Shell Museum Announces Live Mollusk Photography Competition

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is offering amateur shutterbugs a great opportunity to capture images of live mollusks in their natural habitats in the Museum’s 2nd Annual Live Mollusk Photography Competition.

Photos of live mollusks eating, moving, mating, and just living, are eligible for the contest. Entries will be accepted at the museum between July 25 and November 1 (including electronically submitted pictures).

Grab A Seat And Watch The Show

The CROW Picture Show offers an insider’s look at why critters come to CROW, and features photos of the wild animals who wind up there.

Last year, Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Southwest Florida’s only wildlife hospital, cared for 4,111 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the more than 200 different species, 54 percent birds, 38 percent mammals and eight percent reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors...

‘Ding’ Darling Refuge Manatee Exhibit Receives Funding Boost

To further the educational value of the articulated manatee skeleton in the Education Center, the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) applied this year for a grant from the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND).

In April 2011, the WCIND board members unanimously approved $57,500 for the enhanced Marvelous Manatees Exhibit; the Lee County Board of Commissioners approved the grant at a recent meeting.

The J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge acquired the manatee skeleton a couple of years ago. Work will begin in October on the exhibit, which will include suspended models of a life-sized manatee and her calf, interpretive signage, and a number of hands-on activities including a CSI-type forensic area similar to what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uses.

Charitable gifts to DDWS from the McCabe and Vanderbilt families made it possible to have the skeleton of a local manatee articulated and installed. The grant from the WCIND will significantly upgrade the exhibit, which will be accessible free of charge to Education Center visitors.

City Budget

Pension Liability A Concern

With the unfunded liability of two city pension funds weighing on their minds, the five-member Sanibel City Council set a millage rate Tuesday but left until later in the budget process the question of further paying down the pension liability or the sewer debt – or both.

The draft budget totals $46.76 million, $2.7 million greater than the current budget due to the assumption that the city will pay down $2.6 million of the pension plans’ unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities. Council set the millage at 2.1561 – the same as last year. It is .0032 percent less than the roll-back rate of 2.1630, a rate that generates the same amount of revenue as the current millage. Once approved, the rate can be reduced but not increased as council works its way through the budget’s line items.

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Sunday, July 24, is the day for Doug Fresh’s BBQ ribs and chicken with pasta salad and beans, from 1 to 8 p.m. The cost is $10. 9 Ball Pool Tournaments are played every Monday night starting at 6 p.m. This week’s winners for match one were Joe Steamer taking 1st and Dennis Bender 2nd. Winner for match two was Dennis Bender, and Butch Bouchard took 2nd. Way to go, guys.

Texas Hold’em is played every Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Players welcome.

Every Friday the Legion offers a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich all day. Known for the best cheeseburger on the island, stop in and try one the half-pound burgers, or the daily specials and the entire menu. Food is served every day, all day – and the public is welcome.

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Road Rally Winners Announced

The 32nd Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club Road Rally contestants had a shell of a time this Fourth of July. This year’s rally was more challenging, but the teams stepped up and accelerated. An afterglow party was held at the end of the course at the Sanibel Grill, whose staff outdid themselves with an abundance of food and outstanding service. The answers were provided to the participants, which always leads to interesting discussions, questions and lively conversations. Many a good story was told that afternoon.

The winners will receive their prizes soon.
The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club and the Rally Masters would like to thank all of the wonderful sponsors, participants, and volunteers. Their continuing support enables the Optimist Club to help many local children!

Best Decorated Car award goes to Granny’s Gang.
The results:

1st place Granny’s Gang
2nd place Driving Miss Crazy
3rd place Easily Distracted
Last place Team Michigander’s
4th Martini Mommason
5th Dosinia Dynamos
6th Big Smiles (two-way tie)
6th Team Kelly (two-way tie)
7th Team Eastlake, The Witches & Warlock
8th Island Rats
9th Three Chimps and a Gimp II
10th Team Great White
11th Margaritaville Marauders
12th The Munsters
13th Hindenburg Ground Crew
14th Best in Show (three-way tie)
14th Lentz Gang (three-way tie)
14th Singlegirlswag Ft. dem island boyz (three-way tie)
15th Red Neck Yacht Club (two-way tie)
15th Force Five (two-way tie)
16th Crazy Krepin Caravan
17th The Magenheim Maniacs
18th Big Kips Crusaders

University Hosts Free Hurricane Preparedness Seminar

Florida Gulf Coast University Small Business Development Center (SBDC), in partnership with several Southwest Florida agencies, will host a free hurricane preparedness seminar on Saturday, July 23 at the Sunshine Ace Hardware store located at 9100 Bonita Beach Road, in Bonita Springs.
The seminar kicks off at 10 a.m. with light refreshments provided by Perkins restaurant in Bonita Springs.
Panelists include representatives from the Lee County Emergency Operations Center, Small Business Administration, Bonita Springs Fire & Rescue, and City of Bonita Springs. Moderator for the discussion will be Dan Regelski, director for the FGCU Small Business Development Center. The discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. followed by a question and answer session.
The Southwest Florida Urban Search & Rescue team will be on hand, and tours will be offered on the Florida Small Business Mobile Assistance Center Bus – a vehicle used during natural disasters to help small businesses get up and running.
In addition to the panel discussion, several Sunshine Ace vendors will display their company’s goods and will donate door prize giveaways. The American Red Cross will also provide resource information.
For more information about the event, contact SBDC’s main office at 745-3700 or register at www.sbdc.seminars.org.
Only Two Weeks Left To Soak Up Island History At Historical Village

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will finish up its 27th season on August 6 before closing for two months until November 2. "Most of our docents have left the island by this time of year," said Carol Zell, museum manager. "The city will be putting up hurricane shutters on all of our historic buildings and finishing up maintenance tasks before we reopen in the fall."

Actually, summer is a nice time to visit. The Historical Museum is open in the mornings, Wednesday through Saturday, when it is cooler. The Rutland House is air-conditioned and most of the old buildings are constructed to provide air circulation with high, hip-roofed ceilings, oversized windows and raised foundations. These building techniques are still widely used on newer construction on Sanibel and Captiva.

Visitors may tour seven historic structures that were part of Sanibel life from the 1880s through the 1970s. The 1913 Rutland House was the only museum building when it opened to the public in 1984. Burnap Cottage, Miss Charlotte’s Tea Room, the Post Office and the old Bailey Store followed in the early 1990s as the "village" began to take shape. Morning Glories, the 1922 Sears Roebuck kit home, was moved to the village from its perch on San Carlos Bay during the last decade, and the 1898 School House for White Children was the last historic structure moved to the village in 2004. It was restored to a 1920s one-room schoolhouse, after serving the community as a theater for several years.

Island volunteers have been instrumental in restoring and preserving these buildings, which are so important to Sanibel’s past. Walking through the buildings, one gets a sense of the way life was back in the early pioneer days on Sanibel and Captiva. From the Calusa Native Americans and Spanish explorers to the farmers and fisherfolk – all played an important role in the history and settlement of the islands. Along the way, there have been many interesting characters. As visitors to the museum discover, it takes fortitude and determination to continually battle heat, isolation, mosquitoes, and devastating hurricanes. And, maybe a little bit of craziness too!

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS), is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The buildings and garden are handicap accessible. Admission is $5 for adults, 18 and older. Children and members are admitted free. For more information, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or phone 472-4648 during business hours.

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City Budget

$400,000 would pay about $862 based on the proposed millage. Declining property values have reduced the city’s tax revenues in recent years, but this year taxable values leveled off at about $4.2 billion – a drop of less than one 1/10th of one percent from last year. That amount will generate $9.7 million, not including tax for the recreation center and other expenses approved by voters.

However, the council did vote for the scheduled 3 percent hike in sewer fees, which works out to an extra $1.56 a month for homeowners. Council will decide later in the budget process what other measures to take with sewer expenditures and reserves.

On the topic of whether to further pay down the unfunded liability of the general employees pension fund and the police pension fund, Mayor Kevin Ruane noted, “It is by far the biggest liability we pay right now because it will compound next year. This is not great utilization of our capital.”

The funds are costing the city 7 percent and 8 percent respectively, so out of the $2 million the city paid in, only about $700,000 goes to the principle, Ruane said.

Vice Mayor Mick Denham said, “That is why I am questioning putting surplus (funds) into the sewer (debt).”

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$700,000 goes to the principle, Ruane said.

The proposed budget would pay down the pension plans’ unfunded liability by $2.552,016;

• With the exception of the sewer rates, all other city fees are held flat;
• $2.8 million is allocated toward general government capital improvements. This includes $1 million of capital projects rolled over from the prior years and $1.8 million for new projects.

The next budget session is slated for Saturday, September 10 at 9 a.m.

Fund Established To Dredge Canals Entrance

by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel City Council on Tuesday established a special assessment district to fund future dredging of the entrance to Shell Harbor and Sanibel Isles canal systems.

Dredging of the entrance, near Sanibel Marina, was done earlier this year. Since 1995, the entrance to the canals has been dredged seven times. The next project is scheduled for 2013 at an estimated cost of $33,000.

Under the special assessment formula, the city pays one third, Sanibel Marina pays 40 percent and the homeowners pay the remainder. For each homeowner, that will amount to $20 a year, generating $11,600.

The assessment will allow the city to control when the entrance dredging and internal canal soundings are performed, since the funding will be available through the city’s budget process and collected assessments.

A separate assessment would need to be established if the canal soundings find that the internal canals require maintenance dredging.

Hope For Residents On Dusty Street

by Anne Mitchell

Some residents of Nerita Street, annoyed by dust and dirt from their unpaved road, asked the city council Tuesday to lower the percentage of property owners required to consent to paying for paving.

They cited the city’s decision to allow a 50 percent consent rate for residents in the Shell Harbor and Sanibel Isles canal area, who wanted to move ahead with dredging and couldn’t get the 80 percent ratio needed. The consent is needed to set up an assessment district to apportion the costs. Typically, the city chips in on the paving cost.

Councilman Doug Congress noted that an amendment to the U.S. Constitution can be passed with a 66 percent majority.

Some residents said with some of the homes being rentals, it’s practically impossible to achieve the 80 percent consent rate.

After some discussion and after hearing from residents for and against, the council seemed sympathetic to lowering the percentage. Mayor Kevin Ruane, who brought the issue before council, asked for more information. He asked staff to present potential costs for paving and maintenance and about the possibility of long-term health issues caused by the dust.

He added, “I would like to understand the legal process and the steps necessary to do this.” The item will be on the September council agenda.

