Saddle Up For Das Barbecü
At Herb Strauss Theater

Das Barbecü, a new musical comedy making its Southwest Florida debut, takes the stage in March at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way. Das Barbecü runs Friday, February 17 through Saturday, March 17, Monday through Saturday. There is an opening night reception at 7 p.m. February 17. All shows begin at 8 p.m., with a special matinee performance Wednesday, March 7, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $42 for adults and $20 for children. Tickets are available online through the BIG ARTS website.

You don’t have to love opera to revel in the sheer hilarity and fun of Das Barbecü.

Riders In The Sky Head To BIG ARTS

Singing cowboy comedians
Riders in the Sky will take the stage Saturday, February 18 at 8 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are $42 General, $47 loge and $15 child.

Known for their rich blend of Western harmony and unique sense of humor, Riders in the Sky is a two-time Grammy Award-winning group that has captivated audiences of all ages across the country for more than three decades, in more than 6,000 concerts. The group has made 700 separate appearances at Nashville’s Grande Ole Opry and is best known to younger audiences for their performance of Woody’s Roundup in Toy Story 2.

Riders are keepers of the flame passed on by Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, and have continued on page 35

Join The Group This Friday For Largest Treasure Hunt On Sanibel

Shellabration! 2012 kicks off with a mass Sanibel Stoop on Bowman’s Beach this Friday, February 17 at 10 a.m. The goal is to break the record of 250 people in the Largest Treasure Hunt category in the Guinness Book of World Records. The event will coincide with the opening night of the Sanibel Shell Fair and Show, which is sponsored by Island Sun News and the Community House and will run through Monday, February 20. The fun continues on Saturday, February 18 with the Sanibel Uncorked Winter Wine Festival. More details on these events will be available in future editions of Island Sun News.

Sanibel Uncorked
Winter Wine Festival

Everyone is invited to share in an evening of wine, music, and fun at the 2012 Sanibel Uncorked Winter Wine Festival, being held on Wednesday, February 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Lily & Company Jewelry Gallery, 520 Tarpon Bay Road. This popular and highly successful event benefits children’s needs (cancer care, scholarships, etc.) presented by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club for the fourth year.

Local wine distributors will select and provide a bevy of fine wines for sampling during the festival proceedings and also will have wines available in the silent auction. Distributors participating so far will include Johnson Brothers, Southern Wine and Spirits, Republic National, Premier Beverages and Calipari Imports.

A cooking demonstration with complementary wine pairing will be presented by Chef Karl Hamme of Bailey’s Catering and Prepared Foods Department. Hors d’oeuvres and music will accompany the silent auction.

The Shellabration! 2012 Gala will be held at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sunday, February 19. The Community House is hosting the evening to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair and Show. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, followed by dinner and dancing.
The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village hosted a Sponsor Appreciation Party at the Sanibel home of Dottie and Ed Miller. The event honored the businesses and individuals that are underwriting and supporting the Village’s It’s In The Bag fundraiser on Tuesday, February 21.

Sponsors from our business community include Master Sponsor Bailey’s General Store; Gold Sponsors The Sanctuary Golf Club, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Doc Ford’s Rum Bar & Grille; and Silver Sponsors Barrier Island Title Services, Inc. and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank.

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$12 members/$15 guests

CIHS To Present Story Of Snyder School For Boys

On Tuesday, February 28, the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) will present the history of the Snyder Outdoor School For Boys that was based on Captiva from 1914 to 1926. The program will be held at the Captiva Civic Association, 11550 Chapin Lane. A short general membership business meeting of the CCA will begin at 10 a.m. The CIHS program will follow immediately afterwards, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Shirley Stanton and Paul Garvey will show old photographs and tell stories about this fabled but short-lived school. They will be introduced by Jim Pigott, president of CIHS. Among the school’s visiting “faculty” was former U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt.

The Snyder Outdoor School For Boys emphasized outdoor recreation and study of the classics. In the summer, the school moved north. During the winter, the staff and boys made frequent camping and exploring trips on its large sailing vessel to other barrier islands and the Everglades.

The public is invited to learn about this fascinating chapter of Captiva history. Admission is free.

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First Rally For Sanibel Neighbors Club

Sanibel Neighbors Club held its first rally on Thursday, February 9. Over 50 people attended this inaugural rally at the Bistro @ Beachview and members had specially priced drinks, appetizers and dinner.

Co-founder Jason LaManna commented, “We had an excellent turnout considering we have only been going official for just over a week, so we are thrilled to have had so many people in attendance”.

The Bistro @ Beachview is an early Business Member of the club and had put together an enticing menu that was very well received by club members.

“We were pleased to be asked to host the first member rally,” said Barrett Anding, co-owner of the Bistro. “It was a great turnout, everyone seemed to be having a fun time and enjoying the food and drink specials. The neighbors club concept really seems like an excellent partnership between residents and businesses.”

Scott Frey was the winner of the raffle, brunch for two at the Bistro @ Beachview.

A dozen new members joined Sanibel Neighbors Club at the rally. “We are seeing a steady flow of interest”, said Jason LaManna, “and more and more residents are joining daily”, he concluded.

The Sanibel Neighbors Club is a loyalty program for Sanibel residents that offers weekly specials from island businesses. Members receive a club card that entitles them to member specials offered by all of the contributing businesses. New specials are added weekly. All specials are posted on the club website and emailed directly to members. The annual membership fee is $15 and $5 of the first year’s fee goes to a local non-profit of the member’s choosing.

The next meeting will be held in March and details will be posted on the Sanibel Neighbors Club website. For more information and joining instructions log on to www.SanibelNeighborsClub.com or stop by Hillgate Communications located in the Bailey’s Center at 2451 Periwinkle Way.

From left: Blanaid Colley, Eva and David Stuart, Brian and Heidi Weidner
American Legion Post 123 Events

Every Friday, visit American Legion Post 123 and enjoy a Fish Fry, complete with cole slaw, baked beans and hushpuppies. Meals are served from 4 to 8 p.m. and the cost is $10 per person.

This Sunday, February 19, Post 123 is hosting a Seafood Fest from 1 to 8 p.m. On Sunday, February 26, stop in for BBQ ribs and chicken, served from 1 to 8 p.m.

Every Monday night, come watch 8-Ball Pool League action at Post 123 starting at 6 p.m. Stop by and enjoy some great shootin.’ Texas Hold’em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are always welcome.

Every Friday, the Legion offers a 6 oz. ribeye steak sandwich all day and Fish Fry from 4 to 8 p.m. Stop in and try one of our half-pound burgers. Check out our daily specials and the entire menu. They serve food every day, all day long.

Open to the public, American Legion Post 123 is open Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. They are located at 4249 Sanibel-Captiva Road, at mile marker 3.

For more information, call 472-9979.

Quilts Ready For Visitors At The Village

Thirty-four quilts are now on display at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. The quilt show runs through March 17 and is included in the museum’s $5 admission fee. This year, the museum is displaying quilts from its own collection rather than quilts on loan.

The quilts are displayed throughout the museum in the village’s seven historic buildings. Most of them are labeled with some explanation about the design or, if available, the quilt’s history. “The exhibit was set up by volunteers. ‘I really appreciate the volunteers who helped us set up the exhibit and the generous people who have donated quilts to the village over the years,’ said Event Chair Stephanie Rahe.

During the quilt show, the Village Gift Shop in the Old Bailey’s General Store will offer a choice of two quilt design posters for $2 each. Customers may choose from “Grandmother’s Fan” or “A Patch of Blue.” Also for sale are a quilt pattern coloring book, postcard book, and notepad.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The village, which operates as a nonprofit organization, is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission to the Historical Museum and Village is $5 for adults over 18; members are free. For more information, call 472-4648.

Share your community news with us. Call 395-1213, Fax: 395-2299 or email press@islandsunnews.com
Rotary Happenings
submitted by Shirley Jewell

The Rotary Art Fair is this weekend, Saturday, February 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, February 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Community House, Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Entry donation is $5.

Over 100 artists and craftspeople will be there. Silent auction items will include two one-day passes to The Master’s Golf Tournament. Fourteen members of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary took part in a field trip to the Harlem Heights neighborhood in Fort Myers. Although only a few miles from our island shores, this neighborhood has struggled within the economic structure of transitioning from a farming community to general employment opportunities outside their experience and education. This neighborhood certainly struggled with poverty and crime for a number of years but over the last decade community members have seen a turnaround.

Heights Elementary School has earned the designation of International Baccalaureate World School offering primary years education. Brightest Horizons has provided quality pre-school learning and the Heights Foundation with partnering social service organizations such as YMCA, CCMI, Goodwill and Early Steps programs have become major players in providing a commitment to the residents of the community with social services and educational opportunities.

Approximately 1,200 children live within the boundaries of Harlem Heights. Most of the residents are still economically challenged and many are unemployed. Over one-third of the families live below the federal poverty level.

The Heights Foundation is a grassroots organization that works to break the cycle of poverty in Harlem Heights. Its mission is to promote family and community development, support education and wellness, and provide the benefits of the cultural and expressive arts, which ties directly into our Rotary Service model.

In the middle of a five-acre parcel, just off San Carlos Boulevard sits a yet unfinished building that will house Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center. As our Rotary members toured the building site and unfinished structure, we were accompanied by Heights Foundations Founder and Executive Director Kathryn Kelly and Board Member responsible for Development, Julie Workman.

Their passion for this project and a positive commitment to seeing the community center completed was totally impressive. The architectural plans and a steel-framed building outline rooms that will provide space for tutoring, English and literacy classes, after school and summer camp programs, play groups and Reading Buddies programs, job training, outreach programs, a computer learning lab, culinary arts training and, most impressive, a 250-seat theater with dedicated light track and sound booth space waiting to be equipped for theatrical performances, dance classes, and theater arts instruction. This space will also be used for community functions and social gatherings with a full catering kitchen.

Construction on the Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center stalled four years ago when a $4 million pledge had to be withdrawn because of the downturn in our national economy. The Heights Foundation took a deep breath and stopped construction on the building, trimmed back some of the original plans and then went back to fundraising activities. These efforts have now brought them to within $150,000 of needed funding to complete construction and open the doors of the center. The Foundation has waited to see this dream materialize.

Kelly said, “This will happen.” When the center does open, the foundation is seeking sponsors for the enhancement and furnishing of the building and is also looking for volunteer commitments from service clubs like Rotary.

As part of the group of Sanibel-Captiva Rotarians, who made the trip over to the center’s site, we were impressed by the Heights Foundation’s dedication to the Harlem Heights community. Both the president of the Heights Foundation, Victor Mayeron, and Executive Director Kathryn Kelly are fellow Rotarians. The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club is looking for a way to help the Heights Culture Arts and Community Center attain its goals.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Bistro @ Beachview, 1100 Per View Drive. If you would like further information regarding the Sanibel Rotary or Rotary International, call 337-1099.

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City Council Accepting Applications For MPO Citizen Advisory Committee

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The deadline for application submissions is Monday, February 27. Applications may be obtained at Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, online at www.mysanibel.com or by sending an email to email-list@mysanibel.com.

City’s Air Potato Exchange Day Yields 730 Pounds

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee would like to extend a huge “thank you” to all those who participated in the city’s second annual Air Potato Exchange Day at the Sanibel Farmer’s Market on Sunday, January 15. As a result of the hard work of more than 30 collectors, nearly 730 pounds of air potato bulbs were sent to the county incinerator and will no longer have the chance to wreak havoc in our native plant communities.

Funded by a Kathy Craddock Burks’ Education Grant from the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, participants were rewarded with a three-gallon native plant provided by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Native Plant Nursery. With more than 10 native species to choose from including wild coffee, elderberry, firebush, bird pepper and others — nursery intern Kate Brumfield was on hand to help participants select the right plant for their landscapes.

For hauling in more than 170 pounds of air potato bulbs from off-island, SCCF and “Ding” Darling volunteers Gary and Ruth Schudel were the day’s grand-prize winners and selected three silver buttonwood trees as their reward. With his guess of “650”, 6-year old Connor Brashers won the prize for the “Guess How Many Air Potatoes” contest. There were actually 663 bulbs in the bin.

Additional prizes, courtesy of SCCF and the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, were also awarded to several residents for noteworthy air potato specimens and effort:

- Biggest Air Potato (over 1.5 pounds): Barbara Toomey
- Smallest Air Potato: Nancy Doctor
- Most Collected (runner-up): Carol Strange and grandkids, Will and Catherine
- Most unusual: Lynn Davis, for her manatee-shaped potato
- Most effort: Ruth Brooks, who brought in 50 pounds of air potatoes that she dug up from underground.

Even though Air Potato Exchange Day 2012 has come and gone, it’s not too continued on page 9
Large Home With Elevated Pool Is Approved Under Ordinance 86-43
by Anne Mitchell

An elevated swimming pool that will be part of a home – to be built at 3577 West Gulf Drive – received the approval of the Sanibel Planning Commission on Tuesday, subject to various conditions, including a vegetation buffer to screen it and a drainage plan once the home is constructed.

The house came before the commissioners under Ordinance 86-43 relating to appearance, size and mass of structures. The ordinance was revamped about two years ago and this was the third application under those guidelines, said city planner Roy Gibson.

The applicants, Merle and David Brown, were represented by their contractor, Mark Naumann of Carlton-Naumann Homes.

The existing home will be demolished to make way for the new 5,600-square-foot residence that will have a total floor area of 13,700 square feet.

Gibson said the elevated pool and deck is about a foot higher than the minimum Florida building codes.

The approximately 1.5-acre property is predominantly in the gulf ridge ecological zone and the planned home is within the coverage limits.

Vice Chairman Dr. Phillip Marks said it will be an opportunity to vegetate the site with 75 percent native species. “An enormous number of invasives and exotics have invaded this property,” he said.

For commissioner Paul Reynolds, the application was “a relatively easy call” because the homes on West Gulf Drive are mostly very large. That makes large homes such as the Browns’ to be judged compatible with the neighborhood.

“It doesn’t exactly demonstrate the frailty of 86-43,” Reynold said, adding that the Planning Commission spent 18 months developing the ordinance and he feels it is still “in serious need of quantification and guidance.”

Commissioner Tom Krekel agreed, saying putting more objectivity into the code would protect homeowners such as David Mimms whose application for a large home with elevated pool in Chateaux Sur Mer was turned down more than two years ago amid much debate and public outcry for and against. It was this case that prompted the changes to the ordinance relating to size and mass and neighborhood compatibility.

“It would be nice if we could quantify everything,” added Marks. “We tried to do volume and mass... but you have to look at the neighborhood as a relative thing.”

Differences In Orchid Culture

Differences In Orchid Culture will be the topic of the Monday, February 20 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. The meeting will be held at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel beginning at 1:30 p.m. Bob Busch, co-owner of Exotic Orchids in Fort Myers, will be the guest speaker.

Prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, a fundamentals session on Watering & Fertilizing Details will be held at 1 p.m. Participants are encouraged to come early to purchase plants or to do so during intermission. Anyone with questions or an “ill orchid” that needs diagnosis can continue on page 10

Air Potato

late to help protect Sanibel’s natural areas by removing air potato and other invasive exotic plants from around your home. Locating and removing air potato bulbils is easiest during the winter months-when plants are dormant-because air potato and other vegetation are not as dense.

Remove as many bulbils as possible, as those left behind will produce new vines. Dispose of all parts of the air potato plant-including the bulbils-by methods that will prevent the vines from spreading to new areas. Burning is the best method, so dispose of plants with your household garbage (which goes to the county incinerator), not your yard waste (which is either recycled or taken to the landfill). Bulbils can also be killed by storing them in a freezer overnight.

You can make a difference and help fight this exotic invader. For more information about the air potato eradication program, visit www.mysanibel.com or contact the city’s Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.

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Bike Collection Drive Receives Donation From Kiwanis Club

submitted by Tom Sharbaugh

Members of the Sanibel Bicycle Club received a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Sanibel-Captiva toward the purchase of new bike helmets to go along with the used bikes they are distributing. The helmets will be given to each child receiving a bike who does not already have one.

The 2012 Bike Collection Drive is wrapping up next week. Bikes are being cleaned and refurbished by Sanibel Bicycle Club volunteers and will be delivered to new owners in the Immokalee farm worker community in early March. In addition, 10 bikes were distributed to local Sanibel children through the Friends In Service Here (FISH) organization.

“The residents of Sanibel and Captiva have been truly generous in their support of this effort,” said Patty Sousa, coordinator for the Bike Collection Drive. “As a result, our unneeded bikes have provided mobility and empowerment to people who can really use it. We want to thank everyone who supported the drive.”

Kiwanis members present a check to the Sanibel Bike Collection Drive. Receiving the donation are yellow-shirted Sanibel Bicycle Club members Patti Sousa, Helen Flemington and Norm Flemington.

Hunter Ryan Thibaudeau was born on January 3, 2012 at 7:35 p.m. He weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and measured 20 inches. The proud parents are Stacy Osborn and Ryan Thibaudeau. Stacy works at the Island Sun newspaper as well as the Lazy Flamingo II; Ryan works at Home-Tech. Maternal grandparents are Dr. William and Roberta Osborn of Westfield, New Jersey; Paternal grandparents are Betsy and Wil Rivait of Fort Myers, and Andrew Thibaudeau of Dudley, Massachusetts.

Sanibel Stoop

Records. Islanders and visitors are welcome to join in the fun and sign their names to the roster, which will be sent to the Guinness Book of World Records to prove the island has broken the record. Registration is free and includes a commemorative T-shirt sponsored by Congress Jewelers. The Sanibel Bicycle Club will lead a ride to the beach (helmets are encouraged). A trolley service will also be available. Departure is at 9 a.m. from The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information call 472-2155.

Orchid Culture

bring their plants to the meeting during show-and-tell. Orchid Society members are also invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best hybrid and best species orchids. Members and guests are also invited to participate in a monthly raffle. Society membership is $20 annually, guests may attend the meeting for $4.

For more information, call Nannette Lehr at 395-3327.

Gala This Sunday

Tom Tiratto and his orchestra will be the featured entertainment. Tiratto’s show, A Tribute to the Man and his Music, features Frank Sinatra classics including New York, New York, Summerwind, and My Way. Tiratto has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada, and in Europe. Appearances in the U.S. include Busch Gardens, Las Vegas and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Northern Trust is a corporate sponsor. Tickets are $125 per person and are available at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Phone 472-2155 for more information or visit the website at www.Shellabration2012.com.

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The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida recently confirmed six girls ages 12 to 17 from St. Michael and All Angels Parish on Sanibel: Hannah Fay, Anna Kjoller, Lya Kjoller, Emma Neill, Olivia Talmage and Meghan Warner.

The candlelit service began with a trumpet voluntary and a procession that included the Confrmands, their mentors, crucifers, torch bearers, Eucharistic Ministers, Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan, Rector of St. Michael’s, and the Bishop. More than 150 family members, friends and parishioners of St. Michael’s attended the communion service.

