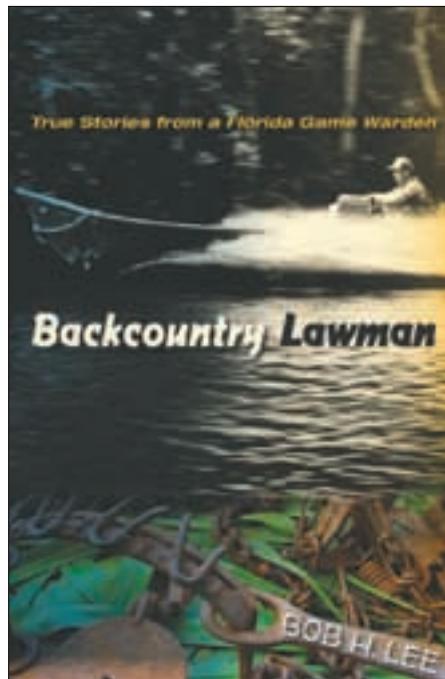


Bob Lee

fascinating memoir reveals the danger and the humor in the unsung exploits of game wardens.

"Lee recounts his amazing and challenging career as a Florida game warden with wit, wisdom and careful attention to detail," writes Jeff Hahr, former patrol supervisor, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "You will travel with him as he boats the St. Johns River, walk beside him as he wades past resting alligators, and listen for that gunshot on a cold Putnam County night."

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), as part of its 12-week Friday



Afternoon Lecture Series.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Following the lectures, Lee will sign copies of his book, which is available for purchase in the refuge nature center, proceeds from which benefit refuge conservation and education programs.

Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to visit the free education center and the recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located

at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

For more information on the lecture series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures.

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series Events; all include presentations, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.:

(*Book-signings will follow all starred presentations)

- *January 24 – Charles LeBuff and 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 and 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.*

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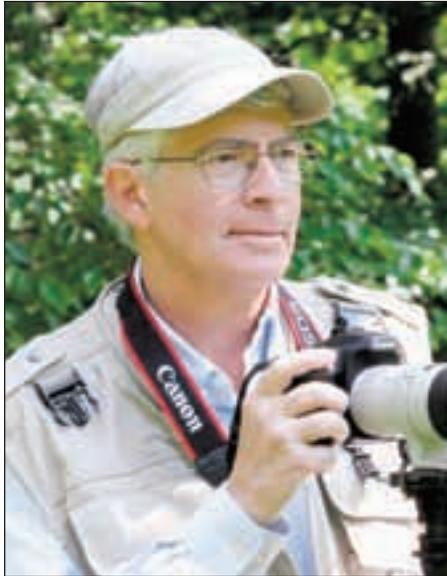
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Blue-winged warbler

San-Cap Audubon Presents Lecture

On Thursday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Marshall Faintich will take the San-Cap Audubon audience on a visual narrative presentation entitled *The Birds of Wintergreen*. The Wintergreen area of Virginia is the 15 mile long Rockfish River Valley and the surrounding mountains in Nelson County, Virginia, located about 30 miles Southwest of Charlottesville. It includes the Thomas Jefferson Loop of the Virginia Birding Trail. More than 220 bird species have been seen in this area.

Dr. Faintich is an astronomer by training, a cartographer by trade and a student of ornithology, numismatics, archeology and history. He holds a BS degree in Applied Mathematics from

Dr. Marshall Faintich

the University of Missouri at Rolla and a MS and PhD in Astronomy from the University of Illinois. He is the birding activity manager for the Rockfish Valley Trail, is listed in the Virginia Society of Ornithological Speakers Directory and is author of *A Photographic Guide to the Birds of Wintergreen*, autographed copies of which will be available for purchase at the lecture.

Faintich's wildlife photos have appeared in newspapers, magazines, websites, government reports and presentations. His own website contains more than 4,000 photos of his work. His first camera, received at age 6, was a Kodak #2 Model C brown cardboard box cam-

era that had a small lens, a viewer and a crank to advance film. He took lots of practice photos for the first two years until he was then given actual film by his mother. He went on his first bird walk with camera in hand in 1958 and his second bird walk in 2006. From 1958 to 2006, Faintich participated in satellite system studies, astrodynamics, digital cartography, digital information analysis and much more.

This is the second of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lectures to be held in 2014 on Thursday evenings at 7:30

p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. As always, all are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and parking is available at The Community House as well as across Periwinkle Way in the Herb Strauss Theater parking area. A \$5 donation is appreciated, with proceeds after costs being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida.

For additional information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit www.san-capaudubon.org.✪

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Forum

During the 2012 election cycle, Sackett served as the pollster for senators Dean Heller of Nevada and Jeff Flake of Arizona, and helped defend key targeted incumbent members of Congress Mike Coffman of Colorado, Dan Benishek of Michigan, and Dan Webster of Florida. He also served as a pollster for American Crossroads, American Action Network, and the California Chamber of Commerce.

Roll Call has twice named Sackett as one of the top 20 consultants in the country, calling him "one of the most influential pollsters in the business."

In addition to his domestic political work, Sackett is also active in international politics, having served as a pollster and strategic advisor for two different

Canadian premiers, and national campaigns in Canada, France, Ukraine, Montenegro, Cyprus, Russia, and the Philippines.

Sackett's public affairs work centers around children's issues, and he has spent the last 15 years working with foundations and organizations involved in children's health, adoption, before-and-after-school programs, and abuse prevention strategies.

Prior to joining The Tarrance Group, Sackett served as a political director for the National Republican Congressional Committee, as a producer/director for a media consulting firm, and as communications director for a California congressman.

Sackett grew up in Canada and is a graduate of Trent University. He switched to politics when his hockey career was cut short by a lack of talent.✪

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An SCCF volunteer with a box filled with cane toads

Learn How To Catch A Cane Toad At SCCF

Come to the SCCF Nature Center on Tuesday, January 14 at 10 a.m. and learn about Sanibel's newest invasive non-native amphibian. The giant marine toad (aka cane toad) was documented during SCCF's annual frog call survey this summer for the first time.

Come and learn about this newest invader and how to help control them in your neighborhood and yard.

A live cane toad will make an appear-



The non-native cane toad

ance for the program. Program guests will leave the program as a graduate "Toad Buster," hopefully returning to their neighborhoods to catch cane toads around lights after dark.

No one knows what will happen to our native critters that try to eat these

toxic toads. Dogs can die if they eat one... what happens to a bobcat that eats a cane toad? The toads are not toxic to handle... unless you eat one! Just wash your hands after handling or use gloves or a net to capture them and bring them to SCCF for freezing.

Call SCCF Wildlife Habitat Management at 472-3984 for more information. The program is free for all to attend.

The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information.*



Roseate spoonbills

photo by Sam Ayres

Audubon 'Ding' Darling Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be Saturday, January 11 at the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. Meet in the trolley parking lot

at 8 a.m.

These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. Refuge fees will apply. The Duck Stamp and Federal Senior Pass are accepted.

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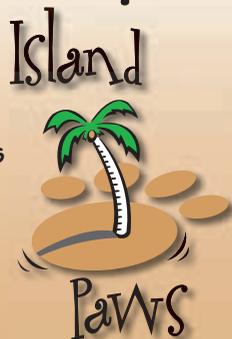


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program is doing to protect them. On all of Florida's beaches this summer, the endangered green sea turtle nested in record numbers, a 70 percent increase since 1989. Program participants will discuss the trend and learn why. The Turtle Tracks program is free to SCCF members and children, or \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.✱



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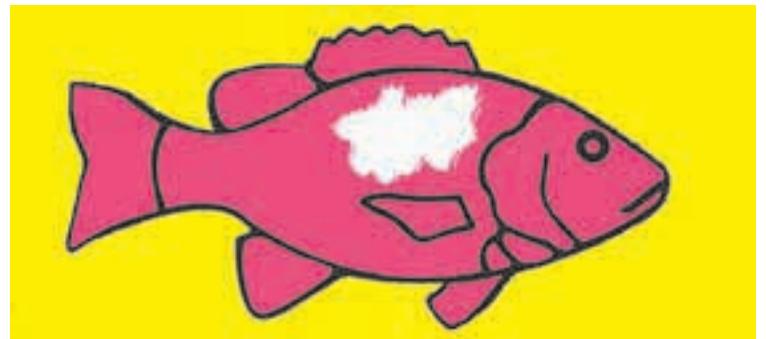
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A sand sculpture of a BMW car by Team Sandtastic

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Sand Castle Building Competition

The event starts off on Friday January 25 at 3 p.m. with participants receiving tips from master builder Mark Mason of Team Sandtastic, who has sculpted sand structures and held clinics on the beaches of Florida and worldwide. Mason's clinic will help the teams finalize their designs and show them how to bring those designs to life.

On Saturday at 10 a.m. the teams will begin crafting their designs in the 50 tons of sand trucked in. Funfest attendees will be able to vote for the People's Choice Award. The competi-

tion will be judged after 3 p.m. on Saturday and winners will be announced on Sunday afternoon. The sculptures will remain on display throughout Sunday.

Mason, a professional sand sculptor, says people need not be intimidated by the professional sand castle builders they may have seen. He suggests that teams look in magazines or online for ideas of what they want to sculpt. Designs can be anything from the classic castle to a corporate logo. Teams don't need to make a sketch, just bring some ideas and photos or clip art, and Mason can give them guidance on how to build it.

In addition, Mason will demonstrate his own skills by creating a unique sand sculpture for The Community House.

"This will be a fun opportunity for a local business, organization or fam-



A sand sculpture by Team Sandtastic

ily to assemble a team, learn the tricks of sand sculptors and spend some time playing in the sand" said event chair Salli Kirkland.

The event is sponsored by Billy's Rentals and Bike Shop and Congress Jewelers and Sealife by Congress. The expense of the event is covered by the sponsors. A \$50 donation covers the team entrance fee.

"Given there are so many talented people on Sanibel, we thought it would fun to give people who would otherwise not choose sand as a medium the chance to try their hand at sand sculpting," Kirkland said. "We're hoping this event will bring together businesses,

local art groups, either students or galleries or even youth groups, families or garden clubs for a chance to learn the art of sand castle building and compete in a fun event while raising community awareness of their group or cause."

Teams must pre-register. Registration forms are available at Billy's Bike Shop or Billy's Rentals, 1470 and 1509 Periwinkle Way, and at Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle Place Shopping Center. Deadline is January 22 and space is limited. For more information, contact Kirkland at salli@sanibelbike.com or telephone 472-4919.

To view more of Mason's work, log onto www.teamSandtastic.com.✪

A Platter Of Comedies Is Served

by Di Saggau

Theatre Conspiracy is showing three one-act comedies in *Relatively Speaking*, featuring works by Ethan Coen, Elaine May and Woody Allen, in that order. The opening night crowd found plenty to laugh at as actors portrayed the infinitely inventive ways family members can do us wrong.

The first is *Talking Cure*, where Larry (Todd Fleck), a post office worker, resists attempts by the doctor (Ken Johnson) to talk about the violent act that has landed him in an institution. He says, "I guess I'm hoping, could this be one of those things where it turns out I'm the doctor and you're the mental patient?" The play concludes with a flash back of Jerry's parents (Johnny Maloney and Stella Ruiz) engaging in antagonistic dialogue that suggests their son would lead a doomed life from the beginning.

George Is Dead is a study of narcissism at its peak. Doreen (Beth Yazvac) is a pampered princess who stumbled into her friend Carla's (Roselyn Thomson) New York apartment announcing that her



A scene from *Relatively Speaking*

husband has just been killed in an avalanche. Doreen is demanding and childish and cannot face the fact that she needs to make funeral arrangements.

Honeymoon Motel is by far the funniest. There are so many choice one-liners, it's as if Allen was saving them for years to throw into this cast of 10 wacky characters. The young bride (Stella Ruiz) and her groom's step-father (Scott Thomson) are the first to enter the tacky love-nest

motel room. I won't give away the play's twisted premise, as it provides one of the biggest laughs. One by one, husbands and wives, friends and even an inebriated rabbi enter the fray as acidic remarks and irrational behavior abound. Then the pizza delivery guy arrives bearing a pie that's half sausage and half pepperoni, along with a few morsels of wisdom. You end up realizing he's the smartest one of the bunch.

Relatively Speaking delivers an evening of laugh-out-loud fun. It runs through January 25 at Theatre Conspiracy, Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. For tickets, call 936-3239.✪

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Local artist Sissi Janku offers an evening painting class on January 22

A Little Bit Of Paint, A Little Bit Of Wine, A Whole Lot Of Fun

Local artist Sissi Janku will host a painting class on Wednesday, January 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Community House. This is a way to socialize, learn something new, express yourself and have fun with a purpose, according to Janku. No experience is necessary. All are welcome to paint with a professional art instructor and create a painting to take home.

"Come with friends, or come alone, and make new friends," Janku said.

All the materials will be provided: a 16"x20" canvas, paints, brushes and aprons.

Attendees are asked to pack a snack for sharing with fellow artists. Bring your own drink or have wine or beer from The Community House for a donation.

Price for members is \$40 and for non-members \$45. Prepaid reservations are required. Call The Community House at 472-2155.✳

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Commissioners Reappointed

John Talmage – to three-year terms during Tuesday's meeting.

At its November 5 meeting, the council voted unanimously to reappoint Kettelman, Krekel and Talmage, since all had indicated that they desired to continue to serve on the seven-member board. At that time, there was no objection to the reappointments.

However, during last month's council meeting, a resolution that would have reappointed the trio was met with opposition from the public. The council then invited candidates to submit their names for consideration and four did. They are Jason Maughan, Mike Miller, Peter Gaines and Robin Moyle.