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City Employees Pitch In For FISH Food Drive

FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel has made an appeal to Sanibel and Captiva residents to help restock the FISH Food Pantry, which is running dangerously low. City of Sanibel employees responded and undertook to help by holding a very successful food drive this month. This is the third year in a row that they have done this. This year, assisted by Boy Scout Troop 18 of Gateway, the city collected over 800 pounds of non-perishable foods – breaking last year’s records.

Frances Slane and Charmaine Yeadon are the organizers of the annual drive. “We want to thank the City of Sanibel employees for helping us out in our time of need again this year. As a result of their generosity, we are able to help more of our neighbors on Sanibel and Captiva at this lean time of the year,” said Bill Fellows, president of FISH. “Their support for our FISH food pantry is really appreciated by the families who make use of the food pantry on a weekly basis” he added.

City Donates Bikes To Sanibel Bicycle Club

Pursuant to Florida State Statutes, the City of Sanibel may offer surplus items to nonprofits. On Wednesday, July 13, the City of Sanibel donated surplus bicycles to the Sanibel Bicycle Club for use in their cooperative partnership with the Redlands Christian Migrants Association. In announcing this cooperative program, Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra said, “This partnership is a classic example of how items can be reused and diverted from the waste stream.”


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ABWA Names Scholarship Winners

Crystal Mansell
Charlotte Davies

Fay Carney, chairman of the Education Committee of the local American Business Women’s Association, has announced the 2011-12 island scholarship winners.

Crystal Mansell, executive assistant to City Manager Judie Zimomra, will receive $1,500 per year to attend Barry University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in public administration with a certificate in human resources. Mansell is a non-traditional college student who is married with two children.

Charlotte Davies, who is attending Adelphi University in Garden City, New York, will also receive $1,500 per year. She is studying for a degree in nursing. Davies is the daughter of islander Sally Davies.

The Sanibel-Captiva ABWA Club awards more than $10,000 in scholarships annually.

The awards are funded from the proceeds of the club’s two major fundraisers, Texas Hold’em held in January and Poker Pedal which takes place in April.

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Manatee Exhibit

“Our mission at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge is conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and education,” said Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik. “Education-wise, this exhibit will teach the tens of thousands visitors each year to the Education Center about anatomy, bones, and specimen study, as well as issues facing the survival of the manatee as a species.”

People will learn about the manatee, fall in love with the special creature and want to protect it,” said DDWS Executive Director Birgie Vertesch. “This is very exciting, and we are honored the WCIND chose to support this important conservation project.”

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

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566, 472-1100 ext. 4, or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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Free Family Beach Walks At Algiers

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, in collaboration with JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, is offering a free weekly program that is fun and fascinating for the whole family.

Participants will meet at Gulfside City Park/Algiers Beach on Sanibel on Thursdays at 9 a.m. Refuge Ranger Becky Wolff will lead a short presentation about marine life on Sanibel, and shell museum volunteer Dotty DeVasure, a lifelong shell expert, will give tips on finding and identifying mollusks, as well as explain how they live, eat, reproduce and move.

During the beach walk (which lasts about an hour), Wolff and DeVasure will be available to answer questions and help their guests identify shells and anything else spotted along the way. Because this is peak sea turtle nesting season, there is a good chance nests will be spotted during the walks!

“Our purpose is to show (visitors) the smaller items to see on the island,” Wolff said. “We want to show what makes Sanibel beaches the best in the United States, and that’s the shells and the animals that create them.”

Julie Buehler of St. Louis brought her family along for a recent beach walk.

“It’s just a fun thing to do to learn more about the island,” she said. “The sea turtle information was fabulous. Dotty gave us great information on shelling and different kinds of shells and the things we pick up every day that we take for granted. There’s nothing on Sanibel that we don’t love in terms of the shells and the wildlife, so just to find out more about it is fascinating.”

Ten-year-old Brenna Cohen of Fayetteville, Georgia, and her mother, Claire, enjoyed the beach walk. “It was really fun,” Brenna said. “I liked seeing the turtle nest and the shells are really pretty. I found a lot of coquinas.”

For shelling veteran DeVasure, beach walks never get old. “It gets to be a part of you and you want to share it with everybody,” she said. “The nicest thing about it is that shells are all different -- just like people.”

Call Diane Thomas at 395-2233 (at the shell museum) for additional information.

Date: Weekly on Thursdays through August 11 (in collaboration with JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge)
Where: Gulfside City Park/Algiers Beach
Time: 9 a.m.
Cost: Program is free (beach parking fees will apply) ☞

Refuge Ranger Becky Wolff explains how sea turtles build nests

Dotty DeVasure, right, discusses shells during a Beach Walk
International Service Rep Chet Sadler and also to visit the site of a possible new location for a future water project. (In part the financing of these water systems are part of a new three-year pilot program for matching funds titled Rotary’s Future Vision for Global Sustainable Projects)

The water projects were not the only reason for this visit. Chet was there to explore the possibility of Rotary partnering with KADERES and the coffee farmers they represent on importing of Karagwe coffee to the states.

Coffee is the main cash crop of the area, grown alongside small quantities of food crops including matooke (green bananas), cassava, beans, yams, maize and vegetables.

Before visiting the coffee farmers, Chet had the extraordinary opportunity to take part in a Symposium for African Development in Karagwe. This important event brought together many developing small business organizations with a variety of speaker topics including the worldwide problem of food safety/handling, preparation, and storage; global warming; and micro-financing.

Chet noted that half of the attendees were representatives of women’s groups that receive micro-financing loans from KADERES and the remaining half or at least a high percentage of attendees were farmers. This three-day event ran from somewhere around 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Topics were serious and were explored thoroughly including break-out sessions and discussion periods.

Now with a better understanding of trade and the marketplace for products and goods in Tanzania and the opportunities for developing business relationships Chet, his hosts and other business visitors took a six-hour journey to visit eight coffee farms under consideration as future coffee bean suppliers for Rotary and other importers.

The coffee farms visited are located somewhere around 5,000 feet elevation with a growing climate much like ours. Chet said, “There are two types of coffee beans grown on the farms he visited: robusta and arabica.” Arabica are used in blends of roast and ground coffee. Presently farmers are picking the ripe cherries and laying them out on plastic sheeting on the ground for drying; shells are shaken off with rather simple machinery, and then coffee beans are screened before being ready for market.

The quality of coffee bean crop is of primary concern and the longer the beans stay on the trees the better quality of product. Micro-loans from KADERES help the farmers ride out a longer growing period and improve the value of the coffee bean crop.

These micro-loans are extremely important, as a longer growing period can sometimes cause a financial problem for farmers who need money to support their families throughout the year. Presently they sometimes sell their product at deflated prices to get them to market early. The relationship between KADERES and the farmers is vital.

Chet enjoyed every moment of his visit to Tanzania and came home with a lot of information needed before Rotary could even start to go further into this project. Don’t look for Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Coffee just yet; this project will take a little more time to explore. We will keep you posted.

Upcoming speakers:
• July 22 is Andy Tetlow, deputy director, Education and Community Programs from the Lee County Mosquito Control District; and
• August 5 is Teresa Riska Hall, director, Volunteers Event & Community Relations, Ronald McDonald House.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Beaches St.house & Tavern, 1100 Par View Drive. For more information, call 337-1099.

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Mollusk Photography Competition

The winning submissions will be announced during the museum’s anniversary celebration, November 14 through 18. The top photos will be displayed on the museum’s website, Facebook page, and in the lobby.

A list of contest rules and judging criteria, as well as the registration form to be completed and emailed with each entry, can be found on the museum’s website at www.shellmuseum.org. Send all inquiries and entries to Diane Thomas (dothomas@shellmuseum.org), or contact the museum at 395-2233.

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CROW Presentation

to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation visitors can see photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The CROW Picture Show is presented each Friday at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from the Sanibel School. Admission for adults is $5, teens, $3 and free for members and children 12 and under.

Admission includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore CROW’s hands-on educational facility and become familiar with its efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information, call 472-3644, ext. 231. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org.

Injured fawn bandaged
Sanibel To Host Zonta Southeastern Conference

The Zonta Club of Sanibel Captiva, part of Zonta International District 11, which comprises southeastern states and territories from North Carolina to the Caribbean, has been chosen as the site for the district’s annual conference. There are more than 40 Zonta clubs in District 11 and attendance at the annual conference is typically 150 to 200, and often includes one or more representatives of Zonta International.

Recent locations include Hilton Head, South Carolina; Puerto Rico; Tampa; and Savannah, Georgia. This year’s conference will be held at the Sundial Beach and Golf Resort on Sanibel from Thursday, September 22 through Saturday, September 24.

The local club, with other clubs in the region – Sarasota, Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Naples – will serve as hosts.

“This is a great honor for our club and we look forward to showing District 11 Zontians our wonderful island,” said event co-chair Carolyn Gray, a past president of the local club.

For Zonta members, district conferences are a rich source of networking, sharing and celebrating successes all while meeting the Zonta International mission of improving the status of women. The theme for this year’s conference is Saving the World, One Woman at a Time, from the well-known inspiration of a child carefully saving starfish stranded on the beach. When challenged with the question of what difference the action made when there were so many, the child responded by picking up one more starfish and saying: “Made a difference to that one.”

Guiding the planning process is District Governor Jane Adams of the Boca Raton club. Adams will remain in her position through May 31, when the Zonta fiscal year ends. During this conference, delegates will vote on the leadership for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2012.

Speakers lined up so far include Jose Leal of the Sanibel Shell Museum, who will give a talk on the science and aesthetics of shells, during Friday’s lunch. Other speakers from the Southwest Florida area include Rosemary Boisvert, managing director for the Transitional Living Center at Southwest Florida Addiction Services, who will speak on grant writing, service and advocacy; and Nicole Waid, acting chief U.S. attorney, Middle District of Florida, on the work of the States Attorney’s office and task force combating human trafficking.

Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra will open the conference with a welcome address and the invocation will be given by Rev. Ellen Sloan of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel. Saturday’s keynote address will be given by Alice Bruner, executive director of the PACE Center for Girls, Lee County.

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

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In a recent interview, Dr. Paul Douglass, DVM, board member of the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, revealed that, “Patients routinely leave our hospital without paying their bills.”

CROW cares for more than 4,000 injured, orphaned or sick wild animals annually. 85 percent come from off-island, and the patient load increases every year.

“They’re wild animals, of course, so they don’t have insurance,” said Dr. Douglass. “As a result, we struggle to cover expenses. We see about 200 different species a year, and each requires special food, habitat, medical treatment and handling.

“It’s a real challenge to look after so many animals,” he continued. “And they can’t pay for their care, so where is the money to come from?”

