Gulf Coast Symphony Performs Beethoven And Tchaikovsky With 14-Year-Old Award-Winning Pianist

The Gulf Coast Symphony will present the first of this season’s Classical Access Concerts on Saturday evening, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. This program features performances of Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor; Opus 37 featuring 14-year-old Virginia Waring, International Piano Competition winner; and Tristan Teo and Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 1 in G minor Winter Day Dreams.

This concert takes place at BIG ARTS on Sanibel (900 Dunlop Road). Ample free parking is available. Tickets are $25 for adults, $10 for students, and children under 17 are admitted free. Tickets are available online at www.accessconcerts.org, by calling 277-1700, or at the BIG ARTS box office one hour prior to the performance. This concert is sponsored in part by Drs. Peter and Eleanor Blitzer and the Gulf Coast Symphony’s Musical Legacy Society.

Fourteen-year-old Tristan Teo started piano lessons at age six with Aline Banno and is now under the direction of Dr. Sasha Starcevich. Over the past couple of years, Tristan has built a reputation of excellence in performance, with a singular ability to communicate with his audience.

Calling Volunteers For Bird Count December 17

San-Cap Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 17. The results of the local count will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in the 112th National Christmas Bird Count.

More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this census of early-winter bird populations. The results of their efforts are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of uninterrupted data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas. Simply put, the Christmas Bird count is citizen science in action.

Prior to the turn of the 20th century, people engaged in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas “Side Hunt.” They would choose sides and go into the field with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) quarry won.

Conservationism was in its infancy around the turn of the century, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition, a “Christmas Bird census” that would hunt them. So began the Christmas “Side Hunt.”

An invitation to Bird Count participants: “The perfect Christmas revue... the musical numbers crackle with energy and joy.”

There will be a special New Year’s Eve performance December 31, which will include a champagne reception and toast with the cast of the show. Tickets are $75. Show begins at 9 p.m.

Winter Wonderettes is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor The Royal Shell Companies.
“Photos with Santa” at Sanibel Luminary

CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, will offer “Pet (and/or human) Photos with Santa” on Luminary Night, Friday, December 2. Santa will be available for photos from 5:00-7:00 PM at Island Paws in the Sanibel Shoppes at the junction of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Roads.

Photography is provided by Shari Brownie Photography. The donation to CROW is $35 and will include four photos emailed to you as well as a one-year membership to CROW. Additional printed copies of the photos will be available from Island Graphics.

For questions, please call Annie at Soon Come… 239-395-8700.

Captiva Community Panel Meeting

There will be a quorum in attendance for the next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel, set for Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 9 a.m. at ‘Tween Waters. A draft agenda is below.

Captiva Community Panel December 13 Meeting Agenda

Meeting convened at 9 a.m. at ‘Tween Waters Inn
9 a.m. Introductions and roll call; approval of November 8 minutes
9:05 a.m. CEPD update, Kathy Rooker, CEPD
9:10 a.m. A vision of Captiva’s future: Scope and approach? Max Forgey
9:40 a.m. 2012 slate of panel members and election of officers, Ken Gooderham
9:50 a.m. 2012 panel budget, Ken Gooderham
10 a.m. 2012 meeting dates, Ken Gooderham
10:05 a.m. Agreement with Forgey Planning Service, Ken Gooderham
10:10 a.m. Hurricane Preparedness & Response Committee, Doris Holzheimer
10:15 a.m. Committee reports (as necessary):
  • Finance & budget, Ken Gooderham
  • Water quality, John Jensen
  • Fund-raising, Rick Hayduk
10:20 a.m. Other business and public comment

Confirm dates for next meetings (January 10, February 14, March 14)
Adjourn

“...The Captiva Community Panel provides a public forum whereby Captiva property owners can present projects requiring variances and get feedback from and answer questions of the panel members and other Captiva neighbors attending the public meeting. The panel has no decision-making authority on variance requests but does advise Lee County as to the point of view of the panel and the point of view expressed by other interested Captivans attending the public meeting at which the variance request was presented. The next Captiva Community Panel meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 10 in the Wakefield Room at ‘Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva.

The Captiva Community Panel is sponsored by the Captiva Property Owners Association Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization by IRS determination. The association is registered under account number CH28824 with the state of Florida under Chapter 496, Florida Statutes, the Solicitation of Contributions Act. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (800) 435-7352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.
It’s Time To Welcome Back Sanibel!

Once again The Sanibel Community Association (SCA) will be welcoming islanders home at The Community House with a down home celebration planned for Friday December 9 at 6 p.m. that includes dinner, community dessert, potluck and Bingo with prizes.

The catered dinner, provided by Bailey’s, will include barbecued pulled pork, baked beans, maple-glazed corn bread, tossed salad, coleslaw, and potato rolls served with lemonade, coffee and sweet tea followed by a dessert potluck contest (bring your desert along with printed recipe) and enjoy island camaraderie as we gather together to play Bingo with prizes.

Welcome Back Sanibel is also the annual kick-off for The Sanibel Community Association’s membership drive.

Space is not limited, but people are urged to purchase tickets early. Tickets are on sale and may be purchased by calling The Community House at 472-2155 or stopping by in person. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are $20 members, $15 non-members, and children 12 and younger are $5.00. There is an additional charge for Bingo.

For more information about Welcome Back Sanibel and other SCA-sponsored events, go to www.sanibelcommunityassociation.net.

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Winter Wonderettes

Single event tickets as well as series and subscription tickets are available for purchase through the BIG ARTS website. Season series tickets are $108 for three shows. Winter Wonderettes runs through Saturday, December 31. All shows begin at 8 p.m.
To purchase tickets call the theater box office at 472-6862 or 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

BOOK SIGNING!
Guest cartoonist and children’s book author Doug MacGregor will be signing books and doing cartoon drawings at Nanny’s on Friday, November 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Doug’s newest book is Turtellini.
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Women’s Guild Hosts A Fall Cruise
In early November, St. Isabel Women’s Guild and their guests sailed on the Lady Chadwick from McCarthy’s Marina on Captiva. Once again, the captain and crew were wonderful and the 100 passengers not only saw the sunset but also the moon rise as they enjoyed delicious refreshments throughout the evening.

Bird Count

America. Those original 27 Christmas Bird Counters tallied a total of 90 species on all the counts combined.
Volunteers are needed for this year’s bird count. Birding skills are desirable but not necessary. Anyone who would like to participate in this year’s Sanibel-Captiva Christmas Bird Count may obtain additional information by calling 395-3804.

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FISH 30 Rocks!
Reveals First Artist:
Luc Century

FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel revealed the first work of art commemorating the FISH 30th anniversary which takes place in January. He is Luc Century, revered local artist and Sanibel resident, known for his beautiful work with glass. This time he has turned his artistic talent to work with rock for the FISH 30 Rocks! celebration.

Century has created a spectacular piece of art work using rock as his medium and has etched an intricate fish in the center of the rock.

Using the popular TV series 30 Rock as its theme, FISH will celebrate its 30th anniversary by hosting a special open house celebration on Monday, January 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the FISH Walk In Center, 1630 Periwinkle Way. The whole community is invited.

Century honed his etching skills over many years as an artist, primarily using glass, but he is no stranger to rock. His artistic skills using rock can be seen in Washington D.C. at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall where he was part of the team that etched the 58,000 names in black granite.

FISH has invited 30 of the island’s most talented artists to create individual works of art, all using rock as their canvas, to celebrate FISH of Sanibel’s 30-year history of providing human services on the islands. Luc Century’s artwork, along with the other works of art will form part of the silent auction items at the open house.

FISH of Sanibel is a non-profit volunteer organization assisting Sanibel and Captiva islanders and visitors with a wide range of services. For more than 30 years FISH has been a neighbor helping neighbors organization offering free human services such as transportation for medical appointments, meal delivery, health equipment, food pantry, and emergency financial assistance.

The Walk-In-Center is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FISH can be contacted at 472 4775 or by visiting www.fishofsanibel.com

Choral Group
And Artist Team Up For Charity

It was a marriage of talent last Sunday at the Lovegrove Studio on Sanibel. Acclaimed island artist Leoma Lovegrove and talented director, Joseph Caulkins with his select 22-voice choral group, Vocal Artistry, presented a sparkling display of painting and music to benefit local charities. Dubbed Painting Out Loud with Leoma Lovegrove, her performance was an extravaganza of imagination as she played with her audience amid a laser light show set to music and video. Vocal Artistry, whose singers wore sophisticated costumes, performed with precision and exceptional blend in their debut performance... an eclectic mix of classical music, love songs and spirituals. The group will certainly be a force in the local music scene.

As Vocal Artistry sang Lovegrove painted a new original work; plans are still in the works as to where the painting will travel on its “tour.” Caulkins, former director of choruses for the Southwest Florida Symphony, now director of the 120-voice Key Chorale in Sarasota, recognized as the premier choral group in south Florida, formed Vocal Artistry just a year ago. “Vocal Artistry’s performances are designed to inspire, entertain, enliven...”

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Lindgren Boulevard has reopened to traffic. The contractor has completed the replacement of the box culvert single fixed span flat deck concrete bridge. The project began May 16.

Over the next two weeks, the contractor will begin restoration of the shared use path and residential driveways, final shoulder grading, sodding and landscaping. The anticipated completion date for this remaining work is Friday, December 2.

Anyone with questions and/or comments regarding this project is invited to contact the City of Sanibel Public Works Department at 472-6397.

Meet Dancing With Islands’ Star Katie Gardenia

Each week The Sanibel Community Association presents a profile of one of the six contestants for this year’s Dancing with the Islands’ Stars. One of the islands favorite annual events, now in its third season.

This week, meet Katie Gardenia, the third of our six contestants. Gardenia is an island legend, best known as the original owner of the whimsical Bubble Room restaurant on Captiva Island, famous for serving the biggest slices of homemade cake one has ever seen.

Since selling the restaurant in 1989, Gardenia has focused on her art. She creates hand-sculpted fantasy art dolls – whimsical, magical and endearing mermaids, fairies and mystical folklore people, plus bags, pillows and adornments. Her mixed media materials include felting, silk, wool hand stitching and beading, found driftwood, toothpicks, watercolor paint, stamping and colored chalk. In addition, she is now an author (as she just released her first book, A Bubble Moment, a combination cookbook and coffee table book sure to be popular among residents and visitors to the island.

Gardenia, will be paired up with professional dance instructor David Flory. If you would like to meet her, she can be found during the Sanibel Masters Art Festival being held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26 at The Community House.

Dancing with the Islands’ Stars is a two-day event at The Community House that begins with a rehearsal night Friday January 27 and is followed by the gala on Saturday, January 28. Tickets go on sale Thursday December 1 at 9 a.m. Rehearsal tickets are $35 and for the gala, $100.

To track Gardenia’s progress along with that of other dancers, Raynauld Bentley, Phaidra McDermott, Nicole McHale, and Shara Weaver, go to www.sanibelcommunityassociation.net.

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City Council And Chamber Host Resort Redevelopment Workshop

O
n Tuesday, November 29, the Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the City of Sanibel, will host a workshop at The Community House at 8 a.m. to discuss resort redevelopment.

The workshop is being held to help explain the changes to the Land Development Code and the opportunity that these present to plan for the future upgrading of Sanibel’s resort accommodation.

City council members, chamber board members, city staff and accommodation members of the chamber will be present to discuss this key initiative and ensure the widest possible understanding of the implications for the future redevelopment of Sanibel.

Shortly after the incorporation of the City of Sanibel in 1974, the Sanibel Plan created a resort housing district. This district included most of the resorts that then existed on Sanibel.

In 2010 the City Council determined that there was a need to allow for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of these aging buildings in the resort district:

- Improve building safety by complying with the building code and flood requirements, and
- To provide opportunities for upgrading so as to encourage the retention of short term rental units.

The council considered preservation of the short term rental housing stock to be in the interests of residents and business.

Over a 12-month period ending in June 2011, the Sanibel Planning Commission, at the request of the city council, reviewed the Land Development Code in order to identify any necessary changes to enable progress towards these objectives. The Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce were represented throughout this whole process.

Specific recommendation for changes were developed by the city planning staff, discussed in public meetings of the commission and its subcommittee, proposed to the city council and accepted in June 2011. Members of the public, representatives of island organizations and the chamber of welcomed the council’s decision.

In view of the importance of the issue for Sanibel, the chamber encourages island businesses to attend and participate in the workshop.

Sanibel Forum On Casino Gambling In Lee County

T
he Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus will host a forum on casino gambling and destination casinos at 10 a.m. on December 3 at the Sanibel Library, Room 1.

Pat Andrews, a co-founder of Florida Casino Watch, will speak on Exposing the Dark Side of Destination Casino Gambling.

Mark and Pat Andrews founded Casino Watch in 1993 after a disastrous flood put tens of thousands of people out of work in Missouri. Las Vegas casinos arrived as the savior, promising to build a 500 -ear levy and provide jobs for thousands of people if Missouri just gave them seven miles of riverfront for the new Las Vegas of the mid-west.

A senior’s teenager son was beaten by bookies at his front door for not paying his gambling debts on time, the Andrews recognized that someone had to stand up.

Casino Watch has developed the largest gambling research library in the world containing over 500,000 books, studies, articles and recordings. It has helped hundreds of communities and states in the U.S. and across the world defeat gambling expansion. It has lobbied and testified at the state and federal levels as well as being featured in many national news sources.

This presentation will be open to the public. Call Robb Moran at 472-9035 for more information.

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OBITUARY

BRYCE MCNAMARA

Island icon Bryce McNamara, 64, passed away unexpectedly November 11, 2011. A celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m. on December 11 on Tarpon Bay Beach.

McNamara grew up in Rockville Centre on Long Island, New York and later moved to San Francisco. Together with his brother Lance, he started the first Tin Can Alley Gallery and Health Food restaurant. After visiting Sanibel with his parents, he moved here in 1971.

McNamara, the son of Dr. Paul and Margaret Mary McNamara, built a home on Cayo Costa – the first of many homes he was to build in his lifetime – with his then-wife Nancy and their daughter, Welcome Rachel McNamara. They lived on Cayo Costa where McNamara was an avid stone crabber, posting 50 traps at one point. He loved the sea, both on Long Island and on Sanibel, and felt Sanibel was his spiritual home. He was an accomplished metalsmith and later had the Tin Can Alley Gallery on Library Way with his then-wife Marcia Clifford, now deceased.

From early in his life, McNamara was an avid recycler and for many decades he created wonderful, original art from recycled material that still graces the homes of many on Sanibel and Captiva and sits in many restaurants on the islands.