Bishop Smith urged the young women to dedicate themselves to a life of faith, love of neighbor, and service to God in order to make the world a better place. The confrmands have been learning in weekly classes with Rector Ellen Sloan about the fundamental beliefs of Christianity, the Bible, the liturgy of the Episcopal Church and the meaning of compassion in their daily lives. The pre-confirmation experiences concluded with an evening retreat and sleep-over at the church that included pizza making and a bonfire and a midnight worship service filled with joy and spiritual meaning.

Following the service, the St. Michael’s parish held a reception for the newly confirmed and their families. The young women all expressed feelings of happiness and gratitude for their religious education over the past several months culminating in the beautiful confirmation service.

Rector Ellen Sloan said she cherished the experience of preparing these young women for this major step in their faith journeys.

The confirmation ceremony was led by the Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith.

Episcopal Bishop Confirms Six Sanibel Young Women

Girls representing St. Michael and All Angels Parish on Sanibel
Organizational Committee for Sanibel-Captiva, back row from left: Lolly Murray, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, St. Michael; Veronica Gallo, St. Isabel; Gillian Bath, St. Michael; Carolyn DeCoster, Sanibel Congregational UCC; Diane Fugit, Chapel by the Sea; Barb Nave, Sanibel Community Church, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel. Front from left: Liz Coffey, Christian Science; Patty Molnar, St. Michael; Wanda Malone, St. Isabel.

World Day Of Prayer

Friday, March 2 is the World Day of Prayer, a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.

Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. This year the country is Malaysia. The service will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel at 2 p.m. The service will be followed by refreshments of typical Malaysian food.

The women of Malaysia have written the service around the theme Let Justice Prevail! Those attending will be asked to share a story from their own life, their community, or from United States history about a woman who persistently demanded justice and succeeded to obtain it.

Participating in the local service are clergy and women of the six churches of the islands: St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, St. Isabel Catholic Church, Sanibel Congregational Church, Christian Science, Sanibel Community Church and Chapel by the Sea on Captiva.

Friends, family and communities of faith are invited to join the women of Malaysia in prayer and song to support this women’s ecumenical ministry. The offering will support the work of World Day of Prayer USA and will help meet the needs of families from Malaysia and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and disease.

For more information contact Liz Coffey at 472-6131.

Author Reita Pendry will be signing her book China White at Sanibel Island Bookshop 1574 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957 on Thursday, Feb 23rd 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

All proceeds go to The Community Entrepreneurs Foundation, Inc. (CEF)

Visit www.reitapendry.com for more information.

Churches/ Temples

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH:
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SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH:
1740 Periwinkle Way, 472-2684
Dr. Daryl Donovan, Senior Pastor
Barb Nave, Associate Pastor
Tom Walsh, Youth Pastor
Sunday Worship Services:
7:45 a.m. Traditional with Communion
9 a.m. Contemporary with Praise Team
11 a.m. Traditional with Chancel Choir
10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Childcare and Nursery at all services.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS:
Meets on the first Sunday of each month from December through April at the Sanibel Congregational Church
2050 Periwinkle Way at 7:30 p.m.
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Communion Service Mon. and Tues. at 8 a.m. Confession first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. by appointment. Holy Days please call.

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Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School (PreK-6thgr.) at 9:30 a.m.
1st Wednesdays of the month Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Morning Prayer: Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

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SANIBEL CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:
2050 Periwinkle Way 472-0497
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The Rev. Deborah Kunkel, Associate Pastor
Sunday worship services: 7:45 a.m.
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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST:
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SANIBEL TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS:
The Reform Congregation of Bat Yam Temple of the Islands meets for Friday night services at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the United Congregational Church 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel
Rabbi Selwyn Geller For more information 239-395-0726 or presbatyam@gmail.com

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Holocaust Museum To Host 10th Anniversary

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida will host its 10th anniversary celebration entitled Driven To Triumph, which will serve as a tribute to Southwest Florida’s Holocaust and World War II survivors. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at Naples Luxury Imports. A Patrons’ Reception will be held at 5 p.m. and the celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are $125 per person.

The evening will include delicious bite-sized food creations provided by a selection of local chefs; an intimate performance by Grammy and Emmy award-winning composer Charles Fox, best known for the hit *Killing Me Softly*; a warm welcome offered by honored guest Myra Janco Daniels; a silent auction and much more.

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida believes that by engaging the community to see value in everyone, along with the dangers of indifference to bullying, gang violence and hatred, Southwest Florida residents can win at the serious business of building respect. The Holocaust has the ability to provide ongoing lessons of the consequences of giving in to hatred and indifference, and more importantly offer shining examples of self-sacrifice and heroism.

For more information about the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida or its 10th anniversary celebration, Driven To Triumph, visit www.holocaustmuseumswfl.org or call 263-9200.

LOGOS Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a special dinner with parents of the LOGOS children at Sanibel Community Church. Afterwards the LOGOS kids will lead in a short worship time. LOGOS is the midweek family program for children ages three years through 5th grade. It runs from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information, call Kathy at 472-2684.

“Life Lost... I have lost a life - Not my own. But it would have been easier to have lost my own life than to have lost the life I loved more than my own.” Author: unknown

(This is dedicated to my son, William Alexander Goliszeski). Happy Birthday, February 22, 1976.

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“WILLIAM A. GOLISZESKI”

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Getting Ready For Third Onyx & Breezy Gala

by Jeff Lysiak

Mark and Wanda Shefts, who established the Onyx & Breezy Foundation in 2004, are a very busy pair these days.

A few weeks ago, the part-time Sanibel residents flew out to Los Angeles to attend the 18th annual Screen Actors Guild awards ceremony as guests of SAG President and longtime foundation supporter Ken Howard.

Upon returning to the island, the couple announced the launch of the Twitter For The Critters Celebrity Challenge, in which fans of five stars – Kelly Osbourne, Eric Stonestreet, Miley Cyrus and Peter Facinelli – have the opportunity to win a poster signed by some of Hollywood’s top names.

And in only a few weeks, the 3rd annual island gala fundraiser will return to The Sanctuary Golf Club, on Sunday, March 4. World-renowned comedian Bobby Kelton will headline the event, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by a three-course dinner, live and silent auctions, dancing and an open bar.

“Ken Howard is attending the gala again this year,” said Mark Shefts, who joined the actor and his wife, Linda, at the SAG Awards on January 29. “Wanda and I sat next to Betty White, who told us ‘Keep up the good work.’ Coming from a woman who has been working on behalf of animals for more than 40 years, that meant a lot to us.”

The Onyx & Breezy Foundation assists domestic animals in a variety of ways. The foundation lends financial support to the funding of equipment for medical facilities, much needed research and organizations that benefit animals. It also helps provide medical treatment for animals where hardship is present.

“Over the past year, we’ve been able to help people on the island and in Lee County,” explained Shefts. “We support Lee County Domestic Animal Services, the Animal Rescue Center in North Fort Myers and Dogs Deserve Better right here on Sanibel.”

For the Shefts, one of the greatest compliments they have heard regarding the work they do for the foundation came during the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce’s Community Fair & Retail Expo on February 5, when a woman – representing the Sanibel Congregational Women In Mission (SCWIM) – handed Wanda a check in support of Onyx & Breezy.

“The woman told (Wanda) that her husband had heard me speak at a chamber business lunch, and that they wanted to help support the foundation,” said Shefts. “It’s wonderful when you know that your neighbors support the work you are doing.”

Tickets for the gala, priced at $150 each, are available by calling 850-999-8 or by sending an e-mail to trustees@onyxandbreezy.org. Checks may also be sent to The Onyx & Breezy Foundation, P.O. Box 130, Sanibel, FL 33957. Reservations are requested by February 25.

Regarding the current Twitter For The Critters Celebrity Challenge, fans who donate as little as $5 to support the foundation and their favorite entertainment icon – Osbourne, Stonestreet, Facinelli and both father and daughter Cyrus – will be eligible to win an Onyx & Breezy poster signed by 89 celebrities. Among the autographs are Alec Baldwin, George Clooney, Charlize Theron, Tom Hanks, Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank, Robert Downey Jr., Drew Barrymore, Leonardo DiCaprio, Dick Van Dyke and, of course, Betty White.

One lucky fan from the celebrity team gathering the most donations by Saturday, February 18 will receive this one-of-a-kind signed poster. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.onyxandbreezy.org.

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Island Fundraiser Planned For Sheriff Mike Scott

On Wednesday, February 22, a number of Sanibel and Captiva business leaders will be hosting a fundraiser from 6 to 8 p.m. honoring Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott at South Seas Island Resort.

Scott is seeking re-election as Lee County sheriff. The host committee is comprised of of islanders including Dan Stegman, John Dickey, Toni Lapi, Paul McCarthy, Dave Jensen, Karen Bell, Sandy Stilwell, Bob Walsh, Marty Harrity, Mike Millins and Lt. Joe Poppalardo.

A Lee County native, Scott graduated from North Fort Myers High School and received an associate’s degree from Edison Community College and a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of South Florida. He also holds a master’s degree with a concentration in public administration.

Some of his accomplishments as sheriff include re-_aligning the county’s directed patrol for better coverage of east and central Lee County, upgrading aviation with newer helicopters and sophisticated electronics, opening a new Central District and Cape Coral office, implementing the CASE Program (communities against senior exploitation) and Project Lifesaver (electronic tracking bracelets for those prone to wander), formed a Human Trafficking unit, securing a state-of-the-art mobile communications command post, and graduating from the FBI National Academy.

Scott joined the Lee County Sheriff’s Office in 1988 and was first elected sheriff in 2004.

For more information visit www.wewantmike.com.

To advertise in the Island Sun Call 395-1213
Rotary To Auction Master’s Tickets

As part of its 29th annual Arts & Crafts Fair, the Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva is pleased to announce that its silent auction will include the use of two badges for one day at this year’s Master’s Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. At the winner’s choosing, the badges may be used on any of the four days of the tournament (Thursday through Sunday). Bidding on this item will end at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 18.

Other silent auction items this year include jewelry from Congress Jewelers, golf for four with lunch and cart at The Sanctuary Golf Club, a one-week condominium stay from VIP Vacation Rentals, as well as many other items and certificates from local businesses.

The Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair, with more than 100 exhibitors, is being held at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, on Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19. It is the club’s largest fundraising event. Admission is a suggested donation of $5. All net proceeds will benefit the club’s charitable giving and programs, as well as many other items and certificates from local businesses.

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Sanibel Uncorked

A few of the silent auction items available include two nights at The Colony Resort, two nights and breakfast at ‘Twee Waters Inn, golf for four at The Sanctuary, and an amazing dinner for six in your home prepared by Chef Teh of Timbers Restaurant. In addition to the wines and many fine auction items, Lily & Company will be offering a store full of beautiful jewelry, some at discounted prices.

Tickets are a $30 donation ($25 for designated drivers) available at Bailey’s General Store, the Sanibel Café in Tahitian Gardens, the Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank, and Lily & Company. Tickets also will be available at the door on Wednesday, February 22 beginning at 4 p.m. Free valet parking will be included. For additional information, call Stan Howard at 472-0836 or send an e-mail to sancaoptimist@comcast.net.

Sanibel Canine Valentine’s ‘Tail’

Only on Sanibel Island could you see a dog hitched to the post outside of Bailey’s General Store, wait to introduce yourself to the owner, discover your dogs (who otherwise live in Minnesota and Missouri) were from the same breeder and were literally long lost canine relatives. Upon meeting a fellow Lakeland terrier owner, Ann Liberman, who along with her husband Lee, split their time with Lakeland terrier Sherlock, between St. Louis and Sanibel, seized the moment and immediately followed Linda Linsmayer and her family from Bailey’s to their beach house so they could introduce the two terriers, Gracie and Sherlock.

An instant, meaningful and lasting friendship was formed between these two dogs, who are relatively rare breed, and their owners, making this a true Sanibel-style Valentine’s “tail.”

Our email address is press@islandsunnews.com
Controlled Burns At ‘Ding’ Darling

During the 2012 spring season, the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge will be setting controlled burns of the Botanical Site on Sanibel to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires and help preserve the natural ecology of the area. The public is invited to an informational meeting on Thursday, February 23 starting at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Education Center to discuss the burn plan and address any questions or concerns.

Purposefully setting and controlling fires can prevent wildland fires. This technique, often called “prescribed fire” or “controlled burning,” will reduce the amount of dried vegetation or fuel. When conducting prescribed fires, managers consider environmental conditions such as temperature, relative humidity, recent rainfall, wind speed and direction, soil moisture, fuel conditions and the type of burn that can be conducted. Following a predefined “prescription” allows fire management officers to determine the desired fire behavior (intensity, flame length, direction of fire spread and smoke).

Controlled burns are planned and carried out by trained and experienced wildland firefighters operating under strict conditions, known as prescriptions. These prescriptions spell out the number of qualified firefighters needed to conduct the burn as well as the types and number of equipment that must be present to burn. Smoke is another concern. Thus, plans call for specific wind conditions to minimize smoke impacts to roads and communities. A prescribed fire will not be conducted if the prescription cannot be met, i.e., if the proper wind conditions and relative humidity are not present on the day of the burn, the burn will not be conducted.

Benefits Of Burning

Prescribed fire burn plans have been approved by regional fire experts and authorization will be obtained from the State of Florida immediately prior to conducting burns. The refuge will implement burning as soon as the proper conditions are present. Firefighters from the J.N. “Ding” Darling NWR, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and other Florida refuges will be conducting the burns.

Burns are planned so they minimize impacts on people and wildlife. Units are burned in small blocks to minimize smoke impacts.

“The refuge is committed to the safety of our neighbors. These controlled burns are being conducted to reduce hazardous fuels adjacent to private lands which may pose a wildfire threat,” said refuge manager Paul Tritaik. “These burns will also restore grassland areas, control brush and invasive woody vegetation, and increase the diversity of native plants and wildlife.”

Controlled burns have been conducted for many years at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and are considered a good tool for reducing the risk of serious wildfires. Due to difficulties in predicting weather, the refuge is not able to notify the public of the exact day the burn will be conducted. Landowners adjacent to the burn areas and local fire departments will be notified prior to igniting the fire.

During controlled burns, portions of the refuge may be closed to public access. Please adhere to all signs, road closures, and instructions about closed areas provided by refuge and fire personnel. Questions about the controlled burns can be answered by calling the refuge office at 472-1100 ext. 237. A Public Information Officer will be available on the day of the burn, at a location to be determined.

Sanibel Firewise Task Force

To address safety and wildland fire issues on Sanibel, the City of Sanibel, the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge formed the “Sanibel Firewise Task Force.” As a homeowner, there are many things that you can do to reduce the wildfire risk around your home. Suggestions include: trimming dead palm fronds from trees; trimming any tall grasses near the home; prunning large, leafy hardwood trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet high; removing combustible materials such as gasoline containers, firewood, and building supplies from being stored under or around the home; and keeping mulch and other landscaping material well watered.

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On Three Fronts premieres on Wednesday, February 22 at 2 p.m. in Edison Hall at Cypress Cove, 10100 Cypress Cove Drive in Fort Myers. Conceived as a simple series of interviews with interesting and articulate retirement community residents talking about their experiences during World War II in Europe, the Pacific and at home, the program has developed into a priceless learning opportunity for local history classes. On Three Fronts has evolved into a program package consisting of a DVD and lesson plan that can be viewed by thousands throughout Southwest Florida via the school district’s educational channel.

Thanks to the efforts of Cypress Cove resident Russ Gilbert and Cypress Lake High School faculty member Gordon Gair, together they have taken a video production idea that focused on telling the stories of Cypress Cove’s WWII veterans and have created a unique learning experience for high school history classes.

This program is a first-of-its-kind effort in that it was created with multi-generational talent. The final product offers the quality and content worthy of school district channel viewing.

This project not only brings United States history to life for students, it provides a lasting project that engages our residents in a meaningful way in the community where they live.

In addition to the obvious lessons, it allows for relationships to build between two unique groups’ senior adults and high school students.

Republicana Women February Dinner Meeting

A dinner meeting of Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday, February 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn of Fort Myers, 12601 University Drive (corner of Summerlin Road and College Parkway). Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner and the program to follow.

The guest speaker will be Paige Kreegel, current State House of Representatives District 72 and candidate for Florida’s 16th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Cost to attend the dinner meeting is $20 all inclusive (cash bar also available). For reservations, call 432-9389 or e-mail cindylignelli222@gmail.com.

Anthony Maestas proposes to Erin Benavidez aboard Tarpon Bay Explorer’s Nature & Sea Life Cruise

It wasn’t speed that was making waves on a recent evening cruise on Tarpon Bay, but rather the significant events taking place on board Tarpon Bay Explorer’s Nature & Sea Life Cruise. Visitors witnessed the beginning of one couple’s life together and the celebration of another couple’s 50-year union.

Anthony Maestas and his girlfriend of two and a half years, Erin Benavidez, narrowly escaped a blizzard as they left Colorado to vacation on sunny Sanibel. And what a special vacation it turned out to be. While cruising the pristine waters of Tarpon Bay, Anthony got down on his knee and proposed to Erin, who after the initial shock replied “Yes!”

To add to the joyous occasion, Jane and John Woodrow from Athens, Ohio were also on board the cruise celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The crowd was delighted to be part of a celebration of nuptials from one end of the spectrum to the other. Tarpon Bay Explorer’s naturalist and guide, Donna Yetsko, invited the newly engaged couple to come back and celebrate their 50th on Tarpon Bay, too. Perhaps the Nature & Sea Life Cruise should be nicknamed “The Love Boat.”

Call 472-8900 for information and reservations or visit www.tarponbayexplorers.com.

John and Jane Woodrow celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary

Fish Caught

Rich Strunc of Sanibel caught and released this nice sized snook (without weighing or measuring the fish) in Tarpon Bay on a white plastic four-inch jig casting a rising tide to a mangrove shoreline mid-day early in February. It was a cool, mostly sunny day.
Ian Buffam, who lives on Dinkin’s Bayou, Sanibel, was fishing the Blind Pass Bridge from his boat on Friday, February 10 at around 4:30 p.m. when he caught a 36-inch redfish.

“I caught it on the outgoing tide,” Buffam said. “He was sitting right under the bridge and ate a pinfish. What a beautiful specimen for this area.”

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American historian Douglas Brinkley

Just as election drama heats up, Douglas Brinkley, one of America’s most renowned contemporary historians, returns to Sanibel Island for a lecture and dinner in his honor on March 12 at The Sanctuary Golf Club of Sanibel.

Brinkley is the prolific best-selling author of a number of books, six of which have been listed on New York Times Notable Books of the Year.