When asked what his biggest wish for the wildlife hospital would be, Dr. Douglass replied, “If only every person who likes animals would chip in to buy insurance for the unfortunate creatures who come to CROW, we could continue to provide the care each and every one of them needs and deserves.

“There’s all this talk about universal health care, how everyone in the country deserves it. But what about the animals who come to CROW? Most of them wind up here as a result of interacting with humans. Our patients should have insurance, too.”

Dr. Douglass’ wish is about to come true. CROW is now seeking donors to pay for monthly insurance premiums that will cover the care and feeding of animals at the wildlife hospital. Visit www.crowclinic.org, click on How You Can Help, Support Us, Monthly Giving.
Program, and dedicate your donation to a favorite animal.

The Island Sun and its sister paper the River Weekly are supporting CROW’s new campaign by offering advertisers the space below CROW Case of the Week at a discount. The half page ad will feature the underwriter’s logo and highlight ways readers can support CROW’s efforts to save wildlife. Ad sponsors will receive a framed certificate to show patrons they support CROW, and will also receive all the benefits of CROW membership.

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Shell Museum Gives Parents A Break With Special Resort Program

In response to an identified need introduced by lodging partners throughout the county, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum has developed a resort program called Children Play...Parents May? Family vacations are great, but did you ever find yourself dreaming of a few hours of adult play time? Maybe Mom and Dad have shopping in mind without the stress of assuring fragile gift shop objects will remain on the shelves. Perhaps your favorite book is calling, or you wish you could have a meal with just grown-up conversations. Do you ever have the vision of walking hand-in-hand down the beach but linking with only one set of hands?

If so, this program is for you. Drop the children off and enjoy 2 ½ hours of guilt-free adult time. Your children won’t even know you’re gone because they will be reading about mollusks and their friends, playing educational games, creating shell craft projects, making fact wheels or pop-up books, and doing creative writing.

The program is appropriate for ages five through 12. The cost is $15 per child. Classes will be held at the Museum from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on the following Tuesdays and Thursdays in July, August and September:

**JULY**
- Tuesday/Thursday 26, 28

**AUGUST**
- Tuesday/Thursday 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
- Thursday, September 1

To register call Diane Thomas, the museum’s public programs specialist, at 395-2233, or forward an email to dothomas@shellmuseum.org.

Registration is required by 3 p.m. Monday for Tuesday sessions, and by 3 p.m. Wednesday for Thursday sessions.

Shell Museum Group Visits Mote Marine Laboratory

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum sponsored a field trip to the Mote Marine Laboratory and Museum in Sarasota on July 16. The 14 visitors marveled at the aquarium exhibits, working labs, shark tank and touch pools. They even took part in an interactive dolphin rescue.

The Shell Museum’s public program specialist, Diane Thomas, enjoyed her first trip to Mote. “I loved the turtles in the aquarium, I loved the manatees,” she said. “I really enjoyed seeing a live seahorse and the hammerhead sharks, the sea anemones and the clown fish. They had a lot of nice fish.”

The youngest member of the group, Daniel Young, 13, was making his third trip to the aquarium. “I liked the shark tank,” he noted. “I hope to come back.”

The Shell Museum plans to take more trips to the Mote Marine Laboratory and other sea life destinations in the future.
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One-Stop Fish Shopping At The Passes

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The same old summertime story of fishing the passes for the best action continues this week as it will until at least September, if not later. Snook, redfish and trout could all be found at the one-stop shop, better known as your local pass. As long as there was good tide movement in the passes the bite was on.

Good numbers of snook were caught on the lower stages of the tide using live pinfish along the bottom. There were also a few reds in the mix, averaging 22 to 25 inches. Trout seemed to be more by-catch than in the slot, averaging 22 to 25 inches.

To my boat in the passes recently were size of the big bull reds I have caught in a few reds in the mix, but not close to the pinfish along the bottom. There were also on the lower stages of the tide using live pinfish along the bottom. Once you catch one, mark it on the GPS and do it again. Captiva Pass also held good numbers of sharks in the three-foot range.

With the passes this good, it’s hard to leave them and try something else. Sometimes you just need a change of pace. One morning last week I headed out solo to Matlacha Pass on the high incoming tide after hearing reports from a few friends about lots of redfish north of Matlacha to Burnt Store.

I really enjoy fishing this area as it has very little boat traffic and angler pressure compared to the sound. The winding channel up to the pass from the south is all a 25 mph speed zone but it’s a nice calm ride and one of the few places in our area that is still has that wild, untouched feel to it.

I pitched under the trees, I would switch it up to a pinfish or whitebait hoping for a larger fish, and not even get a hit. As reported to me, all the reds would eat was shrimp. When they ate every shrimp I pitched under the trees, I would switch it out to a pinfish or whitebait hoping for a larger fish, and not even get a hit. Check it out and spend a few hours up there. You’re almost guaranteed to have it all to yourself as I did mid-week.

When I’m fishing solo I enjoy checking out some new water. Although you might not catch the numbers of fish you could by going to the same old places, it makes a nice change to go somewhere new. Taking the tried and true techniques and trying them somewhere fresh is what makes us better anglers in the long run anyway.

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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It’s National Park Month

Get outside and enjoy a weekend of free fun July 30 and 31. Parking and admission fees will be waived at Lee County parks, boat ramps and pools the last weekend of July in honor of National Park and Recreation month.

“Lee County is pleased to be a part of the nationwide celebration and help recognize the value and benefits of parks and recreation,” said Dave Harner, deputy director of Lee County Parks and Recreation.

Another way to celebrate is to enter the first-ever Lee County Parks and Recreation video contest for amateur videographers to showcase its parks, preserves and recreation centers on the department’s new YouTube channel. The contest can feature you, your family or your friends participating in an activity or just enjoying the facility. In the video, make sure to mention the name of the park and state what you love about Lee County Parks and Recreation.

Finalists will have their videos featured on the Lee County Parks and Recreation website and YouTube channel and the winner will receive a free Lee County Parks and Recreation annual parking sticker. The deadline to enter is August 1.

The National Recreation and Park Association is also gearing up for Park and Recreation Month with its own promotions and contests. Take the Five in July Park Pledge by making a personal commitment to get outdoors every weekend in July. Take the pledge for a chance to win an iPod Touch by visiting a park, trail, playground, swimming pool or natural area every weekend in July.

The National Recreation and Park Association is also holding the 2011 Rock Your Park Flash Mob Contest. The contest has two categories, one for Public Park and Recreation agencies and one for citizens and community groups. Gather a group together and visit any park or recreation facility and “show the power of parks” together in flash mob form.

Enter before August 5 for a chance to be featured in the September digital and print editions of Parks and Recreation magazine, featured on the NRPA website and YouTube page, and have a public showing of the video at the NRPA’s 2011 Congress and Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia.

For more information on National Park and Recreation Month, contest entry forms and locations of Lee County-managed parks, boat ramps and pools, visit www.LeeParks.org.

Sea Turtle Data

The sea turtle season continues to cruise right along. Hatching has officially begun on all parts of the islands, according to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). The data shows the previous two years for comparison.

As of July 15, 2011
Sanibel East: 33 nests, 74 false crawls, 1 hatch (all loggerhead)
Sanibel West: 203 loggerhead nests, 5 green nests, 316 loggerhead false crawls, 15 hatches
Captiva: 70 nests, 50 false crawls, 24 hatches (all loggerhead)

As of July 15, 2010
Sanibel East: 13 nests, 56 false crawls, 0 hatches (all loggerhead)
Sanibel West: 105 loggerhead nests, 3 green nests, 214 loggerhead false crawls, 2 green false crawls, 5 hatches
Captiva: 45 nests, 103 false crawls, 5 hatches (all loggerhead)

As of July 15, 2009
Sanibel East: 23 loggerhead nests, 1 leatherback nest, 50 loggerhead false crawls, 0 hatches
Sanibel West: 140 nests, 164 false crawls, 16 hatches (all loggerhead)
Captiva: 74 nests, 58 false crawls, 15 hatches (all loggerhead)

If you have questions, or would like to know more about sea turtles on Sanibel, contact seaturtle@sccf.org or call the Turtle Office at 472-2329 ext. 228.

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Members of Sanibel-Captiva Art League are currently showing 100 landscapes, still life, local points of interest and nature scenes with birds and other animals at Sanibel Public Library and BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery. Included in Phillips Gallery are students’ artwork from the special traveling exhibit of Artreach Banners from the Human Trafficking Awareness Project. This cooperative effort among the students shows their interest and effort for making social concerns and information available through a variety of media.

During the year many Art League members participate in workshops to learn new techniques and...
refine their skills. Several members teach painting locally to both adults and children who are at all levels of achievement. Some of the members joined the Art League as beginners because of the friendly encouragement offered by the more professional and award-winning painters.

The current art shows contain work by artists of all experience levels. Color, design and composition are evident in the large variety of materials used and subject matter. The library, 472-2483, and BIG ARTS, 395-0900, are located near each other on Dunlop Road next to City Hall. Call for viewing hours.

For Art League information write to PO Box 1192, Sanibel 33957 or log on to www.sanca-part.com.

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Snowy Plover And Wilson’s Plover Nesting On Sanibel Now

by Joel Caouette, SCCF Biologist

Snowy plover nesting season began in February. There have been 15 nests so far this year, with 11 fledglings from five nests; last year, there were only seven fledglings for the whole season. One nest has one chick (a second chick was lost, probably to predation). Seven nests have been predated, including Nest 15; one had eggs that were not viable; one was washed out and then predated.

This year, the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation is also monitoring Wilson’s plover nests. There have been two nests: one has hatched, with three chicks, and a second nest has fledged three chicks. Nesting season will continue until mid-August and it is important that beachgoers help to protect these endangered shorebirds.

Also, at last check on Tuesday, July 12, the least tern colony on Captiva had an estimated 21 nests and six chicks.

Please keep a few things in mind as you enjoy the beach:

- Honor the leash law. An unleashed dog can kill an adult bird or chick or trample a nest.
- Respect marked nesting areas. Too much human disturbance can cause birds to abandon their nests. Always remain outside of the staked area.
- Avoid flying kites near nesting areas. Plovers view kites as predators. A kite flying overhead can cause a bird to abandon its nest.
- Never chase birds on the beach. Shorebirds use the beach to nest, rest, and feed. Forcing them to fly interferes with all of these activities.
- Fill in holes. Holes on the beach can trap chicks unable to fly. If trapped, chicks can die from predators or exposure.