In 2009 he married long-time friend, companion, and fellow artist Lynn Russell. They were working towards a third Tin Can Alley Gallery and had been creating and planning a new and eclectic gallery for the island when he suddenly passed away.

McNamara was preceded in death by his wife Marcia Clifford, brother Lance McNamara, and father Dr. Paul McNamara. He is survived by his wife Lynn Russell, mother Margaret Mary Hoehn, daughter Welcome Rachel McNamara, niece Demaris McNamara, and his cat Rudy Baker and special friend Moses.

McNamara loved sunsets and would withstand a barrage of mosquitoes and no-see-ums to enjoy each one as if it were new. In lieu of flowers, the family asks friends to bring a small angel with their name on it to the life celebration in remembrance at Tarpon Bay Beach – and to enjoy the sunset.

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Shell Museum Sponsors Free Beach Walk Program

Dotty DeVasure, left, will lead a beach walk November 29 at Gulfside City Park (Algiers)

If you want to burn off some of those Thanksgiving calories while also learning about shells, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum’s next Beach Walk will offer a program that is fun and fascinating for the whole family. Participants will meet at Gulfside City Park/Algiers Beach on Sanibel on November 29 at 9 a.m. Shell Museum volunteer Dotty DeVasure, a lifelong shelling expert, will give tips on finding and identifying mollusks, as well as explain how they live, eat and move.

During the beach walk, (which lasts about an hour), DeVasure will answer questions and help participants identify shells. (The program is free, but parking fees will apply.) Call Diane Thomas at 395-2233 (at the Shell Museum) for additional information.

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Marissa Thomas and Henry Crater

LOGOS Thanksgiving

Ancient City Of Bethlehem Returns To Sanibel

Follow the star to where Jesus was born and experience the sights and sounds of ancient Judea as the citizens of Bethlehem share their excitement on a guided walk through the town to the manger scene.

Beat the crowds and come on Thursday night December 1, the day before Sanibel Luminary Night.

“We’ve decided to be open to the public a day earlier,” reported Elaine Donovan, the director of Bethlehem at Sanibel Community Church. “Each year the news spreads about our display of the true meaning of Christmas. Many families have decided to make the trip through Bethlehem a Christmas tradition, so we’ve opened up a second night to help accommodate everyone.”

Reservations for Thursday are welcome for parties of 12 or more by calling the church at 472-2684. Tours depart every 10 minutes and last for up to a half hour on Thursday.

Walk Through Bethlehem is open 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday night December 1, and Friday night December 2 during Luminary. Refreshments are served. Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry’s Market).
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The result will be transforming lives through three group homes for orphans, a Youth Center with programs such as a medical clinic, library, dining hall, and sports fields that will impact up to 500 children a month, and a farm for sustainability.

For 2012, we need to raise $1,000 a month to care for the 12 children we need to support this year. And we need a farm for sustainability.

Thank you all! Donations can be made online at www.nmsi.org. Or, if you prefer to use a check, write them to “NMSI” and mail them to NMSI, 2701 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 7, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and put Ethiopia Hope Village/Building a Youth Center, which will also serve as a children’s dormitory.

I go back to Ethiopia January 6. Let’s see if, together, we can’t do this before I leave. January 7 is the Ethiopia Christmas Holiday. What a present that would be for the orphans and lost kids of Butajira, Ethiopia!

I will provide you updates as we proceed with this fund-raising drive, and you can expect reports from the field as well.

I do want to emphasize that this project will be:

Empowering: First, know that the town is donating 20,000 square meters upon which to build this village. Ten percent of the cost will be covered by local residents. This is a poor town, so it will be a challenge. But we’ll use their free labor and sell individual bricks. This is a community project, and must be empowering.

Sustainable: Second, this village is not a welfare project. Each step of the way we will have a sustainability project so that the community will be able to earn the funds that will cover operations. Our objective is that within 10 years the local church will cover most of the operational costs of village.

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Okeechobee Bass Fishing

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

This week I was lucky enough to get an invitation to fish Lake Okeechobee with a longtime client and the guide he uses to go bass fishing out there. Even though I have lived in South Florida for more than 30 years, I had only ever been as far as the rim canal on a boat. I had driven by the lake hundreds of times but had never been on Lake O or even caught a bass.

Driving out to Clewiston early morning, I really had no idea what to expect only images of what I had seen watching bass tournaments on TV. After loading up on the bass boat we idled out of the rim canal right next to Roland Martin Marina on the bass boat we idled out of the rim canal right next to Roland Martin Marina and into the massive body of water. The canal right next to Roland Martin Marina and into the massive body of water. The 730-square-mile lake is very impressive; it is like an inland ocean. Lake Okeechobee is the second largest lake in the United States and is referred to for good reason as the bass capital of the world.

Our guide was Capt. Mark Shepard from www.Bassonline.com. Mark lives in Clewiston and has fished the FLW tour for many years. As with any other body of unfamiliar water, going to fish with someone who really knows the place makes all the difference in the world. I had Mark out on my boat fishing a few months ago and was excited to see what he had to show me about bass fishing in his backyard.

After a short boat ride we pulled up onto a sawgrass edge. I was handed a bait casting rod rigged with #60 braid and a weedless speedcraw, a crawfish-shaped soft plastic bait on a weedless jig head. Pitching the baits into heavy cover, it was not long before I got my first bass. The four-pound plus fish slammed the bait with an awesome top water explosion. After a few jumps the fish came quickly to the boat. After catching quite a few fish at our first stop we made a longer run to another part of the southern edge of the lake.

This next stop involved Mark finding a tiny narrow trail through the five-foot tall sawgrass jungle. After slowly motoring deep into stuff I never dreamed an outboard motor could run in, we were in what he called ponds and bay fields. These small open areas were filled with big lily pads and grass. There was so much vegetation growing in them I would have thought of them as unfishable.

Mark explained this is where the bass come to bed and spawn. In some areas you could see the bottom where the male fish had cleaned it out and where he sat waiting for a female to show up to mate with.

While working these areas with weedless baits we caught some of our biggest bass of the day with two fish over the seven-pound mark. I had several really big strikes on a “horny toad” that I missed.

Sight-fishing these bass was the coolest part of the day for me. For one point, Mark would pitch a plastic bait into the bed and let the male fish pick up the bait and swim off with it. You could watch as the male would simply remove the bait from the bed then spit it out. This technique would give us shots at catching the bigger female on the same bed. My biggest fish of the day came on these beds – a respectable five-pound plus fish. By the end of the day we had caught more than 30 bass, all on artificial baits.

While out in the open water of the lake you could look towards Clewiston and Belle Glade and see the huge sugar-cane fields being burned. A south wind sent black ash from the burning cane floating through the air. This is awesome wild old Florida country out here with very little boat traffic and just tons of wildlife. I only saw a very small part of the lake during the day’s charter but cannot wait to get back out there.

As our saltwater fishing slows during winter colder fronts, fishing on the lake only gets better with the bass spawning for the next few months. If you have ever felt like going and catching your first bass or even if you have bass-fished before, this is the place. It’s just so different than our local waters and the techniques are completely different.

It’s only about a 90-minute drive to a whole new watery world for us saltwater anglers. E-mail Capt. Mark and he will show you how it’s done.

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.
San-Cap Sail & Power Squadron Evening Meeting

The Sanibel/Captiva Sail & Power Squadron evening meeting featured Dee Serage of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (speaking on Sanibel and its alligators. She feels that Sanibel has a good ecological balance of gators at the present time.

Judy Niswonger, Dianne Hay, Diane McGinley, Lynne Campean, and Gloria Waterhouse discussed some of the basics of living with alligators. If you (or other homosapiens) don’t feed (big fine) the alligators, they will usually not consider you an appetizing dinner. They don’t eat in cooler (below 72 degrees) weather. They prefer a fresh water habitat. If you love yourself, your dog or children, keep them away from alligator habitat – fresh water or brackish water.

Dee Serage’s presentation led to crocodiles, coyotes, bears, and many other animals not as common to Sanibel. It made for a fun evening.

Dave Moore, vacationing from Yorkshire, England, caught a large stingray off the beach at Captiva recently at about 5 p.m. It took cut lady-fish bait, on a 8/0 hook with wire trace just cast out 50 feet from the beach on a flat sea. He was using a strong Penn boat reel but a small spinning-type rod. It took a lot of line, 100 yards on several occasions. Moore thought it was a shark to start with, but it never surfaced so he realized it was likely to be a stingray. It took 30 minutes to bring it in, to a gathering crowd, but all were wary of its tail and sting. As Moore pulled on the leader to bring it up the beach, the 30 pounds breaking strain leader line parted, which was probably the best result, and Moore estimated that the ray was between 30 and 40 pounds, probably around the 35-pound mark – his largest shore-caught fish.

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CROW’s Giving Tree Festival
December 4

CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, is putting the final touches on its 5th Giving Tree Festival scheduled for Sunday, December 4 at the Sanctuary Golf Club. Sparkling and festive holiday centerpieces, trees, wreaths, and garlands will be featured in a silent auction, raising important philanthropic support for CROW. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is the premier event sponsor.

“We are proud to again be the premier sponsor for this holiday event to benefit CROW,” said Sanibel Captiva Trust Company President Terry Igo. “CROW is part of the fabric of our community and we support their efforts to save our wildlife neighbors. By helping CROW, we also hope to help preserve the special qualities that make these islands such a unique place to live and work.”

CROW board member Daniel Moore-Thompson, chair of the event and designer of two trees, has been busy organizing a talented group of designers for the evening. “The festival will showcase some of the most amazing talent this island has to offer. It’s a unique way to support CROW and take home creative artwork handmade by local artists and residents. Thanks to the following designers who are participating this year: Spring Rosen, Bank of the Islands, Bailey’s, Susan Gordon, John Jurek, Luc Century, Congress Jewelers, Kym Nader, Fran Grant, Diane Cortese, Sanibel School Art Class, Lily’s Jewelers, Donasue Andazola, JB Designs, Floral Artistry, Sanibel Home Furnishings, Jaye Boswell, Liz Gresham, Mary Demik, Liz Kennedy, and Anne Potter.”

“The culinary delights of the Sanctuary chefs, delightful music by Johnny Ray, and the winter wonderland created by the combination of decorations make for the perfect evening while supporting the mission of CROW,” said John Schubert, CROW board president.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call Ava or Steve at CROW (472-3644, 395-0031) for more information.

An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

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, CROW (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 were birds, 38 percent mammals, and eight percent reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors 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 are $3, and it’s free for CROW members and children 12 and younger.

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.

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October was a bad month for local opossums, a species that has never had an easy time living with people – and people’s BB guns and automobiles. Two days after an opossum arrived at CROW full of BB pellets (last week’s case), another came in from Fort Myers where he had been hit by a car. The person who found him thought his back leg was broken, but that turned out not to be the case. The animal obviously had severe head trauma, as he had blood coming from his nose and mouth and severe facial swelling. There was also a laceration on his lower lip.

“Because there was obviously head trauma, we took X-rays and we didn’t see any major fractures, but there could have been a hairline fracture we didn’t see,” said Robin Bast, CROW wildlife rehabilitator.

The staff administered pain and anti-inflammatory medications as well as antibiotics because of the opossum’s open wounds. He received subcutaneous fluids and was put on a normal opossum diet of soaked kitten chow, mouse bits and fruit bits.

By the next day he hadn’t touched any of his food. “We decided maybe he couldn’t eat because his jaw hurt too badly so we made a slurry that’s pretty high in calories that you can force-feed,” Bast said. “He lapped that up very well from a syringe – he could lick but he really couldn’t chew. We fed him that way for quite a while.”

“The opossum was also suffering from congestion and sneezed frequently, most likely because his sinuses were swollen and inflamed from the trauma,” Bast explained. A symptom of great concern to staff was that he was turning more to the right, probably as a result of his head trauma. “This is what we call a ‘right head tilt and circling issues,’” she said. This indicated the animal had some neurological issues and needed to be monitored closely to make sure the issue resolved itself over time.

Four days later, the opossum started eating the slurry on his own when it was put in his cage, and after about a week he no longer had the head tilt. He was walking normally by that time, too, and had started to eat solid food on his own. The laceration on his lip was healing quite well and he finished 10 days of antibiotics on October 16. The swelling had gone down and he was no longer congested.

“He was also hissing, which is good because it’s part of normal defensive opposum behavior,” Bast said. “When he first came in, he was so dull that he didn’t care what you did to him.”

Bast said this was one of CROW’s more successful car accident cases. “Car accident injuries vary from minor to very serious, so this opossum was lucky not to have any major internal injuries,” Bast added. “What he had was like a concussion but more severe, and its effects lasted longer.”

Sometimes the symptoms brought on by these injuries never go away and CROW staff has to reassess the case. “An animal injured like this who doesn’t recover can’t survive in the wild and, sadly, it could be a case for euthanasia,” Bast said.

Once this opossum was finished with his antibiotics, he was ready to be released and now lives somewhere on Sanibel, hopefully away from any roads.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a nonprofit 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. Visit www.crowclinic.org or call 472-3644.

Another Virginia Opossum
by Emilie Alfino

Virginia opossum
As for working at the Shell Museum, Friscoe likes “getting to look at all the shells that are all around the world.” Giving live tank demonstrations is her favorite duty.

Naming the Lighthouse Beach on Sanibel as her favorite place to hunt for shells, Friscoe is especially fond of horse and king conchs and wentletraps. “I really like to collect shells and I like to see what shells I can find,” she said.

**Sail & Power Squadron Course**

The Sanibel/Captiva Sail & Power Squadron believes that learning to be a safe boater is the best way to have fun on the water.

A captain is liable for any damage caused by his/her wake. When a life is threatened, the charges become even more serious. Be aware that renting a boat or using some other person’s boat does not change responsibilities.

The public ABC (Safe Boating) course is available. It covers such subjects as right-of-way rules, speed, navigation rules (markers and buoys), properly fitted life preservers, safe methods for fueling, fire extinguishers and fire fighting, marine radio and weather. Almost all states now require this course or equivalent for the privilege of boating. Instructors are certified and are knowledgeable on local waters and Florida boating laws.

This all-day course is on Saturday, December 3, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Sanibel Library. A certification card or proof of course completion is awarded.


**Junior Docent From Fort Myers Shells Out Information To Visitors**

If you visit the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on a Saturday, you are likely to meet junior docent Kaitlyn Friscoe.

