All Are Welcome To Attend Sanibel’s Thanksgiving Celebration

The annual Sanibel Thanksgiving Celebration service will take place on Sunday, November 24 at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to join this non-denominational service which is a celebration of Thanksgiving in words and song. The event is free and is fun and uplifting.

The mayor, the city manager and representatives of all the island churches will take part and there will be music and song from BIG ARTS Community Chorus, the Sanibel Youth Choir, created by Marj Nordstrom, made up of all children from Sanibel or Captiva who like to perform at this special community event.

“Come and enjoy fellowship over cookies, donated by Jerry’s Supermarket, and cider, donated by Bailey’s,’’ said Mary Bondurant, this year’s coordinator.

“The Thanksgiving celebration is a community event for sharing your blessings with those less fortunate makes Thanksgiving more meaningful,” Bondurant said.

She also encourages guests to bring canned food or monetary donations for FISH which aims to meet the continuing needs of islanders.

For more information, contact Bondurant at Mary@BondurantRealtyGroup.com or call 839-3633. 

Volunteers from START and Sanibel Sea School stand next to one of the monofilament recycling bins

Organizations Team Up To Place Recycling Bins Along The Causeway

The Causeway Island Park beaches are among the most intensively used public beaches in Lee County. The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of START, a state-wide ocean conservation organization along with Sanibel Sea School, a Sanibel-based non-profit organization dedicated to marine conservation have joined forces to help enhance visitor experience and reduce the environmental impact of recreation on our marine environments.

Dr. Bruce Neill, the executive director of Sanibel Sea School, said, “It is very pleasing when non-profit organizations work in unison to find solutions which help solve problems. By working together, we can make a greater contribution utilizing economies of scale.”

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Newly remodeled store at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

Shell Museum To Host Open House

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum invites the public to an open house on Thursday, November 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Museum officials say Thanksgiving is the perfect season to thank the members, donors, docents and community supporters.

Stop by the museum to eat, drink and celebrate in the museum’s new lobby and...
Postmaster Reed Takes A Break From Duty At The Historical Village

A life-like papier mâché figure of long-ago, long-time Sanibel Postmaster Will Reed will be taking a well earned rest after having been on display nearly 30 years at the Sanibel Historical Village.

“We love Will, and the figure looks remarkably like him,” said manager Emilie Alfino. “Recently, though, we’ve been getting some feedback that he’s upsetting the children who come to visit the village. So we decided to give him a rest.”

Reed stands tall and proud in the tiny post office. He first operated the post office from his front porch, but when the hurricane of 1926 destroyed his house, Reed collected enough debris to build the small post office building that is in the village today, as well as a small cottage.

The building in the village originally stood on San Carlos Bay about one mile west of the causeway.

For two months from December 1894 to February 1985, the postmark for this island was Reed instead of Sanibel. The name didn’t stick, but Will Reed did.

Reed was postmaster from 1894 until 1940, when the mandatory retirement age of 70 forced him to stop. His daughter Hazel Reed Godard took over.

Bonnie Frankel carefully maneuvers Reed’s legs to clear the tiny post office building

Bonnie Frankel and Deb Gleason carefully take Reed down the post office steps

Bonnie Frankel and Deb Gleason lift Will Reed from his post

Deb Gleason heads to the Packing House with Reed, where he will be stored

Will Reed, Bonnie Frankel, Dorothy Donaldson and Deb Gleason set up Reed in his new home.

The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.
Center 4 Life Trash & Treasures Sale

The Center 4 Life will host its annual Trash & Treasures Sale on Saturday, November 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pictured here with a few treasures are volunteers, from left, Rita Farmer, Sally Ennis and Mary Ann Gilhooley. Featured at the sale will be gently used household furniture, glassware, cookware, dishes and utensils, jewelry, books, collectibles, linens, luggage, sporting goods, fishing and boating supplies, purses and more. To donate items for the Trash & Treasures Sale or for more information, call the Center 4 Life at 472-5743 or Mary Ann Gilhooley at 472-3565.

Registration Is Open For Captiva Lighted Boat Parade

As part of the Captiva Holiday Village, registration is now underway for the Captiva Lighted Boat Parade.

The parade will take place on Saturday, December 14 in Roosevelt Channel on the bayside of Captiva beginning at 6 p.m. and is sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. Participants can win prizes from three categories; power boats 36 feet and over, power boats 35 feet and under, and sail boats of all sizes. First place prizes include three-day/two-night stays at South Seas Island Resort, ‘Tween Waters Inn, and Jensen’s Marina and Cottages as well as gift certificates from The Green Flash, Old Captiva House and a water sports package from Best Boats & Carts.