Learn more about these nesting shorebirds at SCCF’s snowy plovers program, offered on August 4 at 10 a.m.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Bald Eagle

by Emillie Alfino

Not surprisingly, there was a lot of attention paid in March when a bald eagle came to CROW from Lehigh Acres with a shotgun wound. The eagle’s prognosis was questionable to put it mildly and although he had a remarkably successful course of treatment and a triumphant recovery, not much attention was paid when he was released back to his home in the wild on June 12.

The adult bald eagle was found in Lehigh by Felicia Mercer, who had seen him on the ground in her neighborhood. “The first time I saw him he was a couple of houses down from mine in the road,” Mercer said. “I was thinking, ‘Is that really an eagle?’ I couldn’t believe how big and how tall it was, and when the eagle spread its wings how far they went across.”

Over the next three days, the eagle made its way across the street. I couldn’t see any injuries before that,” Mercer said. “The only time I did was when the bird was walking off and when he was trying to fly and couldn’t. He just kept tipping forward.”

While Mercer was unfamiliar with CROW, she turned to the telephone book and looked under “animal rescue” and was referred to the Sanibel clinic. A volunteer came out and captured the eagle for transport to CROW. “It was just calm,” Mercer reported, “sitting and looking around.”

He came to CROW on March 6 thin, dehydrated, with a lot of swelling around the left elbow, and both the radius and ulna in his left wing were fractured, according to Dr. Amber McNamara. “We could feel those fractures. What we didn’t know until we took a radiograph was how much buckshot there was everywhere throughout his whole body,” she said.

Who would shoot a bald eagle, not only a bird just recently removed from the endangered and threatened species list, but the symbol of our country? “As far as I know, they never found out who did it,” Dr. Amber said. “We’re required by law to report any intentional injury to any protected bird, not just those that are threatened or endangered. Most wild birds fall under this category.” The investigation was handled by Fish & Wildlife from that point forward.

The eagle was very dull and quiet and obviously didn’t feel very well when he arrived at CROW. “That first day we gave him some pain medication, cleaned up a couple of wounds near that fracture and bandaged those, and put the wing in a wrap to keep the fracture from getting any worse,” Dr. Amber explained. “We gave him some fluids because of his dehydration.”

The eagle didn’t resist the mini-traumas. “Most of the time with the raptors when you put a hood over their heads they’re more agreeable, and he was so dull – which was not a good sign for him,” she said.

Because this eagle had so much swelling around the elbow, she elected to wait about three days to do surgery. When she finally did, he was put under anesthesia and Dr. Amber was able to put a pin inside the radius, drawing the ulna into better alignment. “I was pleased with how that came together,” she said. “We put a wrap on after surgery to keep that wing immobilized. He came through the anesthesia beautifully by that afternoon and ate the next morning readily, and you can’t ask for much more than that.”

The eagle was anesthetized again at the 48-hour mark to check the pin, and continued on page 24.
Bald Eagle

everything looked great. “At that point we were able to put his pain medication in fish since eagles tend to eat them whole, and put him in our large double-wide cage where we were able to shift him from one side to the other to clean his cage without handling him much.

Much of the buckshot was left in the bird. “If we had gone searching for it, we really would have torn up the soft tissue,” Dr. Amber explained. “When I was doing surgery, if I had run into any I would have taken it out but I didn’t go digging for it.”

The eagle was put under anesthesia one more time one week later to change the wrap and to start for the first time to do some stretching of the wing so the tendon didn’t get too tight, and I was happy with the way it looked at that point,” she said.

The wrap was removed on the 23rd day, then staff did some stretching exercises and kept the bird inside another week and a half. “So he was inside for about four weeks, which is a lot to ask of a large bird, but he was very cooperative,” said Dr. Amber. “Still, he was starting to let us know he was ready for more space.”

Dr. Amber removed the pin at the three-week mark with the eagle fully awake. “He hardly reacted to it at all,” she said.

The eagle was moved to an enclosure that would allow him to stretch his wings yet not make him frantic to do more than he was ready to do. He stayed there for one and a half weeks before being moved to a small flight enclosure. “He needed to spend another four weeks in that enclosure and he was starting to do some really nice flapping and short flights,” she said. “Once in a large flight enclosure, within two weeks he was flying the length of that cage, which is about 130 feet.”

With the eagle flying well, staff wanted to make sure their patient had the stamina to fly in the wild. He soon passed that test and on June 12 he got to back to his home in Lehigh. People questioned why he would be sent back to the place where he was shot, but Dr. Amber explained that eagles are territorial enough that he needed to go home. “He may even have a mate there,” she stressed.

“Everyone really did a wonderful job,” she said. “This eagle had so much trauma we weren’t sure at the beginning if this bird was even going to make it; it was wonderful to see him fly again.

In his case, we knew the history of his injury – he had been shot and was lying on the ground for three days. That was really helpful determining his treatment.

It’s very hard that we so rarely know what happened to the animals we see for treatment. It’s rare that we have a complete history. That makes it a challenge for sure.”

One very happy person was Felicia Mercer, the eagle’s rescuer, who had no idea the bird had been shot and was very excited to learn that he was released and able to fly again. “I can’t believe it!” she said.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: www.crowclinic.org.
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Children entering grades kindergarten through five in the fall will be doing painting, ceramics, drama, and movement— including arts and music appreciation, weekly projects, and interactive stage productions. Next week, some campers will make palm frond masks, create self-portraits, and work with clay. For grades kindergarten through five, tuition is $130 per week. If reserving three or more weeks, the cost is $115 per week.

The fine arts apprenticeship program for middle and high school students includes fused glass, mosaic, acting and improvisation, ceramics, puppet making, acrylic painting, and photography. Middle School tuition is $75 per week. Call BIG ARTS for middle school volunteer opportunities.

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Frangipani
by Gerri Reaves

Frangipani... the very word evokes the romance and beauty of the tropics. Most people know frangipani as the flower used to make leis, Hawaiian flower necklaces.

Even gardeners committed to “native plants only” might find it difficult to shun or replace this native of tropical and subtropical America and the Caribbean. The tubular flowers emit what is arguably the most heavenly fragrance of South Florida’s imported blooming trees.

Many species of plumeria exist, and it has long been a popular landscape tree in the state’s subtropical clime.

This broad-crowned tree usually grows to about 15 to 20 feet high and can be almost as wide as tall.

The five-petaled flowers are tubular, funneled, and two to four inches across. Common species in this area are *P. obtusa*, which have white flowers with yellow centers, *P. rubra*, with pink or red, and *P. alba*, with white.

The stocky branches are smooth, rounded, and silvery-gray green. Flowers appear in clusters on the branch tips.

The coarse narrow leaves can be up to 20 inches long. They fall during winter, but frangipani’s attractive bark and network of branches make this no mere barren tree to hide in the back corner.

The twin seed pods are forked and up to a foot long. But if you want to propagate frangipani, cuttings are the way to go.

Remove a lower branch, clean away leaves and flower stalks, and chop into foot-long sections. Beware of the white sap, which can irritate the skin.

Frangipani is a popular non-native flowering tree

Leave the cuttings in a shady spot for a few weeks to heal. Then use them to start new trees in potting soil.

Plant a cutting in full to partial sun where it will have plenty of room to spread a canopy but is protected from cold northern wind.

Frangipanis require regular fertilization, are susceptible to pests, and creates yard work with shedding leaves, so if maintenance is a primary concern, plant native flowering trees that tend to be no- or low-maintenance.

Because frangipani is so cold-sensitive, some people prefer to grow it in containers that can be brought inside a garage or lanai during cold snaps.

Sources: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu, Florida, My Eden by Frederic B. Stesau, and floridata.com

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Symphony Announces Upcoming Subscription Series

The Southwest Florida Symphony has announced plans for the 2011-2012 subscription series. The Symphony will present five classical Master Works concerts, a three-concert Pops series, and a Holiday Pops program at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, three performances at Schein Hall at BIG ARTS on Sanibel, and three performances at the Village Church at Shell Point.

Maestro Michael Hall has programmed music ranging from great masterpieces by Brahms, Dvorak and Bruch to popular selections from Broadway and Hollywood. New this season, Maestro Hall will offer an inside look at Elgar’s Enigma Variations formatted as a Discovery Concert. Designed for audiences of all ages, patrons will be introduced to Elgar's best known work – to both the music and the enigmas behind the music.

This season the orchestra will offer a series of three pops programs with music from the American Songbook of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, and Cole Porter, selections from Oscar-winning movies through the years with guest conductor Michael Berkowitz, and a salute to the great Broadway musicals.

2011-12 Season Dates and Programs

Master Works Series

- **Masterworks I**
  - Michael Hall, Music Director and Conductor; Saturday, November 5 at 8 p.m.; Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall
  - This program will be repeated on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 7:30 PM at the Village Church at Shell Point.

- **Masterworks II**
  - Saturday, January 7 at 8 p.m., Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, with the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida

- **Masterworks III**
  - Friday, January 27 at 8 p.m. – Discovery Concert at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall
  - Vaughan Williams, Overture to the Wasps; Walton Viola Concerto, Second Movement featuring Chloë Thominet, Winner of the 2011 Jillian Prescott Music Awards, Elgar – Enigma Variations

- **Masterworks IV**
  - Friday, February 10 at 8 p.m., Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Michael Hall, Conductor
  - Schubert - Overture in C minor, Nagel - As You Like It

- **Masterworks V**
  - Saturday, March 24 at 8 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Corigliano, Voyage; Bruch – Violin Concerto; Beethoven – Symphony No. 7; Mark Kaplan, Violin Soloist
  - This program will also be performed on Friday, March 23, 2012, at 7:30 PM at the Village Church at Shell Point.

Pops Series

- **Pops Series**
  - Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12 at 8 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Michael Hall, Conductor; Deston Owens and Sarah Pfisterer, vocal soloists. The Great American Songbook: all of the music from Broadway, Hollywood and Tin Pan Alley rolled into one evening. “The Great American Songbook” features music of Arlen, Berlin, Ellington, Gershwin, Kern, Mercer, Porter, Rodgers, Hart, and Hammerstein and more.
  - Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 21 at 8 p.m., Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Michael Berkowitz, Conductor
  - The Envelope, Please – An evening of award-winning film music with Guest Conductor Michael Berkowitz.
  - Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 at 8 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Michael Hall, Conductor, Nat Chandler and Teni Dale Hansen, vocalists

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  - Special Event (not included in subscription series), Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, James Stephenson, Guest Conductor, Sra Dell’Omo, vocalist.
  - This program will be repeated on Monday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Church at Shell Point.

Sanibel Series

The Southwest Florida Symphony, Michael Hall Music Director and Conductor, will present three performances at Schein Hall at BIG ARTS on Sanibel on January 11, February 22 and March 14, all Wednesday evenings, at 8 p.m.

