Community Church Celebrates First Service In New Sanctuary

This Sunday, November 25, people will gather in the new sanctuary of Sanibel Community Church for the first worship service in the 630-seat auditorium. The $4.9 million project which began in 2010 is approaching completion.

Currently, Student Ministries (H2O) is enjoying their new youth center with triple the space they have had. Children’s ministries as well as the Summit Christian Pre-School are thriving in their enlarged, colorful areas. New adult classrooms are still being renovated, but will be opening soon.

The plan also includes a missions-focused café-bookstore supporting local and worldwide ministries, as well as a counseling center that will be available for the public. The hope is to have all new facilities fully functional by the end of the year.

The congregation gives thanks to God for the completion of this huge endeavor. According to Dr. Daryl Donovan, Senior Pastor, they also are grateful to the people of Sanibel and Captiva for your patience during long days of planning and construction.

“Being on the campus, we felt the trucks, the compactors and experienced the dust… so we know many others did as well,” said Dr. Donovan. “The result is beautiful,

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Musical Family Show Is Fun For All

BIG ARTS presents a special Thanksgiving weekend performance by Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael, celebrating famous singing families in their All in the Musical Family show. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, November 24 in Schein Performance Hall.

All in the Musical Family celebrates many of the most popular and timeless musical families including The Carpenters, The Andrew Sisters, The Jacksons, The Judds, The Bee Gees, and John and Bonnie Raitt. The show also pokes fun at the culture’s obsession with celebrities.

Menzie and Michael create new shows every year. Michael said, “The inspiration to create Musical Family happened when we were heading to Houston for a gig in 2011. I was waiting to see if I won the lottery to get tickets for the final Oprah Winfrey show taping. During the flight, I was thinking about some of the shows I enjoyed watching during Oprah’s final season, some of which featured musical families. Beckie and I knew right away it felt right. It opened up endless ideas for songs and stories and we both got excited. By the way, when the flight landed, I checked my phone, and there was a message waiting for me. I got tickets to the final Oprah show!”

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Exhibit On Deep-Sea Mollusks Debuts

Like a scene from a science fiction movie, recent deep sea explorations of the Alvin (DSV-2) reveal many new and interesting species that are particularly well adapted to survive under super pressure and move about in total darkness. An exciting new exhibit, Deep-sea Mollusks, funded by Dr. James Hartman and his wife, Molly Gerlich, provides Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum visitors with an interactive and colorful look at mollusks that have adapted to life at the deepest parts of the world’s oceans.

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Lions’ Christmas Tree Sale

Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club News

submitted by a Lion, Bob

Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Christmas trees go on sale November 25 at Bailey’s Shopping Center between Island Cinema and The Grog Shop. The lot is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week until December 23 or sell out. For the best selection, come early.

For more information about the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club email alionbob@comcast.net.
Neighbors Club ‘Welcome Back’ Rally A Success

On November 14, the Sanibel Neighbors Club held a “Welcome Back” Member Rally to kick off the upcoming season.

Cip’s Place was the host of the event offering drink and dinner specials to new and current members of the Sanibel Neighbors Club.

In honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the theme of the Rally was “Welcome Back and Giving Thanks.”

“We threw this event not only to welcome back our seasonal members but to give back to the non-profits that our members have chosen,” said Jason LaManna, co-founder of the Sanibel Neighbors Club.

During the evening, checks were distributed to some of the local charities that the members had selected. FISH of Sanibel was the charity with the largest donation and Bill Fellows, president of FISH, was there to accept the check.

“Over 18 local charities have received checks this week as part of the club’s objective to Live local, Give local, and Buy local,” said LaManna.

The Sanibel Neighbors Club is a loyalty program for Sanibel residents that offer weekly specials from island businesses. Club 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. There are now more than 400 members and over 50 participating businesses that provide benefits and discounts to members.

For more information on the Sanibel Neighbors Club and joining instructions log on to www.SanibelNeighborsClub.com or stop by Hillgate Communications located in the Bailey’s Center at 2451 Periwinkle Way.
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New Captiva Sign Regulations Approved

An ordinance that will affect several aspects of life and business on Captiva, including building heights, short-term residential rentals, septic tanks and signs, was the culmination of four years’ work by the Captiva Community Panel.

The ordinance, number 12-19, was unanimously adopted by the Lee County Commission on September 12.

As part of this new code, sign regulations that apply to the island have been slightly changed. Those who own residential or commercial property on the island or operate a business there may want to look at the portion of the Captiva Code relating to signage to see if any of these changes affect them.

A copy of that code is online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

In addition to these Captiva-specific rules, the existing county Land Development Code Section 30-2, still applies to Captiva Island and to all other portions of Lee County. To view the on-line version of the Lee County Land Development Code, go to the Municode website at http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientid=12625.

There are four important changes to the Captiva Code affecting signs:

1) “Sold” signs are now prohibited. In addition, the following classes of signs will continue to be prohibited: banner signs, pennants, and other flying paraphernalia; sandwich signs, billboards, animated signs and neon signs.

2) Existing nonconforming residential identification signs may continue in use and future residential identification signs may be illuminated subject to new regulation.

- Identification signs in existence on September 11, 2012 will be considered nonconforming uses and need not be removed or replaced unless they are in an unsafe of hazardous location.
- New identification signs do not require a permit; they may not exceed two square feet in area on lots with total road frontage of less than 100 feet, and four square feet in area on lots with total frontage of 100 feet or more. The height of the sign may not exceed four feet above grade and it may be placed in the right of way subject to restrictions in the ordinance. They must include the street number of the property in four-inch numerals and must be of a suitable breakaway or yielding design. New residential identification signs may be illuminated subject to the conditions in the Captiva Code.

3) Temporary real estate signs (e.g. “for sale” and “by appointment only”) must be located in the front yard, only on the property being advertised, a minimum of two feet from the property line parallel to the frontage, and:

- In non-residential districts, they may not exceed four square feet in area.
- They may not exceed two square feet in area in property zoned RSC-2, RS-1, TFC-2, and RM-2.
- The bottom edge of the sign may not be greater than 12 inches above the average grade of the sign’s location.
- There is a limit of one sign per parcel except that a second sign is permitted if the property has water access.
- Signs must be ground mounted only, sturdily constructed, neat in appearance, with prongs not exceeding one-half inch in diameter.
- Temporary real estate signs must be removed no more than five days after the property is no longer for sale.

4) Signs promoting a specific event, including temporary banners, sandwich signs and other temporary ground signs located in the vicinity of the event must conform to the following:

- May not exceed 32 square feet in area for banners.
- May not exceed 10 square feet for sandwich or ground signs.
- May not be erected more than seven days before the event; and
- Must be removed no later than the day following the event.

To see the full adopted version of this ordinance, go to the Captiva Community Panel website at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

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The Law Behind Sanibel’s Starry, Starry Nights

by Barbara Joy Cooley, president, Committee of the Islands

In June 2004, the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce’s newsletter cited dark night skies as one of Sanibel’s attractions.

“Celestial splendor,” the heading boasted. “Speaking of dark skies, another group of people who regularly are attracted to Sanibel and Captiva are astronomers and amateur stargazers. Two conditions make the islands great places to watch the heavens. First is the distance between Sanibel and Captiva and the busy mainland. Most of the light pollution that comes from the glow of any ‘city’ is miles away. Second is Sanibel’s ‘dark skies’ rule. All lights must be pointed downward so that they do not leak upward to interfere with views of the night sky.”

The Dark Skies rule that the Chamber was espousing in this newsletter was strongly supported by the Committee of the Islands. It was ordinance 00-10, which was passed by City Council on June 6, 2000. “There was a huge amount of discussion about this ordinance,” says Nola Theiss, who was mayor of Sanibel at the time. “There must have been eighteen drafts of it before it was passed.” That was truly in Sanibel’s participatory spirit of government which keeps our island special.

One of the reasons that the Committee of the Islands supported the ordinance, besides the obvious benefits to the environment and wildlife, was that the ordinance specified a very reasonable 15-year phased-in implementation.

Now the end of those fifteen years is approaching. By January 1, 2015, all outdoor lighting on Sanibel must comply with the Dark Skies rule. What does this mean?

Most importantly, it means that uplighting is prohibited. All outdoor lighting, including display, sign, building, parking lot, and aesthetic lighting, must use fixtures which shine light downward.

The code also prohibits mercury vapor lighting, but encourages high-pressure sodium lighting for parking lots.

Furthermore, the code states that “Street lighting is, in general, inconsistent with Sanibel’s rural character. No street lights shall be installed or maintained on private streets, roads, and rights-of-way.”

For residential areas, the code encourages motion-detecting security lighting to “maximize safety, minimize overall illumination, and conserve energy.”

The Dark Skies law applies to all of Sanibel Island. The few exemptions are for items such as emergency lighting needed by the police and fire department, and for the Sanibel Lighthouse, of course.

During the past 13 years, as development permits were issued, lighting on the affected properties had to be changed. Also, as existing lights were replaced, they should have been replaced with compliant fixtures. And many environmentally aware property owners voluntarily complied with the new rule since 2000.

But there are still non-complying lights on Sanibel that will need to be changed over the next two years. Do you notice them when you are out and about in the evening? More information about the details of the Dark Skies rule can be found in Article XIV, Section 126-996 and 126-997 of Sanibel’s Land Development Code, which can be found at www.municode.com.

To read our past commentaries on island issues, visit their web site at www.coti.org. We invite your input on this and other issues affecting our islands. You can send us an email at coti@coti.org, or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.©

Sanibel Masters Art Festival

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

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

To continue a marvelous tradition The BIG Arts Chorus will perform a preview of their holiday concert.

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

It’s election time at the Island Water Association (IWA) again, and next year three seats on our Board of Directors will be up for election. The seats are currently held by William D. Carr, Lewis Garrett Dutton, Jr. and James M. Griffith. Mr. Carr is completing his third and final term, Mr. Dutton and Mr. Griffith are running for re-election for their second terms.

IWA is governed by a five-member Board of Directors who serve without pay. Directors must be residents of Sanibel or Captiva, so that they can attend all board meetings, and must be IWA Members or an official representative of a condominium or other IWA Corporate Member. Directors must have no conflict of interest, including but not limited to, active involvement in an enterprise which could potentially do business with IWA or which could benefit from involvement with IWA.

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Directors are elected by the membership at IWA’s Annual Meeting to be held in April.

Anyone who would like to run for one of the open seats should contact our Board Recording Secretary Beau Stanley at 472-2113 ext. 114 or by e-mail at beau@islandwater.com by no later than January 4, 2013. A background check will be run on all board candidates.

What Happened To Sanibel’s Voters?

In the 2008 general election, Sanibel voter turnout was 88.2 percent. Voter turnout this year was 75.3 percent. Why?

In the wake of Florida’s general election disaster, the Sanibel LWV wants your story.

When and where did you vote? If you voted by mail, did you have any problems receiving or returning the ballot? If you continued on page 10

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Limited Edition
Sanibel Island Ornaments

Sanibel School Christmas ornament

The Sanibel School Music Department limited edition Sanibel Island Christmas ornaments are now available. Each year the music department custom designs a new ornament to raise funds for the music program. All proceeds will help with the purchase of music, instruments and equipment for the program to benefit grades K-8. This year’s ornament features shades of silver with blue seahorses. There is a limited quantity of 300 ornaments. They are $10 each and can be purchased at Bailey’s General Store and Bank of the Islands.

Community Church Bazaar And Bake Sale

The Women’s Guild of Sanibel Community Church invites residents of Sanibel, Fort Myers and Estero to the Holly and Ivy Bazaar and Bake Sale on Friday, December 7. The event begins at noon and lasts until 9 p.m. Lunch will be served from noon to 3 p.m. and a silent auction will take place from noon to 8 p.m.

All gift items are made by guild members. One-of-a-kind creations include hand-painted ornaments, decorated Christmas trees, tree skirts, angels, hand-knit goods, quilts, children’s clothing, costume jewelry and a variety of stocking stuffers.

Edible items include homemade fudge, local honey and fresh mammoth pecans. The Bake Sale will feature pies, cakes, cheesecakes, cookies, breads, muffins and assorted treats.

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Sanibel Community Church’s LOGOS kids celebrated their annual Thanksgiving Night on November 14. All of the participants enjoyed a wonderful turkey and mashed potato feast followed by the annual turkey shoot.

Anders Blycker took aim, watched by Jessika LaBorde and Sophia Sbarra. Elaina Suslick and Amy Martinez also took their turns. The “biggest turkey of the night” – the marksman to shoot closest to the beak – was Jensen Howell.

Spasenie will perform at Sanibel Community Church on November 25.

Spasenie In Concert At Community Church

Spasenie, a Christian rock band originally from Belarus, will once again bring its high energy Christian music to Sanibel Community Church on Sunday, November 25 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend Spasenie’s concert, which will be held in SCC’s new sanctuary. Come enjoy an evening of lively entertainment presented by this group of talented musicians.

Spasenie has been a Sanibel favorite ever since the church connected with them through world missions more than 10 years ago. Since then, Spasenie has made several appearances in the Southwest Florida area. A love offering will be taken for the band at the show.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry’s Market). For more information, call the church office at 472-2684 or visit www.sanibelchurche.com.

The Community House is collecting non-perishable food for FISH of Sanibel.

Earlier this month, The Community House and their non-profit partner, FISH of Sanibel, hosted the Honky Tonk House Party. During the party, the Sanibel Community Association collected non-perishable food items for FISH. The Community House will continue collecting those food items through the end of November. Please stop by and make a donation.

For more information on this or other SCA-sponsored events, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.

FISH Food Drive

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To participate in the survey, please send your name, address and story to SanibellWV@gmail.com or P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957.

The Florida LWV, in a news conference on November 13, called for a state task force on election reform. A tabulation of responses (without your personal information) will help the Sanibel LWV work with the Florida LWV to insure that change happens before the next general election.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Women Voters

Speaker To
Talk About The
Federal Deficit

The Sanibel League of Women Voters’ annual “Hot Topics” luncheon will occur on Wednesday, November 28 at The Bistro at Beachview, 1100 Par View Drive, starting at 11:30 a.m. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

Guest speaker Carrie Kerekes, PhD, assistant professor at FGCU’s Lutgert School of Business, will address the federal deficit and provide insight into what the presidential candidates didn’t talk about: How deep is the hole we are in? Kerekes received her PhD in Economics from West Virginia University in 2008. Her research interests are in the areas of microeconomics, public economics and economic development. She has published several articles in the Journal of Law and Economics and the Cato Journal.

The cost to attend the luncheon is $20 for members and $25 for non-members. For reservations and further information, contact the League at sanibellwv@gmail.com.

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Madison Bloch

Madison Bloch, 11, of Michigan found a junonia on the beach while staying at Mitchell’s Sandcastles on November 18. Madison said that she was very excited to find the rare junonia and that “years of shelling have been payed off!”

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Women’s Guild Hosts Fall Cruise

From left, Meg Matlock, Captain Sean McGarry, Brenda Segura and Father Christopher Senk, Pastor of St. Isabel Catholic Church

St. Isabel Women’s Guild hosted their annual Sunset Cruise in early November. Sailing from McCarthy’s Marina in Captiva, more than 100 passengers enjoyed wonderful refreshments and a beautiful sunset. As always, the captain and crew of the Lady Chadwick were wonderful!

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On Wednesday, November 28 at noon, the Sanibel Community Church, along with the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and community leaders, welcome the community to a ribbon cutting ceremony and luncheon in celebration of the opening of the new sanctuary and remodeled campus. All are invited to tour the new sanctuary, youth center, and children’s ministry center.

As this project comes to a completion, the members of the Sanibel Community Church congregation are filled with gratitude, and look forward with enthusiasm to serving the Sanibel-Captiva community.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry’s Market). For more information call 472-2684 or visit the web site at sanibelchurch.com.

Laces Of Love

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Michaels & All Angels Church will conduct their next luncheon and program on Monday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m.

The program will feature “Laces of Love,” presented by creator Jeanne Nealon. The admission fee will be one pair of new sneakers (any size) for school children from Lee and Collier counties, who are identified by their school as needing new shoes. The alternative for children needing new shoes. The alternative for shoes would be a $10 or $15 donation. Christmas carols will also be played by Hank Glass for all to sing.

Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m. December 6. Those who wish to attend the program only may arrive at 1:15 p.m.

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Bergstrom Helping FISH With Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets

Once again, Chuck Bergstrom, realtor at RE/MAX of the Islands, has provided generous financial support that helped FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel. The donation helped purchase the ingredients for this year’s FISH Thanksgiving holiday baskets for families and individuals in need on Sanibel and Captiva.

Bergstrom has been a generous supporter of FISH for many years, helping Christine Swiersz, their licensed clinical social worker, who coordinates the Thanksgiving holiday baskets on behalf of FISH.

“We are very grateful to Chuck Bergstrom for his wonderful support over the years,” said Swiersz. “This generous donation provided food items that went into our Thanksgiving baskets this year. FISH volunteers prepared 42 baskets, and we were able to provide 11 gift certificates for families and individuals in need on our islands. Chuck is a great friend who has been a great asset in helping our neighbors.”

If you would like to contribute to the FISH Food Pantry, either by donating food items or by making a monetary donation, call 472-4775 or come to the FISH Walk-In Center, located at 1630-B Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

From left, Christine Swiersz, FISH licensed clinical social worker, Chuck Bergstrom and Jessi Ziegler, assistant program director.