Runner up prizes include a $500 gift certificate from Offshore Sailing School, golf for four at The Sanctuary Golf Club, a private Adventure Sailing charter from Captiva Cruises on a catamaran, and kayak rentals from Captiva Kayak Company.

Special dockage rates are available from South Seas Island Resort, ‘Tween Waters Inn, Jensen’s Marina and McCarthy’s Marina. An awards party will take place at Key Lime Bistro on Andy Rosse Lane after the parade and will feature music by Marty Stokes and The Captiva Band.

If you don’t have a boat, Captiva Cruises will be offering passenger tickets to cruise in the parade. You can also arrange for your own private charter on one of the Captiva Cruises boats for your parade party. Contact Captiva Cruises at 472-5300 for reservations and information.

Public viewing from land will be available at The Green Flash Restaurant, ‘Tween Waters Inn, Jensen’s Marina and McCarthy’s Marina.

To register your boat, visit www.captivaholidayvillage.com and download a registration form or contact Brad Junghans at 472-5200.

Captiva Community Panel To Meet

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Room in Chadwick’s Square at South Seas Island Resort. The meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:
- Update on the community survey
- Discussion on changes to the panel’s structure through bylaws amendments

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Tony Lapi To Speak On History Of ‘Tween Waters

The Captiva Island Historical Society will present An Evening With Tony Lapi on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at ‘Tween Waters Inn. Lapi will speak about the history of this legendary inn, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

“It’s been 37 years since I came to Captiva and ‘Tween Waters,” said Lapi, CEO and president of Rochester Resorts, which purchased the property in 1976. ‘Tween Waters was established by F. Bowman and Grace Price in 1931. They started with a single building and over the next 30 years expanded it with more cottages and other buildings. They built a remote tourist inn with its small cottages and restaurant into a social center and favorite winter resort of wealthy northerners.

Bowman Price provided guided fishing trips and Grace Price offered dining and entertainment in the Old Captiva House. The Old Captiva House, also on the National Register of Historic Places, was first built as a one-room schoolhouse for the children of Captiva’s pioneer settlers.

‘Tween Waters has inspired artists, authors and countless others for 82 years with its 19 historically preserved cottages named after some of its famous guests. Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling, conservationist and renowned editorial cartoonist, wrote and drew while staying at the inn. Ann Morrow Lindbergh, wife of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh, drew inspiration for her best selling book Gift From The Sea (1955) during her time on Captiva. Avid outdoorsman and United States President Teddy Roosevelt frequently visited Captiva on deep sea fishing excursions.

Though it feels like an undiscovered corner of paradise, Captiva Island has been welcoming visitors for nearly 100 years. ‘Tween Waters Inn, has been the center of activity, destination of the adventurous and discerning and inspiration for the creative, while managing to maintain an “old Florida feel” throughout its storied past.
An early 1937 postcard of ‘Tween Waters Inn from the archives of the CIHS

Join the Captiva Island Historical Society for an evening of history, old stories and archival photographs of this legendary inn. A CIHS Speaker’s Series event, An Evening With Tony Lapi at Tween Waters is free and open to the public. There will be a coffee and dessert reception following the program in the Wakefield Room. Reservations are required. Call Molly Barbee at 395-1847 or email barbeemjb@comcast.net to RSVP. You can also email your reservation to mail@captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org.

When you could send a postcard for 1 cent from this “lovely little island”

Yacht Club Fall Environmental Program

On Tuesday, November 12 at 11 a.m. Bob Wasno, well-known marine biologist and director of the Vester Field Station Research Center of Florida Gulf Coast University, will be the featured speaker at the Captiva Island Yacht Club’s Fall Environmental Program.

The program is free and open to the public. Captiva Island Yacht Club is located at 15903 Captiva Drive. For more information, call 472-4133.

Bob Wasno
Reverend Morris Joins Chapel By The Sea

by Jeff Lysia

Rev. George Morris will begin his three-year tenure at Captiva’s Chapel by the Sea this Sunday, November 10. A retired United Methodist pastor from Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Morris and his wife, Kathleen, arrived on this island last Friday afternoon following the long drive south from the Garden State.

“I like to participate in a congregation in a way that is welcoming and hospitable,” said Morris, sitting on a bench outside of the historic 110-year-old chapel. “What’s unique here is that this church is welcoming of all faiths, and I understand that this community is also welcoming of all faiths.”

During his career, Morris has served five congregations, including a 14-year stint at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ewing, New Jersey and identical decade-long tours at Haddonfield United Methodist Church in Haddonfield, New Jersey and St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Hamilton Square, New Jersey. He also had stops at Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church in Salvisa, Kentucky and Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Millville, New Jersey, so the abbreviated three-year assignment is nothing new to Morris.

