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Nao Victoria

Magellan's Ship Kicks Off U.S. Tour In Fort Myers Beach

The National Air, Sea and Space Foundation will launch the *Nao Victoria* Experience Tall Ship Event in Fort Myers Beach on Thursday, February 13. Fort Myers is the first stop in a nationwide tour for the 16th century-era *Nao*, which will include other visits to seaports throughout Florida and the United States.

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The Piano Men Coming To Sanibel



Jim Witter in Piano Men

The Piano Men starring Jim Witter will perform a selection of songs by Billy Joel and Elton John on February 8 at 8 p.m.

In addition to Witter, The Piano Men includes musicians on keyboards, guitar, bass, flute, sax and drums who will recreate an entire decade of hits, beginning with *Your Song* during the multimedia concert. The performance uses rear-screen projection with iconic images of the time, such as newspaper headlines, automobiles, people, events, toys and even the TV shows that shaped the 1970s.

Dove Award-nominee and recording artist Jim Witter explained the concept behind the concert during a 2013 interview with the *Reedsburg Times-Press*. "This is a total baby boomer show. I made it for myself. I really tailored it after my greatest memories,

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Council Delays Decision On Bus Parking Ordinance Until March

by Jeff Lysiak

The second reading of a traffic ordinance prohibiting the parking, stopping or standing of a bus, van or other motor vehicles for passenger embarking or disembarking was again continued for another month.

On Tuesday, Mayor Kevin Ruane requested that Ordinance 13-009, which would have also included a public hearing, be put off until the next meeting. He explained that the continuance will allow more time for city staff to gather information and make modifications to the proposed legislation.

Additionally, staff will meet with the Sanibel Police chief to discuss safety concerns as well as identify areas proposed for bus drop-off and pick-up locations within city-owned parking lots.

"We've got to do a little bit more homework," said council member Marty Harrity.

In January, action on the ordinance was delayed due, in part, to the absence of Councilman Jim Jennings.

Council members voted unanimously, 5-0, in favor of continuing the ordinance.

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

Also on Tuesday, several members of the Mariner Pointe, Tennisplace and Yacht Haven condominium associations requested delaying the date for full compliance with the city's dark skies ordinance, explaining that the biggest issues relate to both the safety and security of the residents.

One homeowner noted the expenses associated with bringing the properties into compliance were prohibitive, saying that upgrading a single condo complex was esti-



Steve Brown, second from right, accepts a city proclamation recognizing the American Heart Association and the Sanibel Heart, Stroke & Wellness Walk, to be held on Sunday, February 9 at 2 p.m. Also pictured, from left: Nola Theiss, Carole Fallon, Sandy Teger and Mayor Kevin Ruane

mated at \$50,000. However, he also suggested that they were "willing to comply with reasonable standards."

Ruane asked City Manager Judie Zimomra to provide council documents related to the ordinance in order to bring everybody "up to speed." Vice Mayor Doug Congress asked Ruane if he wanted to designate someone to become the "point-person" on the issue, but the mayor responded, "Let's get our arms around this first."

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CARD OF THANKS

Kyler Kouril, Kenny Kouril, Council Member Mick Denham, Max Stone, Vice Mayor Doug Congress and Charlie Stone

This past Monday was a special day for the Webelos Scouts of Cub Scouts Pack 140; they were invited to Sanibel City Hall. The visit was an important part of helping the scouts complete their requirements to earn their Citizenship Badge for Webelos 1 ranking. They were welcomed by Vice Mayor Doug Congress, Council Member Mick Denham, Building Official Harold Law, City Manager Judie Zimomra and Executive Assistant Sara Tabor. After learning about how the City of Sanibel operates, the boys were given a tour of the facility and grounds.

Many thanks to everyone at Sanibel City Hall from Cub Scouts Pack 140.

Cub Scouts Pack 140 serves the Sanibel-Fort Myers area and meets on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church in Fort Myers.✿

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Sheriff To Speak To League Of Women Voters

Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott will speak on the stand your ground legislation, its history and effect on Lee County residents when he addresses the Sanibel League of Women Voters February 18 at noon at Sundial Resort, Sanibel.

When Scott took charge of the sheriff's office in 2004 following a 62 percent mandate in that election, he became just the 12th person to oversee the agency since 1887. He was re-elected by large margins in the primary and general elections of 2008 and again in 2012.

The North Fort Myers High School graduate and third generation native of Lee County has seen many changes over the years. His family's roots date back to 1910 and Scott, 50, still lives in North Fort Myers with his wife of 26 years, Krista. Daughters Lindsay and Mackenzie are both in college.

Sheriff Scott is a 1985 graduate from the University of South Florida and holds a master's degree in business administration. He also holds numerous law enforcement certifications from specialized training over the years. In June 2010, he graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and was selected by his 260 classmates to give the commencement speech along side the FBI director.



Sheriff Mike Scott

Sheriff Scott has served during the very best and very worst economic conditions Southwest Florida has experienced, which have provided a wide variety of challenges.

The cost is \$25 and reservations, payable to LWV-Sanibel, may be mailed to PO Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957. For further information email Ellen O'Neill, program chair, at eoneill805@gmail.com.✿

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Looking Back:

Early Tarpon Fishing On Captiva



The Captiva Island Historical Society, which will debut the new History Room inside the Captiva Community Center soon, is presenting the history of the islands with a series of vintage photographs. In this third image, 'Buzz' (F. Bowman) Price, his daughter, Dorothy Price, and Captain Stran after catching a huge tarpon in the early 1900s. Price and his wife, Grace Price, established 'Tween Waters Inn in 1931. Captain Stran was a resident fishing guide on the island. His wife, Clara Stran, owned a gift shop on Captiva.

photo: archives of the Captiva Island Historical Society

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10 Historical Facts About Our Islands Identified On The Map

1. Sanibel was settled in 1884 and incorporated in 1974.
2. Captiva was settled in 1888 by William Binder, the first homesteader.
3. The Sanibel Lighthouse was first operational in 1884.
4. The Kinzie Brothers ferry from the mainland to Sanibel was first established in 1926.
5. Ann Morrow Lindbergh wrote *Gift From The Sea* on Captiva in the early 1950s.
6. The Chapel By The Sea circa 1903 was first a schoolhouse for island children.
7. The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1945.
8. Clarence Chadwick established a Key Lime Plantation in 1923 on land home-steeded by G.W. Carter in 1898. That land is now South Seas Island Resort.
9. The mail boat *Santiva* ran from 1927 to 1963, ceasing operations a few months after the causeway opened on May 26, 1963.
10. Casa Ybel – formerly “The Sisters” – began welcoming guests in 1885.

“This map is a piece of fine art and a real collectible,” said Paul Roshberg, owner of Sanibel Art & Frame. “We are proud to display the map and help the Captiva Historical Society with this fundraiser for the Captiva History Gallery at the Captiva Library opening in March of 2014.”

The Historical Map of Captiva & Sanibel is available for purchase unframed for \$350 and framed for \$650. The map can be seen and purchased at Sanibel Art & Frame, 630 Tarpon Bay Road. For more information, call the CIHS at 472-2323.**

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Secret Signals Seminar

Holly Maiz and Virginia Jones will offer the second Secret Signals Wednesday Wisdom Seminar, Celebrate Yourself, at The Community House on Sanibel. This seminar on February 12 at 5:30 p.m., will explore how a celebratory sense enhances our overall health and well being. Practical knowledge and playful activities will encourage participants to embrace mystery, remember magic and create meaning.

At the heart of all celebration is an attitude of honoring. What happens if the focus of celebration becomes more personal? What impact would it have to plan day-to-day living in a celebratory way? Experiencing and designing each day as a “personal party” that embodies the vitality and spontaneity of childhood can reignite a passionate engagement in living, they say.

Negative or stress-related emotions activate a cascade of chemicals that have been linked to diseases or dysfunctions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, chronic pain and mental health disorders. In our fast-paced, fear-based culture, the over-activated “flight or flight response” can be balanced by consciously choosing a celebratory approach.

Maiz and Jones, Sanibel residents, are professors of psychophysiology. To register, call or text 699-4545 or 898-1047 or use “contact us” at www.SecretSignals.net. Early registration is \$20, at the door, \$25.**

American Legion

On Sunday, February 9, a barbecue ribs and chicken dinner will be available from 1 to 8 p.m., price \$12 to \$14, and there will be live music with Robby Hutto from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The legion's general meeting is slated for Wednesday, February 12 at 6 p.m.

Every Wednesday we offer Hump Day specials are offered.

The 8-ball pool league is in session every Monday at 5 p.m. and Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Players are welcome and must be members.

A 6-ounce ribeye steak sandwich is available every Friday all day, along with half-pound burgers and daily specials. The public is welcome.

The legion is open Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 472-9979.**

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Sailor's valentines available at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village

Heart-Shaped Sailor's Valentines At Historical Village

The gift shop at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, located in the Old Bailey Store, carries the perfect gift for Valentine's Day: heart-shaped sailor's valentines made in the United States.

The artists are Jim and Rose Prestigiacomo of Texas. Rose loves seashells and her husband Jim loves wood – a perfect combination for creating sailor's valentines.

"I've been fascinated with seashells from the time I was old enough to go beach-combing with my father," Rose said. "I've had a flair for arts and crafts for as long as I can remember, so when I first spotted a sailor's valentine in a shop on Sanibel Island, I knew immediately that I needed to make my own one day."

Rose draws her inspiration not only from the traditional geometric patterns used in the valentines sold to sailors passing through Barbados in the 19th century but also from the more ornate floral patterns being created by contemporary artists.

Jim started making octagonal sailor's valentine display boxes, and as his wood shop advanced, so did the quality and precision of his work. He now creates exotic hardwood frames in a variety of shapes, including heart-shaped.

The sailor's valentines range from about \$55 to \$155.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are free. For more information, call 472-4648 during museum hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.

Presentation On Managing Your Brain

Managing Your Brain: A Guide to Better Health, Wealth and Happiness with Richard Yanke will be held at the Sanibel Public Library on Thursday, February 13 at 2 p.m.

Yanke is the owner of Executive Management Solutions, a business tech-

nology consultancy. He also serves as a business counselor for SCORE of Naples and sits on the board of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. He has over 20 years of executive management experience in information technology, with multibillion dollar financial service organizations such as PNC Bank, Sky Bank, Three Rivers Bank and Seacoast National Bank, as well as large healthcare entities such as the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, public accounting firms, and higher education.

Yanke has a masters degree from Carnegie Mellon University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Project Management certification from the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

As an adjunct faculty member in the H. John Heinz III, College of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University, he designed and taught the core course in the Information Security graduate degree program. This curriculum was recently rated in the top two nationally by the *Wall Street Journal*. He is a nationally known lecturer and published writer.

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Conducted by Leif Bjaland, the Great Music of the Opera concert will focus on several renowned operatic composers, such as the magical *Overture to Cinderella* by Gioachino Antonio Rossini and the joyous *Symphony in C* by George Bizet. Iconic works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Giacomo Puccini will also be performed by the winner of the 2013 Prescott Music Award, Lauren Davis during the Southwest Florida Symphony.

The final concert in the series, Mendelssohn Marathon, will be performed at 8 pm on Wednesday, March 26. In a musical mini-marathon dedicated to Felix Mendelssohn, the concert will feature an array of romantic compositions, including works inspired by the symphonic poem *Fingal's Cave* and the *Scotch Symphony*. The performance will also include *The Fair Melusina Overture* and *Midsummer Night's Dream Overture*.

Individual tickets for each concert are \$36 for adults and \$5 each for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and younger with the purchase of an adult ticket. Reserve all student and child tickets in advance to guarantee seating by calling the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

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Shell Show Judges Are Announced

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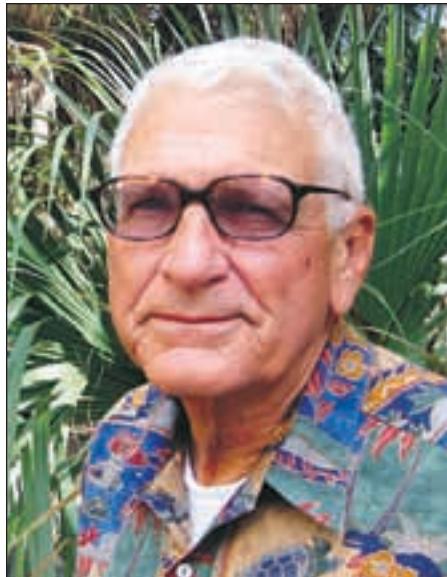
The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club announced the following highly respected individuals chosen to judge the highly competitive show:

competitive show. Harry G. Lee, MD, of Jacksonville, Florida, began his pursuit of conchology at age six. Settling in Jacksonville in 1974, he practiced Internal medicine until his retirement in 2006. He is known for his remarkable memory regarding shell identification and data.

Dr. Lee is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London, Field Associate of the Florida Museum of Natural History and Vice President of the Conchologists of America (COA) as well as a Trustee of the Museum of Science and History (Jacksonville), having previously served in that capacity for the Paleontological Research Institution (Cornell University) and The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.

He is the author of *Marine Shells of Northeast Florida* (2009) and numerous scientific papers. He has judged the Sanibel show many times, and he will be holding shell identification clinics throughout the Shell Show in the Scientific Exhibit Hall.

Gary Schmelz, PhD, of Naples, has his Ph.D. in marine biology. He is the former director of the Big Cypress Nature Center and Director of Education for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.



Gary Schmelz, PhD



Robin Harris, PhD and Richard Batt, PhD

For his accomplishments in the field of environmental education, he received the Elsie M. B. Naumburg Award as the leading environmental educator in the United States in 1985. In 2007, Dr. Schmelz received the Howard Converse Award for his outstanding contributions to Florida Paleontology.

Dr. Schmelz is the author of *Journey to the Edge of Eden* (2012), and he has authored numerous natural history articles. To date, he has described 31 new species of fossil marine mollusks. Dr. Schmelz will be signing his books at the Author's Table in the Scientific Exhibit Hall during the Shell Show.

Hall during the Shell Show.

Drs. Richard Batt, PhD and Robin Harris, PhD, of North Tonawanda, New York, are experienced in both the artistic and scientific worlds. Both are Associate Professors at Buffalo State University in western New York. Rick teaches in the Earth Sciences Department. His specialty is paleontology. Robin is in Science Education, teaching new science teachers the latest in instructional design and teaching strategies.

Both have been shell collectors and appreciators all their lives. Known to their friends as "Battman and Robin," this unique husband and wife team seeks out artistic perfection. Rick has an eye for arrangement and placement. Robin's artistic focus is on three-dimensional art. Robin is one of few women in the world that make ship-in-bottles. She has curated and exhibited them at international shows. *

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Pulpit Exchange To Be Held On February 16, 21



Rev. Dr. John H.
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Rabbi Myra Soifer

A pulpit exchange will occur on Sunday, February 16 at 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m.; and on Friday, February 21 at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and Bat Yam Temple of the Islands, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and Bat Yam Temple of the Islands will co-host the pulpit exchange. Rabbi Myra Soifer will preach at the worship services (7:45, 9 and 11 a.m.) held on Sunday, February 16 while the Rev.

Dr. John H. Danner will preach at the Shabbat service held by the temple on Friday, February 21 at 8 p.m.

The church and the temple have a somewhat unique relationship as they share the same worship space. The church, founded in 1977, has been home to the temple since its inception in 1991. The two congregations have a long history of sharing worship and educational experiences.

Rabbi Soifer began her time with Bat Yam in January. She comes most recently from Reno, Nevada, where she served Temple Sinai for 25 years. One of the first 10 women ordained by the Reform movement of Judaism, she holds degrees from Lawrence University and Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati, Ohio).

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The public is invited to attend any of the involved services. The church and temple are located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For further information, call the church office at 472-0497 or visit either the church or temple websites at www.batyam.org or www.sanibelucc.org.

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The City of Sanibel has been designated the fourth safest city in Florida. To determine the 10 safest places in Florida, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) 2012 crime statistics were evaluated. The 202 cities in Florida with populations over 5,000 were each evaluated in the study. The study evaluated crimes in each community in three categories:

- Property crimes (theft, burglary, motor thefts)
- Violent crimes (rape, murder, theft)
- Chance a resident will be a victim of crime

Those criteria were weighted with a greater emphasis on violent crime, followed by property crime and then the

likelihood a resident would be a crime victim. Thus, violent crimes account for 50 percent of the ranking, property crimes account for 30 percent of the ranking and a resident's likelihood of being a crime victim accounts for 20 percent of the ranking.

To place the study in perspective, 421,192 crimes were committed in 2012, in the 202 cities analyzed. In 2012, 114 of these crimes occurred within the Sanibel city limits and none were violent crimes.

Other cities' rankings:

1. City of Parkland, 2. City of Weston, 3. City of Marco Island, 4. City of Sanibel, 5. City of Punta Gorda, 6. Town of Longboat Key, 7. Town of Bay Harbor Islands, 8. City of Niceville, 9. City of Valparaiso, 10. City of Groveland.

Sanibel Chief of Police Bill Tomlinson added, "We are a safe community

because our citizen's care and we work together in partnership with our residents and businesses. We encourage our community to report suspicious activity and vehicles, and they do. Crime prevention is the major focus of our department."

"Investments by the Sanibel City Council into best available technology, training and equipment support our safety initiatives. Furthermore, our police officers regularly meet with homeowner's associations and business owners to be certain that everyone understands that suspicious behaviors should be reported, and reported promptly to the police department," stated Sanibel City Manager Judith Zimomra.

In 2013, the Sanibel Police Department responded to 24,790 calls for service.*

Sanibel-Captiva Republicans

The next meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus will be at the Sanibel Public Library, room #4, on Saturday, February 8 at 9 a.m. The scheduled speaker is Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman. This will be an open meeting and the public is invited.

On October 29, 2013 Commissioner Hamman was appointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to fill a sudden vacancy in Lee County Commission

District 4. Hamman grew up in Cape Coral and graduated from Edison State College and Florida Gulf Coast University. He has worked in television, financing and market development. He is currently the commission's vice chairman and will be up for election in November.

Over the next few months Sanibel-Captiva Republicans will host a series of meetings to introduce candidates running for various positions in the upcoming primary elections.

Call Robb Moran at 472-9035 if you have any questions or would like more information regarding the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus.*

Arts & Crafts Fair

The Center 4 Life Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be handmade gifts by 35 local artists and craftspeople. A variety of items will be featured, including fused glass, jewelry, photographs, paintings, cards, tropical plant arrangements, books, shell crafts, pottery, jam, chutney, hats and purses, and fabric and hand-knit apparel. A hot dog lunch will be available.

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Bus Parking Ordinance

In other business:

• According to Ruane, the city expects Verizon Wireless to begin construction on its new cell phone tower off Donax Street "before the next city council meeting," and that the telecommunications company anticipated construction would last approximately six weeks.

• Barry Alan Roth, coordinator of the city's annual New Year's Eve Celebration, reported that this year's fundraiser for the Sanibel Recreation Center Financial Assistance Program raised \$52,700. The previous year, \$61,000 was raised.**



Mayor Kevin Ruane, right, reads a proclamation in recognition of the Sanibel Public Library's 20th anniversary at its Dunlop Road facility. Also pictured are members of the library staff and foundation board.



The Sanibel Bicycle Club was recognized during Tuesday's city council meeting for its 20th anniversary. Pictured with bike club members is Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane, right.

Civic Core Neighbors: Mayor Offers Meetings

by Jeff Lysiak

The question of whether a group of residents who live in a neighborhood adjacent to the proposed civic core master plan on Sanibel should be included in the preliminary discussions about the project was raised during the city council session on Tuesday.

Mayor Kevin Ruane, who explained that council members were waiting on reports related to traffic, drainage, density and intensity at the proposed site, questioned whether residents from the Periwinkle Pines subdivision should be included as stakeholders in the planning process. He said that he did not think so, but added that he did "appreciate the concerns" of those residents.

"At this point of the game, I think all of the people who are involved are involved," said Councilman Marty Harrity.

Last 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 public works department and the Sanibel Public Library.

Although the concept of a civic core on Sanibel has been discussed for years, no formal action has been taken regarding the most recent plan discussed.

After resident Gloria Hannon suggested that the city might be concealing details of a potential plan from the public, Harrity responded that there would be "total transparency" with any civic core proposal.

"I can assure you, there's nothing that you're not gonna know about," he said.

Ruane agreed, adding that the city will likely conduct "several special meetings"

before any formal proposed plan moves forward.

"Be assured that we are not going to do anything that will be a detriment to you," said Ruane. "We'll vet this, we'll talk about this, we're going to have a referendum on this."

Last month, Vice Mayor Doug Congress suggested that city staff create a flow chart detailing the timeline of the concept and plan. There has been no official date for completion of that timeline, nor any additional details of a plan released.

"Call me... I'll meet with you," Ruane told the Periwinkle Pines residents in the audience. "I've done it before and I'll do it again."**

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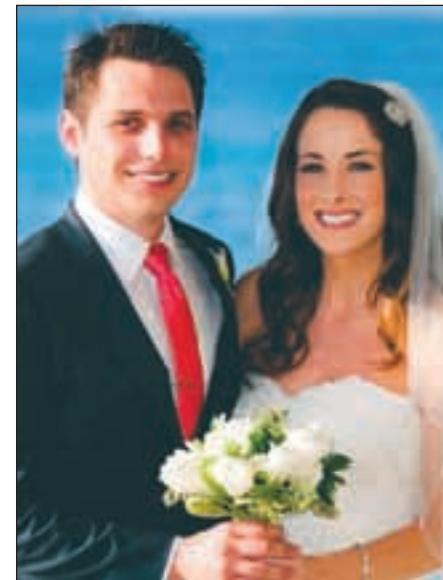
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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Christopher and Shelley Carella

Shelley Hayward Adler and Christopher Charles Carella were wed on January 5, 2014. The ceremony was held in a beautiful ocean-front gazebo at the Gallows Point Resort in St John, United States Virgin Islands. A celebratory dinner followed the vows at the Ocean Grill Restaurant in Cruz Bay.

The bride is the daughter of John and Elaine Adler of Sanibel Island. Shelley

was raised on Sanibel, graduated from the University of Florida and is currently the head of marketing for Yummly.com.

The groom, son of Paul and Rozz Carella, was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. Chris is a graduate of University of California Santa Barbara and is a sales executive for E and J Gallo Wine.

The couple resides in Palo Alto, California.*

Theological Study On Marriage

The Reverend Dr. John H. Danner of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will offer a three-week course called Tying the Knot: The History and Theology of Marriage. It will explore the many understandings of marriage throughout time.

Dr. Danner will present materials based on biblical understandings of marriage, marriage as understood in various religious and cultural settings, and the theological underpinnings of various marriage practices. The course will culminate in a discussion of the current debate over same-sex marriage.

Identical sessions will be at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays February 12, 19 and 26. The church is at 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

The course is open to the public.