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‘Ding’ Darling Unveils Marvelous Manatees Exhibit

A crowd of media, refuge donors and friends, The Sanibel School 5th grade class, and representatives from the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) applauded at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning, November 13, as “Ding” Darling Refuge officials and partners unveiled the long-awaited Marvelous Manatees exhibit.

The exhibit enhances the educational value of an articulated manatee skeleton that the refuge acquired a couple of years ago for the free education center. The “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) received a grant from the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) to build the hands-on exhibit.

It features suspended models of a life-sized manatee and her calf, interpretive signage, and a number of hands-on activities including a CSI-type forensic area similar to what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uses.

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

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

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

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

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Dignitaries and refuge partners from Sanibel and the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) attended the reception. SATW journalist Jane Ockershausen from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, nominated the refuge for the award and made the presentation to Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik and DDWS President John McCabe.

“To me, refuges like ‘Ding’ Darling are Florida’s real ‘magic,’” Ockershausen said at the presentation. “‘Ding’ Darling truly lets visitors see the real natives — the birds, the wildlife, and the indigenous vegetation. It is exactly what SATW’s Phoenix Award was designed to recognize.”

The Phoenix Award has been given each year since 1969 to honor conservation and preservation efforts of individuals and organizations. SATW members are invited to nominate individuals, communities, or organizations that have contributed to a quality travel experience through conservation, preservation, beautification, or environmental efforts.

“Ding” Darling joins “a distinguished list of awardees that includes international sites such as The Quays in Manchester, England; the Trans Canada Trail; the Jungfraujoch: Top of Europe in Bern, Switzerland; Rose Hall Great House in Jamaica; and domestically the American Youth Hostels; the Audubon Institute; Historic Annapolis, Maryland; Independence Hall, Philadelphia; the Golden Gate National Park Conservancy, California; and Williamsburg, Virginia….” Ockershausen told the group.

“We are deeply honored to accept this prestigious award,” said McCabe. “It once more underlines our incredible refuge and friends group staff and the great teamwork between them.”

SATW’s membership includes writers, editors, photographers, journalists, filmmakers, and communications professionals who specialize in the travel industry. The organization promotes responsible journalism, provides professional support and development for its members, and encourages the conservation and preservation of travel resources worldwide.

Paul Tritaik, refuge manager; Jane Ockershausen, SATW Phoenix Award nominator; Tamara Pigott, VCB executive director; Birgie Vertesch, DDWS executive director; John McCabe, DDWS president; and Toni Westland, supervisory refuge ranger, pose with the new addition to the refuge’s award showcase.

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St. Michael’s Prepares For Luminary Night

C hoir members of St. Michael’s and All Angels Episcopal Church will join parish members and Rector, The Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan in celebrating Sanibel’s Luminary Night on Friday, December 7 beginning at dark. Choir members and any others so inclined will be singing Christmas carols and holiday songs in front of the church while hot cider and cookies will be available at a welcoming table in the driveway on Periwinkle Way.

Luminary Night is a long standing tradition on Sanibel, when service organizations place candle lighted, sand-filled bags (the luminaria) along the length of Periwinkle. Shops and organizations will offer refreshments along the lighted way as shoppers and non-shoppers alike walk along the candle-lighted path. It is a lovely way to begin the holiday season.

Rabbi To Talk At Unitarian Universalist Service

U nitarian Universalists of the Islands will meet on Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The service is open to the public. Unitarian Universalists welcome people with diverse beliefs from all religious or philosophical traditions.

Rabbi Geller will speak about two components of the Arrogance of Power, the arrogance of knowledge and the arrogance of behavior. Those who interact with their communities through the lens of “I have the better knowledge to lead you,” fail to place trust in and listen to the collective wisdom of their communities. And those in power who attempt to regulate behavior according to their own specific beliefs by creating laws to limit social rights are guilty of the arrogance of behavior.

Rabbi Geller, a native New Yorker, has travelled widely in his career as a rabbi in the military chaplains’ services. Growing up, he attended Hebrew parochial schools and, after completing his education at Brooklyn College, was ordained as a rabbi. He began a long and distinguished career as a military chaplain when he enlisted in the Air Force Chaplain Service during the Korean War. Rabbi Geller graduated from the Air Command & Staff College in 1956 and taught at the Air Force Chaplain School in Montgomery, Alabama. After a period in the Air Force Reserves, he returned to active duty during the Vietnam War and remained so until 1992, when he graduated from the National War College and also retired as the chaplain of the

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Master Gardeners Date Change

Attention Sanibel-Captiva gardeners – date of meeting change.

Due to a special event by the Sanibel Library involving the entire facility, the December meeting of the master gardener lecture series will be held on the second Thursday, December 13 at 10 a.m. at the library. The remainder of the 2013 programs will all be held on the first Thursday of each month.

The speaker for the December 13 program is Sonja Smith, a master gardener for 23 years, who will speak on Garden Lore – Examination of Gardening Practices. She will validate or debunk many of the commonly accepted good gardening practices. Two of the most respected academic authorities (authors and research professors) state that any planting instructions and many other practices written prior to 1987 are no longer valid.

Smith will discuss and illustrate how to plant a root bound herb or shrub, the proper depth and size of planting hole, the use and amount of organic backfill, to prune or not prune a newly planted herb or shrub or tree, the proper depth and size of planting hole, proper container planting of vegetables, herbs and flowers, best practices in cleaning tools, merits of compost, the leading cause of decline or death of shrubs and trees, and irrigation recommendations for new trees and shrubs. She will compare eight beneficial animal manures and some fascinating facts on organically grown food and recommendations for fertilization of native and non-native plants.

The speaker has taken these guidelines which have been adopted by American Nursery and Landscape Association, American Society of Consulting Arborists, American Society of Landscape Architects and the Tree Care Industry Association and Land Grant American Universities such as University of Florida for her talk.

This program is in the top five of the previous six programs.

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Refuge Nature Store Plans Pair Of Exclusive Holly-Days Shopping Events

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The store and “Ding” Darling Education Center will stay open an extra hour those days just for the occasions, until 5 p.m.

During the festive events, the top-rated Refuge Nature Store will showcase special new gifts and a sales table of items that are specially discounted up to 50 percent exclusively for Holly-Days.

The Nature Store will be selling its new line of privately labeled Naples Soap bars and other of its new 30 items to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), which operates the store for the benefit of the refuge.

Look for this year’s line of holiday cards featuring six different refuge wildlife portraits shot by expert nature photographers.

Holiday music and free spiced hot cider will set a festive mood for Holly-Days. Plan on guest appearances from local guest artisans and the Holiday Blue Goose for picture-taking. Free gift-wrapping with recycled holiday paper is available.

In addition to the Holly-Days special offerings, shoppers will find a complete line of birding and nature books, toys, clothing, fine binoculars and scopes, and other unique gifts.

The 2012 Luc Century limited-edition etched-glass ornament will be available, this year showcasing a mother manatee and calf. Artist Century is known for his work on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., and his annual refuge ornaments are collector’s items.

All proceeds from Refuge Nature Store sales go directly to programs benefiting wildlife and conservation education at the refuge.

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This year’s Luc Century holiday ornament features manatees in honor of the refuge’s brand-new Marvelous Manatees exhibit in the free Education Center.

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CROW Case Of The Week:
Green Sea Turtle

by Patricia Molloy

A green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas) arrived at CROW in a lethargic state so severe that it could not lift its head. During examination, it was given an injection of fluids for hydration and potassium to increase its irregular heartbeat. Blood samples were also taken, which indicated the turtle was suffering from exposure to red tide.

Dr. Heather Barron noticed that the initial response was immediate, as the patient suddenly held up its head and moved its fins. The turtle is now resting in a tub in the clinic while basking under a heat lamp to regulate its body temperature. Arrangements were made to surgically insert a tube in the turtle’s neck to allow the staff to give it fluids intravenously (IV) regularly spiked with potassium.

“We’ve got to keep her heart rate up. It’s important that its blood flow is regulated so it is getting enough to its brain stem,” stated Dr. Heather.

A couple of days after surgery, Helen Ingraham, DVM intern, noticed immediate irregularities in the turtle’s heart rate after it received a potassium spike to its fluid bag. As a result, Dr. Heather ordered an steadily increasing dose of an antispasmodic alkaloid used to relax smooth muscle and increase and regulate a patient’s heart rate. It’s an antidote for a variety of toxic agents. She also recommended switching the potassium injections from IV to IM (intramuscularly).

“I’m very worried about this patient. It’s just not responding as quickly as I had hoped it would and I’m afraid to feed it or do anything else, because it is also hypokalemic, which means it may have no smooth muscle or cilia; food would just rot in its GI tract, which could cause regurgitation and aspiration. I think we’re doing what we should be doing right now. Brevetoxicosis is something that she should be able to recover from.”

The green sea turtle has been at the clinic for just over a week, while its condition has stabilized, it has not improved greatly. “I’m so stressed as to why that turtle is not responding. It probably has to do with a low level of potassium in the blood. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a steady improvement.”

CROW relies solely on charitable support for its patients, as they do not have health insurance. If you would like to support this extraordinary sea turtle on its road to recovery, go to CROW’s website and make a donation to patient #3192.

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The green sea turtle (patient #3192) is in serious but stable condition. Note the cap that was surgically inserted for its daily fluid drip.
Fishing Culture Vital
To Health Of Pine Island Sound

As home to some of Southwest Florida’s most visited tourist destinations, Pine Island Sound is also known as one of the top sport fishing capitals around the world. In fact, the fishing trade has been centered here for several centuries, as was detailed in the November 13 presentation 600 Years Of Fishing In Pine Island Sound, hosted by the Captiva Island Yacht Club’s Environmental Committee.

About 70 people attended the multimedia lecture last week emceed by Paul McCarthy, owner of McCarthy’s Marina and proprietor of Captiva Cruises. The historic presentation featured guest speakers Cindy Bear, site coordinator of the Randell Research Center on Pine Island; Ralph Woodring, owner of The Bait Box on Sanibel and longtime local fishing guide; and Mark Futch, a seaplane pilot, third generation fishing guide and tarpon conservation activist.

According to McCarthy, prior to 1963, when the Sanibel Causeway bridge was completed, transportation to and from the islands was done primarily by boat. And with no permanent library on Captiva at the time, books were sent via a vessel called the Papyrus from the Gasparilla Library to the dock at McCarthy’s Marina.

But the history of fishing in Pine Island Sounds goes back much further than even 600 years. In fact, the earliest evidence of human existence dates back to nearly 8,000 BC, from a spear point discovered in an area now known as Useppa Island. Bear explained during her presentation that oyster middens (a collection of domestic waste) began to form in the region around 4,000 BC and remnants of shell netting has been found dating back to 3,500 BC.

Antique Anglers
For thousands of years, the Calusa Indians ruled throughout Southwest Florida, becoming skilled fishermen along the coastline, in bays, rivers and estuaries.

“And the Calusa, like us, had times when fish were abundant and when fish were scarce,” explained Bear. “And they had the ability to adapt to those changing conditions.”

At the Randell Research Center, shell artifacts used by the Calusa includes “a remarkable toolbox” of items used in everyday life, as well as evidence of species caught by the Indian tribes of that era: mackerel, mullet, redfish, pinfish, spotted sea- fish and amberjack among them.

But after thriving as the dominant society for generations, the Calusa eventually perished, succumbing to disease, warfare with European settlers in the area and subsequent human enslavement, virtually vanishing by the middle of the 18th century.

Family Fodder
The culture of modern day fishermen in Southwest Florida, according to Woodring, sort of followed the Golden Rule:

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

That’s not to say that everybody got along well. Just that in case you got into trouble, another fisherman along the trading route between Punta Gorda and Key West – one of the primary merchant ports of the pre-World War II era – would be there to assist you, be it offering some mechanical help, a hot meal or a place to sleep for the night.

And if a favor needed to be returned, you would do it for them, too.

“When you went out, my dad said always take four things with you: a rowing oar, an anchor, a cast net and a jug of water,” said Woodring. “As long as you had those things, you could basically deal with any problem.”

During his lecture, Woodring recalled family tales of bootlegging liquor through the Everglades, hiding from “revenuers” who chased the crafty fishermen through a maze of rivers, inlets and mangroves. He also discussed the expansion of the fishing commerce following the Punta Gorda Fish Company’s construction of an ice house facility and additional “run boats” to pick up local catches, dropping off blocks of ice at fish houses and fishing camps.

However, the most prophetic statement of the presentation was what Woodring recalled when his father once told him, “If you take some and leave some, you’ll always have some.”

Saving A Species
During his time at the podium, Futch talked about his grandfather – the first generation of fishing guides in his family – and showed a brief 8 mm color film. It featured a boating trip to Useppa Island in 1935 with six people and two boats: The Old Crow and The Little Colonel.

However, Futch is much more interested in telling people about www.savethetarpon.com.

“The Save The Tarpon movement is about so much more than saving the tarpon. Save The Tarpon is about preserving the birthplace of modern sportfishing,” said Futch. “It’s about respecting our heritage. It’s about protecting and preserving a historically significant fishery. It’s about pursuing a healthy symbiotic relationship between human beings and nature, a relationship sustainable for generations to come.”

According to Futch, he and New York Times bestselling author Randy Wayne White will travel to Apalachicola on December 5 to attend the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission meeting. During that meeting, the FWC is expected to discuss a draft rule that would create saltwater game fish and sport fish designations.

Futch is asking people to visit www.savethetarpon.com and sign the petition.

“Most of us who live in Southwest Florida understand tarpon fishing is a large part of our identity here,” he said. “For generations, the tarpon have selflessly provided us with the title of Tarpon Fishing Capitol of the World, encouraging an endless stream of visitors to our area. We must work to protect this gift. We must work to promote ethical tarpon angling in Boca Grande Pass and to call attention to those who threaten to destroy this fragile resource and habitat.”

The next presentation by the CIYC Environmental Committee will be held in February.
People seeing a plant balanced on a power line or tree limb might wonder, “How does it live without soil?” In fact, epiphytes—or air plants—don’t live on air alone, nor are they parasites. They fasten themselves to a host plant or platform, capture sunlight and gather nutrients from air, rain and organic matter that come their way. All of the plants shown here are epiphytic—have the ability to apparently live on air—and all are common South Florida natives. Many native orchids, bromeliads and ferns, too, are epiphytes.

That little sprout perched atop an awning on a storefront is the strangler fig (Ficus aurea). Talk about opportunistic! A seed from this tree can begin life in soil or logged in a crevice, so it’s a “sometimes epiphyte.”

Birds or other wildlife deposit a seed that sprouts and sends down aerial roots, which will eventually develop into tree trunks. Gradually, the fig embraces and shades out the host tree, which is often a cabbage palm.

That silvery gray-green mass of tentacles clinging to the wall is ballmoss (Tillandsia recurvata), the state’s most common air plant. That’s a misnomer, however, for it is actually a member of the bromeliad—or pineapple—family, not a true moss.

Usually, the tiny seeds travel by wind, attach to a twig or thin branch, and grow an attachment for stability. It has the special talent of converting nitrogen from the air into nourishment—an ability that only legumes share with it.

Although rootless, the plant absorbs moisture from rain and takes nutrients from dust and the atmosphere. Resurrection fern (Pleopeltis polypodioides) is most commonly seen growing on a live oak limb.

It can root in the ground, but usually begins life after wind-borne spores deposit it on a furrowed limb. There, it absorbs nutrients and moisture from the detritus that accumulates around its root-like structures, or rhizomes. This fern with the deceptively delicate appearance adapts to dry weather by curling up, turning brown, and apparently dying, but rain will revive it to greenness and springiness.

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Low Tide Reveals More Fishing Options

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The big low tides of winter are here. Some of the morning lows this week were minus five feet. Add to that northeasterly winds and the water was much lower than the tide chart forecast.

If you can get your boat off the lift, these super low water conditions are a great time to go fishing. Not only does it bunch up the fish, but it really exposes channels, sandbars and grass flats you would never really know the layout of until you see it with your own eyes.

Action on the low water was brisk all over the sound this week. Deeper creeks and edges of bars in the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge were good places to get started. Bouncing live shrimp on the bottom caught a wide variety of species with a few keeper size redfish in the mix, too. Trout, black drum, sheepshead and ladyfish made up most of the action back in the refuge. While fishing the edge of one shallow bar, we managed to sight-fish a few tailing reds as they moved up and down the shallow water feeding. The biggest redfish sight-fished one morning was only 23 inches, but to see, cast and catch these fish is always a thrill.

The edges of these deeper channels in the refuge have been loaded with trout of all sizes. Both Skitterwalks and Mirrodine lures drew great top water strikes. This year marks the end of the November/December sea trout closure for our area. This is good to hear as trout stocks are at a higher level than they have been in years. This closure never really made any sense to me as our trout seem to spawn in the springtime. These popular fish are generally easy to catch and make for a nice fish dinner for clients.

With the mullet spawn in full swing now, one of my favorite things to do on the lower winter tides is to sight-fish for the bull sharks that make their living on these mullet schools. These schools pitched out in front of a shark will quickly draw the attention of this apex predator. After watching the shark eat your bait, set the hook and simply hold on. The show is just starting. Watching the big head shakes, submarine-like wake and mud trail behind the charging, hooked shark – all in less than a minute deep water – is a rush.