Brinkley will be speaking about his forthcoming work *Silent Spring Revolution*, featuring both Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling and Rachel Carson, whose book *Silent Spring* celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Brinkley is a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair*, history professor at Rice University, former Roosevelt Scholar at Tulane and a fascinating speaker. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit refuge education and biology programs.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) hosts the exclusive Dinner with Douglas Brinkley, sponsored by Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are limited and selling quickly at $65 each. Make your reservations by calling 292-0566 or e-mailing director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Kemper To Be San-Cap Shell Club’s Speaker

The Sanibel Captiva Shell Club will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, February 19 at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum at 2 p.m. The museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

After a short business meeting, Ron Kemper will make a presentation on Truk Lagoon. His program will include some of the early history and customs of the people there, including their use of Indo-Pacific shells. Kemper will then spend time on the flora and fauna of Truk Lagoon. The lagoon was also the scene of the U.S. Navy’s battle in 1942 where more than 50 Japanese ships and 350 planes were destroyed.

After World War II, the lagoon was declared a protected area and the artifacts remain as they were after the attack.

Kemper’s avid interest in scuba diving led naturally to photographing underwater images for himself and others to enjoy. Through his photographs, he hopes not only continued on page 32
Shell Museum Free Admission

In Shellabration of the 75th Annual Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is offering visitors free admission Monday, February 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Martha Stewart Living Crafter At Shell Museum

Shell crafters should leap at the chance to have A Chat With Hannah Milman when the executive director of crafts and holidays for Martha Stewart Living magazine visits The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum February 29 from 2 to 3 p.m. (The program is free with museum admission or membership.)

Hannah is a long-time friend of the Shell Museum, which has been the subject of several of her articles for Martha’s Craft Blog. She is a friend of and past volunteer for the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, which she has also written about for Martha’s Craft Blog.

Hannah Milman will discuss her career with Martha Stewart Living at the Shell Museum February 29

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OPEN HOUSE -- Monday, Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Join us for Open House on Presidents’ Day, February 20. Live animal exhibits, hot dogs, the ever popular Nature Sounds Contest (which begins at 11:45 a.m.) and staff presentations. At 1 p.m., “Bird” Westall will give a talk about Sanibel’s eagles. FREE!

Birding at the Preserves — February 24
Join experienced birders on an outing to SCCF’s Center Tract. Call 472-2329 for directions. Friday, February 24 at 8 a.m. (no tour Feb. 17)

Bobcat Tales — February 22
Bobcats seem to be flourishing through most of their North American range. Learn more about this shy feline that moves so peacefully among us. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.

Marine Lab Tour — February 24
SCCF’s Marine Lab projects include oyster reef and mangrove restoration, water quality monitoring, algae studies, seagrass planting and more. Tour the facility and meet the Lab staff. Reservations required. Call 472-2329. Friday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. FREE!

Owl Tales — February 21
The nesting season for Great Horned, Barn, and Screech Owls of the islands has begun. Learn about the different nesting habitats of island owls. Tuesday, February 21 at 10 a.m.

Shorebird Walk at The Sanibel Inn — February 22
Meet your SCCF guide poolside at the Sanibel Inn for a beach walk to learn the stories of the shorebirds you encounter — some have migrated thousands of miles to local beaches. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 8 a.m. Free.

The Snakes of Sanibel and Captiva — February 24
Come and learn about island snakes. There are 13 species of snake documented for Sanibel but Eastern Indigo Snakes and Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnakes have not been seen for years. There will be live snakes to hold including an Indigo snake that will be making her home in the Nature Center in a new exhibit. Friday, February 24 at 10 a.m.

Tides and Currents — February 23
Ever wondered why the islands sometimes have just one tide a day? Learn about how the moon as well as the shape of the Gulf affect our local tides and currents. Thursday, February 23 at 2 p.m.

Turtle Tracks — February 23
Sanibel Island has one of the first sea turtle monitoring programs in the country. Learn about the sea turtles that nest on our beaches. Thursday, February 23 at 10 a.m.

Weekly Programs
TRAIL WALKS - guided tour of Nature Center Trails. Tues. - Fri. at 11 a.m.
BUTTERFLY HOUSE TOUR - Tuesday, February 21 at 10 a.m.
WEEDS AND SEEDS - Native Plant walks. Monday, February 27 at 8:45 a.m.

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The Snakes Of Sanibel And Captiva

From surveys conducted by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation staff, there are 13 species of snake documented on Sanibel. Two species reported in the past were not encountered during these surveys: the Eastern Indigo snake and the Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake. Learn about island snakes from Chris Lechowicz, director of habitat management. There will be live snakes to hold for those so inclined, including an Indigo snake that will be making her home in the nature center in a new exhibit. Cost of the program is $5 for adults; free for SCCF members and children.

Looking For Owls

The nesting season for owls of the islands has begun. The Great Horned Owl does not make its own nest but uses one built by an osprey, hawk, or eagle. The Screech and Barn owls nest in tree cavities made by woodpeckers or nest boxes. There is a nest box on the side of the SCCF nature center where Barn Owls have nested off and on since 1980. Will they return this year? Island Screech Owls are in the courting phase with males guarding territory and calling to females. On Tuesday, February 21 at 10 a.m. all are invited to SCCF to learn more about the Owls of Sanibel and Captiva. The cost of the program is $5, and free for SCCF members and children. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Take a guided walk to the Sanibel River following the program.

Bobcat Tales

There is a bobcat that calls every inch of Sanibel and Captiva home. Many female bobcats give birth to kits this time of year. Head to SCCF and learn more about these shy felines that live so peacefully among us. The program begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22 at the SCCF Nature Center at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Cost is $5 per adult, and free for SCCF members and children. Following the program take a guided walk on the trails to the Sanibel River or visit the butterfly house. Call 472-2329 for more information.
Turtle Tracks At SCCF

Learn about the life cycles 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, February 23 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The program is free for SCCF members and children; it is $5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.

Tour SCCF’s Marine Lab

On February 24, meet the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Marine Lab staff and get up-to-date info on lab projects while touring the facility. Participants should gather at the SCCF Nature Center at 9 a.m. for a short introduction and then carpool to the Marine Lab. Reservations are required; call 472-2329. This program is free to all.

Sea turtle rescuer Amanda at work

Tour of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation’s Marine Lab

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Tough Conditions
Call For Hard Work
by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Last weekend brought a quick cold snap with a 20-degree drop in temperature and 25-knot plus north winds. This cold blast was a reminder that our winter is not quite done. With temperatures rebounding back into the 80s by midweek, it should be like it never happened and we will quickly get back to the spring-like conditions we were experiencing on the water in weeks prior.

I often have clients book charters months out as they are only in town for a few days or only have one day to get together with family and friends to go fishing. This week was no different with a charter booked two months prior for Saturday, the day the strong cold front blew through. The night before, I had offered them another date later in the week when conditions would improve, but with everyone’s plans and travel arrangements it was not an option for them.

With low expectations, we headed out for our last stop of the day, I made my way into some favorite mangrove keys in the mouth of the river. Although the water was really stirred up, I had caught fish around these same keys most of the week. Sand holes around these keys held a few really nice trout. It did not take long to get our biggest one of the day: a fat 23-inch that ate a live pinfish. Casting small weighted pinfish up tight under the trees also resulted in one mangrove snapper.

As we moved further north up the mile-long creek, I stopped and fished every little deep hole and shoreline that was hidden from the wind. Although it was not on fire, just about every stop produced a few fish including a few rat reds. With the sun now shining and the tide getting high enough to give us more options, things were starting to look up.

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Although this was far from the best trip I have ever had with these clients, with a lot of work we managed to catch a few quality fish. On days like this when the conditions are all against you and you still come home with a nice cooler of fish, you really feel you accomplished something.

We are not always going to have perfect days with perfect tides and despite the fact I was looking for a way to reschedule this trip, I’m glad we got out. On crazy weather days like this, it’s all about beating the odds and getting it 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, e-mail captmattmitchell@aol.com.

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Jensen’s Marina
Captiva Island

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, FL 33957 or e-mail to islandsuncity@aol.com; or call Anne Mitchell at 395-1213.
San-Cap Audubon Presents: Looking Back At JN ‘Ding’ Darling National Wildlife Refuge

Charles LeBuff does it again! He is back by popular demand to introduce his eagerly awaited and recently released Images of America Series book, The JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. LeBuff will provide a presentation entitled, Looking Back at JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, at the Sanibel Community House. Signed copies of his new book will be available for purchase before and after the program.

The wildlife refuge was first created as the Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge on December 1, 1945, during the administration of President Harry S Truman. The refuge was renamed in 1967 to honor JN “Ding” Darling, a syndicated editorial cartoonist. Darling wintered on Captiva and advocated the establishment of the refuge which is now a jewel among the 553 units of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

A Sanibel resident since 1952, LeBuff and his wife Jean lived at the lighthouse for 22 years while he was employed as a wildlife technician with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. LeBuff remained at the refuge for 32 years and saw it all. Stories about the refuge, how it was created, why the names were changed, meeting Darling, and the airplane that Tommy Woods kept. There are tales of the wonderful, honored crocodile and her valiant attempts to lay eggs. Using many photographs from the book and anecdotal information tinged with his wry humor, LeBuff will draw on his personal involvement with this very special place.

This is the last of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lectures to be held in 2012 on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. All are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and parking is available at the Community House as well as across Periwinkle Way in the Schoolhouse Theater parking area. A $5 donation is appreciated with proceeds being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida. For more information, call Elaine Jacobson, 395-1878, or visit San-Cap Audubon at www.san-capaudubon.org.

CROW Smooth Jazz Cruise

Al Hanser, MaryAnn Kanzius and Melissa Congress at the Smooth Jazz Cruise event at Traders Store & Cafe on Sunday evening to benefit CROW

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IT is a common sight for drivers in Southwest Florida to see a gopher tortoise slowly, but determinedly, crossing a road. Be patient. These gentle terrestrial beings have survived on this planet for 60 million years; a few minutes of your time pales in comparison.

If you feel compelled to accelerate its journey and protect it from less attentive drivers, please relocate it in the direction it is traveling. If you return a tortoise to its point of entry, it will simply try to cross again once you have driven on your merry way.

Originating in North America, the gopher tortoise (Gopherus polyphemus) has shovel-like front feet and elephantine hind feet which play a major role in its unique ability to dig very large burrows. As one of the few tortoises to build elaborate shelters, they are able to protect themselves from extreme temperatures, fires and predators.

Gopher tortoises are exceptionally tolerant of their neighbors (a trait from which we humans could learn a thing or two) and are known to share their burrows with other species, including lizards, opossums, frogs, snakes, rabbits and burrowing owls. Some of these “roommates” are so dependent on the burrows that they will disappear if a gopher tortoise abandons its home. Thus, these special turtles have earned the nickname “key-stone species.”

CROW is currently treating two gopher tortoises, one male and one female, each having suffered spinal trauma after a run-in with a careless driver.

After a spinal injury, a tortoise can often move its hind quarters but will simply drag its back legs, leading to muscle atrophy. The clinic’s staff has developed a unique way to treat some of these patients: golf ball therapy.

A golf ball is affixed to the bottom of its shell with an adhesive. It elevates the back of the shell allowing the patient to use its hind legs. The slick floor of the clinic’s turtle room provides the perfect surface by which a grazer’s progress can be evaluated by the staff.

It takes approximately four months for a shell fracture to heal and an additional six to 12 months for full recovery and removal of the zip ties. If you would like to sponsor either of these two gopher tortoises on their long road to recovery, go to CROW’s website and refer to patient #4110 (female) or #4212 (male).

Next week, learn about the snapping turtle that Dr. Heather has dubbed the “chunky monkey.”

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit www.crowclinic.org.
Shell Found

Linda and Phil Grosz of Sanibel found a junonia February 7 at Blind Pass. They said, “After 12 years, we never thought it would happen.”

Shell Museum Beach Walk

Fred Hornsby of Greenwood, Indiana, tries the Sanibel Stoop during the Shell Museum’s monthly Beach Walk at Algiers Beach (Gulfside City Park) January 31, as his wife Chrystal looks on. About 60 shell lovers showed up for January’s walk. The next Beach Walk, also at Algiers Beach, is scheduled for February 28 at 9 a.m.

Evening At The Shell Museum

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is hosting a special Evening at the Museum February 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the museum after hours and participate in an informal evening of shell education, door prizes, food and refreshments. Director Dr. José H. Leal will give a slide-show presentation about the history of the museum.

Cost is $10 for members; $15 for non-members. (If you join the museum as a new member that night, your event ticket is free!) All proceeds raised will benefit the museum’s educational programs. Visit the museum’s Events page at www.shellmuseum.org for reservation information.
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- Download and use the Seafood Watch mobile app by Monterey Bay Aquarium, a Seafood Savvy partner, which can help you buy sustainable fish when you are shopping or dining out. (App is available in the iTunes App Store and Android Market)

“There are plenty of fish in the ocean”

You may think so, but the reality is that our oceans are being overfished. The choices we make today will determine the fate of tomorrow’s seafood.

The goal of Seafood Savvy is to help ensure that we have seafood for the future by educating consumers, chefs, restaurant and market owners about Ocean-friendly seafood.
past. Fermented leaves of wax myrtle, for example, were used medicinally for headaches, fevers and worms.

Storyteller and author Gerald Hausman will return to Calusa Heritage Day with two performances and ongoing hands-on activities throughout the day. Hausman is the author of more than 70 books, which have been translated into a dozen foreign languages. He will be sharing folktales at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. During his 35 years as a storyteller he has entertained children of all ages.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be hands-on Calusa-inspired arts and crafts and face painting plus an opportunity to meet live reptiles, courtesy of Lee County Parks & Recreation. Attendees also can participate in narrated tours of the Calusa Heritage Trail.

Also Florida Public Archaeology Network will host atlatl throwing throughout the day. An atlatl is an accurate throwing stick that was developed long before bow and arrow and used by the Calusa. It was likely the type of weapon used to wound Ponce de Leon (he died from the wound). Children and adults will get to try it for distance and accuracy.

The Randell Research Center is dedicated to archaeology, history, ecology and preserving the Calusa legacy.

Learning about native plants and how the Calusa used them

Power Squadron

Sanibel/Captiva Sail & Power Squadron recently attended a cruise and rendezvous at the Nauti Mermaid, also known as Marker 92.

This was a modest test of navigational skills but don’t fudge and use your GPS or chart plotter. Try the charts!

Finding Marker 92 on the Intercoastal was easy. Then follow the markers to the north-northwest. You will pass Cattle Dock Point (wonder where that name originated) on your starboard and enter Glover Bight (a receding bay). You will then notice three tall buildings. Head for the Tiki hut and the tall building to the east.

There was plenty of dockage (no dock master) and lovely ambiance. This was the first cruise luncheon this season to feature a buffet. It was very good. Cruising in perfect weather made sure that it was a good cruise. (If you can only navigate electronically try L26°32’N and LO 082°00’W).
Author Will Share Journey To The Big Screen

When Mark Obmascik began researching a cross-country, true-story book about fanatic birders, he never dreamed his journey would wind up with Steve Martin, Jack Black, and Owen Wilson on the big screen.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) will show the recently released The Big Year film and host Obmascik during A Big Night – Dinner and a Movie starting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the Sanibel Recreation Center at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Tickets are $65 and include dinner, soft drinks, a silent auction, the movie, a talk by Obmascik, and a birding panel discussion featuring professional birders and birding authors Don and Lillian Stokes, and refuge volunteer and hobby birder Iver Brook. Reservations are required; call 472-1100, ext. 4.

“The silent auction will be small,” said DDWS Executive Director Birgie Vertesch, “But it will feature a couple of autographed items from two of the book’s three birders.” Other auction pieces include donations from local artists and photographers Laura Ball, Luc Century, Dick Fortune, CA Rothman, Jim Sranilite, and Taylor Stewart, plus a pair of fine birding binoculars from Vortex Optics.

Obmascik tracked three obsessed adventurers in the greatest – or maybe the worst – bird-watching contest of all time, a 365-day, 270,000-mile escapade called The Big Year. The result was his national bestseller, The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession – named best book of the year by USA Today, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Rocky Mountain News, and Amazon.com.

The book inspired the eponymous movie that birders flocked to and found authentically detailed. Film critic Roger Ebert awarded the movie three stars. “The Big Year is getting the enthusiastic support of the Audubon Society, and has an innocence and charm that will make it appealing for families,” he wrote.

Sponsors for A Big Night include Bailey’s General Store, Dan Hahn Custom Builders, Fit 4 Life (Sanibel Recreation), Island Graphics, Jacaranda Restaurant, John Grey Painting, and Suncatchers’ Dream, and Vortex Optics.

To become a sponsor, contact DDWS Executive Director Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or email director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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Conrolled Burns

Fire is a natural part of Florida’s ecosystem, historically set by lightning. Because of this history of periodic fires, many of Florida’s natural communities are adapted to burning.

“Many plants and animals are dependent on and benefit from fire. Without fire, native plants and animals have a much harder time surviving in these habitats.” added Tritoak.

Fire removes dead vegetation, promotes new growth of native vegetation and suppresses exotic plants. In the absence of fire, many plant communities are displaced by dense woody vegetation, which can reduce plant diversity and eliminate foraging opportunities for several of the island’s wildlife. Species such as the gopher tortoise, Eastern indigo snakes, and the Sanibel rice rat all depend on a fire maintained ecosystem.

The mission of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.
Melaleuca, Scourge Of Florida
by Gerri Reaves

The best use of melaleuca (Melaleuca quinquenervia) in the landscape is as mulch. Since being introduced to Florida, this native of Australia, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands has wreaked incalculable destruction on the natural environment. It has earned the distinction of being one of the most unwanted plants ever in Florida, and millions have been spent on eradicating it.

The first record of melaleuca importation was in 1887, when the Reasoner brothers in Manatee County imported seedlings for the Royal Palm Nurseries for use as ornamentals. A more famous instance of introduction is the scattering of seeds from airplanes in the 1930s in the Everglades. The goal in the Everglades was to dry up the state’s wetlands and make the land useful for agriculture and development. But this tree needs no help in spreading, it turned out, for Florida’s seasonal fires—and other stressors—release the seeds from the wood capsules.

Unfortunately, seeds can remain viable for up to 10 years, and one tree alone can hold up 100 million seeds. Today, efforts and dollars go toward trying to undo a portion of the resulting damage, and there has been some success with insect biological control.

Melaleuca is listed as a category 1 invasive exotic by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. The species listed on that most damning category are documented as having caused ecological damage by “altering native plant communities..., displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives.”

A propensity to displace native cypress and sawgrass makes it a particular threat. Almost everyone visiting South Florida has noticed this tree, usually because of the unusual bark. The off-white multi-layers of peeling spongy bark give it the common name paper-bark tree. Other names include cajeput, punk tree, and white bottle-brush tree.