- **Sanibel 1**
  - January 11 at 8 p.m., Michael Hall, Conductor
  - Beethoven - Creatures of Prometheus, Wagner - Siegfried Idyll, Mozart - Piano Concerto No. 17, K. 453 with Hyojin Ahn, soloist

- **Sanibel 2**
  - February 22 at 8 p.m., Michael Hall, Conductor
  - Schubert – Overture in C minor, Nagel - As You Like It Rosalind’s Theme; Turina - La Oracion del torero; Dvorak – Serenade

- **Sanibel 3**
  - March 14 at 8 p.m., Michael Hall, Conductor
  - Debussy - Afternoon of a Fawn (arr Schoenberg), Gounod - Petite Symphony, Brahms - Serenade No. 2

Series subscriptions are available for the 2011-12 season. Subscriptions for the five-concert classical series start at $82, the three-concert pops series starts at $49 and the Sanibel series is $90. (Prices do not include handling fees.) Subscriptions may be pur-
Call To Artists For Sculpture Exhibit

BIG ARTS invites sculptors to submit entries for its juried Biennial Sculpture Exhibit, which will run Monday, October 17, through Tuesday, November 29. Entries may be delivered to BIG ARTS Friday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to noon only and cannot be accepted prior to this receiving date and time. More information about this exhibit, including its prospectus, is available at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, or online at www.BIGARTS.org.

A juror’s talk with Barbara Hill, former executive director of the von Liebig Art Center in Naples, and founder of Hill Fine Art Consulting, will be held in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery Friday, October 28, at 5 p.m. An artists reception and awards presentation will follow.

The entry fee for one submission is $25 for current BIG ARTS members and $35 for non-members. Additional works may be submitted at $10 each. Artists are encouraged to bring their own pedestals and all sculpture must be ready to hang.

All submitted sculpture must be work not previously exhibited at BIG ARTS. Awards will be given to first place ($750), second place ($500), and third place ($250), with two merit awards ($75 each). All works must be available for purchase.

The sculpture exhibit is supported by visual arts patron season sponsors June Rosner and Russ Bilgore.

For more information about this exhibit, BIG ARTS events and membership, or to sign up for workshops, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, call 395-0900; email info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

Hollow Victory, sculpture by BIG ARTS 2009 sculpture exhibit winner Leila Walker

Classical Music Scholarship Applications

BIG ARTS is accepting applications for the BIG ARTS/Kenneth L. Nees Classical Music Scholarship Award. The major goal of the scholarship is to help highly talented high school and college students who plan to continue their classical music training. Students who study any classical musical instrument, composition, conducting, or teaching are eligible.

Applications are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, online at www.BIGARTS.org on the About Us tab, or via email at info@BIGARTS.org.

All materials are due to BIG ARTS no later than Friday, September 2, to be considered for this scholarship.

Ken Nees is a BIG ARTS volunteer who not only works in the office every day, but is also the chair of the workshop/classes committee; he also has served several terms on the board of directors. He is a fan of classical music and is devoted to helping talented young musicians continue to develop their musical talents.

BIG ARTS has several scholarship programs that are supported by donors. To learn more about establishing a scholarship fund to support your passion and make a difference in the lives of others, contact Development Coordinator Kara Minoui at 472-9700.

For more information about this program, call 395-0900.
Arts For ACT Opening Exhibit Artists Reception

Join Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, August 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. for the opening reception and Art Walk for the August artists’ exhibits featuring Callie Ferraro, Gael Collar and Harley Young.

Ferraro graduated from Eckerd College in Saint Petersburg, Florida in 2011 with a major in visual art and a minor in psychology. She has taught visual art at the Alliance for the Arts Summer Camp for four years and currently is interning in the field of art therapy at Southwest Florida Addiction Services.

Collar works in acrylic, oil, pen and ink, graphite pencil, and collage. She has studied art in New York, Arkansas, Dallas, Oklahoma and Florida at various workshops and colleges. Collar prefers figurative work, along with small animal paintings, abstracts, and collage.

Young started drawing as a child and studied technical drawing in college and art and design at the University of Iowa. He worked for engineering and architectural firms building models, doing technical drawing, and graphic design. He always carried a pad for sketching and drawing. His works were on display at the Des Moines Art Center, private galleries, and some of his drawings were published. Young earned a PhD as an environmental engineer and worked as a licensed professional engineer in environmental science and had several technical articles published in environmental engineering.

This exhibit continues through Monday, August 29.

The Missing Ear by Gael Collar

Lexi Joe by Harley Young

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises for which you’re not sure you’re ready.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for his or her actions. You’ll not only recover your self-esteem, but you’ll also gain the respect of others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That former friend you thought you’d cut out in your den to lick your wounded pride, accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone’s biased interference.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone’s biased interference. Stand your ground, and you’ll soon find allies gathering around you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That friend you thought’d cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships.

Counter his or her lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won’t budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it’s true. The weekend favors family matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member’s problems. Don’t hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles -- the harder, the better.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On July 26, 1775, the U.S. postal system is established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general. Until then there were no post offices in the colonies, so mail was typically left at inns and taverns.

• On July 25, 1832, the first recorded railroad accident in U.S. history occurs when four people are thrown off a vacant car near Quincy, Mass. A cable on a vacant car snapped them off the train and over a 34-foot cliff.

• On July 31, 1916, future racing legend Louise Smith, who will become the first woman inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame, is born in Barnesville, Ga. In her first race, unaware that a checkered flag meant the finish line, Smith kept going when the race ended until someone threw out a red flag.

• On July 28, 1932, President Hoover orders the U.S. Army under Gen. Douglas MacArthur to evict Bonus Marchers -- a group of World War I veterans seeking cash payments for their veterans’ bonus certificates -- from Washington, D.C. MacArthur’s men set their camps on fire, and the veterans were driven from the city.

• On July 29, 1958, the U.S. Congress passes legislation establishing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a civilian agency responsible for coordinating America’s activities in space. NASA was created in response to the Soviet Union’s Oct. 4, 1957 launch of its first satellite, Sputnik I.

• On July 30, 1971, a mid-air collision between a Boeing 727 and a fighter jet in Japan kills 162 people. At 28,000 feet the Boeing suddenly encountered two military jets. One was flown by a student who had only a few hours of flying experience. Neither jet was equipped with radar.

• On July 27, 1993, Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis collapses and dies after suffering cardiac arrest while shooting baskets at Brandeis University in Boston. After previous cardiac arrhythmias, doctors had incorrectly assured him that he could continue to play.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was Danish author, philosopher and theologian Soren Kierkegaard who made the following sage observation: “People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use.”

• After the release of Alfred Hitchcock’s...
**Book Review**

**The Fiery Trial**

by Max Friedersdorf

The Sanibel Public Library has assembled a dazzling display of contemporary Civil War history books in observance of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the conflict that erupted 150 years ago this summer over the issue of slavery.

Highlighting the collection is master historian Eric Foner’s Pulitzer Prize winning *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln And American Slavery*.

Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this administration, will be remembered in spite of ourselves... The fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation,” Lincoln stated on December 1, 1862.

“If Lincoln achieved greatness, he grew into it. Not every individual possesses the capacity for growth; some, like Lincoln’s successor as president, Andrew Johnson, seem to shrink, not grow in the face of crisis.” Foner, professor of history at Columbia University, observes.

Heralded as the best work ever written on Lincoln and the pivotal issue of slavery, the book begins with Lincoln’s youth in Indiana and Illinois, follows the arc of his rise to the White House as secession fever grips the South and the country goes to war.

During much of his early life, Lincoln’s origins of thoughts and feeling about slavery remain shrouded in mystery, but in April 1864, three years into the American Civil War, he wrote, “I am naturally anti-slavery. If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong. I can not remember when I did not so think, and feel.”

Assembled on the new books shelf at the Sanibel Public Library, other aspects of the Civil War are covered in the many new volumes available.

The new titles include: *Border War; Fighting Over Slavery Before The Civil War; The Civil War, The First Year Told By Those Who Lived It; A World On Fire, Britain’s Crucial Role In The American Civil War; The Union War; Gettysburg As The Generals Remembered It, Postwar Perspectives Of Ten Commanders; America Aflame, How The Civil War Created A Nation, and Hearts Touched By Fire, The Best Of Battles And Leaders Of The Civil War.*

Other new Civil War books available at the library include: *God’s Almost Chosen Peoples, A Religious History Of The American Civil War; Thunder On The River, The Civil War In Northeast Florida; My Thoughts Be Bloody, The Bitter Rivalry Between Edwin And John Wilkes Booth That Led To An American Tragedy; and Colonization After Emancipation, Lincoln And The Movement For Black Resettlement.*


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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“I am naturally anti-slavery. If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong. I can not remember when I did not so think, and feel.”

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The Bridge Of Sighs Subject Of Next Library Book Discussion Group

Submitted by: Cathy Cangelosi, Sanibel Public Library

Readers are invited to discuss *The Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo at the Wednesday July 27 book discussion meeting at the Sanibel Public Library. The meeting is free and open to the public. The discussion will begin promptly at 2 p.m. in the meeting room across from the elevator, Meeting Room 4. Bunny Ospa will lead the discussion.

About the Book

Lucy (Lou C.) and his wife are taking a trip to Italy, where Lucy’s oldest friend, a famous artist, now lives. The exact nature of their friendship is one of the many mysteries Lucy hopes to untangle in the history he’s writing of his hometown and family.

The books are available and located in the library near the reference desk. While it is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the discussion, all are welcome. Call the library at 472-2483 with any questions.

Poetic Voices

**Sara Butz, The Flower Lady**

by Sidney B. Simon

We came to call her the condo flower lady.

They had given her a sad, tiny plot, so sandy the grainy weeds limped.

Green-thumbed on all ten fingers of her liver-spotted hands, she lovingly turned that ground.

From the fancy clubhouse gardens she stole brown soil, yogurt cup by cup, and fiercely grew riots of periwinkles.

No one noticed the theft, but they did see the flowers, never thinking one of their own old ladies had done it.

Stealthily, she began to advance, at night, a flowery, ghostly scout on full-moon patrol, to claim for all a second plot of sand.

Then a third, where yellow daisies danced.

A fourth she filled with purple petunias. The management grew wise to Sara’s gardens, so they gave her a bright red wheel barrel and a mountain of the richest potting soil.

That’s when we named her, “Flower Lady.”

We awarded her with a certificate framed in gold. Beneath that frame’s glass, Sara pressed flowers, these, of course, covered our committee’s noble words, but they did forever preserve the majesty of Sara’s art.