For further information call the church office at 472-0497 or log onto www.sanibelucc.org.*

OBITUARY



WILLIAM E. WILSON

Bill Wilson died on January 15. He was 79, going on 50. His century was not achieved, nor was the elusive hole-in-one. However, other accomplishments during a lifetime, not least among them true friendships, brought him personal satisfaction and, very often, purposefully gave pleasure to others.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, he relocated to Southwest Florida in 1980. Never retired, his working life began of necessity at an early age, taking on a variety of jobs, from caddying to driving a deliv-

ery van, having only mastered first gear and minus a driver's license. Married at 17, his family grew to six much loved daughters. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War; after that, and advancing positions in sales, he found his passion while an associate in the jewelry department of the Lazarus store. He went on to be manager of an independent retail jeweler until he was recruited by Baumgold Brothers, a New York diamond cutter and sightholder, to sell loose diamonds throughout the U.S. He earned Gemological Institute of America (GIA) qualification.

In a brief hiatus after leaving Ohio for Florida, Bill tried out for the PGA Senior Tour – attempted in the spirit of nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Having cultivated an appreciation of all aspects of the jewelry industry over many years, and gaining an understanding of the elements of design and quality materials, he next put his hand to designing and crafting fine gold, starting a small company of his own. A natural aesthetic, transferred from the heart to the hand, took over and he made and distributed nautical and sea life designs to retailers in several states. In 1996, he and his partner, Tricia, started William E. Wilson Fine Jewelry Design on Sanibel, where he took great delight in sharing his love of diamonds, gems and jewelry design, engaging with every visitor to the store on any and all topics – often injecting golf tips into the conversation; and where valued and lasting friendships were forged.

Other enthusiasms, joyfully shared

with others, included sports, more golf, a little red wine and fast cars. His restored, frame-off, hot rod, luminous candy apple red 1963 Corvette was a dream fulfilled. Otherwise, his needs were simple, his enjoyment of life robust and his sense of humor irrepressible.

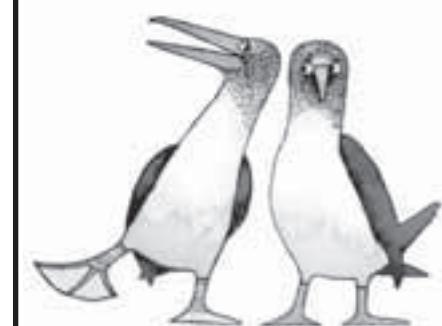
Bill was predeceased by his parents, Hiram and Martha Bell, sisters, Betty Thompson and Carole Raber, and his first wife, the mother of his children. He is survived by his brother Richard, sister Sondra, his daughters Diana Ansel, Christy deVuono (Steve), Kelli Wray, Traci Zavatsky, Kimberley Greten and Stephanie Wilson; several nieces and nephews and a prodigious number of grandchildren and great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Roberta Pombo and Charlene Black, and by his loving wife, Patricia Pombo Wilson.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Bill cared about the environment, animal welfare, alleviating suffering and basic human rights. If persons wish to honor his memory, contributions to a preferred charity or to any of the following organizations which he supported might be considered:

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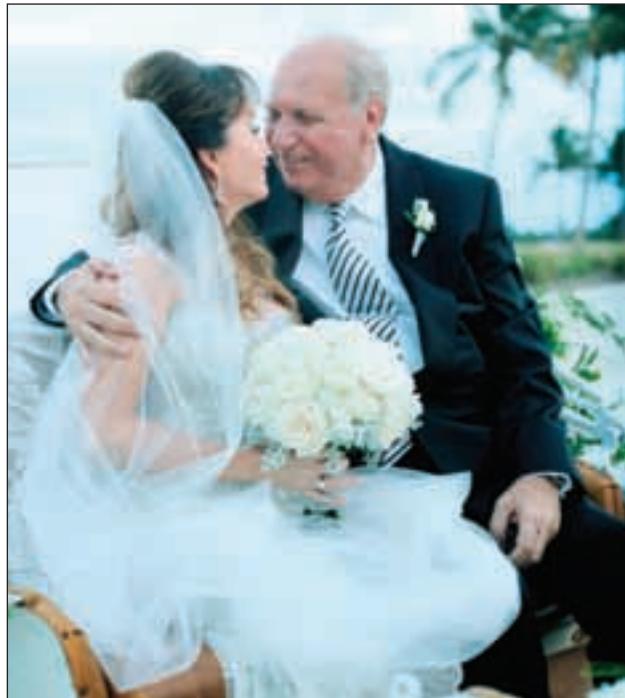
WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Helene Farrell of Columbia, Maryland and Michael Hall of The Plains, Virginia were married Sunday, November 10 at the Sunset Cove beach at Redfish Pass on South Seas Island Resort, Captiva. Pastor Daniel Lamey officiated. Danayde Fernandez was maid of honor and JC Hall was best man. Ring bearers were Noah Archibald and Michael Arnold. Flower girls were Elizabeth Eaton and Grace Archibald.

Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a gulf view sunset cocktail hour then gathered for dinner and dancing under the tent on the west lawn at South Seas.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Jack Farrell of Frederick, Maryland and Jane Coskren of Columbia, Maryland. She is a graduate of Towson University and worked as a cosmetics executive for 20 years before meeting her husband.

The groom is the CEO of MTH Management of Northern Virginia and has homes in The Plains, Virginia,



Helene Farrell and Michael Hall

Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

The couple were introduced by Steve and JoAnn Ward of Master Matchmakers. They will reside on Captiva Island and The Plains, Virginia.**



The Myakka River Blue Grass Band

Blue Grass Sunday Services

The 2nd annual Blue Grass Sunday will be held February 9 at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ worship services at 9 and 11 a.m. and will feature The Myakka River Blue Grass Band. Senior Pastor the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner will be preaching.

The Myakka River Blue Grass Band has been performing in the Southwest Florida area for several years and has played in a variety of settings including the historic Charlotte County courthouse and the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. The band includes bassist Jim Marshall. Marshall started playing acoustic instruments at 11 years of age.

He has played with a number of bands and founded The Myakka River Blue Grass Band in 2006. He is a retired train conductor, having worked on the CSX Railroad for 40 years. Fiddle player Jeff Cisco is a native of West Virginia. He has recorded with the Motor City Blue Grass Band in Detroit, Michigan. Guitarist Lonnie Meeker is an award winning string player and a graduate of The Blue Grass and Country Music Program at South Plains College in Texas. He was a founding member of the Union Station Band now fronted by Allison Krause. Gary Meadors, banjo, teaches graduate students and has recorded with Deadwood.

The public is invited to attend both services. The church is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. For more information call the church office at 472-0497 or visit www.sanibelucc.org.**

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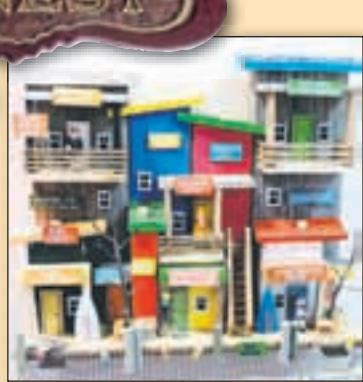
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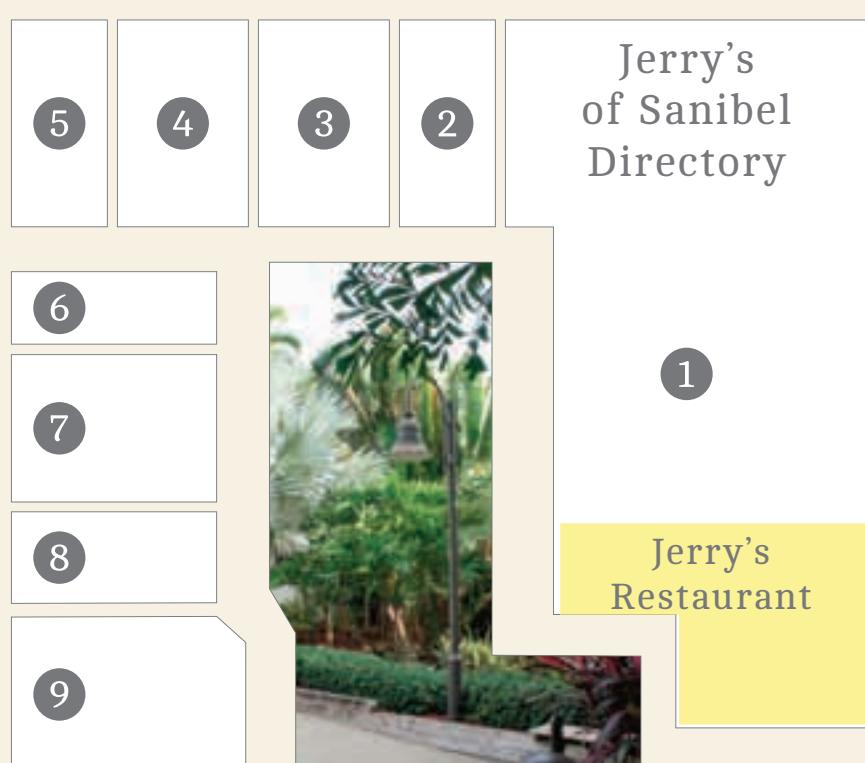
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The Coast Rides A Federal Wave Of Support

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

With a federal budget in place containing the most funding for coastal programs in almost two decades and a Water Resources Development Act approved by both houses of Congress and awaiting conference concurrence, some might say the coast is the toast of Washington once again.

However, one or two good years does not a trend make – even in Washington,

a city where consistency is often measured in days rather than decades. As fast as funding flows in, it can recede – leaving beaches high and dry once more.

Nonetheless, these two bright spots in federal fiscal horizon are reasons to be hopeful:

- The omnibus budget bill contained more than \$150 million for coastal protection – the best since the Clinton administration.
- The in-conference Water Resources Reform and Development Act not only got an extra “R” (for “Reform”) – it pulled in some \$8 billion for water infrastructure projects.

What's behind the current support for the coast?

- Sandy's surge of support: The

devastating storm unleashed a torrent of money from DC, as an obvious need won over a reluctant Congress. This infusion of income ramped up recovery, but the disaster also served as a reminder that federal (and other) funds are needed before the storm to ensure that the coast is strong enough to handle whatever nature can throw at it.

- The coast as infrastructure: Another realization from Sandy (and other catastrophes) was the need to view the coast as infrastructure – a vital asset that needs to be maintained to be effective. The beaches can only fight storms waves when they're wide, dunes can only push back against storm surge when they're tall and wide – and the beach can only protect property, provide habitat and

preserve recreation and tourism when it's consistently maintained.

- The new Corps climate: Given sufficient money without the earmark strings that in the past often hamstrung its efforts has freed up the Corps to manage its project list more effectively and make real progress in getting things done. Add in other positive changes in the Corps coastal management that streamlined a process that once took decades is now taking years to traverse – good news for coastal advocates.

- The need for work back home: Whatever their political persuasion, any good politician who wants to be re-elected has to realize that one of the important things that gets them elected (and re-elected) is the ability to get things done for the folks back home. Typically, it takes money to make the federal machinery start moving... which is what we saw with both the WRDA bills and the budget.

- Success breeds success: With the new Corps approach to funding projects, things are getting funding when they need it – so work is getting done rather than being delayed. Seeing results is a reason to devote more dollars to solving coastal issues, as any politician likes to point at progress rather than note another year has passed in a project's long life.

As mentioned before. One good month does not a trend make. Federal budgets are notoriously fickle, and what's appropriated today can be axed next year. And WRDA is still tied up in conference – which, in the compromise-phobic atmosphere that has held sway in Washington lately, means you never count your conference bills until they're passed. So keep the pressure on your local politicians, representatives, and congressmen.

Nonetheless, any positive news on coastal funding is welcomed, and to have two such strong signs of support in a row is good news for everyone along the coast – whether you have a federal coastal project of your very own, or whether a nearby federal project has an influence on your own coastal concerns.**

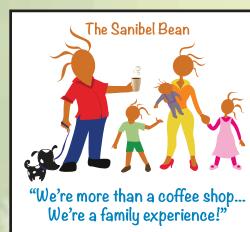
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Rotary Club Prepares For 31st Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

The Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva is preparing for its 31st annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16 on The Community House lawn on Periwinkle Way. About 10,000 are expected to attend.

The fair is a celebration of community spirit, arts and crafts from around the country, entertainment, food, and displays from community and charity projects supported by the Rotary Club. Parking is free and a \$5 donation for entrance is suggested.

With a record of over 350 artists applying for the show this year, the Jury Committee was challenged in choosing the very best for the event.

The fair is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday with over 100 participating artists offering items such as unique gifts, wearable art, sculpture, paintings, photography, wood working, painted furniture and jewelry.

Many local businesses have donated items for the silent auction including weeklong beachfront stays in addition to pieces donated by other artists.

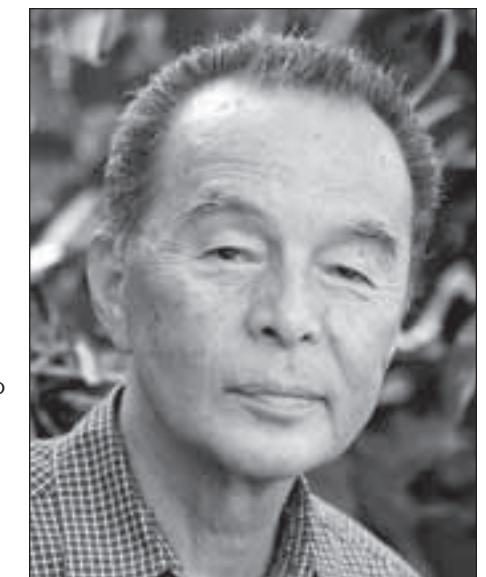


Rotary Club Sanibel/Captiva Arts & Craft Fair

The Rotary Club will be honoring the late renowned nature artist Ikki Matsumoto with a special Best of Show Award. This award will be given to the artist each year judged to have the best artwork in the show. In addition a special piece of Matsumoto's art will adorn the T-shirts again this year.

"We are honored to have this one-of-a-kind piece. We think it is the most dramatic print shown to date," said Chet Sadler, advertising chairman for the fair.

Proceeds from the Sanibel Arts & Crafts Fair are used to meet community needs, to fund local scholarships, and for human service needs worldwide. For more information on the fair call 464-8195 or visit <http://www.sanibelartfair.com>.



Ikki Matsumoto

Arts And Crafts Fair

The Center 4 Life Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be handmade gifts by 35 local artists and craftspeople. A variety of items will be featured, including fused glass, jewelry, photographs, paintings, cards, tropical plant arrangements, books, shell crafts, pottery, jam, chutney, hats and purses, and fabric and hand-knit apparel. A hot dog lunch will be available.

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Warm Weather Brings Fish Out From Shelter



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

What an awesome weather week. After what seemed like more than a month of back-to-back cold fronts along with wind and rain, things have finally

begun to warm back up. Clear water out in the sound and near-perfect conditions gave anglers lots of options. Warming water temperatures have really brought the flats back to life as game fish move out from their winter haunts way back in the mangroves into the open water in search of food.

Water clarity throughout the sound is about as good as it gets all year. I really enjoy this cold, clear-water fishing as you can often spot your target before even anchoring up. Every year during this

time, I find bottom structure, channels and sand holes that I never knew were there. It's almost like having a never-ending aquarium to explore.

When I locate these fish-holding bottom features, I like to mark them on the GPS so I can return when the water dries up.

Clean, clear water on the flats was the ideal set-up for trout fishing. Flats in the three- to five-foot range held lots of keeper-sized trout along with much fewer of the undersized trout we have been seeing for the last month. When fishing for these trout, look for sandy areas in the grass flats. Often these little sand holes will load up with lots of trout. The old standby of a live shrimp under a popping cork is hard to beat to catch these trout. Flats in the Foster's Point area and Captiva Rocks area have been good places to get started.

Many of the flats I have been trout fishing have been producing a few pompano too. When you hook a pompano, it's a good idea to cast a shrimp out on a jig head and bounce it across the bottom as well. I will also reach into the live well and throw out some shrimp pieces to keep the often fast-moving school of pompano around. This often results in hooking a few more of these schooling fish. Pound for pound, these are one of

the hardest fighting fish that swims in our waters and makes for a great meal.

Sheepshead fishing has not been as good as last winter, at least not yet. I'm still getting lots of keepers but the fish seem to be moving around much more than in the past few years. The docks where I do really well on one day seem to be absent of fish the next day. Shell Creek and other deeper creeks at the south end of Matlacha Pass and in the mouth of the river have been the better areas for the larger fish. Many of these deeper creeks are full of oyster shells and have fast moving current which is the ideal set-up for sheepshead.

Higher afternoon tides than we have seen in weeks made for some good redfish action. Shrimp fished under the mangroves caught lots of under-sized redfish. Any time we had a south wind, the tide got up higher than the tide chart forecast and I would find a good windblown mangrove shoreline to locate these redfish.

The big red on my boat this week came while targeting sheepshead on a



A 28-inch redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

deeper mangrove shoreline. This surprise fish measured 28 inches and was caught in the Buck Key area of the sound. Oyster bars on the higher stages of the tide also held lots of these rat reds.

With January now behind us, usually the worst of the cold should be just about done. Warming water temperatures will do wonders for our fishing as a wide open Spring bite is not that far away.

*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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Power Squadron Boating Seminars

The Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron, a non-profit educational organization for the promotion of safe boating, is offering a pair of two-hour seminars to help boaters avoid the embarrassment and expense of running aground in local waters.

How to Read a Chart will be held on Saturday, February 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sanibel Library. A second seminar, Using GPS, will follow from 2 to 4 p.m. in the same location. A fee of \$30 is required for each seminar to cover the cost of materials.

The chart seminar focuses on the best type of charts to use for our coastal waters, understanding the aids to navigation symbols found on charts, the significance of the background color, proper use of the compass rose found on every chart, how to plot a course in advance to determine arrival time of a planned trip

and how to identify waypoints if you have a GPS. Participants will receive a flip-fold waterproof brochure illustrating chart symbols.

The GPS seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation and shows how to relate the GPS data to charts. Students will receive a copy of the waterproof McGraw-Hill Captain's Quick Guide Using GPS to take aboard.

The seminars are taught by certified instructors who have a great deal of local boating knowledge.

Those attending any of these seminars will be registered in the United States Power Squadron's national database and receive credit toward future national boating certification.

For course descriptions and registration go to www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars.htm. Click on "find a location near me" and follow the instructions for registration. Call Andrew Jacob at 539-0055 or Steve Abbott at 395-9409 for assistance or questions.**

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Shell Of The Week

Arrow Dwarf Triton



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

The Arrow Dwarf Triton, *Tritonoharpa lanceolata* (Menke, 1828), is a very attractive, inch-long species found on the beaches of Sanibel and Captiva. It belongs in the family *Cancellariidae*, the same family as the more common, local nutmeg.

The Arrow Dwarf Triton occurs from North Carolina to Florida, the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean. A very similar species, Leal's Dwarf Triton, *Tritonoharpa leali Harasewych, Petit, & Verhecken, 1992* (named after yours truly!), is found off the coast of tropical Brazil.

Learn more about the Arrow Dwarf Triton at <http://bit.ly/arrowdwarftriton>.

This Week At The Museum

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 Mollusks Up-Close And Personal. See a fighting conch use its foot for locomotion, watch a lightning whelk slam its trap door shut for protection, or witness scallops zip across the tank with the 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 shellings finds and Southwest Florida shells. Thursday at 2 p.m. (no clinic on March 6)

Weekly Schedule

Friday, February 7 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.

Saturday, February 8 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.



The Arrow Dwarf Triton, *Tritonoharpa lanceolata*, from Sanibel

Sunday, February 9 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.

Monday, February 10 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Shelling 101 at 2 p.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.

Thursday, February 13 – Exhibit Chat at 11 a.m.; Shell ID Clinic at 2 p.m.; Live Tank Demonstration at 3 p.m.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 395-2233 or visit www.shell-museum.org.

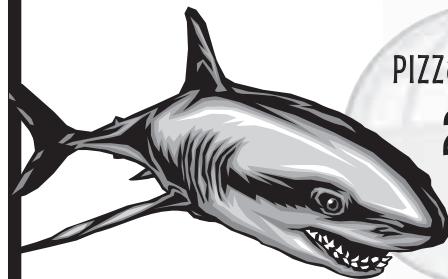
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Bowman's Beach and Birds — February 12

Meet your SCCF guide at the Pay-to-Park Station in the Bowman's Beach parking lot. *Free to all but you must pay to park. Wed., Feb. 12 at 8 a.m.*

Birding at the Preserves — February 14

Both new and experienced birders are welcome to join experienced birders at Sanibel Gardens off Island Inn Road. Call 472-2329 for more info. *Friday, February 14 at 8 a.m. Free.*

Cane Toads — February 11

The invasive, non-native Giant Cane Toad was documented this past summer for the first time. Come and learn how to help control them in your yard. *This program is free to all. Tuesday, February 11 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.*

Caviar Caravan to Mote — February 14

Join us on a field trip to Mote's Aquacultural Park and try some caviar from their Siberian sturgeons. Trip includes caviar tasting and lunch. Van will be available. *Please call Tom Uhler, 472-3817. \$50 (with van) or \$35.*

Coyote and Bear Tales — February 12

A coyote and a Florida black bear (since relocated) were recently documented on the island for the first time. Come and learn about the behaviors of these two new species. *Wednesday, February 12 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.*

Reptiles of the Islands — February 14

Join Chris Lechowicz and his coauthor Charles Lebuff for a program and book signing for their newly published book, **AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES OF THE ISLANDS**. It summarizes a more-than-50-year study of island reptiles and it's on sale now at SCCF's Native Plant Nursery. *Friday, February 14 at 10 a.m. Free to all.*

**Tides, Currents & the Florida Shelf — February 12**

Tides and currents affect most of our lives daily. Why do the islands sometimes have just one tide a day? Learn how water behaves as the earth spins, the moon orbits and the winds blow. *Wednesday, February 12 at 1:30 p.m.*

Turtle Tracks — February 13

Several hundred nests are laid on Sanibel and Captiva every summer. Learn about the sea turtles that nest on our beaches. *Thursday, February 13 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.*

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Bird's Eye View

Disturbance Ecology

by Mark 'Bird'
Westall

There is a relatively new field of study that I have probably written about before, but I can't remember if I actually did so bear with me if I'm repeating myself. The field of study I'm talking about is called Disturbance Ecology. I get a kick out of its relatively "new" occurrence in the scientific world (it began to be more seriously studied in the mid-1980s) because I believe this field of study has existed on this planet ever since life began a few billion years ago, but it was only just recently seen by humans as something to be looked at.

I grew up hearing that, "Only you can prevent forest fires!" A forest fire was a terrible thing that destroyed the world of the cute forest creatures like Bambi. But as the scientific community began looking at the natural system in ways other than just how it affected human interests, it was discovered that forest fires aren't necessarily a bad thing until some human being builds a big, expensive home out in the middle of the forest. Before Disturbance Ecology began to be recognized, we only looked at the natural world through our perspective, not through the

eyes of the natural world.