On Tuesday, Mayor Kevin Ruane, Vice Mayor Doug Congress and councilmen Mick Denham and Marty Harrity voted to reappoint the current commissioners, whose terms were due to expire next week. The vote totals were:

Tom Krekel – 4 votes
 Chuck Kettelman – 3 votes
 John Talmage – 3 votes
 Jason Maughan – 1 vote
 Mike Miller – 1 vote
 Peter Gaines – 0 votes
 Robert Moyle – 0 votes

All three commissioners will be officially sworn in at their next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 at 9 a.m.✳

Discussion On Bus Traffic Ordinance Delayed

by Jeff Lysiak

The second reading of a traffic ordinance prohibiting the parking, stopping or standing of a bus, van or other motor vehicle for passengers embarking or disembarking was tabled until next month's city council meeting.

On Tuesday, Mayor Kevin Ruane requested that action on Ordinance 13-009, which would have also included a public hearing, be continued to the February 4 meeting. He explained that a request to table the ordinance also came from Chris Heidrick, representing the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, and Wayne Ponader, representing COTI (Committee Of The Islands).

Council members voted 4-0, in favor of tabling the ordinance.

The second reading and public hearing on the subject will take place at 9:15 a.m. on February 4 at MacKenzie Hall.✳

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Eddie Metz

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Smooth Jazz Sound

saxophone. Individual tickets are \$42 for loge and \$37 for general seating. Tickets are \$5 for students with valid student ID and children 17 and younger. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

Native Vegetation Tours At City Hall

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering a guided native vegetation and landscaping tour of city hall grounds, which have been planted solely with native plants. The tour on Saturday, January 25 and begins at 10 a.m.

Walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer. See how you can plant a garden that

Jazz/Pop/Contemporary Concerts Benefactor Season Sponsor is John M. and Mary Jo Boler. The Rossano Sportiello/Nicki Parrott/Eddie Metz Trio featuring Harry Allen concert Patron Sponsor is John and Claudine Bailey. For tickets, go to www.BIGARTS.org, or call 395-0900.✳

Craft Glass Classes Offered

A glass etching class is being offered at The Community House on Tuesday, January 21 at 2 p.m. and a mosaic glass dish class is being offered on Tuesday, February 18 at 2 p.m. Participants make the art during class and take it home. All materials are supplied.

Class fees are \$25 per class for SCA members and \$30 per class for guests. There is a minimum class size of six people, and pre-registration is required. Payment will be required at the time of registration.

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

reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation committee members will provide valuable information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer and no supplemental irrigation.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase. For more information, contact the city's natural resources department at 472-3700.✳

An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

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, with 33 percent mammals and 6 percent reptiles.

CROW is not permitted to display its patients publically, 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 January 17 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



Barn owl juvenile pair

photos courtesy of CROW

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.

For more information, call 472-3644, ext. 228. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org.✳



The King's Brass

Concert Series Features Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass

Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass will perform at The Village Church at Shell Point on Sunday, January 12 at 6:15 p.m. as part of the 2013-2014 Season of Praise Concert Series.

Presenting hymn classics with a contemporary flair, The King's Brass features three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards.

"This series of inspirational performances, sacred music and gospel songs brings the finest music and musicians into the heart of our church and community where it

may be enjoyed by all," said Minister of Worship and Music Randy Woods. "As we continue to celebrate God's goodness and rejoice in his kindness, The Village Church is privileged to share great inspirational music in its worship services and concert series."

Tickets are now on sale at \$10 each. To purchase tickets online, go to www.shell-point.org/seasonofpraise. For more information about the concert series, call 454-2147.

The Village Church at Shell Point is a ministry of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and serves a congregation of more than 600. The Village Church is located near the entrance to the Island at Shell Point and seats 1,000 people. Shell Point Retirement Community is just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel causeway.*

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Walking Home by Peter Zell

Island-Themed Paintings On Exhibit At Sanibel Library

Sanibel artist Peter Zell is exhibiting 40 of his island-themed oil paintings as the featured artist for January at the Sanibel Public Library. The solo artist show continues until February 3. Entitled The Islands Painted, the display of plein air paintings represents eight years of painting in and around Sanibel. Zell moved to the island in 2005. Most of the works were painted outdoors.

Zell is an award-winning artist and member of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, BIG ARTS and the Florida Artists' Group. He also serves on the BIG ARTS Visual Arts Committee and shows his work at the Tower Gallery, located at 751 Tarpon Bay Road. Last summer, The Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio accept-



Blue Dolphin by Peter Zell

ed one of his paintings for its annual mid-year art exhibition. The Sanibel Public Library is at 770 Dunlop Road.*

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Renfroe Concert

The January 12 concert will include a variety of musical styles, including Broadway, opera and light classics. It will also feature Lesley Frost, soprano, and Joy Bowe, piano. As a special musical addition, Rev. John Danner, pastor of the Sanibel Congregational Church where the members of Temple Bat Yam meet, will join the ensemble on a few select numbers.*

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Riverdale Kiwanis Hosts Medieval Faire

The Riverdale Kiwanis have set their annual Medieval Faire for the weekends of January 11 and 12 and January 18 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers. The two-weekend event is expected to draw over 15,000 attendees.

The Riverdale Kiwanis Club is currently volunteers to help set up, especially those with carpentry or construction skills.

The faire will feature jousting, live chess match, live sword fighting, royal court, children's games and rides, jugglers, magicians, minstrels, period food and medieval-themed merchants. Entertainment will be provided by professional touring medieval faire professionals. Tickets will be available on the day of the faire. Adult tickets cost



Barely Balanced professional acrobats perform at a past Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire
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The Seahorse ride at the Medieval Faire

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\$15 and children's tickets (5 to 11 years) are \$5. Free onsite parking will be available.

All profits from the Medieval Faire go to the Kiwanis of Riverdale Foundation Fund to support local programs including thanksgiving baskets for the needy, Christmas dinners, Buckingham Exception School, Orange River Elementary, Sunshine Elementary, school grants and scholarships.

For more information on the Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire, visit www.Medieval-faire.com. For group ticket information, call Sandy Wheeler at 369-6881.✪

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The foundation's third luncheon will host critically acclaimed author Chris Bohjalian at The Sanctuary on Tuesday, February 18. For \$60 per person, Bohjalian fans and readers interested in an author's observations on life and writing are invited for lunch starting at 12 p.m. followed by a presentation by the author from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Nine-time *New York Times* bestselling author Bohjalian has had his books translated into over 25 languages, and three have been made into movies. He writes novels that feature characters who reflect the complexity of human behavior and blur the lines between absolute right and wrong. They are ordinary people facing extraordinarily challenging situations.

His novel *Midwives* was a selection of Oprah's Book Club in 1997. Since then, he has maintained his best-seller status with dramatic explorations of broad-reaching topics, including the homeless epidemic in *The Double Blind*, domestic violence in *Secrets of Eden* and the Armenian Genocide in *The Sandcastle Girls*.

His latest novel, *The Light in the Ruins*, debuted as a *New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, and national Indiebound bestseller. The book is a personal and his-



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torical look at a forbidden romance at the end of World War II.

Bohjalian's books are featured in a display at the library. To become more familiar with Bohjalian, visit his website at www.chrisbohjalian.com. His Q and A section offers a personal insight and gives a glimpse of how interesting his luncheon presentation will be.

Lunch with the Author supports the work of The Library Foundation. The presenting sponsor for the luncheon is Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners. There are additional sponsorship opportunities for those who wish to meet with Bohjalian at a private reception. To make reservations or for more information, call 214-0088 or email authorluncheon@comcast.net.

The foundation leverages public tax dollar investment and helps the Sanibel Public Library provide dynamic and engaging initiatives that enhance the library experiences, including its evening Author Series free to library members, its Summer Reading Program, and technology services like eShelf and TeenSpace.*

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Tiffany Casola, left, and Sarah Christopher welcome guests to the City of Sanibel's 5th annual New Year's Eve Celebration - dubbed Kiss 2013 Good-bye - at the Sanibel Recreation Center photos by Jeff Lysiak



Kayla Howard, 6, getting her face painted by Alexandra Evans

Highlights Of New Year's Eve Celebration At Sanibel Rec Center



Dan and Sharon Schuyler with Matt Fannon and Dave DeFonzo



Rec center staffer Kayla Schuneman, second from left, explains the rules of another Minute To Win It game

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Into The Woods

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Director Kathy Deitch will be making her Sanibel debut. Her credits include producing *Sheet Cake Sliding* (Theatre of NOTE), performing in the Hollywood Bowl production of *Rent* (directed by Neil Patrick Harris) as well as appearing in the television series, *Raising Hope* and in the original Broadway cast of *Wicked*.

Tickets to *Into The Woods* are \$42 for adults and \$5 for students with valid student ID as well as for children 17 and under. Series sampler subscriptions, special discount packages and individual tickets for 2013-2014 season are on sale now. Groups of 10 or more may also be eligible for additional discounts.

Tickets can be purchased online at BIGARTS.org, by calling BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900, Herb Strauss Theater Box Office at 472-6862 and at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road.

Starfish Grille is hosting a pre-show opening night reception starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 10 and is also offering a complimentary dessert at the restaurant when you present your Herb Strauss Theater ticket envelope from any

performance of the season.

Herb Strauss Theater season sponsor is The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. *Into The Woods* show sponsor is Tween Waters Inn.*

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Caloosahatchee Oxbow Cruise

settlements and their adventures are blended with an understanding of the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) natural resource policy director. The vessel is the spacious 47-passenger *Manatee Rover* pontoon boat. All seats have a great view for photographs and bird watching.

Cruises depart at 1 p.m. from the WP Franklin Lock & Dam off SR 80 in Olga. Cruise dates are the following Sundays: December 8, January 26, February 9, March 9, April 13, and Mother's Day, May 11. Private group cruises can be scheduled by appointment.

Advance reservations are required and payment is due at time of reservation. Cruises return by 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. Reservations must be made by noon Friday, January 24 for the January 26 cruise. Call SCCF at 472-2329. Space is limited.*

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Watch the 1939 Edison Parade on First Street or swim and picnic with the Fort Myers Senior High School class of 1939 at the beach. Thrill to the landing of a National Airlines plane land on the unpaved runway at the Fort Myers Airport, today's Page Field.

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You can travel in time through 8mm films shot by legendary musician and composer Billy Nalle, a native of Fort Myers.

Billy Nalle's Fort Myers Films will be shown and narrated on Thursday, January 16 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center at 7 p.m. in downtown Fort Myers.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a cash



Billy Nalle during his career in New York City with major network television

bar available. The event is sponsored by the Southwest Florida Historical Society, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization celebrating its fiftieth year.

Tickets are \$10 each. Visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933 for more information.*

Island Artists Help Celebrate Gallery's Milestone Anniversary

Sanibel artists Carol Rosenberg, Ann Bischoff, Bea Pappas, Gordon Coughlin, Joyce Rand and Mary Ann Devos are among the artists who will join in the 20th anniversary celebration of Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery on Sanibel this month. As founding members of the colorful art cooperative when it began two decades ago, they will be recognized at a reception at the gallery on Monday, January 13. The alumni artists' works will be displayed along with those of Hirdie Girdie's 15 current artists through the month of January.

"Through the years we've had so many talented people who have given their time and enthusiasm to keep our gallery fresh and unique," said oil painter Gordon Coughlin, who has been a member of the co-op since its beginning. "We've been a creative family for 20 years, and that means helping each other when necessary and celebrating each other's successes."

The public is invited to the gallery's anniversary reception at 2490 Library Way on January 13 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Bailey's General Store is providing an anniversary cake.*



Hirdie Girdie alumni artist Ann Bischoff



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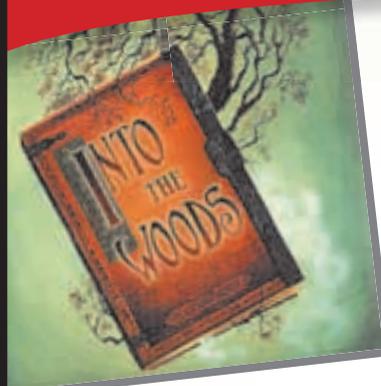
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Yoko Ono Exhibit Invites Collaboration

by Tom Hall

A few months after first meeting her, John Lennon tried to commission Yoko Ono to build a "light house" in his garden.

"Oh, that was conceptual," Ono demurred, referring to a structure she'd built in her imagination with beams of refracted light emanating from hypothetical prisms. In the 47 years that have ensued since that conversation, Ono has constructed a legacy as the world's penultimate conceptual artist.

If Ono had her druthers, people entering the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery on Friday, January 24 to see *Yoko Ono: Imagine Peace (YOIP)* would be handed a set of instructions and asked to fill the exhibition hall's blank walls with magnificent artworks projected from their individual and collective imaginations. *YOIP* does not go quite that far, but there will be no viewers or spectators at the exhibit. Everyone who passes through the Rauschenberg Gallery's doors will be magically converted into an active collaborator the instant they are handed an Onochord and encounter works such as *Wish Tree*, *Map Piece* and *Play It By Trust*.

"I spend a lot of time in museums and never fail to be amazed at how people spend more time reading labels than looking at the art," stated co-curator Kevin

Concannon, the Virginia Tech director of visual arts who orchestrated the first *YOIP* exhibit in 2007 at the University of Akron in Ohio. "That doesn't happen with Yoko's participatory pieces. They induce an exchange between the audience and the artist."

While the manner in which each guest and audience make each new iteration of *YOIP* fresh and unique, the exhibition has been totally reconceived for the Rauschenberg Gallery. "It really is a 'new' exhibition, with everything except *Play It By Trust* being made site-specifically for our show," said new Rauschenberg Gallery Director Jade Dellinger. "We will include material related to Yoko's Indica Gallery exhibition and her original *Sales List*, which were never included in previous exhibitions and are being lent by Yoko's Studio One in New York City."

Material from *John & Yoko's Year of Peace* has also been eliminated, which serves to place the focus on Ono's contributions as a conceptual artist.