Sidney B. Simon is professor emeritus, The University of Massachusetts. He is the author of a dozen books, mostly on values clarification and a happy member of Island Writers’ Group 4. His 13th book, *Living And Loving In That Condo With A View Of The Gulf*, is poems about people growing old in a mythical condo on a mythical island. This poem is from his new book.

For consideration, please send typed poems with a short biography to Island Sun, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, FL 33957 Attn: Don Brown or send a Microsoft Word attachment to donbrown@alum.mit.edu

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Lily Rocks! For Friends Who Care

Kim Devito, Dan Schuyler and Labs Gracie and Angel show off the check for Friends Who Care.

Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery’s 5th anniversary party last Saturday raised $2,445 for Sanibel-based Friends Who Care.

Party-goers at the Lily Rocks! celebration danced under a tent with fans to cool them and children crowded on Sanibel Fire Department trucks. More than 300 took part, said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of the store. Besides the roasted pig, over 500 hamburgers and hot dogs were dished out.

Race For Trace Honors Cyclist Killed On Bridge

Tracey Kleinpell, 46, a veteran cyclist and triathlete, was killed by a driver while cycling across the Sanibel Causeway in April. Kleinpell’s husband, Gordon, was riding with her when a driver crossed the center line, resulting in Kleinpell’s tragic death.

Now a group called Race for Trace has a mission to honor Tracey raising funds for Florida Diabetes Camp through the Race for Trace 5K and KiddieK with Health Fair and Stage Show to take place August 6.

Florida Diabetes Camp provides a fun, safe, educational and diabetes-friendly camp environment for children with type-1 diabetes and their families where they can gain the confidence, skills and knowledge to achieve their full potential. Visit www.racefortrace.org for more information about Kleinpell and Florida Diabetes Camp. Each registered 5K participant will receive a wicking Tech T-shirt.

This new, fast course begins in the Sanibel Beach parking lot near BB&T Bank (across from Tanger Outlet on Summerlin Road). The course will run east on the access road and make a right turn onto John Morris Road, then on to Bunche Beach, turn around at the cul-de-sac, and then return back to the Publix parking lot. (This course does not take you onto the beach/sand.)

This event will be timed with the new ChronoTrack Bib Tag Technology, and will have a Chip Start and Finish. All awards are based on gun time.

The 5K race begins at 7 a.m., and the KiddieK begins after the 5K participants have all finished. There will also be a Zumba class after the race.

Pre-registration pricing for the 5K is on or before August 5, and is $30 for adults and $15 for youths (18 and under). Race day registration for the 5K is $40 for all ages. The KiddieK is by donation only. All registrations are non-transferable & non-refundable.

Registration options:
1) Online at www.racefortrace.org until Friday, August 5, at 5 p.m.
2) By mail, postmarked by July 16, to: Fitness on the Move, 13101 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33966; make checks payable to: Florida Diabetes Camp.
3) In person at Packet Pickup on July 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Run Florida, 13101 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33919; or
4) On race day at Sanibel Beach Place from 6 to 6:45 a.m.

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Sanibel Recreation Department’s Junior Volunteer Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department has recognized Counselor In Training and Junior Volunteer of the Month Madi Weigel.

Weigel is one of the first Counselors In Training (CIT) working with the youth Summer Camp Program at the Sanibel Recreation Center. She started as a junior volunteer six months ago during the After School Program to obtain community service hours for school. She truly enjoyed her experience with the After School Program so she is now continuing to help with the Summer Camp Program as a CIT. Weigel’s youth program experience is coming full circle, as she has been a participant in the program since 2007 and now in 2011 is assisting counselors and campers. Weigel is going to be a freshman at Fort Myers High School in the fall.

Volunteer opportunities are now available. For information on joining your friends and neighbors who serve as Recreation Center volunteers, call 472-0345.

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

Members Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Members of the Month Mark Thompson, Joy Bonayag and Yuan Bonayag.

Mark, Joy and Yuan have lived on Sanibel since August of 2008 and have been members at the recreation center since October of 2008. They joined the facility to stay healthy and active. Joy is a food science major, a former restaurant shift manager and now a full-time mom to Yuan. Thompson loves being outdoors, was a Peace Corps volunteer from 2005 to 2008 and is now working for the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation. Yuan is an energetic 18-month-old who knows how to use his cuteness.

The whole family takes advantage of various aspects of the facility. Joy loves participating in the land aerobic classes the recreation center offers, whereas Thompson enjoys the weight room and lap pool. The youngest member of the family is busy learning how to dance, box and swim. When asked how being a member of the rec center has benefitted their family, Joy said, “It helps keep me a healthy mom for my son, Yuan, so I have the energy to chase him around.” Mark explained, “It helps keep my body trouble-free. This is our health insurance plan – prevention.”

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Women’s World Cup Final Will Add To Growing Soccer Interest In The United States

by Ed Frank

A

s millions watched Sunday’s gut-wrenching, dramatic Women’s World Cup soccer finale between the United States and Japan, it became evident that soccer has captured the interest and fascination in the United States as it has in Europe and other countries for decades.

Riding on the emotion of Japan’s recent catastrophic earthquake, the Japanese women defeated the United States 3-1 on penalty kicks after a 2-2 tie in overtime.

And while the world pulled for the underdog Japan, our U.S. team is heroic in its own right despite the disappointing loss.

Their march to the World Cup finals that included a heart-stopping penalty-kick victory over Brazil in the quarterfinals, cemented what soccer moms and others have known for years—the “beautiful game” is riding a crest of popularity throughout the United States.

ESPN reported that 13.5 million watched the World Cup Final, the highest television rating for any soccer game on the network.

In nearly every community large and small you will find organized soccer programs starting with children as young as four and five years old. There are traveling teams, academy teams, school teams and independent league teams. Often the interest in soccer outpaces the interest in football, basketball and baseball among youngsters.

You need only to drive to Sarasota every May to watch nearly 5,000 high school academy players compete in an annual tournament to comprehend the burgeoning growth of soccer.

There are some old timers that will yawn when you mention the word “soccer.” If you’re one of them, just ask some of your grandchildren about the game and you will find a far different response.

I for one was slow to grasp the foothold that soccer has garnered in the United States. The fact is, however, it is a phenomenon that has been growing here for many years.

And Sunday’s epic battle between the U.S. and Japan will further that growth.

We had hoped that the United States women would have brought home the third World Cup Women’s victory. They were taller, they were the favorites and they held a 2-0-0-0 advantage in previous games over Japan.

Twice they held leads in the finale only to have Japan come back to tie the game. But after 90 minutes of regular time and 30 minutes of overtime, the smaller Japanese women prevailed in penalty kicks.

Destiny was on the side of Japan after the devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown struck the country.

Their World Cup victory will provide a much-needed morale lift. And despite the loss, the United States soccer program will grow even stronger.

Miracle Play. .500 Ball in Second Half
The Fort Myers Miracle continue to play .500 baseball in the season’s second half yet started the week just 2 ½ games out of first place in the Florida State League South Division.

The Miracle started an eight-game road trip Monday with four games at Dunedin and four at Clearwater before returning home to Hammond Stadium next Monday for eight games.

The Tampa Yankees will be here beginning Monday for four games followed by another four-game series against Lakeland.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who holds the major-league record for most consecutive wins by a pitcher?
   - 2. In 2006, Kevin Kouzmanoff became the first player to hit a grand slam home run on
   - 3. When was the last time the Cincinnati Bengals made the playoffs the second consecutive seasons?
   - 4. All five starters on Indiana University’s 1975-76 undefeated NCAA champion men’s
   - 5. Name the first NHL team other than Detroit to record a 100-point regular season.
   - 6. In 1983, Phil Mahre became the third man to win the World Cup skiing championship
   - 7. For three consecutive years (2009-11), a golfer has notched his first PGA Tour victory

ANSWERS
   - 1. Cy Young (1904)
   - 3. Tom Seaver (1975-77)
   - 4. It was the 1981-82 seasons.
   - 5. The New York Islanders
   - 6. Tom Abernethy, Kent Benson, Quinn Buckner, Scott May
   - 7. Pat Perez, Bill Haas and Jhonattan Vegas.

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Traditions has a fabulous gulf view, something few island restaurants can boast. Also, there’s live music and dancing with pianist Joe McCormick and vocalists Marvilla Marzan and Barbara Smith.

On Monday, Traditions had its ribbon-cutting ceremony conducted by the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and attended by local residents and business owners.

It’s located at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-4559. When you’re planning a fun night out, remember that Sanibel Taxi can help you make it a safe and worry-free occasion by doing the driving for you. Sanibel Taxi can take you for a night out on the town, dinner, to a concert, or to a wedding or other celebration. When alcohol is being served, don’t take any chances.

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The big summer sale continues at Comfort by Design, with discounts of 15 to 75 percent off brands including Birkenstock, Mephisto and Ecco. The store is at 1640 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, in the Limetree Center, phone 395-0666. The Stone Crab is at 2761 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-0305.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS
The Crow’s Nest at ‘Tweens Waters Inn, Captiva has entertainment nightly from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. This week the entertainment is by The Captiva Band. Crab races are Mondays and Thursdays with the family show at 5:30 p.m. and grown-up races at 9 p.m. The Crow’s Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

Traditions on the Beach has live music and dancing with pianist Joe McCormick and vocalists Marvilla Marzan and Barbara Smith. The restaurant is inside the Island Inn at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-4559.

Traders Store & Café, 1551 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, features Chris Workman at the piano on Wednesdays and Sundays from 7 to 10 p.m. Danny Morgan & Friends play Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Phone 472-7242.

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The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has announced its new board of trustees leadership team, effective July 1, the start of its new fiscal year.

Dawn-Marie Driscoll has been appointed as SWFLCF’s new chair of the board. Driscoll is currently an executive fellow at the Center for Business Ethics. She has been on the faculty of the Ethics and Compliance Officer Association and has been appointed a visiting scholar at two prominent universities. A frequent teacher, panelist, moderator and presenter on business ethics issues in the U.S. and England, Driscoll has also written several books and numerous articles about business ethics that have been published in the United States, Asia and Europe.

Jay Brett, former chair of the board, will remain active on the board as immediate past chair. Brett has been in private practice with Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, P.A. since 1973, where he is currently the senior attorney. His professional activities include serving on and chairing the 20th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee, serving on and chairing the 20th Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission and serving as hearing officer for the Lee County School Board. Joe Mazurkiewicz has also been appointed as the community foundation’s new vice chair. Mazurkiewicz is the president of BJM Consulting Inc., a firm that specializes in local government activities. He also currently serves on several boards, including the Ruth Cooper Center for Behavioral Health Care, Gulf Coast Village and Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce.