Kaitlyn is a seventh-grader at Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School in Fort Myers. She volunteers on weekends by giving live tank presentations and answering visitors’ questions about the exhibits. She’ll also give young visitors hints to help them with their scavenger hunts.

During her training, Friscoe has enjoyed learning about shells and the effect tides have on shelling. She also likes passing on her knowledge to visitors, such as how to identify shells and the correct way to return live shells while on the beach.

“Don’t throw them like a football back into the water,” Kaitlyn advised. She also reminds visitors not to collect live shells.
**Master Gardener**

The 54th Master Gardener lecture series will be held on Thursday December 1 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Library.

Jenny Evans, manager of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation’s Native Nursery since 2005, will give a talk on an actual “case study” of a design plan for a homeowner’s landscape.

Many of Sanibel’s residents moved here from different geographic and climatic regions. Now that you have a home or condo on Sanibel, how do you proceed to create a yard or garden that is esthetically harmonious, easy to maintain and a healthy place for wildlife to visit?

Evans will take an actual case history and discuss the “before and after” of a property that has employed a landscape design. The result is astounding. As time goes by the owner may add, change or delete certain features yet the property will retain its good “bones” and will reflect harmony and integration – not to mention its overall health and vitality because the right plants are in the right place.

Evans will lead a “house call” during which she will assess the property, assess the ecologic zone – the intended uses and features important to the homeowner.

SCCF’s Native Nursery is over 30 years old and has been designing landscapes for many years. That experience, in Southwest Florida and the Keys, combined with proper planting techniques, results in a turnkey successful project.

Evans is an energetic, articulate, knowledgeable professional with advanced degrees and a wealth of practical knowledge of Sanibel’s unique ecology and climate. She has initiated an intern/extern program — similar to CROW’s — to promote the use of native plants and best gardening practices to young college students. Her past presentations have been dynamic and informative with great PowerPoint visuals.

Open to the public, admission is free, but seating is limited.

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Shell Islands Garden Club

Sue Ritchie of Forever Green Ace Hardware focused on vertical gardening at the Shell Islands Garden Club November meeting. Vertical gardening is a unique gardening concept. Multiple pots nested one on top of the other can be planted with herbs, bromeliads or annuals for a fresh new look in a small area.

The next meeting of the club will be on December 13 at The Community House at 11:30 a.m. Lee Behrhorst, of Sundance Orchids will present Holiday Decor with Orchids & Bromeliads. Interested gardeners are invited to attend.

Call Maggie Butcher, president, for further information at 395-0978.

SCCF Christmas Cards On Sale

For the fourth year running, Jaye Boswell has designed the Christmas cards for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, now for sale at the SCCF Native Plant Nursery. The featured creature this year is the gopher tortoise. SCCF manages habitat for approximately 250 gopher tortoises on Sanibel. The cards come in packets of 10 for $15 each. Call the Native Plant Nursery at 472-1932 for more information. Happy Holidays.

Shell Museum In Fossil Show

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will have an informational booth at the Fossil Club of Lee County’s 2011 Fossil Show at the Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium on Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $3 and children under 12 are free. The museum will also sell T-shirts and fossil books during the show.

Jaye Boswell
Shell Museum
In Fossil Show

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DDWS Awards Nearly $5,000 In Conservation Education Grants

Ding Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) last week awarded $4,964.29 in grants to 10 conservation education-related projects at eight Lee County Schools.

Teachers submitted 11 grant applications to the DDWS Environmental Education Committee this fall. The committee chose 10 awards based on need and relevance to local conservation.

Schools to which DDWS awarded grants include J. Colin English Elementary for its “Butterflies Are Free?” project, Lexington Middle for its “Lexington Habitat Restoration Project and Butterfly Garden,” Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary for its “‘Ding’ Treasures: Earth Cache” project, Manatee Elementary for its “The Student Becomes the Teacher” project, Pelican Elementary for “Probing Science with Science Probes,” Trafalgar Elementary for its “Vermicomposting in the Classroom” project, Villas Elementary for its “Cycle of Life” project, and Colonial Elementary for three projects – “What’s the Weather Today?” “Conservation and Character Count,” and “Something Old is New Again!”

“This is the sixth year the society has awarded these conservation teacher grants,” said Doris Hardy, education committee chair. “The student projects get more interesting and exciting each year, it seems. We are happy to be able to fulfill our education mission in such a meaningful, well-appreciated manner.”

Grant recipients report back on their projects to the society and refuge, sending pictures and thank-yous from the students, upon completion in May 2012.

The teacher grants are funded by DDWS monies received from the “Ding” Darling Foundation earmarked specifically for education. For information on next year’s grants, contact Refuge Education Specialist Becky Wolff at 472-1100 ext. 236 or Hardy at hardydd@comcast.net, or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

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

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 dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com.

Front: Cheryl Darbyshire, Lexington Middle; Kathy Eva, Trafalgar Elementary; Colleen Taylor, Pelican Elementary; Susie Hassett, Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary; Becky Wolff, refuge education specialist. Back: Wendy Schnapp, DDWS education committee; Doris Hardy, DDWS education committee chair; Yolanda Figueroa, J. Colin English Elementary; Heidi Brennan, Manatee Elementary; Jim Scott, current DDWS president; John McCabe, 2012 DDWS president. (Not pictured: Bambi Fischer, Dr. Kimberly Clements, and Donna Cooper, Colonial Elementary; and Laurie Blackwell, Villas Elementary.)

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The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Announces Photo Contest Winners

The Shell Museum received 34 colorful entries for its 2nd Annual Photography Competition.

The panel of three judges selected the following photos for awards: (First Place) Eleanor Bennett, Higher Disley, Cheshire, England; (Second Place) Lori Schroeder, Bardstown, Kentucky; (Third Place) Anne DuPont, Delray Beach; (Fourth Place) Jeff Schroeder, Bardstown, Kentucky; (Honorable Mention) Anne DuPont and Jeff Schroeder.

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Photographer Rob Masino To Give Presentation

Sea life adventurer/photographer Rob Masino will be the guest presenter at the Shell Museum’s Friday Lunch Hour series from noon to 1 p.m. on December 9. Masino, a lifelong shell enthusiast who has made more than 2,600 night dives searching for snails, will show photographs of live mollusks found in Honduras, the Grenadines and other Caribbean locations, and he will give photography pointers for taking the best mollusk pictures.

The program is free with museum admission or membership.

Rob Masino will discuss shells and sea life photography at the Shell Museum.
**Coyote And Bear Tales**

On November 30 head to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and learn about two newcomer species to the islands. A coyote and a Florida black bear were documented on the island for the first time last winter. Learn about the behaviors of these two new species and how to live with them. Coyotes have now moved into every county in Florida. Eighty percent of a bear’s diet comes from insects and fruits. Program is free to children and SCCF members, $5 for non-member adults, and starts at 10 a.m. Call 472-2329 for more information.

**Wildlife Tours At The Dunes**

Take a wildlife tour by golf cart at The Dunes to see alligators and birds. Last season eagles and crocodile were also spotted. The golf course lakes surrounded by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation land preserved lands make for great wildlife viewing.

The tour starts at 4 p.m. from The Dunes clubhouse. Call The Dunes for reservations. 472-3355, and ask for Julayne. Cost is $20 per adult and $10 for children.

First monthly tour is Tuesday, December 6. After that, the tour will take place the first Tuesday of every month through April.

**Volunteers Monitor Sea Turtle Tracks**

Learn about the lifecycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on local beaches and what the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is doing to protect them. SCCF sea turtle volunteers and staff monitor every inch of Sanibel and Captiva beaches every morning from May 1 through October, looking for tracks to nests laid the night before or nests that have hatched. The Turtle Tracks program is Thursday, December 1, 15, and 29 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children, $5 for non-member adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.

**Saint Pete Shell Club Visits Sanibel Shell Museum**

Fifteen members of the Saint Petersburg Shell Club traveled to Sanibel on November 18 for some shelling and a tour of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. The first stop for the group was Gulfside City Park (also called Algiers Beach). Museum volunteers Amy O’Connor and Dotty DeVasure led a beach walk in which the shell enthusiasts braved blustery conditions to pick up a few sandy souvenirs.

During the museum visit, Public Programs Specialist Diane Thomas and volunteer Steve Smith showed their visitors the collections area as well as the Great Hall exhibits.

Shell Club charter member Cheryl Jacobs and her husband John enjoyed participating in the field trip. “It’s just fascinating to watch (the museum) grow because we enjoy looking at all the displays,” she said. “Every time we come down here, we see something a little different. We just really enjoy coming down to the museum … it is the premier place to come if you want to look at shells.”

Despite the strong winds, Jacobs also enjoyed her time shelling on the beach. “We weren’t looking for anything specific,” she said. “We did find a couple of fighting conchs and olives that were alive, so we got some good pictures of those before we put them back.”

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Sanibel Captiva Art League Offers Three-Member Show At Library

Three full-time Sanibel residents are showing their works of art at the Sanibel Library on Dunlop Road. The show will be hanging through December 3 during library hours.

Artists Carolyn Johns, Betty Weise and Randon T. Eddy are a diverse group of artists with varied backgrounds. All three enjoy the beauty of the island and enjoy painting in this tropical environment.

Stop by the library, enjoy the artwork and tell your friends to visit the show.

Mao’s Last Dancer

by Di Saggau

Monday night’s movie, November 28, is Mao’s Last Dancer the kind of inspirational true-life story that seems made for the movies. In a poor village in northern China, a small boy named Li Cunxin was given the chance of a lifetime. Selected by Chairman Mao’s officials from among millions of children to become a dancer, Li’s new life began as he left his family behind. The movie is both heartwarming and genuine.

At the Beijing Dance Academy, days were long and difficult. Li’s hard work was rewarded when he was chosen once again, this time to travel to America. From there his career took flight, and he danced in cities around the world. Li’s faith in communism shaken, he decides to stay in America. Unfortunately, the Chinese government has other plans, which causes an international incident between China and America. Li is held hostage in the Chinese embassy in Texas. He is eventually freed, but the Chinese government refuses to acknowledge him and he is banned from visiting China or seeing his family again.

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Folk Pop Legend Liv Taylor Performs At BIG ARTS

Pop legend Livingston Taylor returns to Sanibel 8 p.m. Saturday, November 26, for a special Thanksgiving weekend performance at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

He has enjoyed a lustrous career in music as a singer-songwriter since the release of his self-titled debut in 1970 and critically-acclaimed second release, Liv. A virtuoso on guitar and piano, Taylor is the musician behind top 40 hits I Will Be In Love with You and I’ll Come Running. Other notable releases over the years include Three Way Mirror, Man’s Best Friend, Life is Good, Good Friends and Bicycle. Taylor has also enjoyed the honor of collaborating with folk legends Carly Simon, Linda Ronstadt, Vince Gill, and his brother James, for whom Taylor wrote lyrics for the double Grammy-winning 1997 album, Hourglass.

His musical knowledge has inspired a varied repertoire and he is equally at home with a range of musical genres – folk, pop, gospel, jazz – and from upbeat storytelling to touching ballads. Taylor keeps a busy schedule touring internationally and instructing the next generation of musicians as a full-time professor at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Tickets to Liv Taylor are $42 loge, $37 floor, and $15 child.

The Livingston Taylor concert is sponsored by West Gulf Company LLC.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.BIGARTS.org or call BIG ARTS’ Marks Box Office at 395-0900.
BIG ARTS Brings Don Giovanni From Royal Opera House To Big Screen

Don Giovanni, a man who refuses even in the face of death to repent for his many wrongdoings. Don Giovanni will be streamed live during its Wednesday, December 7 opening night performance at Teatro alla Scala in Milan. Show begins at noon eastern time.

To learn more about the Opera & Ballet in Cinema series at BIG ARTS, as well as information about upcoming events, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; call 395-0900; email info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

Scene from Don Giovanni at Royal Opera

photo by Catherine Ashmore

BIG ARTS launches its new Opera and Ballet in Cinema series this fall, a program that will stream live and pre-recorded performances from the world’s most distinguished theaters and opera houses directly to Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. The series is a joint venture with Emerging Cinemas, the largest all-digital theater network in the U.S. The season’s line-up includes Don Giovanni (December 7 at noon); Cendrillon (January 12 at 7 p.m.); Il rittrito (February 9 at 7 p.m.); Le Corsaire (March 11 at 11 a.m.); and Rigoletto (April 17, time TBA). All performances are $20, excluding Don Giovanni and Rigoletto at $25.

Mozart’s Don Giovanni has proven the subject of interest for many writers and philosophers since its premiere in Prague in the late 1770s. Set in Spain in the 1600s, this two-act opera introduces audiences to the arrogant and womanizing

14-Year-Old Pianist

A native of Canada, Tristan has been awarded top prizes in several international piano competitions. At the age of 11, he won first place in both the Solo and Concerto Pre-college divisions of the 2009 Kingsville International Isabel Sconati Piano Competitions in Texas and became the youngest contestant ever to achieve that honor. He was also the youngest and only Canadian prizewinner at the 2010 Cooper Piano Competition in Oberlin. In January 2011, he was awarded first prize and the Gold Medal at the 5th Bösendorfer and Schimmel USASU International Piano Junior Competition in Arizona as well as the Senderov Award for the most outstanding performance of a composition by a Russian composer. In July, Tristan received second prize at the e-Piano Junior Competition, rising to the top of a field of the 25 most talented young pianists in the world today. A special accomplishment this year: Tristan’s first-prize wins in both the Solo and Concerto Competitions of the 2011 Virginia Waring International Piano Competition in California.

In his spare time, Tristan enjoys reading, building LEGO, and traveling. Currently a grade 11 student, he will graduate from high school two years early and looks forward to continuing his musical education while preparing for a career in piano performance. Tristan is a committed musician and hopes to share his love of classical music with the next generation of audiences.

The Gulf Coast Symphony’s Classical Access Concerts are designed for the audience to become active listeners during the evening’s program. Prior to each piece, Music Director Andrew Kurtz will discuss the musical selection and demonstrate, using orchestral excerpts, various elements that make the evening’s program unique. Highly interactive, the evening’s concert is both entertaining and educational. The informal and casual atmosphere of these concerts only enhances the concertgoer’s experience. Following the concert, the conductor will hold a question-and-answer session with interested audience members or detailed program notes can be found at www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

The Gulf Coast Symphony’s 2011-2012 season sponsors include the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the Cape Coral Community Foundation, The Bireley Family Arts Fund, the City of Fort Myers, Advanced Pain Management and Spine Specialists, Dr. Jacob H. Goldberger and Margarita Suarez and family, 21st Century Oncology, Fred’s Award World, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Skogebo, Mayer Family Dental, Sherifing Family Dental, Drs. Peter and Eleanor Blitzer and The Crestwell School.☺
Gulfshore Ballet’s 10th Anniversary Performance Of Nutcracker Suites

BIG ARTS opens its 2011-2012 Dance and Family Entertainment season with two special 10th anniversary performances of Gulfshore Ballet’s Nutcracker Suites Saturday, December 10 at 4 and 7 p.m. The matinee and evening performances are in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, with general admission $20; children are $10.