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The trout season is not closing this year of roe-filled mullet can be in the tens of thousands and larger than a football field in size. This annual event usually starts right after Thanksgiving and ends sometime in January. Mullet school up in huge numbers and make their way out of the rivers and estuaries through the passes and into the gulf to spawn a few miles offshore.

Mullet schools can be spotted throughout the sound and across many shallow grass flats. Wherever the mullet go, the sharks that feed on them are not far behind. On shallow water flats, five-foot plus bull sharks are easy to spot, often swimming in water too shallow for them to hide their backs, dorsal fins and tails.

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O’Kane’s Make And Take workshop will be held on Thursday, November 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $50 for the day at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery.

Sign up in advance (at FMBAA in person or by phone at 463-3909 or by email to Patty at pattyookane@gmail.com) but payment can be made the first day of class.

O’Kane has extensive experience as an art instructor. She teaches and paints in Illinois and is a member of the FMBAA.

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association, a working gallery on Donora and Shellmound in Fort Myers Beach, is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information on shows or classes, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

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Patty Mangan

Patty Mangan, who splits her time between Athens, New York and Fort Myers, was excited to find an alphabet cone at Blind Pass during a beach day with her friends last week.

“It washed up right in my hand,” said Mangan. ♡
Concerts And Conversation Series Returns

The Concerts and Conversation Series at Shell Point Retirement Community will again be open to the public announced Dawn Boren, director of resident life for Shell Point Retirement Community. This series will feature four concerts, and following each concert participants will enjoy a beverage and dessert reception with the performers. The list of performers includes:

- Merling Trio – Monday, November 26 at 7 p.m.
- Thomas Pandolfi – Thursday, January 31 at 7 p.m.
- Amernet String Quartet – Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m.
- Douglas Renfroe, Bass Baritone and LaVon Mattson, Pianist – Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

“The Concerts and Conversation Series is different from other concerts because it allows the guests the exclusive opportunity to mingle with the artist following the performance,” said Boren. “Attendees for this concert series are able to enjoy an hour of classical music in a small intimate setting since we only offer a select number of tickets for each performance. In the last few years, we decided to open ticket sales to the general public, and it has been a great success.”

Space is very limited, so tickets and reservations are required to attend any of the concerts in this series, which will be held in the Grand Cypress Room of the Woodlands.

Tickets for each concert are $25, or all four concerts can be purchased for a series price of $80. To purchase tickets, or receive more information, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067.

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TheatreLab Joins Global Play Reading

Florida Gulf Coast University is participating in a worldwide play reading to honor veterans as part of its ongoing commitment to civic engagement and community partnership.

In association with the student organizations Eagle Theatre and Students Who Served, the university’s TheatreLab will present a staged reading of Spark at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 26 in the Arts Complex of FGCU’s main campus. A post-performance discussion will involve a panel of local veterans and veteran service providers, including Service to the Armed Forces representatives of the Red Cross, student veterans from Students Who Served, an FGCU staff member who is a veteran and faculty with veteran-related expertise.

Veterans and the entire community are encouraged to attend this free event to honor those who serve their country.

The staged reading, performed by theater students under the direction of Armando Rivera, is part of a monthlong collaboration featuring readings from New York to Australia. The event was developed to honor American war veterans, shed light on the plight of female veterans and increase awareness of veterans’ stories by NoPassport, an unincorporated collective dedicated to the advocacy, production and publication of works expressive of cross-cultural and aesthetic diversity in the arts.

A new work by 2012 OBIE Award-winning playwright Caridad Svich, Spark is about a family of sisters in North Carolina, one of whom is a veteran returning from war. The two-act play reflects on poverty in America, what happens when soldiers come home and the strength of family. It is the third play in Svich’s “American quartet” of works addressing national issues and global concerns. Her other plays include 12 Ophelias, Iphigenia… A Rave Fable and The House of the Spirits, based on the novel by Isabel Allende.

For more information about Spark, visit http://www.nopassport.org/spark. For information about FGCU’s TheatreLab, go to http://theatrelab.fgcu.edu or e-mail assistant professor Michelle Hayford at mhayford@fgcu.edu.

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Wide Beaches And High Dunes Protect People And Property
submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

What happens when you wrap a hurricane inside a winter storm, and have it come ashore during extremely high tides? Unexpected and significant coastal impacts, including major beach erosion, flooding and structural damage – but concentrated in those areas where the beach and dune defenses were not adequate to absorb the surge and waves from this record-setting storm.

While the official (and much-needed) analysis of the storm’s components for catastrophe will be months, there are some broad-brush takeaways from the storm:

- Wider beaches with high dunes work. Except (perhaps) for where Sandy made direct landfall, the story consistently was that wide sandy beaches and high dune systems kept the waves away from upland property and infrastructure, and prevented flooding from the unexpected storm surge. Even in areas where the beaches and dunes were lost, they provided the first line of defense and help minimize the amount of damage that occurred. They absorbed the first onslaught of wave energy and storm surge before they were overcome. Where the beach was narrow or the dunes too low, Sandy overtopped the coastal protections, flooded the upland homes and structures and pushed beach sand into the streets.

Of course, when designing a beach you normally don’t prepare a coastal system for a direct hit by a once-in-a-lifetime (we hope) storm – any more than seat belts and air bags can protect you when the car you’re in is hit by a train. High dunes and wide beaches were no match for a 15-foot storm surge and a mountain of water that had days to build momentum in those areas north of where Sandy made landfall. Even though these engineered systems were not designed to provide protection for a super storm, the size of Sandy, they performed above and beyond all expectations.

One of the reasons for having a wide beach is to create a buffer, so sand will be “sacrificed” to help protect things landward of it; similarly high dunes behind the beach serve as a levee, preventing inland flooding. Mostly, in Sandy all along the affected coast healthy beaches did just that; when adjacent coastal communities suffered differing amounts of damage, the health (width and height) of their beach and dune systems kept the waves away from upland property and infrastructure, and prevented flooding from the unexpected storm surge.

- Coastal protection doesn’t stop at the coastline. In the face of storms like Sandy, keeping coastal communities safe isn’t just about wide healthy beaches. Some of the worst destruction happened in those towns and cities where flood waters could run amok once seawalls and other hard structures were overtopped – because ground-level buildings and aging infrastructure were no match for rising tides. Worse, some cities had no easy way to drain off floodwaters once the tides receded, because barriers and geography kept gravity from doing its job – making a bad situation worse and delaying recovery and repair.

- We need to heed the warning of coastal scientists and implement coastal protection plans developed by coastal engineers. Along the coast, plans and preparations are often more shaped by politics and personal preferences than by prudence – doing “what’s possible” rather than “what’s necessary.” Politicians need to heed warnings that are based on coastal facts and science (rather than just those based on volume and stridency).

Conversely, we need to demand “good” science — reproducible, redundant and reliable – be used as the basis for our policy decision-making whenever possible, rather than accepting the assertions of well-meaning but unqualified “experts” as the inspiration for coastal action.

Wider beaches and high dune systems, along with elevated structures built to tested building codes and siting plans, can provide significant protection and sustainability of our coastal infrastructure. The cost of doing it right is higher than what has been spent in the past, but significantly less than the cost to clean up and repair the impacts of a single storm such as Sandy.

- Protecting coastal infrastructure is a crucial investment. Particularly in those areas with crucial public infrastructure (tunnels, power plants, airports, major roadways) so close to the coast, a sound protection plan would limit damage and speed recovery.

Plans big and small will be advanced in the months to come to deal with the vulnerabilities exposed by Sandy, and we encourage reinforcement to be part of the recovery and repair investment.

This should be a wake-up call for other coastal communities unaffected by the storm. We would hope the events of the past several days will inspire them to look hard at their own potential weak infrastructure links and start considering what steps they can take to shore up those crucial public resources before they face the storm specter staring down at them.

As New Jersey and New York were just reminded, it’s not a question of “if” but “when” – and “how bad.”

For more information, go to www.asbpa.org, Facebook or www.twitter.com/asbpa.

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**Sanibel Library Board Members Begin New Terms, Get To Work**

The Sanibel Public Library District Board of Commissioners is joined by its newest member, Melanie Congress, seated left, elected on November 6 to serve a two-year term. With Congress are Commissioners Linda Kramer, seated center, and Linda Uhler, seated right. Standing from left are Commissioners Tom Krekel, Gib Warren, Sandy Zahoričak and Dan Moeder, who continue their board service for an additional four years following the election.

**PAWS Pets**

Meet Pepper, a 2-year-old, super sweet male cat. Pepper is currently being boarded at a kennel, so volunteers at PAWS are very anxious to get him into his forever home.

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Local Artist Offers Weekly Painting Classes At The Community House

Local artist Sissi Janku is back on Sanibel. Well known on the island for her bright and lively tropical paintings, on display in her studio and in the Island Style Gallery, Janku will be teaching a weekly art class at The Community House on Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. starting on November 28.

During her last two exciting years in China, Janku has been teaching art classes to art-loving expats from all over the world as well as at Concordia International/ American School in Shanghai.

In a relaxed and casual atmosphere, students will learn the basic artistic concepts of line, color, perspective, light, form, composition, color theory, etc. Students will develop simple creative techniques that will result in exhilarating and interesting ways to express their artistic ideas, while developing their individuality and painting technique.

Her preferred media is acrylics, because of its versatility. All materials will be provided.

Each session will be three hours of glorious enjoyment and artistic creation.

For more information or class registration, visit www.sissijanku.com or call Sissi at 321-282-6332.
Tank Talks Offered At SCCF

Happy, the Florida Snapping turtle

On Tuesday, November 27 at 10 a.m., join an SCCF biologist for the next Tank Talk in the Nature Center.

The SCCF Nature Center has educational ambassadors living in tanks. They include Indie the endangered Indigo snake, Jewel the Diamondback Terrapin, Happy the Florida Snapping turtle, Salty the mangrove water snake plus baby box turtles and critters in the touch tank. Following the Tank Talk, take a guided tour to learn more about these living ambassadors, many of which are SCCF research subjects.

Cost to attend the Tank Talk is $5, with SCCF members and children admitted free. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 or visit www.sccf.org for more information.

Turtle Tracks At SCCF

Learn about the lifecycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on local beaches and what the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is doing to protect them.

Get an update on the whereabouts of RECON the recently satellite-tagged Kemp’s Ridley being tracked by Mote Marine Lab and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The Kemp’s Ridley is the world’s most endangered sea turtle and use Pine Island Sound as a juvenile nursery.

Since 1992, SCCF sea turtle volunteers and staff have monitored every inch of Sanibel and Captiva beaches each morning from May 1 through October, looking for tracks to nests laid the night before or nests that have hatched.

The next Turtle Tracks program will be held on Thursday, November 29 at 10 a.m. at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children, or $5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.

Volunteers Needed For Christmas Bird Count On December 15

San-Cap Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 15. The results of the local count will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in the 113th National Christmas Bird Count.

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

Prior to the turn of the 20th century, people engaged in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas “Side Hunt.” They would choose sides and go into the field with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered and furred quarry won. Conservation was in its infancy around the turn of the century, and many observers and scientist were becoming concerned about declining bird populations.

Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition, a Christmas bird census that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them. So began the Christmas Bird Count. Thanks to the inspiration of Frank M. Chapman and the enthusiasm of 27 dedicated birders, 25 Christmas Bird Counts were held that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario, to Pacific Grove, California with most counts in or near the population centers in northeastern North America. Those original 27 bird counters tallied a total of 90 species on all the counts combined.

Volunteers are needed for this year’s count. Birding skills are desirable but not necessary. To participate or to obtain additional information, call 395-3804.
Festival Of Trees Opens November 23

Goodwill Industries’ 6th annual Festival of Trees, presented by FineMark National Bank & Trust, opens November 23 at the historic Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers. This week-long event will feature 25 beautifully decorated holiday trees, the Children’s Holiday Workshop, and the elegant Tux & Trees Gala.

“This year’s festival is bigger than ever,” said Madison Mitchell, Goodwill’s community relations coordinator. “On Saturday, November 24 we have a brunch with Santa, and an outdoor street festival. In the evening The River District will be celebrating its annual Holiday Stroll and the art center will host a special holiday concert by the Beatles tribute band The Nowhere Band.

Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson will be on hand Saturday, November 24 to light the wreath outside the art center before the concert begins.

The Festival of Trees is open to the public during the following times:

- Friday, November 23, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, November 24, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, November 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, November 26, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 28, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, November 29, 5 to 9 p.m.
- Friday, November 30, 5 to 9:00 p.m.

Families are invited to bring their little ones to the festival’s Children’s Holiday Workshop. For a $6 per child admission fee, children can play holiday games, create ornaments and cards, and listen to stories. The workshop is open Friday, November 23, Saturday, November 24, and Sunday, November 25. Visit www.tuxandtrees.com for times and special pricing.

“There is a very eclectic mix of trees this year,” said Mitchell. “We have a wine themed tree, an upside down tree, gift certificates galore to jewelry design-

ers, restaurants, and salons, a Star Wars Planetarium, and so much more. There truly is something for everyone.”

Returning designers include Axis Natural Medicine, Benzing Technologies, BJs Wholesale Club, CenturyLink, Costco, Health & Harmony Center, Hotel Indigo, LCEC, Media Vista Group, River District Alliance, Rotary Club of North Fort Myers, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Staging Matters & Riverside Reality, The Home Depot, and Two Men and a Truck. New designers include Edgewood Academy, Grandeur Magazine, Gulf Coast Town Center, Mark Loren Designs, Mini De-Lights Miniature Club, Norris Home Furnishings, and Seminole Casino Immokalee.

The charitable and glamorous Tux & Trees Gala concludes the festival on Saturday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. All of the festival’s trees will be sold during a live auction, while wreaths and other extravagant items will be available in a silent auction. The evening will be hosted by Stacey Adams of WINK News and auctioneer Mike Joyce of Gulfcoast Coin & Jewelry. Tickets to the Tux & Trees Gala are $100 per person.

For those who are unable to attend the gala but don’t want to miss out on the opportunity to bring home one of the festival’s trees, there is a special tree up for raffle. The Golden Ticket tree is an elaborately decorated four-foot tree with elegant gold ornaments and completed with over $1,000 in gift certificates for spa treatments from Natalie’s Skin Solutions. The raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the festival. Tickets are $25 each, or three for $50.

Last year’s Tux & Trees Gala raised $56,000 to support the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, which provides long-term financial support to programs and services of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida. In 2011, Goodwill helped 23,000 Southwest Floridians with disabilities and other disadvantages become more independent.

For more information, or to purchase Tux & Trees Gala tickets, visit www.tuxandtrees.com or call 995-2106 ext. 2213.

Last year’s Tux & Trees Gala
BIG ARTS will present a classical concert featuring violinist Jinjoo Cho accompanied by pianist Hyun Soo Kim on Sunday, December 2 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are general admission $32; Classical Afternoon series $109 for four Classical Afternoon concerts; student/child free with paying adult.

Jinjoo Cho is the first prize and Orchestra Award winner of the 2010 Buenos Aires International Violin Competition and the People’s Choice Award winner of the 2006 Montreal International Musical Competition. She has appeared as a soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Seoul Philharmonic, the Louisville Orchestra and the Aspen Concert Orchestra. A native of Seoul, South Korea, Cho is a graduate of Yewon Art School and the Korean National University of Arts. She moved to the U.S. in 2002 to study at the Cleveland Institute of Music. A Cleveland Plain Dealer review describes Cho as “a young artist of extravagant gifts ... a forceful, expressive musician.”

Hyun Soo Kim completed his master's degree in Collaborative Piano at the Cleveland Institute of Music in 2011, where he received the Rosa Lobe award in Collaborative Piano. He has performed as a soloist with the University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra and the Newark Symphony Orchestra.

Their program will include John Corigliano: Sonata for Violin and Piano, Beethoven: Sonata for Violin and Piano Op. 12, No. 1 in D Major, Strauss: Violin and Piano in E-flat major, Op. 18, Paganini: La Campanella, and the challenging Franz Waxman: Carmen Fantasy. A brief ceremony to announce the winner of the BIG ARTS/Kenneth L. Nees Classical Music Scholarship will be held before the concert.

Upcoming Classical Afternoon Series concerts are Ars Nova String Trio (January 6), Pianist Priscila Navarro (January 27), and Indiana University Jacobs School of Music Starling Chamber Players (February 12).

Classical Afternoons are supported by Grand Patron Series Sponsor Deborah and John La Gorce.

To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road or call Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

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Southall Gives Presentation At Shell Islands Garden Club Meeting

David Southall recently gave a PowerPoint program to members of the Shell Islands Garden Club on the growing and use of succulents in their gardens. Southall is a lifelong commercial botanist and grower with an interest in the growth, propagation and hybridizing of succulents and cacti. Martha Dilger introduced the speaker.

The Shell Islands Garden Club is a membership of hands-in-the-dirt gardeners with interests in floral design, horticulture, conservation and local philanthropy. With president Maggie Butcher presiding, members of the club agreed to distribute funds from the proceeds of an auction held earlier this year to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, CROW, ECHO and The Community House.

The Alien Invasion At SCCF

More than 500 fish and wildlife species, 1,180 plant species and “who knows how many” insects that are not native now live and multiply in Florida were introduced by humans. Some – like the pythons in the Everglades – are having devastating effects.

Come and learn about the species that make up Sanibel and Captiva’s “Alien Invasion” on Wednesday, November 28 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Cost is $5 for adults, with SCCF members and children admitted free.