It's kind of like the old question, "If a tree falls in the forest and a human isn't there to hear it, does it make any noise?" Well, I can guarantee the squirrel that lived in the forest heard it crash to the ground. But anyway, most of you know how Hurricane Charley's strong winds affected the island's vegetation, and the mangrove forest was no exception. Basically, the whole upper half of the mangrove canopy was broken off, leaving only occasional snags towering above the newly created canopy.

But life in the mangroves has not been stopped because of the destruction. It has been an opportunity for life to start over again.

Case in point: go to the mangrove overlook along Wildlife Drive and notice how the mangrove forest changes in appearance as you proceed over the "barrow ditch" running parallel to the drive and head out onto the observation platform. At first, the forest is a tangle of young trees, not much taller than 10 to 15 feet tall, with deadfall mixed in. But as you walk around the slight bend in the boardwalk and start to see the mudflats beyond the trees, notice how that forest is much more open under a taller mangrove canopy.

This open forest is a remnant of the old "climax" forest that was protected from the destructive force of the hurricane's winds by the original forest closer to Wildlife Drive. The deadfall is what's left of that original forest and the 10- to 15-foot young trees were seedlings living amongst the root system of the mature forest. The destruction of that original forest created an opportunity for all those

seedlings to compete with each other and create a new mangrove canopy. As you can see by comparing the two forests along the boardwalk, the new, young forest would be next to impossible for a human being to walk through, but the old forest that survived would be accessible to any human that was a little bit coordinated and athletic.

When I was monitoring the osprey nests on the island back in the '70s and '80s, I used to spend almost as much time walking through the mangrove forest as I did paddling my canoe around the forest's creeks and mudflats. I always said it was a bit like walking across the top of a jungle gym, but once you got inside the forest, it was fairly open and accessible. You just had to figure out which roots would hold you up and which roots wouldn't.

Before Charley, the seedlings that were growing underneath the mangrove canopy would usually have to wait for one or two of the mature trees to be struck by lightning or die for some other reason before the right amount of sunlight would allow the competing seedlings to "reach for the sky." But with much of the forest canopy destroyed by the storm, there are thousands, probably millions, of seedlings vying for their place in the sun. The amount of energy exchange and growth in the seemingly damaged forest is astounding.

But it wasn't only the seedlings that benefited from the destruction of the mature forest, the ospreys profited as well. I used to get complaints occasionally from folks who built their new homes as tall as the city standards would allow and then find that an osprey pair had decided that the new home's chimney made a perfect place to begin building their nest. The caller would complain, "Why don't those ospreys nest in the mangroves? Isn't that why we set aside all the trees, so the birds would have a nice place to live? Why are they bothering me?"

And I would have to ask them to go take a good look at the mangrove forest. In a mature forest, the mangrove canopy is fairly uniform and it was difficult for

the ospreys to find a super canopy tree strong enough to support an osprey nest. With bigger and bigger houses being built on the island, the super canopy chimneys gave the ospreys exactly what they were looking for.

Today, there are all sorts of potential nesting sites in the mangroves. Most of the nests in the mangroves are not monitored anymore, but based on my observations, I would guess there are about 20 new nests in the refuge today.

Life always seems to survive and flourish in the face of whatever the natural world throws at it. For centuries now, we humans have been using our technologies to conquer that world. I only hope that someday we will be able to evolve the wisdom to use that knowledge to live with the system instead of trying to conquer it. Either way, the natural system will still be there, whether we survive or not.

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. ☀

Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be Saturday, February 8 at the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. Meet in the left side 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.

Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for further details. ☀

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Shells Found



Kim Whitehurst, Jean Quinn and Anne Aldrich

Kim Whitehurst, Jean Quinn and Anne Aldrich of Brooklyn, New York and York Beach, Maine, found 18 alphabet cones and 25 Florida cones on Sanibel beaches while staying at Pine Cove.

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Re-Enactor Brings Audubon To Life At 'Ding' Darling

John James Audubon -- re-enacted by award-winning author, historian, and storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis -- will present two programs beginning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, February 14, in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel.

Ellis has worked with The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, The Field Museum, and other museums across the country. He has appeared as a featured speaker at regional and international conferences including the International Wetlands Conservation Conference, National Science Teachers Association Conference, and the North American Prairie Conservation Conference. He is also the artistic director for Prairie Folklore Theatre, which celebrates ecology and history through original musical theater productions.

Ellis has authored 15 books including the critically acclaimed *Learning From the Land: Teaching Ecology Through Stories and Activities* and the award-winning children's picture book *The Web at Dragonfly Pond*.

His performances as John James Audubon -- along with those portraying Charles Darwin and Gregor Mendel -- have been selected by the Illinois Humanities Council Roads Scholar Program.

The Audubon program brings history, ecology, art, and literature to life in a meticulously researched program that celebrates the life work of one of America's greatest artists and naturalists.

Ellis' Audubon character tells tales of his adventures as he finishes something no one had ever accomplished before: drawing every bird in North America. He celebrates the natural history of North America as he saw it in the early 1800s, bringing to life bird behavior by focusing on birds found in the Sanibel area.

Audubon followed the annual migra-



Brian "Fox" Ellis as John James Audubon

tions of birds throughout North America in the 1820s and 1830s, keeping meticulous journals on the birds he saw. Ellis' character offers lessons on field ecology, the scientific method, art history and bird migration and invites the audience to imitate birds and discuss the life histories of their favorite feathered friends.

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge as part of the latter's 12-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series.

Future events are listed below; all include two presentations at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series Events

(*Book-signings will follow starred presentations)

- 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, authors of *Amphibians & Reptiles of Sanibel & Captiva Islands*
- *April 11, Clyde Butcher, nature photographer - Florida: Where Water, Earth & Heaven Meet.**

and butterflies.

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

The tours are on the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of the month from November to April.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to city hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the central staircase. For additional information contact the natural resources department at 472-3700.

The Natural Resources Department section of the city's website, 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.**

City Of Sanibel Vegetation Committee

Landscaping To Attract Birds And Butterflies



A native butterfly

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering guided native vegetation and landscaping tours of city hall grounds, which have been planted solely with native plants. Tours of the grounds are scheduled for Wednesday, February 12 at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer and to see how to plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds

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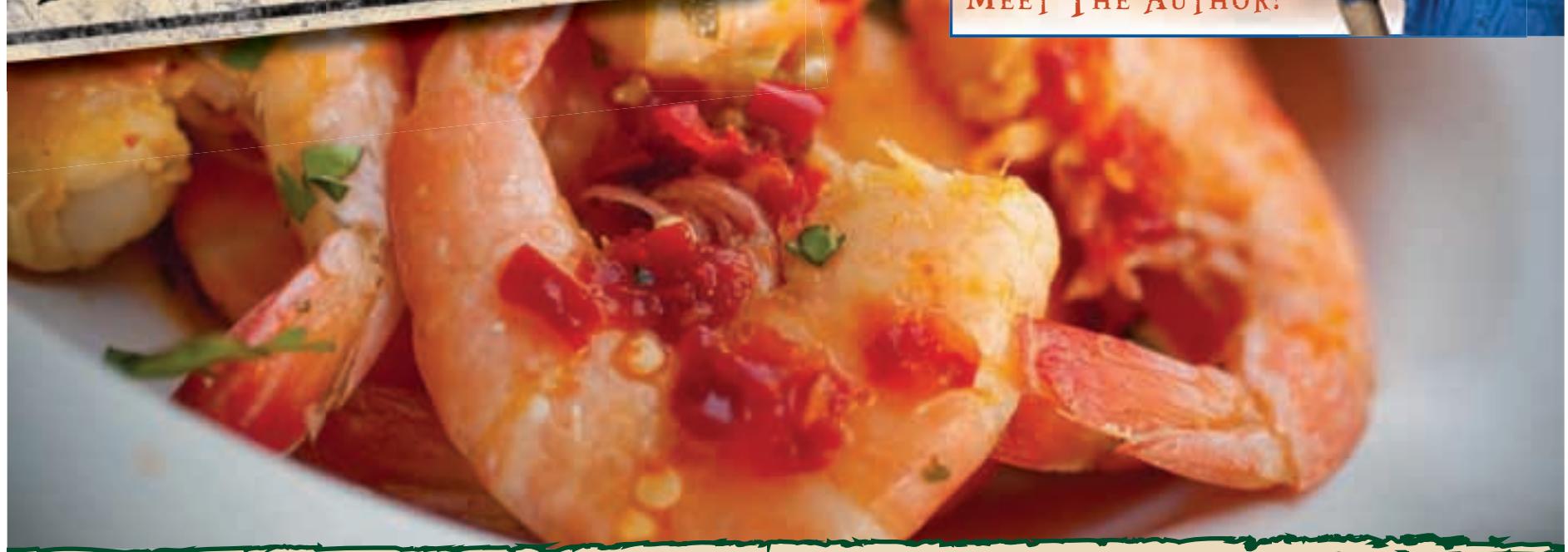
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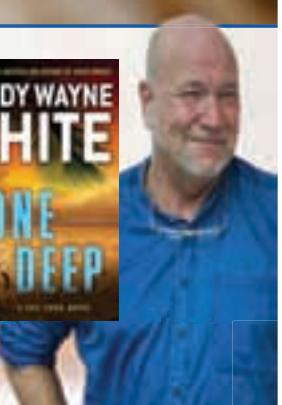
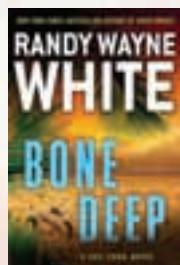


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A row of red cedars creates a windbreak and soft background

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Southern Red Cedar

by Gerri Reaves

Native southern red cedar's (*Juniperus virginiana*) natural habitat includes woods, fields and coastal hammocks. A member of the cypress family, it is also called coastal red cedar and eastern red cedar.

Its dense aromatic foliage of scale-like blue-green leaves makes good cover for

birds and small animals.

Bluebirds, brown thrashers, cedar waxwings, flickers, mockingbirds, finches, robins, sapsuckers, tree swallows and yellow-rumped warblers are among the species that eat the fruit and disperse seeds.

Red cedar is the larval food, or host plant, for the Swallowtail's juniper hair-streak butterfly.

Like other conifers, red cedar possesses features that protect it from drought and cold, such a waxy coating.

It can reach more than 40 feet high,

forming a flat or conical crown and a wide spread. It works well as a specimen tree but is especially attractive when planted in mass as a background. A row of red cedars is an effective windbreak or screen.

The thin cinnamon-brown bark has a shredded or peeling appearance.

Male and female flowers are produced on separate trees. The tiny purplish cones on the female trees are fleshy and berry-like.

This fast-grower is long-lived and highly drought- and salt-tolerant. Plant



The thin bark has a shredded look

it in full sun with good drainage. It requires virtually no maintenance.

Propagate it with seeds or cuttings.

Clothing chests and closets are made with the aromatic red cedar wood because it repels clothes moths. Gin is flavored with the oil from the berries.

Sources: Waterwise: South Florida Landscapes, National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida, A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants by Rufino Osorio, Native Florida Plants by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, edis.ifas.ufl.edu, and floridata.com.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Close Call



by Patricia Molloy

At the start of the year, a gray catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) was admitted to CROW after being hit by a careless driver. During the initial examination, Dr. Heather determined that

the tiny bird was slightly bruised and extremely frightened, but fortunately, had no broken bones. In order to keep the patient calm and comfortable, she placed it on a mild pain medication in conjunction with strict cage rest.

In less than a week, patient #0130 had completely recovered its strength and stamina. Dr. Heather arranged for the beautiful gray bird to be returned to its home territory on Sanibel, mindful to select an open site away from the road. Despite careful planning, the release did not go as expected.

The gray catbird is a common but reclusive songbird that migrates south. During winter months, its distinctive meow-like call can be detected emanating from dense thickets in the gulf regions of south Florida, Louisiana and Texas.

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The day of the catbird's release was a typical winter day in paradise – mild temperatures and beautiful blue skies. As soon as the door swung open, the catbird hopped out of the travel carrier, spread its wings and took to the air, darting and weaving excitedly. During the ascent, the songbird began flying toward a neighboring property. That's when the unexpected happened. "The catbird flew into a window," said Dr. Heather.

The little bird, stunned from the impact, was immediately rushed back to the wildlife clinic. Dr. Heather determined that the catbird had sustained head trauma during the incident. Thanks to the quick response of the witnesses and the expertise of the staff at CROW, the catbird is again on its way to a full recovery.

"It is responding well to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and supportive care and we expect to release it this week," said Dr. Heather with a smile of relief.

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Student Brittany Wooldridge holds the gray catbird so that she can administer medication and food to the tiny patient

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Beach creatures

Beach Walks at the West Wind Inn

Meet an SCCF guide on the beach at West Wind Inn, 3345 West Gulf Drive, at 10 a.m. Take a walk on the beach and learn how to identify what the local tides, currents and winds have deposited. Sanibel continues the commitment to protect local beaches by leaving the wrack community of cast-ashore seaweeds and sea grasses that feed the insects, shorebirds and beach plants that live there. This program is free to all. The next walk will be held Tuesday, February 11 at 10 a.m.



Bear trap with donuts

Coyote and Bear Tales

On Wednesday, February 12, SCCF invites you to learn about two newcomer species to the islands.

A coyote and a Florida black bear were documented on the island for the first time in the winter of 2011. Learn about the behaviors of these two new species and how to live with them. Coyotes have now moved into every county in Florida.

Both human and bear populations are growing in Florida. The island black bear was relocated to a new territory and then needed to be relocated again. There is a family of coyotes that islanders will hear calling again this winter season. The dogs sing in response to sirens.

The program is free to children and SCCF members, \$5 for adults and starts at 10 a.m. at the foundation.



Coyote



Coyote



Group at Bowman's Beach

Bowman's Beach And Birds

Meet an SCCF guide at the pay to park station in the Bowman's Beach parking lot. Take a walk across the bridge over the bayou to the beach and the back dune trail. Keep your eyes open for shorebirds, gopher tortoises, and alligators. The program is free to all but there is a charge for parking. Programs are scheduled for Wednesday at 8 a.m. February 12 and 26, and March 12 and 26.



Osprey with a fish

photo by Clair Postmus

Birding in the Preserves

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

Both new and experienced birders will see a variety of birds in a diversity of wildlife habitats. Botany enthusiasts are also welcome to help identify plants along the trails. All walks begin at 8 a.m. but the locations do vary. Walks are free for members and non-members.

February 14 – For Sanibel Gardens, enter Island Inn Road from Tarpon Bay Road and park on the side of the road near the trailhead, or enter Island Inn Road from West Gulf Drive, park near road barrier and take a short walk to trailhead.

February 28 – For the Shipley Trail, meet in the parking lot at Roadside City Park on Periwinkle Way (just east of Islander Trading Post). The Shipley Trail runs through the Bailey Homestead Preserve and connects the city's Pond Apple Park Trail to Roadside City Park. NOTE: The Shipley Trail is not yet open to the public, nor is the rest of the Bailey Homestead Preserve, which is still undergoing restoration.

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

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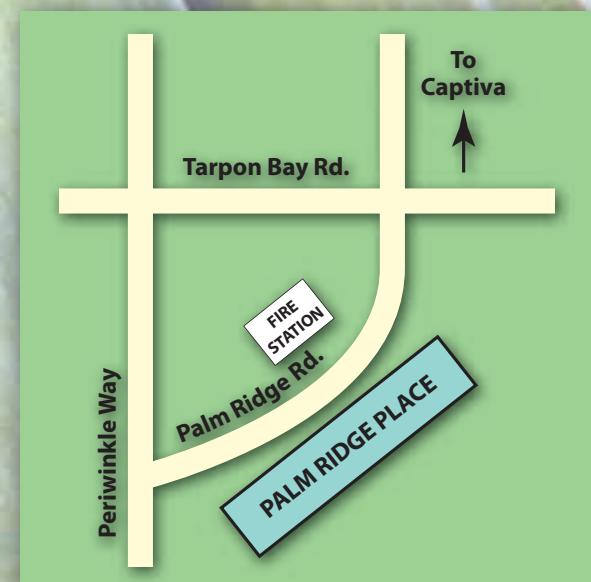
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The deadline for the inaugural “Ding” Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest is March 14. High school students have the opportunity to win prizes such as a Canon camera package, chartered class field trips to J. N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, Refuge Nature Store gift certificates, and excursions at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge’s recreation concession.

Winners also receive copies of *Waterbirds: Portraits and Anecdotes from Birding Adventures* by contest namesake, the late Theodore Cross.

Cross, who lived part-time on Sanibel and has family still living here, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; advised the Johnson and Nixon administrations on anti-poverty programs; wrote the influential book *Black Capitalism*, among others; played a prominent role in President Obama’s election; and created Birders United – a birding Web site that ranked legislators according to their record of bird protection support.

Late in life, Cross decided to indulge his love for birds and photography and traveled the world to collect stunning portraits and stories to chronicle his adventures. He shot often at “Ding” Darling Refuge and a number of the images in his book reflect his love for the refuge. Cross



First prize in the contest is a Canon camera package with two lenses and a carrying case.

published *Waterbirds* in 2009 at age 85; he passed away shortly thereafter in February 2010.

NPR’s *All Things Considered* called Cross’ collection of 179 images and countless anecdotes “spectacular.” *The New York Times* described it as “part visual encyclopedia, part memoir.”

The Theodore Cross Family Charitable Foundation has made possible this contest, which we hope will continue on an annual basis, with a generous grant to the ‘Ding’ Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS),” said



Portrait of a reddish egret by Theodore Cross

Birgie Miller Vertesch, DDWS executive director. “We couldn’t be more thrilled that they wanted their donation used in this way.”

“We are so happy to be supporting a contest in my father’s name, a contest that will get our youth involved with nature by looking at it – as my father so loved doing – through a camera lens,” said daughter Amanda Cross.

Digital image entries can be shot from any outdoor venue using any type of camera, including smartphones. A writing component to the contest requires

entrants, grades 9 through 12, to submit a 100-word description of the “moment” captured and how it reflects what nature and wildlife mean to the photographer. Guidelines and prize information are posted at www.dingdarlingsociety.org/photo-contests. Call DDWS at 472-1100 ext. 249 for more information.

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Mary Jane Rogers

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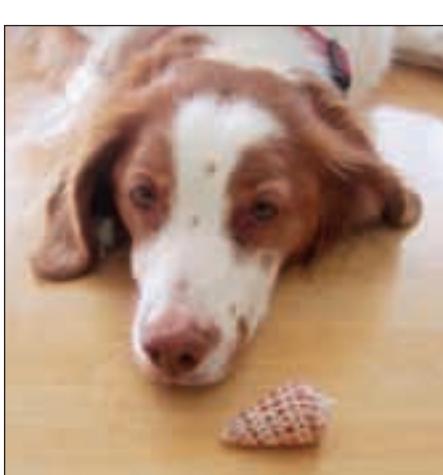
Shells Found



Gary Bruton

Gary Bruton of Missouri found a Scotch bonnet and a lace murex in Captiva while staying at Villa Elena. Bruton said he was, "Happy! Happy! Happy!"**

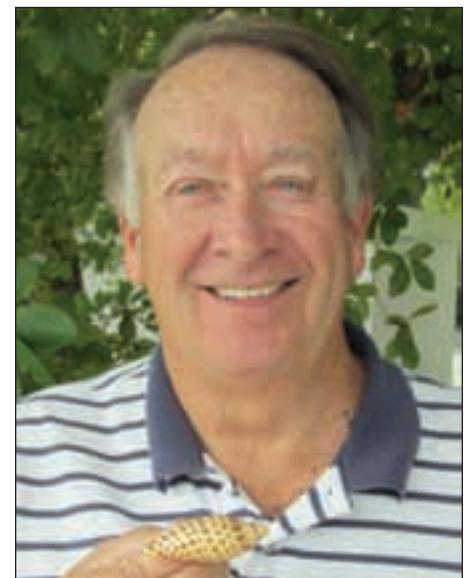
Shell Found



Jack Wildman with his shell find

Jack Wildman, a 7-year-old Brittany Spaniel who is a "local" on the east end of Sanibel Island, found a beautiful alphabet cone last week while shelling near Sanibel Arms West during his daily beach walk. Jack was very excited as his favorite colors are orange and white. This was also the first alphabet cone he has found.**

Shell Found



Tommy Hicks

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Susan Sprout explains the function of the museum's collections department, where shells are sorted, catalogued and stored
photos by Jeff Lysiak

Students Prepare For Live Shell Exhibit During Museum Visit

by Jeff Lysiak

Students from The Sanibel School took part in an annual tradition last week by visiting The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum in preparation for handling their duties at the upcoming Sanibel Shell Show & Festival, when children answer questions from show attendees at the live shell exhibit in front of The Community House.

On Thursday and Friday, pupils spent three hours engaged in learning all about bivalves – the two-shelled mollusks that seem to cover the beaches – and gastropods – like snails, whose muscular feet allow them to

roam about looking for food. In all, there are more than 100,000 types of mollusks in the world.

The students began their visit to the shell museum by watching a DVD titled *Mollusks In Action*, made by Joyce Matthys, a museum volunteer who has been making video clips of live mollusks for more than 10 years. The informative video posed – and answered – several questions including:

- How do mollusks move?
- What do mollusks eat?
- How do mollusks protect themselves?
- What happens to their empty shells?

After viewing the video, the students were escorted to the second floor of the museum, where they were divided into three groups. One group visited a hands-on exhibit of shells; another group toured the museum's collections department and library; a third group visited the Great Hall of Shells with a museum docent. After completing each stop of the tour, the students rotated to

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Jean Rompala instructs students from The Sanibel School on the difference between gastropod and bivalve mollusks during a visit to The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum



Karen Turner shares her knowledge of mollusks at the museum's Touch Tank Exhibit

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The highlight of the celebration was the presentation of a skit entitled *Late Night with Power Squadron*, created by John and Fay Carney. Johnny Carson (Bill Hay) and Ed McMahon (Bill Lucas) interviewed past District Commander Mary Paige Abbott, followed by a recreation of Carnac the Magnificent featuring nautical humor. David Letterman (Jim Lavelle) amused the audience with a tongue-in-cheek Top Ten List of Guidelines for New Boaters. The finale of the show was Sami Lu Foxworthy (Sami Lucas) describing how you might be a redneck boater.