This member of the myrtle family can also be identified by stiff lance-like grayish green leaves of about five inches that smell of camphor when crushed. Creamy spikes of flowers can bloom several times a year and emit the odor of boiled potatoes.

This tree easily takes over a landscape, growing up to 100 feet tall. The crown can grow up to six feet per year. Oils in the crown support extremely hot crown fires, making melaleuca stands a serious threat not only to the environment but to residential and commercial development. Those volatile oils, when released during flowering, for example, can cause respiratory irritation, asthma attacks, headaches, or rashes in susceptible people.

So unwanted is the tree that it is illegal to possess, sell, cultivate, or transport it in Florida without a special permit.

But ground into mulch, the invader serves the noble purposes of helping more desirable plants survive and conserving moisture in the soil. Melaleuca mulch is also termite resistant.

Sources: fleppc.org, ifas.ufl.edu, and ddr.nal.usda.gov.

Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create an environmentally responsible, low-maintenance South Florida landscape.☆
SCCF Hosts Nature Sounds Contest At Open House

The 25th annual Nature Sounds Contest will be held during SCCF’s Open House on Monday, February 20 starting at 11:45 a.m. Once simple a bird call contest, kids and adults can now imitate any sound from nature. Can you babble like a brook? Age categories range from 1 year olds to those young at heart adults.

At this 35th Open House, the Nature Center, native plant nursery, butterfly house and trails will be filled with exhibits, crafts and demonstrations. The marine lab will feature some of the little seen creatures of sea grasses.

After a standing-room-only crowd attended Mark “Bird” Westall’s recent talk about local bald eagles, he has been asked to repeat the lecture, which will start at 1 p.m.

Keeping in line with SCCF’s tradition of serving hot dogs during its special events, the grills will begin sizzling by 11:30 a.m. Other refreshments will also be served.

SCCF’s free Open House will be held on Presidents’ Day, Monday, February 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 472-2329.

Audubon Bunch Beach Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Saturday bird walk will be Saturday, February 18 at Bunch Beach. Meet at the beach parking lot at 8 a.m. Parking is $1/hour, bills only. Waterproof shoes are a must because of tidal pools on the walk. These birdwalks are open to public and all levels of experience. A $2 donation is appreciated. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.

Kemper to share his appreciation of the beauty of the underwater world but also to inspire others to protect and preserve that fragile environment. Since 1970, his diving excursions have taken him to some of the best diving sites throughout the world, including Truk Lagoon in Micronesia, Palau and Yap in the Caroline Islands, the Philippine Islands Okinawa, Thailand and Borneo, to name a few.

Kemper has presented several multimedia programs about diving to a number of organizations. Continental and China Airlines as well as the Taiwan Tourism Bureau have published his work. He is a member of the Caloosa Dive Club in Cape Coral and has won several awards in its annual photo contest as well as in Cape Coral Art League shows. Currently, his photographs can be seen on several websites advertising diving and underwater photography in various parts of the world. Ron contributes his photographs to the annual Arts for ACT auction and displays periodically in local banks and in the Cape Coral Public Library.

Kemper resides in Cape Coral with his wife and diving partner, Lynne. He is a diving instructor for NAUI, PADI and CMAS, and is a member of the Cape Coral Art League. His photography is displayed at the Wild Child Art Gallery on Matlacha.
Lee County Purchases 219 Acres Of Environmental Lands On Pine Island

Lee County on Monday purchased a 219-acre conservation preserve on Pine Island Mat for a cost of $772,000. The acquisition was funded by the Conservation 20/20 Program with a $20,000 contribution from the Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island.

The parcel is located south of Pine Island Road along the shoreline of Pine Island Creek. It is directly across the creek from the Little Pine Island Mitigation Bank preserve. The parcel has 82 acres of mangrove wetlands along Pine Island Creek, 45 acres of submerged (creek bottom) land in Pine Island Creek and 92 acres of uplands. Mangroves are important as a nursery for juvenile fish and to filter water pollutants before they reach Pine Island Creek. The uplands are currently vegetated primarily with the invasive exotic tree species melaleuca (or paper tree). They will be restored to native pine flatwoods.

Once restored, the pine flatwoods could be home to eagles, osprey, gopher tortoise, beautiful pawpaw and other listed species.

The Conservation 20/20 program buys environmentally important lands for preservation. It’s funded by a property tax, which was approved by referendum in 1996. It is 50 cents for every $1,000 of taxable property value. Since the first purchase in 1997, the County’s Conservation 20/20 program has made 109 land purchases and the land inventory now stands at 24,448 acres.
**Sanibel Captiva Art League’s Members Show**

The Sanibel Captiva Art League Members Show is currently exhibited at the Sanibel Public Library located at 900 Dunlop Road. The show was juried on February 4 by watercolorist Janet Rogers, a prominent Florida watercolor artist. It features colorful original work in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, and colored pencil. Styles can range from impressionistic to super realistic to abstract, and there is a variety of subject matter. Art League members have been painting landscape and natural studies for almost 50 years on the island. The league has a unique relationship with the library which allows it to present shows several times a year.

First Place was awarded to Marion Hall for *South Beach*, Second Place to Joan Tangren Reynolds for *Gibb Farm No. 2*, and third place to Rita Tarr McLain for *The Alley*. Merit prizes went to Dan Winters for *Boat Rentals*, Peter Zell for *Blind Pass*, Sherry Collier for *Palm Shadow* and Daphne Hammond for *Rick*. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Marcy Calliari for *A Woman of Perspective*, Pauline Healy for *A Greek Fishing Boat*, Rita Skoczen for *The Straw Hat* and Terry Shattuck for *Chapel by the Sea-Wedding*.

The show runs through March 7.

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**Mastersingers Choral Classics**

The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers present a Sunday Afternoon of Choral Classics on Sanibel at 4 p.m. on February 19. They will be performing at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

The program will feature Handel’s *Coronation Anthem #4* and selections from Mozart’s *Requiem* and Rutter’s *Gloria*.

In addition, the 75-person chorus under the direction of Jeff Faux will sing a series of timeless folk songs as well as a medley of the Armed Forces hymns and favorites from *West Side Story*.

The folk music includes *Dirait-on* by the American Choral Master, Morten Lauridsen and the traditional Scottish song *Loch Lomond*.

Sanibelians singing with the Mastersingers are the chorus’ president, Jill Janda-Kanner as well as Judie Gordon, Sheila Hoen, Gail Pilibosian and Jana Stone.

Other Sanibel residents involved with the chorale are the group’s house manager, Mary Bondurant, and emeritus members Fred and Marj Nordstrom and Janine Boardman.

There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be requested.

For more information contact the Mastersingers by email at info@mastersingersfm.com or phone at 288-2535.
Riders In The Sky

released more than 30 albums. The group has also enjoyed television success as comedic hosts of their own weekly CBS and TNN programs. Riders remains true to the integrity of Western music with their wacky cowboy charisma.

Most of their comedy develops from ad-libbing while on stage. Singer Ranger Doug says, “One ad lib leads to another. As much as we love music and love to play, people love to be entertained and forget about the debt ceiling, surly teenagers and mortgages.”

Riders in the Sky performance supported by Sponsors BIG ARTS Angels and The Jacaranda.

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Seattle Times theater critic Misha Berson writes, “Silly, glossy and full of mock-Texas shtick, the show recalls the camp-tastic 1970s TV soapie Dallas – but with loads of singin’, dancin’, quick-changin’ and plottin’ ...”

Das Barbecü is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor ’Tween Waters Inn.

For more information about the show and to purchase tickets, visit the Herb Strauss Theater Box Office at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel; call (239) 472-6862 or (239) 395-0900; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

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Current Events Dinner
by Di Saggau

Over 100 “news junkies” gathered for a social evening last Thursday at the Sanctuary. It was the annual Current Events dinner and it was a grand affair. Everyone was decked out in their finery and camaraderie filled the air. Following a cocktail hour and mingling with friends, it was dinner time and the Sanctuary served up elegant fare. Each year Jim Hanlon assembles a news crossword puzzle to sharpen our minds and test our memories. My table didn’t win, but we sure had fun reaching back into our brains to fill in the right answers, and we did come in second.

If you are not familiar with Current Events, you are invited to check us out. We meet every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS on Sanibel. A moderator selects the topics to discuss and those in attendance are encouraged to comment. Everything is done in a very civil manner. There is a $3 fee to attend, and refreshments are served during the break. Newcomers are always welcome.

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All classes are held at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, unless noted:

• iPad Basics with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, February 16 from 1 to 5 p.m.
• iPhone Advanced with Gerard Damiano is Friday, February 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• The Art of the iPhone with Gerard Damiano is Friday, February 17 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
• Shaker Tape Tote Basket with Genny Gray is Saturday, February 18 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• Creative Clay with Dawn Boesen starts February 20; meets Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m.
• Great Themes Discussion Group with Steve Overbeck starts February 20; meets Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m.
• Adult Tap (Non-Beginners) with Bobby Logue starts February 21; meets Tuesdays from noon to 1:30 p.m.
• Adult Jazz/Hip Hop with Bobby Logue starts February 21; meets Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
• Stand in the Moment: Short Fiction or Memoir with Steve Oberbeck starts Tuesday, February 21; meets from 1 to 3 p.m.
• iCloud Computing with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, February 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
• Decorative Painting & More with Lois Ferguson starts February 22; meets Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.
• iPad Advanced with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, February 23 from 1 to 5 p.m.
• The Art of the iPad with Gerard Damiano is Friday, February 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
• Apps (Apple) Advanced with Gerard Damiano is Friday, February 24 from 2 to 5 p.m.
• Improv 201 with Jim Griswold and Randi Watkins is Saturday, February 25 from 1 to 4 p.m.
• Playwright’s Workshop II (Intermediate) with Angela Koch starts February 25; meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.
• Community Chorus meets at BIG ARTS Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
• Community Band practices Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Individual flute, piano and saxophone lessons are available for children and adult students.

BIG ARTS Workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.

There is a 20 percent discount on workshops for BIG ARTS members.

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A Night Of A Thousand Stars

BIG ARTS Film Society invites all film fans to a special reception and screening of The African Queen, 7 p.m. Monday, March 5 to celebrate Sanibel Oscar Night. Pre-film award ceremony will include island locals dressed as Hollywood stars. The “Sanibel Oscar” Award winners will be announced, followed by film, and reception. All are invited to vote in the Sanibel Oscar contest; ballots are available at BIG ARTS Center, Bailey’s General Store, George & Wendy’s Corner Grill, and Watson McRae Gallery. The celebration will mark the conclusion of the two-month long “Oscar Contender” series screened Wednesdays at Island Cinema.

Starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn, this John Huston film is set in Africa during World War I. A gin-swilling riverboat captain and strait-laced missionary forge an unlikely romance despite fierce rows and moral antagonism. Bogart won the 1952 Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role, and The African Queen was nominated for three other Academy Awards.

Enhanced by surround sound the digitally-restored African Queen will be shown in the comfort of Schein Performance Hall, with a high-definition projection system and large screen to provide a superb cinematic presentation. Listening devices are available. The $15 ticket includes film, ceremony and champagne reception.

Everyone is invited to dress up for the red carpet and hear emcee Albert Hann announce results from islanders voting. Many of the glitterati will be wearing bling from Congress Jewelers, with hair and makeup styled by Sanibel Day Spa. Some celebs will show off hair styled by Josie Crown. The “Fashion Police” will provide live running commentary on red-carpet fashion.

BIG ARTS Film Series is supported by Patron Series Sponsor Bank Of The Islands, Associate Supporters The Royal Shell Companies and The Sanibel Bean, as well as Supporters Jerry’s Foods of Sanibel, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, and Sanibel Taxi.

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**A Jaw-Dropping Play At Theatre Conspiracy**

**by Di Saggau**

"Imagine everything you did between the years of 1976 and 1992. Now, remove all of it."

Words from Sunny Jacobs, a hopeful hippie, convicted and sentenced to death for a crime she did not commit. Sunny is just one of six people represented in the play, "The Exonerated," who were sent to death row for crimes they did not commit. This is an intense and deeply affecting play, written by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen, after conducting interviews with 40 former death row prisoners who spent from 2 to 22 years in prison before being released.

During this 90-minute, intermission-less play, we also meet Gary, a midwestern organic farmer condemned for the murder of his parents and later exonerated when two motorcycle gang members confess to the crime.

We are introduced to Robert, an African-American horse groomer who spent seven years on Florida’s death row for a murder he did not commit. We meet Delbert, a poet who serves as a type of narrator, providing not only his own story, but often an amusing commentary between the many scenes. He was convicted of a rape/murder in the Deep South during the 1970s and later freed when evidence showed he was not even in the state when the crime occurred.

The play moves between first-person monologues and flashbacks to events and courtroom testimonies. "The Exonerated" tells their side of the story, which was what the police and the legal system initially failed to recognize. It also tells what it’s like returning to the real world, and how some are treated because of their mistaken criminal past.

The minimal set, lighting and sound effects greatly enhance the performance. The main roles are played by Ken Johnson, Cory Campbell, Michael Graves, Denise Scott and Curtis Jones, who stepped in at the last minute for Don Manley who was ill. Jamie Hutterman, Tiffany Campbell, Mike Breen and Jamie Carmichael play multiple roles. All do an exceptional job of making the audience sit up and listen and think about injustice, prejudice and the death penalty itself.

"The Exonerated" is directed by J. Mitchell Haley. It’s an extraordinary play that will have you thinking about it long after you leave the theater. It plays through Sunday, February 19 at Theatre Conspiracy in the Foulds Theatre, Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, call the box office at 936-3239.

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**Rachel Carson Lecture Cancelled**

**by Andrew Stansell**

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Florida Gulf Coast University regrets to regret that reservations has to cancel the Master Class and All Angels Church on Sanibel. It has decided to cancel the Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture at Theatre Conspiracy between the many scenes. He mentary between the many scenes. He has also cancelled the Master Class with Florida Gulf Coast University students that was scheduled for Thursday, February 16 on campus. The Center is, of course, willing to refund contributions made to reserve seating at the Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture and were not planning to attend the party.

The Center will go forward with the Eighth Annual Fundraising Celebration on Saturday, February 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sanibel. Although Oliver was not planning to attend this event, hosts Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer wish to have the evening honor her. Poet Alison Hawthorne Deming and Center board co-chairs Mary Evelyn Tucker and David Orr will celebrate her contributions to the literary arts and the spirit of Rachel Carson with their remarks.

The Eighth Annual Fundraising Celebration is now fully subscribed, and there is currently a waiting list to attend. For more information, visit www.fgcu.edu/cece, e-mail cece@fgcu.edu or call 590-7166.

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**Local Singer Featured On Daily Buzz**

Singer/songwriter/pianist Whitney Wolanin (center) with the anchors of the Daily Buzz (Andy Campbell, Kia Malone, Andrea Jackson and Mitch English) after a live national TV performance of her hit song "Honesty." English is wearing his "Whitney Wolanin I Heart Music" hoodie, now becoming a collector’s item. "Honesty" is #27 on media base radio AirPlay chart this week.

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Students Shine In Lab Theater’s Romeo & Juliet

by Di Saggau

Romeo & Juliet is one of Shakespeare’s best-loved plays, a timeless story of tragic love and it’s playing at Laboratory Theater of Florida.

What is amazing about the show is that 12 of the 22 players are under the age of 18. It’s inspiring to see these young people hone their craft.

You know the story. Two families in Verona, the Montagues and Capulets, have been feuding for years. When young Romeo looks into the eyes of Juliet, it’s love at first sight for both. However, after Romeo kills Tybalt, one of Juliet’s kinsman, he must flee for his life, while Juliet is promised in marriage to another.

A plot is hatched by a sympathetic Friar to reunite the lovers, but the scheme goes terribly wrong, leading to unspeakable tragedy.

Artistic Director Annette Trossbach said, “What you see is a fast-paced, rollercoaster ride of a tragic love story.” Truer words were never spoken.

Romeo & Juliet, edited for a modern audience, takes viewers through 24 different mini-acts that move like wild fire from the streets of Verona, to the Capulet’s costume ball, to the tender scenes between the star-crossed young lovers. Kyle Tague and Gabriela Picket capture the innocence of youth as they try to escape from their feuding parents.

The production doesn’t shy away from Shakespeare’s bawdy puns, particularly the overly sexual Mercutio, who tackles a plethora of double entendres, often going to extremes that are hilarious but not appropriate to print.

Denyea Clarkson is Juliet’s nurse, and she is a strong character who not only shows motherly affection but also adds many humorous moments. Beth L. Yazvac and Jack Weld play Juliet’s selfish parents and Dale Hoover is the friendly Friar.

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Only six shooting days of four hours each were scheduled. Four people were allowed on the crew: Herzog, cinematographer Peter Zeitlinger, a sound recorder and one assistant. The incredible footage was shot in 3-D with battery powered lights as the crew transversed the floor of the cave on a series of 24-inch walkways. The results are amazing and the film has won many awards. Cave of Forgotten Dreams premiered at the 2010 Toronto International Film Festival. The film includes footage from inside the cave and the nearby Pont d’Arc natural bridge, and includes interviews with various scientists and historians. Kenneth Turan of the Los Angeles Times writes, “A sacred space where the human and the mystical effortlessly intertwine, and we are in Werner Herzog’s debt for that great gift.”

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General admission is $8, or purchase a film booklet of 11 tickets for $88. Film booklet holders must be seated no later than 6:45 p.m. to ensure a seat. All Monday night films begin at 7 p.m.

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Pat Schroeder To Share Perspective On Political Scene

On Tuesday, February 28 at the Sanibel Public Library, the illimitable Pat Schroeder, who represented Colorado in the United States House of Representatives from 1973 to 1997, will share her remarkable political journey with the Democratic Club of the Islands. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Educated at the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in History, Schroeder later earned a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1964. After moving to Colorado, she worked for the National Labor Relations Board, and later for Planned Parenthood. Elected to the House in 1973 at 31, she is the second youngest woman ever elected to that body. She won by only 8,000 votes, but was re-elected 11 more times and served 24 years as a Colorado Democrat.

While in Congress, Schroeder was the first woman to serve on the House Armed Services Committee. A prime mover behind the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, she was also involved in reform of Congress, questioning the long standing control of committees by their chairs and sparring with Speaker Carl Albert over Congressional “Hideaways.”

The feisty and witty Schroeder is remembered for chairing the 1987 Presidential campaign of Gary Hart, and then running for President herself, when he withdrew. At a farewell press conference, she stated that she had “spent 24 Years in a Federal Institution.” The humorous title for her memoir published in 1998 was 24 Years Of House Work… And The Place Is Still A Mess. Schroeder coined the famous phrase “Teflon President” to describe Ronald Reagan. She is also remembered for her frankness by saying that she “had an incredible urge to wash Richard Nixon’s face” because he wore makeup all the time.