Gulfshore Ballet, Southwest Florida’s premier classical ballet school, is a fan favorite at BIG ARTS and has brought its selections from Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker to the island since 2001. Melinda Roy, Gulfshore’s founder and artistic director, recently accepted a prestigious Jerome Robbins Award at Lincoln Center in New York City, celebrating her tenure as a principal dancer with the New York City Ballet.

For more information, visit www.BIGARTS.org. To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, or call Marco Box Office at 395-0900.®
**Author Series At The Sanibel Library**

The Sanibel Public Library Author Series will present Nancy Taylor Rosenberg on Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are still available to Sanibel Public Library cardholders. The limit is two tickets per cardholder.

The author series is made possible through support of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation Inc. and its donors. Author Series 2011-12 partners are: Bank of the Islands, The Blue Dolphin Cottages, Dolores and Jack Clarke, Jan Egelant, Linda and John Kramer, LCEC, Sandy and Ken Nirenberg, Northern Trust, Sanibel Public Library Foundation Inc., Uhler & Vertich Financial Planners, West Wind Inn and Diane and Bob Williams.

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*Back by Popular Demand: Singer/Songwriter Livingston Taylor*

Livingston Taylor returns to BIG ARTS this fall for a very special Thanksgiving weekend performance. Liv’s long career in music includes Top Forty hits *I Will Be in Love with You* and *I’ll Come Running*. For his brother, James, he wrote, *I Can Dream of You* and *Boatman* (off the double Grammy-winning album *Hourglass*).

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**Choral Group**

and engage our minds, souls and spirit through the power of music. We strive to make community connections that reflect social causes and needs in our community," Caudkins said.

The collaboration with Lovegrove was a fundraiser for Vocal Artistry to continue its work with seven local charities, some of which include Senior Friendship Centers; Footsteps to the Future, a transition program for young girls; and Lee Interfaith for Empowerment (LIFE).

Vocal Artistry has a 10-concert season and will appear again on Sanibel on January 28 at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church in a concert entitled *Let Music Fill the Air*. For complete information visit [www.vocalartistry.org](http://www.vocalartistry.org).

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Scarlet Milkweed

by Gerri Reaves

Scarlet milkweed (Asclepias curassavica) is a must-have for butterfly gardeners. This host plant for the Monarch and Queen butterflies is also a food source for a variety of nectar-sipping insects such as hummingbirds.

Protect caterpillars like this from pesticides and herbicides and you’ll witness the evolutionary miracle of the Monarch butterfly. The milkweed will quickly recover.

photos by Gerri Reaves

Scarlet milkweed will grow in almost any soil or moisture conditions, but prefers rich, moist, but well-drained soil. It’s perfect for a mass planting in a natural garden or as a border.

Plant it in full sun or partial shade and don’t worry about watering it. Just enjoy the beauty and the butterflies. It also grows well as a pot plant.

Avoid using herbicides or pesticides in the landscape. The chemicals will poison the caterpillars that evolve into butterflies, as well as the butterflies that visit the flowers.

Tolerate the brief feeding period of the caterpillars and you’ll be rewarded with hours of butterfly-watching.

Propagate this wildflower with cuttings or seeds. It is available in a yellow cultivar too.

Sources: floridata.com, floridagardener.com, and nababutterfly.com.

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Scarlet milkweed is a fast-growing, extremely low-maintenance wildflower

Also called bloodflower, silkweed, and Indian root, this perennial wildflower couldn’t be prettier or easier to grow.

Although not a native species, it is so Florida-friendly that it is a favorite of native-plant enthusiasts. It has become naturalized in the state.

Clusters of one-half-inch orange and red flowers top sturdy stalks that when broken exude a milky sap that is poisonous if ingested and irritating to the skin.

The flower’s scarlet corolla and orange corona contrast beautifully with the dark green narrow leaves, which are about five inches long.

The plant can reach up to four feet tall. Once the flowers are spent, it can be pruned just above the base. In no time, this self-seeder will send up new stalks and flowers.

When the spindle-shaped pods split, they release many airborne fluffy seeds.

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December At Monday Night Films: Comedy, Drama And Documentary

BIG ARTS Film Society offers a comedy, a drama, and an award-winning documentary for its Monday Night Film Series in December. All films are $8 and begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Viewers will enjoy the quality of a new Blu-ray Disc player and new high-definition projection equipment installed this past summer. Assistive listening devices are available.

December Monday Night films:
December 5, Potiche (2011) France, Rated R
December 9, My Perestroika (2010), Russia, Not Rated
December 12, Mother (2009), South Korea, Rated R
December 19, My Perestroika (2010), Russia, Not Rated

My Perestroika is a documentary that follows five ordinary Russians living in extraordinary times – from their sheltered Soviet childhood, to the collapse of the Soviet Union during their teenage years, to the constantly shifting political landscape of post-Soviet Russia. Dorothy Rabinowitz of The Wall Street Journal called the film, “a work of such exhilarating depth and humor.”

BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is supported by Series Sponsor Bank Of The Islands and Stan & Visnja Gembicki, Supporters George & Wendy's Corner Grill, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, and Sanibel Taxi.

For the complete listing of BIG ARTS films, to purchase tickets, to sign up for workshops, or to become a member, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, call 395-0900, email info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

Sunshine Seafood Cafe has a new home...Right next door!

In November we will move into the remodeled Arizona Pizza location along with a slightly new name, Sunshine Grille. Chef Tao and Chef Migel will continue to tempt you with their favorite daily specials. We'll see you there!

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Mao’s Last Dancer

"heartening rags-to-riches story “ and a fascinating glimpse into the history of Chinese-U.S. relations and the dissolution of the Communist ideal in the life of one fortunate individual.

The movie shows at 7 p.m. November 28, in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS.

Tickets are $8. BIG ARTS Film Series is supported by Series Sponsor Bank of the Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters George and Wendy’s Corner Grill, Jerry’s Foods of Sanibel, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory and Sanibel Taxi.

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BIG ARTS Community Chorus Director Steve Cramer invites all to enjoy music of the holiday season at the chorus holiday concert Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. in the Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

Accompanied by Ellen Whitten, the chorus will perform Les Brown’s Wish You the Merriest; Hanukkah Song, a folk song arranged by Donald Sellew; Carol of the Bells; Simple Gifts, a Shaker song arranged by Andy Beck; and other holiday favorites. Additionally, there will be an audience sing-a-long of a special Sanibel-Captiva version of Silver Bells. Lyrics by Dick Brown will be provided.

Tickets are $10, children admitted free with a paying adult.

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On Sanibel Opens BIG ARTS’ Season

Nutcracker Suites
Gulfshore Ballet’s 10th Anniversary Performance Of Nutcracker Suites On Sanibel Opens BIG ARTS’ Season

Big Arts opens its 2011-12 Dance and Family Entertainment season next month with two special 10th anniversary performances of Gulfshore Ballet’s Nutcracker Suites Saturday, December 10 at 4 and 7 p.m. The matinee and evening performances are in Big Arts Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road; general admission is $20; children are $10.

The Dance and Family Entertainment season is rounded out with performances by the Golden Dragon Acrobats (January 7); Taylor 2 Dance Company (January 21); and Thodos Dance Chicago (February 3), all of which begin at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall and are general admission $41, loge $46, and child $15.

Gulfshore Ballet has brought its selections from Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker to the island since 2001. Melinda Roy, Gulfshore’s founder and artistic director, recently accepted a Jerome Robbins Award at Lincoln Center in New York City, celebrating her tenure as a principal dancer with the New York City Ballet. Roy said, “For this year’s performance, Iliana Lopez and Franklin Gamero, former principal dancers of the Miami City Ballet, have helped choreograph some additions to our traditional production. The first act has been extended, closer to the original production, and the Snow scene

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The Taylor 2 Dance Company – specially created for smaller community audiences like BIG ARTS – performs the works of legendary choreographer Paul Taylor, known for their athleticism, humor, and range of emotion. Taylor 2 will present three separate dance productions as part of their performance.

Aureole, the first production, features music by composer GF Handel. It was first performed in 1962 and has been dubbed Taylor’s “white ballet,” with its dancers wearing all white.

The second production, Images, is set to music by Claude Debussy and its third, Piazzolla Caldera, features music by Astor Piazzolla and Jerzy Peterburshsky, and was commissioned in 1997 by the American Dance Festival with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. Taylor 2 Grand Patron Season Sponsor The Ferguson Foundation, Sponsor Bailey’s General Store, Supporter Hazel & David Barber.

In Thodos Dance Chicago, audiences can expect contemporary works executed with an innovative flair. Thodos will perform its Fosse Trilogy at BIG ARTS, which is an adaptation of works originally created by Bob Fosse in the early 1960s for television. The dances include Cool Hand Luke, Mexican Breakfast and Tijuana Shuffle, all of which are pure dance pieces that have never been performed together. Thodos Dance Chicago Grand Patron Sponsor The Ferguson Foundation, Grand Patron Sponsor Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Supporter Traders.

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Lions Donate To Assistance Program

The Sanibel Captiva Lions Club has donated $2,000 to the financial assistance program of the Sanibel Recreation Center. The Sanibel Captiva chapter has been dedicated to helping the less fortunate since its inception on December 26, 1967. The proceeds from its various fundraising events help support a number of charities. Academic scholarships for handicapped students and programs for the visually impaired are just two of the causes the club supports. To make donations and see a full list of causes and organizations supported by the Sanibel Captiva Lions Club, visit http://www.sanibelcaptivalions.org.

The financial assistance program provides financial assistance to eligible island residents and island workers on a sliding fee scale for their children to attend the after-school program, summer day camp, fun days and holiday camp at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Awards are made objectively, without identity of the applicant, based on financial information and other criteria. Award amounts are based upon a scale applied by the Financial Assistance Committee. The applicant must contribute to the program. Awards range from 10 to 80 percent of the program fee.

A New Year’s Eve party for the community will be held at the Sanibel Recreation Center on December 31. For more information about the program and the party call the Recreation Center at 472-0345 or visit mysanibel.com or call volunteer chairman Barry Roth, 313-9591.

Islands Night Gives To Rec Program

Islands Night has contributed $530 to the financial assistance program which pays for one student in the after school program at the Sanibel Recreation Center for one school year.

The Financial Assistance Program was one of the late Sam Bailey’s favorite charities. Bailey, who founded Islands Night, attended the first New Year’s Eve Community party at the recreation center and commented, “This is what community is all about.”

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Island History Book Debuts

Sanibel author Jeri Magg will sign copies of her new history book "Historic Sanibel & Captiva Islands," Friday, November 25, beginning at 11 a.m. at MacIntosh Books & Paper, 2407 Periwinkle Way. Magg tells the story of Sanibel and Captiva beginning 300 years ago when Calusa Indians inhabited the islands through the development of the island in the 20th century.

For more information, call MacIntosh Books & Paper, 472-1447.

Doug MacGregor to Sign His Children’s Books

Doug MacGregor, children’s author and longtime editorial cartoonist for the Fort Myers News-Press, will be on hand to sign copies of his books Friday, November 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at MacIntosh Books & Paper, 2407 Periwinkle Way. He is the author of "Turtellini the Turbo-Charged Turtle, Rad Hair Day, and Get Creative," as well as several collections of his cartoons.

MacGregor was the editorial cartoonist at the News-Press for more than 20 years and has recently shifted his focus to writing and illustrating colorful and creative children’s books. He also teaches cartooning and creativity to the young and young at heart.

For more information, call MacIntosh Books & Paper, 472-1447.

Poetic Voices

selected by Don Brown

When the Moon Overwhelms

by Raymond Buck

Like the thoughts rushing into a mind that harbors them the moon tide overwhelms the flat beach sand barrier sending waters into meanders and over marsh grass islands creating a salt soaked landscape quivering in harsh gusts of wind much as the mind flickers with ideas blowing across the closed eyes the marsh awaits with patience the change of the tide like the mind seeks the awakening of love’s moment that knows no schedule no directions unlike tide that responds to the moon in a code that man long ago deciphered ah but the power of the full moon upon love will never be known mystical magical moonlight more than mere man can master.

Raymond Buck’s first book of poems, "South of Providence," was published in 2009. A member of a Sanibel writing group, he reads his poetry at Writer’s Reads and whenever anyone asks. He also writes for and about the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village on Sanibel Island.

Not For Monday Night Film Series

The Tillman Story

by Hyde Tucker

The Tillman Story is a documentary about the death of Pat Tillman caused by friendly fire in Afghanistan. He was an outstanding athlete with the Arizona Cardinals of the NFL, a patriot, an Army Ranger, a private person, and a voracious reader.

It is also about Mary Tillman, Pat’s mother, who when lied to by the government demonstrates what can be achieved by an outraged and committed mother.

The third theme compares the ugly behavior of some of the senior military chain of command with the sturdy moral integrity of the Tillman’s.

Amir Bar-Lev made this documentary. Josh Brolin narrates it. It is R rated for profanity. The running time is an hour and 34 minutes.

Rotten Tomatoes indicates that more than 90 percent of the critics and audiences liked this film.

The film will be shown at 1 p.m., Wednesday, November 30 in Schein Performance Hall at Big Arts. Tickets are $5.

There will be a brief introduction and after a short break, a discussion following the film.

This is the second of four films that are part of the Not For Monday Night series this season.

Author Signing Children’s Book

Children’s book author and cartoonist Doug MacGregor will be at Nanny’s Children’s Shoppe on Friday, November 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign books and draw cartoons. MacGregor’s latest book is "Turtellini, The Turbo-Charged Turtle." His other books include "Rad Hair Day, Get Creative - Turn on the Bright Side of your Brain," and "Ocre the Smoker.

There will be special in-store discounts and cookies for the kids. Nanny’s is at 2250 Periwinkle Way in Sanibel Square, adjacent to The Sanibel Bean. For more information call 395-1730.