“I think that it’s very healthy for this community of faith not to have to identify with only one personality,” said Morris, who counts his greatest strengths as pastoral care, relating with people and collaborating with a community to make their church what they want it to be. “Also, being able to rotate different faiths works very well with this chapel.”

But before last year, Morris had never been to Southwest Florida. A parishioner of his from Haddonfield (New Jersey) returned from a visit to Sanibel and told him that Chapel by the Sea was looking for a new pastor to fill their rotating three-year vacancy. Morris submitted his name for consideration, went through the interview process and was offered the position.

“I like the area… the people make you feel very welcome very quickly,” said Morris, who visited the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge during his initial visit to the islands. “The conservation aspect is impressive… so much land here is being preserved.”

The Morris family includes four children and eight grandchildren, who plan on visiting Captiva during the six-month season Chapel by the Sea will be open. During the rest of the year, the couple plan to return to New Jersey.

Captiva’s Chapel by the Sea – located at 11580 Chapin Lane – is an interfaith Christian ministry, open to all. It operates seasonally, from the second week of November through the month of April. Worship is held every Sunday at 11 a.m. For more information, call 472-1646 or email gedmorris45@gmail.com.

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Zumba
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This male cat was found on Sanibel.

A neutered male cat, approximately 3 years old with dark stripes and its right canine protruding, was found in the 900 block of Sand Castle Road on Sanibel. Call Pam at PAWS 472-4823 to claim him.

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Hot Topics Luncheons Offered By League Of Women Voters Of Sanibel

A luncheon series of four programs will be offered by The League of Women Voters of Sanibel at Sundial Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive on Sanibel. Cost is $80 per person, payable to LWV Sanibel. Your payment is your reservation. Send payments to P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957

Also, individual programs can be reserved at a cost of $25. Email Ellen O’Neill at eoneill1607@yahoo.com.

Calendar And Programs
- November 20: The Effect of Affordable Care Delivery and Lack of Medicaid Expansion on Florida Residents, Doctors and Hospitals
  - Confirmed Speaker Panel: Dr. Rick Siders, moderator; Dr. Larry Antonucci, Lee Memorial Hospital Administrator; Dr. Andrew Oakes-Lottige, FAAFP
- January 14: History of Voting Experiences Nationally and Proposed Election Reforms for Florida Residents
  - Confirmed Speaker: Charles Stewart III, MIT Kenan Sahin Distinguished Professor of Political Science with extensive research experience on election history. Housemaster at McCormick Hall, named for Katie McCormick, a founder of League of Women Voters
- February 18: Stand Your Ground – The Law and Consequences and Proposed Changes
  - Confirmed Speaker: Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott
- March 25: Immigration Reform
  - Speaker: TBA

All are welcome to attend. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with the luncheon following at noon. For questions or more information, contact Ellen O’Neill, Program Coordinator, at eoneill1607@yahoo.com.

Islanders’ Eagle Project Featured In Magazine

Sanibel resident Kenny DiBiase is featured in the November 2013 issue of Florida Sportsman Magazine for his Boy Scout Eagle Project, “Protect Our Waters: Be Smart, Be Clean, Enjoy,” conducted here on the island.

To advertise in the Island Sun call 395-1213
Ticketing Buses Could Be Bad For Sanibel’s Image

by Anne Mitchell

City efforts to draft legislation to prevent buses from dropping off or picking up passengers in beach parking lots came under fire on Tuesday from none other than a city council member.

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Community Shows Positive Reaction To Civic Core Plan
by Anne Mitchell

Though it’s still in the concept phase, the long-awaited plan for a pedestrian-friendly “campus” housing at least five cultural organizations was mostly welcomed by islanders. A full house of interested residents heard from city officials that it’s up to the public and that the city is acting as the “facilitator” of the “civic core” project, not the driver.

As presented by architect Henry Woodroffe, the plan calls for clustering BIG ARTS, the Historical Village, Center 4 Life and The Community House on a 25-acre site along with city hall, the library and the public works department.

Earlier efforts to come up with a “town center” plan have floundered for lack of a single vision. This one has no commercial elements – at least not at this stage – and no residents objected to the concept.

There’s still work to be done to refine the plan, which would eventually go to a public referendum if adopted.

There’s also the question of funding. Mayor Kevin Ruane said the city will seek grants from various entities, including the Lee County Tourist Development Council.

At least another round of meetings is needed with stakeholders, said Ruane.

Traffic and drainage studies will be required, but should wait until the plan has consensus.