Schroeder and her husband currently live in Celebration, Florida, where she is a strong supporter of Alan Grayson’s re-election to Congress. Pat will share her clear-eyed perspective on the current political climate nationally, as well as in Florida.

The Democratic Club of the Islands invites all islanders as well as any others who are interested in getting involved in progressive and Democratic politics to attend the meeting at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. Seating is limited, so it will be on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, call 395-9078 or e-mail demclubislands@gmail.com.

Poetic Voices

Sunrise At Bailey’s Store
(inspired by a painting by Peter Zell)
by Carol Kapla

Heading into the sunrise, She pedaled to the shore, The ocean’s roar a welcome sound On her way to Bailey’s Store.

Feeling lithe, yet marked by cares, She opened her basket in need of wares.

Free Wood Carving Exhibit

Wood carvers, both experienced and novices, will be exhibiting their carvings and demonstrating their various carving techniques at the annual Woodcarving Exhibit on Saturday, February 25 at the Estero Community & Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd. The exhibit will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit, presented by the Bonita Wood Carvers. There is no charge for admission or parking. Attendees will be able to view carvings from recent competitions as well as completed projects and carvings in progress. Wood carving supplies and equipment will be available for purchase.

Bonita Wood Carvers meet weekly throughout the year on Wednesday afternoons at the Estero Community & Recreation Center. Instruction is available for beginners and advanced carvers enhance their skills during the regular club sessions.

Additional information about the exhibit or Bonita Wood Carvers may be obtained by calling Lynn Sheeley at 482-6822.

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As director of regional strategic programs at the newly renamed Center for the National Interest (formerly The Nixon Center) in Washington, DC, Kemp is intensely focused on U.S. relations with Iran and Iraq and the geopolitics of energy in the Caspian Basin and Persian Gulf. Kemp served in the White House during the first Reagan Administration and was special assistant to the president for national security affairs.

Kemp is the author of 2010’s The East Mews West: India, China and Asia’s Growing Presence in the Middle East, an exploration of the growing influence of major Asian countries in the Middle East and its impact on American foreign policy. Kemp received his PhD in political science at M.I.T. and his master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Oxford University.

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BIG ARTS Scholarship
Applications Due March 30

The BIG ARTS Scholarship Award Program is accepting applications for the Robert Rauschenberg Scholarship and the Patricia Thurber Scholarship Trust. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 30.

Students who have professional goals to pursue visual arts, music, dance, theater, literary arts or film are invited to apply for one of the awards. Funds may be used for an educational institution’s tuition, books, art supplies and equipment. A scholarship committee will consider funding for, but not limited to, tuition associated with any arts-related degree or advanced workshops. Applicants are eligible to apply if they meet any of the following criteria:

- High school senior planning to study the arts
- Student currently enrolled in accredited undergraduate or graduate programs
- Applicants also must meet one of the following criteria:
  - Current resident of Sanibel or Captiva for at least two years
  - Currently employed on Sanibel or Captiva (or have a parent employed) for at least two years
  - Current member of BIG ARTS for at least two years (one year for students)
  - Current resident of Lee County

Applications are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road. All application materials and complete scholarship program information may also be downloaded online at www.BIGARTS.org/scholar.php. Scholarship inquiries may be emailed to info@BIGARTS.org.

All application materials are due no later than Friday, March 28.

For further information about the scholarship award program, call 239-395-0900 or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.
Senator Simpson Warns U.S. Debt Unsustainable

by Max Friedersdorf

Over spending by the federal government has placed the United States in an “impossible situation,” according to former U.S. Senator Alan K. Simpson during an address on February 8 before an enthusiastic and supportive audience at the BIG ARTS FORUM series in Schein Hall.

The humorous but deadly serious Simpson, who served three terms in the Senate and was a member of the Republican leadership, was interrupted three times by spontaneous applause, highly unusual at the FORUM where the moderator urges restraint and decorum.

The lanky westerner from Cody, Wyoming serves as co-chair of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform which has completed a one-year study of the government’s fiscally disastrous situation and is currently drafting legislative recommendations based on its 67-page report for presentation to Congress.

Simpson said that any politician that tells you the problem can be solved without cutting and reforming Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and Defense “is a fake, a total phony. There has been no shared sacrifice in this country since World War II. We send other people to fight our wars.”

Simpson explained that the federal debt now totals $16.2 trillion and requires the government to borrow 42 cents of every dollar we spend. “We have a treaty with Taiwan to defend them if attacked by China. If China moved in we would have to borrow money from China to defend Taiwan from China!”

“We are on the same fiscal trajectory as Portugal, Greece and Ireland,” Simpson warned, “and are just the tip of the iceberg as Portugal, Greece and Ireland,” as well as Spain, and Italy and possibly others.

Simpson reported that 105 special interest groups testified before the Commission hearings and they all thought cutting spending was a good idea, but, they all said, “don’t touch ours.”

If Medicare is not reduced, Simpson said, “it will eat a hole through this country that will be hard to repair.”

With regard to Social Security, Simpson recalled that the program was created in the mid-30s in the heart of the depression, “never as a retirement plan, but as an income supplement to replace 43 percent of income for the unemployed. At that time, life expectancy was 63; it is now 78.1 and going to 80. It would be rotten to let this system disappear without making it solvent.”

Simpson explained that the federal annual Department of Defense budget is now $760 billion compared to $560 billion for the next 14 countries on earth combined, including China and Russia... we asked the Pentagon how many contractors they had and they replied somewhere between one million and 10 million... this is the military-industrial complex Eisenhower warned about... I served in the army of occupation in Germany after World War II and those bases are still there... DOD is operating 116 school systems in the U.S. close to public schools, he noted.

Simpson warned, “and are just the tipping point when we go the way of Greece? Are we ready to cut back, are the American people ready to let go or are they totally captured by the howling lobbyists and special interests,” Simpson asked. “The answer will come from the markets, the money guys, not the politicians. They will want more interest on their loans and the resultant inflation will hurt the most vulnerable, the little guy. We have to begin talking sense or the markets will call the shots.”

During a lengthy and lively question session, the senator made the following additional points:

• The Commission will recommend, among others, the cutting of foreign aid, earmarks, waste, fraud and abuse, Congressional pensions, three-year pay freeze on Congress and the White House, reducing military pensions in line with civilian, and reduction of federal workforce through attrition.

• Grover Norquist is “the most powerful person in America,” according to Simpson, because he heads a powerful anti-tax lobby in Washington that has guarantees from 95 percent of the Republican congress to vote against raising taxes under any circumstances. (Simpson says this is unrealistic because the 15 percent average tax rate of gross national product is the lowest since the Korean War, and the $1 trillion tax loopholes in the tax code benefit only 10 percent of the people.)

• “If Congress is enthralled with Grover Norquist and AARP, we haven’t got a prayer,” Simpson added.

• “The Tea Party is not a bunch of goofies. They have offered to work with us. They know it is an unsustainable situation. Those congressmen who oppose cutting the big four programs of sacred Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and Defense may well get beat this election. Erskine and I have been out speaking all over the country to more than 500,000 people.

• “If Obama is re-elected, he will have a sudden epiphany about how bad the debt is and, clever guy that he is, take care of Medicare and Social Security, while Leon Panetta will surgically cut defense.”

• “The Supreme Court decision saying corporations are the worst ever made. They have opened the floodgates. This is most destructive and should be called the ‘How To Buy A President’ law.”

• “Term limits won’t work, the bureaucracy will always be there.”

• On the occupier movement across the nation, Simpson remarked, “You better pay attention; it’s out there. There are some anarchists involved. We have tried to protect the most vulnerable people in society. But, there are a lot of people in this country that are really, really hurting.”

• “Forget a Constitutional Amendment to balance the budget. It’s a sleeping pill. We don’t have years, the tipping point is here.”

(Compact discs of Senator Simpson’s important and informative remarks are available at BIG ARTS for $5).
Book Signing At The Shell Museum

Marianne Berkes, a children’s book author who has penned 11 books and has received several dozen awards for her work, will sign books at The Bailey-Mathews Shell Museum on March 4 from noon to 1 p.m.

Her second book, Seashells by the Seashore, was inspired by her shell collecting on Sanibel. “I had never seen such a variety of shell shapes and colors in any one place,” she said. “It was amazing to me that the creatures living inside these shells could create such incredible works of art.”

Her latest book, Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek!, follows the tracks of 10 woodland animals, teaching children about wildlife in a fun and creative way.

For more information, contact public programs specialist Diane Thomas at www.dothomas.org or 395-2233.

You Say ‘Tomato’

Come to the Sanibel Public Library on Friday, February 17 at 2 p.m. for a program on tomatoes. Betsy Eidem, library staff, will tempt your tastebuds with stories and recipes during this flavorful presentation.

Musician To Perform At Sanibel Library

The Sanibel Public Library presents Dave Kilbride on Tuesday, February 21 at 2 p.m. for another of his special music concerts.

Book Signing

Adventures in Paradise will hold a book signing with Captain Bob Sabatino on Saturday, February 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Adventures in Paradise Outfitters, 2019 Periwinkle Way, in the Tahitian Gardens Shopping Center.

Captain Bob Sabatino came to Sanibel and Captiva islands when they were still just islands off the coast of Southwest Florida, not a “hot” spot for vacationers. But in many senses the islands were truly a HOT spot! Captain Bob came to the islands from New York City, finding himself on a tropical paradise island where he lived, loved, and fished to the extreme. The freedom of the islands filled his days of perfection with fun and humor which you can enjoy by reading, Every Day is Saturday.

“The guy almost gave me a heart attack fighting a 70-pound tarpon on 20-pound test line! But all is forgiven… because I love his book,” said Willard Scott.

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Modern Piracy Class At Shell Point

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point invites the public to attend an academy class regarding Modern Piracy, Somali Pirates and The International Efforts Against Them on Thursday, March 1 in the Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point Retirement Community. Tickets are required to attend, and can be purchased for $10 each by calling 454-2054. Award winning maritime author and lecturer Robert Macomber returns to Shell Point to offer an overview of the piracy situation in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden. Guests will learn about the pirates, the merchant ships they prey upon, and the efforts of the international community to lessen the threat. Macomber will include in the presentation unclassified portions of his project for the Center for Army Analysis at Ft. Belvoir (Metro Washington, D.C.) and personal anecdotes from his own confrontation with pirates in Columbia.

"Robert Macomber has offered intriguing and informative presentations as part of our academy in the past, and we are so pleased to welcome him back," said Teri Kollath, manager of academy and volunteer services. "The topic of piracy has been in the news quite often in recent years, and this presentation will offer insight into this terrifying situation and the efforts that are taking place to help keep waters safe.

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point is a lifelong learning educational initiative for the residents of the retirement community. The academy provides anywhere from 70 to 90 classes each semester, that encompasses a well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults. The academy was named as one of 2008’s most innovative active aging programs by the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA), an association that supports professionals who develop wellness/fitness facilities and services for age 50-plus adults.

Shell Point Retirement Community is just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.

PAWS Pet Needs A Good Home

Meet 3-month-old Scarlet, who was found as a stray at ‘Tween Waters Inn on Captiva. She is very sweet, healthy, up to date on her shots and will soon be spayed.

To adopt Scarlet, call PAWS volunteer Pam at 472-4823. PAWS is in need of temporary foster homes.

Speaker Series On Civil War

FGCU will host a speaker series on the Civil War in Southwest Florida to celebrate Florida Archaeology Month in March.

The Southwest Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), hosted at Florida Gulf Coast University, presents, "More than a Trifling Affair: A Tour of Southwest Florida in the Civil War.

Lectures are free and open to the public.

March 1, 7 p.m. – FGCU Professor Irvin Winsboro presents Race and Civil War in Southwest Florida followed by a book signing session at the Southwest Florida Museum of History in Fort Myers.

March 8, 7 p.m. – Tara Giuliano, a University of West Florida graduate student presents Legend of the Field Stones in Old Bethel Cemetery: Using Archaeology to Explore Social Memory at Peter Westergaard House in Moore Haven.

March 15, 7 p.m. – Jacqueline Brown from Charlotte County Historical Center presents Charlotte County in the Civil War at the Historical Center in Port Charlotte.

March 22, 7:30 p.m. – Bill Mack, FGCU adjunct professor presents Between Two Fires: The Civil War in Southwest Florida at the Clewiston Museum.

March 29, 7 p.m. – Duane and Holly Shaffer present The Battle of Fort Myers and the Cow Cavalry at the Collier County Museum in Naples.

FPAN is a new direction to protect and preserve cultural resources and to involve the public in the study of the past. Regional centers around Florida serve as clearinghouses for information; places for learning, training and study; and headquarters for public participation in archaeology and historic preservation.

Suspense Author To Attend Book Signing Saturday

Dr. Allen Malnak will be at MacIntosh Books & Paper on Saturday, February 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. His debut novel, Hitler’s Silver Box, is both well-written and full of non-stop action and suspense.

After completing his medical residency and liver disease fellowship, Dr. Malnak practiced as a board-certified internist. He served as Chief of Internal Medicine at the U.S. Army Hospital in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was also a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Stritch School of Medicine of Loyola University. He is currently retired and resides in with his wife in Fort Myers.

MacIntosh Books & Paper is located at 2407 Periwinkle Way. If you are unable to attend the event, signed copies can be pre-ordered by phone at 472-1447.

Our email address is press@islandsunnews.com
Farrell To Discuss Southwest Florida Weather At Sanibel Public Library

On Wednesday, February 22 at 1 p.m., the Sanibel Public Library will welcome CBS affiliate station WINK-TV Chief Meteorologist Jim Farrell for an exciting presentation on weather in Southwest Florida.

Farrell was awarded the title of Certified Broadcast Meteorologist in March 2006, the highest level of achievement for a TV meteorologist.

After graduating from West Chester State College in Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Education, Jim moved to Southwest Florida in 1981 to teach science at North Fort Myers High School. He later went back to school for meteorology coursework at both The University of Kansas and Mississippi State University.

Jim began his television career in 1982, joined WINK-TV in 1992, and is now WINK-TV’s Chief Meteorologist, seen on WINK News at 5, 6, 7 and 11 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences recently awarded Farrell their Silver Circle Award for his contributions and exemplary service to the television industry for 25 years or more.

Enjoy Poetic Presentation Of Visual Art

ArtPoems, the collaborative transmedia poet and artist project of Southwest Florida, will celebrate its sixth year at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall Friday, February 24. There will be a reception beginning at 7 p.m., with the presentation to follow at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 general admission.

Ranging from the Peace River to Sanibel, from Cape Coral to Fort Myers and Naples, the group of 12 artists and 12 poets collaborated to produce poems inspired by artworks and artworks inspired by poems. Poets will perform their poems, villanelles, ballads, Fibonacci poems and free verse while the paired paintings, sculptures, photography and mixed media artwork are exhibited during the reception and digitally on stage during the performance.

This year Dance Alliance, a dance troupe collaborative, will join the writers in this performance with African drummers, two guitarists, a flutist, and a multi-instrumentalist.

Collaborating visual artists are Peg Cullen, Pascale Doxy, Cheryl Fausel, Stephen Hayford, Philip Heubeck, Shelia Hoen, Hollis Jeffcoat, Dennis Joyce, David King, Doug MacGregor, Andi McCarter and JR Roberts.

Book Signing With Jocelyn Miller

Author Jocelyn Miller will be appearing at MacIntosh Books & Paper on Thursday, February 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. She will be signing her fiction novels, Broken Cords and Tanglewood Plantation, both currently in paperback.

An interest in genealogy and early American history catapulted Miller to her present-day vocation; to write of the lives of women of all class and cultures throughout the early centuries of civilized America. An avid student of colonial, frontier and Victorian history, she has dedicated many hours and travels to the research of historical facts and details pertaining to the lives of women of these eras.

MacIntosh Books & Paper is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Thursday, March 1. Alliance for the Arts located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

ArtPoems will be presented at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1. For more information, visit the ArtPoems Facebook page and the Alliance for the Arts website.

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. Sanibel and Captiva by Jim Anderson
2. Chasing Midnight by Jim Wayne White
3. School of Essential Ingredients by Ellen Bauerman
4. Language of Flowers by Vanessa Dillenbaugh
5. Tiger’s Wife by Tea Obreht
6. Kitchen House by Kathie Grissom
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As part of Shellabration! 2012, The Community House will be hosting the Shell Couture Fashion Show featuring garments embellished with shells. The fashion show and luncheon will be on Monday, February 27 beginning at 11 a.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club, Sanibel. The grand prize fashion designer will receive $500. Shell-themed works of art are still needed for the silent auction. Contributing shell continued on page 6B

**Community Joins In For The Shellabration**

Shellabration 2012! is an island wide, week-long celebration of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, designed as a tribute to the islands’ shell bounty. The celebration will run from February 17 through March 4, with the shell fair and show running March 1 to 3 at The Community House.

Shellabraters from around the island are joining in on the excitement with events and promotions. Below is the list of Shellabraters:

- **Amy’s Something Special**, 630 Tarpon Bay Road, is offering a 15 percent discount on locally made shell pendants wrapped in sterling silver.
- The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is offering free admission to the museum on Monday, February 27.
- BIG ARTS invites visitors to Show Your Shell Smarts. 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, or The Herb Strauss Theater at 2200 Periwinkle Way (directly across from the shell fair). Identify the shell, add it to the collection, and receive special discounted ticket pricing on select BIG ARTS programs from February 27 through March 3. The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will have a shell-themed exhibit in The Herb Strauss Theater lobby.
- **Billy’s Bikes & 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.
- **Cheeburger Cheeburger** will have a kids coloring contest for ages 12 and under. Come in and color the Cheeburger Shellabration coloring pages for a chance to win Cheeburger prizes.
- **JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge** will offer ranger-led beach walks at the refuge’s Perry Tract at Gulfside City Park; shell-related Reading at the Refuge session with shell crafts on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3 at 11 a.m.; free touch tank demonstration at Tarpon Bay Recreation Area; Blair Witherington, author of Florida’s Living Beaches, will give a lecture on Friday, March 2.
- **The Great White Grill** has created its own microbrew, a lager called Shellabration Beer, available only during Shellabration week. There will be Shellabration beer specials all week long.
- **JB Designs** will offer cards designed by local photographer/artist Boyd Johnson of Sanibel, dubbed Shells. Customers will get a free sand dollar with purchases of $20 or more during Shellabration week.
- **RS Walsh Landscaping** will offer a selection of ceramic and terra cotta planters in a variety of shell shapes, suitable for orchids or small tropical arrangements.
- **Sanibel Sea Shells** invites visitors to show and luncheon will be on Monday, February 27 beginning at 11 a.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club, Sanibel. The grand prize fashion designer will receive $500. Shell-themed works of art are still needed for the silent auction. Contributing shell continued on page 6B

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**Shellabration Continues At The Community House**

The final event for Shellabration! 2012 will be Rusty Brown’s one-woman show, In Celebration of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, on Sunday, March 4 at 1 p.m. Step back in time with Rusty Brown as she celebrates the life of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, who frequently visited Captiva Island in the ‘40 and ‘50s. While on the island, Lindbergh conceived the idea for her book Gift from the Sea which is based on shells found on the beach.