Members Carol Allen and Francine Dale were the organizers of the celebration. *



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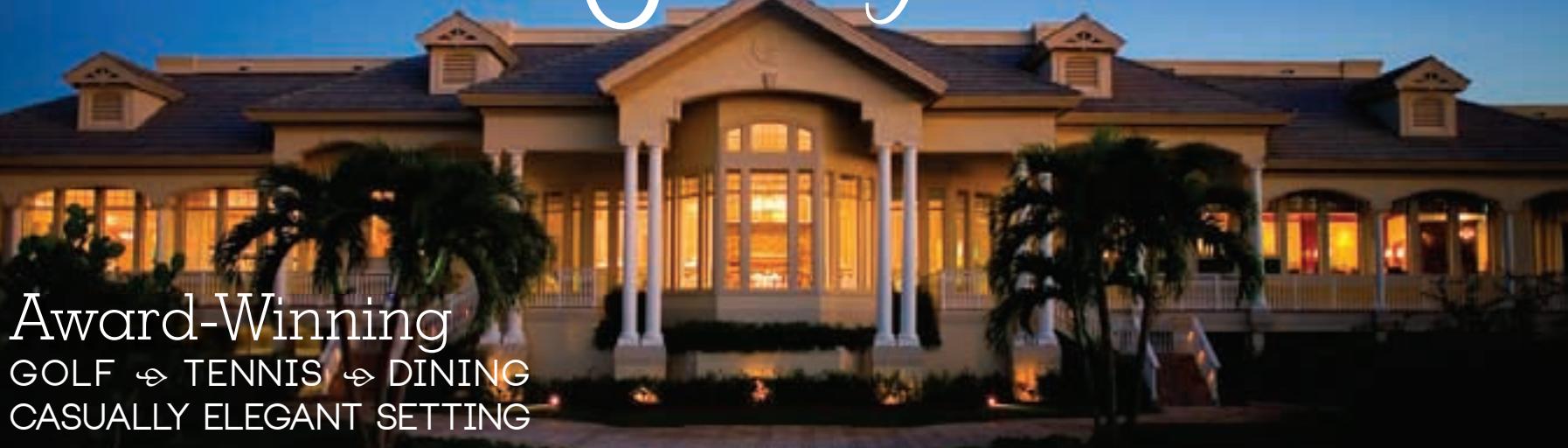
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Sanibel Island Fishing Club Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m., the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting in the north room of The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is cordially invited to attend. Pizza and refreshments are available at a nominal charge.

This month's featured speaker is Capt. Matt Mitchell of St. James City on Pine Island. Mitchell writes a weekly fishing column in the *Island Sun* and has been a local fishing guide in and around Pine Island Sound for 14 years. He has been fishing our inshore and near shore waters for over 30 years. On his website (www.captmattmitchell.com), he states that he specializes in snook, redfish and tarpon, but the picture gallery shows happy anglers holding up everything from cobia to sheepshead to spotted sea trout. For this particular presentation, Capt. Mitchell will discuss how to target and catch sheepshead, which come into our inshore waters during the cooler winter months. His presentation will run approximately 40 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer period.

Capt. Mitchell fishes out of a 22-foot Aquasport flatback boat, complete with



Captain Matt Mitchell holding a legal-sized cobia

a tuna tower for spotting tailing reds and tarpon. For more information, e-mail captmattmitchell@aol.com or call 340-8651. This is a great opportunity for inshore anglers interested in learning more about winter fishing in and around Sanibel and Captiva islands.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend their next meeting. To learn more about the club, to view their great fishing photos or to explore their fish recipe section, visit www.sanibelslandfishingclub.com.*



Jean Rompala points out a feature found inside the museum's Great Hall

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Live Shell Exhibit

the other areas of the museum until each pupil spent time in every area.

For the last eight years, Susan Sprout, a museum volunteer, and Peggy Drennan, a teacher at the school, have worked together to provide training for the sixth grade students. They were joined by Jean Rompala, one of the museum's most knowledgeable docents.

"This training will get you ready for the shell show," Sprout told a group of students visiting the shell museum in late January. "We want you to be prepared for any questions that people may ask you."

While touring the third-floor collections department, students learned that as of January 15, 2014, a total of 46,895 lots have been catalogued. The museum staff

and volunteers go through the painstaking process of sorting through shells donated for historic preservation, identifying, researching and inputting key information into their computers before finally placing the example shells into boxes prior to storing them.

"I want you to be impressed, because this is the heart of the museum," added Sprout. "Everything branches out from here."

The 77th annual Sanibel Shell Show & Festival will be held on Thursday, March 6, Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. all three days of the show. Look for the students in the little white building to the right of The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. They will be happy to introduce you to the live mollusks in the aquariums.*

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One-Woman Show Depicts Life Of Rachel Carson

submitted by Kevin Bedson

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education will present *A Sense of Wonder*, a play based on the life and works of Rachel Carson, performed by Kaiulani Lee.

Carson was an author, marine biologist, and conservationist whose book *Silent Spring* drew the world's attention to the dangers of unregulated pesticide use. It has been called the most important book of the 20th century and is considered by many to have launched the American environmental movement.

This year marks 50 years since Carson's passing and her legacy continues to inspire the Center and Florida Gulf Coast University.

To honor Carson's legacy and the center's tenth anniversary, actress Kaiulani Lee will perform her one-woman show, *A Sense of Wonder* on Friday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Schein Performance Hall at BIG ARTS on Sanibel.

The play was created with the help



Kaiulani Lee

and guidance of many of Carson's friends and colleagues and with permission from the Rachel Carson estate. The play highlights Carson's love for the natural world and her fight to defend it. It is the story of an extremely private woman thrust into the role of controversial public figure.

The play takes place in Carson's cottage on the Maine coast shortly after the publication of *Silent Spring*, where she



Rachel Carson

is simultaneously battling the chemical industry, the government and the press to get her message to Congress and the American people.

Lee brings more than 35 years of experience in theatre, film, and television to her portrayal of Carson and has been touring the U.S. and abroad for 22 years. The extraordinary one-woman show has been seen at over one hundred

universities and has been performed in every Provence of Canada, as well as in England, Italy, India and Japan.

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education is located at Florida Gulf Coast University. It works toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth. For additional information, log onto [www.fgcu.edu/cese](http://fgcu.edu/cese).

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San-Cap Audubon Presents Beautiful Birds Of Sanibel February 13

Lillian and Don Stokes, long-time winter residents of Sanibel and acclaimed national field guide authors, are the speakers for San-Cap Audubon's Thursday, February 13 lecture entitled Beautiful Birds of Sanibel.

Dubbed "America's First Couple of Birding," the Stokes have been prolific writers and award-winning educators in the birding field for over 30 years and have authored 35 books on birds and nature. Their best-seller, *The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America*, is said to be the most complete photographic guide to birds ever published and contains over 3,400 photos, many taken by Lillian Stokes.

They were also the creators, producers and hosts of the PBS television series *Stokes Birds at Home* which was seen by 40 million viewers. In 2001 they moved to southern New Hampshire and have since created a 48-acre bird sanctuary called Bobolink Farm, which has attracted 200 species of birds to date. This remarkable habitat features rolling meadows with nesting meadowlarks, bobolinks, bluebirds, and tree swallows, a lake with herons and ducks, woodlands filled with warblers, and large perennial borders that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

This is the sixth of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lectures to be held in 2014 on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. All are welcome to attend. A \$5 donation is appreciated. For more information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit www.san-capaudubon.org.



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Former Senator Walsh To Speak At BIG ARTS

Marian Walsh, a public affairs consultant, author, lawyer and former legislator, is the featured speaker during the BIG ARTS Women's Seminar Discussion Group: For and About Women.

Senator Walsh will be discussing The Challenges Facing Women in the Political Arena in Schein Performance Hall at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 13. The presentation will be immediately followed by a question and answer session and refreshments.

The former legislator was born in Boston, Massachusetts, holds a BA in American studies from Newton College of the Sacred Heart, a MA in theological studies from the Harvard Divinity School and a juris doctor from the Suffolk University Law School.

In addition to a distinguished political career of 22 years, serving in both the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Senate, Walsh is the first woman from her district to be elected to the legislature.

Upon leaving public office, she established her own consulting and coaching firm, founded the nonpartisan American Campaign School and Leadership Camp in Boston, began teaching Leadership and Ethics at Northeastern University and authored, *RUN: Your Personal Guide to Winning Public Office*, a non-partisan



Marian Walsh

primer for citizens to run for and win public office.

This speaker is presented with assistance by the Sanibel Public Library and the League of Women Voters. It is open to the public and admission is \$5 for those who are not registered members of the discussion group.

The Women's Seminar Discussions are held on Thursdays from February 6 through March 6. The fee for all five weeks of the series is \$40 for BIG ARTS members and \$50 for non-members. Guests of members of the group at any single session are asked to pay \$12.

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Sea School Amends Request, Receives Permit

by Jeff Lysiak

A request by the Sanibel Sea School to conduct more than 11 special events in 2014 at its new Periwinkle Way location was debated during Tuesday's city council meeting before being withdrawn by the executive director of the school.

Several residents who live close to the school's original location on Lagoon Drive, where classes are still conducted during daytime hours, opposed the application that would allow the school to conduct educational lectures during evening hours due to concerns with traffic, parking, noise and the potential impacts on wildlife.

"We could offer these classes in our Lagoon Drive building, but by utilizing our commercial, administrative space on Periwinkle Way, we can minimize the impact to our neighbors and reduce side-street traffic," Dr. Bruce Neill, founder and the executive director of the school, wrote in his application request. "These lectures are very small events and likely will not have more than 20 participants per session. They would not require signage, special parking or anything that would be different than our ordinary operations at our location."

David and Roberta Conrad told the council that their neighborhood was already being negatively impacted and that the main issue was parking at the Lagoon Drive facility. Other residents noted that patrons of the school frequently park illegally on streets, on the sides of streets and on private property.

"Act accordingly to grant us the relief we seek," said David Conrad.

"I have nothing against the school, but I think it's outgrown the neighborhood," another resident added.

Dr. Neill agreed with the residents by saying that he wanted to minimize the impacts to the neighborhood, and noted that lectures like these have been held at the school since 2010.

Councilman Mick Denham reiterated that the issue with parking at the Lagoon Drive facility should be the main focus, but offered that a different location for the evening lectures – such as the Sanibel Public Library – could be a viable alternative.

After some additional discussions, Dr. Neill told the council that he wished to withdraw the application to conduct the evening lectures at the Lagoon Drive facility, adding that he would find a suitable alternative for those classes. However, he said that "approximately eight" daytime lectures remained on the schedule, and that he would like to conduct those classes at the Periwinkle Way building.

Members of the council agreed, approving the amended special events permit request by a 5 to 0 vote.*

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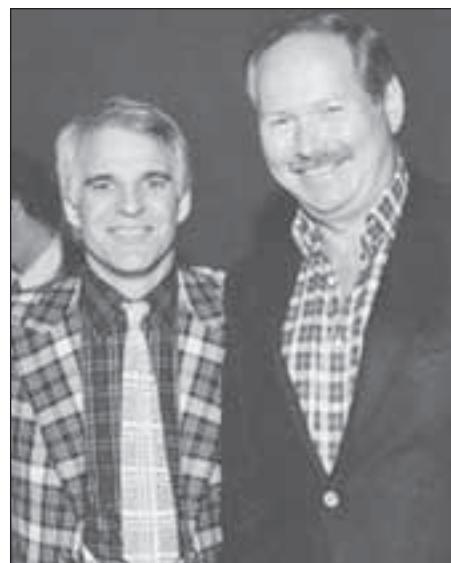
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A Movie Mogul Speaks Out

submitted by Sid Picker

Oscar season is upon us again and to celebrate it, the BIG ARTS Film Society has prepared something special – not Sanibel Oscar Night, which many of you may remember – but a bit different. A program titled A Movie Mogul Speaks Out will take place Monday, March 3 starting at 6:30 p.m. We will be bringing a real movie mogul from the Golden Age of Hollywood to Schein Hall, retired producer and film executive David V. Picker. Picker will take part in a show based on the James Lipton TV show *Inside The Actors Studio*. There will be the same red carpet walk, glitz and glam, a movie that Picker produced, *The Jerk*, and a champagne reception.

During his career, Picker was president of United Artists, Paramount, Columbia, and Lorimar as well as an independent film producer. He just published a book about his experiences during the Golden Age of Hollywood, called *Musts, Maybes and Nevers; A Book About the Movies*. It tells all, from how and why Picker accepted the Best Picture Oscar for Tony Richardson's *Tom Jones* in 1974 to his part in bringing the first X-rated Best Picture Oscar winner (*Midnight Cowboy*) as well as the Beatles (all four) and Bond (James) but not Bergman (Ingmar) to the screen.



Steve Martin and David Picker in 1979

Three-time Sanibel Oscar Night host Albert Hann will play Lipton's role and interview Picker on stage at Schein Hall. The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions as well. This is the evening after the Hollywood Oscars so whatever questions you have about who won the Academy Awards, or what goes on behind the scenes in Hollywood, Picker will have an answer for you.

It promises to be a bang-up evening of quips, fun, gossip and insights on Hollywood. The red carpet walk with Sanibel hostesses Maddy Mayor and Mary Buck will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the talk back with Picker begins at 7. Following

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At his recent concert at Germain Arena, singer-songwriter Barry Manilow welcomed A.J. and

Sunny Scribante and Al and Sally Hansen just prior to taking the stage for his performance.

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Magellan's Ship

The Tall Ship Event Tour of Florida is part of the 500th Anniversary Viva Florida Celebration that commenced in 2013.

The original *Nao Victoria* was one of five ships given to Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan to sail around the world. Magellan, along with 245 other men, set sail from Spain in 1519. The historic voyage crossed over 32,000 miles, ending three years later with only 18 of the original crew returning on the *Nao Victoria*. Magellan was killed in the Philippines, leaving Spanish explorer Juan Sebastian de Elcano to complete the voyage. From 2004 to 2006, the *Nao Victoria* replica retraced some of Magellan's footsteps while sailing around the world using only 16th century navigation technology.

The *Nao Victoria* recently arrived in the United States from Spain. It is an exact replica of Ferdinand Magellan's history-making ship and will be open to the public for tours. The *Nao* will be docked at Snug Harbor Marina near Nervous Nellie's Waterfront Eatery from February 13 to March 17 and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the public to tour. Additional Florida ports-of-call that have been announced to date include Tampa and Port Canaveral.

In addition to public tours, the National Air, Sea and Space Foundation will host fourth and fifth grade students during the weekday mornings as part of the Future Explorers Education Program.

"This is our way of bringing the rich historical experience of a field trip to St. Augustine here to Fort Myers Beach" said Bryan Lilley, chairman of the foundation.

General admission tickets and express line VIP tickets that also include free use of an audio guide headset, are available for purchase in advance at www.tallshipevent.com. The foundation is also seeking volunteers to be part of the *Nao Victoria* Experience team.

Corporate partnerships and Friends of the Foundation memberships offering onboard experiences for private events are also available. For more information, contact Kate DeCarlo with the National Air, Sea and Space Foundation at 321-328-7110 or e-mail kate@airseaspace.org.

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Movie Mogul

the conversation portion of the evening, there will be a screening of *The Jerk*, the movie that made Steve Martin a star. The evening will conclude with a Meet-the-Mogul champagne reception in Phillips Gallery. Tickets are \$15. They are available at the BIG ARTS box office, or by calling 395-0900.

Ode To A Salad

Long-time Sanibel Public Library staff member Betsy Eidem returns with another culinary program on Thursday, February 13 at 10 a.m.

She will present Ode to a Salad in Room #4 of the library.

Audience Is Jury At BIG ARTS Courtroom Play

by Di Saggau

The thought-provoking courtroom thriller *Defamation* is coming soon to the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater. Last week a special reception was held for playwright Todd Logan who discussed the play and what inspired him to write it.

Defamation will premiere February 20 at the Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel and will run through March 2.

What is unique about his play is that the ending is decided by the audience. The play focuses on an African American professional woman who is suing a wealthy Jewish businessman over an alleged case of defamation. The audience will hear from both sides and must try to sort through their own feelings about race, religion and class to reach a verdict. At the conclusion of the 70-minute play the jury/audience will be invited to deliberate for approximately 15 minutes. The audience discussion will be facilitated by Logan or members of the cast.

Logan said an experience several years ago served as his inspiration for *Defamation*. He was talking with two actors who were African American. One of the actors reminded him of Cleavon Little from the 1974 Mel Brooks comedy film *Blazing Saddles*. Logan said, "I wanted to say, you know who you remind me of? But I didn't feel I could say that. Maybe it will be misinterpreted." He wanted to write a play to address these types of situations.

In a civil suit you have to prove that someone made a false statement to a third party and also that it cost you financially. The stage becomes a courtroom. There are six actors involved in the play. They act as lawyers, key witnesses and of course the man and woman involved in the trial.

A question was asked if the performance of the actors makes a difference in the outcome. Logan replied, "It's a case that could go any way, but performances do make a difference." He gave examples of how the verdict differed from venue to venue depending upon the audience ethnicity and religion.

"Whether we like it or not, we still have major divides in this country. Most of us still go to bed at night in cities, communities and neighborhoods that are segregated by race, religion, ethnicity and/or class," he added.

He hopes "that people become aware of the preconceived notions and implicit biases we harbor every day and then empathize with others more often, thereby combating prevailing trends. Making the audience the jury and then inviting the jury to dialogue with me and the cast after a verdict is reached provides a forum to start exactly that process."

To learn more about the play, go to Defamationplay.com.

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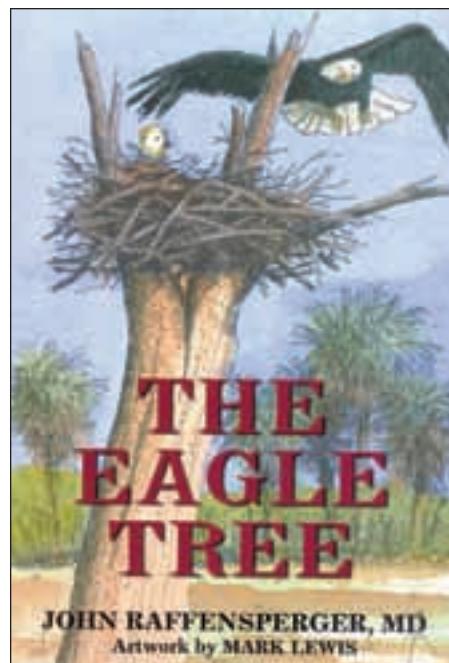
The *Eagle Tree*, an environmental adventure story for children, is the latest book from Sanibel author John Raffensperger, and he has donated a copy to the Children's Room at the Sanibel Public Library.

The story takes place on an island a lot like Sanibel, connected to the mainland with a causeway, and where the sun comes up over San Carlos Bay. There is a library, and island school, a conservation society, and folks have coffee at the "Beanery." There are also environmental concerns, such as red tide and attempts to develop wetlands.

"*The Eagle Tree* is the delightful tale of a youngster's introduction to the new world of an island environment in southwest Florida, complete with its special pleasures and dangers, and how its atmosphere and the influence of the good people around him can allow him to grow to understand and fight for its protection," said library archivist and Sanibel historian Betty Anholt.

The plot includes buried treasure, a poacher shooting endangered birds and threatening an eagle's nest, red tide and pollution, and a letter to the governor.

The book is a wonderful way to encourage children to enjoy the outdoors and to understand the challenges to the environment.



"We are pleased to accept this latest book from Dr. Raffensperger, and we look forward to his next book, too," said Duane Shaffer, library collection development coordinator.*

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"Where to?" I echo,
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closer than prison bars.

Tanya Hochschild, a member of a Sanibel Writers Group, has participated in ArtPoems and Writer's Reads on the island, and had two books published.*

Monday Night Movie

Unfinished Song

by Di Saggau



The BIG ARTS movie for Monday night, February 10 is *Unfinished Song*. This is a funny and inspiring story about Arthur (Terence Stamp), a curmudgeonly old soul, who is perfectly content sticking with his dull daily routine until his beloved wife Marion (Vanessa Redgrave) introduces him to a local seniors singing group.

Marion is facing a terminal illness and takes the diagnosis in stride, doing her best to cherish what remaining time she has with her husband. Arthur's already dour attitude grows increasingly grim. When the senior's choir that Marion sings in shows up at their window one stormy morning to serenade them with Stevie Wonder's *You Are the Sunshine of My Life*, Arthur completely loses his cool and snaps at the well-intentioned crooners.

Marion asks him to be her substitute in the choir and he agrees. The group is led by the youthful and charming Elizabeth (Gemma Arterton) who forms an unexpected friendship with Arthur and reignites his passion for new adventures. Little does he realize that she favors teaching the group such unconventional songs as *Let's Talk About Sex*, rather than the tired glee-club standards. She helps Arthur on a journey of self-discovery allowing him to remember how it feels to truly be alive in the moment.

He shows us all that life should be celebrated at any age. The film runs 93 minutes. A special Valentine's Day wine and chocolate reception begins at 6 p.m. The cost for both the reception and movie is \$15.

The Monday Night Movie for February 17 is the critically acclaimed *The Great Beauty*. More on that next week.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday

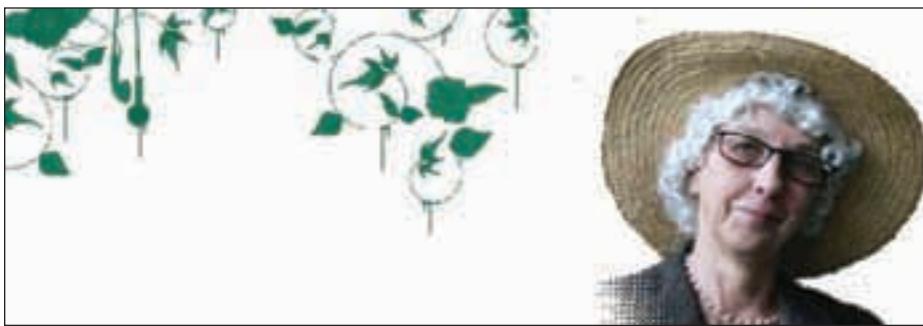


Night Film Series is \$8 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion in Phillips Gallery. Sponsors are Bank of the Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters are Sanibel Taxi, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel and John R. Wood Real Estate. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available by calling 395-0900.*

Music At Library

The Sanibel Public Library will welcome back David Kilbride on Tuesday, February 11. He will play his guitar and will once again sing favorite songs from the 50s and 60s.

It will take place in Meeting Room #4 at the Library (across from the elevator) at 2 p.m.*



Professional actress Janina Birtolo portrays Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Community House Presents Play About Marjory Stoneman Douglas

The Community House is hosting a one-woman luncheon show by professional actress Janina Birtolo on Wednesday, February 12. The play, entitled *A Voice For The Everglades*, is about Marjory Stoneman Douglas, author of the pivotal book, *The Everglades: River of Grass* and environmentalist who continues to inspire. Douglas helped spread the message of how special the Everglades is and how vital it is to all of life in south Florida.

Twenty years after the establishment of Everglades National Park – in the same year her book was published – Douglas was asked again to come to the region's aid to help defeat plans to build a jetport in the fragile area. She responded by starting the Friends of the Everglades and becoming an environmental activist, at the age of 80. In 1993, then-President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom to mark her efforts. She asked what had taken him so long.

Douglas packed a lot of living into her 108 years of life and made a tangible difference. But the environment was just one of many passions in her life. The play charts Douglas' remarkable life and incorporates her wry wit and sense of humor.