For Ono, thoughts are things. She is living testament to the affirmations mouthed by Napoleon Hill, Earl Nightingale and Brian Tracy that "what the mind can conceive, it will achieve with a positive mental attitude," "you become what you think about" and "like attracts like in the realm of the mind."



Yoko Ono: *Imagine Peace* opens on January 24 at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery in Fort Myers

photo courtesy of Synaesthete

She controls the images entering her own mind with Spartan-like self-discipline. That's why all the negativity that has been hurled at her since her liaison with Lennon has failed to derail either her creativity or message.

But Ono does not operate exclusively in the realm of the individual. The magic of *Yoko Ono: Imagine Peace* is that it works on the collective zeitgeist first of the audience, then of the surrounding community, and ultimately the entire world.

Say "imagine peace" enough and you will. Write your individual wish for peace on a tag and affix it to Ono's *Wish Tree*, and you've converted thoughts to action. Hear that your wish has joined more than a million others at the *Imagine Peace Tower* in Iceland, and you will come to believe that peace is not just possible, but inevitable when enough energized people share that dream.

"But peace can mean more than just the end of war," said Dellinger. "It can mean personal balance and well-being, harmony within your family or the end to gun violence."

Ono alludes to this more expansive interpretation in a cut from her current album, *Take Me To The Land of Hell*.

"We, the expendable people of the United States, ask for the violence to disappear..." she implores in *Cheshire Cat Cry*. "Stop the violence. Stop all the wars. Who needs violence? Who needs war? Who needs it?" She feels this refrain so deeply that she published the lyrics in a full page ad in *The New York Times* last September.

But make no mistake. Ono is not prone to wishful thinking.

"The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory," quotes Concannon from Ono's favorite passage in a 2004 Howard Zinn article. And since you become what you think about, there's everything to be gained by controlling your thoughts and attracting the future you want and deserve.

If those who attend the Bob Rauschenberg exhibit leave with that sense, with the conviction that they can change their lives and even our culture through the power of their imagination

and a cognizance that we are all part of a universal scheme, then Concannon, co-curator John Noga and Dellinger will have done their job, and Yoko herself will be thrilled.

"A dream you dream alone is only a dream," Ono declared in her 1972 single, *Now Or Never*, "but a dream we dream together is reality." That's as true today as it was then.

You can share that dream and become part of a new "gallery happening" on January 24 when *Yoko Ono: Imagine Peace* opens at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery on the Lee campus of Edison State College. For more information, call 489-9313.✧

Poet's Corner



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selected by Tanya Hochschild

If You Could Only See Beautiful World

by Ethan Slocum

If you could only see how beautiful
The world is,
The pieces would come together
And it would all make sense to you
Love was hidden in the shadows
Happiness made up the clouds
The sun rose to greet you,
Before you made your
Way,
If you could only see how beautiful
The world is,
You could be grasping for the air
It could take you away,
Far beyond here
You could sway in the moonlight,
Before the firelight
Paint a picture in the sky,
With the lights from the open
If you could only see how beautiful
The world is,
You could swim in golden waters
Float away into the mist
That forms on the darkest of
Seas,
But all of this,
Does not appear to you
Unless you keep your eyes open,
And free your mind,
Be alive here,
With us,
Awake once more
In the rays of light,
That beams down from the heavens,
And see how beautiful the world is

Ethan Slocum is 20 years old, attends Edison State College and will be transferring to FGCU for his English major. He has had three poems published in Edison's publication called *The Illuminations*. He wants to be a creative writer/English professor.✧



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Monday Night Movie

The Hunt

by Di Saggau



The BIG ARTS movie for Monday Night, January 13 is *The Hunt*, a film about a maligned man who falls prey to malice. *The Hunt* has been widely acclaimed as Danish director Thomas Vinterberg's best film. It stars Mads Mikkelsen in a hauntingly, layered and nuanced drama about an innocent man who becomes the victim of a small town witch hunt. He plays Lucas, a much-loved teacher in a small Danish hunting village, whose life starts to come apart when he is falsely accused of an inappropriate act by a young girl. The girl is confused and even though she takes back what she said, the adults will not let it drop. Soon other children, coaxed by grown-up suggestions, add accusations. Lucas is not jailed but

the villagers are still convinced of his guilt.

The Hunt is a merciless examination of the fear and savagery that can take place in such a situation. Mikkelsen, who does not often play sympathetic roles, (he was James Bond's nemesis in *Casino Royale*) has never been better. He won Best Actor for his role as Lucas at Cannes in 2012.

The film runs one

hour, 51 minutes.

The Monday

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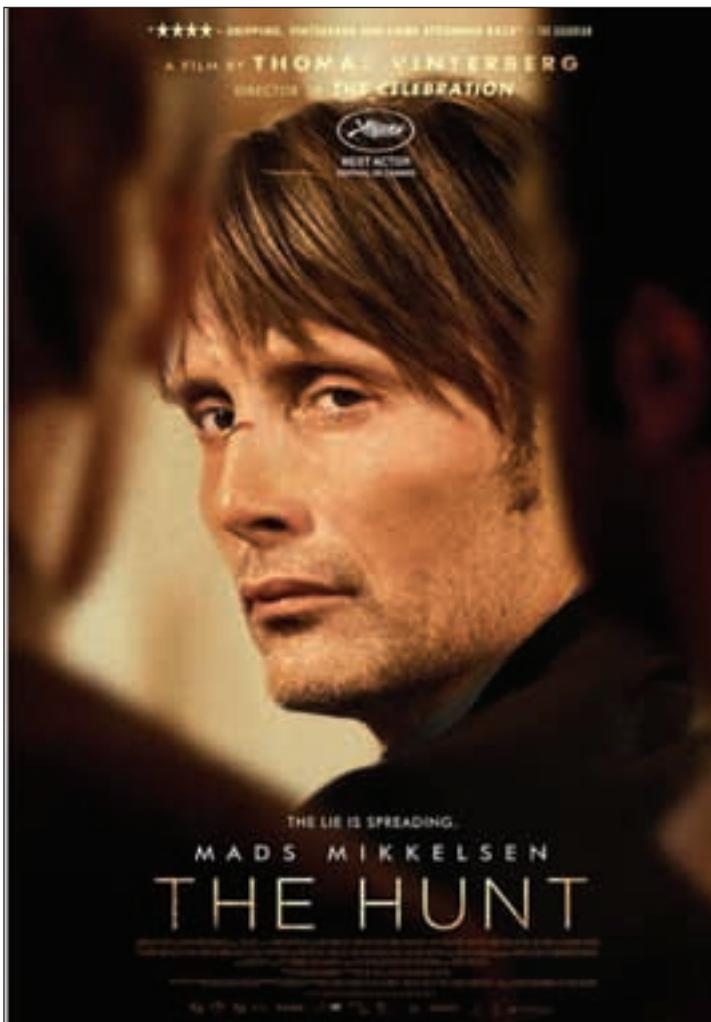
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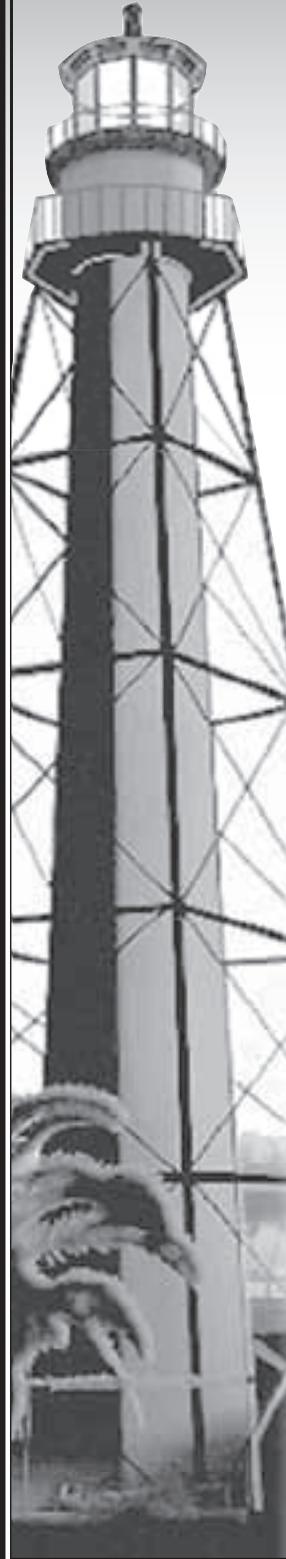
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Iconic Island Businesswoman Betty Puff Reflects On Her 90 Years

by Jeff Lysiak

One of Sanibel Island's longtime residents and legendary businesswoman, Betty Jean Puff, celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this week with a low-key evening spent with a friend having dinner.

However, the former purveyor of the B-Hive, Black Pearl, Baywind Plaza and Bettye's Bounty, recently reflected on her incredible life as well as her experiences before and after moving to Southwest Florida more than 50 years ago.

"I made most of my money here making T-shirts," said Puff, who was born on January 7, 1924. "When I first came here, nobody was selling T-shirts that said

'Sanibel' on them."

That was in 1962, according to Puff. She sought out lighter colored shirts and hand-drew the lettering on them herself. "They sold pretty well, too," she added.

The Fort Wayne, Indiana native – who earned the nickname "Boots" as a toddler after curling up to take a nap in one of her father's wader boots – excelled in art and athletics during her school years.

"I did everything... drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture," she recalled. "After high school, I received several scholarships to art school. But unfortunately, you have to eat."

After graduating from high school in 1942, Puff attended drafting school for one year before being hired at General Electric. There, she worked on drafting plans for airplane superchargers and was active in ELEX, the social and professional organization for the women of the company. In her spare time, she was a key player for the company's softball team, which won back-to-back state championships in 1944 and 1945.



A needlepoint created by Puff notes the four businesses she's owned on Sanibel

Not long after, "Boots" found herself as the starting shortstop for the Fort Wayne Daisies of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

"I was short, so they batted me in the leadoff spot," said Puff. "I remember once playing in New Orleans, and my teammate who batted second asked me what kind of pitches they threw to me. I told her, 'I don't know... all I heard was strike three!'"

Business Partnership Blossoms

After leaving General Electric, Puff became a freelance artist and graphic designer. She became friends with a loan officer for Colonial Mortgage, Bette Parke, and the pair soon partnered on a business venture with local developer Amos Delagrange. The women designed and sold new tract home subdivisions in Fort Wayne, with Puff providing architectural drawings and floor plans.



Among Betty Puff's many talents is painting, as evidenced by this original oil painting of an owl

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The ground-breaking business-women later added a third partner, Lona Baker, and opened a gift shop in New Haven, Indiana called the B-Hive. But it was a vacation with another friend in 1962 that forever changed Puff's life. She discovered Sanibel during that trip, and later convinced Parke to visit the island and look into an investment opportunity. The owner of a small grocery store, Suva Trader, decided to sell his business. After meeting with a local realtor, Scotty Clark, the ladies submitted an offer to buy the business (at half of the asking price). Once the deal went through, Puff and Parke submitted their resignations to Delagrange, made arrangements for Baker to take over the B-Hive, and moved to the Sunshine State.

Throughout their 40-plus years as business partners and land developers, the women owned and operated a specialty grocery store (B-Hive), arts and craft businesses (Black Pearl and Bettye's Bounty) as well as commercial property (Baywind Plaza). The pair also founded the Sanibel chapter of the American Business Women's Association in 1978 and were instrumental in helping establish the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW).

In 1984, both ladies decided to retire. "I wanted to enjoy my retirement," said Puff, who spent much of her time playing golf at Beachview. "I started working when I was 10 years old and I worked for almost 75 years. I think that's enough."

And while Parke passed away in 1996, Puff remains in her small but cozy apartment in Baywind Plaza. She likes to talk about the island's past, "The way things used to be," and offers her opinions on what businesses she would like to see brought here.

"I miss having a car wash... it used to be located at the old Standard gas station," said Puff. "I don't know where they'd put one... business lots are too expensive."

Although she isn't a Sanibel native, she's been here long enough to remember some of the island's most famous pioneers, including Clarence Rutland and the Bailey brothers, Francis, Sam and



Betty Puff displays some of her needlepoint artwork which adorns a director's chair in her home

John. One of her favorite stories involves Rutland, who was standing in line at her grocery store one day.

"Some visitors asked me if there were any island natives still around," recalled Puff. "I saw him and said, 'Uncle Clarence, do you know if there are any native islanders here?' and he just shrugged his shoulder and told them, 'I've lived here my entire life, but I can't think of anyone.'"

Regarding her longevity, the still spry 90-year-old offered, "My aunt lived until she was 92, so I guess it's hereditary."

She then added, "I don't drink coffee... and I like to be around people who are funny. I'm too serious sometimes." ❄️

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week favors what Taureans dote on -- namely, love and money. Look for more meaningful relationships for both singles and pairs, as well as an improved financial outlook.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) All lingering shreds of that recent bout with boredom are dissipated as you eagerly accept a challenging offer. Your positive mood persuades others to join you in this venture.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might need validation for a possible solution to a situation involving someone close to you. Consider asking a trusted friend or relative to help you with this problem.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Investigate carefully before agreeing to assist a friend or colleague with a personal problem. There might be hidden factors that could emerge later that will create problems for you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your decision to work with an associate rather than go it alone, as you first proposed, brings an unexpected bonus. Be careful not to be judgmental. Allow for free and open discussion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A loved one's health problem could, once again, make demands on your time and attention. But this time, make some demands of your own, and insist that others pitch in and help.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time for the traditionally staid Scorpion to plan adjustments in your day-to-

day schedules. Be more flexible and allow for more impromptu, off-the-cuff actions.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid creating unnecessary fuss over a situation you don't approve of. If it's going to work, it will do so despite your objections. If it fails, it will do so without a push from you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Working with a trusted colleague could open your mind to exploring some considerations you previously dismissed out of hand. The weekend brings news from a loved one.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolving a recent problem leaves you in a good position to strengthen your influence on how things get done. But continue to encourage ideas and suggestions from others.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new friend suggests an interesting opportunity. But check it out before you snap at it. It might be a good deal for some people, but it might not work in helping you reach your goals.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of helping people solve their problems, making you a most-respected counselor and trusted friend.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Jan. 17, 1865, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's army is delayed in Savannah, Ga., by 10 days of rain as it waits to begin marching into the Carolinas. Just as Sherman and his army had destroyed nearly everything in its path in Georgia, Sherman planned to subject the Carolinas to the same brutal treatment.