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The following calendar of activities is also updated regularly on the website:

- December 1: Edison and Ford Holiday Nights Opening Party
- December 1 and 15: Emerging Inventors Early Learning Class
- December 2 to 31: Edison and Ford Holiday Nights, open nightly until 9 p.m.
- December 10: Edison Ford Garden Talk, Holiday Container Gardening
- December 13: Volunteer Program Meeting and New Volunteer Orientation
- December 14 and 16: Homeschool Class, first through sixth grade
- December 18: Culinary Arts, Authors and Artists Night
- December 27 through 30: Holiday Science Camp, first through sixth grade

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Sanibel Public Library Begins Major Technology Upgrade

The Sanibel Public Library is implementing a major technology upgrade to provide a new library collection management system that includes self-checkout stations for library patrons.

The upgrade includes installing new radio-frequency identifier (RFID) tags in each of the library’s 70,000+ items as part of the RFID technology upgrade. RFID is a combination of radio-frequency-based technology and microchip technology. The information contained on microchips in the tags affixed to library materials is read using radio-frequency technology. Checking materials out and in, and finding materials on the shelves, is easier and more efficient for library users and for staff.

Sanibel Public Library was an early adopter of the RFID technology in 2004. However, that system is aging and no longer part of the standard RFID technology, so an upgrade was needed.

“RFID technology has come a long way since we first installed it in 2004. With the wide growth of this technology, RFID functionality has become more mainstream and is used in many diverse businesses worldwide. For us, this new technology allows a more seamless integration with the online catalog,” said Library IT Manager Joanne Wessels, who is overseeing the implementation of the new system.

“Patron self-check has always been popular here and now it will be a breeze with new, state-of-the-art stations. Library inventory, a once-dreaded summertime project, will take only a fraction of the time it used to, enabling staff to make sure each title is in its rightful place for patrons,” Wessels added.

Future enhancements include integration with smartphones and development of a special children’s checkout station.

The new system is provided to the Sanibel Public Library by Bibliotheca-ITG of Norcross, GA.

“I am excited to be migrating to Bibliotheca’s RFID. Their equipment is robust, their software is flexible enough to customize for Sanibel needs, and their world-wide reputation is solid,” Wessels said.

The new system is expected to be in place and functional by the end of 2011.

Ham, Singleton, and Heise of the Sanibel Public Library work on a technology upgrade that will improve the library’s collection management system and includes self-checkout stations for library patrons.

Please join us for one of Sanibel’s finest community art events.

The Sanibel Masters Art Festival continues a 20-year holiday tradition as 75 artists from across the nation bring their art to the Sanibel Community House on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Come browse and purchase paintings, jewelry, sculpture, glasswork and much more.

Proceeds from this event benefit the programs at the Sanibel Community House and the Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater. The Community House, located in the heart of Sanibel Island, is the meeting place for island civic and social events. The Schoolhouse Theater is Sanibel Island’s only professional musical theater and offers Broadway caliber talent in an intimate atmosphere.

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The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club continues its tradition of great service as its members prepare for the annual sale of Christmas trees on the islands. The premium Fraser Christmas Firs have been freshly cut and will be shipped on refrigerated trucks from North Carolina just in time for Thanksgiving weekend.

They will be located in the Bailey’s Center, right between the Grog Shop and Island Cinema.

The tree lot will open on November 26. You can stop by to pick your special tree Monday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“We’d like to thank everyone in advance for supporting this holiday tradition. We hope to sell more trees this year than ever!” said Tom Hoover, a past president of the Lions Club.

During this period the Lions will also host another one of their popular fish fry events. The fish fry will take place on Luminary evening Friday, December 2, at the Sanibel Community House. The event will start at 4 p.m. and last until the fish runs out. The menu will feature fresh fried fish, cheese grits, baked beans, coleslaw, choice of beverages and apple pie. As usual, even carry-out will be available. There is an $8 suggested donation for adults; children under five will be admitted for free. Money raised at the fish fry will benefit the Lions’ Summer Camp Scholarships for individuals with learning and other disabilities who will be able to attend Quest’s Camp Thunderbird program. For more information about the camp, visit: www.questinc.org.

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The Latest News
On The Kanzius Cancer Project
by Jim George

Recent headlines in national publications have had particular focus on various cancer research projects around the country. Researchers are approaching the disease from all angles in an effort to stem the tide of mortality from this deadly killer. But locally all eyes are focused on the technology developed by islander John Kanzius where research has been intense for the past six years both at MD Anderson Cancer Research Center in Houston and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Kanzius died in February 2009 of a rare leukemia. His wife, Marianne, now leads the project. Kanzius invented a radio frequency (RF) device which when used with targeted nanoparticles (injectable microscopic metal particles combined with a targeting molecule) could be an effective treatment to kill cancer cells without damaging non-cancerous cells. The device generates external non-invasive radio waves. The nanoparticles are so small and targeted that they can be absorbed directly into the tumor and/or attach to the cancer cells and then be heated by the radio waves, killing the cancer cells and leaving healthy cells untouched. Unlike current methods of treatment, the Kanzius procedure has no side effects based on the research to this date.

In a telephone interview, lead researcher Dr. Steve Curley of MD Anderson said they are in high gear with 15 research people dedicated to the project, six papers scheduled to come out soon in medical journals for peer review and the human-sized RF device expected to be completed sometime in early 2012. The focus of the papers is on both liver and pancreatic cancer, the two most deadly types.

“The goal is still the same,” Curley said, “to get to human trials as soon as possible.” Lee Memorial Health System is one of five human trial sites but Curley said initial human trials will take place in Houston. “Over the past months we’ve learned a great deal more about better techniques with the RF (radio frequency) field,” Curley said. Curley said he is awaiting the FDA application submittal by Thermed, the company established by John Kanzius. Thermed owns the intellectual property patents of the process and will make the submittal using the data developed by Curley. The FDA must approve all clinical human trials.

Earlier this month the Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation awarded a $182,000 grant to MD Anderson in support of Curley’s research. Curley applied for the grant, citing the need for new analytical equipment to produce data that he declared “critical” to an FDA application. The foundation was established to fund the project and raise awareness about the new technology. According to its website, cancer has claimed the lives of almost 24 million Americans since 1971.

While initial clinical trials to validate effectiveness, consistency, and safety continue, work is also under way on the human-sized RF device.

Marianne Kanzius was effusive in her comments about the progress of the project. “John’s vision continues as strong as ever,” she said.

Twilight Restaurant Has A ‘Soft’ Reopening; Welcome Back To The Bistro At Beachview
by Anne Mitchell

If the noise level at the Twilight Restaurant & Wine Bar bothered you in the past, it’s time to try it again – now that it has been fitted with sound-absorbing panels.

Owner and chef Robert Parks said he hired a company from New York to come up with a plan to keep the sound levels down in the high-ceilinged, tile-floored restaurant. He’s happy with the results and demonstrated how sounds don’t echo from the rafters anymore. Regulars are noticing the difference and have been asking what was changed.

Now, noise is dulled by a series of burgundy and black panels, along with curtains that also help contain the din of a busy restaurant. Furthermore, under each dining chair is a layer of soundproofing foam that keeps noise from bouncing off the floor.

“There’s a lot of stuff we can’t see,” said Parks, and he’s confident the noise complaints will also fade away.

“This was never designed as a restaurant,” said Parks, who moved in when a gourmet market closed. The open kitchen worked well – but not the acoustics.

“It was the number one complaint, but there was nothing I could do about it until summer.” He closed the place to get the job done and has been fielding rumors that Twilight had closed for good. “Rumors of my premature demise have been my best marketing tool,” Parks quipped, paraphrasing Mark Twain. He said it becomes a talking point and works in his favor now that he has reopened.

Twilight has 62 inside seats and 12 outside. The menu includes a six-item vegetarian selection that has been developed with “its own flavor profiles,” not just an offer to substitute steamed vegetables. In fact, some of his meat-eating guests order from the vegetarian menu from time to time.

In addition, diners can create their own entrée from a selection of meats and seafood and 10 different starches and an equal number of sauces. Prices run $22 to $26. Create your own pasta – regular, gluten free or whole wheat – is also available with or without meat or seafood.

Reservations before 6 p.m. receive 10 percent off the entire check or a free bottle of wine.

Twilight Restaurant & Wine Bar is at 2430 Pentwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-8818 or go to twilightonsanibel.com.

Twilight’s sister restaurant, the Stone Crab – A Shrimp & Seafood House, has added...
Angel Tree Helps The Sanibel School

Bank of the Islands is selling the 2011 Sanibel School holiday ornaments in the Sanibel bank lobby. The ornaments are $10 each and the proceeds fund the school’s kindergarten through 8th grade music program.

The bank staff is also asking their customers and island neighbors to contribute unwrapped Christmas gifts for needy children in our community. All islanders are invited to choose an ornament from the Angel Tree in the bank lobby. Each ornament will indicate the age of a boy or girl hoping to receive a gift this holiday season.

“We’re so happy to be partnering again with Friends Who Care on this special holiday gift drive,” said Bank of the Islands Vice President/Office Manager Rob Lisenbee. “They’ve been quietly helping neighbors in need for 29 years.

The deadline to choose an ornament and deliver an unwrapped gift to the bank lobby is December 16. Any grownup elves interested in helping wrap the collected presents are invited to call 472-5152 to volunteer.

As always, the bank’s freshly baked cookies and coffee will be available for visitors and customers.

Center 4 Life Programs

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at the Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome. Island Seniors Inc. members can buy coupon booklets from the City of Sanibel at the Center 4 Life, 2401 Library Way, or at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Booklets of 12 coupons are $42, or get three coupons for $10.50. Members of the Sanibel Recreation Center need only to show their photo membership card.

Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. November 29 through December 22.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance exercises, core strength and flexibility exercises. Sandi McDougall is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel.

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

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

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Sanibel And Captiva Restaurants Team Up To Fight Hunger

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On Wednesday, November 9, island restaurants on Sanibel and Captiva including The Mucky Duck, The Green Flash, Holy Smoke Heavenly Barbecue, Sea Star Café, The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club and Sharky’s at Sundial Beach & Golf Resort participated in the inaugural IslandsDine4Hunger with a minimum of 20 percent of the gross proceeds for the night being donated to CCMI.

On Tuesday, November 15, the Veranda restaurant in downtown Fort Myers hosted CCMI’s 2nd Annual FineDine4Hunger event. Fifty percent of each check from the one-night event was donated to CCMI raising $1,000.

CCMI is an innovative nonprofit 501(c)3 organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end hunger.
Thanksgiving Celebration At Community House

Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra reads a proclamation

BIG ARTS Community Chorus with Tara Kane and Mariah Budd

John Pryor, FISH board member, addresses the audience

BIG ARTS Community Chorus

City Manager Judie Zimomra and Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane

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Donations were collected for the FISH Food Pantry

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Sanibel Youth Chorus
Lee County Farmers Markets

Eating locally grown and produced foods is good for the area economy and great for your health. Lee County boasts several farmers markets that offer chemical-free and organic produce, along with fresh baked goods, native plants and all-natural products. Support area farmers and practice good eating habits at these locations:

**Thursday:** The River District Farmers Market under the U.S. 41 Caloosahatchee bridge, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fruit, vegetables, local honey, bread, seafood, BBQ, flowers and plants. Call 321-7100 or go to cityftmyers.com.

**Friday:** Fort Myers Beach Farmers Market under the Sky Bridge between Second and Third Streets, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. November to April, rain or shine. Fruits and vegetables, flowers, seafood, baked goods, snack foods and plants. Call 765-0202 or go to fortmyersbeachfl.gov.

Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. November to May. Fruits, vegetables, breads, honey, soaps, jams and seafood. Call 533-7275.

**Saturday:** GreenMarket at Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard near the Colonial intersection, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. An exclusive selection of locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and other products available to sample and purchase. Enjoy live entertainment by local musicians and fun activities for kids. Call 939-2787 or go to artinlee.org.

Cape Coral Chamber Farmers Market in Club Square, downtown Cape Coral, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. mid-October to May. Locally grown produce, native plants, fresh gulf seafood, live music/entertainment and informative community presentations. Call 549-6900 or go to capecoralfarmersmarket.com.

**Sunday:** Sanibel Island Farmers Market, 800 Dunlop Road (City Hall grounds, next to the Sanibel Library), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., November to May. Call Crystal Mansell at 472-3700.

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### Lee Republican Women Federated

The December dinner meeting of Lee Republican Women Federated will take place on Monday, December 12. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m. with dinner and program to follow. The meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn-Fort Myers, 12601 University Drive; price is $20 all inclusive.

For reservations, call 432-9389 or email cindylignelli22@gmail.com

The speaker will be Victor Dotres, candidate for Florida House of Representatives. Installation of 2012 officers will also take place.

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### Shell Point Hosts ‘Home For The Holidays’

Shell Point Retirement Community’s Assisted Living facilities will host a Home for the Holidays event to allow individuals the opportunity to learn more about the assisted living options at Shell Point. This event will take place on November 22 from 2 until 4 p.m.; and then again on November 23, 25, and 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arbor Assisted Living located in the Woodlands at Shell Point.

When family is home for the holidays, there is no better time to plan for your future health care needs and discuss assisted living. Shell Point Assisted Living Representatives will be on hand the day prior and the two days following Thanksgiving from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. to tour you and your family around the assisted living buildings and to answer all questions.

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### Kanzius Cancer Project

She said, “We’re making excellent progress in developing the human-sized machine. There has been much work going on in melding computer technology into the process so that the machine will determine proper cycling automatically regardless of the size of the individual.”

Projections were that testing would begin on the larger device by the end of 2011 but that has been pushed into 2012. She went on to say that “our focus with this technology has always been on the cancer patient; offering an alternative treatment and working toward relieving the side effects of the current treatment.”

Once in operation, the research teams will need to demonstrate at least two years of successful clinical trials to seek FDA approval to begin the Phase I Human Trials.

Southwest Florida and in particular Sanibel and Captiva, has been a major source of funding for Curley’s research. In late October Dr. Dana Flavin, executive director of Collmed, a foundation for collaborative medicine and research, gave a lecture at the Community House on research she has been directing toward the pioneering treatments in nanotechnology which, she said, “will change the face of cancer therapies throughout the world.”