English Country Dancing

Learn the social dances of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries on Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year round at Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Dress is casual, and flat shoes with non-slip soles are recommended. Partners are not necessary and beginners are welcomed. The atmosphere is family friendly, with live music provided. Lessons are free after a one-time payment of $10, which covers lifetime membership to Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center.

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Opening Night At The Strauss

by Di Saggau

It was a festive evening as theater-goers welcomed the start of a new season at the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater. A pre-show reception allowed everyone to mingle in the lobby and chat with friends. They then enjoyed a performance of Becky’s New Car, a Theatre Conspiracy production, that enjoyed an eight-night run at the Strauss.

Theater Production Manager Bobby Logue announced the new Strauss season to the audience. Next up is Dickens’ Women December 4, 5, 6 and 7, starring award-winning British actress Miriam Margolyes. You might remember her as Professor Sprout in the Harry Potter films. She will portray many of Dickens’ colorful female literary characters. Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings opens December 17, followed by the Southwest Florida Premiere of Monty Python’s Spamalot on January 11. To learn more about the entire season at BIG ARTS Strauss Theater, call 395-0900 or log on to www.BIG ARTS.org.
BIG ARTS Community Chorus Holiday Concert, led by Steve Cramer, will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 6 in Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

The chorus will sing holiday favorites including a Christmas on Broadway medley, and selections from Handel’s Messiah. They will also perform Winter Wonderland, Hanukkah Night, and Let It Ring, Let It Swing, Let It Snow. Tickets are general admission $10; children 17 and under are free with adult.

The chorus is scheduled to perform on Sanibel at the Thanksgiving Celebration at The Community House, art fair, a bike club meeting, and Sanibel and Captiva Luminary nights.

The community chorus rehearses on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS. All are welcome to join. The community band holiday concert is 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 11 at BIG ARTS.

For more information call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

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The San-Cap Chamber tree is blue and green, representing the colors of the ocean. The tree skirt represents the color of sand and the seashells top off the Sanibel flavor. Take note of the connection of the Edison & Ford Estates and Sanibel & Captiva Chamber, Chris Pendleton, CEO and president of the Estates, is also on the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber Board.

Edison & Ford Holiday Nights 2012 will run December 1 through 30 (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

From left, Chris Pendleton, Estates president and CEO and Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce Board of Director, Linda Miller, co-owner of SanCap CPA and designer of this year’s Holiday Nights tree, with Ceil Caulfield and Bev Thomas of Legends Golf and C.C.

The tree Linda Miller designed in the name of the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce for Holiday Nights

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Shell Point
Academy
Class On Russia

The Academy at Shell Point invites Southwest Florida residents to attend an informative presentation, Russia Revisited, by Thomas Tyrell, retired lawyer and former economic advisor to the UK government. This presentation will take place on Tuesday, November 27 starting at 10 a.m. in the Grand Cypress Room of The Woodlands at Shell Point Retirement Community. Tickets are required and the cost to attend this presentation is $10 per person.

Thomas provided three sessions in the Academy last fall on “Russia In The 21st Century – Who Lost The Peace Dividend?” This fall, upon his return from the Isle of Man, he will share with us his perspective on Russia since then.

“A lot has happened in Russia this past year, and we always enjoy Thomas’ learned interpretations, especially gleaned from his half year over there,” said Terri Kollath, manager of Academy and Volunteer Services.

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point is an educational initiative for the residents of the retirement community. The Academy provides anywhere from 70 to 90 classes each semester that encompass a well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults. The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point 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.

To learn more about Shell Point Retirement Community, visit www.shellpoint.org or call 1-800-780-1131.

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Captiva Holiday Village Junkanoo parade in 2011

Chautauqua Activities During Holiday Village

Chautauqua activities held during Captiva’s annual Holiday Village celebration includes the following:
* November 29 – Holiday Surprises! Captiva Memorial Library will have a special children’s program at 3 p.m. Holiday Surprises will feature holiday story reading and a special craft activity. The newly established Captiva Island Historical Society will have an encore showing of their film, Captiva Memories, Volume 1 on the afternoon of November 29 starting at 4:30 p.m. Priceless stories from Chick Bruning, Dave Jensen, Leslie Kowalski, Debby and David MacKenzie, Nancy Oden, Shirley and Warren Stanton, Sarita Van Vleck and Queenie Vigione were recorded and edited by Rusty Farst for this first edition.
* Volume 2: Earth, Wind and Water will be shown the following Thursday, December 6. Volume 3 is still in production
* November 30 – Coconuts! Grinning face. It’s the Spanish derivative of this term from which the word coconut comes. We all hope to be grinning at Jensen’s Marina on November 30 during a daylong celebration of the coconut and its relatives.
* SCCF’s Native Plant Nursery manager will be on hand to share her knowledge of the state tree of Florida, the cabbage palm. Coconuts did not exist in Florida prior to the Spaniards. Calusas used the fiber of cabbage palms for rope making, the fronds for weaving containers and the fruits for food. There are many ethno-botanical uses of this versatile tree. Learn to weave a fish ornament from the frond and watch a demonstration of basket weaving.
* Dick Walsh will be there to show some of the ornamental varieties of coconuts. Teri McClure and other volunteers will assist people who want to make and mail their own coconut greeting card. Taste heart of palm. Learn how to crack the tough nut using two claw hammers. It’s a casual day... come on over and then come back for more. And, just maybe, the royalty of ice cream makers herself will make an appearance bearing toasted coconut ice cream.
* Activities start at 11 a.m. and go through 3 p.m., ending just a bit before one of the legendary Captiva Mullet Marches heads to the beach for sunset. Find SCCF staff and volunteers under the big tiki at Jensen’s Twin Palms Marina.
  * December 1 – Join The Junkanoo! Making Recycled Rhythm Instruments project is available on the corner of Andy Rosse Lane and Captiva Drive, just prior to the start of the heart-thumping, high-stepping Bahamas Junkanoo Band dances their way down Andy Rosse Lane. The band was honored by being featured in the National Folk Music Festival. Junkanoo parades are highly spirited and continued on page 44
Film Series Returns To BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS Film Society brings back the ever-popular Not-for-Monday-Night Film Series with a documentary and three dramas. Films for the adventuresome, the Not-for-Monday-Night Series is a mélange of recent films and documentaries, sometimes serious, sometimes controversial, sometimes funny, much like what you would find at major film festivals. These full-length films will include an introduction and discussion of the film led by longtime film buff Hyde Tucker. Filmgoers will also have the enhanced viewing experience provided by a high-definition projection system and Blu-ray Disc player.

General Admission is $5. All films begin at 1:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays. Personal listening devices are available.

Not-for-Monday-Night films are:

November 28 – Once Upon a Time in Anatolia (2011), Turkey; Not Rated
December 5 – Tabloid (2010), U.S.; Rated R
December 12 – In Darkness (2011), Poland; Rated R

Winner of the grand prize of the Jury Award at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival, Once Upon a Time in Anatolia is a drama about a search party hunting for a missing body hidden in the hills of Anatolia. Deborah Young of the Hollywood Reporter describes the film as “a deep and haunting work that lingers in the memory.”

Tabloid is a documentary by Errol Morris about Joyce McKinney, a former Miss Wyoming who became a British tabloid sensation in the late 1970s when she was charged with abducting and imprisoning a young Mormon missionary in the countryside of Devon in south England. “Watching the film is a tantalizing experience… it is a spellbinding enigma,” Roger Ebert said.

A 2012 Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film, In Darkness is a dramatization of one man’s real-life rescue of Jewish refugees in the Nazi-occupied Polish city of Lvov during World War II. AO Scott of The New York Times said the film is “touching, warm and dramatically satisfying.”

To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. Gift From The Sea by Ann Morrow Lindbergh
2. Gone by Randy Wayne White
3. Language Of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
4. Sanibel Flats by Randy Wayne White
5. Untethered Soul by Michael Singer
6. Fifty Shades Darker by EL James
7. Another Sanibel Sunset Detective by Ron Base
8. Poseidon’s Arrow by Clive Cussler
9. Last Man by Vince Flynn
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Poet’s Corner

Tanya Hochschild write’s “The Island Sun has asked me to manage a poetry column. We are inviting submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to tutsie@comcast.net. Each week individual work will be showcased. My poem, Living Between Poems, will kick off the season. I am a member of a Sanibel Writers Group, have participated in Art poems and Writer’s Reads on the island, and had two books published. Much of my work, as the poem today indicates, is influenced by the country of my birth, South Africa, a place we return to every year.”

selected by Tanya Hochschild

Living Between Poems
by Tanya Hochschild

I want to be in nature, to find again a fierce sense of union, to be part of the earth’s restless energy, I want to throw bones as elephants do – To know my own fate.

To scatter feathers of birds who have flown endless skies.

Feel in their dispersal the distance I must cover.

To be the black of the Zebra’s white, together to dazzle the bushveld. To shed my skin – to unmask - to know wildness, to feel home.

On a hike, to trip on ideas, yet stay on the trail for in the rhythm of walking is the music of writing.

I want to track the spoor of the earth in the white-hot heat of day. Find peace waiting for me in a shady spot. And when I am with nature, I know my place in the world and I can write a poem.

Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate bridge results from Tuesday, November 13, when there were six tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association. The winners were:

1. Mary and Dick Butler
2. Vida Zubkus and Rick Smart
3. Judy Glaser and Dick Brown
4. Ulla and Bogi Von Below
5. Clara and Terry Terrana

The game runs for six months – November through April – at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

For more information, call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.

Once Upon A Time In Anatolia

submitted by Hyde Tucker

Once Upon A Time In Anatolia is a Turkish film about a murder investigation and human nature under pressure. It will be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28 in Schein Performance Hall at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

This film shared the grand prize at the Cannes Film festival in 2011. It is an excellent example of telling multiple stories using not much more than actor’s faces, landscape, incident light, yellow and gold color, sound, music and slow pace.

Manohla Dargis in the New York Times said, “Mr. Ceylan (the director) doesn’t trumpet his ideas, but lets them quietly surface, often through to stories that the men tell one another and at times take the form of parables.”

Time Out London said, “Murder mysteries rarely run as deep as this long, dark night of the soul.” It also said, “However, the murder allows both Ceylan and us time to stop and consider what life means in the face of it being snatched away.”

It added, “The entourage takes tea at a village where a beautiful young woman serving them awakens new feelings in one of the prisoners and the story begins to take in a more intimate, spiritual dimension as it focuses increasingly on the character of the doctor.”

As I watched the film, I thought of the important role Turkey is playing because of the war in Syria. I also thought how the investigation seems like an American one and how it does not. Turkish human nature seems depicted as universal rather than different.

The film starts very slowly and gains some speed. It is 2 hours and 37 minutes long. It is not rated. There is a body. The autopsy is delicately handled. Most of the violence is off-scene. It is in Turkish with well-designed English sub-titles. Tickets are $5 each.

There will be a brief introduction before the film and an open discussion afterwards. All will be encouraged to participate in the discussion.

Once Upon A Time In Anatolia is the second of four films of the “Not For Monday Night” series. The others to be shown are Tabloid (December 5) and In Darkness (December 12). The first film of the series was Margin Call. These films are outstanding and have made a positive difference, but are more controversial or otherwise do not fit the Monday night model.

For the complete listing of BIG ARTS films, to purchase tickets or to become a member, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.
Captiva Holiday Village
Updated Schedule Of Events

Hotels, merchants, attraction owners and restaurateurs of Captiva Island have been busily preparing for the third annual Captiva Holiday Village that will kick off next Friday and continue through December 9.

The three-weekend-long Captiva Holiday Village launches its 2012 spectacular the Friday after Thanksgiving with fireworks, tree lightings, holiday readings, musical performances and more.

Each special-themed weekend will be a fun-filled extravaganza of sight and sound, set against the backdrop of the Gulf of Mexico and evening sunsets. During the event weekends, visitors will enjoy everything from decorated golf-cart and lighted boat parades to Junkanoo and fire dancers, live music and even a Marching Mullet Parade.

“Captiva is a remarkable island village and known as a magnet for creative people,” said Paul McCarthy of Captiva Cruises. “It’s famous for its beautiful beaches, wildlife-filled waters, family-friendly atmosphere, and a quirky, relaxed way of life. This island is a perfect place to unwind from holiday stress.”

All three weekends of events take place in Captiva’s “village” center, where its colorful restaurants and shops will be festively decorated.

The village is the heart of the island: a quirky, colorful, pedestrian-friendly hub where people stroll from place to place, enjoying live music, tropical food and drink and the island’s legendary sunsets.

Back by popular demand, a feature of this year’s Captiva Holiday Village is community Chautauqua, offering educational workshops, entertainment, films, a carol sing, boat cruises, tastings and natural history talks – all offering locals and visitors a chance to learn more about quirky Captiva.

“As Captiva is a wonderful contrast from the hustle and bustle of normal daily life,” said Jeff Shuff, ‘Tween Waters Inn general manager. “When you add in all the fun with these three holiday event weekends, Captiva should be at the top of your holiday must-do list; it’s going to be one heck of a party this year.”

This year’s sponsors include the Golf Cart Parade sponsor – The Royal Shell Companies, the Boat Parade Sponsor – Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, the Junkanoo Parade sponsor – American Realty of Captiva and the Fire Dancing on the Beach sponsor – VIP Realty.

Media sponsors include the News-Press Media Group, Island Sun and Sanibel-Captiva Beaches & Keys.

As a highlight of this annual event, local hoteliers and restaurants have once again teamed up to offer six free two-night Captiva Holiday Village weekends for the 2012 event. Online entries are now being accepted at www.captivaholidayvillage.com.

Captiva Island resorts, inns, cottages and vacation homes are also offering lodging specials in conjunction with this year’s event.

For a list of all events and hotel packages, visit www.CaptivaHolidayVillage.com.

Schedule Of Events
Friday, November 23: ‘Tween Waters Inn Tree Lighting Ceremony and fireworks
5 to 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 24: South Seas Tree Lighting and Children’s Classic Holiday Reading
Chadwick’s Square South Seas
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sunset Arias on the beach at ‘Tween Waters Inn
5 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 28: Walking History Tour with Richard Finkel of Captiva Cruises at McCarthy’s Marina
11 a.m.
Sunset Cruise
Demystifying Wines - Wonder about what temperature a Barbera wine should be served or what the cork can tell you about the quality? Join Gordon Huller on this special sunset cruise to learn more.
Call 472-5100 for reservations.
5 p.m.
Thursday, November 29: Sanibel Captiva Art League “Paint Out” Plein Air at Tween Waters Inn
10 a.m.
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Holiday Village

“Holiday Surprises” at Captiva Memorial Library
2:30 p.m.
Captiva Historical Society presents Captiva Memories Vol. 1 at CCA Community Center
Friday, November 30:
Coconuts!
Paint coconut greeting cards, weave fish ornaments from palm fronds, taste Queenie’s coconut ice cream, learn about varieties of coconuts, and ethnobotanical uses of the cabbage palm.
Under the tiki at Jensen’s Marina
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Mullet March
Starts at Jensen’s Marina
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Joyous Jam
Five-piece band Jim Morris & The Big Bamboo Band on stage. Food and liquor booths. Bring lawn chairs. No coolers allowed.
Keylime Bistro on Andy Rosse Lane
5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Fire Dancing
Andy Rosse Lane Beach
6 p.m.
Saturday, December 1:
Mullet Festival
Jensen’s Marina
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fishing, cooking demos, book signing and music. Fun for all ages.
Join the Junkanoo making Recycled Rhythm Instruments
Corner of Andy Rosse Lane and Captiva Drive
1 to 3 p.m.
Junkanoo Parade
Andy Rosse Lane
3 p.m.
Boat Parade
Roosevelt Channel. Get cruise tickets from Captiva Cruises 472-5300
Public parade viewing: Green Flash Restaurant, Jensen’s Marina, McCarthy’s Marina and ‘Twee Waters Marina
6 p.m.
Boat Awards
Keylime Bistro on Andy Rosse Lane
8:30 p.m.
Tuesday December 4:
Talk by Amy Bennett Williams, editor of Tropicalla and author Images of the Caloosahatchee. Also speaking Woody Hanson, grandson of the Seminole’s White Medicine Man.
Wakefield Room at ‘Twee Waters Inn
7 p.m.
Wednesday, December 5:
Boat Cruise – 1,000 Years of Fishing in Pine Island Sound boat cruise
McCarthy’s Marina with SCCF’s Kristie Anders. Call 472-5100 for reservations
9:30 a.m.
Captiva Storm Readiness by Doris Holzheimer and Island Hurricanes by SCCF’s Kristie Anders
Captiva Civic Association
2 p.m.
Boat Cruise – Winter Stars Over Captiva with Richard Finkel of Captiva Cruises
March
$30 per person. Call Captiva Cruises in advance for reservations 472-5100
6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 6:
Sanibel Art League “Paint Out” Plein Air
Andy Rosse Lane
10 a.m.
Mangrove Mamas: Who Lives Amidst the Mangroves with a live touch tank
‘Twee Waters Marina Deck
11 a.m.
Sea Grass Seining with SCCF Scientists
Captiva Kayak
Fee $30 person for kayaks
1:30 p.m.
Books Make The Best Gifts
Captiva Memorial Library
2:30 p.m.
Captiva Memories: Earth, Wind and Water
Captiva Community Center
4:30 pm
Friday, December 7:
Sanibel Luminary Evening
5:30 to 9 p.m.
Sunset Arias
Beach at ‘Twee Waters Inn
5 to 6:30 p.m.
America’s Darling, a new documentary on the life of Jay Norwood Darling
Wakefield Room at ‘Twee Waters Inn
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 8:
Golf Cart Parade
Decorated Golf Cart Parade starts at South Seas Island Resort, traveling down Captiva Drive
3:30 p.m.
Sanibel Luminary
7 p.m.
Captiva Luminary Stroll throughout the Captiva Village area and Chadwick’s Square
Photographic Sampler at the Captiva Memorial Library Collection
Catch the trolley from South Seas Island Resort to ‘Twee Waters Inn with three stops in between to enjoy shopping, entertainment and food
Sunday, December 9:
Carol Sing at Chapel-by-the-Sea
Post-carol reception at Captiva Civic Association Hall
7 p.m.
Monday Night Movie

Goodbye First Love

by Di Saggau

The Monday Night Movie at BIG ARTS on November 26 is Goodbye First Love, an autobiographical film by Mia Hansen-Løve. The movie is about the relationship between teenagers Camille (Lola Creton) and her carefree boyfriend Sullivan (Sebastian Urzendowsky). It’s a delicate love story, tender and erotic, and drenched in the idealism and seriousness of its central character, Camille.