Some details of the plan:
• Relocate The Community House onto a similar sized site across from the library
• Bike and pedestrian paths throughout
• Shared parking
• Lots of green space
• Courtyards and other gathering places
• At least three access roads including Dunlop

The site of the public works department is incorporated in the plan and the department will remain there since its duties mesh well with the other uses.

Ruane said the plan was conceived because the various organizations continue to grow and need more space. Instead of them expanding independently, city leaders felt it would be better to coordinate and they started meeting with the various entities.

Don Rice, BIG ARTS board president, called it “an historic and unprecedented” project on Sanibel and said the board wants to work with the city to bring it to fruition.

He said the board has contracted for an analysis of the Herb Strauss Theater building’s suitability for the future and the cost of moving it.

The conceptual map shows the theater land as community green space at this point.

Tom Sharbaugh, representing the board of the Sanibel Community Association, said while approving the concept, the board has some concerns about moving off Periwinkle, which has been its historic home. The board would like it to maintain a visible presence there.

Councilman Marty Harrit told the audience, “This is your deal. This belongs to the community. If you want this, we can do it. We did it at the rec center.”
Kip began his 27-year career with Pan American Airlines. By the time of his retirement, he served as a 747 check pilot, training captain and manager of flight operations.

Kip spent his retirement preserving the legacy of his grandfather, conservationist, artist and political cartoonist Jay N. "Ding" Darling, and pursuing other projects for which he had both interest and expertise. Kip’s visions were grand, but he maintained a stringent attention to detail that equated to uncompromising quality and integrity. Compiling and cataloging nearly 200 of his Pulitzer Prize-winning grandfather’s editorial cartoons onto a searchable CD took over a decade in a time when scanners were new technology, there were no such things as camera phones and most computers still used floppy disk. He wrote a short book providing financial planning advice modeled after the lessons he had taught his children and had used to grow his family’s wealth, worked to “keep Tahoe blue” by advocating against laws in the Lake Tahoe basin that would allow fertilizer runoff to threaten the lake’s ecosystem and legendary clarity, pursued the telling of an inspiring story of heroism displayed by Pan Am personnel during a hijacking in Karachi, Pakistan and all the while kept up his lifelong correspondence with friends, family, schoolmates and colleagues.

Kip was preceded in death by his adored parents and grandparents, his daughter, Catherine, whom he credits with teaching him courage and grace through her difficult battle with cancer, his daughter, Kristen, whom he lost shortly after her birth, and his faithful companion, Leina. He will be missed by his wife, Andrea, his partner, caregiver, best friend and true love, her three children, Eduardo and Marcella Holguin and son Eduardo of Cali, Colombia, Camila and Pete Zuccarini and their children Finn, Kai and Téo of Key Biscayne, as well as two daughters, Jennifer and Jonathan Graham of Temple, Texas, and Christy and Hal Steinbeigle, and her three children, Theresa, Christopher and Seth of Chandler, Arizona.

He was the owner of the world. Kip found solace in homes where he found great beauty, collected deep friendships, and left traditions and memories. His hometown of Des Moines gave him his midwestern values and sense of family. A native of Westphal in central Minnesota, Kip attended the University of Minnesota 55057. Dale and Libby held at the Captain Island Yacht Club, the Sanctuary Golf Club and BI ARTS. He also was appointed by St. Paul Mayor George Latimer to chair the St. Paul Riverfront Development Corporation. Dale and Libby loved their lives together on Sanibel Island and supported the arts, marine research and education, and the preservation of the natural beauty and wildlife of Sanibel and Captiva islands.

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A celebration of Dale’s life will be held at 4 p.m. on November 11, 2014 at Chapel of the Sea on Captiva Island, Florida with a reception following from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Captiva Island Yacht Club.

An additional celebration in the spring of 2014 (date to be announced) will be held at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dale was the son of Edward and Ada (Holmgren) Sven Hanson, was born on June 25, 1935 to Richard and Mary Koss of Des Moines, Iowa. He studied at Philips Exeter Academy, where he developed his midwestern values and sense of family. A native of Westphal in central Minnesota, Dale attended the University of Minnesota 55057. Dale and Libby held at the Captain Island Yacht Club, the Sanctuary Golf Club and BI ARTS. He also was appointed by St. Paul Mayor George Latimer to chair the St. Paul Riverfront Development Corporation. Dale and Libby loved their lives together on Sanibel Island and supported the arts, marine research and education, and the preservation of the natural beauty and wildlife of Sanibel and Captiva islands.

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Jewish War Veterans To Honor Geller

There will be a memorial service for Rabbi Selwyn G. Geller of Temple Bat Yam, who passed away on May 14 of this year. It will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the Sanibel Congregational Church, where Bat Yam holds its services.