Unlike the Kanzius non-invasive radio wave technology that uses target molecules and gold nanoparticles in locating a specific cancer and then bombarding the tumor with radio waves, Dr. Flavin’s treatment combines nanotechnology with biotechnology and introduces compounds into the body that move into a tumor, reversing the growth and literally self-destructing the cancer cells without harm to healthy cells. Unlike the Kanzius technology Dr. Flavin’s is a homeopathic approach which she said can take many forms depending on the individual case. The knowledge base continues to expand in cancer research worldwide. As the deadly disease continues its assault on the human race, scientists are racing against time in their quest to find, if not a cure, a treatment regimen that gives patients quality of life. Both Curley and Marianne Kanzius acknowledged that it’s difficult to be patient when the research shows promise but the process of approval is established by FDA guidelines and there are no shortcuts.

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Florida Gulf Coast University Represented At Wanagri Maathai’s Funeral And Memorial Services
by Andrew Stansell

Director of the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education Peter Blaze Corcoran recently represented Florida Gulf Coast University at the state funeral of Nobel Peace Laureate Professor Wangari Muta Maathai on Saturday, October 8, and at her memorial Friday, October 14.

Professor Corcoran was privileged to be asked to write a prayer for the Solemn Requiem Mass for Professor Maathai on Friday. He delivered his prayer for “Global peace and the Green Belt Movement’s work” at the Holy Family Minor Basilica in Nairobi, Kenya. His prayer was heard by thousands of mourners, including ministers, diplomats, civil society activists, religious leaders from around the world, and a national TV audience.

Corcoran’s prayer said, “Help us achieve Wangari Maathai’s integrated vision of global peace.” He continued, “Wangari had taught us that we cannot have peace without democracy and non-violence; that we cannot have democracy and non-violence without social and economic justice; and that we cannot have social and economic justice without healing the Earth.”

Wangari was a special human being committed to restoring the integrity of Earth’s ecological systems. She inspired millions by her dedication to re-establish the green cover of the planet. Wangari was an Earth Charter Commissioner and Ambassador, and offered valuable contributions to the discussions during Earth Charter drafting process. Corcoran said in his prayer that “she breathed life into the Earth Charter with this profound insight – and she was a joyous, living embodiment of peace, justice, and healing in all her work.”

For more information on the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education or to see the full text of Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran’s memorial prayer, visit www.fgcu.edu/cese.
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Families and Friends of the Children’s Education Center of the Islands were treated to a special Thanksgiving concert followed by a Thanksgiving feast. The children sang songs about being thankful, being a family, and being special and delighted everyone in the audience. The children dressed up as pilgrims and native Americans with paper hats and vests. They serenaded their parents and family members, and then all were invited to eat appetizers that were made by the different classes.

Parents brought pot luck dishes in the tradition of coming to together and eating home cooked meals. It was a wonderful day filled with happy children, full bellies, and understanding what Thanksgiving is really all about.

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San-Cap Optimist Club Elections

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club has announced the election and appointments of officers and directors for the 2011 – 2012 year.

- President: Dani Howard
- Vice Presidents: Stan Howard and Richard McCurry
- Secretary: Suzanne Baxter
- Treasurer: John Basher
- The directors are: John F. Jones (Public Relations), Jim Baxter, Randy Carson, Dan Alton, Sue Basher, Mark Steger, and Mike Macray.

Dani Howard succeeds husband Stan as president after her five years as a director of the club. She also served on the Northwest Council of Schools (Cook County, Illinois), initiated an Art Awareness Program for 22 grade schools replacing art programs cut by the school district, and held various chairs for the Woodfield Area Children’s Organization (charitable group). She is a full-time resident of Sanibel.

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club is a charitable organization primarily providing for the needs of children’s health and education. Fund-raising events include Island Temptations, Sanibel Uncorked (a Winter Wine Festival), Wave of Hope (beach walk), and the local 4th of July Road Rally.
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Well, the tell-tale signs are here: season is upon us. Rotarians from near and far are crowding into the Beachview Restaurant for our weekly Friday morning Rotary Club meetings and bringing with them a great energy and spirit. It’s fun to see our old friends again and catch up on what they’ve been doing during their time away from the islands. In return, they enjoy learning about what’s going on in Sanibel and Captiva. Rotarians like to be involved; they believe in giving back to the community and many of our club projects support local community nonprofits on the island.

In this vain, it was only apropos that Tom Louwers from Friends Who Care stopped by to announce a challenge he is presenting to all service clubs on the island. Friends Who Care wants to collect 500 boxes of cereal by December 15 for distribution through the FISH food pantry, 1630 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel and tell them Rotary sent you. Just another reminder: Friends Who Care giving trees will be going up soon at the banks and grocery stores, so stop by and pick up a holiday gift-giving tag.

Friends Who Care is a Sanibel-based, nonprofit organization that coordinates food drives for other local nonprofit organizations. Friends Who Care is a Sanibel-based group organized to assist families and individuals during times of need, with special emphasis on the holiday season, providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners along with children’s holiday presents to families who just need a little help.

Last Friday, Rotary was also visited by three board members of the Sanibel Community Association: Marge Meek, SCA board president; Mike Kelly, SCA board vice president; and Tom Sharbaugh, SCA board member. Tom Sharbaugh was our guest speaker just a few weeks ago representing the Sanibel Bike Club, but this time his role was to ably introduce his fellow board members and remind us that the SCA is the oldest nonprofit organization on the island, built in 1927. The SCA Community House is considered to be the birthplace of most island organizations and clubs and has been and is the island’s social gathering place for a plethora of activities through the years. There are a number of important things going on at the SCA but Marge Meek’s topic for the morning was to invite the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary to participate in the SCA Shellabration! 2012, an island-wide celebration honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Sanibel

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Shellabration! 2012 is more than a week-long celebration in honor of seashells. The SCA will be gathering the community together in creative and fun ways from February 17 to March 4 to share the love of our island shells.

Starting on Friday, February 17, the SCA is going to try and become part of the Guinness Book of World Records. They are asking as many people as possible to join the Shellabration! Event Team at 10 a.m. on Bowman Beach for the largest Sanibel Stoop gathering (parking is limited at Bowman Beach; parking will be available at the SCA Community House and participants will be bused to the beach). This assemblage will be authenticated by VCB aerial photography and presented to the Guinness World Record authorities. If perchance you would like to get in shape for this activity, there is a YouTube Video/Facebook Video Sanibel Stoop Boot Camp available for viewing.

There will be an opening gala dinner at the Sanctuary Golf Club on Sunday, February 19; a Shell Couture Fashion Show Contest and Luncheon on Monday, February 20; The Main Event: The 75th Shell Fair & Show, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 1, 2, and 3; A Gifts from the Sea and Ice Cream Social, March 4; and volunteer appreciation lunch March 5.

Island restaurants and businesses are participating in this celebration by offering dining specials and special commemorative items including T-shirts and seashell necklaces. More activities may be added to this list, so keep looking for those announcements in the newspapers.

Now for Mike Kelly. He is the building chair for the proposed architectural construction on the Sanibel Community House. Plans for a capital campaign to benefit this construction and construction itself has been temporarily put on hold until the City of Sanibel has time to explore a Town Center concept, again. The results of the findings may in some way impact the construction plans. Although the project is on hold, the design phase and changes to the building are pretty much in place. Renderings of these are available at the Community House.

Kelly said, “There will be no changes to the historic part of the building/north room but most of the changes visible to the building will be in the kitchen and entryway, restroom, and office areas. Storage facilities will be expanded and air conditioning units will be replaced, new plumbing and other utilities services will be updated. Entrance to the building and elimination of steps are part of an attractive welcoming area on the outside of the building, along with a new portico entrance and extended overhead walkway. Kelly said, “There will be an additional 4,000 square feet of space added; most of this space will be in the kitchen with 1,000 square feet and additional storage space allotted to this area. This preliminary plan will have an approximate cost of $2.9 million (that is at current building bid cost).”

It was a busy morning at Rotary with 1,500 children during each school year. The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club, along with other Rotary Clubs in the area, provide meals for area schools and mobile food pantries and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 1,500 children during each school year.

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Andrea Miller

**Miller Named Director Of Recreation**

City Manager Judie Zimomra has announced that Andrea Miller has been appointed to the position of the City of Sanibel Director of Recreation. As director, Miller is responsible for the operations of both the City’s Recreation Center and Center 4 Life program.

In response to her appointment, Miller continued on page 32B
Dunes Men’s Interclub

The Interclub team had a decent day at Magnolia Landing on Monday, November 14. We finished with gross +2 points for the day, but our quota was 25 which gave us a net -23 for last place. For the year we are now in 5th place overall and it would only take one good event to get us right back into the lead as the teams that did well at Magnolia will have higher quotas for the next event.

The next event is at The Legends on Monday, December 5. Sign-up sheet is now on the men’s board. If more players sign up than are needed, a qualifier will be held at The Dunes on Wednesday, November 30 in the regular DMGA game.

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The Dunes Women’s Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club
Event Results for Friday, November 18. Format: Best Score on Odd or Even Holes

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Beachview Men’s Opening Dinner
submitted by J.W. Boynton

Fifty-three Beachview men golfers came together on November 17 for their opening club dinner. Club stalwart Mark Ryan could not attend, but said he was getting stronger every day and hoped to be back out on the course in a month or so.

After cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a prime rib dinner served up by the crack Beachview Bistro team, the room came to attention for association president Jay Allen. Leading with his customary lawyer joke, this one about an antique brass rat in Boston, Allen recognized GM Scott Hatto and Head Pro Gene Taylor, as well as the past presidents in attendance: Bill Blankenship, Jack Tukey, Bill Stell, Barry Humphries, Dave Bagby and Bill Fellows.

Then, in the highlight of the night, Luc Century etched glass trophies were awarded to the Fall Classic winners:

- **Gold Flight** – Bill Fetherston, first; John Kilkenny, second; Jerry Mader, third.
- **White First Flight** – Skip Tutor, first; Joe Barbieri, second; Jim Sauer, third.
- **White Second Flight** – Jim Mulka, first; Bill Stell, second; Rich Rompala, third.

On another beautiful Saturday, November 19, 37 Beachview golfers competed in a Texas Scramble. In this format, each team must use its longest drive, even if it is out of bounds or in the water. With President Jay Allen off to another NASCAR race, Vice President Jerry Mader was in charge and delivered his own lawyer joke, this one about how lawyers are conceived. Hatto went over the rules of play and provided members a golf tip about turning the wrists while coming through the ball. When the scramble event was over, the team of Jim Sauer, Dick Waterhouse and Richard Choccol was in first place; Jack Tukey, Jerry Mader and Robert Byrne were second; and Craig Albert, Bruce Cutler, Jack Schmidt and Bill Blankenship finished third.

**SPORTS QUIZ**

1. In how many of his 17 major-league seasons has New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter hit at least .300 or better?
2. Who had the biggest single-season jump in home runs in major-league history before Toronto’s Jose Bautista went from 13 in 2009 to 54 in 2010?
3. Name the last player before Detroit’s Justin Verlander to score his team’s first five TDs in a season.
4. Who has had the most Final Four men’s basketball appearances – North Carolina or UCLA?
5. In the 1980-81 season, the New York Islanders’ Mike Bossy became the second player in NHL history to tally 50 goals in the first 50 games of the season. Who was the first?
6. In 2011, David Tom’s tied a PGA record for lowest score after two rounds (124). Whose mark did he tie?
7. In what year did the U.S. win its first men’s Olympic Alpine skiing medals?

**ANSWERS**

- **1.** In his 17 major-league seasons, Derek Jeter has hit at least .300 or better in 14 seasons.
- **2.** Barry Bonds.
- **3.** The first player to score his team’s first five TDs in a season was Herb Adderley of the Green Bay Packers in 1966.
- **4.** North Carolina.
- **5.** Boston Bruins’ Bobby Orr.
- **6.** Jack Nicklaus.
- **7.** 1950.

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The Dunes Men’s Golf
The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club
Dunes Men’s Golf Association event results Wednesday, November 16, format: 4 man 2-best ball (A-C) (B-D).
Next week’s game will be Super Skins. If you have not signed up the sheet is on the board.
Flight #1 (A-C)
1st Jack Pagel 114
   Jim Burkholder
   Michael Funk
   Bruce Noble
2nd James Boughton 118
   Jim Bradford
   Mike Hnatow
   Ray Galligan
Flight #2 (B-D)
1st Jack Pagel 107
   Bob Lindman
   Robert Orr
   Tom Browning
2nd Mike Richmond 108
   Dan Alton
   Jack Strothman
   Skip Jewett
Congratulations to the winners.

Hole In One At The Dunes
On November 18, Joe Raboy scored an 80-yard hole-in-one on the second hole at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. Dan Alton, Pat deFrey and Dave Jeffrey witnessed the hole-in-one as Raboy used his 9 iron and a Sleaz ball. This is the second hole-in-one of his career.

PGA Tips
Match Play Vs Stroke Play
by Matt Oakley, PGA Golf Professional
The two golf forms of play that are used the most are match play and stroke play. These two forms of play are completely different with different rules and situations.

Here is a synopsis of both:

Match Play:
- Match play is the oldest form of golf.
- A match consists of two sides playing a stipulated round against each other (9 holes, or 18, 36, 72, etc.)
- In match play the game is played by holes. A hole is won by the side that has its ball in the fewest strokes (gross or net).

- The state of the match is expressed by how many holes a side is up over the other side and how many holes remain, i.e. 2 and 1 means a side is up by two strokes on you strokes.
- A match ends when one side wins a hole (A-C) (B-D.)
- When a side is dormie it is ahead the same amount of holes that remain in the match (putt) at any point. A concession may not be withdrawn or declined.
- Penalties in match play are typically loss of hole unless otherwise stipulated by the rules rather than by strokes.

Stroke Play:
- Stroke play consists of competitors playing each hole and recording their scores. In stroke play you are competing against every other player in the field.
- In stroke play you add up your total strokes against everyone else’s total strokes. The player with the fewest strokes wins.
- Penalties in stroke play typically cost you strokes on your score.
- The score is usually spoken in terms of cumulative strokes or relation to par (player A is 3 under par at this point).

Dunes Sunday Mixed Golf
Here are the results for The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Sunday Mixed Golf on November 20. The format was a 4-person scramble.
1st Jerry Muench 39.50
   June Muench
   Margaret Dwyer
   Howard Dwyer
2nd Dave Reynolds 40.25
   Karen Hendricks
   Robert Orr
   Nancy Orr
3rd Felix Curcuru 42.0
   Carol Curcuru
   Gordon Rains
   Maureen Rains
Closest to the pin, Karen Hendricks and Roger Blouin.
Next week’s game will be 2 net better balls or 4/choose your own team. It will be another 1 p.m. shotgun start.

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Join The Shellabration!