Even though Camille is middle class, studious and university-bound and Sullivan is working class, feckless and older, the rest of the world fades into oblivion when they are together. With Sullivan’s decision to leave Paris and travel to South America, Camille is unable to overcome the physical and emotional distance. She has to let go of her love and discover on her own what the world has to offer.

Some eight years later when the two are together. With Sullivan’s decision to leave Paris and travel to South America, Camille is unable to overcome the physical and emotional distance. She has to let go of her love and discover on her own what the world has to offer.

Yet, when Sullivan walks back into her life, Camille is lured back to the past, to the cause of so much exhilaration yet so much suffering.

Camille is not an especially easy girl to love because of her intensity and, in her teenage years, a selfishness, self-pity, and neediness that would drive away any man. Yet, Creton breaks through her character’s rather severe surface with a burst of passion, an upsurge of desire that sends her tumbling back to the place where nothing mattered but the river, the mountains and the boy at her side.

BIG ARTS Film Society’s Monday Night Film Series presents a mixture of critically-acclaimed independent and foreign films and documentaries. After each movie, a group of film buffs leads discussions on The Gainer Veranda, complementary by refreshments.

Films are 88 and begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, located at 900 Dunlap Road. continued on page 43

Bailey’s Limited Edition Ornament Now Available

The 2012 Bailey’s General Store limited edition ornament is the iconic brown paper Bailey’s handle sack. This is the fourth in the series of collectible ornaments.

Throughout the years, Bailey’s has used the handle sack as an alternative to the traditional brown paper bag used in most grocery stores. Residents and visitors appreciate the convenience the handles offer. It has served as a reminder of the store, the shopping experience and the visit to the island for many of visitors as they stow it in their luggage to take home.

The Bailey’s handle sack has remained environmentally friendly and completely recyclable throughout its tenure. The handle sack has seen a myriad of uses over the years. It has served as a tote, laundry bag, beach bag, trash bag, recyclables collection bag, packing material, book cover, floor mat, seat cushion, seat protector, artist canvas and wrapping paper. It was used as poetry parchment by the late Sam Bailey as he composed a poem in honor of his brother Francis’ birthday. It has even been preserved in artwork by local artist Myra Roberts in her painting Bailey Dog, which shows a customer returning from a shopping trip with the Bailey’s handle sack of groceries and a dog in her bicycle basket.

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Each ornament is made of 24k gold on brass and comes in a royal blue presentation folder, showing the Bailey’s logo on the front. The folder contains a certificate indicating the limited edition ornament number and a description of the significance of the design. The ornaments, certificates and folders are produced by the Charleston Mint of Brevard, North Carolina. Stop by Bailey’s General Store to get yours, or call 472-1516.
Island Service Clubs Meet To Discuss Collaboration

Meeting at Jerry’s Restaurant were, from left, Ric Base, John Grey, Shirley Jewell, John Basher, Danny Duncan, Gayle Dehaan-Garland, Orlene Shimberg and Jonathan Tongyai

At the invitation of Orlene Shimberg, president of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, representatives of six island service clubs met recently at Jerry’s Restaurant to discuss ways in which the clubs might work together to maximize every club’s efforts to improve life on the islands. In addition, they brainstormed possible ways to say a big “thank you” to the business community for their support of all of the service organizations.

In addition to Shimberg, the following attended to represent their clubs: Gayle Dehaan-Garland (ABWA), Jonathan Tongyai (Kwans), Danny Duncan (Lions), John Basher (Optimists) and John Grey and Shirley Jewell (Rotary). Also joining the group was Ric Base, president of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce.

The agenda included support and publicity for each club’s major events. Base offered to help publicize event information, provided he is sent copy-ready material for the Chamber’s Friday newsletter. Also, he agreed to coordinate through the Chamber of Commerce requests from individual clubs for help in providing the necessary people-power for an event such as a craft fair, the Peek at the Unique house tour, or Christmas tree sales.

High on the list was all-round appreciation for the tremendous support all clubs receive from the community throughout the year, and without which successful fund raising could not happen. One suggestion was to plan and execute an island event such as a barbecue after the 4th of July parade, as a visible way to say “thanks” and promote fellowship among the service clubs. This idea and others will be explored within each club.

“Several years ago, Zonta did initiate and participate in a dinner involving all the island clubs,” said Shimberg. “We thought this was a good time to revisit this idea and find ways in which we can all help each other to be even more successful.”

The meeting concluded with unanimous agreement that this type of meeting be repeated at least once per year.

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

Goodbye First Love

Films are shown in high-definition on a large screen with surround sound. Assistive listening devices are available.

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**Chautauqua**

performances, involving not only costuming but dance-like body movement and music. The standard instruments include hand-made goatskin “goombay” and bass drums, tom-toms (derived from trap sets), cowbells, small one-note horns, whistles and, more recently, trumpets, trombones and sousaphones.

So, can you Junkanoo? Let SCCF help you join in the Bahamian Parade down Andy Rosse Lane. SCCF has gathered recycled materials that you can use to make your own rhythm instruments. Craft materials, bells, feathers, paints and tape along with other “stuff” will be available at 1:30 p.m. at the corner of Andy Rosse Lane and Captiva Drive. The parade starts at 3 p.m. The Junkanoo is part of the Captiva Holiday Village. The lighted boat parade starts just a few hours later. The public is encouraged to view aboard one of Captiva Cruises boats or from the docks at The Green Flash, McCarthy’s Marina and ‘Tween Waters Inn.

While on, Captiva you may want to stay around after the Junkanoo for the lighted boat parade. Public viewing is available at The Green Flash, Jensen’s Marina, ‘Tween Waters Inn and McCarthy’s Marina. Members of the Captiva Island Yacht Club also have a great vantage point.

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**Deep-Sea Mollusk Exhibit**

This exhibit is the newest addition to the Shell Museum's Great Hall of Shells. Dr. José H. Leal, director and curator for the museum, is particularly pleased with the videos, shells and other materials now on display in the permanent exhibit.

Contributions to the exhibit include shells and didactic materials from such important institutions as Woods Hole in Massachusetts, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute in California, The University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, and Duke University in North Carolina, among others.

“Deep sea exploration is an exciting new frontier for us to learn more about the variety and abundance of life forms on the bottom of the ocean floor,” said Dr. Leal. “I am particularly pleased with the response from our colleagues around the world who have helped the museum exhibit by providing our visitors with the most up-to-date information, shells and videos from the deep sea.”

Museum visitors learn about the life of mollusks and their shells from the more than 30 exhibits that display shells from all around the world.

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**Musical Family Show**

The duo recently added a few new songs to the show. Michael said, “We added music to represent Judy and Liza. We did this because our audiences told us they wanted them in there. And let’s be honest, you can’t go wrong with those two.”

Menzie and Michael’s imaginative musical twists on jazz favorites, standards, contemporary pop and Broadway show tunes have won them audience and critical acclaim around the globe. The pair recently appeared at New York’s Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Town Hall, and has been included in New York’s Cabaret Scenes Magazine’s Top Ten Cabaret Acts for five consecutive years.

A three-time winner of After Dark Chicago’s Outstanding Cabaret Artist award, Menzie has been praised as “one of the city’s finest performers.” Her critically-acclaimed solo CD Real Emotional Girl garnered national radio play and was praised by Cabaret Scenes magazine as “one of the year’s finest.”

With a voice that Billboard Magazine describes as, “… a revelation,” Michael’s charismatic tenor breathes new life into cabaret standards and reveals why BackStage Magazine has called him “one of the most striking singers to emerge in the last few years.” His most current solo CD, Written in the Stars, was named Best CD of the Year by ShowBusiness Weekly Magazine, After Dark Chicago and WDVR-FM radio.

The Chicago Tribune says Menzie and Michael are “one of the most compelling duos in cabaret.”

General seating is $37, loge $42, student $15. BIG ARTS is offering online ticket sales for single event tickets as well as series and subscription tickets, at www.BIGARTS.org.

Tickets are also available at BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, 900 Dunlop Road, 395-0900, and at the Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way, 472-6862.

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Cruises with Santa will depart on Saturday’s – December 1, 8, 15 and 22 – from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Cost (which is all inclusive for this holiday event) will be $45 per child and $40 per adult. Reservations are required as space is limited.

Additional information and reservations for the Bubble Room Cruises with Santa may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.

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Rabbi To Speak

National Defense University. During his active duty, he served servicemen and women in the U.S. and abroad. In addition to his military education, Rabbi Geller attended Georgetown University’s Foreign Service School and Princeton University’s graduate politics department. He taught political theory and American government at the University of Tennessee and served as director of religious education at Temple Beth El in Knoxville, Tennessee from 1961 to 1967.

Since retiring, Rabbi Geller has served as the rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Toms River, New Jersey, Temple Covenant of Peace in Easton, Pennsylvania, and Temple Bat Yam of the Islands in Sanibel, Florida. He is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform). Rabbi Geller is married to the former Eva Rubinstein and they have a daughter, a son-in-law and two grandchildren that live in Rishon LeZion, Israel, a northern suburb of Tel Aviv.

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Sanibel Fire And Rescue Honored
by Jeff Lysiak

For the first time since the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District (SFRD) began handing out Phoenix Awards in 1999, recognizing the efforts of crew members who have made life-recovering rescues, a total of seven awards were distributed last week.

Recognized during the monthly board of fire commissioners meeting were SFRD crew members Kevin Barbot, Bill Briscoe, Rob Doerr, Brittany Gydosh, Carl Johanson, Rob Popkin and John Reitenbach.

“We have one of the best departments in the entire county, and that comes from everything from the training that we do to the people we employ,” said chief Danny Duncan. “We’ve really got the finest crew anywhere.”

According to SFRD training officer Tim Barrett, on October 8, crews responded to an emergency call of a man who had gone into cardiac arrest. The victim, 61-year-old Steve Sickels, attended the Phoenix Award ceremony to thank his rescuers personally.

“My doctor is amazed and can’t believe how well I’ve made out,” said Sickels. “I guess I’m still here because I’ve got more work to do.”

Doerr, Popkin and Johanson were the first responders to arrive and helped revive Sickels. They also credited his wife, Debbie, with assisting in their efforts.

“Everything was so organized… they kept me calm,” said Debbie Sickles, who administered CPR to her husband for approximately eight minutes.

At the November 14 awards ceremony, Sickles read a card of thanks and shook hands with his life-savers. Residents of Sanibel on and off since the early 1970s, the couple said they were forever grateful for the efforts of the island firefighters and EMT staff.

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Steve Sickels, center, with two of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District crew members – Rob Doerr and Carl Johanson – who helped save his life on October 8
photos by Jeff Lysiak

Sanibel Math Team
Ranks High In Competition
The Sanibel School Math Team participated in the Lee County Mathematics Competition at Diplomat Middle School on Saturday, November 10. Members are Deanna Craig, Jacob Goodman, Haley Keller, Anna Kjoller, Deanna Craig, Mitchell Rice, Olin Peck and Isha Mehraz.


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What Does It Mean To Live United?

submitted by Tony Lapi, chairman, Sanibel-Captiva United Way Campaign

The last time I painted my house, I used a six-inch brush as compared to a four-inch brush. Why? The larger the brush, the more coverage and the more efficient I was.

Our local United Way acts in the same way – by creating a broad stroke, it covers and unites the services of many agencies. It also helps assure the efficiencies of those agencies.

Our local United Way agency is the best in the entire United States based on its size for return on investment. Over 90 percent of every dollar goes back to the agencies!

Unlike my house, the United Way has to “paint the house” each year. This year, the house got a little bigger. Our Sanibel-Captiva United Way Campaign Committee has decided to increase our goal to $315,000.

Your gift to the United Way not only helps on Sanibel through the FISH organization, but supports an array of agencies which work in conjunction with FISH to help those in need.

I am extremely proud of our company for raising over $50,000 among our employees and company match. Some of our employees at ‘Tween Waters Inn have benefited using the United Way 211 helpline to help guide them to the agency best suited for their particular need.

Does the United Way help everyone? Probably not, but it does function better than any other non-profit I know for the range it covers. That alone is a reason why our company, employees and I support it.

If you have a company and would like to start an employee campaign, I would be happy to show you how. It’s not the idea how much you and your employees give, but it’s the idea that they are living united and may help someone they may never meet who has fallen through the cracks and needs a helping hand.

I hope you will consider the United Way’s needs as you make a donation.

All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network of partner agencies. United Way partner agencies like Harry Chapin Food Bank, CCMI, FISH of Sanibel and Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades has been “the way the community cares” since it was established in 1957. For more information, please call United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties at 453-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org. If you or someone you know needs help, call United Way 211 by dialing 2-1-1 or 433-3900.

Beach Chamber Seeks More Boats For Parade

Everyone loves a parade, and in Southwest Florida, the annual boat parade is a must. The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 24th annual parade on Saturday, December 1 and is looking for additional boat entries.

Boat owners interested in participating are asked to register their boats by calling 454-7500 or visiting the Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Registration forms are also available at http://ft-myers-beach-boat-parade.com.

All sizes and types of boats are eligible to enter. There is a $25 fee for boats and $50 fee for corporate sponsored boats.

Salty Sam’s Marina is offering free overnight dockage to all participating boats with advance registration based on availability. Call Salty Sam’s Marina for advance reservations at 463-7333.

The line-up for the parade begins at 5:45 p.m. at Salty Sam’s Marina, with the actual parade starting at 6:10 p.m. The parade will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus on the Fort Myers Beach chamber of commerce boat, which is being sponsored by Fish Tale Marina.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners in a variety of categories. Decorated boats will be judged by celebrity judges Lindsay Logue, Robert Van Winke, Kelly Creswell, and Fort Myers Beach Mayor Bob Raymond. They will participate in the parade, choose and announce the winners of each category at the Winners’ Circle party at Salty Sam’s Marina immediately following the parade.

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Women’s Fund Supports Local Initiatives

The Women’s Fund of Southwest Florida presented research and programs to support opportunities leading to economic security for women at the November 6 Rotary Club meeting in Fort Myers. The initiatives include a leveraged savings program for low-to-moderate income women to assist them in building financial assets for education and training, toward the purchase of their first home, or to startup or expand their business.

“The Women’s Fund is working hard to secure federal funding for our region’s women to build assets through savings,” said Brenda Tate, president of The Women’s Fund of Southwest Florida. “Can you imagine every family who applies for need based scholarship being offered the opportunity to open a savings account at a local bank to save for education? When that savings goal is reached, The Women’s Fund will match each saved dollar with two more. That’s a two to one return on the investment.”

The other program, paired with training and mentoring, will offer women business owners access to capital for their business start-up or expansion.

The Women’s Fund recently released research findings on the status of women in Southwest Florida, examining four core areas including population and diversity, employment and income, achievement and autonomy, health and well-being. The Women’s Fund commissioned the Regional Economic Research Institute at Florida Gulf Coast University to investigate the status of women and girls in Southwest Florida in order to benchmark progress, inform public policy, set funding priorities and programming, and to inspire demand for additional knowledge about the status of women and girls in Southwest Florida.

The mission of The Women’s Fund of Southwest Florida is to raise money through federal and state grants, and relationships with individual and corporate donors, and employ a strategic grant-making model to fund programs and organizations that address the special, critical needs of women and girls in Southwest Florida.

Founding members of the Women’s Fund of Southwest Florida Board of Directors include Brenda Tate, president; Linda Uhler, secretary/treasurer; Lalai Hamnic, vice chair and Lou Pontius, chair.

To schedule a presentation by The Women’s Fund, contact Brenda Tate at 281-2233. For more information and to view the executive summary of The Status of Women in Southwest Florida report, visit www.womensfundflorida.org or email contact@womensfundflorida.org. Follow The Women’s Fund online at facebook.com/floridawomen and on twitter.com/twofswfl.

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PAWS Receives Help For Pet Fostering

PAWS volunteer Diane Barr met with Julianne Kirkpatrick and Cheryl Italiano from Sanibel Holiday to accept over $100 in donations for PAWS. The donations were collected over the past few months from Sanibel Holiday employees as part of their “pay to wear jeans” program. Any day an employee wished to wear jeans to work, they put a dollar in the jar. Reservation specialist Julianne Kirkpatrick, said “The office decided to donate to PAWS this year because everyone here is an animal lover, and we wanted to contribute locally to animals in need.” Barr said, “We are so grateful for the donation and the money will be put to good use helping stray and abandoned animals on Sanibel and Captiva.”