- On Jan. 16, 1919, the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting the "manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," is ratified and becomes law. In 1933, the 21st

Amendment to the Constitution repealed prohibition.

- On Jan. 15, 1936, Edsel Ford, son of auto pioneer Henry Ford, forms a philanthropic organization called the Ford Foundation with a donation of \$25,000. The foundation was established in part as a legal way for the Ford family to avoid inheritance taxes.

- On Jan. 14, 1954, Hollywood star Marilyn Monroe marries New York Yankees slugger Joe DiMaggio. The marriage barely got past the honeymoon, and they were divorced 274 days later. In her filing, Monroe accused her husband of "mental cruelty."

- On Jan. 13, 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs, who hosted his own television shows during the 1950s, dies after crashing his Chevrolet Corvair into a telephone pole in Los Angeles while driving in a rainstorm. The Corvair was later made infamous by Ralph Nader's groundbreaking 1965 book, "Unsafe at Any Speed."

- On Jan. 18, 1985, for the first time since joining the World Court in 1946, the United States walks out of a case, this one concerning U.S. paramilitary activities against the Nicaraguan government. The Court decided against the United States; it charged that the U.S. violated international law with its actions against the Sandinistas.

- On Jan. 19, 1977, President Gerald Ford pardons "Tokyo Rose," a Japanese-American woman named Iva Toguri. Toguri and other women had broadcast sentimental American music and phony announcements in a vain attempt to destroy the morale of Allied soldiers during World War II.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted American writer and essayist Flannery O'Connor who made the follow-

ing sage observation: "Truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it."

- Even though the human brain makes up only 2 percent of the body's mass, it consumes 20 percent of the body's calories and oxygen.

- The chief translator for the European Parliament is named Ioannis Ikononou. He is fluent in 32 languages -- and still learning.

- During World War I, the United States acquired its first "war dog." The pit bull was found wandering around Yale Field in New Haven, Conn., by soldiers in training.

On particular soldier, Cpl. Robert Conroy, became close to the dog and refused to leave Stubby behind; when Conroy was shipped out, he hid the dog on board. Stubby served overseas for 18 months and saw action in 17 battles. On more than one occasion he sniffed out surprise attacks, saving his regiment. He was known for locating wounded soldiers on the field, and he even once caught a German spy. He was the most decorated dog of the Great War, and he was promoted to sergeant for his combat service -- the only dog to be so honored. After the war, Sgt. Stubby was hailed as a hero; he led parades and met three presidents. He even has his very own brick at the World War I Memorial. It reads, "Sergeant Stubby, Hero Dog of WWI, a Brave Stray."

- Those who study such things say that couples in a romantic relationship actually have heart rates that are in sync with each other.

- If you're like the average American, you drink 23 gallons of coffee every year, but only 9 gallons of tea.

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The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy announced that the Florida Celebration of Reading Writing Contest is open to third- through fifth-grade students in Southwest Florida, including Lee, Collier, Charlotte and Hendry counties.

The Celebration of Reading on Friday, February 14 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa helps raise funds for the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, which teaches parents and children to learn to read together through innovative family literacy programs.

Children's author Mary Pope Osborne is one of four best-selling guest authors at the event. This year's student writing contest is based on her award-winning *Magic Tree House* series. The books are filled with tales from Jack and Annie's adventures, the main characters in Osborne's series. The children discover a tree house with books that take them on numerous adventures.

"We're excited that Mary Pope Osborne will help us kick off our 14th



Mary Pope Osborne, children's author

Florida Celebration of Reading," said Liza McFadden, president of the Barbara Bush Foundation. "Since our event falls on February 14, we'd love to have our young authors write a magical first page of a book or a poem centered on a Valentine's Day Jack and Annie adventure."

The Florida Department of Education's Just Read, Florida! office will assist in

reading and judging entries. Contest winners, accompanied by their parents, will be recognized at a VIP breakfast on February 14, sponsored by Public Risk Insurance Agency. The students will be Osborne's guests at the Celebration of Reading student breakfast and have the opportunity to visit with the author and share their winning submissions.

Writing contest entries are limited to a maximum of 500 words. Deadline is Sunday, January 26 at 5 p.m. Entries can be submitted electronically to contest@barbarabush.org or mailed to the Barbara Bush Foundation, attention COR 2014 Writing Contest, 516 North Adams St. Tallahassee, FL 32301, postmarked no later than January 26. Illustrations are welcome but not mandatory.

Contest guidelines will be posted on the Barbara Bush Foundation's website events page at www.barbarabush.org.

Twelve winning entries will be selected based upon imagination, creativity and quality of writing. Winners will be announced in schools and on the foundation's website at www.BarbaraBush.org.

For more information, call the Barbara Bush Foundation at 850-562-5300.*

Top Ten Books On The Island

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Rotary Club Presents Concert By Internationally Acclaimed Pianist

The Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva is hosting a concert with world famous pianist Francesco Attesti, as a fundraiser for Gift of Life International, on Thursday, January 16 at The Heights Cultural Arts Center.

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at 6 p.m., followed by a Gift of Life presentation. The concert will begin at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person.

Gift of Life coordinates with doctors, hospitals and Rotary clubs around the world in identifying children in need of heart surgery and then matches them with hospitals and volunteer medical teams mainly in the United States where these vital life-saving surgeries are performed.

Rotary fundraisers and donations provide the families of these children with transportation, housing and per diem expense monies so that they may accompany their child on these remarkable journeys. To date, Gift of Life programs around the world have provided life-saving heart surgery to more than 16,000 children.

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. He began practicing the piano at the age of six and gave his first concert at 11, performing a transcription of the *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* by JS Bach. When Attesti was 16, he met Sergio Perticaroli who, impressed by the youth's capabilities at the piano, invited him to attend the Summer Masterclass at the Mozarteum of Salzburg. There, Attesti was immersed in the romantic repertoire, particularly the works of Chopin and Liszt. He continued to study with Maestro Perticaroli for several years in Rome, refining his skills and winning several national and international piano competitions, including Ibla Grand Prize International, FIDIAPA Competition, Città di, Racconigi, Migliori Diplomi d'Italia, Rovere d'Oro, Città di Cesenatico.

The Heights Center is at 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers.

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The cool vehicles are out there on Sanibel and Captiva, but sightings are limited. These vehicles are usually hidden away behind garage doors. Some are the pampered possessions of serious collectors, some are the obsessions of passionate gear-heads, and some are the toys of folks who want something unusual in their driveway.

This month, the owners of these vehicles are invited to show them off to residents and visitors by participating in a vehicle show devoted to the islands' coolest wheels. The show will be held Sunday, January 26 as part of Sanibel Fun Fest at The Community

House.

The Fun Fest Coolest Wheels show is open to all types of vehicles, including cars, trucks and motorcycles in all categories; classic, vintage, antique, exotic, custom, older muscle cars and hot rods. Trophies will be awarded for excellence as determined by a certified Antique Automobile Club of America senior master judge, and also for the entry voted most popular.

There is no entry fee, and those who display their vehicles will receive free admission to all Sunday Fun Fest activities. Vehicle check-in and parking is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Exhibition spaces are limited so entrants are asked to call 472-2155 in advance to pre-register and reserve a spot. The show will cap off a weekend of activities at Sanibel Fun Fest. Sunday hours are noon to 4 p.m.

Other events that day will include music on the outdoor stage by The Troublemakers; a day-long exhibition of body painting with jury-awarded prizes for best designs, judging and awards presentation for the sand sculpture contest, and food and beverage concessions.

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New Foundation To Give Women A Hand Up With Education

Women living and/or working on Sanibel or Captiva who are looking for ways to help pay for their continuing education will have a new resource to turn to: The Starfish Scholarship Foundation. It will be the scholarship organization on the islands dedicated exclusively to assisting the non-traditional female student.

The foundation is designed to help local women who do not fit the mold of the typical scholarship recipients. Unlike new high school graduates or young college students, these are women who already have some life experience under their belts. Whether they are in the workforce, stay-at-home moms or students, they are striving to make better lives for themselves and their families.

"We all know women who work long hours with two or even three jobs just to pay their bills and keep their children safe," said island resident Nancy Dreher, founder of the Starfish Foundation. "We know women who need just nine or more credit hours to obtain a degree but have no time and no money. These women



Rebecca Binkowski, Nancy Dreher (founder) and Denise McEnroe

have not searched for help, and most social programs are not designed for them."

The foundation's volunteer staff of local residents with varied professional experience will seek out qualified women and serve as mentors, helping them navigate educational bureaucracies. Foundation

staff members plan to call on a network of businesses, houses of worship, schools and civic and social organizations to find potential candidates, said Dreher.

To qualify, applicants must be applying to, or accepted by, an accredited college or vocational school. The foundation will also consider requests for obtaining GEDs,

technical and vocational accreditation in a recognized field, and degrees at junior colleges and universities. Candidates must also live and/or work on Sanibel or Captiva. Financial need will also be a consideration.

An exemplary past academic record is not required, nor is a spotless work history, said Dreher. "What is required is the applicant's belief that she is somebody special, and she can be responsible and make a difference for herself, her family and her community."

A Sanibel resident since 2007 with more than two decades of experience in retail operations and staffing, Dreher said the inspiration for The Starfish Scholarship Foundation came to her from the women she met on the islands. "Every day, up to 5,000 people come to this island to work and they are part of our greater community," she said. "They are working long hours at hourly-wage jobs where just one more certificate or course credit would give them the boost they need to get ahead."

The Starfish Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit, will hold its first fundraiser at The Sanctuary Golf Club on January 21. Tickets to Education is Fashionable are \$75 and are available by calling 579-0404.

For more information about The Starfish Foundation, visit www.starfish-scholarshipfoundation.com.✪

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Coollest Wheels Show

Fun Fest will kick off on Friday, January 24 with a concert performance by Whitney Wolanin in The Community House auditorium. Showtime is 7 p.m. with a VIP meet and greet reception beginning at 6 p.m.

Daytime events on Saturday, January 25 will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include music on the outdoor stage by Caribbean Chillers, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band; a performance by the Sanibel School Steel Drum Band; a Pirate and Mermaid Costume Contest for the kids;

children's games, plus access to the *Pieces of Eight* pirate ship; local arts and crafts; and food and beverage concessions.

On Saturday, from 6 to 9 p.m., The Community House will host a Polynesian Review Show and Luau with a Polynesian-style pig roast dinner. The show is family-friendly.

For more information on Sanibel Fun Fest, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.*

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Rotary Happenings



Robert Schmidt

submitted by Shirley Jewell

When the guest speaker calendar came across my desk last month for January 2014, I really didn't pay that much attention to it... well, I should have. It wasn't until last Friday morning that I realized I might be in trouble writing on the topic Robert (Bob) Schmidt had selected to speak to us about, Government and the Innovation Ecosystem.



My anxiety only grew when Schmidt was introduced. How impressive are these credentials? He founded and is the chairman of Cleveland Medical Devices, Orbital Research, NeuroWave Systems, Great Lakes NeuroTechnologies Inc. and Flocel Inc. He received his BS degree in mechanical engineering and his MS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, his MBA from the University of Utah and his juris doctorate from Cleveland State University. He is a licensed professional engineer and a patent law attorney. Schmidt personally holds 30 US patents, and has led two companies into the Inc. 500.

He brought along with him a handful of his company's product brochures, products that many of us are or will be using in the not too near future.

SleepView Monitor is a portable medical monitoring device used to alert and keep track of patients with obstructive sleep apnea. This home sleep testing monitor collects information to be sent to your doctor via a computer web portal and used to determine the course of action to treat the problem.

Kinesia HomeView is an ambulatory monitor assessment system that captures Parkinson's disease brain patterns and similar symptom brain activity at home. The system captures symptom fluctuations in patients, interprets a comprehensive view of patient function, tailors therapies to target specific symp

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Event Volunteer Registration

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

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Rotary

-toms and identifies administrating medical protocol.

So why mention these products? The point here is that these products and many other products are developed by small companies in their research and development departments in cooperation with government agencies and universities where technology-based networks work together. Most of the research is done with government funding and with National Science Foundation partners.

A quote from the National Science Foundation: "NSF's contribution to the innovation ecosystem encourages American colleges and universities to promote "engines of innovation" that operate in close partnership with industry across numerous disciplines. The ultimate goal is to extend America's historical reputation for ingenuity to a new recognition as "a nation of innovators" and these departments look for funding from the government for this research and development.

According to Schmidt, some of the reasoning for continued support for small business grant monies are: Small business generated 60 to 80 percent of new jobs annually over the last two decades and employs over 30 percent of high tech workers; produces 13 to 14 times more patents per employees than larger patenting firms; and small companies are the innovators for themselves and large companies.

Schmidt also stated that, "Although in the past our government has provided a great deal of funding through grants to small businesses for product development, within the last few years our government has decreased its funding with budget cutting or even delay of continued funding. So the Federal R & D grants for small business patents are harder to obtain with a longer patenting process, regulations previously afforded to patents have changed, and the cost to obtain patents has risen sharply.

Schmidt told us, "Big business is taking their research and development money off-shore and developing a global outcome for products." Small businesses are doing their research and development right here in the states, providing jobs. U.S. small business startups are to the economy what children are to the population." They are the life-blood of our economy.