Shellabration 2012! is an island-wide, week-long celebration of The Sanibel Shell Fair and Show, designed as a tribute to our islands’ shell bounty. The celebration will run from February 26 through March 4, with The Shell Fair and Show running March 1 through 3 at The Community House.

Shellabrat ors from around the island are joining in on the excitement with events and promotions. Everybody is invited to participate. A calendar of events will be prepared and promoted in local and national publications, so let us know what you plan to do!

Below is current list of Shellabrat ors!

- Amy’s Something Special, located at 630 Tarpon Bay Road will offer a 15 percent discount on locally made shell pendants wrapped in sterling silver.
- Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, free admission on Monday, February 27.
- BIG ARTS, Show your Shell Smarts at BIG ARTS! During Shell Fair week, between February 27 and March 3, visitors are invited to bring a shell to BIG ARTS Center at 900 Dunlop Road, or BIG ARTS at 2244 Periwinkle Way (by the Sanibel Bean), or the Herb Strauss Theater at 2200 Periwinkle Way (directly across from the Shell Fair). Identify the shell, add it to our collection, and receive a special discounted ticket pricing on select BIG ARTS programs from February 27 through March 3. In addition, the Sanibel Captain and Crew will offer a special shell-themed exhibit in the Herb Strauss Theater lobby.
- Billy’s Bike And Rentals will be giving all customers (online and in-store) a raffle ticket for a chance to own a signed Shellabration! poster designed by artist Pam Brodersen.
- The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will have several shell collections on display throughout Shellabration! week inside the Rutland Home, Burnnap Cottage, Morning Glories and the Schoolhouse. In addition, there will be a shell collection from Thomas Edison with a letter to authenticate it from Mina Edison.
- JN “Ding” Darling Wildlife Refuge will have ranger-led beach walks at the refuge’s Perry Tract at Gulfside Park; shell-related Reading at the Refuge session with shell craft (Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m.); free touch tank demo at Tarpon Bay Recreation Area; Blair Witherington, author of Florida’s Living Beaches lecture on March 2.
- Great White Grill has created its own microbrew, Shellabration! Beer, and will be available during Shellabration! week. Shellabration! Beer Specials all week.
- JB Designs will have cards designed by local photographer/artist Boyd Johnson of Sanibel shells; free sanddollars with purchase of $20 or more during Shellabration! week.
- Sanibel Shellows. Stop by to play a round of scavenger jeopardy; www.shellows.com.
- She Sells Sea Shells will be running two promotions during Shellabration! week: 25 percent off craft supplies including wood and papier mâché boxes and frames, along with many other paper and wood items, glue, glue, glitter, glass jars, and mirror backs; and Sailor’s Valentine sale — regular price $275 will be reduced to $75 for 10-inch traditional antique flower design with a multi-colored shell. Limited quantities.
- Shiny Objects’ guests will receive a free shell tote bag with purchases over $50. Additionally, select jewelry items will include the customer’s choice of shell jewelry or trinket box. Restrictions apply; see store for details.
- The Sanibel Public Library will have shell book reading displays offering more than 350 shell-related books. In addition, your favorite titles and rare books from the reference collection will be on display on the main level of the library throughout February and March. Plus there’s the fossil shell display on the library’s ground floor containing 120 different species, ages thousands to as much as 5 million years old. Some of the shells are extinct and some are found at the beach today. The fossils are from the Burnt Store area in North Fort Myers. For 10,000 years the area has been dry land. Before that, during the Pliocene and Pleistocene eras it was at times a shallow bay of what is now the Gulf of Mexico. When stockpiling this fill on the library building site in the early 1990s, the material was observed to be full of marine fossils, evidence of the abundant life of the ancient sea.
- Shellabration! necklaces will be offered for sale at various venues around the island. The specially designed shell necklace will allow for creative additions to make each one as unique as its owner. Shellabrat ors will be encouraged to collect several and make an island fashion statement.
- Children’s Art. The children of the island will be invited to get involved by creating a special Shellabration! work of art.
- Tower Gallery Artist Cooperative Sea Gems – Shell Interpretations, a special exhibit opening February 26 and continuing through March 31. Twenty two Tower Gallery Artists will choose a shell to inspire their artwork. Photographs of the selected shells will be displayed beside the art showing how the artist interpreted or included it in their work.

Watson Macrae Gallery Sea Shells Invitational Exhibition will be a special week-long exhibit featuring the work of invited Sanibel artists and focusing on the shells of Sanibel and the sea. There will be an opening reception celebrating the artwork and artists on Monday, February 27, open to the public. The gallery will also feature shell-inspired pottery and glass from artists around the country during the Shellabration!

- William E. Wilson Fine Jewelry in The Village Shops joins the Shellabration! with hand-crafted jewelry. All signature 14-karat gold shell design jewelry – bracelets, pendants, earrings, rings – offered at special sale prices. A 25 percent discount will be given during the entire week of the 75th Shell Fair & Show.
- Save The Date Calendar Of Events:
  - The Sanibel Stoom, Friday, February 17. Help break a world record.
  - Opening Gala at Traditions, Sunday February 19, at The Sanctuary Golf Club.
  - Fashion show luncheon at The Sanctuary featuring one-of-a-kind shell-adorned garments.
  - 75th Shell Fair and Show, Thursday March 1 through Saturday March 3.
  - Rusty Brown presents In Celebration of Ann Morrow Lindbergh followed by a traditional ice cream social.

For more information on how you can Shellabrate, call Billy Kirkland at 472-5848 or Barb Harrington at 472-2783. You may also contact Jill Kobe at The Community House at 472-2155 or via email at jill@sanibelcommunityhouse.net. Visit online at www.sanibelshellfairandshow.com and www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Swashbuckling Holiday Fun

Santa Claus will be taking time out of his busy holiday schedule to join the Pieces of Eight Pirates for a swashbuckling holiday adventure. Select cruises will feature Santa Claus himself in A Pirate’s Christmas, an all new interactive show that takes place on the 90-minute cruise.

The Pieces of Eight, which departs from Salty Sam’s Marina, will also include pirate Christmas songs, story time and face painting for the children. Photographs with Santa Claus will be taken on each cruise.

Holiday cruises with Santa Claus are limited and will be available from November 27 through December 31. Regularly scheduled cruises will be running throughout the holiday season as well, so callers should ask for the cruise with Santa Claus when making a reservation.

“Many of our passengers return again and again on our Pirate Cruise and we are very excited to be able to bring them this fantastic new show starring Santa Claus himself,” said Stephen Sepulveda, a/k/a Captain Jack, manager of the Pirate Cruise. If you haven’t yet experienced the Pirate Cruise this is a great reason to come out and see what you have been missing!”

The cost for the 90-minute cruise is $24.95 for children and $29.95 for adults, and children under one-year old are free. Families are invited to come out, enjoy the cruise, and stay for lunch or dinner at one of the award-winning restaurants located at Salty Sam’s: Parrot Key Caribbean Grill or the Big Game Waterfront Grill.

The Pirate Cruise is a swashbuckling pirate show onboard a 65-foot replica Spanish galleon. Buccaneers young and old experience a jolly roger of a good time on this “fun for all ages” attraction. The friendly and sometimes downright scurvy crew of costumed pirates entertain guests while they sail around the area’s intractoastal islands and beaches.

The Pirate Cruise makes for memorable birthday parties, field trips and private charters. It leaves from Salty Sam’s Marina, where Parrot Key Caribbean Grill and Big Game Waterfront Grill are also located. The Pirate Cruise was voted Best Place to Have a Kid’s Birthday Party by the Florida Weekly and Best Waterfront Attraction by the News-Press. Advance reservations are required for the Pirate Cruise. For more information call 765-7272 or visit www.PiecesOfEight.com.

The pirate crew surrounds Santa Claus
My Stars  

FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2011

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep those sharp Sheep eyes focused on a hazy situation. As things begin to clear up, you’ll find a sharper picture emerging, showing something you will need to know.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you’ll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine’s heart beat faster.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You’re now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it’s what you want. Don’t be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about reactivating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Communication doesn’t exist unless it’s two-way. So if you’re getting no replies to the signals you’re sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out.

Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your partner might feel that you haven’t been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You’ll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are zealous in the pursuit of truth. You would make an excellent research scientist.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I’ve noticed that men generally leave married women alone and treat them with respect. It’s too bad for married women. Men are always ready to respect someone who bores them. And if most married women, even the pretty ones, look so dull, it’s because they’re getting too much respect. -- Marilyn Monroe

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In a large skillet, sauté shrimp in olive oil over medium high heat for 3 to 4 minutes on each side until opaque. Remove shrimp to a platter and keep warm. Add zucchini and yellow squash to the pan and sauté until tender and lightly browned. Add the shrimp, fettuccine, butter and oregano to the squash and mix well. Heat through. Add parmesan cheese and serve immediately.

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Flu Clinic – Flu shots will be given at the center on Friday, January 27, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday Kayaking – November 29.
There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Bring water, a snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is $5 for members and $10 for non-members. Members have first priority.

Dali Museum and Lunch in St. Petersburg – Thursday, December 1. Cost is $79 for members and $89 for non-members. Includes round-trip transportation from Fort Myers, tour of the Salvador Dali Museum, lunch at 400 Beach Seafood & Tap House, and time to explore the St. Petersburg pier. Carpool from the center at 7:15 a.m. for bus pick up in Fort Myers at 8 a.m.

Island Seniors, Inc. Annual Members Meeting – Friday, December 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come hear about all that has happened at the center and plans for the future. New events will be added to the schedule. Jan Nieman will be the guest speaker. Lunch is free.

Knit Wits Needed – Come by the center on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. to knit or crochet. Bring your project and share tips.

Page Turners Book Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. On December 14, Alice Walzer will lead a discussion on Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver. Ann Rodman, volunteer coordinator, welcomes ideas for books to read and discuss and suggestions on facilitators. Contact her at 395-2191 or email annrodman@aol.com.

Picasa with Patty… and your photos! Wednesday and Thursday, November 30 and December 1, two two-hour sessions, 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is $60 for members, $90 for non-members. Bring your camera and card reader with 10 to 20 photos.

Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Diabetes Screening – Friday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. First come, first served.

Second Annual Justine Smith Charity Bridge Tournament – Friday, February 10 at 1 p.m. Local merchants will contribute gifts that will be given away during the tournament. All proceeds go to PAWS.

Florida Repertory Theatre – Tickets have been reserved for Saturday 2 p.m. matinees. Member ticket prices are $21; non-members are $26. Pay when you sign up. The shows are:
- It’s A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play by Joe Landry – Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m.
- Games at The Center:
  - Bridge – 1 p.m. Monday
  - Hand & Foot – 1 p.m. Tuesday
  - Mahjongg – 1 p.m. Thursday
  - Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday.
Cost is $2.50 for members and $5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

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Hardship was just another hurdle that Bill Keeney would overcome. His family lived in a small, rural community. His father worked at the local gas station’s tire store and his mother, when she worked, cleaned. Bill was the oldest of three; when he was nine his father died. Mom’s cleaning jobs increased, some were houses and there were four churches too. Often, she took the children with her so they could help with the tasks.

Bill’s grandfather lived across the road from them. He farmed his 350-acre farm. With no mechanical apparatus, he worked all his fields using mule-drawn equipment. His grandson knew how to handle the mules by the time he was six. This was a child who learned by watching and working to do it. “Grandpa was the maintenance man at his farm. If something broke it was fixed, not replaced.”

More than merely riding and working the mules Bill learned a lot about farm animals and crops. They had pigs, rabbits, chickens, cows and goats and a wide range of vegetables.

Bill loved to draw. Rarely paying attention in class, it was the shop teacher who came to his rescue. He’d ask him to draw pictures of each of the shop tools so he could explain how they were to be used. Later he advanced to drawing the plans which showed them in action. Hanging out in the shop provided a perfect escape hatch.

Bill had to work all through high school. He had a particularly heavy schedule. His day began at 1:30 a.m. when he would drive 25 miles with his boss to pick up all the newspapers for their 120-mile paper route. (Eventually, the boss loaned Bill the car, filled up its tank and paid him to do the whole thing by himself.) Once home he went to the neighboring farm and milked six cows and then left for school. After school he went back to the farm, milked six more cows, and got home just in time to leave for his night job. He worked from 6 to 11 p.m. at the same gas station his father had worked at. That left him two hours to sleep before the paper route began. With 56 absences in his senior year, he barely made it to graduation.

He enlisted in 1956 and spent the next four years in the armed forces. His commanding officer, amazed at his competency in gunnery and his ability to fix things, including weapons, wanted him to go to Officer Candidate School but Bill refused. He knew he couldn’t read. Later, tests substantiated a range of findings: he was ADD and dyslectic and had an extremely high IQ.

As a teen, Bill assumed he’d go into carpentry or construction. But it was his grandfather who pointed him in another direction: “Get out from behind the hammer and get behind the pencil.” His plan was born: be an architect. His home state of Maryland allowed you to take an architect’s equivalency licensing exam if you worked for an architect for five years. After his army discharge he chose that route.

Before he got to the fifth year the law changed to seven and before he got there it increased to fourteen. Just as he was nearing that it dropped back to twelve so he was finally qualified. The exam, a five-day ordeal with two portions given each day is notably rigorous. Of the 160 applicants taking the test that year only two passed: Bill Keeney was one of them.

The day he passed his licensing exam he opened his own office and has never worked for anyone else. Just in time too… “I was the last person in the state allowed to take that kind of equivalency exam. Now you can’t take it unless you have a college degree.”

He points with pride to his hometown of Reisterstown which is now declared a historic landmark. “I rebuilt the 27 buildings on Main Street and now I am rebuilding their train station which is scheduled to become a museum. I am on the board of building two new parking lots and some additions to some of the buildings in town, all of which must be historically accurate.”

What I find amazing about this man goes way beyond the hurdles he overcame to becoming an architect. It’s the wide variety of other things he excels at. There’s his love of gunnery, his ability to repair rifles and pistols, and the fact that he makes his own bullets. He’s an accomplished archer and became a golfer who learned first by studying how a club moves through space and how it must be positioned to hit a ball. Then he learned how to make his own clubs. Only then was he ready to take to the links. He can repair and rebuild outboard motors and car engines too.

Finally, he’s been taking apart all the moving parts of an old commercial machine I have just to make it operable. “Why?” I asked. “It’s a challenge,” he said. “Is there anything you can’t fix?” I asked. “I’m not good with computers. I think of them as things that you can’t wrap your arms around.”