PAWS (Protection of Animal Welfare Society, Inc.) has been in existence here on the islands for almost 25 years (established on March 6, 1987). PAWS provides shelter and veterinary care for stray and abandoned animals on Sanibel and Captiva, taking in approximately 30 animals each year, mostly cats. Most dogs are usually returned to their owners fairly quickly, however, they do occasionally have dogs that need a new home.

The group is fortunate to have a good relationship with Coral Veterinary Clinic, which provides care for their animals. They have the animals scanned for a micro chip ID, treated for parasites, combo tested, spayed/neutered and any other medical treatment necessary. If no owner is located, they provide foster care and find permanent homes for these animals.

Volunteers at PAWS also are called by the Sanibel Police Department when people have died and their pets remain in the home. For this reason, PAWS urges pet owners to think about adding provisions for their pets in their wills. They can try to assist family members in these situations, but ultimately it’s up to the next of kin to provide for the pets left behind.

PAWS is a 501(c)3 non-profit and is dependent on donations and volunteers to run the organization. Currently, they have only two people to keep PAWS operating. The City of Sanibel provides a small building and fenced area across from the Sanibel Public Library where they can place animals initially, but the facility is not adequate for long-term sheltering. PAWS is in desperate need of people who can provide foster care for a short period of time while they find permanent homes for their animals.

It’s important for everyone to know that if they have lost a pet or if they know of an animal that appears to be abandoned or is in need of medical treatment, contact the Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111.

To contact PAWS directly, call Pam Sullivan at 472-4823 or Diane Barr at 484-574-6419.

Donations can be mailed to PAWS, PO Box 855, Sanibel, FL 33957.

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Unwrapped Gifts Collected For Friends Who Care

It is no surprise Charles Krypell was a sculptor before becoming an internationally known jewelry designer. For the last 30 years, Krypell has seamlessly woven his crafts together by sculpting exquisite pieces destined to touch the heart. Discover Krypell’s timeless jewelry at Lily & Company Jewelry Gallery on Sanibel Island. And on Saturday, November 24, meet Krypell during the gallery’s holiday extravaganza.

“We will be unveiling his new line – Today, Tomorrow and Forever,” said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. “There will also be the largest selection of natural yellow and pink diamonds in the world on display.”

A brilliant jewelry gift idea created by Krypell, the New York designer’s Ivy Love bangles and necklaces are handcrafted with a discreet message expressing your love for her today, tomorrow and forever. These pieces are designed with Krypell’s signature use of consistent color coupled with gorgeous diamonds and gemstones.

In addition to an appearance by Krypell, guests at the holiday extravaganza will be treated to a delectable selection of food by Catering by Jack and Michael Elias, live entertainment with a dance floor and a complimentary gift from Lily & Co.

Guests are also encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift for a child that will be donated to Friends Who Care – a complete disability awareness program for elementary students developed by the Easter Seals.

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Lily, the Labradoodle, Mascot for the jewelry store

“We love giving back to our community through notable organizations, such as Friends Who Care,” said Schuyler.

Friends Who Care’s program is designed to educate children on what it means to be a young person with a disability; to accept their peers with disabilities as people first; and to find ways to include everyone in school and after-school activities. It teaches about a wide range of disabilities, too.

The holiday extravaganza will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on November 24 under a tent in the parking lot of Lily & Co., located at 520 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel. Valet parking will be available.
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Sanibel-Captiva Chamber Monthly Business Luncheon

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce held its monthly business lunch on November 13, which was sponsored by Shell Point Retirement Community. The lunch was held at The Dunes Restaurant. The main speaker was Kathleen Rocker of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District. Rocker spoke about the erosion that is taking place on the islands and the need for the beaches to be protected against erosion. Lynn Schneider of Shell Point Retirement Community addressed the guests about the features and amenities in the Shell Point community. The lunch was well attended and the hospitality by The Dunes Restaurant was appreciated by chamber members.

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Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!
The Heights Foundation Receives Grant

Last week, The Heights Foundation received a $10,000 grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to support the Heights Center culinary program. The program will empower low-income adults to gain economic self-sufficiency through foodservice job training and social enterprise.

Once complete, the culinary center will be a 1,200 square foot commercial teaching kitchen, located within the Heights Center, a 14,000 square foot facility for education, opportunity and enrichment in the Harlem Heights community. Trainees will receive progressive on-the-job and classroom training and support.

“At Bank of America, we focus on advancing economic opportunity in the communities we serve,” said Gerri Moll, Fort Myers and Naples President for Bank of America. “We are proud to partner with the Heights Foundation and create opportunities that lead to personal growth, independence and ultimately economic vitality.”

“Our culinary program will allow individuals to learn and practice technical skills in an environment that fosters self-sufficiency, lifelong learning and personal growth,” said Julie Workman, director of programs and community relations at the Heights Center. “The Bank of America Grant will allow us to partner with Catalyst Kitchens to provide training, certification and job readiness skills to 150 adults.”

In addition to the culinary program, the Heights Center provides holistic, family-centered support to promote self-sufficiency. The Foundation connects at-risk individuals with information, support, and assistance to participate in supportive educational, job development, and family stabilization resources.

For more information about The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center, call 482-7706, email info@heightsfoundation.org or visit www.heightsfoundation.org.

Julie Workman, director of programs and community relations at the Heights Center, Christine Ruiz, Bank of America market manager, corporate social responsibility, and Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of the Heights Foundation.

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New Casual Dining Addition
At Il Cielo; Troll Bead Trunk Show

by Anne Mitchell

Il Cielo restaurant will reopen on Tuesday, December 13 with a revamped menu and a casual addition, the Cloud Nine Grille.

The restaurant opened last January with a decidedly upscale vibe, including valet parking and a dress code. It was closed for the summer during which interior renovations were made, new menu items added and a new management team put in place.

"While our patrons can still enjoy a fine-dining experience in our main dining area, we now also offer a more casual atmosphere in our Cloud Nine Grille for our seasonal residents, tourists and families who are seeking a nice, yet relaxed meal," said General Manager Bruce Ronty. Menu items range from $4 to $38.

The grille features an aesthetic, three-quarter dividing wall featuring a signature Lucian Century glass sculpture running along the top. Comfortable seating has been added inside the lounge area, while a number of corner booths have replaced the stand-alone tables in the main dining room. Outdoor patio dining will now be available as well. Diners will no longer be required to wear long pants; instead, dress shorts and collared shirts will be allowed.

The interior changes also allow space separate from the main dining room for private functions or community events.

Il Cielo's menu has been revamped with grilled additions such as yellow fin tuna, local catch, pork tenderloin and free-range chicken. Specialties now include Colorado lamb, yellowtail snapper, blue-crab-crusted black grouper, Zinfandel-based short ribs and jumbo shrimp and grits, in addition to a number of favorites from last season’s menu including mussels, traditional meatballs, linguini and clams, pastas, filet and lamb.

New items featured on the Cloud Nine menu include Baja fish tacos, lobster mac and cheese, a six-ounce New York strip and wild-caught salmon.

"Our goal is to deliver superb food that meets the highest standards of quality, freshness and seasonality and combines both modern-creative and traditional Mediterranean styles of cooking," said Il Cielo's new Executive Chef Neil Griffin. "In addition to the most popular favorites from last season, we wanted to evolve the menu for our diverse clientele into the addition of lighter selections featuring local and regional fish and locally grown sustainable vegetables."

Il Cielo will still feature a full liquor bar with a wide selection of wines as well as desserts.

Originally from Massachusetts, Ronty, the general manager, has more than 20 years in the restaurant industry serving in various management positions in Massachusetts, California, North Carolina and Boca Raton. He most recently served as director of operations for The Dock and Riverwalk restaurants in Naples. He was also director of food and beverage operations for La Playa Beach and Golf Resort, also in Naples.

Griffin is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and has a 29-year tenure in the industry having worked for restaurants and resorts across the country from Arizona and New York City to Naples. He most recently served as chef for the Floridian Club in Naples. His career also includes corporate restaurant management with PF Chang’s China Bistro, and chef de cuisine positions with the Registry Resort and La Playa Beach and Golf Resort in Naples.

Il Cielo is at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Hours are daily from 5 to 10 p.m. For more information, visit www.ilcielosanibel.com or call 472-5555.

Sanibel Island Bookshop, the local headquarters for Trollbeads, is having a Holiday Trunk Show next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 27 to 29. Naturally, the Trollbead collection will have new seasonal additions and there’s sure to be one or more of the "story beads" to provide the perfect match for those on your holiday gift list.

There will be special promotions during the trunk show including:
• Receive a sterling silver bracelet with the purchase of any three Trollbeads
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Sanibel Island Bookshop is at 1571 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-5223.

In good time for the holiday party season, Bailey’s General Store recently launched its olive bar. It’s not restricted just to olives, however. Other delicacies include hot and spicy garlic cloves, Tuscan artichoke salad, prosciutto and provolone stuffed peppers and feta stuffed Macedonian peppers.

You can mix and match any of the items for $8.99 per pound. The olive bar is between the produce department and the deli counter.

Also, check out the hot case – also relatively new – containing pre-packed items such as barbecues baby back ribs and smoked grouper and tripletal. The packages are small enough for a single serving. Also available are grilled whole chickens and chicken pieces.

Bailey’s is at 2477 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-1516.

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club is holding a series of themed buffets on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. They’re priced at $16 to $20 for adults, depending on the menu. Upcoming buffets are: November 29, Mama Mia Pizza Buffet ($16); December 6, 13, 20 and 27, Prime Rib Buffet ($20). The Dunes is at 949 Sand Castle Road, Sanibel, phone 472-2535.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn has live entertainment most nights. This week’s lineup includes: Friday, Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, Joe McCormick and singer Marvilla Marzan; Sunday, closed; Wednesday and Thursday, dancing to Joe McCormick with popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop. Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

The Crow’s Nest at Tween Waters Inn will feature The New Virgins on Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays. The Crow’s Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

Sweet Melissa’s Café features Michael David playing light acoustic background music Wednesday through Saturday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sweet Melissa’s is at 1625 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-1956.

George & Wendy’s Sanibel Seafood Grille features Karaoke on Wednesdays. On Friday, November 16, the entertainer will be Anthony Wayne, guitar and vocals. The restaurant is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

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 ’Scrooler’ 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 Store & Cafe 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.

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

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Dan Confrey, Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Buckeye Ken. Phone 472-0606.

RC Otter’s, 11506 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, has live music daily with dining and dancing; Monday, Renata, jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, Steve ’Scrooler’ 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.

Keylime Bistro features live music and nights seven days a week. New to the line-up is Ken Limeri playing jazz sax from 6 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. The bistro is at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, phone 473-1142.

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**NEW LISTING**
The Kirklands Sign On As House Series Sponsors

The Community House is hosting a series of five unique “House Parties,” each with a distinctive theme, music, dancing, entertainment, food and beverage as part of their new season events.

After putting out a call for Series Sponsors, Billy and Salli Kirkland were anxious to add their names and their business names, Billy’s Rentals and Billy’s Bike Shop, as Series Sponsors.

When asked why they wanted to be community partners and sponsors, the Kirkland’s spoke of their connection to The Community House.

Salli and Billy Kirkland have had some memorable moments at The Community House on Sanibel Island. Although their memories do not go back to the 1920s and community effort that built The House and started the Sanibel Community Association, they both feel that the events they have attended and parties they have thrown at The House is an important part of their Sanibel history.

Billy has always been Sanibel’s community service volunteer, and while helping with the many Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinners held annually at The House, he began to understand the important role of The House to service organizations and community gatherings. When Billy was asked to serve on the SCA Board, he realized that it was important to him to serve and to protect the mission of The Community House: “To enrich community spirit through educational, cultural and social gatherings in our historic Community House.”

While serving on the board, he convinced Salli to create a Halloween event for the young children of the island. For the last 12 years, Salli and her daughter, Vanessa, have been in charge of the Costumes & Candy Fall Carnival, which gives adult volunteers (about 60 of them) the chance to interact with the many costumed kids during carnival games, cookie decorating and Billy’s Pumpkin Hayride. Salli has also held many private parties at The House, including a 10th anniversary celebration for Billy’s Rentals, many employees’ parties and Billy’s 50th and 55th birthday celebrations.

In fact, Billy and Salli even held their wedding dance at The Community House.

Salli says the reason she loves The Community House is “Not only are so many community events held here, but for me, it is one of the few places you can throw a party of virtually any kind and do your own food or bring in a caterer, and working with The Community House is so economical and flexible. After serving on the SCA Board myself for six years, I realize the importance of supporting The House through donations, sponsorships, attending events presented by the SCA, renting the facility for business and personal needs, and becoming SCA members. These are the ways to keep this non-profit alive, as they receive no funding from the city or any other organization.”

As part of the sponsorship, the Kirkland’s receive eight tickets to each event, which they plan to give to their employees and customers to encourage others to attend events at The Community House and become future stewards of our unique island gift.

Sponsors keep ticket prices low and provide a high level of entertainment. Join the Kirkland’s, Billy’s Bike Shop and Billy’s Rentals, Joe Meek and Marge Meek, Rosier Insurance and Michael Kelly as major Community House sponsors! The first two house parties have been a success. Come join the fun!

Be sure to get your tickets early for the next House Party, “A Wedding In The House,” planned for February 22, 2013. There will be lots of surprises, great music and delightful food. Thanks to Mitchells/4015 for sponsoring this party, too.

Karen’s Tuesday Tour of Homes

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If you have any questions or would like your home to be on the tour, call Karen today.

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American Culinary Federation Gives Award To The Sanctuary Golf Club

The American Culinary Federation recently awarded The Sanctuary Golf Club the Achievement of Excellence for 2012. This award honors properties that demonstrate excellence and passion for the culinary arts through their unparalleled food and beverage program. The Sanctuary Golf Club, located on Sanibel Island, was one of 11 organizations recognized.

The ACF National President, Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, presented the Achievement of Excellence Award for 2012 to The Sanctuary Golf Club. Executive Chef Mark Brown, CEC, CCC, ACE, and General Manager Ken Kouril traveled to the ACF National Convention at the Orlando World Center Marriott and accepted the award on behalf of The Sanctuary.

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Tee Off 1 p.m. Dunes Country Club
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Miami Marlins Owner Jeffrey Loria Labeled ‘Worst Owner in Baseball’

by Ed Frank

Is there any doubt why The Sporting News last week named Miami Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria the worst owner in Major League Baseball? And the embarrassing “honor” bestowed on Loria came before he all but demolished the Marlins by trading away high-profile players, shortstop Jose Reyes, pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson, catcher John Buck and infielder/outfielder Emilio Bonifacio, thus dumping about $160 million in payroll.

Just three weeks prior, he had traded closer Heath Bell.
And what did he get in return? For the five veterans that were shipped to the Toronto Blue Jays, he reportedly will get a Cuban infielder named Adeiny Hechavarria and several other low-level players – infielder Yunel Escobar, pitcher Henderson Alvarez, catcher Jeff Mathis and three unproven prospects.

Early this week, the trade had not yet been approved by MLB Commissioner Bud Selig, but the backlash already is resounding in Miami and elsewhere.

“Marlins appear to go belly up,” headlined The Chicago Tribune. “Loria should trade himself,” shouted fans in Miami’s Little Havana, where taxpayers shelled out $634 million to build the Marlins a new stadium that just opened this year.

The back-the-truck-up disposal tactics are nothing new to the Marlins’ operation. Their two World Series titles each resulted in dumping key players the next year.

After spending about $190 million last year to acquire Buehrle, Reyes and Bell along with hiring manager Ozzie Guillen (four years for $10 million), the Marlins finished last in the National League East with a 69-93 record. Guillen was fired being owed about $7 million from Loria.

And despite the off-season spending and the brand new ballpark, the Marlins finished 18th in Major League attendance.

With a 2013 payroll projected at less than $50 million, can you imagine the results and fan support next season?

You’ve got to wonder whether Mike Redmond, a former catcher for the Minnesota Twins, who was hired as the new Marlins’ manager before the give-away trade was announced, might have second thoughts about his new job.

Although Loria has all but decimated his team, let’s put a positive spin on the troubling situation. The Marlins cannot do much worse next year than they did this year.

When you finish last, the only place to go is up.

Miracle Announce 2013 Baseball Schedule

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team opens their 22nd season at Hammond Stadium on April 4 against the Bradenton Marauders with a weekend fireworks show two days later.

The 70-game home schedule will feature five fireworks nights.

On April 16, the Miracle will host a NCAA Division I matchup between the University of Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University. The Miracle will face the Palm Beach Cardinals that day at 2:35 p.m. followed by the Gators and Eagles at 7 p.m.