Staff will be on hand to assist you in design and planting of your arrangements. There will also be a variety of larger glazed pottery in shell shapes and ocean colors.

- **Sanibel Sea Shells** invites visitors to stop by and play a round of Scavenger Jeopardy.
- **The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village** will have several shell collections on display throughout Shellabration week inside the Rutland Home, Barnep Cottage, Morning Glories and the Old Schoolhouse.
- **She Sells Sea Shells** will be running two promotions during Shellabration week: 25 percent off craft supplies that include wood and paper mache boxes and frames, along with many other paper and wood items, glue, glue, glitter, glass jars and mirror backs; a Sailor’s Valentine Sale, with the regular price of $275 reduced to $75. Sale applies to 10-inch traditional antique flower design with a multi-colored shell. Limited quantities.

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Zonta Peek Tour Features Jewel Found On Captiva

Visitors lucky enough to experience Susen and Jim Berg’s magnificent gulf-front home on Captiva could easily mistake it for an Italian palazzo built on the shores of Mediterranean. Villa Paradiso, as it is so aptly named, evokes images of Venice, Morocco and Europe.

Filled with touches of Europe, including original artwork and a chapel featuring a hand-carved replica of medieval German artist Tilman Reimenschneider’s The Last Supper, the home is one of four featured on this year’s A Peek At The Unique.

The Peek is the main fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva and will be held on Saturday, March 24. “Peekers,” as tour participants are called, can purchase tickets by calling 1-888-891-4689.

Villa Paradiso is sure to stun attendees with other touches of Europe and Italy such as the 475-pound Murano glass chandelier, a 17th century tapestry and antiques too numerous to count. The five-bedroom home also features authentic architectural touches like Moorish arches and spa; hand-hewn doors made of exotic hardwoods; a luxurious Romanesque pool and outdoor deck; and a theater replete with a box office, attendant and snack stand.

Possibly the most unusual feature of the home is the small chapel that houses a replica The Last Supper. The original woodcarving, which is housed in St. Jakob’s Church in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, stands about four feet high, weighs 400 pounds and was carved between the years 1500 and 1505.

The Bergs commissioned German artist Florian Hartle to carve the replica, which took one year to make and is about 25 percent smaller than the original. It sits above the altar of the chapel and serves as the small room’s magnificent focal point.

“Both of us are very eclectic in our tastes,” said Susen Berg of the home’s many centuries-old appointments. “We both share a love of antiques.”

The Bergs, who hail from Crystal Lake, Illinois where they still have a house, searched the Caribbean, Mexico and parts of the U.S. for their dream retirement home. Jim Berg stumbled across the Captiva property, where a 1950s, two-bedroom cottage once stood, during a business trip in 2004. With Berg, a builder by trade overseeing every detail, the couple broke ground on their house that same year completing construction two and a half years later.

Now in its 11th year, The Peek has sold out in years past and organizers expect this year to be no different. But even those who don’t attend the tour can contribute to Zonta’s charitable efforts helping women and girls locally and around the globe by purchasing raffle tickets for Six Chances at The Unique, which include prizes worth thousands of dollars. Raffle tickets are $10 each and available from any club member and will be on sale outside Bailey’s General Store on weekends in March leading up to the Peek and at the Sanibel Farmer’s Market on Sunday, March 18.

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

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Charley Ball of Barefoot Charley’s Painting Company helped The Sanibel School Fund’s annual car raffle fundraiser with a $100 donation.

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“A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to those who have already given so generously. But to those who have not yet given to United Way, it is not too late. Your gift is important to our community and the need is very real. The need for services has continued increasing as the local economy drags on,” explained Uhler. “Please donate by calling 433-2000 or visiting the United Way website at www.unitedwaylee.org/donate.”

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives. The United Way advances the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for everyone in our community.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades is approaching the conclusion of the 2011-12 United Way Campaign, with only four weeks left. As of January 30, the United Way Campaign had raised just over $7.1 million, which is 89 percent of the goal of $8,030,533.

“The United Way of Lee, Hendry & Glades will wrap up our annual campaign February 29, and, although we’re 89 percent of the way to our goal of $8,030,533, we need everyone’s help to get this done,” said Tom Uhler, United Way Campaign chair. “We must make this year’s goal so that we can fully fund the United Way network of agencies. I am passionate about what United Way and its 70 partner agencies do for our community. I hope you will share my passion and help make a difference in someone’s life.”

Uhler continued, “You have the power to make a difference in the lives of your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and even your own family members who my need the services of a United Way Partner Agency. A single contribution to United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades helps create opportunities for a better life for everyone in our community.

“Your United Way gift means food for hungry families, shelter for the abused, respite for Alzheimer’s caregivers, and a healthy start for babies and toddlers,” Uhler added. “Your gift does these things and more and your gift stays here in our own community.”

In addition to Bank of the Islands, tickets are available at Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, at Galeana FIAT of Fort Myers and at the Sanibel Island Farmer’s Market.

The Sanibel School Fund is 501(c) organization of parents and friends of the school that has raised 100 percent of the funding for the school’s foreign language program and has contributed arts, music, physical education, and technology program enhancements. The foreign language program helped The Sanibel School earn the Blue Ribbon designation from the U.S. Department of Education.

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Admission is $20 for members and $22 for guests. Call 472-2155 for tickets or visit www.shellabration2012.com. The Community House is at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

Special thanks to Mike Kelly for sponsoring this event.
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.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought. Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance exercises, core strength and flexibility exercises. Strengthen, lengthen and gain flexibility. Sandi McDougall is the instructor.

Chair Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. 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.

Fitness Opportunities at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Phone 472-0345 or go to www.mysanibel.com and check under the Recreation Department for more information.

Page Turners Book Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is March 14. Ann Rodman, volunteer coordinator, welcomes ideas for books to read and discuss and for facilitators to lead the discussions. Contact Rodman at annrodman@aol.com or at 395-2191.

Knit Wits – Tuesdays at 1 p.m. If you knit or crochet, bring your project to the center and share tips with others.

Games At The Center
Bridge – 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday
Hand & Foot – 1 p.m. Tuesday
Mahjong – 1 p.m. Thursday
Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday

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Bridge Lessons with Bruce and Christl Smith – Tuesday and Thursday, March 5, 8, 12, 15 and 19. Leisure Lunchers and Thrift and Consignment Connoisseurs – Tuesday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m., Ball Yorney Irish Pub on South Tamiami Trail.


Tuesdsay Kayaking – February 28. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Meet at the center unless an off island launch is scheduled. Everyone is encouraged to take a turn leading the group. Bring water, snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is $5 for members, $10 for non-members per trip. Members have first priority. Come by the center to sign up.

Introduction to Computers and Windows 7 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 and 3 p.m. March 5, 7, 9, 12 and 14. Bruce and Christl Smith are the instructors. This class is designed for the novice user. Turn on the PC and discover how to click, create, save and print a document. You must be able to attend all five sessions. Cost is $115 for members and $150 for non-members. Limited to six students. You must pay upon signing up.

Picasa with Patty – Wednesday and Thursday, February 29 and 30, 1 to 3 p.m. Hands-on training in Picasa, a free program from Google. Learn to copy photos from your camera or memory card to your PC, and create and edit albums to share by email. Crop, resize, sharpen and brighten colors. Class is limited to six students. Cost is $60 for members, $90 for non-members. Bring your camera and cable, memory card or card reader with 10 to 20 photos.

Car Fit Workshop with Lee County Sheriff’s Department – Friday, March 2. Call the center for details.

Wheat-free & Gluten-free Products – Thursday, March 22 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. (limit of six participants at each one-hour session). Hosted by Bailey’s General Store, which offers more than 1,000 wheat-free/gluten-free products, this seminar with Rachel Lamners will include product samples and manufacturer representatives.

Grief Therapy with Dottie Morrison – February 24, 1:30 p.m. Morrison will discuss the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual effects of grief and teach you how to deal with friends who are grieving and ways to help yourself through the process.

Make a lasting tribute to yourself, a friend or family member with a Luc Century memorial brick on the pathway. Cost is $100.

For more information call the center at 472-5743.
Visitor Numbers Jump 16 Percent

Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce members have had a great boost to the start of season. The chamber has recorded a significant increase of 16.2 percent in visitor numbers in January; 19,400 visitors came to the chamber visitor center. During the same period last year, 16,700 visitors stopped at the visitor center.

“The chamber visitor center has been extremely busy over the past month,” said Ric Base, president of the chamber. “We have seen a significant rise in traffic on both our islands and our retailers are reporting that business is up and showing early signs that this season may be one of our best. Advance bookings for accommodations on Sanibel and Captiva are holding up well for the whole season.

Sanibel was recently voted the number one destination in the world by Frommers, one of the most trusted names in the travel industry. Many believe that this prestigious award combined with Sanibel and Captiva’s natural bounty of endless sunshine and magnificent beaches will ensure a very successful 2012 season.

Mardi Gras Celebration At Congress

Congress Jewelers invites you to let the good times roll during its Mardi Gras celebration Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 23 through 25. The Periwinkle Place store will be stocked with a special collection of rare diamonds, South Seas pearls, gemstones and Swiss timepieces from designers including Yvel, Norman Silverman, Ethos, Jenny Perl, Ivanka Trump Collection, Chimento, Roberto Coin, Marco Bicego, A. Link and Gumuchian.

Congress Jewelers will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day, and Mardi Gras-style entertainment, cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will add to the festivities.

“We’ve stocked the store with exciting pieces for this event,” said proprietor Scot Congress. “We look forward to catching up with some old friends and introducing newcomers to the Congress Jewelers traditions of style, service and outstanding quality.”

Congress Jewelers is a member of the American Gem Society, which includes less than five percent of jewelers in North America. For more information, call 472-4177 or go to www.CongressJewelers.com.

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Island blog posted Fridays at SanibelSusan.wordpress.com
Island Restaurants Serving Up New Ideas For The Season

by Anne Mitchell

Chef A.J. Black of II Tesoro Ristorante, Sanibel, is in town this week and will personally cook recipes from his book, Chefs At Home. The menu items include Lobster Agro-dolce and Lobster Ravoli with Brown Butter and Sage; Primri Piatti Papardelle Bolognese; Braised Lamb Ratatouille over Risotto Rustica; and Chocolate Fondant.

Black and his wife Joelene also own restaurants in New York City and Martha’s Vineyard as well as Dolce Tesoro café and bakery on Sanibel. II Tesoro on Sanibel is three years old this month and Dolce Tesoro in Tahitian Gardens has just celebrated its first anniversary.

To make a reservation, call II Tesoro Ristorante, 751 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel at 395-4022.

The Canoe & Kayak Restaurant at ‘Tween Waters Inn. Captiva, is appealing not just to the senses of taste and smell but also to sight with the return of its Artist Lunches series. This week’s featured artist is Cynthia Ray’s Warm Glass With Class jewelry through Sunday, February 19.

Diners can have lunch overlooking the back bay, meet the artist and perhaps purchase a work of art.

The Canoe & Kayak Restaurant is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161. Lunch is served Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

Sanibel may not have a sushi restaurant but that doesn’t mean lovers of these delectable raw fish concoctions cannot get their fix on the island.

Tuesday is Sushi Night at the Twilight Restaurant & Wine Bar. And if you dine any night before 6 p.m. you get 10 percent off your entire check or a free bottle of wine. Twilight is at 2430 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-8818.

Kimberly Scully is the new general manager of Matzaluna, the Italian Kitchen on Sanibel. Scully most recently managed the Panera Bread restaurant at Page Field Commons in Fort Myers, one of the highest volume Panera locations in the country. Her previous positions include management and server training for Roy’s Restaurants, Walt Disney Resorts and House of Blues.


Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn is now open seven days a week for buffet breakfast and dinner with live entertainment nightly from 5 p.m. It is located at 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

Lily Rose at The Sanibel Bead Shop is running Series classes starting March 1. The first class is Sea Garden Pendant, a four-hour class to learn how to make this adaptation of Mary Hottinger’s Flower Garden Pendant. Pick charms from a selection for the theme of your choice. Hottinger, who is teaching the class, is a seasonal Sanibel resident and a longtime customer of the bead shop. Cost is $50 plus supplies.

Other Nature Series classes include Leaf Cascade, Lotus Flower, Leaf Lariat and Coral Eddy.

The Intro to Beading class is free. You can learn basic beading to create a professional-looking bracelet, necklace or anklet. The signature island bracelet features the store’s exclusive Sanibel or Captiva pebble, or you can create any other design of your choice. All beads and components for this class must be purchased from the store.

The Sanibel Bead Shop is at 1101 Periwinkle Way in Treetops Center, phone 395-1180.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

The Stone Crab – A Shrimp & Seafood House, features Danny Morgan & Friends on Wednesdays and Buckeye Ken on Saturday. The restaurant is at 2761 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-0305.

Cip’s Place has live music from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday with Jimmy G on steel drums. Steve “Scooter” Reynolds performs Thursday and Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. Cip’s is at 2055 Periwinkle Way. Phone 472-0223.

By popular demand, George & Wendy’s Corner Grill has added Karaoke on Thursdays to its entertainment line-up. On Fridays, Robbie Hutto and Chris Workman will alternate. The restaurant is at 2499 Periwinkle Way Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

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

Traditions on the Beach has live entertainment nightly with Prime Rib Prime Jazz every Wednesday. The restaurant is at the Island Inn, 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly from 7 to 11 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, various artists are featured. On Sunday, it’s Jamaica “Dave” & Co., reggae and dance; Monday, Renata, jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, Steve “Scooter” Reynolds, acoustic guitar, contemporary music and dance; Wednesday, Buckeye Ken, contemporary; Top 40 and blues; Thursday, 2 Hot, contemporary, reggae and dance. The Jacaranda is at 1223 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-1771.

Traders features music by Chris Workman Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m., and Danny Morgan and Friends on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Traders is at 1551 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-7242.

Chip’s Sanibel Steakhouse features Michael David playing light classical guitar on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The steakhouse is at 1473 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-5700.

The Crow’s Nest at ‘Tween Waters Inn, Captiva has entertainment Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races are Mondays and Thursdays with the family show at 5:30 p.m. and grown-up races at 9 p.m. The Crow’s Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

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

RC Otter’s, 11506 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, has live music daily with dining inside and out, phone 395-1142.

Restaurant owners/managers, please e-mail or fax your entertainment schedule to Anne Mitchell at islandsuncity@aol.com or 395-2299 x7.

Learn how to make these nature-theme jewelry pieces, clockwise from top left: Sea Garden Pendant, Lotus Flower Cluster and Leaf Cascade at The Sanibel Bead Shop.
Thank You to Our Flag Football Sponsors 2010-2011

by Eric Pfeifer

One hundred twenty seven children, 14 teams, 28 volunteer coaches, 150 practices, 49 games, six cheerleaders, four or five PTA moms, one recreation department, and many patient parents: this is what our community is all about. And this is what Friday Night Lights is all about on Sanibel.

We just completed our 9th season of the NFL sanctioned Sanibel Flag Football League. There was a record number of boys and girls participating this year, and games were played under the lights on the fields at The Sanibel School on Friday nights. The experiences this year ranged from kids learning which way to run, what a first down is, and how to complete a pass to reverse sweeps, play action passes, head fakes on stop and go, and even a trick play where the center hands the ball to a running back claiming the ball is flat while the runner takes off.

In the younger division, the Packers beat the undefeated Lions to take first place. In the middle division, the other Packers beat the Panthers to win first place. Maybe the real Packers in the NFL could take some lessons from the Sanibel coaches! And in the older division, the dream team first place Jets were upset by the Dolphins in a close game.

On behalf of the Sanibel Flag Football players and coaches, we would like to thank our sponsors: Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Cooper Construction, Island Pizza, Kiwanis, Island Sun, Hungry Heron, Lazy Flamingo, Nick Adams Photography, and Pfeifer Realty Group.

Thank You Island Friends

The Fort Myers High School Lacrosse Team says thank you to the Sanibel and Captiva community for supporting its student car wash at Bank of the Islands this past November. The funds raised went to the varsity athletics program. The lacrosse team washed 100 cars and raised $1,000 to keep their program alive. Many of the team members are graduates of The Sanibel School.
He had his own shop but when he and Terri retired 26 years ago they joined the flock of snowbirds – winters here on Sanibel and summers back home at the lake in Connecticut.

But last year that too changed. “Just too expensive to keep two places,” he explained. “We moved year-round into a place at Shell Point. All three of us.”

That’s Gosselin, his wife and their carefully tended 21-year-old staghorn fern, which has been installed in a tree adjacent to their building entrance.

Curious about his “long agos,” I asked him what he wanted to be when he was growing up. “I’d been brought up in the Christian faith and always assumed I’d enter the religious life; not as a monk but somehow formally committed. After several years I discovered I didn’t have a vocation, so I sought advice from my older brother.”

Knowing Goz’s interest in flowers, his brother suggested he investigate those possibilities. This led to a Boston school specializing in floral design. After completing the course, he not only received his certificate but also a number of high awards. He got a job with a local florist specializing in floral design. After completing the course, he not only received his certificate but also a number of high awards. He got a job with a local florist immediately, a job he kept for 15 years until he opened his own shop.

When I talked with him, Gosselin was at The Community House, where the shell crafters meet each Monday. He coordinates the volunteers during the Shell Fair and the group was busy preparing for their upcoming March event.

Looking around the room he noted that only a handful of the real old-timers were still there. He pointed out Ann Arnoff, who’s been chair of the Shell Fair since 1992, Betty and Clair Gardner, and his own wife, Terri.

This brought me to my next question. “How did you two meet? Was it an interest in flowers, or shells?” “No. We met at a singles square dance group in Hartford. Terri had spotted me and was grooming me for her daughter. Silly. The person who really interested me was Terri.”

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“Are they used often?” I asked.

“One judge told me that while a few crafters use them, I was the only one who did it successfully. Now I like to think of myself as the pen shell perfectionist,” he said.

Creating intricate shell-based floral designs and helping other crafters do the same is where he is these days. Each Monday you’ll find him hard at work sharing skills and encouraging crafters as they create the myriad entries which will augment the annual Shell Fair in March. And come this event, for the first time in 11 years, Gosselin will be entering pieces of his own. They cover three different categories: a large flower arrangement, a miniature flower arrangement and a shell box.

“What are your hopes and dreams for this year’s show?” I asked.

“Well, since this is the 75th year of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show I’m hoping for good weather and a fabulous turnout.”

“And for your own pieces?” I asked. “Seriously,” he said, “I sure hope my big one sells. Frankly, we just don’t have room enough for it at home anymore.”