Birtolo is the winner of the *N Magazine* 2006 Enny Award for Best Performing Artist for her original one-woman play *Most Affectionate Daughter*.

Seating begins at noon. Grilled chicken Caesar salad and raspberry cheesecake will be served. Wine will be available by donation. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for guests, prepaid reservations only.

Sanibel Holiday is sponsoring the show.

Call The Community House to reserve your seats at 472-2155 or visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net.**

FISH Upcoming February Workshops

FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc. have announced upcoming complimentary workshops held during the month of February:

Mom & Toddlers Group on Monday, February 10, 10 to 11 a.m. – Join this fun and educational group to connect with other island moms and children. Open to all island parents and their children ages birth to five years. Held at the FISH Walk-In Center.

Chris Coile Performance on Tuesday, February 11 and February 25, 6 p.m. – Held at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille. Proceeds to benefit FISH.

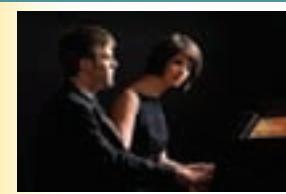
Budgeting Workshop on Tuesday, February 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. – Learn how to create a budget that will work. Join Celia Hill, County Extension Agent IV, Lee County Extension of the University of FL/IFAS and FISH at the FISH Walk-In Center for this informational workshop. Contact Christine Swiersz at the FISH Walk-In Center (472-4775) to RSVP.

Friendly Faces Luncheon on Tuesday, February 11, 11:30 a.m. – Held at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille. Visit with FISH staff, volunteers and board members. Cost is \$8 per person, all inclusive. Exact cash requested; RSVP to Maggie Goldsmith at the FISH Walk-In Center at 472-4775.

VITA (Tax Preparation) on Friday, February 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax assistance for qualified taxpayers. Households who make \$58,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their tax returns qualify for the VITA program. Certified trained volunteers provide basic income tax return preparation to individuals in our community. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may be eligible such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for Elderly or the Disabled. Other dates will be available throughout the tax season. Appointments required. Contact Christine Swiersz at the FISH Walk-In Center (472-4775) to RSVP.**

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FILM

Monday Night Film Series: *Unfinished Song* Chocolate & Wine Tasting Reception

Monday, February 10, 6 pm

Reception & Film Ticket Price: \$15 • 6 pm • BIG ARTS Center

Film Only Ticket Price: \$8 • 7 pm • Schein Performance Hall

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FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those niggling doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out -- especially where money matters might be involved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive aspect helps you get a clear-

er focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 11, 1858, Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, claims to have seen the Virgin Mary. The apparitions occurred in a grotto of a rock promontory near Lourdes, France. Today millions of people travel to Lourdes every year to visit the grotto, whose waters supposedly have curative powers.

- On Feb. 12, 1912, Hsian-T'ung, the last emperor of China, is forced to abdicate. A provisional government was established in his place, ending 267 years of Manchu rule in

China and 2,000 years of imperial rule. The former emperor was only 6 years old.

- On Feb. 16, 1923 in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler King Tutankhamen. The chamber was virtually intact, with its treasures and the perfectly preserved mummy of King Tut untouched after more than 3,000 years.

- On Feb. 13, 1945, the most controversial episode in the Allied air war against Germany begins as hundreds of British bombers descend on Dresden, Germany. With two days, the city was a smoldering ruin. Dresden had been regarded as one of the world's most beautiful cities for its architecture and museums.

- On Feb. 15, 1950, Walt Disney's animated feature "Cinderella" opens in theaters. Disney's full-length animated feature films began in 1937 with "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Disney had risked \$1.5 million of his own money on the venture.

- On Feb. 14, 1962, President John F. Kennedy authorizes U.S. military advisers in Vietnam to return fire if fired upon. Kennedy was acknowledging that U.S. forces were involved in the fighting, but he wished to downplay any appearance of increased American involvement in the war.

- On Feb. 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Gary Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against Deep Blue, an IBM computer capable of evaluating 200 million moves per second. Kasparov was ultimately victorious and bested Deep Blue with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was famed cultural anthropologist

Margaret Mead who made the following sage observation: One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night.

- If you're like the average American, you will eat about 150 bananas this year -- 26 pounds worth.

- Up until the 1500s, the accepted way of dealing with a patient who was hemorrhaging was to cauterize the wound, often with boiling oil or red-hot irons. It was in the latter part of the 16th century that a French surgeon named Ambroise Pare began tying off the broken blood vessels with cord. That's pretty much what surgeons do today.

- It's been estimated that a million pigeons live in New York City.

- When pop star Christina Aguilera is on tour, she insists on having a police escort. She hates to be stuck in traffic.

- Next time you're heading to Illinois, you can stop off in Metropolis and visit the self-declared birthplace of Superman. In honor of their hometown superhero, the citizens erected a 15-foot bronze statue of him on Main Street.

- It was Abraham Lincoln who signed into law the legislation that created the Secret Service. That very night, he was assassinated.

- Those who study such things say that on the 13th of every month, triskaidekaphobia causes a loss of \$83 million to American business due to absenteeism from work and other disruptions.

- In the United States, more babies are born on Oct. 5 than on any other day of the year. If you do the math, you'll find that New Year's Eve is 9 months and 5 days before that.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Show me a hero, and I will write you a tragedy. -- F. Scott Fitzgerald

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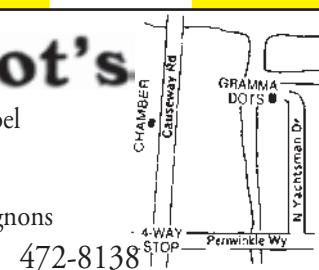


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Meet The Artists

The Dunes is announcing its new gallery of artists in the club's Meet The Artist Series. The artist's reception is February 7 at 4 p.m. All art is for sale and will be displayed for the entire month of February.

Bea Pappas

I have been painting for 49 years and teaching for 34 years. I continue to study with artists I respect and admire. I am an artist member of the North Shore Art Association in Gloucester, Massachusetts and a signature member, Nautilus Fellow, of ISEA International Society of Experimental Artists. Currently, I am teaching at BIGARTS where I also serve as co-chair of the Visual Arts Committee.

Deborah Butler

I have studied studio art throughout the years at Florida State and locally with Bob Peterson, Gale Bennett, Bea Pappas, and Hollis Jeffcoat. Once I retired from the College, I decided to

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Other speakers for the BIG ARTS 2014 Women's Seminar discussions include:

February 6 – Margaret Mohundro, director of the Sanibel Public Library, Opportunities for and Contributions by Women Authors and Librarians.

February 20 – Rabbi Myra Soifer of Temple Bat Yam, Breaking the Sacred Ceiling Can be a Holy Pain.

February 27 – Jody Andrews, global programs manager for a large multinational technological company, Challenges, Opportunities and Contributions of Women in Business.

Academy Awards Contenders

Nebraska



by Stan Gembicki

On Wednesday, February 12 at 1 p.m., the Island Cinema will show *Nebraska*, the sixth movie in the BIG ARTS Academy Awards Contenders Film Series. After the movie, a discussion will take place at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille.

Tickets are available at the Island Cinema. The next movie in the series will be announced prior to the weekly showing.

Nebraska is a father and son road trip, from Billings, Montana to Lincoln, Nebraska that gets waylaid at a small town in central Nebraska, where the father grew up. Told with deadpan humor and a unique visual style, it's ultimately the story of a son trying to get through to a father he does not understand. It stars Bruce Dern and Will Forte and is directed by Alexander Payne.

Nebraska has been nominated for

develop further as a visual artist. I am a multi-media artist and painter. I have shown work on Sanibel at BIGARTS, the Center for Life and the Congregational Church on Sanibel. I also teach art history and appreciation courses in the "Winter Academy" of BIGARTS.

As an art historian, I have had the pleasure of studying the richness of art. My areas of speciality were classical art and contemporary art. My work is also influenced by my travels, my students, my family, my garden and my good friends. I currently am co-chair of visual arts at BIGARTS.

As for my art, I love history and maps. There are often hidden references to historical events in my work. I have recently been experimenting with monotypes. My pieces are often embellished with pen and colored pencils and collage. I like to liven my works with gesture and color. Color sometimes expresses mood but it also can be symbolic. My thoughts about the world and the people who inhabit it drive my art.**

March 6 – Speaker TBA
For further information, log onto www.BIGARTS.org or call 395-0900.**

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The Piano Men

which are the '70s. My fondest memories are universal. They're the same memories everyone has."

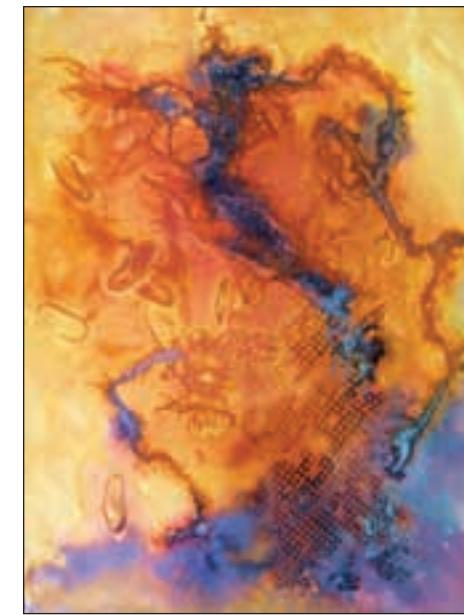
Individual tickets for the concert are \$47 for logo and \$42 for general seating. Tickets are \$5 for students with valid student ID and children 17 and younger. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Call 395-0900 or e-mail info@BIGARTS.org for ticket information.**



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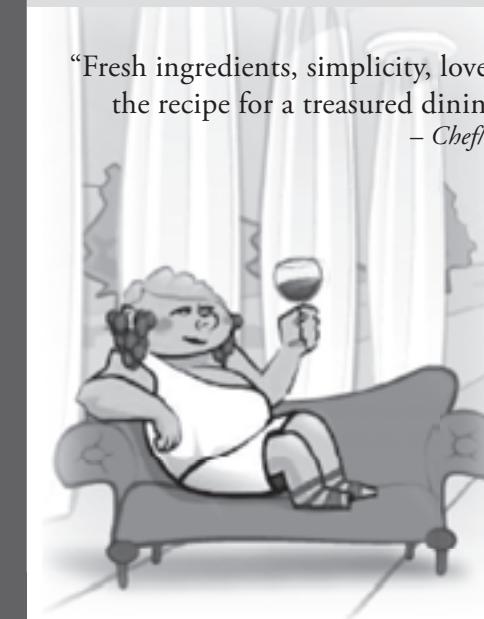
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Coffee table made with ancient stones from the Jungle Jewel house on Zonta's Peek tour



Lily pond at the Jungle Jewel house

Zonta Peek Features A Jungle Jewel

submitted by Dalia Jakubauskas

Most people buy a home for what's on the inside. But Sanibel residents Spring and Ron Rosen purchased their east end residence for what was on the outside – lush, tropical gardens and a jungle canopy that envelope the half-century-old house. Styled like an Italian villa, the home is one of four stops on the Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva's sold-out Peek at the Unique home tour on Saturday, March 15.

"I just love the feel of an open house with the breeze coming off the bay," said Spring Rosen, who has crafted much of the exterior design, which features mature plantings with 18 species of palm trees, 26 varieties of bromeliads, and a lily pond.

Since buying the three-bedroom home in 1998, the couple have lovingly updated it to reflect their personal tastes, stripping walls, replacing worn carpet with gleaming travertine, and installing shutters to emphasize its Italian villa personality. Ironwork featured throughout the home is from Ron Rosen's designs, completed by a local craftsman.

The interior showcases the Rosens' love of unique local art and furniture pieces collected from their travels. Peekers will see the intriguing livingroom coffee table, which

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Big Push Toward Campaign Goal

The Sanibel-Captiva United Way is approaching the conclusion of the 2013-2014 United Way Campaign, with only four weeks left. As of January 28, the Sanibel-Captiva Campaign has raised just over \$289,400 which is 88 percent of the goal of \$330,000.

Tony Lapi, of Tween Waters Inn, the local campaign chair, said, "We are happy to be at 88 percent of our goal, and a huge thank you to those who have already given. Our United Way will wrap up the annual campaign February 28, and we need everyone's help to reach 100 percent."

"What would happen if we did not make our goal? Our 70 partner agencies would not be fully funded for programs that feed hungry people, protect abused children and help seniors live independently in their own homes. Let's all join

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Crystal Mansell, Linda Uhler, Tom Uhler, Chauncey Goss and Tony Lapi in front of the Sanibel-Captiva United Way thermometer



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NEW LISTING



Immaculate Home in the Dunes

Immaculately maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in the Dunes Golf and Tennis Community. This home features a large living room/dining room combination and a tiled kitchen. The living room sliding glass doors lead to a large screen enclosed deck where you can enjoy a lovely dinner or an evening relaxing while watching sunset skies! Just steps away from the Dunes clubhouse and tennis courts.

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A Tranquil Paradise

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Immaculate East End Canal Home

Magnificent Canal View in the desirable neighborhood of Shell Harbor. With 3 bedrooms plus a den/office and 2.5 baths this home has a wonderful flow. Enter through the outdoor atrium into this immaculate home with canal views. Other features include screen enclosed pool/lanai area with a hot tub, fireplace in the family room, boat dock & lift and a deck off of the Master Bedroom suite. Deeded beach access. Enjoy quiet East End living with easy access on and off the island.

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Location is Everything

Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath home situated on a quiet cul-de-sac in the Dunes Golf and Tennis Community. This home features tiled flooring and the large living/dining room is enhanced by a stunning wood, tongue and groove vaulted ceiling. Sliding glass doors open on to a glass and screen enclosed porch overlooking the pool with a sweeping golf and water view. This home also offers a permitted, private guest suite with bath just off the pool. This is definitely a must see! **1182 Kittiwake Circle.**

Offered at \$745,000



Nicely Upgraded

Nicely Upgraded Immaculate 2BD/2BA home in the Dunes Golf and Tennis Community. This home features an open floor plan, the living room features a stone fireplace, gorgeous wood floors and a vaulted ceiling with wood beams. The tiled kitchen has new countertops and the dining room sliding glass doors open to a porch overlooking the private/screened pool. The master bedroom includes an extra large 10X6 walk-in closet and a separate private screened porch with a view of the beautiful landscaping. **1076 Sand Castle.**

Offered at \$620,000



Sweeping Lake & Golf Course View

You will be amazed by the spectacular lake and golf course views from this ground level 2bd/2ba, pool home located in the Dunes Golf and Tennis Community. Relax and enjoy the views from the open, screened-in lanai or take a dip in the pool with its new energy efficient pool pump. This is a wonderful location for bird watching or watching a "birdie" on the golf course. **1481 Sand Castle Rd.**

Offered at \$575,000



Adorable Island Home in the Dunes Community

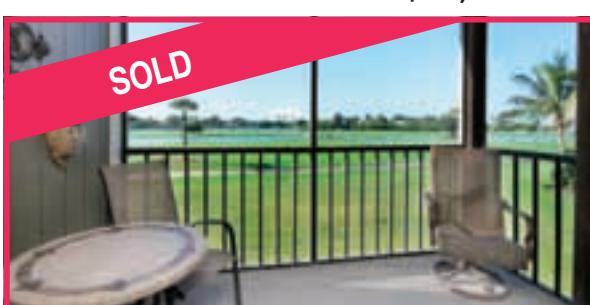
Bright open floor plan in this Dunes 3BR 2BA home which lends itself to beautiful architectural design. The vaulted ceilings in the living area & decking off all bedrooms and an open kitchen add to the open airy feel. Close to San Carlos Bay at Bailey Rd for fishing, kayaking or sunning. Only a few homes away from the Dunes Clubhouse. The best priced 3BR/2BA home in this community! **970 Sand Castle Rd.**

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Island Seniors At The Center 4 Life

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

iPad & iPhone Classes –

Instructor is Ronda Seifer Walis

- iPad Intermediate: February 11 and 13
- iPhone Intermediate: February 18 and 20

A session includes a Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$60 per session for members and \$90 per session for non-members. Class size is limited to four. You must provide your own device.

Picasa with Patty and Your Photos –

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 18 and 19, 1 to 3 p.m. Two two-hour sessions per class. If you email or browse the Internet, you can do Picasa. This is hands-on training in Picasa, a free program from Google. Copy photos from your camera or memory card to your PC, and create and edit albums that are easy to email. Order prints without a trip to the store. You can crop, resize, sharpen and brighten colors. Class size limited to six. Your paid reservation guarantees your seat. Cost is \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members. Bring your camera, cable, memory card and card reader with 10 to 20 photos. Sample photos will be available.

Page Turners with Ann Rodman

If you would like to be on the Page Turners list, email annrodman@aol.com or contact the Center 4 Life.

Wednesday, February 12 at 2:30 p.m. Featured book: *My 92 Years on Sanibel* by Francis Bailey. Mead Bailey Johnson, Bailey's daughter, will provide some background information during the discussion.

AARP Safe Driving Classes –

Thursdays, 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. Participants will be eligible for a discount on their auto insurance. Register by calling Ed Vander Hey at 292-4012. No membership required.

Learn to Play Mahjongg with Katie Reid –

February 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18. Class is limited to four or eight students (to fill a table to practice). You must be able to attend all five classes from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All supplies are provided. Bring your lunch. Cost is \$12.50 for members, \$25 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

Games:

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

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

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

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

Trips:

Ybor City Tour and Tampa Bay History Center –

Tuesday, February 25. Cost is \$79 for members and \$89 for non-members. Includes round-trip transportation, guided walking and riding tour of Ybor City, lunch at Spaghetti Warehouse (converted from a cigar factory) and tour of Tampa Bay History Center.

Historic St. Augustine Three-Day Tour –

Sunday through Tuesday, March 2 to 4. Cost is \$349 per person, double-occupancy for members and \$399 per person, double occupancy for non-members; \$499 single for members and \$549 single non-members. Includes round-trip transportation, three days and two nights at branded hotel with five meals (two breakfasts, two dinners and scenic lunch cruise on the St. John's River), private trolley tour of St. Augustine with all day hop on, hop off privileges, free time in the historic area.

From Batman to Bond – The Dezer Collection of Cars & More –

Monday, March 3. Cost is \$69 for members and \$79 for non-members. Includes round-trip transportation, admission to the Dezer Collection in North Miami/Sunny Isles and lunch at the museum. See over 1,000 of the most collectible vehicles in the world, including Cars of the Stars and the James Bond Collection. Depart from Fort Myers at 7:30 a.m.

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Lunch at The Clewiston Inn – Wednesday, March 5. Cost is \$79 for members and \$89 for non-members. Includes round-trip transportation, guided tour to hear about the history of Clewiston's agricultural growth and lunch at The Clewiston Inn. Depart from Fort Myers at 8:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes:

Classes are available and all ages are welcome. Cost is \$3.50 for members and \$6 for non-members. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership cards to attend.

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

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

Power Hour Fitness – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats are used. 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. All exercises are done using a chair. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel. Kris Brown is the instructor.

For more information on programs or to join Island Seniors, Inc., call 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way.

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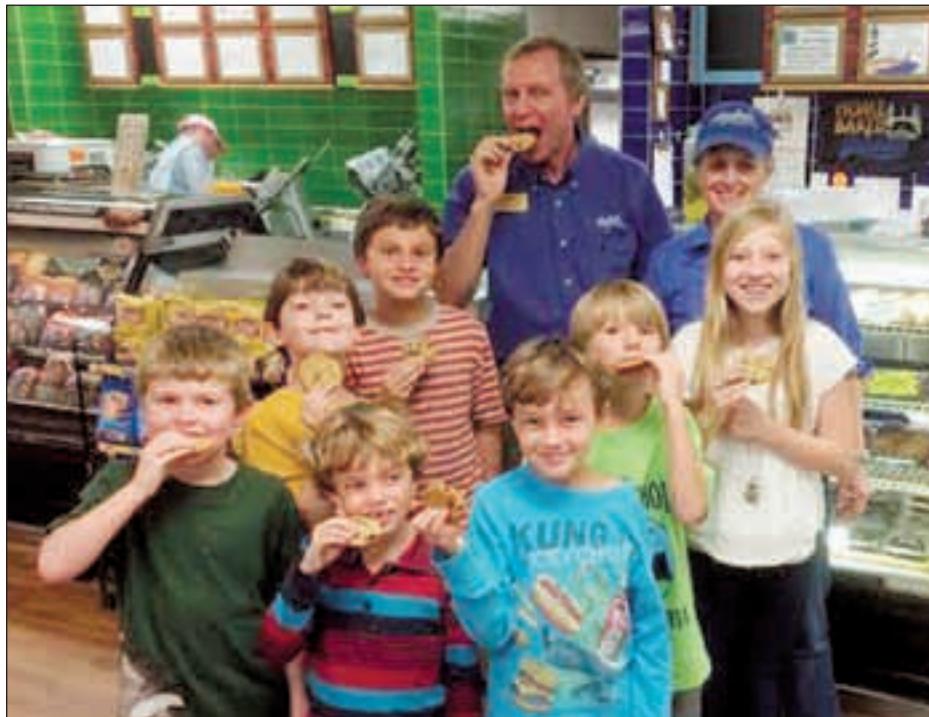
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The Sanibel School Fund would like to thank Bailey's General Store for their ongoing support. Bailey's is a Blue Ribbon Partner and a Platinum Sponsor who has raised and contributed funds to maintain the school's foreign language program and sup-

ports enhancements in technology for the school. Taking it one step further, Bailey's will soon be introducing another convenient way for you to donate to the school while shopping at Bailey's General Store. Beginning in February, customers will be offered the opportu-

nity to add a \$5 amount to their purchase total as a donation to The Sanibel School. Bailey's will additionally, and very generously, be donating proceeds from the sale of their St. Patrick's Day T-shirts during their upcoming celebration on Monday, March 17. Way to go, Bailey's!

Because of support from businesses like Bailey's and its general managers, Richard and Mead Johnson, and through the school's upcoming Annual Appeal, students at The Sanibel School are able to take lessons in Spanish in kindergarten through eighth grade. The school serves approximately 375 students, is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School and is rated the top K-8 school in the state of Florida.**



Roseate spoonbills

Audubon Birding Class

San Cap Audubon birding enthusiasts will conduct a one-hour session on birds you will see in the wildlife refuge on Wednesday, February 12 at 9:15 a.m. in Auditorium B at the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center. It will be followed by a tour of the refuge to put the new knowledge to work.

The goal is to help beginning and intermediate birders increase their bird-watching enjoyment.

Bring binoculars. Limit is 30 participants. Call 437-2459 to sign up.**

Arts & Crafts Fair

The Center 4 Life Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be handmade gifts by 35 local artists and craftspeople. A variety of items will be featured, including fused glass, jewelry, photographs, paintings, cards, tropical plant arrangements, books, shell crafts, pottery, jam, chutney, hats and purses, and fabric and hand-knit apparel. A hot dog lunch will be available.