Nothing more needs to be said here, except, how about long term planning? What do we want the outcome to be here? How about an environment that can provide jobs at home?

*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.**

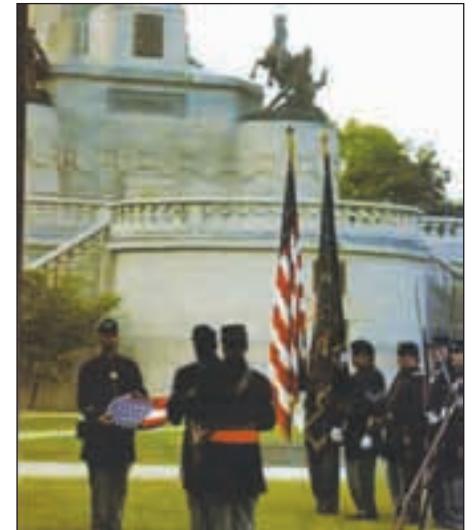


Paul Roshberg mounted the 48-star American flag for the Captiva Island Yacht Club

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Paul Roshberg, owner of Sanibel Art & Frame, recently mounted this 48-star flag for the Captiva Island Yacht Club. It was donated by a member in memory of Dale Hanson, a former commodore and Sanibel resident.

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Trust Company Gives \$3,500 Toward The Community House Fun Fest

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has become a \$3,500 Gold Sponsor for the inaugural Fun Fest at The Community House in late January. Trust company President Dick Pyle said, "The Community House has been a special place on the islands since 1927 and we are honored to help them further their mission."

The inaugural three-day fun fest benefits the non-profit operations of the Sanibel Community Association. Festivities kick off on Friday, January 24 with a benefit concert from Whitney Wolanin, a recording artist with roots on Sanibel, and her six-piece band. Her song, *Run, Run Rudolph*, shot to No. 2 on the Adult Contemporary chart, sandwiched between Kelly Clarkson's *Underneath the Tree* and Mary J. Blige's *This Christmas*. Tickets are available by calling 472-2155.

Saturday and Sunday feature many different activities such as a sand sculpture contest, local arts and crafts, indoor games for children, mermaid and pirate competition, Sanibel Steel Drum Band, 26-foot *Pieces of Eight* pirate ship, car and motorcycle show, sanctioned body painting competition and featured music on the outdoor stage. There's also a Saturday evening Polynesian Luau with floor show.

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From left, Anne Douglas of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Yaro Garcia of ACT, Alex Olivares of Catholic Charities, Nola Theiss of HTAP and Sarah Owens of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation

Foundation Supports Human Trafficking Awareness Project

A collaborative program developed locally was awarded a Southwest Florida Community Foundation Community Impact Grant. Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP), as the lead agency, received a grant of \$20,000. to expand its Point of Contact, Point of Rescue program to hospitals, medical facilities and libraries in Lee, Hendry-Glades, Charlotte-Desoto counties.

Point of Contact, Point of Rescue aims to educate employees and managers of businesses to recognize the signs of trafficking in their clients or patrons and to develop a protocol to know who to call and what to report.

Nola Theiss, executive director of HTAP, has seen the level of awareness grow in the area since 2005 when the first Human Trafficking Task Force was formed, initiated by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. Since that time, HTAP has trained over 24,000 individuals and has developed prevention and awareness programs.

Alex Olivares of Catholic Charities says, "We have seen it all in Southwest Florida. There is no one kind of victim or one kind of trafficker." Over 150 victims of human trafficking have been identified in Southwest Florida over the last five years. They include women and men, children and adults, American citizens and foreign born residents in both sex and labor trafficking and domestic servitude. The oldest victim was a 67-year-old-woman and the youngest was only nine years old.

Yaro Garcia of ACT, who carries a caseload of victims all the time, says, "If more people were trained to recognize the signs of trafficking, more victims would be rescued. Working together on this program enables the victims to get the services they need."

The reporting protocol varies depending on the type of business and is developed in partnership with the businesses. In all cases, ACT, the local domestic violence center hot line is used: 939-3112 usually in conjunction with 911 or an alternate number, depending on the situation and laws. Trainers from ACT, Catholic Charities and HTAP share the training opportunities.

Both the Lee Memorial Health System and the Lee County Sheriff's Office partner in this program. In the past, many local cases have been reported through the hospitals and the goal now is to train every employee to increase that number and to raise the level of awareness in other businesses as well.

For further information, call 415-2635 or email at info@humantraffickingawareness.org.

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VITA preparers can inform taxpayers about special tax credits that may be applicable such as Earned Income Credit, Child Tax Credit and Credit for Elderly or the Disabled.

VITA will offer tax preparation on Friday, January 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FISH Walk-In Center. Appointments are required and can be made by contacting Christine Swiersz or Jessi Zeigler at 472-4775.

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Book Sheds Light On Concussion Issue Plaguing Football



by Ed Frank

In the midst of the frenetic National Football League playoffs leading to Super Bowl XVIII on February 2, is there any doubt that professional football is the most successful and captivating sport in America?

Yet mounting questions arise as to the brutality of the sport and the denial of the NFL that crushing injuries have resulted in brain damage, memory loss and even suicides by former players.

In addition, there are statistics that reveal an increasing number of parents are keeping their children off the football fields and pushing them into other sports such as soccer.

A recent ESPN report stated that the popular Pop Warner youth football program has seen a 10 percent decline in participation that is attributed to the concern over concussions.

This controversial issue was detailed in an in-depth investigation by two veteran reporters in their new book entitled *League of Denial – the NFL, Concussions and the Battle for Truth*.

Mark Fainaru-Wada and Steve Fainaru, both ESPN investigative reporters, said the purpose of the book is not to destroy professional football but rather to shed light on the denial of the NFL that head injuries have led to brain damage.

This is despite the fact that the NFL recently paid \$765 million to settle a lawsuit

brought by nearly 6,000 former players and their families.

It is interesting that these two prizewinning writers wrote this best-selling book while employed by ESPN which is one of the major networks that broadcast NFL football.

Not once did ESPN attempt to put a clamp on their investigation and, in fact, the network ran stories on their research before the book was published.

For more than two decades the NFL has denied the link between concussions and brain injuries despite the mountain of evidence to the contrary, the book states. In fact, the NFL attempted to stifle reports on the concussion issue.

In fairness, the NFL has taken aggressive steps to curtail helmet-to-helmet collisions by increasing on-field penalties and off-field fines. In addition any player showing signs of a concussion must clear a medical exam before allowed to return to action.

This is an issue that won't go away. And this new book tells why. It's a book that should be read by football fans, parents and coaches.

Twins Prospect Rosario Hit With Major Drug Suspension

The Minnesota Twins' No. 5-ranked prospect, Eddie Rosario, who hit .302 last season over 122 games combined with the Fort Myers Miracle and Double-A New Britain, has been suspended for 50 games without pay for a second violation of baseball's Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

The 22-year-old Rosario, a native of Puerto Rico, was a fourth round selection by the Twins in the 2010 Major League Draft. He was originally drafted as an outfielder but has been converted to a second baseman.

In 52 games played here last season for Fort Myers before being promoted to New Britain, Rosario hit .329 with 35 RBIs.

Everblades Home This Weekend Against First-Place South Carolina

The Florida Everblades are home this weekend at Germain Arena with the opportunity to close the gap with first-place South Carolina.

The Everblades began the week with a 20-10-1-1 season record, nine points behind South Carolina in the ECHL South Division. Florida faces the Stingrays at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, and 7 p.m. Saturday.

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. The Marlins' Juan Pierre, in 2013, became the seventh player to have 600 or more career steals, and more steals than walks. Name three of the other six.
2. Which of the following pitchers had more 20-win seasons for the Minnesota Twins: Bert Blyleven, Jim Perry, Johan Santana or Frank Viola?
3. When was the last time before the 2012 season that Stanford's football team won a Rose Bowl?
4. Who was the last Portland Trail Blazers player before guard Damian Lillard (2012-13) to have at least 1,500 points and 500 assists in a season?
5. How many consecutive playoff series did the New York Islanders win starting in 1980?
6. In 2013, Matthew Centrowitz became the second U.S. male to win two World Championship medals in track and field's 1,500 meters. Who was the first?
7. In 2013, Jason Dufner tied a record at the PGA Championship by shooting a round of 63. How many others have shot a round of 63 at the PGA Championship?

ANSWERS

1. Lou Brock, Bert Campaneris, Vince Coleman, Artie Latham, Otis Nixon and Willie Wilson. 2. Jim Perry, who did it twice. All the others did it once for the Twins. 3. It was the 1971 season. 4. Clyde Drexler, in the 1991-92 season. 5. Nineteen. 6. Bernard Lagat. 7. Eleven others.



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The Sanibel Island Golf Club

Men Scramble Into The New Year



Jack Tukey, Wayne Turner, Hunt Etheridge and David Smith

On Saturday, January 4, the men's league members at Sanibel Island Golf Club played a regular scramble. Gross scores were used to determine finishes with one half of the foursome's lowest handicap participant subtracted from the final score.

The team of Wayne Turner, Hunt Etheridge, David Smith and Jack Tukey won with a final score of 57.5. Everyone on that team had at least one natural birdie and Wayne Turner, the captain of the foursome, had three. Several pars and a couple of bogies contributed to the win.

In second place was the foursome of Chuck Bye, David Wiseley, Don Bradford and Jerry Mader with a score of 58.5. Close behind them with a score of 59 were Fred Zimmer, Dick Cordair, Guy Tober and Bill Blankenship.

After the scramble was completed the players gathered for lunch at the Blue Coyote.*



June Muench



Mardi Glenn



Nancy McConnell



Anne Frymoyer

The Dunes Golf Club

Beat The Pro Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Women's Golf Association members played a Beat the Pro contest on Friday, January 3. The pro target score was 74 and the results are:

June Muench	68	Chip-ins:	
Mardi Glenn	68	June Muench	#18
Nancy McConnell	71	Joan Kent	#15*
Anne Frymoyer	72		
Annie Wainwright	73		



Annie Wainwright

The Dunes Golf Club

Sunday Mixed Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Sunday Mixed Golf tournament on January 5, was a 1 Low Gross 1 Low Net format. The results were:

- 1st Bob Rohl
Roberta Rohl
Jerry Muench
June Muench
- 2nd Bob Kent

- Joan Kent
Felix Curcuru
Carol Curcuru
3rd Gordon Rains
Maureen Rains
Gary Dutton
Mike Dutton
- 4th Dod Wainwright
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The Dunes Golf Club

Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Nifty Niners results from Thursday, January 2, format Low Putts, are:

1st	Nancy Hopkins	14
T2nd	Phyllis Koury	16
T2nd	Joan Dyke	16**

The Dunes Golf Club

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Men's Golf Association results from Wednesday, January 1, format Individual Quota Points, are:

Flight #1

1st	Peter Cline	+8
2nd	Tom Veratti	+4 *10 back

nine

3rd Al Larsen +4 *7 back nine

Flight #2

1st	Greg Jennings	+10
2nd	Mike Hnadow	+9
3rd	Dave Jones	+6**

Sanibel Night At FGCU Basketball

Join fellow Eagles fans on Saturday, January 18 for Sanibel Night at the Florida Gulf Coast University men's basketball game. Tip-off is at 7:35 p.m. versus rival East Tennessee State University at the Alico Arena. The game is being televised by CBS affiliate WINK-TV. Tickets are only \$11 per person. Purchase tickets at the Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information please call the Sanibel Recreation Center.

Teenagers are invited join the fun of Sanibel Night at the FGCU men's game with the teen group. Cost is only \$10 for Rec Center members and \$10.75 for non-members. Bring some extra money for the dollar menu before the game. The van will leave the Rec Center at 6:05 p.m. and the approximate return time is 10 p.m. Teens ages 12 to 15 are welcome. Van seating is limited; sign up by Thursday, January 16.

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RESTAURANTS

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

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

BAILEY'S GENERAL STORE

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

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

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

BLUE GIRAFFE

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

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

CIP'S PLACE

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

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

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

CHIP'S SANIBEL STEAKHOUSE

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

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



Constantino Turquia, server at IL Tesoro Italian Restaurant

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.

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.

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THE DUNES RESTAURANT

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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, jalapeno 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.

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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 bar.

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JERRY'S RESTAURANT AND DELI

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

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

LAZY FLAMINGO

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

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

MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN

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

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

MUCKY DUCK

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

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

OLD CAPTIVA HOUSE AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN

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

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

OVER EASY CAFÉ

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

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

POCOLOCO

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

ROSIE'S CAFÉ & GRILL

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

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

SANIBEL BEAN

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

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Restaurants

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

SANIBEL DELI & COFFEE FACTORY

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



Livingston Taylor will be playing at the Crow's Nest at Tween Waters Inn on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 14 and 15

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 tonight, Friday, by Marty Stokes and the Captiva Blues Band. 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. Tuesday is Open Mic Night from 8 to 11 p.m. with guitar and vocal performances by various local artists. Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Traders Store & Cafe features music by Chris Workman on Sundays and Wednesdays from 7 to 10

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p.m. and Danny Morgan and Friends on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m.

This week's lineup at **Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn includes: Friday Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan with the sounds of Broadway, Latin hits and all styles of popular dance music; Sunday, Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals, performing pop, R&B, country and jazz standards; Monday, Mike Arnone, "The Jersey Kid," piano and vocals; Tuesday, Woody Brubaker on the piano, saxophone, and vocals accompanied by Barbara Smith; Wednesday, Jazz Night with vocalist Paul Ventura, also known as "Mr. Swing" and Father Al & the Jazz Congregation; Thursday, Pianoman Joe McCormick. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m.

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

The Crow's Nest at Tween Waters Inn is featuring The Modulators are finishing up their extended Captiva gig Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Taylor Stokes is playing Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. for families and 9 p.m. for adults.