Sandi Robinson has been appointed as SWFLCF’s new secretary-treasurer. Robinson is president of the Fort Myers office of Northern Trust. He previously worked for Fifth Third Bank in Naples, where he served as vice president and team leader in the commercial real estate division. Robinson currently serves on several local nonprofit boards.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is overseen by a volunteer board of community leaders and operated by professionals with expertise in identifying their communities’ needs. Members of the organization’s board of trustees are thoughtfully selected to represent and promote the highest levels of fiduciary and ethical standards.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has been supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties since 1976. With assets of more than $60 million, the community foundation has provided more than $49 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves.

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Since we handle everything about a decorating project, from design to installation, our clients find the process to be exciting and enjoyable.

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Fact – Our highly experienced decorators will be able to help you see your home through new eyes. You will be shown color schemes, furniture styles, window treatments, fabrics, accessories, lighting and floor coverings that will best suit your tastes and lifestyle.

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**Myth #6 – My husband and I have opposite ideas regarding how we would like our home to look. A professional decorator wouldn’t be able to please us both, so we are stuck where we are.**

Fact – Everyone has their own taste, and it’s very normal for spouses to have different decorating goals. Like much of life, such situations are usually resolved with some compromise on both sides, usually guided by the decorator’s experience and some skillful negotiating to bring about a result that suits your individual needs within a décor that is mutually appealing and functional. Don’t be afraid to tell us exactly how you both feel about your current home and what you believe will satisfy you both for the long term. We do it every day.

**Myth #7 – I have some furnishings that are very meaningful and special to me. A professional decorator will want me to get rid of everything that I love.**

Fact – We’re very accustomed to working with family heirlooms and personal affects that might not be cutting edge but that occupy a special place in your heart. Sometimes it’s simply a matter of putting those collectibles and mementos in the right location for your new decor. Sometimes they can be complemented with new furnishings and incorporated in the new scheme. Don’t be afraid to tell us exactly how you feel about those things you love and wish to keep in your daily life.

Cindy Malszycki is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at cindy@decadenet.net.
Creating Value (And Wealth) Through Imagination

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

The last installment of the Harry Potter films is now released, which raised an interesting dinner conversation not too long ago among me, my wife and our three daughters. “What do you think,” I began, “about the fact that an immense amount of value and wealth was created by a welfare mom who hand-wrote a manuscript on a subway as she headed to work?” My kids didn’t know what I meant by “value” so I explained further. “Value is created when someone appreciates something – be it a good meal, a good book, a movie – or even when someone might have a better job or other exciting adventure due to something that was created. Here because JK Rowling’s imagination created the world of Harry Potter in written form – it spawned the books, of course – but also the movies and all sorts of things. And true value is eventually what spawns wealth.”

My daughters got excited by the idea, and caught on quickly. They identified all sorts of value that would not have otherwise been impossible but for the imagination of JK Rowling. Daniel Radcliffe (who played Harry Potter in the feature films), for example, may not have ever become an actor. All sorts of people – from the rest of the movie cast, to publishers, to screenwriters, to movie production staff – all had interesting jobs that may never have been possible but for the Harry Potter books, and Rowling’s imagination. Universal studios even built a replica of Hogwarts inside of its Universal Studios, allowing all sorts of people who visit Orlando to have an enjoyable experience, notwithstanding creating jobs for architects, builders and craftsmen. So there was likely billions of dollars created out of one woman’s imagination.

My daughters started to think about others’ imaginations that had similar impact. The list goes on and on. Aside from entertainment you have those who work in technology to medicine to transportation. And, by the way – that’s why America is one of the greatest nations on earth, because our culture fosters and encourages imagination. We don’t care about how things were done under the “old way.” We are always looking for the new, improved version of things. So how does all of this relate to estate planning? I think it does in many ways. One’s estate and financial plan could be a stamped out carbon copy of many others – or it could have an imaginative outlook that instead fosters the values, hopes and dreams of its creator.

The man who owns and runs the family business has any number of ways that he can leverage that knowledge, wealth and expertise for the next generation. The man who slowly built family wealth through shrewd investment management can impart those skills with those he loves with the use of imaginative trust provisions.

When thinking about your own planning, I would suggest you not think about your death so much as your life. What are your hopes and dreams for yourself and your spouse? In the next three years, what do you hope to do and to accomplish? What obstacles might stand in the way of those hopes and dreams? What opportunities exist that can help you overcome those obstacles? What are your existing resources that you can capitalize on but haven’t yet?

If you were to sit down and honestly answer those questions, I would suspect that you might become excited about the future. The future would look like it harbors all sorts of possibilities, as opposed to the same old stuff you’ve been caught in over the last several years. After you’ve done that exercise for yourself, use your imagination to the benefit of your children or if you have them, grandchildren. What are your hopes and dreams for them? What do you hope they will accomplish? What obstacles do they have to accomplishing their dreams? What resources are at their disposal and how might you complement those resources?

When I speak of resources, by the way, I’m not necessarily talking about financial assets or wealth. The kid who has the drive and energy to put himself through college by earning good grades, getting scholarships, working part-time jobs and supplementing all of that with student loans is a kid who has used all of the available resources that he has at his disposal.

I bet you and your family have untold value locked up in your imaginations. I hope you can have fun tapping it sometime.

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School Smart

by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley,

I babysit my granddaughter during the week. She turned two in May and she is a very sweet, affectionate child but I am worried about her talking. She understands what I say but she isn’t saying much herself and I have a hard time understanding her. My other young grandchildren are surpassing her. Her mom doesn’t seem too worried but this is her first child so she might not really know what to expect. Is there something I should be doing for her?

Elvira, via email

Spoken language (talking) emerges in infancy with cooing and babbling and develops through adulthood with the ongoing acquisition of vocabulary and higher-level language constructions.

Each child is unique and develops at his or her own pace; however, it is important to know the developmental milestones she should be achieving to gauge her progress. According to the ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) your two-year-old granddaughter should be achieving to gauge his or her own pace; however, it is important to know the developmental milestones she should be achieving to gauge her progress. According to the ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) your two-year-old granddaughter should

Some of the things you can do to help her speak include using clear and simple speech that she can imitate, naming objects and describing them to her, give her synonyms for familiar words; e.g., daddy, man, grown-up, adult, then use these synonyms in sentences and daily conversations.

If your granddaughter does not make the progress you expect you may want to have her evaluated. Her pediatrician can recommend a specialist. Another option is to have her evaluated by the public school system. Federal and state law requires that all public school systems provide evaluations at no cost to children who may have a disability such as a significant speech-language delay. If the child is found to have such a significant delay in one or more developmental areas the school must then provide appropriate intervention, free of charge to the child, starting at age three. For more information on this you can contact your neighborhood school for the appropriate contact person or the Board of Education.

Early intervention is the best way to address developmental and learning problems. Such issues are frequently resolved when the correct interventions are put into place early in a child’s development.

Ms. Gregg 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.

My Lights Are Flickering: Why?

by Bryan Hayes

We run into this question quite often. When the lights begin to flicker, the homeowner starts to go through the normal procedure of checking the circuit breakers only to discover they are all set properly. When that is established, there are several issues that should be considered. Is it only a single light that flickers, or do all of the lights in a particular room or part of the house do that as well? If you discover it’s just a single light, then usually it’s something as simple as a loose wire, filament or the bulb is not tightly secured in the socket. An easy enough fix, isn’t it?

Now, if it’s the scenario described above of multiple lights flickering, then something more serious could be happening. One of the possibilities is that something is arcing. Arcing is when a wire or part of the electrical service does not have a solid connection. Something similar happens in lightning, where the electricity jumps the gap. This can be a serious situation. This should not be confused with a “short,” although both can give off sparks. A short circuit occurs when the hot wire touches a ground or neutral. When this happens, the circuit breaker will trip, as it was designed to, and cut the power. Arcing can actually occur for a very long time without ever tripping a breaker. Arcing also creates a great deal of heat. This can be a very dangerous situation and has caused fires in the past.

If you suspect this is the cause, shut down all large consumers of electricity; i.e., air conditioning, pool heat pumps, hot water heater (do this at the breaker), and fridge. Call an electrician immediately. This is not to scare you, of course, but it is always better to be safe than sorry, especially if you suspect that something is not working properly.

Thanks for reading.

Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at Bryan@Sanibelair.com.
Around The Islands

Gene Federico is playing at Courtney's on Sanibel on Thursdays and Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. and on Sundays at the tiki bar from 2 to 5 p.m. Courtney's is at 1231 Middle Gulf Drive, phone 472-4646.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly from 7 to 11 p.m. Here's the line-up: Friday and Saturday, The Captiva Band playing classic rock, jazz and R&B; Sunday, Jamaica “Dave” & Co., reggae and dance; Monday, Renata, jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, Steve “Scooter” Reynolds, acoustic guitar, contemporary music and dance; Wednesday, Buckeye Ken, contemporary, reggae and dance; Monday, Renata, jazz, contemporary, reggae and dance; Friday and Saturday, The Captiva Band playing classic rock, jazz and R&B; Thursday, 2 Hot, contemporary, reggae and dance; Tuesday, Jeff Key; Wednesday, Buckeye Ken, contemporary, reggae and dance; Monday, Renata, jazz, contemporary, reggae and dance; Friday and Saturday, The Captiva Band playing classic rock, jazz and R&B; Thursday, 2 Hot, contemporary, reggae and dance; Tuesday, Jeff Key.

The Mucky Duck has live music daily with Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva. has live music nightly from 7 to 11 p.m. Here's the line-up: Monday through Saturday nights each week, phone 395-4000.

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, has live entertainment from 6 to 9:30 p.m. nightly. The line-up: Monday, Dan Conrey; Tuesday, Jeff Key; Wednesday, Ken Wasiniak; Thursday, Diana Lynn; Friday, Greg Watts; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Ken Wasiniak. Phone 472-0606.

The Stone Crab – A Shrimp & Seafood House features Danny Morgan and Friends on Wednesdays and Fridays and Buckeye Ken Saturdays. Live entertainment is from 8 to 11 p.m. The Stone Crab is at 2761 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-0305.

Keylime Bistro on Captiva features live entertainment seven days and nights each week, phone 395-4000.

The Mucky Duck has live entertainment Monday through Saturday nights on the patio. The restaurant is at 11546 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva. Restaurant owners/managers, please e-mail or fax your entertainment schedule to Anne Mitchell at islandsuncity@aol.com or 395-2299.

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Donations And Ticket Sales
Begin Soon For Love That Dress!

Calling all fashionistas! Love That Dress! returns to Southwest Florida with two dress parties benefiting PACE Center for Girls on Wednesday, August 31 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Lee County’s third installment of Love That Dress! will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Estero while Collier County’s inaugural event will happen simultaneously at the Naples Grande Resort.