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Advocate Of The Year Award

Sanibel Public Library Foundation President Ken Nirenberg is the recipient of the 2013 Library Advocate of the Year Award for his support and advocacy for the Sanibel Public Library.

Nirenberg was chosen in part for his work on fundraising and elevat-

ing the profile of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation in the community. Additionally, Nirenberg was noted for his work in support of libraries and reading activities in Southwest Florida.

"Ken has led the Foundation through tremendous growth and provided outstanding support for the Sanibel Public Library," said Library Commissioner Gib Warren.

The Foundation provides major funding for the yearly Author Series,

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Children's Summer Reading Program, technology initiatives like downloadable ebooks, and more.

"The Foundation's grant funding enables the library to offer extra special services and programs; it eases the taxpayer commitment; and it is a wonderful public-private partnership," Warren added.

"We are very pleased that Ken was awarded this well-deserved, prestigious honor. Ken's leadership of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation has benefited our community through the funding of, among other things, the Sanibel Public Library Author Series, technological

improvements and various children's programs," said Library Commissioner and treasurer Dan Moeder. "All the donations to the Sanibel Public Library Foundation eventually go to the library and reduce the tax burden on Sanibel property owners."

Nirenberg was presented the award from the Southwest Florida Library Network at its annual meeting. Nirenberg's co-award winner is Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner. Florida First Lady Ann Scott was on hand at the awards ceremony to congratulate the winners.★

My Survivor Story

by Carole Fallon

On a muggy July 4, 1997, around 6:20 p.m., at age 53, I had a heart attack.

I was a passenger in our car en route to Toronto where my husband, Michael, had taken a two-year job assignment. We had travelled from Pennsylvania with two brief stops and were just 28 kilometers from Toronto when it felt like a wrecking ball hit me in the center of my chest. As an RN, I recognized the symptoms. Within seconds, it spread to my left arm and jaw. When I told Michael, who was concentrating on an unfamiliar busy highway, he remarked it was probably indigestion.

I clutched his arm as I was beginning to have trouble breathing. Seeing my ashen face and beads of perspiration on my lip, he asked, "Are you having a heart attack?" He immediately began crossing lanes and veered toward the exit where



Carole Fallon, far right, and her family on the beach on Sanibel Island

he could see a blue "H." A police station was the first sign of possible help and the staff called an ambulance. I was given

oxygen, although I was only vaguely aware of something on my face. I was aware of people speaking to me, but their voices were far away and I was unable to respond.

Fortunately, Mississauga Hospital had a new nine-bed Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. I was given a drug called TPA, which dissolved the clot, preventing further heart damage.

An angiogram revealed I had four blockages in the left anterior descending artery (known as "the widow maker"). I was diagnosed with single coronary artery disease and, as a woman, given a poor prognosis. I was released after four days and put on a cardiac medicine regimen to

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I had been to the ER in Philadelphia just a few weeks prior to going to Canada, complaining of shortness of breath and fluttering in my chest. The tests were inconclusive, so I was told I had a high stress job, I was anxious and needed to lose a few pounds. I have a family history on both sides of heart disease and attacks. My father had a heart attack at 53.

Now 16 years later, at age 69, I am without stents, never had a bypass and I am medically managed and symptom free. Changing my lifestyle by eating right, exercising and learning ways of coping with stress have worked for me. I do have regular cardiac checkups and monitor my cholesterol.

Heart disease is the #1 killer of women in the United States. Education and research can change this statistic. Please support us by being a donor and/or walker on Sunday, February 9 as the American Heart Association holds its 1st annual Sanibel/Captiva Heart Walk at Bailey's Center. Festivities begin at 1 p.m., and the non-competitive, family-friendly 3.1-mile walk begins at 2 p.m., rain or shine. Your \$50 donation includes a keepsake bandana.

For more information, visit www.sanibelcaptivahartwalk.kintera.org or contact Molly Spain, Lee County Heart Walk director, at 495-4901 or email Molly.Spain@heart.org.

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Sanibel Historical Village Adds Board Members

The board of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village has appointed three new members: Gail Migliorini, Sally Duffy and James Clivie Goodwin. The three new members are still subject to election by the museum's membership at its annual meeting on February 25.

Migliorini hails from North Dakota and learned an appreciation of local history from her mother. "She made sure we understood where we came from and what that stood for," Migliorini said. A graduate of the University of North Dakota with a degree in elementary education, Migliorini spent most of her career in the telecommunications industry as director of international sales, traveling the world in Europe, Asia, Latin and South America. "The exposure to differ-



Gail Migliorini

ent cultures, histories and peoples has instilled in me a love of learning about the

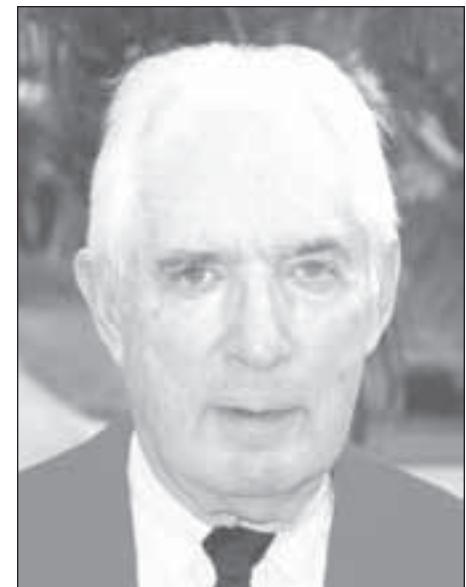


Sally Duffy

past," she said.

Duffy has been a volunteer and docent at the museum since 2008, doing everything from guiding tours to serving on fundraising committees. She has more than 40 years' experience in counseling, is an expert in cognitive behavioral therapy and anxiety disorders, as well as conflict resolution. She is licensed as a professional counselor in the state of Ohio. She holds a bachelor's degree in history and education from Trinity College and a master's degree in counseling and guidance from John Carroll University.

Goodwin started as a docent at the museum in 2013 and quickly became a valuable asset to the village. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and



Clivie Goodwin

the U.S. Naval Academy Postgraduate School with a master's degree in physics. He went on to the University of Southern California to earn another master's degree in systems management. After retiring from the navy, Goodwin worked at various professional services companies, eventually landing at IBM as a project manager. Upon his retirement from IBM, he moved his principal residence to Sanibel. He has been a member of the board of his Naval Academy Class Association, a 501(c)3 organization, for more than 25 years.

These additions bring the number of board members to 11.**



Rich Rompala, Dan Keys, Phil Stewart and Roger Triftshauser

The Sanibel Island Golf Club

Men's Scramble

On Saturday, February 1, the men's league at Sanibel Island Golf Club played a regular scramble event with a 50 percent handicap taken from the lowest handicap player in the foursome to determine the final score.

There was a tie for first place with a 56.5 score for the teams of Rich Rompala, Phil Stewart, Roger Triftshauser and Dan Keys, and the team of Barry Humphries, Mark Wlaz, Bob Cushman and Dave Wiseley. In a scorecard playoff taking the total score of the back nine holes, the Rompala team was declared the winner. They had a score of

30 on the back nine and the Humphries team scored a 31 on the back. Rompala scored birdies on 8, 9 and 10 and the rest of his team scored pars and birdies on various holes. They had no bogies. The Humphries team had seven birdies overall for the tie, but fell short with one bogie on the back nine. They were awarded second place.

There was also a tie for third place with scores of 58.5 from the foursomes of Fred Zimmer, Jim Mulka, Jerry Mader and Dave Bugby, and the foursome of Tom Rathbone, Rod Verblaauw, John Kilkenny and Jack Tukey. The Zimmer team was awarded third place with a back nine scorecard score win of one stroke.**

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Introduction To Yoga Workshop At Sanibel Recreation Center

A new Introduction To Yoga workshop will be held on Saturday, February 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center. This workshop is open to everyone and for all levels.

Introduction To Yoga is a fun, gentle introduction to basic breathing principles and techniques, body alignment, simple stretches, mindful movement, relaxation and meditation. This workshop is excellent for those who have thought about yoga, but aren't sure what to expect; new students who want to refine the basics; and experienced students who want to deepen their practice.

The workshop will be led by Kris Brown, a certified yoga teacher who has been teaching for the past 11 years. Participants should bring a yoga mat, water bottle, notepad, small meditation pillow or anything that makes them feel comfortable sitting and lying on the floor. Chairs will be available for those not able to sit on a mat. Mats and yoga blocks will be available at the Rec Center.

Space is limited, so register in advance. Cost is only \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

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

Casual Pick-Up Softball Mondays

Pick-up softball games are now in full swing at the Sanibel ball fields every Monday night at 6 p.m. weather permitting.

This recreational opportunity is available to anyone age 18 and over of all ability levels. There is no fee to participate. Just bring a glove. Players must wear closed toe shoes. No metal cleats of any type may be worn and no sandals or bare feet.

For more information, contact Kayla Schuneman, recreation center program coordinator, at kayla.schuneman@mysanibel.com or call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 or log onto www.mysanibel.com.

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2013-14 Standings through February 3, 2014

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	183	89
Second	Odd Balls	163	109
Third	Sanibel Café	147	125
Fourth	Sandycappers	143	129
Fifth	Island Lifers	102	170
Sixth	Fresh Legion Crew	78	1

February 3 Results

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

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Winding Down

Terry Ricotta and Dave Doane again had perfect 4-0 nights and led league-leading Bunt's Ball Busters to a 12-4 pasting of Island Lifers. The performance, however, saw the Ball Busters dropping another game to the second place Odd Ball team. The two top teams meet for the last time this season on Monday, February 17 at American Legion Post 123. Island Lifers started the match with Bunt's with three wins from snowbird ace Steve Gordon but managed only one more victory for the rest of the evening.

Jimbo Gaubatz and Ray Walker produced the Odd Balls' first eight victories in a 13-3 mauling of Sanibel Café. Odd

Ball Captain Kip Bunrock lobbied this reporter to point out that much of his team's surge to second place came from Gaubatz winning 15 out of 16 games in his first four matches in 2014 for a 94 percent shooting average. This is the best in the league and especially noteworthy since Gaubatz had only won 13 out of 32 games in eight 2013 matches for 41 percent.

Sandycappers also went 13-3 with another pounding of cellar-dwelling Fresh Legion Crew. The Cappers were led by Jeff Brown and Kevin Pottorf with 4-0 nights. The effort pulled the Sandycappers to within four games of third place Sanibel Café. The two teams also meet for the last time on February 17. Drop by the Legion to watch the action.



Poor man's patch

Explore Sanibel's Native Plants

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) hosts the Weeds n Seeds group on the first and third Mondays of the month at the nature center. Weeds n Seeds is a group

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Zonta Peek

features a fountain, built from fossilized stones purportedly six million years old. On display are works by local artists such as Leoma Lovegrove and rare color photographs by Clyde Butcher.

Spring, director of donor relations for Lee Memorial Health Systems and Ron, president of Auto Quest USA, Inc., raised their son, Palmer, and daughter, Amelia, on Sanibel and are both active in the community. Both young people are now in college; Amelia was the 2011 recipient of a Zonta award, which recognizes young women in public affairs.

Now in its 13th year, the Peek at the Unique raises funds which are distributed

in grants by the club's non-profit arm, the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida. Even though the tour is sold out, there are a number of ways to contribute to Zonta's efforts:

The public can buy raffle tickets for a chance at six prizes, available from any Zonta club member. The prizes include a five-night stay in New York City and an island shopping spree. Tickets are \$10 each and will also be on sale outside Bailey's General Store on several weekends in March and at the Sanibel Farmer's Market on March 9. Or make a tax-deductible contribution online at the club's website, www.zontasancap.com. Donations made prior to February 19 will be recognized in this year's Peek keepsake program.**

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Campaign Goal

together to make a difference in thousands of lives."

Lapi said, "Though there has been an improvement in the local economy, thousands of people have been left behind still floundering because of the long-term economic problems. The needs of children, families and seniors have not lessened. United Way 211, the help line for referral to health and human services, took about 18,000 calls for help a year before the downturn. The number of calls for help in 2013 was over 53,000.

"I know we can meet the goal," Lapi said. "But we need your help and the help of your neighbors and local businesses. When times are tough, our community rises to the occasion and helps people who are in need."

"I realize everyone receives dozens of requests for money from charitable organizations. The great thing about the United Way is a single contribution helps create opportunities for a better life for everyone in our community. Our United Way is very efficient and has lower overhead than most non-profit organizations. Over 90 percent of each gift goes directly to our partner agencies. Your gift stays here in our own community to assist our friends and neighbors. FISH of Sanibel and the Sanibel United Way House receive funds from our United Way and run wonderful programs for residents of our islands."

"Please donate today by returning the pledge card you received in the mail from me, or by calling 433-2000. You can also give by visiting the United Way website at www.unitedwaylee.org/donate.html," Lapi said.**



Redfish Pass in July of 2013

Water Management Governing Board Coming To Lee County

On Thursday, February 13, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will be in downtown Fort Myers for its monthly meeting. This is an opportunity for the community to meet with the board as they deliberate on a series of policy decisions that affect the river, estuary, coastal waters and water supply. The board establishes district-wide policy and makes decisions about how water is managed, who gets water, how much and when, and where money is spent to build and develop water storage and water quality treatment projects. The board seldom meets on this coast.

There will be time for public comment and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) encourages members of the public to join Natural Resource Policy Director Rae Ann Wessel in sharing with the governing board members issues that affect the Caloosahatchee, homes, environment and local economy. Community engagement in the policy discussion is vital to getting heard by these key decision-makers.

The agenda will include an after-action report of the summer flood waters, a presentation on the C43 reservoir reservation (providing some water storage for the Caloosahatchee), a review of the Caloosahatchee science workshop, and upcoming budget and project discussions. The agenda is posted online at www.sfwmd.gov. On the home page, under Open Government, look for Governing Board Minutes and Agendas on the left side of the page.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the Lee County Courthouse in the Commission Chambers at 2115 Second Street in Fort Myers.**



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Mark Trinchitella

Local Chef Wins Culinary Title

The Sanctuary Golf Club's chef tournant, Mark Trinchitella, has earned Certified Sous Chef designation (CSC) from the American Culinary Federation. He is the third chef at The Sanctuary to do so.

Trinchitella has been in the food industry for over 12 years and last year

joined the American Culinary Federation.

The Sanctuary's executive chef, Mark Brown, is an advocate of motivating his staff to become professional culinarians.

"Education and knowledge of food is essential to further your career as a chef. I see a lot of potential in Mark T (that's what we call him) and look forward to seeing what his future has to offer," said General Manager Ken Kouril.

Trinchitella relocated to Southwest Florida from Lake Okonee, Georgia. He said he is looking forward to pursuing the Certified Executive Chef requirements in three years when he is eligible.**



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Presidents Cup Results 1st Round Wednesday, January 30, 2014	
President's Cup Flight	
Terry Finzen	65
Gordon Rains	68
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Bob Schoen	70
Tom Veratti	71
Felix Curcuru	72
Bob Rohl	73
Roger Blouin	74
Noel Davis	75
Ed Greenberg	77
Jerry Muench	78
Jay Sleiter	79
Doug Mallon	80
Jeff Mistler	82
Jack Czarnecki	82
Jim Fjelstad	83

Skip Jewett	89
Max Everhart	89
Jack Strothman	91
Vice President's Cup Flight	
Dick Hopkins	65
Joe Raboy	67
Dave Blue	70
Jim Burkholder	70
Norb Kunz	74
Al Larson	75
James Boughton	75
Olivier Perrotte	78
Tom Winkler	78
Don Weymouth	86
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Greg Jennings	65
Jack Roberts	69
Roy Brodersen	71
Sandy Cortopassi	72
Joe Miller	74
Gary Dutton	74
Stan Hirschfeld	74
Al Lane	75
Jack Pagel	76
Bill Swain	77

Bruce McLaughlin	78
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SPORTS QUIZ

- In 2012, Miguel Cabrera became the first Tiger to have five consecutive years of 30 or more home runs. Which two Detroit players had four such seasons?
- True or false: Hall of Fame shortstop Honus Wagner also was a major-league manager.
- What was the first college football bowl game to feature teams ranked No. 1 and No. 2?
- When was the last time before 2013 that the New York Knicks won an NBA playoff series?
- Of the top five NHL players in career short-handed goals, four are members of the Hockey Hall of Fame. Who is not?
- In 2013, Sebastian Vettel became the first driver in Formula One history to have nine successive victories in one year. Who held the old mark?
- Entering 2014, who was the last American male to win a Grand Slam singles title?

ANSWERS

1. Hank Greenberg and Ceecil Fielder. 2. True. He was 1-4 in five games for Pittsburgh in 1917. 3. In the 1962 season, No. 1 Southhem Cal faced No. 2 Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl. 4. It was 2000. 5. Butch Goring, who is fifth on the list with 40 short-handed goals. 6. Michael Schumacher won seven consecutive races in 2004. 7. Andy Roddick won the U.S. Open in 2003.

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The Dunes hosted its monthly Team Trivia night. Twelve teams of 6-8 players enjoyed a beautiful buffet spread and then challenged their knowledge in a live 7 round trivia competition. During The Dunes' Trivia night, a master of ceremonies reads trivia questions split up into different rounds. At the end of each round, a representative from each team turns in its answers to our score keeper who then calculate the scores for each team. The teams compete against one another with the top three teams receiving prizes. Table 9 was the winning team with 86 points!



Table 9 Winning Couples: Hughes, Rathje, Guze, and Galligan/Stone



The Dunes now hosts a live comedy show every month, bringing Laugh-In Comedy Cafe to the island. This month, February 13th, The Dunes will feature James Yon. This Florida native is one of America's hottest up and coming comedians. He can be seen each and every Sunday at 11pm hosting his own show, "Viral Breakdown" on the Afrotainment Channel on Dish Network. He has graced the stage with some of America's top talent including, Joe Torry, Jimmy J.J Walker, Tom Rhodes and Michael Winslow. He was a finalist for NBC's stand up for Diversity and appeared on the FOX comedy club. He was the 2011 and 2012 winner of the Orlando Improv's "Clash of the Comics." Now James spends his time touring clubs and casinos all over the country from Orlando to Las Vegas bringing the funny.



James Yon





Earvin "Magic" Johnson

Magic Johnson In Town To Support The Q Center

Take a tour of Quality Life Center and you'll understand why it is the heart of a community. For almost a quarter of a century, "The Q," as it's affectionately called, has been a haven for children in the Dunbar community, offering enrichment, education, refuge and hope for a successful future.

Today that powerful legacy is in jeopardy, so a world famous basketball star is coming to Southwest Florida to rally support.

NBA legend, professional speaker and businessman Earvin "Magic" Johnson will speak at a fundraiser for The Q on Wednesday, February 12. Due to the high level of interest, the event start time has been changed to 5 p.m. and additional festivities planned. Although the non-profit organization's need is urgent, its track record of success is worthy of celebration. As it has demonstrated, one effective way to bring change to a community is to raise its spirits.

"We are raising awareness of The Q's financial challenges and the importance of sustaining activities and programs that serve the community," said Abdul'Haq Muhammed, executive director. "After learning of our situation from one of our board members, Magic Johnson has agreed to assist us in raising money and awareness that we hope will help us close the financial gap."

Shortly after Johnson's arrival in Southwest Florida, a press conference will be held at Quality Life Center, located at 3210 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Fort Myers. He will meet with some of The Q's children, families and staff.

From there, Johnson will be escorted to the Dr. Carrie Robinson Center, located at 2990 Edison Avenue, for a private Mix & Mingle Party for \$3,500-plus VIP ticket holders and sponsors. This exclusive, invitation-only event will

include a meet-and-greet, photos with Johnson, autographed basketballs, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Limited tickets and sponsorships are still available.

The gates at the STARS Complex in Fort Myers will open early at 5 p.m. for a party in the park hosted by TV show host Lee Pitts. Attendees are encouraged to bring a beach chair or blanket for an evening under the stars with a DJ and live entertainment, activities and food vendors.

At 7:30 p.m., Johnson will join the party in the park and address the crowd, engage them in conversation, and try to inspire those in attendance to make a positive difference within the community.

It's all in an effort to raise funds for Quality Life Center, which has a balloon payment due on its mortgage in March.

"We are not alone. Home and business owners all across Southwest Florida have faced the threat of foreclosure as mortgages mature and rates jump sky high, leaving some without a place to call home. The Q having to close its doors means hundreds of children will be displaced, leaving them without a place to hone critical thinking skills in a creative environment that promotes self-sufficiency," added Muhammed.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Quality Life Center and its mission. As a testament to its success in transforming that cycle, children who have passed through its doors and gone on to college or a successful career or family life often return to the center as

volunteers. The funds raised will help Quality Life Center reach out to more children in the area and continue to provide structured youth programs which have been proven to increase academic achievement among at-risk youth.

"This event is more than just a way to raise awareness and funds for Quality Life Center. Mr. Johnson will motivate and empower Dunbar children and families to stop the cycle of poverty and inspire those outside the community to help," said Ted Sottong, event organizer, chairman of the board of the Quality Life Center and the president of Pickup the Ball, Inc., a non-profit organization in Fort Myers that seeks to strengthen pickup basketball in communities across the country.

Tickets are \$25 for general seating and \$100 for preferred seating. VIP seating and sponsorship opportunities start at \$3,500. For tickets or sponsor information, visit www.qualitylifecenter.org or call 334-2797.

To learn more about Quality Life Center or to sign up for the next tour date, visit www.qualitylifecenter.org.**

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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.

BENNETT'S FRESH ROAST

Bennett's Fresh Roast has prided itself on its fresh-from-scratch doughnuts made daily and serving fresh roasted coffee from the finest beans resulting in the most flavorful and freshest cup of coffee around. Bennett's also offers fresh desserts including praline bread pudding, lemon bars and pies and packaged whole bean or ground coffees, breakfast muffins, oatmeal and breakfast sandwiches.

On the weekends, Bennett's Strata, a layered baked breakfast dish, is a regular sellout. Tea lovers can choose from a large variety of Harney & Sons Fine Teas. Lunch offerings including paninis, soups, sandwiches, three signature salads and Bennett's Chicken & Donut and Donut Dog.

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.



Jeff Wiegel, owner, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory

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

CROW'S NEST AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN

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

There is a nightly happy hour.

DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

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

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

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.

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

GRAMMA DOT'S

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

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

GREEN FLASH

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

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

GREAT WHITE GRILL

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

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

GREENHOUSE GRILL

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

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

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

IL CIELO

Chef Neil Griffin and his team are reinventing Il Cielo to bring diners creative American cuisine and internationally inspired specials in an upscale casual atmosphere. From locally caught fish, American lamb and grass-finshed beef to farm fresh organic produce, there is a thoughtfully-prepared dish on the menu for everyone. Visit us to see what's new at Il Cielo..