The Mucky Duck on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, features music by Mark Dupuy on Mondays; Rich Lancaster, Wednesdays; Gene Federico, Thursdays and Saturdays; and Buckeye Ken, Fridays.

Sea Breeze Cafe at Sundial Beach Resort features the Danny Morgan Band Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. as well as live entertainment on Saturdays at the same time.

Turtles Beach & Pool Bar at Sundial Beach Resort features live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. with Danny Morgan performing on Fridays.

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

Restaurant owners/managers, please email or fax any changes to your entertainment schedule to press@islandnews.com or 395-2299.*

Bank Sponsoring Performance

The Community House announced that Bank of the Islands has become a \$500 sponsor for the inaugural Fun Fest in late January.

"We're delighted to underwrite the performance of the Sanibel School's Steel Drum Band and to provide additional advertising support for Fun Fest," said Bank of the Islands Vice President and Sanibel Office Manager Rob Lisenbee. "This sounds like a great new event for island families and visitors to enjoy at The Community House." The inaugural three-day Sanibel Fun Fest 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. Tickets are on sale now.

Saturday and Sunday will feature a sand sculpture contest, arts and crafts, games for children, mermaid and pirate competition, Sanibel Steel Drum Band, *Pieces of Eight* pirate ship, car and motorcycle show, body painting competition and live music. There will be a Polynesian Luau on Saturday.

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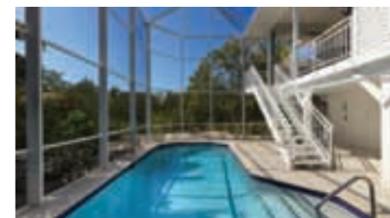
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**SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2014
Standings through January 6, 2014**

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	140	68
Second	Odd Balls	122	86
Third	Sanibel Café	112	96
Fourth	Sandycappers	111	97
Fifth	Island Lifers	76	132
Sixth	Fresh Legion Crew	63	145

January Results

Odd Balls	13	Fresh Legion Crew	3
Bunt's Ball Busters	12	Sanibel Café	4
Sandycappers	8	Island Lifers	8

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Battle Of The Balls

submitted by Bob Buntrock

Odd Balls picked up a game on league-leading Bunt's Ball Busters on the strength of a 13-3 rout of Fresh Legion Crew. Visiting snowbird Noah Smith produced another 4-0 night for the Odd guys and his teammates Doc Lubinski, Ray Walker, and Matt Hall pitched in with three wins each.

Rich Ennis and Dave Doane had 4-0 nights for Bunt's Ball Busters and paced the Busters to a 12-4 win over Sanibel Café. The Café shooters beat the Ball Busters 9-7 in the previous match between the two teams when the league leaders were not at full strength. This time Bunt's led the Café guys 8-0 before Joe Mason and Peter Mindel produced two wins each over Terry Ricotta and Bob Buntrock.

Island Lifers added snowbird Carmen Senese to their lineup and he dropped four losses on Sandycapper ace Jack Dalton to pace the Lifers to an 8-8 tie over the former league-leading Sandycapper machine.

Highlight of the match, however, was the titanic struggle between the two team captains, Island Lifer Connie Lee and Sandycapper Kevin Pottorf. With a long bank on the 5-ball and a near 90-degree cut on the 8-ball Lee won their last game and fashioned two victories over Pottorf who was noticeably deflated. Give him a hug when you see him to help build back his macho persona.*

Superior Interiors

What Is 'Custom' In Decorating



by Jeanie Tinch

An article I saw recently presented tips on working with designers, but it left out the important benefits of having home furnishings that are customized for you.

"Furnishings play a vital role in setting the mood and atmosphere for everyday living... a woman's home is an extension of herself," said Bob Mackie, the designer of glamorous gowns for the likes of Cher and Tina Turner, who has turned his talents to the home.

Custom furnishings help express the homeowner's personality. For a husband and wife, custom will blend their tastes, it will bring the wishes of each into a room that both can enjoy.

"Each sofa and love seat you order is upholstered in your personal choice of fabric, the finish of every table and chair has been specified by you, and your draperies are designed to coordinate with the style and colors of the room and fabricated to fit the size of the windows," writes Carol Bugg in her book *Decorating... the Professional Touch*.

Custom does not mean starting from scratch. It may mean working around people's furnishings, supplying them with what they want.

Window fashions are often a focal point of a room and it's easy to see the benefits of custom-made drapery. They will have extra fullness because the fabric is usually two and one-half to three times the width of the window. If it's pleated drapes, the pleats are closer together at the top, allowing for the extra fullness to fall gracefully in elegant folds. The pleats of ready-made drapery, on the other

hand, are further apart, and since less material is used, the drapery can actually appear rather skimpy.

A custom treatment will use corner weights to allow the fabric to hang straight, and prevent flaring at the hem. Special linings also may be used to avoid sun fading and add additional body to the treatment. Linings contribute to the energy-efficiency of the treatment, providing an insulating layer between the fabric and the window. The lining should be chosen with the type of fiber used in a decorative fabric in mind. There are even black-out linings available to darken the room for daytime or late morning sleepers,

Finally, the extra touches you get from a custom treatment are endless. Detailing, such as banding, cording, trims and coordinating colors and fabrics, makes custom treatments truly individual and reflective of your style and taste. Designing the perfect window treatment for your home says a lot about you and your lifestyle. Perhaps nothing adds more drama and pizzazz to your home's overall design plan than custom designed window treatments.

Custom bedding is another example. In addition to coordinating with what you already have, or what you are changing in the room's decor, it will fit your bed the way you want it to fit. You won't have to settle for only what you can find online or in a catalog.

Let's not forget color, the canvas of your room. Color is like beauty, and it's all in the eye of the beholder. There are no bad colors, just bad decisions about using them. A designer can help with those choices.

In the end, custom should be affordable. The goal is to provide beauty, comfort and good design within a realistic budget.

Most of all, it should fit those who use the space. Legendary decorator William Pahlmann, of Lord & Taylor, said, "Good decoration is a design for the living, not for looking. It is the service of human needs."

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

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SanCap CPA Hires Patti Sousa

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Sousa, a native Floridian, graduated from the University of Florida with a BS in recreation. She followed her passion to a career in non-profit administration and is an experienced and certified trainer. She and her husband George owned and operated a sales and marketing business in New Jersey for almost two decades. They made Sanibel their permanent home in 2001.

At present, Sousa is board member of both Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and Sanibel Bicycle Club, and treasurer of Butterknife Homeowners Association. She is actively involved in Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.*



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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My daughter, who is eight years old, has been home-schooled and is now going to public school for the first time this January. I

want to be a good parent, help my child, and be active at her school. What kinds of things can I do that will be helpful?

Justine L, Fort Myers, Florida

Justine,

Parent involvement with both your child and the school is one of the most important things you can do to help your child be successful. Sometimes it is difficult to make that connection with the school given a busy work schedule or if your own school experience was not a good one, however, this is an extremely important relationship that is worth developing.

According to research reported by the National Association of School Psychologists, when families are involved in education, there are very positive benefits for students, teachers and families. Students display better attitudes toward school and learning, higher achievement and test scores, improved behavior, increased homework completion, greater

participation in academic activities and improved school attendance.

At home, parents can make sure that they:

- Monitor homework completion – talk with your children about their assignments, understand what they are studying and review their progress

- Participate in leisure reading with your children at all ages – it's fun to read the same books as your children and then discuss them

- Communicate often with your children about academic and behavioral expectations, give them constructive praise and support

Here are a few ways for parents to be active at school:

- Participate at school as volunteers and committee members

- Participate in school functions, athletics and other extracurricular activities

- Regular communication with the teacher(s) about your child's progress

- Participation in adult educational opportunities offered by the school

- Active involvement in school decisions as presented by the school or board of education

Many teachers have special activities designed for parent volunteers. Make sure to ask your child's teachers what would be helpful. Very often the school's parent association will have projects and committees where you can volunteer. While it may be easier to join a parent group or volunteer when your child is in elementary school, it is equally important to stay involved while your child is in high

school. Volunteering with other parents during the high school years can help parents stay connected to each other in an informal parent network, which is always helpful.

These are just a few suggestions on how to become and stay involved in your child's educational journey. There are many more ways to be involved; the key factor is that you are involved.

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.✪

FGCU Renaissance Academy Open Houses And Adult Lecture Program

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University announced its winter/spring 2014 program of adult lifelong learning and enrichment programs featuring an extensive and diverse curriculum of more than 800 single lectures and short courses.

Open house events are scheduled for Saturday, January 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Atrium, 8695 College Parkway, Suite 1181 in Fort Myers; and Sunday, January 12 from 2 to 4 p.m., at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 5th Avenue South in Naples. The open house events will provide an opportunity for participants to learn more about the Academy, meet instructors, register for courses and enjoy refreshments.

Free program catalogs are available at local libraries or by calling 425-3272. Online registration is available at <https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu>, where participants may browse and register for courses safely and securely online.

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Jewelers Makes 'Dana Claus' Donation To FISH

Lily & Co. Jewelers on Sanibel presented FISH of Sanibel-Captiva a check for \$800 in donations, plus food and gifts, for those in need this holiday season. The donations were raised during Lily's second Dana Claus event where guests had a photo opportunity with Dana Claus and his two "reindogs," Angel and Gracie, while sampling Pinocchio's Ice Cream, homemade cookies and assorted refreshments.

"We are so delighted to have doubled last year's donations raised for such a worthy cause," said Lily & Co. owners Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell. "The success is thanks to our amazing guests and island residents, who visited our store and brought in the donations."

Additional support was provided by Pinocchio's Italian Ice Cream, a family-owned and operated business that donated its homemade signature ice cream.

FISH is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping islanders and island visitors in need through its many services. The organization offers emergency financial assistance, a food pantry and non-emergency transportation to medical appointments on and off island, as well as medical equipment loans. It is dedicated to "neighbors helping neighbors." ❄️



Ed Riddlehoover, left, represents FISH of Sanibel in accepting the donation from Lily & Co. Jewelers' co-owner Dan Schuyler, which was raised during Lily's Dana Claus event

Travel Abroad Open House

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University announces its 2014 adult, senior, and retiree travel abroad open houses in Bonita Springs, featuring exclusive concierge-style excursions to France, Sicily and Peru. Since 2002, the Renaissance Academy has sponsored more than 29 high-end, small-sized excursions designed for the adult, senior and retiree traveler. Through unique, custom itineraries, participants have the opportunity to visit historic and cultural sites with outstanding local guides, to experience another culture – its customs, cuisine, language and history.

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The Bonita Springs open house will be held at the Brooks Commons Club at 9930 Coconut Road in Bonita Springs on Friday, January 10 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The open house is free, but RSVP is encouraged by calling 425-3272.

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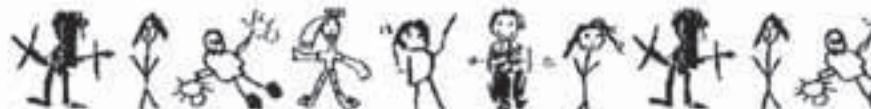
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Jahi McMath Brings Up Questions About Living Wills



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

Those following the news have likely heard about the 13-year-old San Francisco girl, Jahi McMath, who has been declared brain dead following complications arising out of surgery to remove her tonsils and adenoids. Apparently the surgery was prescribed to treat sleep apnea. During the surgery she experienced massive blood loss, leading to brain damage and a heart attack from which she has not recovered.

After a court-appointed neurologist declared the young girl brain dead, the Children's Hospital Oakland wanted to remove her from life support. Jahi's parents fought in court to continue the life support, and have won the right to move her to an assisted living facility that is willing to keep her on life support.

This tragic case begs the question as to the point in time when life no longer exists. Bioethicists argue in blogs and newspaper articles whether Jahi will ever recover, as well as the ethics behind both keeping Jahi on life support or removing her. One can only imagine the heartache that this young girl's parents must be experiencing.

Because this girl is a minor, she could not have signed a legal document such as a living will, which would indicate her choices in the event of these terrible circumstances. But those of you who are adults reading this column have that choice, so in this column I'm going to review how a living will would work with an adult in this circumstance who has signed one. Since we're here in Florida, I'll be applying Florida law.

Living wills aren't foolproof, but they do provide your direction in the event of an end-stage life support issue. Even with a living will, questions remain as to when the preconditions are satisfied that would result in the termination of life support.

Florida law enables individuals who are in a terminal condition, end-stage condition, or in a persistent vegetative state to direct life prolonging procedures to be discontinued, so long as two physicians have determined that there is "no reasonable medical probability of one's recovery from said condition, and where the medical procedures would only serve to prolong artificially the process of dying." Once those factors have been determined, the administration of medication or the performance of medical procedures deemed necessary to provide comfort, care or to alleviate pain may continue.

The problem rests in the subjective nature of the determination itself. "Terminal condition" is defined under the statute as a condition caused by injury, disease or illness from which there is no

reasonable medical probability of recovery and which, without treatment, can be expected to cause death.

"End-stage condition" means, under the statute, "an irreversible condition that is caused by injury, disease or illness which has resulted in progressively severe and permanent deterioration, and which, to a reasonable degree of medical probability, treatment of the condition would be ineffective."

"Persistent vegetative state" means "a permanent and irreversible condition of unconsciousness in which there is the absence of voluntary action or cognitive behavior of any kind, or an inability to communicate or interact purposefully with the environment."

Reasonable people could certainly disagree as to when any of the above conditions are satisfied. Florida law provides that the surrogate named in the living will has legal standing to prevent a doctor or hospital from carrying out the living will where the surrogate differs with the opinions of the physicians. In such event, a legal process is set forth under the law that must be followed. So who you name to act on your behalf is important. They should know what you would want in various circumstances.

As medical science advances, the decisions related to carrying out end-stage heroics becomes more difficult. Because of this, it is now more important than ever to have a valid living will in place that outlines what every individual would want to happen. While we all must take a leap of faith that those making the determination whether we have met the preconditions are making accurate judgment calls, the alternative is not any better.