In preparation for the ultimate feel-good shopping spree, PACE is seeking dress donations of any kind, from wedding gowns to sundresses. Donations will be accepted at the following collection sites from August 1 to 30:
- Adventures in Paradise Outfitters, 2019 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island
- Alliance Financial Group, 14021 Metropolis Avenue, Fort Myers
- Condo & HOA Law Group, 2030 McGregor Boulevard, downtown Fort Myers
- Embassy Suites Hotel, 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive, Estero
- Red Salon & Spa, 2311 Santa Barbara Boulevard, Suite 106, Cape Coral

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Volunteers are needed to help sort and display dresses. Call Christin Collins at 425-2366 ext. 25 or email ChristinCollins@juno.com for more information.

To shop at the main event, tickets are $25 and will only be available for purchase online at www.lovethatdress.org while supplies last.

The event sold out in Lee County last year with nearly 800 guests. Event planners anticipate an increase with the expansion into Collier County. At both venues, guests will stake their claim on thousands of deeply discounted new and gently worn dresses and accessories, bid in the silent auctions, and have cocktails with friends.

“It’s a dress party for all women and it’s so fun running into friends throughout the year and seeing them in their new finds,” said Christin Collins, event founder and co-chair. “The best part is the outpouring of community support. Everyone has a place in their heart for PACE.”

Love That Dress! is expected to raise over $100,000 to help abused, neglected and abandoned teenage girls served by PACE. For more details, call 425-2366 ext. 25 or visit www.LoveThatDress.org.

To learn more about PACE, visit www.pacecenter.org.

Insurance Tip
Re-inspection Results Revealed

by Marge Meek

The interim statewide results are in as a result of the re-inspections Citizens policyholders’ mitigation forms that give discounts for protecting homes against hurricanes.

According to Citizens, policy holder premiums increased by $15.5 million on 32,628 inspections. So, if you have been re-inspected and have been notified that you have no rate increase, you are one of the few.

Some of the policyholders that were up for renewal dropped wind coverage altogether, due to the premium increases. Citizens is projecting an increase of $23 million in premiums this year based on the completed re-inspections. That will more than offset the $14.5 million Citizens plans to spend on the re-inspection program.

Customers who ignored attempts for Citizens to conduct the re-inspections can have their discounts removed and that already happened to 577 policyholders so far.

Results Revealed

Citizens has agreed to review information that will restore some of the credits by looking at roofing permits, invoices, receipts, product information. You should give these to your agent if you get a negative discrepancy report and your agent will work with Citizens underwriting to get the issues resolved.

This is not a short process, so start at once to avoid a renewal premium increase due to reduced wind mitigation credits.

Marge Meek is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent, who can be reached at mmeek@rosierinsurance.com.

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Folk Remedies May Be Weird, But Effective

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers:

Recently, I asked my Facebook fans to share their favorite folk remedies. These homegrown tips are not intended to take the place of your physician’s advice, nor does my printing them imply effectiveness. So don’t email me if you wind up smelling like lasagna or a speed stick! Here is a sampling of the submissions:

When you get bit by an insect, like a fire ant or mosquito, you just roll on plain deodorant. It works great!

Dennis E.

I have chronic sinus (and fungal) infections. I read an article about oregano so I boiled the spice in water, let it cool to room temperature and strained it into a spray bottle. It works great!

Patricia A.

For RLS (restless legs syndrome), I slip a bar or two of Ivory soap under my bed sheets, down low by my calves and ankles. I have no idea why it works, but it does. Ellen M.

I had a persistent rash on my skin, and I applied coconut oil (purchase this at your local health food store) and it worked for me. Susan C.

You might be able to replace narcotics such as Vicodin (hydrocodone) or Oxycontin (oxycodone sustained-release) with herbs such as Valerian Root and/or Kava Kava. Yes, I have done this!

Bethany R.

When I get an upset stomach or mild heartburn, I eat some pure ginger, the candied sort that has some crystallized sugar on it. Candied ginger is sold at health food stores, not supermarkets.

Dawn D.

For constipation, you can eat two cooked beets (boiled, roasted or marinated) and you should have a bowel movement that day. Suzy C.

My hiccups were annoying so I put good ol’ honey and a sprinkle of sugar on the back of my tongue and it stopped them immediately. Tracy L.

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.

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,

Our dear grandson was diagnosed as being autistic and we were shocked. As a family we decided to give him the very best of care, fight this early and then it would be over. Maybe that is the course of treatment for some illnesses and conditions, but not this one.

The expenses are tremendous and he is showing no improvement and, as a matter of fact, we think he is getting worse.

We have had to dip into our retirement funds and the parents are very concerned with this present economic condition, and positively cannot continue on this present course. What so you think is appropriate care?

Toby

I am sorry to hear about your grandson’s diagnosis.

The causes of autism syndrome have not been identified and no one knows how to cure it. There seems to be varying degrees of this condition and these individuals are not all the same but have many common symptoms.

You have tried your best to help but no amount of money spent at this time will cure your grandson’s condition.

Try if you can to find a public school system that has special facilities to serve exceptional children.

I worked many years ago for a public school district that served children with special needs like your grandson and other diagnosable conditions.

Lizzie & Pryce’s email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.

Our E-Mail address is press@IslandSunNews.com.
**Logic 101**

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

A. I have spent no shortage of time in hospitals.
B. Readers say to me, “Dave, I’ve read your columns and frankly, you are sick.”

Ergo, hospitals make you sick? Here are 10 reasons that could be true.

Nosocomial Infections. These are infections picked up in the hospital. Institutions like hospitals, prisons, and Charlie Sheen can be bug breeding factories for MRSA (superbug), scabies, viruses and the evil C. difficile. “Welcome to Ward 3, Bloggins. Here are your dinner choices and over here you can pick your nosocomials.”

Medication Errors. Whether by a nurse or a doctor, I should point out that if there is any question, then it is preferable to blame the nurse. Doctors write beautifully and legibly as any pharmacist will attest. I once ordered 6 U of insulin for a patient who was mistakenly “given 60,” as the panicked nurse gasped to me over the phone. “How’s he doing?” I asked. “Shaky.”

Surgical Errors. This does not always refer to the surgeon cutting off the wrong leg, testicle or heart, but can also mean accidentally cauterizing the graphilhorn-swaggle artery rather than the intended snorrhoplaster vein. And of course there is the occasional object left behind in the patient such as a swab, scissors, scrub nurse.

Adverse Drug Reactions. These are the 8th leading cause of death in North America, as, until genetic drug screening is available, drug therapy can be a bit of a shotgun approach. Be alert, aware and a tad suspect should you be ordered a new drug with names like Widocillin, Nokhel, Kriplex and Urispas (actual names of drugs).

Wrong Diagnosis. Just watch any episode of House, where the staff usually takes the patient to the brink of death before Dr. House’s epiphany du jour as a basketball hits him in the left uvula giving him the idea that they’ve been treating the wrong problem all along.

Falls/Trauma. Hospital cleaners seem trained to add extra wax in the rooms of the most frail and confused patients. Sick and often drugged patients have to get up to take a poop and end up performing a triple lutz, ending with an unceremonious splat.

Complications of Investigations. One apparent abnormality can lead to another to yet another. These so called “incidentalomas” can trigger aggressive or invasive investigations. “Well Dr. Sealey, looks like that zit really was a zit. Okay, I’ll sew the patient up, you put the catheter in and we’ll send him to ICU.”

Bedsores. Decubitus ulcers can get infected and very nasty, which is why I write in the orders, “apply turning over the patient like a lamb on a spit.” But, my beautiful penmanship aside, this can get interpreted as “apple turnover the patient until they spit.”

Blood Clot. Anytime a patient is not doing hot yoga and dancing the macarena 16 minutes after completing surgery, there is a risk that they could develop a blood clot in their legs. This clot can pop off and go to the lungs, uvula or Sudbury. It is vital, post operatively, to move your limbs and shake what your plastic surgeon gave ya’, as we’d hate to have to crack open the Widocillin.

Wrong Pathology Results. This actually happened to me when I was a patient. I recognized the mistake when my biopsy report said I was expecting twins in six months! But being the astute physician I am, I quickly recognized this as a lab error. I could only hear one heartbeat. Yes readers...I might be sick.

Like the column? You’ll LOVE the book the Doctor is Insane, available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.

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**Top VIP Agents**

VIP Realty Group has announced its top agents and sales teams for the month of June.

Lomano, Nicholson and Associates – Jason Lomano, John Nicholson, Jim Artale, Keith McMenamy and Theresa Lomano – was recognized as top sales team

The Mike McMurray and Trevor Nette Team was recognized as top producing team and top listing team

Robin Humphrey and Martha Smith were recognized as top listing agents

Kara “K.C.” Cuscaden was recognized as top sales agent

Dan Cohn was recognized as top producing agent

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Gems Of Africa

Madagascar, the large island off the coast of Mozambique, is geologically part of this same gemstone-rich area, known as the Neoproterozoic Mozambique Belt.

The most important producers of gemstones have been Tanzania, Mozambique and Madagascar. Madagascar is famous for recent discoveries of ruby and sapphire, though a number of other gemstones have been found, including tourmaline, aquamarine, and citrine.

Tanzania is especially famous for tanzanite, but also has rich deposits of rhodolite and garnet, and some unique colors in zircon.

Mozambique has recently become famous for its high-quality tourmaline, and most of the world supply of paraiba is now coming from Mozambique.

Nigeria, the large west African nation, is the one important gemstone producer not in the Mozambique Belt. Nigeria has produced respectable blue sapphire as well as large quantities of fine tourmaline. Nigeria is also known for garnet, aquamarine and topaz.

So the next time you think of the brilliant colors of an African rainforest or a golden desert, remember that those tones can be reflected in beautiful gemstones from Africa.
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There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

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**TODAY’S WORD**

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Cats and kittens are always two-for-one at Animal Services. Also, check out the vast array of dogs available for $30.

Pet Bio
Name: Nala
Breed: Maine Coon mix (check out my bushy tail and ear tufts)
Sex: Neutered male
Age: 2 years old
Color: Gray tiger with white
Comments: Like my namesake, Aramis of the Three Musketeers, I value love and friendship above all. Are these qualities you are looking for in a companion? If so, stop by so we can get to know each other better. I’m a cuddly lap cat and you just might be captivated by my charm and good looks too.

Adoption Fee: $8 during the July Adoption Promotion. Don’t forget you can get a second cat free.

For information about this week’s pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services’ website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal’s ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

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