The Miracle, a high Class A farm team of the Minnesota Twins, competes in the Florida State League.
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AOTO Golf Tournament

Celebrity athletes continue to sign on the attend the star-studded Art of the Olympians College of Life Foundation Premiere Golf Classic, to be played December 2 to 4 at The Colony Golf & Country Club in Bonita Springs. Joining the 50 celebrity athletes, including previously announced Julius "Dr. J" Erving, Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Mike Eruzione and Carl Lewis are:

- Thurman Thomas, football: Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins; 2007 Pro Football Hall of Fame running back
- LaShawn Merritt, track and field: USA Olympic 400m and 4x400m relay; two gold medals
- Justin Gatlin, track and field: USA Olympic 100m, 4x100m relay and 200m; one gold, two silver and two bronze medals
- Peter Vanderkaay, swimming: USA Olympic 400m freestyle, 200m freestyle and 4x200m freestyle relay; two gold and two bronze medals
- Carly Patterson, gymnastics: USA Olympic balance beam, individual all-around and team; one gold and two silver medals
- Andre Reed, football: Buffalo Bills; seven-time Pro Bowl wide receiver
- Chris Doleman, football: Minnesota Vikings, Atlanta Falcons and San Francisco 49ers; 2012 Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive end/linebacker
- Maurice Greene, track and field: 100m, 4x100m relay; two gold, one silver and one bronze medals

The inaugural golf tournament pairs celebrity-athletes with amateurs at a fundraiser for Art of the Olympians Foundation, the Fort Myers-based museum and gallery. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the non-profit Art of the Olympians Foundation in promoting the highest ideals of humanity with their creative talents through the sport/art relationship by providing programs of art, education, sport and cultural outreach to inspire the world.

The exclusive event is slated to include 29 foursomes, plus pros. Player golf packages begin at $5,000 per four-some and include eight tickets to the Golf Classic dinner and auction, practice round, golf for four with a celebrity-athlete plus tournament food and beverage. Player packages are still available.

The title sponsor of the inaugural tournament is College of Life Foundation, Inc.

The presenting sponsor is WCI Communities. Other sponsors currently committed to the tournament are The Colony Golf & Country Club and The News-Press Media Group. Additional sponsorship packages are available. The Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery at the Al Oerter Center for Excellence, a global learning center, is a nonprofit organization home to unique exhibits of Olympian art, Olympic memorabilia and educational activities. The museum and gallery opened in 2010 and has since secured the rights to display the USA Olympic rings, an act protected by Congress.

For additional information, call 332-5055 or visit www.artoftheolympians.org. AOTO is located at 1300 Hendry Street in downtown Fort Myers.

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ANSWERS

1. Who is the San Diego Padres’ all-time leader in career stolen bases?
2. Name the only team to win a World Series after losing it the previous two years.
3. When was the last time before 2011 (New Orleans) that a team scored at least 62 points in a game?
4. Name the player who holds the NCAA Division I record for most consecutive games with at least one 3-point shot made.
5. Who was the last defenseman before Erik Karlsson in 2011-12 to finish in the top 10 in scoring for an NHL regular season?
6. When was the last time before 2012 that Dale Earnhardt Jr. led the NASCAR Cup points standings during a season?
7. How many Grand Slam singles finals did Ivan Lendl lose before winning his first of eight in 1984 (French Open)?

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Beachview Men Meet New Golf Club Owners

On Saturday, November 17, 28 Beachview Men’s Golf Association members were greeted in the clubhouse by long-awaited new club owners Drew Donnelly and Ed Lockard.

The day’s format was Texas Scramble and Head Pro Gene Taylor put together seven evenly matched foursomes.

Wayne Turner, Bob Ritchlin, Dick Waterhouse, and Ed House turned in the low score of 3 under par 67.

“How could we lose with two ‘Houses’ on the team?” quipped former club president, Ritchlin.

Rich Rompala, Gene Mennen, Bill Sartoris and Bill Fetherston finished second at 68.75. In third place at 69.25 was the team of Jack Tukey, Jim Hopson, Dave Lewis and Al Krause.

On Thursday night, November 15, Beachview men came together for the opening dinner at the clubhouse. After a steak dinner, President Jerry Mader passed out the coveted Luc Century Fall Classic awards to flight winners.

Workout Before You Pig Out!

This Thanksgiving holiday, join us for a “Turkey Buster” weekend! The Sanibel Recreation Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22. The Recreation Center will reopen under normal operating hours on Friday, November 23 and remain open with regular hours on Saturday, November 24 and Sunday, November 25.

- Facility Hours (Weight Room, Gymnasium, Tennis Courts):
  - Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.
- Lap Pool:
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  - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.
- Features Pool and Splash Pad:
  - Friday, 2 to 5 p.m.
  - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.
- Water Slide:
  - Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Visit www.mysanibel.com for a full listing of land and water aerobics class offerings. Special member guest and visitor rates are available. Bring your family and friends for the day.

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.

Flag Football Sign Ups Under Way

Friday Night Lights Sanibel Youth Flag Football is coming soon. Register online now through Sunday, December 9 at www.sanibelflagfootball.com.

Divisions are:
- Coed – Ages 6 to 8
- Coed – Ages 9 to 11
- Coed – Ages 12 to 14

League play begins January 4 and runs through February 23 at The Sanibel School ball fields. Games are played on Friday nights under the lights. Players receive their own NFL jersey. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the season. For more information, contact John Lemmon at 826-8650.

The 2012-13 season is sponsored by Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis, Pfeifer Realty Group, Cheeburger Cheeburger, South Seas Island Resort, Bailey’s General Store, Island Pizza, Friday’s Child and Great White Grill.

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Shell Point Open Charity Golf Tournament Benefits Medical Center

The 9th annual Shell Point Open Charity Golf Tournament, raised $24,000 that will benefit the Waterside Medical Complex which offers medical and healthcare services to residents of Shell Point and the surrounding local community. This complex includes the Larsen Pavilion, a 219-bed skilled nursing facility, a state-of-art rehabilitation center, and many more healthcare services.

“This was our 9th year hosting the Shell Point Open,” said Timothy Stephenson, executive director of the Legacy Foundation. “Golfers and sponsors alike continue to support and enjoy this tournament each year because of developing lifelong friendships, and the opportunity to help with a worthwhile cause. This tournament is just one way that we can help individuals receive the best healthcare possible, while also having some fun.”

The tournament took place on Friday, November 9 at the Shell Point Golf Club, and attracted nearly 100 golfers.

UBS Financial Services Inc., The Scoggins/Moreland Group, served as the title sponsor for the 6th year. The corporate sponsors included Wright Construction; The Alliance Development Fund; Investor’s Security Trust Company; Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral Home; and Alexander & Hoover, CPAs, PA.

Royal Shell Real Estate recognized its top producers for the month of October.

Top Listing Producers – Team: McMurray & Nette
Top Listing Producer – Individual/Partners: Fred Newman and Vicki Panico
Top Sales Producers – Team: McMurray & Nette
Top Sales Producer – Individual or Partners: Sally Davies.

Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery served as a sponsor of the 10th annual Hope Hospice Tennis Challenge at The Sanctuary Golf Club, held during the weekend of November 10 and 11. According to Christie Bradley, The Sanctuary’s director of tennis and fitness, 60 players participated in the tournament and more than $10,000 was raised.

Lily & Co. co-owners Karen Bell and Dan Schuyler presented Bradley with a check for $1,500 for their sponsorship of the men’s and women’s doubles tournament, which was also supported by Patrick Tzanis of Excel Sportswear, who provided T-shirts for the event. Also, breakfast and lunch for participants was provided by The Sanctuary.
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$1,595,000 (2121232)
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- Luxurious master, gourmet kitchen

$1,599,000 (2120871)
- Clubhouse, tennis, pool/spa, fitness center
- 20th floor penthouse, 2 car garage, cabana

$849,000 (2120396)
- Sundial complex, many amenities
- Beautifully furnished Tommy Bahama motif

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FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and is sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won’t want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you’ve resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too -- didn’t it?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy’s reluctance to cooperate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social whirl as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are caring and considerate -- two wonderful attributes that endear you to people of all ages.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Dec. 1, 1830, French novelist Victor Hugo is due to turn in a draft of his book “Notre Dame de Paris” (“The Hunchback of Notre Dame”). Despite his contract, he instead wrote two plays, “Marie de Lorraine” and “L’Hermit,” and the book is not published until 1831.

• On Nov. 26, 1862, Oxford mathematician Charles Lutwidge Dodgson sends a handwritten manuscript called “Alice’s Adventures Under Ground” to 10-year-old Alice Liddell. Dodgson made up the story one day on a picnic, and Alice insisted he write it down. He published it under his nom de plume, Lewis Carroll, in 1865.

• On Nov. 28, 1914, the New York Stock Exchange reopens for bond trading after nearly four months, the longest stoppage in the exchange’s history. The outbreak of World War I in Europe forced the NYSE to shut its doors on July 31, 1914.

• On Dec. 2, 1942, Enrico Fermi, Italian-born Nobel Prize-winning physicist, directs and controls the first nuclear chain reaction. He created a jury-rigged laboratory under the bleachers in Stagg Field at the University of Chicago.

• On Nov. 30, 1954, the first modern instance of a meteorite striking a human being occurs at Sylacauga, Ala., when an 8 1/2 pound meteorite crashes through the roof of a house and into the living room, bounces off a radio, and strikes a woman on the hip. The victim suffered a nasty bruise.

• On Nov. 29, 1963, one week after President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot while riding in a motorcade in Dallas, President Lyndon Johnson establishes a special commission to investigate the assassination. After 10 months the Warren Commission report was released, concluding that there was no conspiracy.

• On Nov. 27, 1978, former Board of Supervisors member Dan White murders Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk at City Hall in San Francisco. When White pleaded a “diminished capacity” defense and claimed that copious amounts of junk food caused him to suffer mental problems, the so-called Twinkie Defense was born.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was American bridge expert Phillip Alder who made the following sage observation: “We are born with talents, but we acquire skills.”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The fear of becoming a ‘has-been’ keeps some people from becoming anything.” -- Eric Hoffer

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Our Shared Use Paths have a lot of users, especially during “season.” If you’re on the Paths, every other user is a potential source of danger. So you need to know what’s going on around you. So put away the earbuds and listen! And for cyclists, Florida law prohibits the use of headsets, headphones or “other listening devices.”

SANIBEL BICYCLE CLUB

Sanibel and Captiva visitors and local residents can enjoy these two magical nights on our islands.

“On behalf of the chamber, we would like to say thank you to the Wilbur Smith Law Firm for being a gold sponsor for this event,” said Ric Base, president of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on this year’s Luminary Festival, visit www.sanibel-captiva.org or see local papers for this year’s Luminary lineup.

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Culinary Award

“It is an honor to receive this prestigious award. The Sanctuary Golf Club, Food & Beverage Team takes great pride in every detail from food quality to plate presentation and ergonomics to customer service,” said Brown. “Their dedication, enthusiasm, and talent are outstanding and it is a pleasure to work with them.”

“This award recognizes The Sanctuary Golf Club and its Culinary Team for their commitment to excellence,” added Kouril. “It is a culmination of the accomplishments of Executive Chef Mark Brown and his team, their peers recommending them, the menu concept, and our other awards and recognitions. The team is committed to making each meal a dining experience. Everyone is very proud of their accomplishments.”

Lost Pet

Pretty Face, a 10-year-old, 19-pound female Calico, went missing last week near Belding Drive on Sanibel. Please call Dave at 724-316-0913 if you have any information on her whereabouts.

Pretty Face
Make It Your Bedroom

by Marcia Feeney

Much more than just the place you sleep, today’s master bedroom should function as truly personal in-home retreat. The private nature of this room invites the indulgence of sumptuous fabrics, heirlooms and collectibles or an exquisite oriental rug, which might be in jeopardy in other areas of the home.

Filling its role as the room’s focal point, the bed may be dramatically sleek or elaborately festooned and should make a strong statement in the room’s interior while imparting an ambience of luxury and leisure to the homeowners. Nothing says custom grandeur more than exquisite bed coverings with lavish accent pillows. And contrary to what every “bed-in-a-bag retailer” would have us believe, beds with varying frames, box springs and mattress are not standard sizes. Custom design includes custom fitting.

And here’s a gender-friendly tip: men are usually more comfortable in strong jewel tones rather than pastels, and with paisleys, solids and stripes rather than florals.

Canopy beds with side curtains were originally designed to deflect chilly drafts in the days before homes were well insulated. Luckily, we’re now left with the legacy of this exquisite and intimate bed treatment. The lack of a real canopy bed is not a deterrent, since the bed curtains can be hung from the ceiling, from a carved corona or from ceiling-mounted drapery rods. Even a small bedroom can enjoy this romantic treatment by draping only the head of the bed.

Possibly more than in any other area of the home, window treatments here need to be both beautiful and functional. Providing there is a nice view, the window treatments should be designed to completely clear the windows when opened. Styles, fabrics, trim, hardware and fabrication techniques can vary tremendously to satisfy both function and beauty.

A small loveseat or chaise positioned at the foot of the bed can serve a dual role as a comfy nest for reading and as a rest for folding back the bed cover at night. If space is at a premium, try two easy chairs facing each other with an ottoman between. A beautiful armoire will serve to encase the master bedroom television and will need to be carefully situated if the bed is draped and canopied so that the side drapery doesn’t interfere with viewing. Ideally, the television will be equipped with remote headphones so that the viewer will not disturb the person reading or sleeping.

Side tables for the bed are growing
even larger to provide storage and table top space for the accessories of this user-friendly “nest.” The two bedside tables needn’t be identical, but should reflect the personal needs of the individual sleeper. In fact, current styles don’t call for the traditional “bedroom set” at all, but invite creativity and better functionality with individual pieces that work well together.

Deep, rich wall colors create a sense of tranquility as well as a hint of drama in a bedroom. Rugs, draperies, tapestries, upholstered walls, furniture and plants all can act as important sound-absorbing elements to provide an intimate setting or solitude. A large, custom-framed floor-length mirror can add interest as well as serve for dressing purposes.

Lighting must also be carefully selected. Lamps with fairly heavy shades and three-way switches allow for reading and task lighting while offering a low setting to soften “the mood.”

A wonderful master bedroom, even with minimal extra square footage, should be used as an integral part of your living space. Make it personal, cozy, functional and private and you’ll find yourself retreating there more often than ever before.

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

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Sandy’s Impact On Flood Premiums

by Marge Meek

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), who writes your flood insurance and all the flood insurance policies in the U.S., undoubtedly will not have the money needed to pay all the Sandy claims. The enormity of the problem will quickly use up the remaining $3 billion of statutory borrowing authority and they will need to go to the Congress and ask for more money.

While the increased flood debt limit is inevitable, what is the course for the future?

Industry experts say change must happen and that will probably take the form of rate increases, reinsurance and catastrophic bonds, so that the private market instead of the taxpayers assume the risk of these catastrophes in the future.

Further, they call for actuarial rates to be applied on all policies and perhaps selling some of the NFIP’s 5.6 million policies to private insurers. We’ve had a heads-up earlier this year on all homes being rated the same, whether they were piling or ground level homes; it appears to be the end of grandfathering homes that were built before the elevation standards were in place.

It sounds a lot like some of the measures we have been seeing at Citizens on their wind and homeowners policies.

We all know where this is heading. Marge Meek is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent, who can be reached at mmeek@rosierinsurance.com.

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Happy Thanksgiving!
School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,

I have an intellectually disabled son and I need assistance in learning about how to cope with this handicap. I know that there are agencies and groups that help parents. How do I find them?

Andrea, Fort Myers

Andrea V., Fort Myers

I give you lots of credit for wanting to learn and know more about your child’s disability. Education about his condition as well as learning about his schooling and what resources you might be able to access is very important for both of you. There are local, state and federal resources that you can access for information. Sometimes this is a difficult process. The best way to begin your search is by joining a local parent group whose focus is the disability in which you are interested. There you can meet others who may have already found helpful agencies or other supports and who will share their knowledge with you. For local and state links, this website provides a variety of services including one-to-one support and assistance, workshops, publications and websites. The majority of Parent Center staff members and board members are parents of children with disabilities so they are able to bring personal experience, expertise and empathy when working with families.

Specifically, Parent Centers help families to:

- Better understand their children’s disabilities and educational, developmental and transitional needs
- Communicate more effectively with special education, early intervention and related professionals
- Understand their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the federal special education law
- Obtain appropriate services for their children through participation in the individualized education program (IEP) and individualized family service plan (IFSP) decision making process
- Resolve disagreements and understand the benefits of alternative methods of dispute resolution
- Connect with other local, state and national resources that assist children with disabilities

There is at least one training center in each state responsible with helping parents of kids with disabilities navigate the special education system. The website to find the contact information for your closest center is www.parentcenernetwork.org.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.

Heidrick Receives ANFI Designation

Christopher W. Heidrick, CFP has been awarded the Associate in National Flood Insurance (ANFI) designation and diploma by The Institutes for successfully completing courses and examinations that test for knowledge of flood insurance underwriting and rating procedures.

Edison State Spring Registration

Registration for spring 2013 classes at Edison State College opened to the general public on November 15.

There are three spring terms offered: Full spring semester classes begin on January 9; Spring A semester classes begin on January 9; Spring B semester classes begin on March 12.

For more information about registering for classes, visit www.edison.edu/future.

To request more information about classes at Edison State College, visit www.edison.edu/requestinfo.

Heidrick is the principal and owner of Heidrick & Co. Insurance, located at 1648 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. A former senior executive with Fireman’s Fund Insurance and Marsh, Inc., he founded Heidrick & Co. to focus on the specific insurance needs of Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

In addition to ANFI, Heidrick is also a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), a Certified Financial Planner (CRP) and an alumnus of The Pennsylvania State University.

He is the chair-elect of the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Kiwanis Club and a Planning Commissioner for the City of Sanibel.