IL TESORO

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

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

ISLAND COW

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

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

JACARANDA

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

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JERRY'S RESTAURANT AND DELI

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

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

LAZY FLAMINGO

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

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

MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN

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

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

MUCKY DUCK

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

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

OLD CAPTIVA HOUSE AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN

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

First built as a one-room school for children of Captiva's pioneer settlers, the Old Captiva House still reflects much of its original charm – from white French doors to hardwood floors to the Gulf of Mexico sunset that streams through the western windows. Its collection of famed cartoonist J.N. "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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From page 17B 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 19 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 restaurants and a talented new chef specializing in fresh gulf seafood and other culinary creations.

Enjoy daily al fresco dining at Sea Breeze Café with an all-day menu served until 10 p.m. or a gulfview dining experience in Waterview, 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 an all-you-can-eat BBQ Buffet is available 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 \$15 daily before 5:30 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes.

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

TRADERS STORE & CAFE

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

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

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

TRADITIONS ON THE BEACH

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

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

ZEBRA FROZEN YOGURT

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

Zebra has indoor and outdoor seating.

The store recently added frozen yogurt to go, by the pint and quart.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS



The John Allender Band is playing at George & Wendy's Seafood Grill on Wednesday

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 rock music tonight, Friday, by the Mary Winner Band. Saturday, it's Robbie Hutto, guitar and vocals. 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. The John Allender Band will be entertaining Wednesday. Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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Traders Store & Cafe features music by Chris Workman on Sundays and Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and Danny Morgan and Friends on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m.

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 Marilla Marzan with the sounds of Broadway, Latin hits and all styles of popular dance music; Sunday, Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkelman 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 joined by Father Al & the Jazz Congregation. 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 will



Paganini's cooking classes attracted a capacity crowd of culinary students

Paganini Returns To Jacaranda For Cooking Classes

by Jeff Lysiak

Internationally-famous celebrity chef Loretta Paganini returned to Sanibel last week to conduct her annual five-day series of cooking classes, which were again held at The Jacaranda.

"These are not to fill you up... these are to stimulate your appetite," Paganini told the sold-out crowd of culinary students on January 29, when her workshop was titled Tapas, Paella & Sangria. During the three-hour class, Paganini demonstrated her renowned cooking skills, shared recipes and offered sampling of each prepared dish.

"It will be like magic, like television, when you cook that," she told her students after making Shrimp De Ajo, an aromatic seafood dish blending fresh gulf shrimp, diced garlic and a lemon-butter sauce. "And did you notice that the garlic didn't burn? This (recipe) is something you have to stay right on top of because if you burn the garlic, you're done."

Throughout the class, Paganini prepared appetizers including empanadas, tortillas di patata, chorizo-stuffed peppers, tomato gazpacho with vegetable confetti, Mediterranean salad with sangria vinaigrette as well as a seafood and chicken paella. Almond flan cake with fresh strawberries and ice cream and coconut macaroons were offered for dessert.

"This is a good job for your husband or your children on a rainy day," said Paganini as she cut several yellow and orange bell peppers during the cooking demonstration of the chorizo stuffed peppers appetizers.

feature Bad Banditos 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.

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Loretta Paganini cuts a bell pepper during her cooking demonstration

Throughout the class, students asked questions about how to use various kitchen tools and also about menu pairings for each dish.

When one pupil asked about whether the pepper could be grilled before putting it in the oven, Paganini said, "To me, I'm a patient person, so I don't mind grilling it first. But you want to finish this in the oven... 20 minutes and it's perfect."

Thursday's class, entitled A Burst Of Flavor: Cooking With Fresh Herbs, shared Paganini's expertise in capturing the seasonal taste and flavor of fresh herbs in a variety of dishes. On Friday, her class Delizioso Dinner included a menu of tuna bruschetta with tapenade, vegetable fritters on arugula with a fiery tomato sauce, Mediterranean quinoa salad with balsamic vinaigrette, potato gnocchi alla Bolognese, veal scaloppini piccata with roasted peppers and artichokes as well as polenta and Parmesan spoon bread. The meal was finished with a chocolate turtle cake with caramel sauce and Italian zeppole donuts.**

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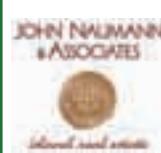
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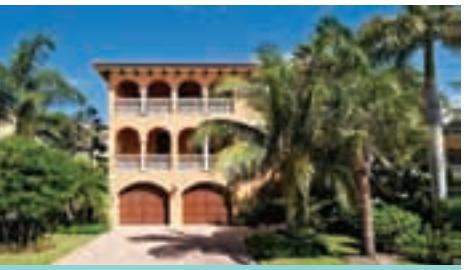
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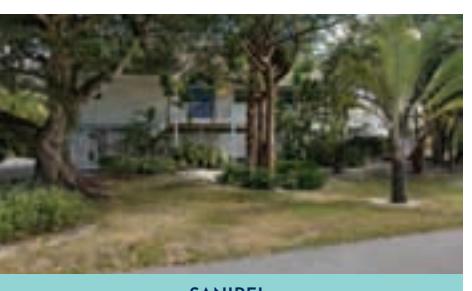
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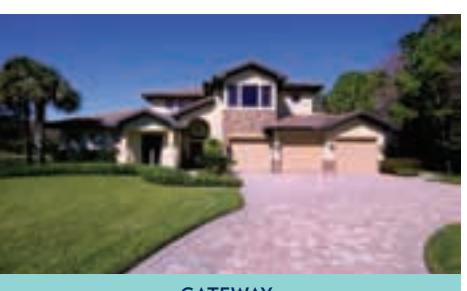
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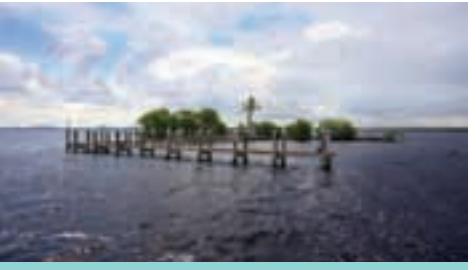
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New \$106 Million Cubs Park In Arizona Was Leveraged In Naples

by Ed Frank



It was four years ago when a group of Naples businessmen attempted to lure the Chicago Cubs here from Arizona with promises to build an \$80 million to \$100 million spring training facility for this losing but popular team that has not only a strong nationwide following but a worldwide appeal as well.

While the Naples group was sincere in its efforts, most felt the Cubs showed interest in the local proposal only to leverage their demands in Arizona for a new ballpark. It's a game played continually by professional teams, threatening to move if they don't get what they want in the way of new, expanded or refurbished facilities.

About the time the Cubs reportedly considered Naples, the Boston Red Sox voiced dissatisfaction with their complex at the City of Palms Park in downtown Fort Myers and started meeting with officials in Sarasota.

We all know the result: Lee County built them the magnificent \$80 million JetBlue Park at Fenway South and the City of Palms Park now sits idle. And not to ignore the Minnesota Twins, the county now is spending about \$40 million to modernize Hammond Stadium and to build ancillary facilities for the Twins at the Lee County Sports Complex.

These examples show the economic importance that government affixes to baseball spring training.

We recall these past and present events in light of a an article we read this past week about the new Cubs Park in Mesa, Arizona, that will open soon for the 2014 spring training season. And plying Naples against Mesa, the Cubs sure got what they wanted – and perhaps more,

Cubs Park has a 15,000 seating capacity, the largest spring training facility in both Arizona and Florida. The cost was \$84 million plus an additional \$22 million for infrastructure and to convert part of the 146-acre site into a year-round multiuse recreational park.

A portion of the tract will be home to a 175-room hotel and conference center. And it is the only spring training complex with a well-stocked lake where fans can pursue both baseball and fishing.

You can be assured that as other major League baseball teams jockey for new spring training facilities they will point to the new Cubs Park.

The 15-team Florida Spring Training Grapefruit League continues to play a major role in drawing tens of thousands of visitors to the state each February and March. But the recruiting wars between Florida and Arizona have resulted in six teams departing Florida for Arizona since 1998. The biggest departure was the loss of the Los Angeles Dodgers that had been in Vero Beach for half a century.

And now all 15 teams there are within an hour's drive in the Phoenix area – a decided advantage when it comes to team travel.

JetBlue Park and the soon-to-be-refurbished Hammond Stadium here are certainly first rate facilities. And hopefully the county someday soon can attract a new tenant for the City of Palms Park.

Until that occurs, the promises and perks involved in luring a team to a new location will continue.

Two Weekend Shootout Wins for Everblades

The Florida Everblades won two straight shootouts last weekend at Germain Arena thanks to the addition of forward Sean Dolan who was sent down to the Everblades from the Charlotte Checkers of the American Hockey League.

Dolan was assigned to the Everblades on rehabilitation for a wrist injury and scored two goals last Saturday in the 5-4 victory over the Greenville Road Warriors. The local hockey team also recorded a 5-4 shootout win over Greenville the night before.

Florida is home for three games this week, Tuesday against Orlando and tonight, Friday, and tomorrow night against Gwinnett.

The Everblades started the week with a season record of 24-15-1-2 for 51 points. They trailed first-place South Carolina by 10 points in the ECHL South Division.*

Outings To Spring Training Games

The Sanibel Recreation Center is organizing two spring training baseball outings. Saturday, March 22 is the New York Yankees and the Minnesota Twins.

This is the last week of spring training games for both teams. Game time is 1:05 p.m. at Hammond Stadium. Tickets are \$30 and now on sale, first come, first served due to limited availability.

Catch the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins game on Friday, March 28. This is one of the last spring training games of the season for both teams. Game time is 1:05 p.m. at Hammond Stadium. Tickets are \$30 and go on sale Saturday, February 8, first come, first served.

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This event is open to all tennis players 18 years of age and over. To participate, pick up a registration form at the recreation center to complete and return by Thursday, February 6 along with \$10 registration fee per person.

Activities are weather permitting. For more information, contact the recreation center at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Roa, phone 472-0345, or visit www.mysanibel.com.**

Trip To USF Vs UCF Basketball Game

On Saturday, February 15, the Sanibel Recreation Center is organizing an afternoon at the University of South Florida men's basketball game.

The Bulls take on the University of Central Florida Knights. Game time is 1:30 p.m. at the Sun Dome in Tampa. The game is being televised on ESPN NEWS.

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"The award-winning team at Doc Ford's has been a big supporter of our school and we are so very appreciative," said Jason Maughan, Sanibel School Fund President.

The Sanibel School serves approximately 375 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. It is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School and has earned an "A" rating for the past 13 years. The Sanibel School Fund raises money annually to support the school's foreign language program and, in cooperation with the PTA, supports enhancements in technology and classroom needs.

For more information on becoming a Blue Ribbon partner or attending one of their events, contact phbabcock@gmail.com. For more information on Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, visit www.docfords.com.**



The team from Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille presents a donation to the Sanibel School Fund

Trust Company Hosts 2014 Market Outlook



Al Hanser and Susie Northrup

Timothy P. Vick, senior vice president of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, spoke this week to clients and friends of the firm at The Sanctuary Golf Club about Bull Market or Bubble.

The presentation was part of the com-



Al Hanser and Mack McKinzie

pany's continuing effort to keep clients and friends of the firm informed during today's dynamic business climate.

Vick is considered one of the leading authorities on value investing and the methods of Benjamin Graham and Warren Buffett. He is the author of three investment books, including the best-seller, *How to Pick Stocks Like Warren Buffett*. In addition to client portfolio management and securities research, he serves as a member of the Asset Management Committee.

He holds a master's degree in man-



Chief Investment Officer Craig Holston answers a question after the presentation

agement from Purdue University and bachelor of arts in history and economics. He previously served as a securities analyst and portfolio manager for buy-side investment firms.

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Uhler, who has qualified for the council for 19 years, has more than three decades of experience in financial services in Southwest Florida. A Sanibel resident, he chairs the board of United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee and serves on the board of directors for The Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. Uhler is a member of the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida and volunteers on the

Hope For Parkinson Patients

submitted by Tony Lapi, Sanibel resident and Sanibel-Captiva United Way Board Chair

A Parkinson disease diagnosis is frightening, but a United Way Partner Agency can offer hope and support to people who suffer from it. The Hope Parkinson Program at Hope HealthCare Services is dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients living with Parkinson's disease. It is one of the 70 United Way Partner Agencies and 170 programs that United Way funds each year.

My family has been affected by Parkinson's. I wish this agency was around when my dad was alive and suffering from Parkinson's. It would have been a great help to our family.

I'd like to tell you a story about the Ingolds who have been able to get help and live a better quality of life because of Hope's United Way funded program.

Bill Ingram and his wife weren't sure where to turn for support when he was diagnosed. Fortunately, his son knew about the United Way and called United Way 211 to get information about potential resources that could help his father.

United Way 211 is a 24-hour information and referral line that connects people in need to hundreds of local resources in our community. Through United Way 211, the Ingolds found Hope



Bill And Jeanette Ingram

HealthCare's Parkinson Program.

"I needed information that doctors don't usually provide," Bill said. I needed to know practical things about how others have dealt with the disease. His wife Jeanette added, "Hope Parkinson Program has made a huge difference for us by improving the quality of his life."

It offers programs that help both the individual with the disease and their care partners. Exercise and movement classes like t'ai chi are available to help manage the symptoms. Seminars and reading material are available to help educate, as well as support groups and social

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executive board and endowment investment committee for Southwest Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America. In October, the American Red Cross of Lee County presented him with its Legacy Award.

This marks the eighth year Vertich has qualified for the council. A graduate of Barry University School of Business in Miami, he began his financial planning career in 1989, achieved Certified Financial Planner status in 1994 and has served as president of the local chapters of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners and Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida. He was charter president of the Kiwanis Club of McGregor-San Carlos.

Both Uhler and Vertich are Eagle Scouts and life members of the National Eagle Scout Association.**

Night For Life To Benefit Organ Transplant Recipients

On Monday, February 24, from 5 to 9 p.m., the annual fundraiser, Night for Life, will be held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. The event is sponsored by the Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida Inc., to benefit local organ transplant patients and those on the transplant waiting list.

Entertainment this year includes Broadway Palm's *Les Miserables* performers and the Del Prados. Tickets are \$35 general seating and \$50 for VIP seating and include a buffet dinner, entertainment and the silent and Chinese auctions. Guests can bid on original art, jewelry, golf packages, boat trips, vacations, dinners, services and gifts. Auctions begin at 5 p.m., the buffet dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. Table sponsorships are available. A \$10 ticket may also be purchased, which includes the entertainment and auctions only.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Fletcher Trust Fund, which was established in 2004 to assist transplant recipients and those who are waiting for transplants in Southwest Florida. An average of 18 people die each day in the U.S. due to a lack of available organs and tissue donors.

For tickets and information call 440-223-2662 or 768-1814. To become a sponsor, call 768-1814. for tickets, call 440-223-2662. For more information about this nonprofit organization, email swmson@embarqmail.com. Visit the website at www.organsupport.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Organ-Transplant-Recipients-of-SW-Florida-Inc/456165927762457>.**

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Will Power

The New Estate Planning Paradigm



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

Gone – hopefully for good – are the days when many of us worry that the federal estate tax will consume half of our hard earned wealth when we die. The federal estate tax exemption amount currently is \$5.34 million, allowing a married couple to together shield \$10.68 million, and those amounts are tied to inflation meaning that they will increase in the coming years.

Even so, the new estate-planning paradigm will be to minimize income taxes. Without proper planning, those taxes could consume half of the income that our estates and trusts generate for our loved ones after we die.

This is largely due to the higher income tax rates (that began in 2013) imposed on estates and irrevocable trusts along with the 3.8 percent Medicare surtax imposed on net investment income. Adding those two taxes together, the highest marginal federal income tax rate balloons to 43.4 percent. For beneficiaries who live in a state that imposes a state income tax, the highest combined federal and state tax bracket could exceed 50 percent.

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at \$1 but at my death it is worth \$10, then my beneficiaries inherit the stock at the \$10 amount when I leave it to them.

The problem is that when I leave the stock in a “credit shelter” or “bypass” trust to my spouse (as most estate plans do – to the extent that my assets are worth less than the estate tax exemption amount, they are usually first funded into the credit shelter/bypass trust to consume my exemption) then my spouse receives the step up in basis at my death, but our children miss out on the step up when she dies. This is because the credit shelter/bypass trust is designed to exclude those assets from her estate for federal estate tax purposes. Consequently, in the “standard” estate-planning scenario, you only get one step-up at the first spouse’s death on that spouse’s assets.

But there are ways to achieve the step up in tax cost basis at both spouses’ deaths, meaning that our estate plans can be fashioned to leave our spouse with no capital gains inherent in our assets and do the same for our children when the surviving spouse dies. This could save more than 23.4 percent (or higher for beneficiaries who live in states with state income taxes!).

The reason that these opportunities exist is due to another new twist in the law called “portability.” Under the old

law, if my estate plan didn’t create the credit shelter/bypass trust at my death, then I would have lost the use of my federal exemption forever. This is one of the reasons why attorneys were so diligent in dividing assets up between spouses and creating separate trusts.

Portability allows us to not be concerned with estate tax inclusion so long as the combined net worth of both spouses is less than their combined federal exemption. In other words, we don’t lose the first deceased spouse’s exemption even if we don’t create the credit shelter/bypass trust.

Therefore, I can construct my plan in such a way as to protect and ensure that my assets will benefit my surviving spouse for the rest of her life, protect them for our children and keep those assets out of the hands of any new spouse she might remarry, while at the same time minimizing capital gains taxes. I can also construct the income distribution provisions to ensure that the income is taxed at my beneficiary’s marginal tax rate, which is likely to be lower than that of the trust.

As always, the estate-planning arena has changed significantly. I’ll be writing more about these techniques in the coming weeks.

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Superior Interiors

The Right Light



by Marcia Feeney

It’s more than an overhead light fixture. Or a table lamp set next to your favorite chair. A well-lit room includes four major types of lighting – ambient, task, accent and mood – all which

create a dramatic effect in your room.

Ambient or general lighting is indirect, and literally bounces off the walls and ceiling to provide comfortable background illumination. It’s important that it be distributed evenly in your rooms, so that no areas are overly bright or hidden in the shadows. Recessed and track lighting are considered two of the best general

sources of light.

Task lighting, does exactly as its name infers – it provides necessary light for specific duties such as reading, writing or cooking. Again, it’s important that task lighting be shadow free. Because of its “localized” nature, two great examples are reading lamps and under-counter lighting.

Accent lighting is purely decorative, and includes everything from up-lights and torchieres to sconces and spotlights. If you want to accent a work or art, or draw attention to an architectural element in your home, then accent lighting would be your best choice.

Mood lighting generally comes from flexible light sources. For example, if you want to change the mood in your dining room, simply add a dimmer switch to your chandelier and you’ve instantly changed your room’s ambiance.

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

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School Smart



by Shelley M.
Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
My husband and I have different first languages, but we both learned English and that is what we use at home now. We have a new baby

and I was wondering about teaching her English and my native language Spanish at the same time. We are concerned that it might be too difficult and confusing. What do you think?

Amalia, North Fort Myers

Amalia,
Fluency in two languages is a wonderful skill and puts one at a great advantage. As a global society, there is a need for multilingual people and having such a skill is highly valued in the work place. Although I am sure that right now you are not overly concerned about your baby's entrance into the work force, it is something to keep in mind.

The American Speech and Language Association (ASHA) reports "most children have the capacity and facility to learn more than one language." Researchers say that some advantages to being bilingual might include:

- Being able to learn new words easily
- Breaking down words by sounds,

such as C-A-T for cat
 • Being able to use information in new ways

- Putting words into categories
- Coming up with solutions to problems
- Good listening skills
- Connecting with others

Learning two languages will not cause speech or language problems, and bilingual children develop language skills just as other children do. Remember, however, that all children are unique including the bilingual child. Developing skills in two languages depends on the quality and amount of experience the child has using both languages. ASHA suggests the following as guidelines:

- Like other children, most bilingual children speak their first words by the time they are 1 year old (e.g., "mama" or "dada"). By age 2, most bilingual children can use two-word phrases (e.g., "my ball" or "no juice"). These are the same language developmental milestones seen in children who learn only one language.
- From time to time, children may mix grammar rules, or they might use words from both languages in the same sentence. This is a normal part of bilingual language development.
- When a second language is introduced, some children may not talk much for a while. This "silent period" can sometimes last several months. Again, this is normal and will go away.
- A brochure, *Teaching Your Child Two Languages*, is available to parents free of charge from the American

Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). This brochure is written for parents and describes how children learn to be bilingual, and what parents can do to facilitate the learning process and can be found at www.asha.org.

*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.***

only paying the minimum due can derail your plan to manage your debt.

Lee County Extension Agent Celia Hill will present New Year, New Budget and show how to create a budget, manage monthly spending and keep on track with a strategy that fits into one's income level and lifestyle. Topics will include how to build a workable budget, decrease household costs and create a plan for saving.

This workshop is free and open to all. It will be held at the FISH Walk-In Center February 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Contact Christine Swiersz or Jessi Zeigler at FISH, 472-4775, for additional information or to RSVP.**

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New FISH Video Featured On Sanibel-Captiva.tv

A video featuring nine volunteers for FISH of Sanibel-Captiva is the newest addition to Sanibel-Captiva.tv. The video showcases the many services that the organization provides in lending a helping hand to those in need on Sanibel or Captiva who live, work or visit here. The finished video runs two minutes and 30 seconds, and ends with all nine volunteers saying "I am FISH" simultaneously.

Sanibel-Captiva.tv was launched last week, with Pfeifer Realty Group as the sole sponsor. For the launch, Denny Sarokin, composer of the Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young song *Sanibel*, came here for the first time. The music video for *Sanibel* is now on the home page of www.Sanibel-Captiva.tv.

The non-profit section of the website now includes FISH and CROW. Videos for other island non-profits will be added during the coming months.

The FISH video is also on the www.fishofsanibel.com website in the volunteer section.

Sanibel-Captiva.tv was created by David E. Carter, a year-round Sanibel resident who has won seven Emmy Awards. The website already has more than 35 videos about the islands, and new ones are added on a regular basis.**



FISH volunteers, top from left, Larry Carter, Maureen Valiquette and Genny Gray; middle from left, Mame Byrne, Randon Eddy and Bob Kern; bottom from left, Jacque Cramer, Edna Mae Beston and Shirley Akins

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Insurance Tip

Umbrella Coverage

by Angela Larson Roehl

Umbrella coverage is liability coverage that is in excess of your primary insurance policies, i.e. home, auto, boat.

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How does it work?

The umbrella policy will pay after your underlying liability insurance has been exhausted.

Some umbrella policies will cover you for some instances that may not be covered by your primary policy. Here is a list of some examples of this:

False arrest, libel or slander and invasion of privacy.

Contact your agent if you already have an umbrella policy and have acquired any new properties, vehicles, recreational vehicles or boats, as the agent will need to add these items to your policy.

If you do not have an umbrella policy, I urge you to contact your insurance agent to discuss your individual needs.