Most state laws, including Florida's, provide for a legal process where there is no living will. In such case, extrinsic evidence, such as discussions that have occurred regarding these issues, may be admitted into evidence before a court. This is what happened in the Terri Schiavo case. In that case Mrs. Schiavo's husband and parents fought it out in court whether her life support should be continued or removed.

Thankfully, most of the time a living will is not necessary at the end of life for most people. Nevertheless, these occasional news events remind us that having an up-to-date living will is essential.

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband and I were both born and educated in the Midwest. After we married we moved to many parts of the country due to his company's transfers. The final move was to North Carolina. Ten years later we retired and stayed.

We have always talked about going back to our roots and now is the time to get very serious about making the move.

My husband is very eager to go and I am very hesitant. I hate to leave friends, doctors, dentist and a social life to go back to a place we haven't even visited

for years. Our old friends are no longer there, they have moved or passed on, and I hate to leave this wonderful climate for ice and snow! Do others have these concerns?

Verna

Dear Verna,

Many people fantasize that going back to their roots that they will find life exactly as they left it.

It just doesn't work that way.

You have matured and changed in ways you don't realize and you may be very disappointed.

My suggestion would be to rent a furnished condo or try and stay for a three-month period in a retirement complex and try to include some winter months in that time. If you still want to make it permanent, move and go for it.

Lizzie

Dear Verna,

Finding a social life and health care in some areas can be very difficult.

I agree with everything Mom has said. She has given you perfect advice. I can't add anything more

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

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Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I have been thinking of getting a pet as I have been stressed and I hear that pets can help reduce stress. I live alone and I really want a companion. Does having a pet really reduce stress?

A: Research does show that having a pet can not only reduce stress, but is healing and offers such wonderful companionship, especially since you live alone. Love is the greatest cure for stress and pets offer loving support in many ways.

Holding a kitten, rubbing a dog's stomach or receiving a surprise kiss from a furry friend warms any heart and takes the edge off a bad day. We all need to be loved as well as express love regularly. If stress is life's toxin, than love is the antidote and house pets offer an unlimited supply of this cure.

You might want to take into consideration what kind of pet you want, especially if you do work. Cats tend to be pretty independent and dogs need a little more time spent taking them out for walks and the larger dogs need a lot of exercise. If you are considering adopting a pet, there are many shelters with dogs and cats waiting for a home.

All the best to you in your selection and enjoyment of your new pet for many years to come.✱

Eden Energy Medicine

Resolve To Strengthen Your Heart Energy



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

The November 2013 issue of *Bottom Line Personal* extols the benefits of Energy Medicine, stating that it works. So, why not start off this new year with

some practices that will boost your heart energy, the biggest generator of electricity in the body. Of course, we are all electromagnetic beings, so every cell of our body has an electrical charge – all influenced by the energy of the heart. The Electric Energy System is one of the nine systems that Eden Energy Medicine addresses. By accessing the electric system, we are able to make subtle energy shifts on the deepest levels.

The next several weeks will be devoted to providing tools to help the energetic balance of your heart, and thus your entire being. Let's begin with an exercise to help improve your "internal compass," especially beneficial if you are feeling lost or disconnected with others and yourself. This technique provides instant revitalization, bringing you home to yourself. Here is the technique:

- Stretch forehead to open and clear energies
- Place thumbs on liver neurovascular points (located at hairline above the center of eyes)
- Place middle fingers on the inside edge of eyebrows at the inside edge of each eye socket.
- Hold thumbs and middle fingers in this position 5 to 20 minutes. You will begin to feel shifts occurring and after taking several deep sighs, you will know you are finished.

- End by making small figure 8s over forehead to stabilize the shifts

Another technique to assist if experiencing any heart dis-ease – whether arrhythmia, circulation issues, blood pressure, etc. – is to hold the heart source point. There are source points associated with each meridian. Source points are acupressure points that act as reservoirs of energy directly associated with the organ itself, enabling a boost or removal of energy from the organ, in this case, the heart. By holding these points for several minutes, you will immediately notice a shift of energy that has a calming impact on the heart's energy. The heart source point is located on the inside of the wrist crease in line with the little finger. So if you bend your wrist and look at the soft underside of your arm, you will notice two prominent tendons in the middle of your arm above the wrist crease. Between these tendons and the outer edge of the soft part of the arm there is another small tendon right at the crease. This is the heart source point. By holding this source point for several minutes (use the middle finger) until you feel a strong pulse, the dis-ease will calm. Try it; it works and you are shifting your own subtle energies to improve your health and vitality.

The last tip for this week is to bite down on both little fingers at the base of the nail beds. If you feel disease of the heart, panic, hysteria, etc., this technique assists in sending energy right into the heart since it is the end of the heart meridian on the inside edge of the nail bed and the outside edge of the nail bed is the small intestine, its paired meridian partner.

Have fun with your energy. Next week's topic is New Year Resolution – Strengthen Your Heart Energy, Part II.

If you have a questions for Karen, email her at SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com. Learn more at www.semmanenergy.com. EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.✱



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dearPharmacist

Is Your Daughter At Risk for Cervical Cancer?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: My daughter has cervical dysplasia, and I'm wondering if the HPV vaccine will protect her from getting cancer. Will it? How can a young woman protect against this cancer?

JD, Silver Springs, Florida

No, it's never been proven to prevent cancer. The HPV vaccine Gardasil protects against two strains of HPV, human papilloma virus, but there are approximately 40 strains that can be sexually transmitted. I couldn't possibly know what your daughter has been infected with, and for that matter, if she has been infected at all. You don't have to have HPV to have dysplasia, that is a big surprise to most people.

The commercials for vaccines have convinced almost everyone that cervical dysplasia is caused by a virus, the HPV virus, but other situations can cause it to.

I didn't vaccinate my daughter when

she was of age, but the topic if vaccination is personal. Some women don't get any side-effects while others react profoundly with life-threatening reactions. From the Gardasil website, "The side-effects include pain, swelling, itching, bruising and redness at the injection site, headache, fever, nausea, dizziness, vomiting and fainting. Fainting can happen after getting Gardasil. Sometimes people who faint can fall and hurt themselves. For this reason, your child's health care professional may ask them to sit or lie down for 15 minutes after they get Gardasil. Some people who faint might shake or become stiff."

Cervical dysplasia means there is extra cell growth in the cervical tissue; it doesn't necessarily progress to cancer. In fact, most of the time it does not. The risk factors that could cause it to progress to cancer faster include having multiple sexual partners, long-term use of oral contraceptive (more than five years), drinking alcohol, smoking, eating poorly, having unprotected sex, and low immunity.

One other factor is huge, but rarely discussed, and that includes a methylation defect, which has to do with B vitamins. You should read that article on folate and methylation posted at my website, Methylation Problem Leads to 100s of Diseases. If you have a methylation problem, your daughter probably does too.

Many doctors use the "wait and see" approach if a woman gets an abnormal pap. I strongly disagree because the

virus is present and already causing abnormal cell growth in the cervix. Wait and see what?

This is precisely the time to step in and do something to reduce your risk of cancer. You have many treatment options, medications and procedures, even simple things. For example, folate and B12 status can be determined and corrected (I'm telling you, read that methylation article!). Stop smoking/drinking, evaluate vitamin A status because low serum retinol levels are linked to cervical cancer. One study

found that broccoli extract indole 3-carbinol could cause regression of cervical dysplasia. I'm out of space here, but I have more I want to tell you. Get my free newsletter (dearpharmacist.com) and I'll email a longer version of this in two weeks.

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. ✨

Personal Trainer Course

Edison State College Continuing Education is offering a prep course for individuals who wish to become certified ACE (American Council on Exercise) personal trainers starting January 28. This course, which runs through March 13, is designed to give students the knowledge and understanding necessary to prepare for the certification exam.

Students who complete this course can assess an individual's level of fitness using the recommended guidelines of ACE. They can also design and customize exercise programs for individuals based on their current fitness level, future needs and fitness goals. They will also be able to demonstrate proper execution of all types of exercises from free weights to strength machines as well as proper stretching and isometric exercise techniques.

This 45-hour course is completed through 30 hours of lecture, nine hours of practical gym training, and six hours of study sessions for the exam. Classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The information provided in this course will help students learn how to facilitate rapport, adherence, self-efficacy and behavior change in clients, as well as how to design programs that will help improve posture, movement, flexibility, balance, core function, cardio respiratory fitness and muscular endurance and strength. Adult CPR and AED is required prior taking the certification exam.

Space is limited and advance registration and payment are required. To register, or to learn more about this course, call 433-6963 or visit www.edison.edu/ce/institutes/2. ✨

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Three sessions will be offered at The Community House this season:

- Tuesday, January 21 at 10 a.m. – Suddenly Single at 50-Something: Now What? This session is designed for men and women who find themselves single again and want to find the right person to share the next 30 years of life with.

- Tuesday, February 18 at 10 a.m. – Thriving In The Midst Of Change explores the process we go through when we deal with significant life events, such as retirement or divorce. Participants come away with knowledge and tools they can use immediately to navigate through those difficult times.

- Tuesday, March 18 at 3 p.m. – Is Your Relationship Portfolio Ready For Retirement? Over the past two decades, the divorce rate among people 50 to 65 has increased dramatically. Now that couples have reached the stage in their lives when they can spend more time

together, relationships either grow closer or totally fall apart. You will learn how to make yours thrive.

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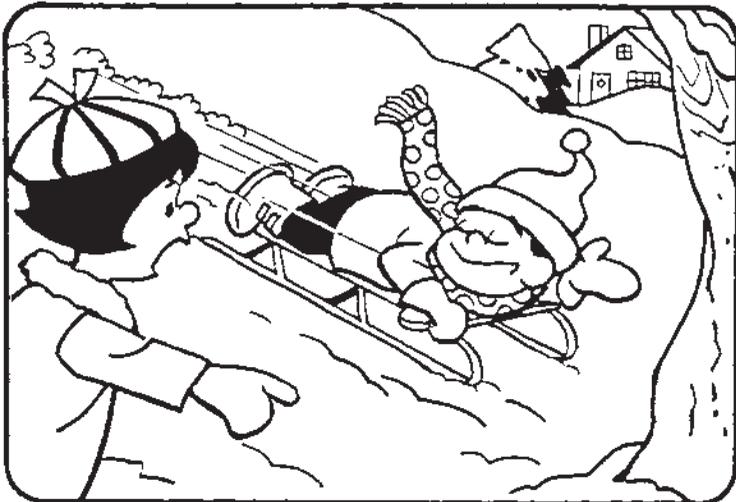
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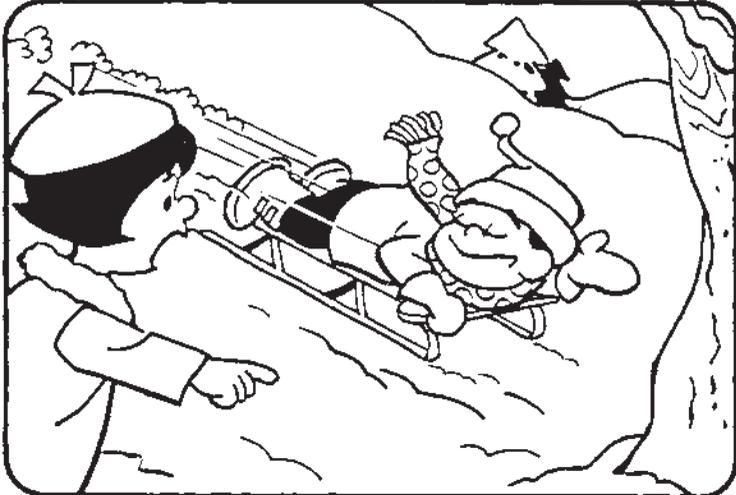
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Palm Gardens	Fort Myers	1954	3,130	\$1,495,000	\$1,350,000	238
Sanibel Estates	Sanibel	2006	3,590	\$1,150,000	\$1,100,000	154
Idlewilde	Bonita Springs	2004	3,050	\$699,900	\$712,000	10
Matanzas Pointe	Fort Myers Beach	1999	2,481	\$544,876	\$510,000	204
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2005	3,026	\$575,000	\$500,000	104
Town & River	Fort Myers	1969	2,476	\$489,000	\$444,000	6
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1999	2,463	\$450,000	\$425,000	374
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2000	3,329	\$435,000	\$425,000	146
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2013	2,307	\$438,000	\$419,900	150
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2006	2,762	\$429,000	\$415,000	4