“Architects should give back to their world,” he said and, as if to prove it, he has just finished rebuilding 14 bikes to be given to the migrant farm workers in Immokolee.

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Reef Safe SunCare whose sun-screen products are non-toxic to marine life, has become the Premier Sponsor of the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce Tour Bus. Chamber President Ric Base said, “Reef Safe has created products that meet the needs of all of our island residents: wildlife, marine, our native vegetation and human. They help us all live in harmony.”

The tour bus, with the help of Reef Safe, will be promoting the natural harmony of our islands as it starts its new 2012 program: a program with more venues, more events and more opportunities to view than ever before. “We will be travelling in our tour bus over 60,000 miles in 2012” said Base. “We expect that some one million Floridians and visitors will see the bus as it parks at some of the most popular activity venues throughout Florida. Sponsorship by Reef Safe is a perfect match for Sanibel and Captiva; safe sun-screen for our visitors and residents is also safe for our natural beauty.”

The tour bus is an important part of the annual marketing program run by the chamber. When on location it distributes written materials to many thousands of visitors to popular Florida locations such as the Pro Bass Shops, shrimp festivals and major sports occasions. It is the perfect physical foil to the virtual presence of the Chamber website; and like the website is designed to excite interest in the islands.

The bus will also distribute free samples of Reef Safe thus reinforcing the chamber’s and Reef Safe’s mutual interest in preserving Sanibel’s sensitive ecosystem.

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Anecdotal reports about the benefits that yoga brings to children indicate that yoga can calm children, reduce obesity, enhance concentration, and help children manage certain health conditions, such as headaches and irritable bowel syndrome. Yoga can be a gentle method for your child to get more physical activity and enhance his or her well-being. Allyson Lobo, 15, said in a recent New York Times article about yoga for children, “I love yoga,” adding: “It’s relaxing. It makes me feel calm and takes me to a happy place.”

Kris Brown, a highly regarded certified Yoga instructor on Sanibel who has experience in designing and working with children in after-school programs, has observed many benefits from yoga programs for children. From her work with children, Brown has observed that, “Children today are under stress. Yoga helps counter these pressures by promoting self-esteem and confidence with a physical activity that’s non-competitive, fostering respect and cooperation to others, stimulating their imagination and increasing their concentration and sense of relaxation.

Yoga for children engages the heart, mind and body through a blend of physical yoga, mindfulness activities and social skills games, by integrating storytelling, music, playing instruments, drawing, animal adaptations and behavior, nature, anatomy, and life’s lessons. This helps children develop emotional intelligence, communication skills, trust, and empathy. It nurtures teamwork and leadership. It provides for a calmer and more productive school environment. Breathing and visualization techniques teach kids how to focus, relax, and develop self-control, by dealing with emotions and managing impulses.

A yoga program engages a child’s mind and body by weaving together an interdisciplinary approach to learning and the principles of independence and individualism. Most of all, the child has fun! I would encourage you to allow your daughter to participate in the yoga class. You and she may also want to take a class together; it’s a wonderful activity for parents and children to share.

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Sometimes Where You Need To Be, You Don’t Want To Be

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

I know the city of Houston far more well than I should. I know where the best deli is — Kenny & Ziggy’s off Westheimer Street – I know where the LA Fitness center is — where a good mall is (the Galleria mall) — and how to find Houston’s top-notch museums and city parks.

Yet no relatives of mine live there. I don’t have any close friends there. But I do have someone near and dear to me battling for her life at Houston’s MD Anderson Cancer Center – my mother.

Regular readers of this column may know that seven years ago my mother came down with acute myelogenous leukemia – which is a killer. Miraculously she survived a bone marrow transplant – courtesy of the skilled work of the great doctors at MD Anderson as well as the generosity of her bone marrow donor – a man by the name of Yiftach Levy whose genetic markers closely matched my mother’s.

Before the transplant my mother endured harsh chemotherapy sessions that took her immune system down to nothing. She lived in a “bubble room” in the hospital’s transplant ward and almost died several times from pneumonia and other diseases, before she was finally able to get the life-saving transplant. After the transplant, the doctors worried her new immune system would attack her internal organs in what is called “graft/host” disease.

During her nine months of treatment my parents were far from their home here in Florida, as my father lived in an apartment nearby the medical complex. It was tough on both of them and on the rest of the family.

But she got through it. For six-and-a-half years she was in remission – living a normal life as a wife, mother and grandmother.

That is – until a few weeks ago. While going in for hand surgery to alleviate pain associated with arthritis, routine blood work before the surgery revealed that her leukemia returned, and it was aggressively attacking her system. So back to MD Anderson my parents went. Like last time, the doctors told my mother that her only hope of survival is to have another bone marrow transplant. Now that she is 70 years old, the doctors have warned us that the risks are higher, but they remain confident that she has a reasonably good chance to come through this again.

I write these words sitting at the kitchen table in my parent’s Houston apartment we are renting for them. Today my sister, brother-in-law and I all met with the doctors to discuss her treatment and prognosis. Thankfully the doctors remain hopeful – and have put her on a chemotherapy treatment that was not yet available seven years ago when she first encountered this illness.

This time the chemotherapy is not supposed to be as harsh and is designed to limit the damage it does to her body. It’s amazing how far the research has progressed since the last time she was here. When people criticize how much money the United States spends per capita on health care, they should realize that some of those dollars result in breakthroughs that otherwise wouldn’t have been possible.

Like last time, the hospital wanted copies of her health care surrogate and living will. The Texas-based hospital has no problem with my mother’s Florida documents since she is a Florida resident. As you might imagine, yours truly prepared them. It does send chills down your spine hoping that the documents will never have to be used.

Today we met with her leukemia doctor and her transplant doctor. We discussed “blasts” and “protocols.” Drained from those conversations, we then went out to enjoy a pastrami sandwich and chicken soup at Kenny & Ziggy’s. Afterwards, I swam a mile in the fitness center’s lap pool while mom rested, and then we all went out to dinner.

Before the weekend is out, I’ll have to get on a plane and return to Fort Myers to take my rightful place as a husband to my wife, father to my children, and lawyer to my clients. But for a few more hours at least I’ll just be a son to my father and to my mother.

And every so often until we get through this I’ll return to Houston for a weekend to provide whatever support I can. While Houston is a fine city with the best doctors in the world, I yearn for the day my mother can return to her normal life in Florida. And, as you might guess, I hope one day to never need to visit Houston again.


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Whether you’re choosing one color or a combination of colors, getting the selection process started can sometimes be a very daunting process. Given that colors are so personal in nature, why not start with the colors you enjoy the most. There are just a couple of things to remember when you’re starting up your mind. First, any color will react differently in the daylight versus artificial lighting. Second, matte or floss finishes will also take on a differing appearance; and third, the larger the space you’re painting the more intensified your color choice will become.

Bright, lively and exciting colors tend to give us a cheery, exuberant boost to our spirits. Can’t you just picture the excitement you feel when you see orange, bright yellows and vibrant reds combined in a color palette?

Lighter color shades tend to be a little softer and gentler on the eye and appear more relaxed. While darker spaces need to be brightened up. Warm earthy colors like sienna, terracotta, and brownish reds can provide your room with a sophisticated look, especially when they are combined with interesting textures.

Monochromatic color schemes work well when you want to show off your room’s furnishings. When color is removed from a room, it’s simply natural for our eye to be drawn to texture and shape.

Above all, I urge my clients to have fun with color. A home filled with white walls certainly doesn’t invite, or give anyone a hint of the homeowners’ personalities! So do a little experimenting – have some color fun – and above all, enjoy the joy in your rooms.

Marcia Feeney is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at marcia@decoden.net.

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**Top Producer Obtains Florida Broker’s License**

Richard Taylor and Donna Moore, owners of Gulf to Bay Sotheby’s International Realty on Boca Grande, Sanibel and Captiva, would like to congratulate LeAne Taylor Suarez who recently obtained her Florida broker’s license. Suarez has been a top producer on the islands for over 20 years. She has been instrumental in the growth and success of Sotheby’s International Realty on Captiva and Sanibel islands. She will work as a broker-associate out of the Captiva office located at 11508 Andy Rosse Lane.

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**Top Agents And Sales Teams**

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

The Karen Bell team was recognized as top listing team. Robin Humphrey and Martha Smith were recognized as top listers.

Mary Lou Bailey was recognized as top sales agent. Janie Howland was recognized as top producing agent.

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Sotheby’s International Realty Announces Merger

Premier Sotheby’s International Realty and Gulf to Bay Sotheby’s International Realty announced the merger of the Sanibel and Captiva offices of Gulf to Bay Sotheby’s International Realty with Premier Sotheby’s International Realty, which spans from Clearwater to Marco Island. Gulf to Bay Sotheby’s International Realty’s Boca Grande operation will remain under the sole ownership of Donna Moore and Richard Taylor and will operate independently.

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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,

I woke up Christmas morning and felt a little better, and now in the New Year I am fine.

The Christmas season always depresses me and I don’t know why. As soon as I see the first decorated tree I get into a blue funk, and this year it started in early September. So, what do we know? We know Christmas comes around every year at the same time. We also know your reaction to Christmas. You do not have any control over Christmas so we cannot change that. You do have control over your reaction to the season. Christmas is not all bad. So, what do you like to do? What don’t you like to do? Your challenge is to do more of the things that give you joy and expose yourself less to things that make you sad, or that you do not like to do.

Volunteering at a non-profit or cultural organization is a great way to create a positive experience for yourself during this time period. You must take an active role in changing your seasonal experience. Figure out now what you would like to do. If there is any training or orientation needed you can get it done before next Christmas.

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

by Lizzie and Pryce

Dear Lena,

Christmas is difficult for many people for many of the reasons that Lizzie pointed out. While we live with our losses all year, Christmas with all the movies, cards, commercials of happy, healthy and intact families makes us feel our losses more.

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Lena

Dear Lena,

Christmas season sadness can be a very debilitating condition for many reasons, and for many very different reasons. Death of a family member, death of a relationship, and this year death of financial stability in these stressful economic times.

Many people feel left out of the pleasure because they have few relatives and fewer friends and feel isolated and lonely.

The medical profession has been very slow to realize these seasonal blues and if a patient is better in January they think that nothing needs to be done.

I would suggest you seek the counsel of a caring mental health professional and schedule an appointment for early next September.

Lizzie

Dear Readers

Everyone knows I’m a health nerd, so it may come as a surprise that I love to cook. I confess my kitchen looks a bit like a high-school science lab, complete with the mortar and pestle, juicers, funnels and beakers. Seeds of all sorts. Yeah, I’m a freak, I know. This week, I’m giving you something new to chew on, literally. And it’s not bone soup again. It’s an “Apple Crisp” desert and my famous cranberry sauce. To help another compound called “quinone reductase” enzymes and cause apoptosis, two things that are good for people worried about cancer. Fresh ginger can help with arthritis, coconut water has fungus-fighting activity, pineapples contain bromelain, a natural digestive enzyme that helps reduce pain and inflammation. The key to unlocking the flavor in my recipes is by using a real zester, and grating the orange rind, and the ginger, and so forth. Don’t use dry spice, except for cinnamon.

Speaking of which, hunt down true “Ceylon” cinnamon at a spice shop, not “cassia.” Eat like I do; it’s guilt-free, good for you, and yummy!

Suzy’s Famous Cranberry Sauce

This recipe could easily be made with peaches instead of apples.

Ingredients:
- 1 cup coconut water
- Fresh cranberries (approx. 12-oz. bag)
- ½ cup crushed pineapple
- 1 tsp. grated fresh ginger (to taste)
- 1 tsp. grated fresh orange rind
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon powder
- ½ cup maple syrup

Directions: Gently boil all the ingredients together until it is the texture you like. I prefer mine a bit chunky, but if you don’t, you can blend it smooth.

Suzy’s Apple Crisp

5 green apples, peeled and sliced (or chopped)
- 1/3 cup grape seed oil
- ½ cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 Tbsp. grated fresh ginger (to taste)
- 2½ cups blanched almond flour
- ¼ cup gluten-free granola
- ½ tsp. sea salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
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Directions: Place apples in 10-inch baking dish. Mix the wet ingredients and then the dry ingredients, separately. Then, combine the wet ingredients with the dry ones and spread this mixture over the apples. It will be a little thick. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for about one hour. When the apples are juicy and bubbling, remove the cover and bake another five or 10 minutes longer until the top is crisp brown. This recipe could easily be made with peaches instead of apples.

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Exaggerate, Me?

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Helping my son with his grade 12 math. Having a science degree it should be easy for me to fix these number problems, sort of like fixing my tax calculations and golf scores.

Son (starting off the conversation as he does every discussion):
“Don’t ever put me in one of your stupid columns.”

Dr D: “As if, whatever.”

Son: “OK dad, according to this quadratic equation the average wing speed of the swallow is what?”

Dr D: “Is that an African or European swallow?” (Thank you, Monty.) “Now quadratic means four, right?”

Son: “Good night dad.”

Dr D: “Good night Stewart.”

Knowing the tendency that humans have to exaggerate (Me? Harvard, summa cum laude)

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Miller stated, “I am honored to be appointed to the position of recreation director for the City of Sanibel and look forward to serving the community. With roots dating back to the 1950s on Sanibel, I am excited to find that my career path has led me back home to this beautiful island.”

Miller joined the City of Sanibel staff in 2007 as aquatics supervisor and has served as acting director since April. Her accomplishments while serving as acting director include increasing operating revenues, developing Backyard Game Night, Toddler Time Program, increasing teen community events, increasing fitness programs including early morning and lunch yoga classes.

A graduate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Miller holds a bachelor of science in education with a dual major in health and physical education. Miller holds the following certifications:

- Certified Parks & Recreation Professional (CPRP) through National Recreation and Parks Association
- Certified Red Cross First Aid and CPR PR Instructor and Instructor Trainer
- Certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and Instructor Trainer
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- Certified Pool Operator
- Certified USWFA Water Aerobics Instructor
- Certified AFRA Group Fitness Instructor
- Certified Arthritis Foundation Water Exercise Instructor

Prior to joining the City of Sanibel, Miller worked as a health and physical education teacher and coach in the Lee County School District and in the South Middleton School District in Pennsylvania. In 2006 Miller was a Lee County School District Golden Apple Finalist. Miller is currently pursing certification through National Recreation and Park Association Director’s School.

Miller and her husband Matt, a teacher at Dunbar High School, Lee County School District, are parents to daughter Kaia, seven years old and son Matthew, 18 months.

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