Angela Larson Roehl is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent with over 20 years of insurance experience, who can be reached at info@rosierinsurance.com.**

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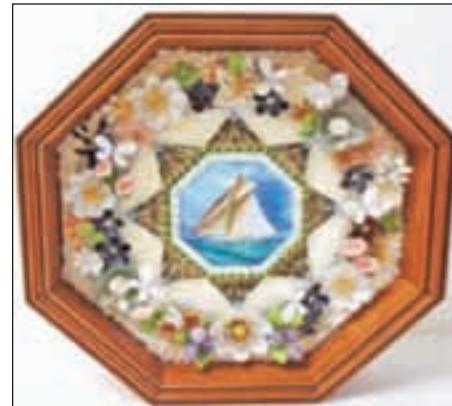
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February Fun Days At Sanibel Rec

Registration is open for the upcoming Fun Days at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Monday, February 17 and Tuesday, February 18. The Fun Days will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light

Shell Festival Raffle Tickets



Sailing Thing

Tickets for the Shell Festival raffle are now on sale a donation of \$5 each or three for \$10.

The prizes are on display at The Community House, where tickets can be purchased between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. Prizes are:

Tis My Sailing Thing - A 10" sailor's Valentine created by award-winning artist Judy Dinnick in a box made by another well-known Sanibel artist, Bill Jordan. Value \$3,000.

'Tween Waters Inn - One week vacation for two on Captiva. Value \$1,000.

Sterling Silver Shell Bracelet and Earrings - Island-inspired Sealife by Congress Collection. Donated by Sealife by Congress. Value \$675.

Sanibel Tapestry - Quilted wall hanging/table runner, designed and copyrighted by Carol DeCesare of Three Crafty Ladies, crafted and quilted by Ann Pershing and Diane Winder. Value \$500.

Sanibel Serenity - A raku sculpture created by Sanibel artist JoAnne Bedient, depicting Sanibel's waves and sky topped with a raku junonia shell. Value \$450.

Shell Crafter's Arrangement - A creation of shell flowers and coral arranged in a glass bowl by award-winning artists. Value \$250.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, March 8 at 3 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

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

snacks will be provided. Register in advance to receive the Early Bird rate.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.*

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

We have observed recently that older retired couples (just like us) are becoming extremely sensitive and seem to have their feelings hurt, when nothing in a remark was intended to hurt. Long-time friendships can be destroyed at a time when friendships are to be cherished.

I know I fall into this category sometimes and what can I do to save myself from being hurt?

Naomi

Eden Energy Medicine Stiff Joints Can Move With The Music



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

During a workshop at The Community House this month, the focus was on joints. Many attendees had joints that were "screaming" for attention, bringing continual

awareness to that hip, knee, elbow or shoulder. We energy-checked the joints, so one could see there was no energy moving through the area— it was stuck, locked or clogged. As we did some of the exercises you will learn today, there were immediate shifts and the joints started humming rather than screaming – maybe even singing along. Who knows? We all knew because after the exercises, we rechecked the same joints and each person observed that same joint area now having energy flowing through it, enabling them to "move with the music." Well, at least to begin to move more comfortably.

So, if you want to "move with the music" and shake those hips or knees, try these exercises:

Connecting Heaven and Earth – This exercise makes space in the body, espe-

Walk To Benefit The Lustgarten Foundation

Fort Myers Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk, where all proceeds will benefit The Lustgarten Foundation, the nation's largest private foundation dedicated solely to funding pancreatic cancer research, will be held on Saturday, March 15 at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers. The walk aims to raise money and awareness for much-needed research for pancreatic cancer, America's fourth-leading cause of cancer deaths.

Suzanne Kennedy created this event in honor of her husband, James J. Kennedy. The Fort Myers Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk has raised more than \$68,900 for pancreatic cancer research.

"Sadly, I learned the devastating impact of pancreatic cancer having lost my beloved husband," said Kennedy. "That's why I joined together with The Lustgarten Foundation in his honor to fight this deadly disease. I know he would be proud."

With an overall survival rate of just six percent, pancreatic cancer is a disease with no prevention, no early tests and, unless detected in its early stages, no cure. The Lustgarten Foundation works to advance scientific and clinical research related to the diagnosis, treatment, cure

and prevention of pancreatic cancer. One hundred percent of all donations to the Foundation will go directly to pancreatic cancer research.

"We are grateful for Suzanne's support," said Ann Walsh, director of events for The Lustgarten Foundation. "It is because of the dedication and determination of individuals like Suzanne that we're able to not only raise much-needed funding but also much-needed awareness for pancreatic cancer. The Lustgarten Foundation remains dedicated to funding more research so a cure can be found."

The Fort Myers Walk will take place at Lakes Regional Park beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 15. For more information and to register, visit www.lustgarten.org or call 1-866-789-1000.**

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Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance
Clancy

Q: Sometimes I have trouble getting to sleep at night. My mind starts wondering no matter how tired I am, and it's so frustrating that sometimes it takes hours to get to sleep, then I am exhausted when I have to get up for work. I don't want to take medication, but I am not sure what to do. Can you help?

A: What you are experiencing is a very common issue with people. You have difficulty shutting off the days events including other things going on in your life. The following suggestions may help you to fall asleep much more quickly:

I have found hydrotherapy to be a wonderful solution to calming the mind and body. When your mind and body are relaxed, it is much easier to fall asleep within minutes after getting into bed.

A hot bath, a Jacuzzi or even a long hot shower at the end of a day offers a literal and symbolic means to wash away problems. The water's heat relaxes neural endings (both skin and muscle) to induce a deep sense of relaxation to mind, body and spirit.

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Cold And Flu Season Isn't Over, Protect Yourself



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:
Everyone in my family gets sick. What can I do to help myself?

KB, San Antonio, Texas

Knowing if you have the flu versus the common cold is helpful. The flu comes on fast and furious, presenting itself with a high fever (often above 101 degrees), chills, joint pain, body aches and sheer misery head to toe. The influenza virus causes the flu, whereas the common cold can be caused by any one of 200 viruses. Symptoms of the common cold are above the neck and much wetter than the flu, so there's more mucus, as in runny nose, congestion, watery eyes and sneezing.

Do you realize that your nose and throat are the two main entry points for 90 percent of germs? You can either flush them out with a neti pot, or you can try a product that coats the pathways into the body. With a new product on the market shown in lab tests to keep the bugs from dividing, you can literally spray cold and flu germs in your nose and throat. It's called FluNada, and it's a new, over-the-counter natural remedy that contains a homeopathic blend of mint, wintergreen, eucalyptus and elderberry. Spray it in your mouth, and nasal passages, right where the bugs try to enter your body. FluNada (sold nationwide) was tested by two independent labs and found to be 99.9 percent effective against multiple cold and flu strains, including swine, bird and seasonal. I believe in this product so much, I became their pharmacy consultant!

You think about the flu during the wintertime, however, I'd like you to think about it year-round so that you can make bigger health investments every day of the year. For example, a health investment would include juicing each day, exercising, eliminating refined foods and sweets and sleeping more. These put

"deposits" into your immune system so that you can withdraw the benefit of natural killer cells that fight pathogens for you.

Stress contributes to colds and flu by weakening your immune system. I know I know, you're obligated to certain events, parties, business meetings and travel, but maybe you can say no to some things, especially if you're weak and your health is at stake. The flu causes approximately 200,000 hospitalizations annually in the United States and about 36,000 deaths from complications such as pneumonia. Since I'm in your brain right now, I hear you asking me about the flu shot, and if it works. You can get the flu shot if you choose to, that is between you and your practitioner. Most think it's a first line of defense. Why not add other layers of defense by considering probiotics, the fundamental immune supplement as far as I'm concerned. Aged garlic, CoQ10, and Vitamin D and maitake mushroom are popular antioxidants known to support immunity. Finally, if you can ditch the soda and drink more green tea or tulsi tea, you will catapult your body into a much higher state of health.

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.

Komen Brunch Is Now Open To All Survivors

For the first time, Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida has opened the annual survivors' brunch to all breast cancer survivors, regardless of whether or not they have registered for the Race For The Cure.

The brunch will take place on Saturday, February 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Vi at Bentley Village in Naples. Breast cancer survivors attend for free, and the cost is \$25 per guest. The event includes a brunch provided by Vi at Bentley Village, plus door prizes, goody bags and raffle items donated by Dunkin's Diamonds.

"This annual event celebrates all breast cancer survivors and the co-survivors in their lives," said Charlie Myrick, executive director. "While guests are encouraged to sign up to walk or run in the Race For

The Cure on March 8, we did not want to make that a requirement to attend the survivors' brunch."

Also new this year, for those breast cancer survivors who will be walking or running in the race, the money received for the following purchased items will be credited to their individual or team account:

- Sales of the \$25 guest tickets to the survivors' brunch on February 22
- Sales of the \$10 pink luminaries for the race's Pink Out Party the night before race
- Sales of the \$25 tulip signs, which will be on display at the Race For The Cure

"Our goal is to provide additional ways for the community to support our local breast cancer survivors and help build up their race accounts," said Tish Sheesley, mission events director.

For more information, or to register for the survivors' brunch or the Race For The Cure, call 498-0016 or visit www.Komenswfl.org.

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Stiff Joints

this area, it gets stuck. From the waist up, it affects the elbows, shoulders and neck. From the waist down, it affects hips, knees and ankles. So, open it and see the shifts start.

On the right side, place both hands as far around your back as you can reach and sweep across the sides, around the front of your belly. Lift your hands and repeat two more times, and then sweep down the left leg.

On the left side, place both hands as far around your back as you can reach and sweep across the sides, around the front of your belly. Lift your hands and repeat two more times, and then sweep down the right leg.

Spindle Cell Pinching – By using tiny little fairy pinches on an area, it is like hitting a reset button that says to the nervous system "knock it off." This is especially beneficial for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome; pinch around the wrists and up and down the arms.

Have fun with your energy! Next week, we will learn several more tools for those joints calling for attention. The topic will be Stiff Joints Can Dance On The Beach.

If you have a questions for Karen, email her at SemmelEnergyCenter@gmail.com. Learn more at www.semelmanenergy.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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Dr. Connie

Mineral salts and bath oils enhance the experience. Hydrotherapy is a great idea for those who have problems sleeping at night. Step into a pool of hot water tonight and let the temperature melt your problems away.**

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opportunities to help improve the quality of life. Hope Parkinson's program activities are available on Sanibel at the recreation center January through April.

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 In a heavy skillet, cook chopped bacon over medium heat until browned. Remove to absorbent paper to drain. Wipe skillet clean.

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6			7			5	
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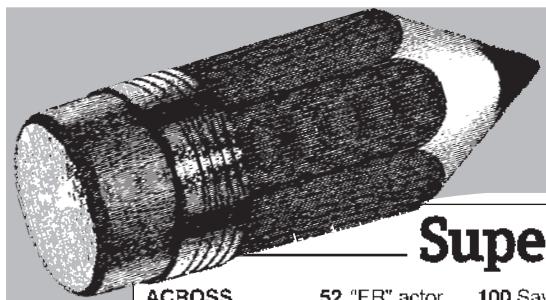


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Sanibel	472-2483
Captiva	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Senior Center.....	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater.....	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony	418-0996
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.)	565-7872 or 433-7798
American Legion Post 123	472-9979
Angel Flight SE	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society	472-3744
Sanibel Bike Club	sanibelbicycleclub.org
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	274-5900
CROW (Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife)	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here)	472-0404
Sanibel Island Fishing Club	472-8994
Horticultural Society of the Islands	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva	472-8334
Kiwanis Club	677-7299
League of Women Voters	sanibellLWV@gmail.com
Lions Club (Tom Rothman)	395-3248
Master Gardeners of the Islands	472-6940
Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-4823
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	395-2040
www.sanibelsoccer.org	
The Military Officers Assoc. of America (MOAA, Alex MacKenzie).	395-9232
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline	(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club	671-6381
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation)	472-2329



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword

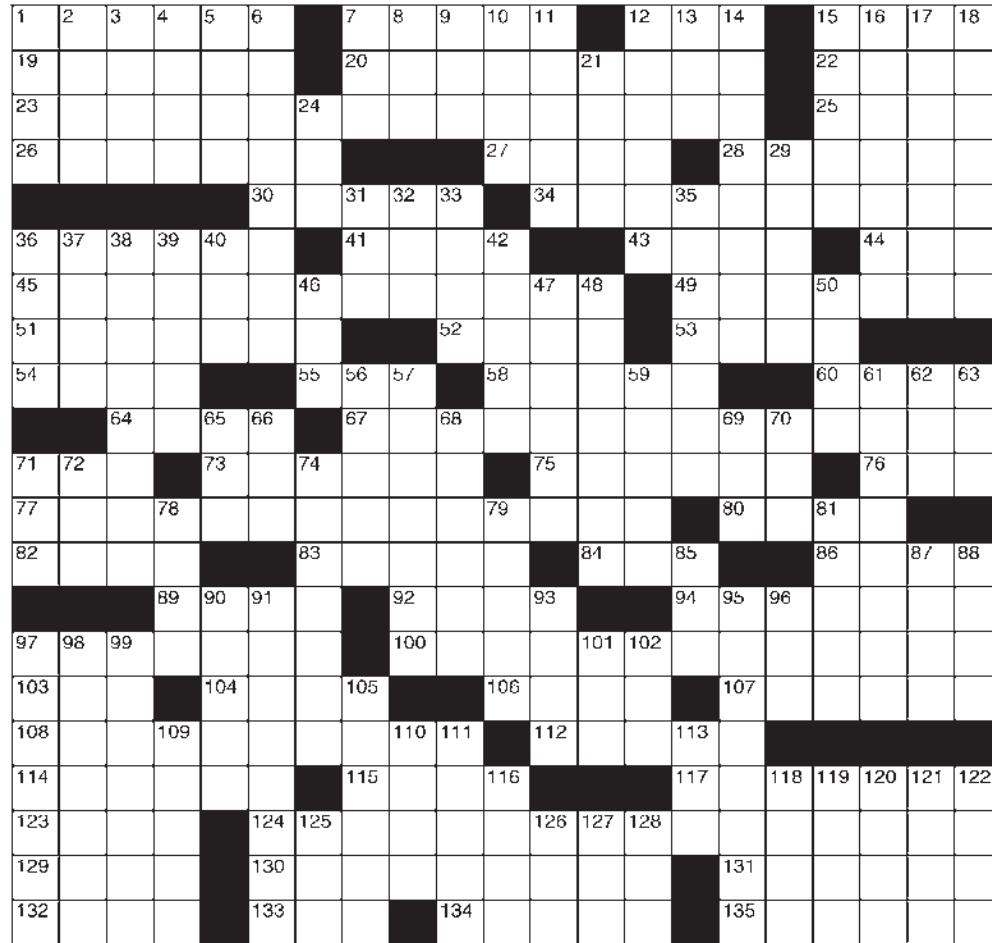
OOH, BABY!

ACROSS

- 1 Singer Bette La Salle
7 Old name for 53 Russia's Alexis I, e.g.
the Congo 54 Body of a cell
12 Miles — gallon
15 Spill the secret
19 Room recess
20 Dressed for Halloween
22 "The — of the Ancient Mariner"
23 Acquired a forbidden thing?
25 French clergyman
26 S&L part
27 Peddle
28 Waterways
30 Send in, as a check
34 Bolt out of a seating tier?
36 City in SW California
41 Gillette razor brand
43 Joel or Ethan of film
44 Silly — goose
45 Knockoff merchandise items?
49 Three-screen cinema
51 Hypnotized states
- 52 "ER" actor 100 Say "It's so foolish to play cards?"
53 Russia's 103 Trouble 104 Lincoln and Beame
54 Body of a cell 106 Fly like a vulture
55 Actor Hunter 107 Like a firstborn child
58 Chopin challenge 60 Port in Norway
64 Stopper 67 Refrigerated nut that can chip a tooth?
71 Rightful 73 "Tutti —"
75 The "E" of S.E. Hinton
76 Wedded 77 Smash hit that's not performed outside?
80 Grammy winner India—
82 Ukraine's capital
83 Remove a curse from former Navajo foes
84 Streets: Abbr.
86 Trim down 88 Gorbatchev's empire
92 American mall org.
94 Secretary of State Clinton
97 Start spasming, as a muscle

DOWN

- 1 Charts (out) 109
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Egyptian fertility goddess
5 Lingerie item
8 Go bankrupt
12 Less than bi-
13 Started
14 Discourteous
15 Many eBay sales
17 Geometry calculation
18 Speedometer stat
19 Father
20 Rascally sort
21 Lustrous black
22 Stick out
23 — New Guinea
26 Starbucks employee
30 Luke Wilson's brother
31 Energy
32 Piece of work
33 Skirt slit
35 Pesky insects
36 Cowboy nickname
37 — de deux
38 Unadorned
41 Island neck-

DOWN

piece
42 Witness
45 Continental coin
46 Parts
48 " go bragh!"
51 Khan title
52 Cincinnati team
53 Vortex
1 Mosque VIP
2 First course, maybe
3 Part of the foot?
4 Drunkard

5 Become swollen
6 Tear
7 Commercials
8 One-half and three fourths
9 Emanation
10 The same
11 Jump
12 Actor Wilder
13 A student's pride: Abbr.
14 Blue dye
15 Ardor
16 Hindu dress
17 On the job
18 Stars and Bars org.
19 Lingus
20 Browne who created Hägar
21 Quadri-minus three
22 One taking something forcibly
23 Egg, to Ovid
24 Old Montreal ball club
25 Smartphone extra
26 "Bed-in" stager Yoko
27 " — 'nuff!"
28 Riles
29 Seattle hrs.

MAGIC MAZE • ALL ABOUT ME: SELF —

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

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

Assured
Contempt
Denial
Discipline

Doubt
Esteem
Image
Starter
Styled

Praise
Regard
Start
Starter
Styled

Taught
Will
Worth

**WE MAKE
IT EASY.
YOU MAKE
IT HOME.**



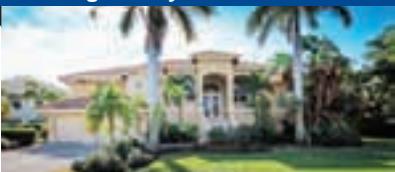
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239.472.0078

Florida: Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, Naples, Ocala, Sanibel and Captiva Islands

North Carolina: Cashiers, Franklin, Highlands, Lake Glenville, Lake Toxaway and Sapphire Valley



Stunning Luxury Residence



- 3BD/2.5BA 3,218 Living Sq. Ft.
- Great Views of Golf Course & Lake
- Private Pool, Hot Tub & Elevator
- \$1,099,000 MLS 2900605
- Cindy Sitton 239.810.4772

South Seas Beach Villas



- Direct Gulf Front
- 2 BR/2BA Plus Loft Villa
- Parking, Pool & Tennis Courts
- \$765,000 MLS 2131012
- John & Denice Beggs 239.357.5500

Sundial Condo



- 2BD/2BA +Den 1,531 Living Sq. Ft.
- Open Living & Dining Area
- Tastefully Furnished
- \$750,000 MLS 2131244
- Cindy Sitton 239.810.4772

South Seas Beach Home



- Direct Beach Front Home w/ Incredible Views
- 4 BD/3BA w/ New Tile Throughout 1st floor
- Steps to the Beach & Community pool
- \$2,675,000 MLS 2140113
- Fred Newman & Vicki Panico 239.826.2704

Coquina Beach



- 2BD/2BA, Beachside, Furnished
- Pool, Tennis, BBQ Grills, Beach
- Ground Level, Fenced Yard
- \$395,000 MLS 2131369
- Jennifer Berry 239.472.3535

Luxury Meets Location



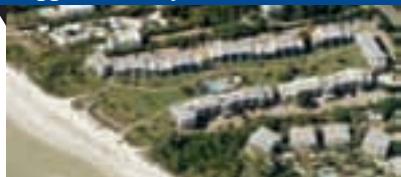
- 4BD/4BA + Den, Pool Home
- Chef's Kitchen w/ Custom Cabinetry
- Deeded Beach Access
- \$1,795,000 MLS 2131189
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984

Sunset South



- Updated 2BD/2BA w/ River Views
- Garage & In-Unit Elevator, Furnished
- Convenient Location Across From Beach
- \$520,000 MLS 2131141
- Sarah Ashton 239.691.4915

Loggerhead Cay



- Totally Remodeled Kitchen & Bath
- Beautifully Furnished
- Great East-End Rental Complex
- \$549,000 MLS 2131294
- Andre Arensman 239.233.1414

Gulf Coast Estate - Captiva



- Brand New Main & Guest House Estate
- Euro Influenced Décor & Design
- 7BD/5.5BA w/ Gorgeous Pool & Landscaping
- \$7,699,000 MLS 2131319
- McMurray & Nette 239.850.7888

Sunny Captiva Beach Cottage



- 3BD/2BA Beach Cottage w/Loft
- Vaulted Ceilings & Large Windows
- Captiva "Village" Location
- \$859,000 MLS 2111213
- John and Denice Beggs 239.357.5500

Sanctuary Bayfront



- Sanctuary Golf Course, Situated on 1 ½ lots
- Majestic Bayfront & Golf Course Views
- Amazing Outdoor Living, Pool/Spa
- \$3,295,000 MLS 2121339
- McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435

Boating and Beach



- ½ Acre Homesite w/ Water Views
- South Seas Location
- Sailboat Access Plus Beach
- \$1,975,000 MLS 2130367
- Jim Branyon 239.565.3233

Captiva Open Breeze



- Spacious 5 Bedroom Compound
- Awesome Pool & Entertaining Area
- Great Rental History
- \$1,795,000 MLS 2121137
- McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435

Best Priced Beach Home



- 3BD/3.5BA with Gulf Views
- Completely Decorated & Furnished
- Virtual Tour: www.4809Tradewinds.info
- \$1,690,000 MLS 2130005
- Bob Radigan 239.691.6240

Wedgewood Penthouse



- Gulf Views Over the Brick Paved Pool
- Spacious 3BD/3.5BA
- Full laundry/utility Room + Den
- \$1,369,000 MLS 2800790
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984

Anglers Key



- Rare to Market 4BD/3BA
- Large Condo Lives Like a Home
- Breathtaking Views of Gulf of Mexico
- \$1,749,000 MLS 2130091
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984

Land's End Village



- Exceptional Gulf of Mexico Views
- Penthouse Master Suite w/ Sun Deck
- Large, Contemporary 3BD Floor Plan
- \$1,850,000 MLS 2121310
- Fred Newman & Vicki Panico 239.826.2704

Steps to Beach – Chateaux Sur Mer



- 4BD/2BA Updated Ranch w/Pool
- Beautifully Landscaped with Night Lighting
- End of Cul-de-Sac on Oversized Parcel
- \$819,000 MLS 2130543
- McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435

Sanibel Harbours



- Extraordinary 2BD/3BA Bayfront Property
- Boat Dock with Over 150' Canal Frontage
- Large Pool and Hot Tub
- \$1,395,000 MLS 2130445
- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984