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Dunes Women’s Golf Event Results

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Dunes Women’s Golf Association event results from the Friday, February 10 Sweetheart Tournament.

1st  Ed Greenberg  85
Karen Hendricks
Claudia Finzen
Jeanne Lindman

2nd  Gordon Rains  87
Gussie Blue
Betsy Cox

3rd  Howard Dwyer  88
Nancy McConnell
Cathy Sleiter
Carol Brodersen

4th  Bill Hitchkiiss  89
Jana Stone
Janice McNeal
Mardi Glenn

5th  Gary Dutton  92
Judy Wellons
Maureen Rains
Judy Yenkole

6th  Don Weymouth  92
Nancy Greenberg
Joan Kent
Doris Dewitt

Skill Contest Winners
Closest To The Line
Ladies #10  Kenene Weymouth
Men #10  Ed Greenberg

Closest To The Pin
Men
#9  Howard Dwyer
#11  Roy Brodersen

Ladies
#2  Cathy Sleiter
#17  Judy Wellons

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2. Rosemary and Frank Bloom
3. Alaine and Herman Jass
4. Clara and Terry Terrana
5. Phyllis and Ken Hoover

East/West
1. Bobbie Hirshberg and Rick Huff
2. Mary and Dick Butler
3. Sue Danford and Harriet Edwards
4. Mollie Avery and Yvonne Dressel
5. Connie Braun and Myra Fisher

The game runs for six months, November through April, at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call Susan Willoughby at 287-3258.

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Beachview Men’s Golf Results

submitted by Jack Tukey

On Tuesday February 7, the Beachview Men played a four person two best ball event.

The winning foursome was Rene “the putter” Lohser, Guy “what a Guy” Tober, Tony “Bricks” Baldino and Bob “the Car” Cushman. Their putting and steady play produced a score of 104 for the two best net balls. In second place was the four-some of Rich Rompala, Bjorn Olsson, Bob Ritchlin and Jack Schmidt with a score of 106. In third place was the team of Jim Sauer, Robert Byrne, David Smith and Roger Cogswell with a score of 111.

On Saturday February 11, the men split up into two-man teams to play a one best ball format. Due to an uneven number of players, some men had to rely on a blind draw to find out their best ball score. In fact, the winner was Jerry Mader and the blind draw with a best ball score of 55. Mader actually tied the two-man team of Rich Rompala and Al Krause who were awarded second place after a score card play-off determined their fate. Rene Lohser and Dave Bugby were in third place with a close net score of 56.

Next week the men will play for the Beachview Club Championship and scores from Tuesday and Saturday will be combined to determine the winners.

Sanibel Sends Seven Players To Senior Games

Seven players from the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League participated in eight-ball competition in the Lee County Senior Games at Diamond Billiards in Cape Coral on Sunday, February 12.

League organizer Bob Buntrock, a member of Bunt’s Ball Busters, won a gold medal in the 80-84 age bracket. Additional medal winners were John Gonzalez from Bathroom Magic, with a silver medal in the 60-64 age bracket; Kevin Pottorf from Sandycappers, with a silver medal in the 50-54 age bracket; and Terry Ricotta from Bunt’s Ball Busters, with a bronze medal in the 60-64 age bracket.

Kip Johnson from Bunt’s Ball Busters, and Dennis Bender and Jack Dalton from Bathroom Magic, also played in the competition.

The Lee County Senior Games is run annually by the Lee County Parks & Recreation Department. This year, a dozen events will be contested over a three month period, from January 21 through March 27. The events are archery, badminton, basketball, bowling, billiards, boocball, horseshoes, pickelball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, and tennis. More than 500 senior athletes compete in the games each year.

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**Standings through February 13**

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Bunt’s Ball Busters vs. Chalk & Awe (postponed)

**Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League**

**Busters Become Top Pool Team**

For the third time this season, Bunt’s Ball Busters flushed Bathroom Magic down the proverbial drain with a 10-6 win in front of a raucous crowd at the American Legion. The victory vaulted the Busters into first place with only four weeks remaining in the season.

Rich Ennis led the victors with a 4-0 drubbing of Bathroom Magic captain Dennis Bender. Magic’s Jack Dalton helped his team avoid total disaster when he won his last two games against Ball Buster Dave Doane with a long bank and then a cross bank on the winning eight balls.

After losing seven out of eight while his gal pal, Courtney, was visiting balls. Then a cross bank on the winning eight balls.

### Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announces the 14th annual Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic is set for Thursday, February 23 on the championship-level Wee Friendly and Long Mean courses at Fiddleticks Country Club in Fort Myers. Sponsorships and golf slots are available.

Past participants include 2009 American League MVP Joe Mauer, Hall of Famers Bert Blyleven, Rod Carew and Paul Molitor; Brian Duensing, Matt Capps, Danny Valencia, Tony Oliva, Kent Hrbek, 2010 American League Manager of the Year Ron Gardenhire and many other Twins celebrities and players.

The Classic supports programs and treatments at Lee Memorial Health System’s Regional Cancer Center.

The tournament includes luncheon, golf, on-course beverages, dinner and awards. Registration is available at www.walkforwishes.net.

### Walk For Wishes 5K Walk/Run

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida will be holding its Walk For Wishes 5K Walk/Run on March 24 at Florida Gulf Coast University Recreation Field at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers.

All ages are encouraged to participate to help make wishes come true for local children with life-threatening medical conditions. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the 5K walk/run beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The race will be a timed 5K run.

Participants are also invited to walk. It’s all about participation, having fun and raising funds to grant local wishes. At the end of the race, there will be a Family Fun Day complete with a bounce house, face painter, food and activities. Family Fun Day begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 11 a.m.

Pre-registration fees for the Walk For Wishes are $25 for adults, $15 for students and $10 for children 12 years of age and younger. Event-day registration is $30 for adults, $20 for students and $15 for children 12 and under.

Registration is available at www.walkforwishes.net to sign up as an individual and to register a team. Any team that continued on 23B
Body Analysis

Complimentary body composition analysis screenings will be offered at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Wednesday, February 29 from noon until 2 p.m.

Body composition is an important component in determining one’s fitness level and overall health. Find out your body’s ratio of body fat to lean body mass. Call 472-0345 to schedule your appointment.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Skin Cancer Screenings

Harris Dermatology will be offering a complimentary skin cancer screening at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Friday, February 17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Screenings are quick and easy. The exam is a non-invasive, visual inspection of exposed areas of the body that will be done after a brief medical history is completed. No appointment or registration necessary; walk-ins are welcome.

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

Rec Center Zumba Event To Benefit Special Equestrians

On Monday, February 20, the Sanibel Recreation Center will host a Zumba fundraiser for Special Equestrians, a therapeutic riding program which benefits Making Miracles Happen of Fort Myers.

Supporters will take part in Zumba at the Rec Center, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. A membership card or photo ID is required. Participants are asked to arrive early. In addition, all donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Shelly Clark at 617-633-3144 or shellc1@comcast.net.

Healthy Heart Month Schedule

The Sanibel Recreation Center continues to promote Healthy Heart Month with a variety of health screenings and activities. On Friday, February 17, the recreation center is offering skin cancer screenings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., provided by Harris Dermatology.

Saturday, February 18 is a tennis exhibition from 9 to 10 a.m., followed by a tennis tournament from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be on site from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A yoga class will be held Sunday, February 19 from 1 to 2 p.m.

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Play ‘Ready Golf’

by Matt Oakley, PGA Golf Professional

The PGA has done studies, and the number one reason why most people leave the game of golf is that it takes too much time. This is an issue to me that we, as golf professionals, must address.

Not only is it my job to give the people that play the game the best available experience, I am also responsible for bringing new people into the game.

One of the best ways to have golf take less time is to practice what we call “Ready Golf.” Here are some examples and tips:

1. Everyone should be ready to play when it is their turn to hit. For example, working at the course every day, I see two carts with four people in them driving out to one golf ball. One person gets out and that person hits their shot. That person gets back into the cart and the two carts drive to the next ball five yards away.

2. Leave your cell phone in the clubhouse or at home. If you must take it, put it on vibrate for emergencies. Nothing is worse than playing golf and the guy you are playing with is trading stocks on the tee.

3. Unless you are playing in a tournament, hit when ready on the tee. I know the rules of golf say that the person with the lowest score on the last hole hits first on the next tee, but common sense in non-tournament situations tells me that if the guy with the lowest score on the last hole hits first on the next tee, then Jim, I have seen the police search for a ball 50 yards from where you know they hit it. You can then guide them as to where to search. Or, if it obviously went 20 yards into the water, you can tell them they shouldn’t bother searching the bank for five minutes looking for it.

4. Be a dictator. “Bob, I think you are next to putt.” When Congress come to a decision quicker than some groups deciding who is next to putt, then Jim. I have seen the police search for four or five people will search for a golf ball they just lost and unfortunately won’t be your last. Take a second, look around, get over it and drop one by the rules and let the person hit it. You can then guide them as to where to search. Or, if it obviously went 20 yards from where you know they hit it. You can then tell them they shouldn’t bother searching the bank for five minutes looking for it.

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I hope these tips make your next round of golf quicker.

Douglas Mallon -2
Alternates
Dave Blue -4
Russell Broadwell -8
Congratulations to all the winners.

Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Nifty Niners event results from Thursday, February 9, Format 1, 2, 3 Net Better Balls of 4, are:

1st Lesley Simmons 58
Bridget Funk
Sue Altum
Gerri Perkins
Valerie Hotchkiss 60
Janice McNeal
Nancy Hopkins
Sandra Jones
Maureen O’Brien 63
Gay Nichols
Trudy Burkholder
**Blind Draw**
Gay Nichols
Lesley Simmons hole #6 – chip in for birdie.

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- **NEW LISTING**
- Newer Florida style home
- 4BR/3BA, nice quality throughout
- Wood floors, fireplace, granite kitchen
- Oversized pool, enclosed lower level
- $499,000 (2120134)

Jim Hall 239-472-5187 x 215

**Harbour Cottages**
- **NEW LISTING**
- 3BR/2BA split floor plan home
- Canal views, direct access to bay
- Large dock and boat lift
- $1,429,000 (2120151)

Fred & Shane Spring 472-5187 x 284/285

**Picture Perfect**
- **NEW LISTING**
- 3BR/2.5BA Olde Florida style home
- Top quality furnishings & condition
- $725,000 (2120183)

Debbie Staley 472-5187 x 258

**Harbour Isle Y & R Club**
- **NEW LISTING**
- Three bedroom, three bath
- Corner unit with water views
- $439,000 (2120125)

Jim Hall 239-472-5187 x 215

**Kimball Lodge**
- **NEW LISTING**
- 2BR/2BA direct gulf view condo
- Third floor, corner unit next to elevator
- $629,000 (2110538)

Glen Simmons 472-5187 x 332

**Sanibel Marina Canal**
- **PRICE REDUCED**
- Upscale ground-level spacious 3BR/3BA home
- Boat dock near Sanibel Marina
- $950,000.00 (2100353)

Mary Lou Bailey 239-472-5187 x 246

**Gulf Front Beach Condo**
- **PRICE REDUCED**
- Popular Sundial 3BR/2BA condo
- Invest in a resort style vacation home
- $995,000 (2111041)

Robin Humphrey & Associates 472-5187 x 218/241

**Coquina Beach Condo**
- **PRICE REDUCED**
- Gulf front building, very near beach
- Ground level 2BR/2BA, screened lanai
- $379,000 (2111335)

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FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012

My Stars ★★★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don’t expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you’re feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it’s for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It’s up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don’t wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It’s nice to know that you’re finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending situation could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you’re under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don’t seem to be working out as you’d hoped. Don’t fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories.” — John Wilmot

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1 pound rock shrimp, peeled
6 slices whole-wheat white bread
3 tablespoons butter, softened
1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
6 eggs, beaten
2 cups half and half
1 teaspoon salt

Add shrimp to boiling water and cook for two minutes; drain well and set aside. Spread butter on both sides of bread slices and then cut off the crusts. Place buttered bread in a greased 13x9-inch baking dish. On top of bread, layer in this order: rock shrimp, cheese and tomatoes. Combine eggs, half and half, and salt. Mix well and pour over tomatoes. Cover casserole and chill overnight. Remove from refrigerator 15 minutes before baking. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees F for 45 minutes or until set. Remove from oven and let cool for five minutes before serving.

Yields eight servings

Nutritional Value Per Serving
Calories 328, Calories From Fat 158, Total Fat 18g, Saturated Fat 9g, Trans Fatty Acid 0g, Cholesterol 285mg, Total Carbohydrates 17g, Protein 26g, Omega 3 Fatty Acid 0g

Look for “Fresh from Florida” ingredients at your grocery store.

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**Walk For Wishes**

raises $2,500 or more will be named a partner in sponsoring a child’s wish, and any team that raises $5,000 or more will be named a sponsor for a child’s wish.

Sponsorships are still needed, ranging from $500 to $5,000. The goal is to raise enough money to grant live local wishes. Organizers ask that the community help make local wishes come true – walk, run, create a team – participate. Contact Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or lcolantonio@sflawish.org to reserve a sponsorship.

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- Dine & Living Room, Huge Screened Deck
- Family size kitchen with breakfast bar
- Large pool with all day sun
- Asking $898,900

**SEASPRAY-SANIBEL'S FINEST SUBDIVISION**
- Gracious gulf front home
- 4+ bedrooms, 4.5 baths with 5000 SF
- Elevator, multiple living areas, and porches
- Beach and landscaped
- Asking $5,695,000

**ANDY ROSSELL LANE VILLA**
- 4 bed Italian Villa in the Village
- All new code construction
- Includes separate guest suite with bath
- 2nd home or rental investment
- Asking $2,345,000

**CHANNEL FRONT ESTATE**
- Estate home on Captiva's Channel
- Direct access boating in your back yard
- 5+ bedrooms, 6 baths, pool with spa
- Gracious & open living areas-lush lot
- Asking $3,225,000

**SANIBEL GULF TO BAY**
- Gulf to Bay building lot on Captiva
- 3 bed & 2 bath pool home
- Fabulous dock with lift & dock house
- Lushly landscaped almost 2 acre lot
- Asking $2,350,000

**PORT ROYAL IN NAPLES**
- Naples Finest Yachting Community
- Unique opportunity for gulf and bay views
- Direct deep water boating-deck in place
- Sunsets & sunrises - walk to the village
- Asking $8,500,000

**NAPLES FINEST YACHTING COMMUNITY**
- Port Royal-Naples yachting community
- Estate home with 6 bedrooms & 5.5 baths
- Deep water direct access
- Port Royal Membership eligibility
- Asking $13,000,000

**CHANNEL DRIVE ESTATE**
- Boating Home on Captiva
- 3 bed & 2 bath pool home
- Fabulous dock with lift & dock house
- Lushly landscaped almost 2 acre lot
- Asking $2,350,000

**RARE W GULF DRIVE LOT**
- Sanibel's best address
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**SEASPRAY LUXURY HOME**
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**CAPTIVA VILLAGE VILLA**
- Captiva village courtyard estate home
- Spanish influenced villa w/private pool
- 4 bedrooms + 4.5 baths
- Private guest suite, great investment
- Asking $3,200,000

**ARCHITECTURALLY STUNNING**
- Gulf to Bay Estate home
- Sanibel Gold Coast Estate Home
- Incomparable appointments and finishes
- 5 bedrooms 5.5 baths with separate guest house
- Tropical pool, deep water dock w/lift
- Asking $6,180,000

**TROPICAL CANAL HOME**
- Sanibel's Prettiest Boating Community
- Walk to beach & restaurants
- Your boat at your back door
- 2+ bed & 2 bath home with large pool
- Asking $1,095,000

**SANIBEL BOATING & BEACH**
- Tropical boating community on Sanibel
- 5 bedroom 2.5 bath quality renovated home
- Walk to gorgeous beach & several restaurants
- Boat dock with lift, direct access to the Gulf
- Asking $1,150,000

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PACE Elects New Board Members

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County announced newly elected members of its board of directors. They are: Mark Blust, Prawnbroker Restaurant Group; Heather Fitzhenagen, Condo & HOA Law Group; Cheryl Komnick, Caloosa Tent & Rental; Kathy Toll, Lee Memorial Health System; and Diana Willis, Jason’s Deli of Southwest Florida.

Continuing their service on the board is Gall Markham, chair; Dena Geraghty, vice chair; Christin Collins, vice chair; Donna Canuso, treasurer; Amy Sanford; secretary; Douglas E. Baker; Patricia Bell; Marshall T. Bower; David Collins; Margaret Depew; Karen Johnson Crowther; Cora Molloy; Sandra Pavella; Sonya Sawyer; and Sandra Stilwell.

Chairied by Bower, PACE’s Advisory Board consists of Mary Fischer, Josephine Gagliardi, Tammy Hall, Stephanie Miller, Mike Scott, Jim Seals and Kathleen Smith.

PACE Center for Girls is dedicated to providing girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. PACE Lee is funded by the Department of Juvenile Justice, The School District of Lee County, Lee County Human Services, United Way of Lee County, grants and corporate and private donations. For more information about PACE, visit www.pacecenter.org/lee.

Citizen Of The Year Finalists

The Lee County Board of Commissioners has announced the finalists for the 2011 Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year Award. They are:

Dr. Margaret Banyan (Fort Myers) – Community Sustainability Committee, Multi Modal Transportation advocate, instrumental in Lee County’s award-winning Complete Streets Resolution, Founding Member of BikeWalkLee, involved in the development of several community plans, helped foster public participation in some of Lee County’s most active communities and created a planning certificate at FGCU to promote development of local planners.

Kevin Berry (Cape Coral) – Chair of Lee County ADA, helps persons with disabilities overcome the challenges of accessibility, instrumental in the awareness of additional revenue to fund accessibility programs and active in the Local Center for Independent Living by following up with complaints of inaccessibility.

Michel Doherty (Cape Coral) – Cape Coral Civic Association, Fort Myers Women’s Community Club, Veteran’s Clinic of Cape Coral, founding member of Tiger Bay Club of Southwest Florida, Four Mile Ecological Park, chairied the American Red Cross Simply Red Gala, Voices for Kids, Lee County Homeless Coalition, Giving Heart for Cancer, Abuse Center for Women, Pace Center for Girls, Downtown River District Art Walks, Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Florida, Hope Hospice Planning Committee, along with various other organizations and most recently was named Grande Dame Honoree 2012.

Nola Theiss (Sanibel) – Sanibel City Council member and mayor, Zonta International Organization, instrumental in the formation of Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force and served as Chair, Co-Chair, Coordinator & Outreach Coordinator, Liaison between Task Force and Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition, founded Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships and a part of Lee Memorial Caring People, Caring For People campaign.

The award will be presented to the winner at the Lee County Commissioner’s Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the commission chambers.