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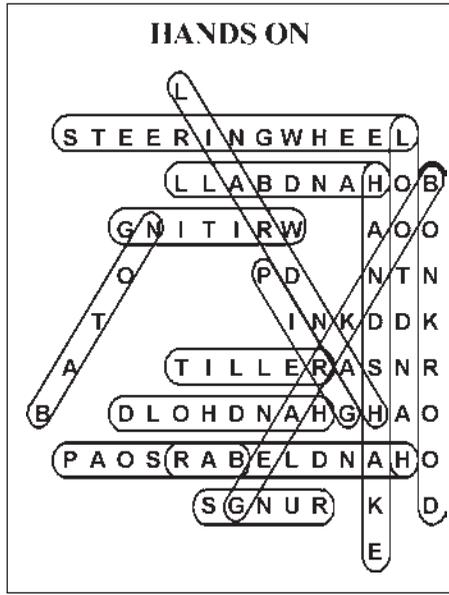
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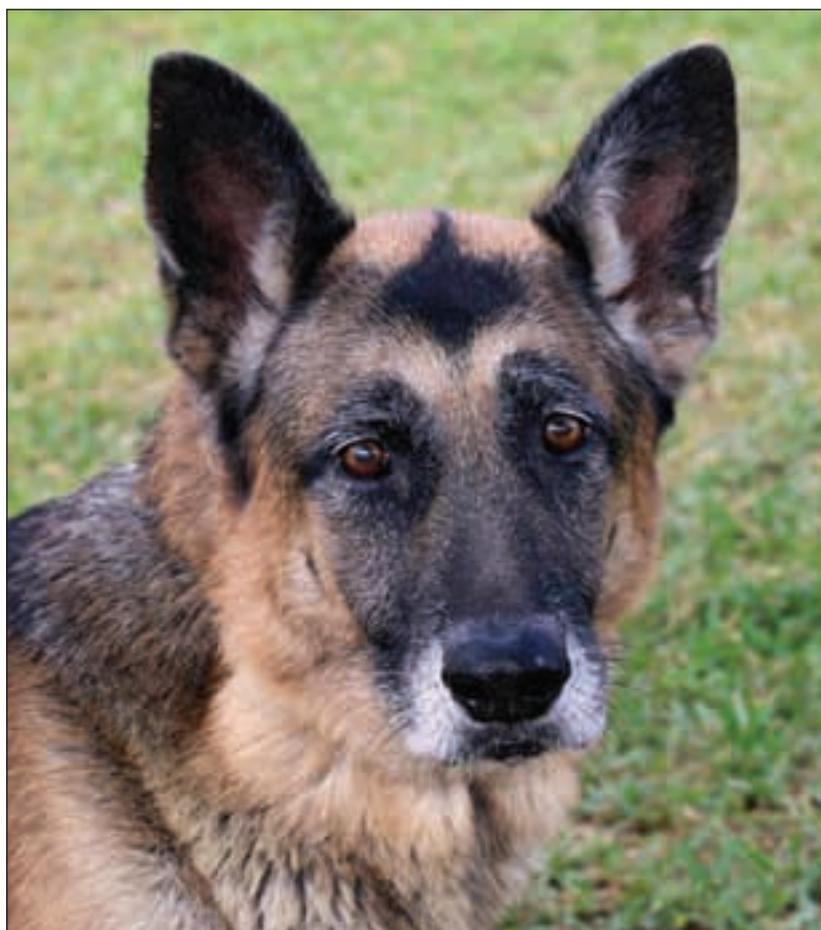
My name is Eponine and I'm two years old. Have you made your New Year's resolution yet? My resolution is to be part of a new family, and the sooner the better. I've been in a foster home and at the shelter for several months now. I'm a great little cat and will be a super companion. My adoption fee is \$25 (\$25 off the regular adoption fee of \$50 during Animal Services' adoption promotion).

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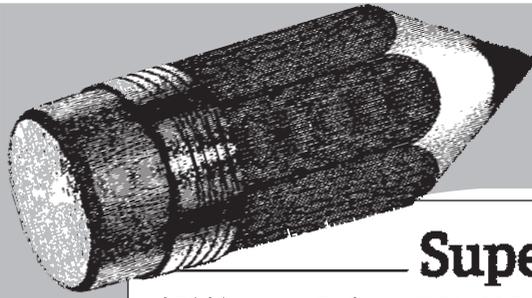
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Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation)	472-2329



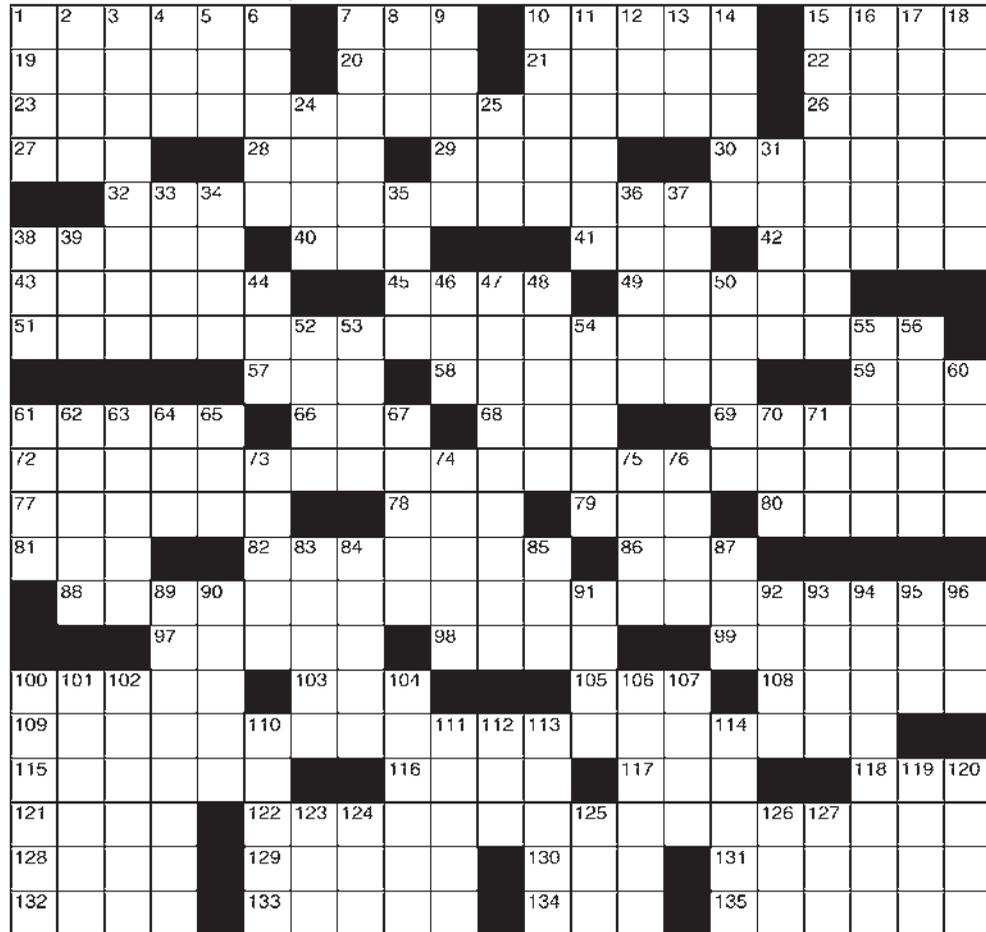
BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword

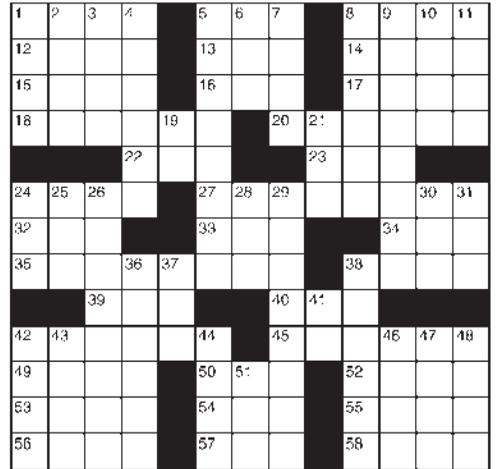
CANINE NOTABLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shackle
 - 7 Sweeper, for short
 - 10 Allegation
 - 15 Steep, rugged cliff
 - 19 Imprudent
 - 20 Anger
 - 21 Burly
 - 22 Mister, in Munster
 - 23 Canine "Midnight Rider" singer?
 - 26 Have — in one's bonnet
 - 27 Having the flu, e.g.
 - 28 Prefix with sex or cycle
 - 29 Opera feature
 - 30 Making a gondola go
 - 32 Canine "Highway to Heaven" co-star?
 - 38 Zoo heavyweight
 - 40 19th of 24 Greek letters
 - 41 Cager Ming
 - 42 Examines
 - 43 Sponge up
 - 45 See 44-Down
 - 49 Davenport and divan
 - 51 Canine 2004 presidential hopeful?
 - 57 Trio less one
 - 58 Supermarket scanner input
 - 59 "Hulk" director Ang
 - 61 Grainy, as beer or ale
 - 66 "Fear Factor" ailer
 - 68 By way of
 - 69 Hemingway or Tubb
 - 72 Canine "Memoirs of a Geisha" novelist?
 - 77 "American " (Richard Gere film)
 - 78 Legendary coach
 - 79 Patriotic women's org.
 - 80 Moisten, as a turkey
 - 81 Same: Prefix
 - 82 Heartaches
 - 86 "Get him, Fido!"
 - 88 Canine "On the Waterfront" Oscar winner?
 - 97 "That's easy for you —!"
 - 98 Auld lang —
 - 99 Pope after Adrian I
 - 100 Weed killer brand
 - 103 Backwoods negative
 - 105 No longer active: Abbr.
 - 108 Averages
 - 109 Canine 1995-2009
 - 118 Pennsylvania congressman?
 - 115 Port on Lake Erie
 - 116 Disaster relief org.
 - 117 Stew morsel
 - 118 Gobbled up
 - 121 The "I" of RPI: Abbr.
 - 122 Canine three-time Daytona 500 winner?
 - 128 "Garfield" canine
 - 129 Central Florida city
 - 130 Ethane, e.g.
 - 131 "No lie!"
 - 132 D.C. ball club
 - 133 Alpine warble
 - 134 Lyrical poem
 - 135 Twitches
 - 2 Carbon compound
 - 3 Around 93-Down
 - 4 Twitch
 - 5 That, in León
 - 6 Snip anew
 - 7 Meredith, formerly of "Today"
 - 8 Abbr. at JFK
 - 9 Joker player
 - 10 Sequence
 - 11 Extreme folly
 - 12 "Near — can tell ..."
 - 13 DDE's nickname
 - 14 "Skip to —" (kids' tune)
 - 15 Ninth-century king called "the Bald"
 - 16 Makes a new proposal
 - 17 Response to "Am so!"
 - 18 Rocker Allman and pitcher Olson
 - 24 Muscle woe
 - 25 Paid intro?
 - 31 "I do" setting
 - 33 Hip to
 - 34 Popped top
 - 35 Great angor
 - 36 Simply must
 - 37 Greeted the villain
 - 38 Rule, in India
 - 39 "True Blood" ailer
 - 44 With 45-Across, recuperation aid
 - 46 Peter out
 - 47 Toil
 - 48 Shroud city
 - 50 Less limited
 - 52 Ladder part
 - 53 Film prelix with Cop
 - 54 Virtual greeting
 - 55 Mtn. statistics
 - 56 Zero out
 - 60 To bc, to Fili
 - 61 Biblical trio
 - 62 Crop up
 - 63 State's #2 exec.
 - 64 E'en if
 - 65 Brynner on Broadway
 - 67 Irish county
 - 70 BBQ meat bit
 - 71 Tchr.'s union
 - 73 Parks and Ponselle
 - 74 Metal debris
 - 75 Part of NE
 - 76 Daily Chi-Town paper
 - 83 Chimp kin
 - 84 Qatari money
 - 85 Ungodliness
 - 87 Disney frame
 - 89 Jocks
 - 90 Copied cattle
 - 91 "I, Claudius" role
 - 92 Contact lens cleaner brand
 - 93 Midday
 - 94 Show times
 - 95 Hoop part
 - 96 Belittle, in rap
 - 100 Alternative
 - 101 The Beach Boys' "Help Me, —"
 - 102 Semihard, mild cheese
 - 104 — ball (game played with a plastic bat)
 - 106 Unveil
 - 107 After that
 - 110 "But there is — in Mudville ..."
 - 111 Actor George
 - 112 Med. group
 - 113 City in North Dakota
 - 114 Refuge
 - 119 Squad
 - 120 Has it wrong
 - 123 Prefix with tour or type
 - 124 In thing
 - 125 Family guy
 - 126 Sci-fi ability
 - 127 Old rival of United



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Persian bigwig
 - 5 Corn core
 - 8 Donahue or Collins
 - 12 Little, in La Scala
 - 13 Regret
 - 14 Logical
 - 15 Deserve
 - 16 Table scrap
 - 17 Differently
 - 18 Guiding principles
 - 20 Grown-ups
 - 22 "Help!"
 - 23 Tokyo's old name
 - 24 Crazy
 - 27 Roared
 - 32 Id counterpart
 - 33 Acapulco gold
 - 34 Geological period
 - 35 Delighted (in)
 - 38 Nervous
 - 39 Writer Deighton
 - 40 Follow
 - 42 Catchphrase
 - 45 Expectorant drug
 - 49 "The Music Man" locale
 - 50 Personal
 - 52 Gospel writer
 - 53 Help a hood
 - 54 Periodical, for short
 - 55 Eye part
 - 56 Fashion
 - 57 Type measures
 - 58 Fender bender
 - 7 Next after alpha
 - 8 Fake
 - 9 Consecrated
 - 10 "Meet Me — Louis"
 - 11 Dregs
 - 19 Accomplish
 - 21 First st.
 - 24 Morning moisture
 - 25 Khan title
 - 26 Ensued
 - 28 Preceding
 - 29 Inn offerings
 - 30 Work unit
 - 31 Rotation duration
 - 36 Official emissary
 - 37 — budget
 - 38 There may be a shadow on it
 - 41 Movie with a balloon-borne house
 - 42 "The King and I" locale
 - 43 Timber wolf
 - 44 Iditarod terminus
 - 46 Remedy
 - 47 Similar
 - 48 "— la vie"
 - 51 Hardly ruddy
- DOWN**
- 1 Detail, for short
 - 2 Frost
 - 3 Farm fraction
 - 4 Sincere
 - 5 Medieval weapon
 - 6 "— Town"



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 W U T S M Q P N L I N K D D K
 J A H F E T I L L E R A S N R
 B C A D L O H D N A H G H A O
 Y P A O S R A B E L D N A H O
 X V U S Q P S G N U R N K M D
 K J H F E C B Z Y X V U E T R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Bar soap
- Grip
- Handlebar
- Steering wheel
- Baton
- Hand tool
- Handrail
- Tiller
- Doorknob
- Handball
- Handshake
- Writing
- Gear knob
- Handhold
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