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A Little About Cracker Fest
by Bryan Hayes

For the past three years, Sanibel Air has been a supporting partner in a local charity event called Cracker Fest. And I can tell you that the organizers once again did a great job pulling off a fun evening filled with dancing, great food and live music. I’m happy to report that we were able to help raise $3,100 by donating a brand new air conditioning system, which included installation for the event’s live auction.

Cracker Fest benefits Sanibel Captiva chapter of Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START). The organization is a statewide non-profit foundation with a mission to improve the quality of our marine waters through research, public education and programs that restore marine habitats and preserve marine species. Proceeds from the Cracker Fest will continue funding the Coastal Classroom program for Lee County schools, and the Sustainable Seafood Program, Seafood Savvy, and other programs that benefit the local marine environment.

I’m happy to say that we are really glad that we had the opportunity to be a part of it, and I look forward to more people joining to support this great cause next year.

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.

Free Balance Screening

Do you touch the walls or furniture for safety? Have you fallen in the past year? Unintentional falls are the leading cause of injury among Florida residents ages 65 years and older.

Attend a free balance screening to find out if you are at risk of falling and what resources are available to help improve your balance.

Lee Memorial Health System’s Balance Screening will be held on Tuesday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lee Center for Rehabilitation & Wellness, 2070 Carrell Road in Fort Myers.

At the balance clinic, every client receives a comprehensive balance and vestibular evaluation by a specialty-trained, licensed physical therapist. The goal is to improve self-confidence and self-reliance in mobility skills.

Space is limited, so call 418-2000 now to make your reservation.

High-Performing Status Earned At Edison Collegiate

This past summer, Edison Collegiate High School, located on the Charlotte Campus of Edison State College, earned an “A” from the Florida Department of Education. In a letter from the Florida DOE, the high school has now earned its status as a high-performing charter school, pursuant to § 1002.331, F.S.

“This is yet another testament to the dedication of the principal, the staff and the students,” said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, president of Edison State College. “This school gives our students incredible opportunities to earn not only their high school diploma, but also simultaneously graduate with an associate’s degree from Edison State College at no additional cost.”

Now in its fourth year, the school will celebrate the graduation of its first senior class.

“We are extremely proud of our students and all they have accomplished,” said Diane Juneau, principal of Edison Collegiate High School. “Our students can continue their college careers with credits they have earned while attending high school, along with the experience of knowing the demands and expectations of succeeding on the college level.”

Admission to ECHS is based on a random lottery with all ninth-grade eligible students welcome to apply. Open enrollment begins in January with the application and deadline details available online.

For more information, visit ECHS.edison.edu or call 941-637-5673.

Canterbury Rallies For Holiday Food Drive

On Friday, November 16, Reverend Israel Suarez drove up to Canterbury School to load a flatbed truck with about a ton of food. The Canterbury community donated boxes of food to the Nations Association, enough to feed 70 families for about a week. The school will also donate food to stock the charity’s pantry with peanut butter, jelly, beans, rice, flour and other staples. In addition to the food, Canterbury School has collected $2,500 so Rev. Suarez can purchase Thanksgiving turkeys to go with the food boxes.

Students, young and old, worked to decorate the 91 boxes of food for families. Each box is wrapped in brightly colored paper with turkeys and other fall-themed pictures glued on to give a festive appearance. Families with children will also receive bags of new books donated by the Canterbury School Parents’ Association.

This is the 25th year Canterbury School has supported the Nations Association Thanksgiving food drive.
Life Makes Us Stop And Be Grateful

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

While on a hike in Yosemite National Park this past July, I received a horrible message – one of my best friends died as a result from complications from surgery at the age of 52; survived by his wife and two teenage sons. His family is getting along well even the circumstances, but it’s never easy when a wife loses her husband in the prime of his life and the boys lose their father at such a young age.

For many of us, our thoughts turn to departed loved ones during this time of the year. We’re supposed to count our blessings over the Thanksgiving holiday, yet it’s sometimes more difficult when a loss is fresh.

But life goes on. My buddy was an avid bicyclist – in fact, he introduced me to the sport or road bicycling several years ago. Many of you probably saw us with our normal posse over weekends cycling down Gulf Drive to San-Cap Road heading to Captiva.

In his honor, I recently completed a 280-mile charity ride from Fort Myers Beach to Key West over the span of three days. Twenty-seven bicyclists from around the state of Florida raised money for the Tiny Hands Foundation in making this trek.

For me, the ride was both healing and magical. One tends to miss a lot driving a car 70 miles per hour through the Everglades and over beautiful vistas such as the Seven Mile Bridge near Marathon. We were blessed with great weather heading down to the Southernmost Point in the USA where we hoisted our bikes in victory.

We all have a lot to be grateful for, don’t we? Great friends. Warm family. Living in the wonderful corner of the world that is Southwest Florida. We all may complain about our friends and relatives wanting to visit us, residing in our guest bedrooms over the course of the next several months, but I’m glad that they come. I enjoy the time that we share and that they are able to soak in our climate, our Gulf waters and the white sand beaches.

Although we live in a relatively small town, and the traffic can get congested when all of our friends are down visiting, because they come down, we also have world class resorts and restaurants right outside our doors. Who can beat that?

With our significant retiree population, we also can boast some of the best medical practices and facilities in any area more than double our size. And isn’t it true (though cliché) that good health is the best and most important blessing of all?

In addition to being thankful, my friend’s passing brings forth the uncomfortable realization that none of us knows when our time is going to come… so we better be prepared. While you are home and have a few minutes to breathe over the course of the next several weeks, it is not a bad time to dust off the old estate plan to make sure that it is up to date and accurate for your current situation.

Even though this Thanksgiving holiday is bittersweet for me, I am grateful for my life, for my wife and daughters, my extended family and friends. It’s good to be a Southwest Floridian.

I hope that you all enjoy a wonderful holiday weekend.


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Holtz grew up in Riverdale, New York and is a graduate of Pace University. She holds a degree in Business and Information Systems.

Sigvartsen is a former owner of a home development and remodeling company. He moved to South Florida in 2006, working for a luxury yacht and boat manufacturer before becoming a real estate professional.

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Top Agents

Premier Sotheby’s International Realty of Sanibel and Captiva announced that Jennifer Berry and The Berry Team were the top marketing agents while Denise Chambre was the top sales agent for the month of October.

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

Charlie Sobczak was recognized as top sales agent.

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**Wisequacks’ Tweets**

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Fall reading is upon us, meaning you can curl up with Tolstoy, Twain or your tweets. For those who like the 140 keystroke version of War and Peace, here are some of Wisequacks’ latest tweets, replete with the information required to save your life and ruin your breakfast.

Worst tick season in many years! Do NOT use a match to get a tick out. It just makes the tick nervous and who wants a... nervous tick.

Past flu season was mildest on record. “That’s OK” reports a disappointed CDC. “We promise we’ll make up for it in tick bites.

Thirty percent of concussions end up with permanent brain damage. When NFL players asked if they want to sue, they replied “Which one is she?”

Study states serving super-sized sodas show some seam-stretching stats so startling, symptoms send soda sippers shopping for stomach surgery.

If it’s true that kids are twice as likely to be inactive as their parents, I’ve fathered a sloth.

“Compound in human breast milk may block HIV, mouse study finds.” Apparently, this is great news for mice who tend to be breast fed by humans.

Headline: “Being Obese Makes Job Searching Tougher.” Tend to hear things like “Sorry sir, but that jockey position is unrelated story, 37 million Walmart shoppers suffer from narcolepsy.

Headline: “Therapy Over The Phone May Help Depressed Patients Stay In Therapy.” But when they get the 1-900 bill later, they tend to relapse.

A drink that contains ingredients found in breast milk and herring may improve memory... that’s a combination I’d sooner forget.

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

**Dr. Dave is returning to Africa on safari in September 2013. If interested in going with him, call Dr. Dave Hepburn at 239-472-5187 ext. 202.**

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**Give Thanks By Giving Life**

In order to prevent blood shortages in our community, some local retailers are welcoming the Lee Memorial Bloodmobile (The Purple Bus) to the locations listed below. All donors will receive a holiday T-shirt.

- **Friday, November 23** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bailey’s General Store, 2477 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel
- **Saturday, November 24** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Town Center (near Kilwin’s), 9903 Gulf Main Street in Fort Myers
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Mom And Me

by Lizzie and Pryce

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crue and Pryce answer your ques-
tions 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 psy-
chotherapist in private practice who
specializes in the care of elders and
people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

During my high school years, I was
not a good student, not an athlete, never
in a school play, no friends, never invited
to a prom and not the least bit pretty.
I guess by today’s standards, I was a
troubled teen.

I have received notices and invitations to
reunions, but I just threw them away with-
out even a consideration. Then suddenly
I decided I would do it and I
would go.

I was successful in my chosen profes-
sion, married late in life and have money
to spend, and this was the time to show
it. All these years it has always bothered
me that I was such a troubled soul in my
teens, but I am successful and I am now
rich.

I decided on my strategy. Plastic sur-
urgery 20 years ago helped, and I am still
very trim. I consulted a fashion designer, a
skin specialist, hairdresser and
arranged for a loan of beautiful jewelry
and a new sports car.

The makeup specialist came to my
room at the hotel before the event. There
was nothing I wouldn’t do and cost wasn’t
even a consideration.

I planned to be just a little late and I
made my entrance. All eyes turned to me
and they were stunned. The homecoming
queen is now a fat slob; the handsome
football star a missing-tooth jerk. I was
the star of the evening.

The gals who wouldn’t be my friends
all looked tired and old, and I looked 10
years younger than all of them. I made
my point. I looked fabulous. They all
knew it, but so did I.

All these years I have been plagued
by feelings of inadequacies. I made my
revenge to these people who had been so
cruel, now I am on top and it was worth
every dime I spent.

Dear Molly,

I am sorry you had to wait so long
for the graduation address at your old high
school. He has never accepted. Finally, he told
them he had had such a terrible high
school experience that he would never go back to the school again.

Keep in touch with those pros – good
hair dressers and fashion coordinators are
hard to find.

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I am struck by how long lasting child-
hood experiences affect people, myself
included. It is interesting how the popular
and mean kids do not recall the hurt
and pain they caused. Those “popular”
kids most likely would not remember
our names, but we sure remember their
names. The name-calling, pushing into
lockers, tripping, trash-canning was all in
fun they say. Yet the ones on the receiv-
ing end carry the pain and hurt through-
out their life.

I am happy for you. I think there is
reason for the term “sweet revenge.”
Now you can let go of those feelings of
inadequacy and live unencumbered by the
cruelties of others.

I, Lizzie, and Pryce answer your ques-
tions. Please write to Mom and Me in any
issue of the ISLAND SUN.

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy

Q: Can you please offer some
suggestions on improving self-confi-
dence?

A: Here are some suggestions to
help you:

Go to your favor-
ite bookstore and
view books on how to develop self-confi-
dence, read those that call to you. Once
you have identified your specific areas
where you feel you lack confidence, you
may want to seek counsel with a profes-
sional to see where these areas of lack of
confidence came from and what you can
do about them.

Learn that you have to accept yourself
and your circumstances as they are at the
moment. We are all human and we all
make mistakes, our challenge is to learn
from them, not repeat them.

You also may want to list what you
think your strengths and weaknesses are.
We all come on this earth with special
gifts and uniquenesses that are natural to
us. As you become aware of these gifts,
and use them, you will achieve a sense
of accomplishment and a greater level of
self-confidence.

Have an attitude of gratitude for all

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you have. It will add to your feelings of inner peace. Feel good about using your strengths to help others and it will reinforce and encourage your growth in a positive direction.

Accept others compliments by simply saying “Thank you.” Take time daily to look at yourself in the mirror and repeat “Every day and every way I get better and better.” The more you do this, the better you will feel. You know your attributes and remind yourself of them often.

Make a difference in your life by helping others. It feels good to give and it will reinforce that you are a positive force in the universe. These all will help boost your self-confidence.

New Dental Hygienist Course

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Upon completion of the 60-hour course, the dental hygienist seeking a certificate to administer local anesthesia must apply to the Department of Health, remit an application fee and submit verification of successful completion of a 60 hour course (30-hour didactic and 30-hour clinical) in the administration of local anesthesia.

Classes begin on Friday, November 30 and continue through January 5. Tuition is $1,500.

For more information or to register, call 433-6963 or email celee@edison.edu.

What Works For Weight Loss

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Do you think I’m suggesting you take all of these? I hope not. I’m only sharing options that might work for you. People often ask me what I do to stay thin. I don’t take anything above, however, I consistently work out. I eat a dairy and gluten free diet, in fact, I avoid all grains where possible. I eat very few carbs and sugar into fuel, so it gets stored on as fat on your thighs or butt. Correcting a magnesium deficiency helps stimulate metabolism by increasing insulin sensitivity. It seems to also block fat absorption.

Do you think you can down a pound of pumpkin pie by simply changing your portion size. Do that alone and you can down a pound of pumpkin pie with no worries.

There is no quick fix to circling the buffet three times in a row, however, there are lots of inexpensive vitamins and minerals that can assist you in your quest to manage weight. Everything below has scientific studies to back up my comments. Just follow label directions for dosage, and of course, ask your doctor if these are right for you.

Asparagine – This amino acid found in asparagus increases insulin sensitivity which helps the body store energy in muscle, rather than storing it as body fat.

Biotin – Best known for it’s beauty properties for hair and nails, this B vitamin boosts metabolism by stabilizing blood sugar (improving glycemic control) and reducing insulin. Fabulous, because insulin is known to store fat on us.

Zinc – This mineral improves immunity and protects the prostate, but it’s very closely tied to leptin. Low zinc reduces leptin, and that could cause you to feel hungry all the time. Restoring zinc could impact leptin and allow you to feel satisfied after one plate of stuffing instead of three.

Vitamin A – This vision vitamin just so happens to tell your genes to stop storing all the food you eat as fat. Studies suggest vitamin A is capable of shrinking fat cells.

Niacin – I recommend this B vitamin for people with high cholesterol, but it’s nice for weight loss because it increases adiponectin, a natural fat-burning hormone that you make.

Chromium – This mineral makes the body more sensitive to insulin, thus reducing body fat and increasing lean muscle. It also helps balance blood sugar.

Lipoic acid – I recommend this for people with diabetes to help manage blood sugar. It helps shuttle glucose into the cells, and this helps you burn carbs more efficiently. Good for neuropathy, too.

Magnesium – This mineral improves mood and regulates blood pressure. Low magnesium impairs your ability to convert carbs and sugar into fuel, so it gets stored on as fat on your thighs or butt. Correcting a magnesium deficiency helps stimulate metabolism by increasing insulin sensitivity. It seems to also block fat absorption.

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answer on page 35B

SCRAMBLERS
Arrange the letters below in one word to form an ordinary word. Then
unscramble the words in the same order, and what will complete the page?

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HAPPY

DATES

Basic

IMPLES

Liking

SETTA

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35B

HOCUS - FOCUS

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

answer on page 35B
Broiled Florida Spiny Lobster Tails with Pesto Pasta and Tomato-Basil Relish

4 six to nine ounce spiny lobster tails, split open in the shell
1/4 stick unsalted butter, softened at room temperature
Sea salt to taste
Fresh ground pepper to taste
Preheat oven broiler on medium-high. Place all four of the lobsters on a cookie sheet, and make sure they are opened up down the middle. Evenly spread the softened butter over each of the lobster tails meat. Lightly season each lobster tail with salt and pepper. Place lobsters in the oven on the middle rack under the broiler. Let lobster cook under the broiler for about seven minutes or until just barely cooked throughout. Remove lobsters from oven and let cool slightly. Serve lobster tails warm with fresh lemon.

Yields four servings

Florida Basil Pesto Pasta
2 cups fresh basil leaves
1/2 cup fresh oregano leaves
1/2 cup fresh parsley
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1 teaspoon fresh garlic, sliced
Sea salt to taste
Fresh ground pepper to taste
1/2 cup olive oil
1 pound fresh or dried pasta, cooked according to package directions
Place all ingredients except oil in a food processor or blender. Process the ingredients until smooth. With motor running, drizzle in olive oil to make desired consistency. Taste and season the pesto with salt and pepper to taste. Toss half of the pesto with the cooked pasta and stir lightly to evenly combine. Taste and add more pesto if desired.

Florida Tomato-Basil Relish
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 large tomatoes
4 large cloves garlic, minced fine
1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
Preheat a medium-sized sauté pan over medium heat. Add tomatoes and garlic. Sauté until tomatoes soften, about 3 minutes. Add basil and vinegar. Season tomato mixture with salt and pepper to taste.

To serve completed dish, place a broiled lobster on each of the four serving plates. Evenly distribute the pesto pasta onto each plate. Top each serving of pesto pasta with and evenly distributed amount of tomato-basil relish. Garnish each plate with fresh lemon and any leftover basil leaves.
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In the past Animal Services has had difficulty placing even one or two rabbits at a time. Gulf Coast Humane Society and Humane Society Naples took some of the bunnies but more than 20 remained – until members of the public stepped up.

“We want to thank all of the people who came to the shelter to give these rabbits a second chance,” said Glenn Johnson, operations manager. “We are truly amazed at the number of people who respond immediately.”

Lee County Domestic Animal Services is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Adoption hours are 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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- Located on Over and Acre of Land
- Built in 2002, Olde Florida Style
- Large Pool & Private Elevator
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- Burns Family Team 239.464.2984

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