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This 3BD/2.5 BA home in the Dunes Golf and Tennis Community offers serene lake views. With a oversized living room, vaulted ceilings, remodeled kitchen and a porch overlooking the pool. It is the ultimate in Sanibel living!
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1430 Sandpiper
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480 Peachtree Rd
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Offered at $449,000

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2230 Camino Del Mar Unit 2D2
Classic Sanibel charm is what you will find at this Ocean's Reach condo. 2BD/BA with amazing views of the Gulf of Mexico. The layout makes this condo a hot item for weekly rentals. Impact resistant window and world class construction makes this a very sound investment!
Offered at $789,000

888 South Town & River
Newly remodeled, this ground level, 4BD pool home is highlighted by panoramic water views. From the moment you open the door, you are greeted by its bright, airy, open floor plan. New kitchen with granite, 3 car garage. A must see!
Offered at $447,000

16312 Willowcrest Way
Beautiful 3BD/2BA Andover Villa home in the Lexington Country Club Community. Overlooks the 10th fairway with extended 2 car garage, hurricane shutters, plus so much more.
Offered at $388,800

2840 West Gulf Drive Unit #6
A remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath, larger top floor corner unit with enclosed lanai for additional living space and a screened enclosed front porch with laundry in unit. This unit is ready for a new owner to enjoy tennis, shuffleboard, pool, a day at the beach followed by a barbecue with friends. Or use as an investment, on site rental program with 3 day minimum.
Offered at $359,000

Sanibel Seashells Unit #26
Enjoy a short walk to the beach, from this 2BD/BA beautifully decorated corner unit with impact resistant doors and windows. Relax at the beach or by the pool, play tennis, grill or enjoy this quaint complex from your screened porch!
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Autism and Developmental Disabilities characters in books with which they can

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Megan N., Fort Myers, Florida

There is some bad news and good news on this topic. Your desire to help
your daughter learn more about herself through books is a wonderful idea. Children can learn a lot from models that are like them. Kids really enjoy finding characters in books with which they can identify.

According to a recent report in Journal of Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities, children with disabilities are very under-represented in the more acclaimed children’s literature like the Newbery and Caldecott Award-winning books. In an analysis of 131 winners of the Newbery Medal and Honor researchers found that just 31 included a main or supporting character with a disability between 1975 and 2009.

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Now for the good news! The Council for Exceptional Children’s Division recognized four children’s books in January for authentically portraying characters with developmental disabilities on autism and developmental disabilities. The books, two chapter books and two picture books, were the winners of the Dolly Gray Children’s Literature Award. This honor is given every other year (since 2000) and goes to books that include main or supporting characters with developmental disabilities.

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- Nicely Appointed 1BD/1BA Condo
- Kitchen, Dining, Living and Bedroom
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Premier Dunes Country Club
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The Sanibel Captiva Handbook is published annually by Jonathan Summer Publishing, LLC on Sanibel. It was the brainchild of a young couple who moved to Sanibel in 1969. John and Helma Reynolds wrote their first Handbook in 1971. It was a crude, unsophisticated booklet of 28 pages, 8.5-by-11 inches, hand collated, sepia-toned cover, with three staples at the left-hand spine. And it contained absolutely no advertising. But what it lacked in sex appeal, it tried to make up for with facts and information about the islands that they considered to be essential for a memorable, enjoyable and fulfilling visit.

The handbook was re-designed, completely re-written and re-born in 1991. It remained in publication annually until 1994, when John passed away. In 2009, the Handbook was revived once again by the author’s son, Jonathan, and daughter-in-law, Sarah. Every November and December, they can be spotted racing around the islands on their scooters checking to see if any business, retail shop, restaurant or activity has changed, moved or altered in any way so that the current edition is as accurate as possible. The Handbook includes detailed maps showing the exact location of accommodations, eateries, shops, churches and the locations of fun activities for every taste. Packed into 200 pages is all the information visitors need to make the most of their island vacation – still without any advertising.

The 2012 edition features a full-color shelling guide that, with only three exceptions, comes from the Reynolds’ own collection of self-found local shells, ranging from the most to the less common shells. The same questions that were asked by visitors in 1971 are still being asked in 2012. “Where are the beaches?” “How far is the causeway?” “Where’s a good place to eat?” “How do we get to Captiva?” Because of this, the publishers continue to seek the best ways to convey this information. For example, the 2012 edition includes detailed maps of the islands, showing the locations of all retail establishments, eateries, accommodations, points of interest and, of course, the beaches. The Sanibel Captiva Handbook is truly a labor of love. The publishers pay for its printing annually and are busy at home in the evenings during the month of January, binding hundreds of books at a time to get them out to the many retail outlets that carry the book and online at www.sancapbook.com.

The 2012 edition of the Sanibel Captiva Handbook will be available in early February.
Liability Protection Is Important For Retirees Too

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

Many of my clients who are retired tell me they want to simplify things. Their children have grown, their careers have wound down. Now that they’re living off retirement savings, many start to look for expenses that can be cut back.

Since they have a fair amount of life savings and there are no more dependents, life insurance may not be as important as it once was. The thousands of dollars of annual premium payments may no longer be necessary or in the budget, so policies might be terminated or cashed in. Professional and trade memberships aren’t useful anymore, so they’re discontinued. Business lunches aren’t part of the daily routine. The country club membership up north isn’t used much anymore, so it’s discontinued in favor of the golf membership here in Florida.

Cars might be leased instead of bought. Eating out at restaurants might be curtailed. Some money magazines even suggest cutting back on your homeowner’s liability, automobile and umbrella liability policies. But that would be a big mistake.

The answer is simple. Because if you get into a car accident that is your fault, you might find yourself responsible for cutting back on your car insurance policy. If the injured party sues you after the accident, and a judgment is entered against you, then the plaintiff could go after your life savings to make up the difference between what your automobile liability policy pays and the amount of the judgment.

Assume, for example, a terrible scenario where you are involved in an accident that severely injures someone, crippling them for life. The liability that you may be held responsible for could certainly be more than a $250,000 limit one finds on many automobile insurance policies. Medical costs, lost wages, pain and suffering, the loss of the injured person’s ability to enjoy life among all of the other damages could be in the millions.

The same holds true for your homeowner’s liability insurance. If someone is injured on your property and you are deemed to have been somehow negligent, then you could find yourself at the wrong end of a judgment and have to pay damages over the amount that your homeowner’s liability insurance policy covers. A pool, for example, is considered under the law to be an “attractive nuisance.” If a neighborhood toddler wandered onto your property and drowned in the pool, you may be held negligently liable even though the child was not invited onto your property.

So even if you are retired, you remain subject to many of the same risks and liabilities that everyone else must guard against. Nevertheless, I’ve heard all sorts of excuses why retirees shouldn’t purchase maximum liability protection. But to counter those all you have to do is turn on the television. How many personal injury attorney ads do you see? And each one essentially asks the viewer, “Isn’t there anyone we can sue for you?”

Liability insurance is so important not only for the amount of protection that it offers, but because it also pays for attorney fees to defend you in case you are simply accused of negligence. Even if it turns out that you are not negligent the costs of defending a claim might take a big chunk out of your life savings if you don’t have a policy that also serves to pay these expenses.

Then there’s the mistake that some make with regard to their estate planning. Some wrongly assume that if they have placed all of their assets inside of a revocable living trust, then they’ve protected the trust assets from liability. This isn’t the case. In almost all revocable trusts – the trust and its assets are legally yours – which means that you can do anything that you want with your trust assets. Because you have that much dominion and control over the assets, your judgment creditors can demand restitution from your trust assets.

So what should you do? The best practice is to increase the liability coverage on your home and car and then purchase, in addition to those policies, an “umbrella” policy. The “umbrella” policy covers liability up to its stated policy amount over and above the home and car policies.

A $2 million umbrella policy might cost a couple thousand dollars annually (or perhaps even less) which is a great investment to protect you and your hard-earned savings from the claims of a judgment creditor. Not only will this provide much needed coverage, it should also give you peace of mind.

If you value what you’ve worked so hard to accumulate over the course of your working career, consider making a visit to your liability insurance carrier to review whether your coverage adequately protects you.


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How Well Insulated Is Your Home?

by Bryan Hayes

Regardless of whether it’s summer or winter, a properly insulated home will help you maintain a desired temperature on your thermostat. Insulation can be added in the walls, floors and ceiling to help manage the heat flow in and out of your home. There are several insulating materials on the market with special rating to gauge their performance.

For example, spray foam insulation is gaining popularity over the traditional fiberglass batting, but it is pricey. Properly insulating your home can save up to 50 percent off your energy bill. To achieve proper indoor air quality in a tightly sealed home, you can install exhaust ventilation and talk to your contractor about other forms of added ventilation that might work best for you.

Now, the better your home is sealed, the more important it is to have an appropriately sized air conditioning system. The moisture created in your house through things like showers and cooking has to go somewhere and the better sealed, the less avenues for this to escape. Excessive humidity will make your home feel warmer and creates a perfect environment for growth of unwanted micro-organisms. I frequently address this topic in my articles and cannot stress enough how important it is to have a system properly selected and installed so that it can remove moisture from your home.

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

Insurance Tip

Citizens Faces Class-Action Lawsuit

by Marge Meek

It seems like this insurance article has become a Citizens article, which shows how closely we all have to watch and learn what is going on. Now there are two groups that have filed class-action lawsuits against Citizens regarding the overvaluation of their replacement cost estimator, which determines the value of a home.

Over the last couple of years, Citizens has changed what they accept as the valuation of your house. Last year, they dropped an appraisal or a homeowner’s declaration page as the measurement. They moved over to a software program, called 360Value, where your agent inputs building characteristics and the program calculates a value. People started complaining that this program overvalued their homes.

Under pressure, Citizens reversed its direction on this, but only slightly, as the software still has to be used to get a quote and the process to use anything else is unclear.

The plaintiffs are arguing that Citizens is using this replacement cost estimator method to raise rates. The method Citizens is supposed to use is to go to the state legislature and ask for rate increases, which has been the case for many years. That has given our islands 10 to 14 percent increases in the past, but at least the legislators could respond to their constituents in determining the rates on our wind insurance.

This, plus re-inspections, new mitigation forms, lowering the value of insurable homes to under $1 million and no pool cage coverage, makes many customers study more closely the alternatives for wind coverage. So far, the premiums charged by Citizens are competitive and in many cases less expensive than the alternatives, but market changes undoubtedly will continue to take place.

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

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Sarah Ashton was named top sales producer for the month.

New Team Member

Peifer Realty Group recently welcomed Kurt Harjung to its Sanibel team of real estate professionals. Born and raised in New Jersey, Harjung was in senior management for several Fortune 50 corporations and a management consultant for many of the giants in the publishing, pharmaceutical and telecommunications industries.

Harjung ran an international business specializing in hybridizing phalaenopsis orchids for sale to customers worldwide.

Top Associates

Janie Pritchard was recently recognized as the top selling realtor at RE/MAX of the Islands for the month of December.

Dustyn Corace was the most productive marketing associate in December.

School Smart

“Engaging books that feature people with disabilities as individuals with personalities, strengths and talents as part of the storyline, have the exponential power to change attitudes and promote inclusion in education, jobs and community life,” said Fran Prezant, one of the Dolly Gray Award panelists. “These are important, not only for young readers with and without disabilities, but for parents and teachers who read books to them and model societal attitudes through words and actions.”


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Bank Of The Islands Celebrates Opening Of New Captiva Office

Approximately 100 Captiva residents and business owners stopped by during a February 9 open house celebration at Bank of the Islands. In addition to its Sanibel office, Bank of the Islands has now opened a second branch on Captiva.

“We were so pleased to see so many old friends and meet so many new people in the Captiva community,” said Robbie Roepstorff, president of Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands. “We’re excited about this new office opening, and very happy it will be on Captiva.”

The catered event ended on a sweet note with Norman Love Chocolates featuring the bank’s logo. In honor of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday, departing guests received a velvet gift pouch holding a $1 coin bearing the president’s image.

The new office is located at 14812 Captiva Drive, inside a building shared with the U.S. Post Office. The phone number is 395-0248. Banking hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The full spectrum of banking and lending services, including ATMs, are offered at both offices.

Island Grooming Opens With Two New Owners

Island Grooming held its official grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony with the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce on February 8.

Lisa Schuman, owner and head groomer, passed away suddenly a month ago. Her daughter, Madalyn Schuman, and longtime friend Angie Goodhand purchased the business.

“Lisa is physically gone but her spirit and genuine love of animals remains here with us,” said Goodhand. “We’re very glad that we can continue to provide our services to the Sanibel community in the same spirit that made Lisa such a popular island figure.”

Island Grooming has been in business on the Sanibel since September 2004. During season, hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and off-season from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located in the Sanibel Promenade on Tarpon Bay Road.
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Mom And Me

by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband retired at 55 and he was in very good health. Since he had worked his 30 years and he was eligible for retirement, he decided to take it – but I thought it was entirely too early.

He has puttered around the house but hasn’t really done much, and I think I deserve a halo for keeping my sanity. He is now 85 years old and his health is beginning to fail. What lies ahead for us is not good.

Please tell others that retirement takes planning and adjustment. It isn’t much fun unless you are self motivated. I think it is better to work until you drop. What do you think?

Tessy

Dear Tessy,

A few years ago, many people like your husband were eager to retire. They may have been bored with their job, tired and a little depressed, so they thought all of their problems would be over if they just left. Many found that after just three months, they were still bored, tired and a little depressed.

Retirement takes exactly what you have said, and only now many want to stay working for as long as possible. The shuffleboard mentality seems to be over. Personally, as long as my health is good, I will stay working – and I do think you do deserve a halo.

Lizzie

Dear Tessy,

Individuals can live approximately a quarter of their lives in retirement. It is critically important to begin planning for retirement when one starts working – save, develop interest, create a social network and take care of your health. Individuals I have had the pleasure of meeting who have planned all aspects of their retirement report retirement as joyful and engaging.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce’s e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy

Q: I feel like all I do is work and I am resentful that there never seems to be time for recreation. I am 30 years old and single. I would like to meet someone but I am trying to get promoted in my job, so I don’t feel that I can slack off. What should I do to get a better balance on this?

A: Many people in the workforce feel this way and I understand your frustration and resentment. One thing you want to remember is that too much work and too little time for other activities does lead to burnout and chaos rather than clarity and calm. You will be more productive in your work if you do take time out for you and make yourself the priority. You are worth it and you will be happy that you did. Ask yourself the following questions on time:

1. Am I doing what I love?
2. Am I willing to sacrifice for the money I make?
3. Is this sacrifice proportionate to the time it is given?
4. Are there ways that you prevent yourself from doing the things that you love and give you meaning and purpose?

You have all of your adult life to work. Stand back and observe your life. Notice what that inner longing for something different is and begin to act on it. Learn to unplug, turn off the media, take a break and tune into yourself. This might mean taking a leave of absence, or just taking some personal days away from work. Whatever you decide, you have to realize that life is short and before you know it, you will be 50, 60 and so on. Stay aware of what’s really important. I feel that you will make a wise choice of how to handle your time management.

Dr. Clancy is a licensed mental health therapist, certified hypnotherapist, life coach, author and public speaker. You may email Dr. Connie at connie@drconstance.com.
Even Baby Aspirin Has Risks

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers,

A few weeks ago newspaper headlines called aspirin therapy into question. Currently, almost one third of older Americans take a baby aspirin every day to help prevent heart attacks. And a new study, the headlines shouted, shows that while aspirin therapy does indeed help prevent heart attacks, it also creates other problems. For every heart attack that aspirin therapy prevents, the London study says, it causes two “bleeding events.”

This study is not the first to show potential dangers with long-term use of aspirin. We’ve known for decades that aspirin can harm the delicate lining of the digestive tract. And if you read my Drug Mugger book, you’d know aspirin is a drug mugger of vitamin C which you need to keep your arteries elastic, and potassium which is needed for healthy blood pressure.

The 64 thousand dollar question here is: What exactly do the researchers mean by “bleeding events?” By definition, these events could include hemorrhagic stroke, bleeding from ulcers, and bleeding from the lower gastrointestinal tract. These are pretty serious conditions; impeding signs of a “bleeding event” may include abdominal pain or heartburn. The supplement called Glutamine (about 1,500 mg per day) offers protection against aspirin-induced stomach ulcers. And FYI, ginger is an effective blood thinner which soothes your GI tract, rather than stripping it.

The most effective thing you can do to reduce heart attack risk is move! Even walking briskly for 20 minutes a day offers aerobic benefits. Eat plenty of colorful fruits and vegetables and avoid anything fried or greasy. Do not eat processed foods. No more carbs or grains, they raise cholesterol. Consider nutrients like vitamin C and D, magnesium, taurine, aged garlic and the herb called Hawthorne. Last week I wrote about CoQ10 and fish oils for cardiovascular benefit. To receive this article via email, sign up for your “free health tips newsletter” at my website.

Drink more water, go to sleep earlier, meditate and reduce micro-stressors in your life. Constantly replaying bad situations in your mind doesn’t help you and stress is a killer. It contributes to stroke, heart attack, obesity, diabetes and cancer so don’t sweat the small stuff.

Our culture trains us to pop a pill for all our ills. As a pharmacist, I assure you that many drugs just blow the smoke out of the house while the fire rages. You must uncover the underlying imbalances and deficiencies and genetic SNPs (snips) that increase heart attack risk.

Take control of your lifestyle and diet, it’s never too late. I’m recommending two books to help inform you and minimize your risk for cardiovascular disease. These are both by Stephen Sinatra, MD: Reverse Heart Disease Now and The Cardiac Solution: Metabolic Cardiology.

In an upcoming article, I am going to devote a column to the importance of nitric oxide in the heart, and will share some truly pioneering cardiovascular research by Dr. Nathan Bryan. Stay tuned for that.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.

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answer on page 43B
Post Office Offers Unique Opportunities

Volunteers Needed for Letter Carrier Food Drive – It’s not too early to start thinking about volunteering for the annual Letter Carrier Food Drive, which will be held on Saturday, May 12. This is the largest one-day food drive in the nation; locally food collected is donated to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

If you would like to volunteer to assist letter carriers in picking up food donations on the carrier routes, contact Debi Mitchell at 573-9638. If you’d like to help the Harry Chapin Food Bank pre-sorting donated food at a post office location, contact Bedzaida Bryen at the food bank, 334-7007, ext. 141.

Seasonal visitors are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items at the post office when they leave the area. Donations will be held for inclusion in the food drive.

National Passport Day to Be Recognized – Saturday, March 10, is National Passport Day. The Page Field Post Office will extend its passport service on that day to offer passports from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment. To make an appointment, call 277-3336: you will be given an appointment time and told what items you need to bring to the interview.

Passports are now needed for travel to other countries, such as in the Caribbean and Canada. Passport service can take up to four weeks, so plan ahead.

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