Principal speakers will be Rabbi James Rudin of Bat Yam and the Reverend Dr. John Danner of the Church. Bat Yam Vice President Martin Pokedoff will read a letter received from Major General Howard D. Stendahl, U.S Air Force, Chief of Chaplains. There will be an honor guard and the playing of Taps by the Victor Paul Tuchman Jewish War Veterans Post 400 of Fort Myers, led by Commander Harvey Charter.

Rabbi Geller was a Chaplain Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.
Professor To Speak On Spiritual Disciplines At Community Church

Dr. Donald Whitney, Associate Professor of Biblical Spirituality and Senior Associate Dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Seminary, will be preaching on Sunday, November 10 at all three morning services at Sanibel Community Church. He will also lead an interactive seminar on spiritual disciplines from 4 to 6 p.m. A light meal will be served.

Childcare is provided, but please bring a “sack supper” for your child. A love offering will be received for Dr. Whitney’s ministry.

Dr. Whitney has written six books, including *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, providing practical and powerful Biblical principles for living out the Christian life. He is not only a Professor of Theology, but he has served in pastoral ministry for a quarter of a century. He is a popular conference speaker, especially on personal and congregation spirituality. All are welcome to attend.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry’s Market). Sunday morning services are at 8, 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, visit www.sanibelchurch.com or call 472-2684.

Boys’ Birthday Bash Benefits FISH

Birthday boys Julian Meyers and Grant Ireland celebrated their 13th birthdays with a beach party and canned food collection to benefit FISH of Sanibel. The entire seventh grade class joined Julian and Grant at the beach for their birthday party and the boys asked their friends to donate canned food for the FISH food pantry.

Julian’s birthday was October 18 and Grant’s was October 16.

FISH November Workshops

FISH of Sanibel, Inc. complimentary workshops for the month of November are as follows:

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**Friendly Faces Lunch**
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Mrs. and Mr. Smith

Brian Smith and Annette Alexandra Valle were married on September 14, 2013 at the Denver Botanical Gardens in Denver, Colorado.

The groom is the son of Steven and Julie Smith of Sanibel. He attended The Canterbury School in Fort Myers and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Denver. He is the president of The Space Creators in Denver.

The bride is a graduate of the University of California at Riverside and is National Director of Leasing and Marketing for Campus Apartments. The couple resides in Denver.

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LOGOS Play Minute To Win It At Sanibel Community Church

The theme was Candy Corn on October 30 and the LOGOS kids showed up in yellow, orange and white. Handbell practice was a colorful display of candy corn wings by Lilly and Kate Doster with Heidi Hall and Ava Selby.

Everyone had a blast playing Minute To Win It games with candy. Kate Doster tried to unwrap Smarties wearing a pair of oven mitts while Julia Lemmon, Amber LaBorde, Caroline Waite and Lauren Macalka waited for their turn.Passing a Lifesaver using only toothpicks is hard, as Elaina Suslick and Meleah Thomas both experienced.

LOGOS is a midweek family program for kids who are 3 years old through fifth grade at Sanibel Community Church.
On October 31, the Children’s Education Center of the Islands held its Halloween program. Children, dressed in costumes, sang their opening song, “Hello, How are you?” in English, Spanish, French, Sign Language and the newly added Swedish as well as Halloween-themed songs which gave all a good chuckle. Parents and grandparents came to watch the show and costume parade that followed.

The teachers “rocked in their school shoes” as Pete the Cats

Mr. Lu’s Pre-K class represented all kinds of themes

Raleigh Stevens came in first place as a monster truck

Super Jacqueline poses with her costume

Alina Ziemian showed the crowd that not all witches are bad
Free ‘Ding’ Kids Fishing Derby On Causeway

Kids of all ages who are able to hold their own fishing pole may participate in the free second annual “Ding” Darling Kids Fishing Derby to be held on the Sanibel Causeway Islands Park (Island A) this Saturday, November 9.

JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) co-sponsor the event.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the causeway, and ages 15 and younger start fishing at 9 a.m. and finish at 11 a.m. Awards ceremony is at 11:30 a.m.

Judges will record catches during the session. After the results are tallied, they will award winners in two age groups: 10 to 15, and 9 and younger. Based upon total inches of fish caught, the refuge will award first, second, and third place prizes, plus awards for the largest and smallest fish hooked, in both age categories.

Participants should bring fishing poles, but Tarpon Bay Explorers will provide a limited number of loaner poles for those who don’t have their own equipment. Shallow Bait and Dale Shirley will be supplying the bait.

Throughout the day, volunteers and staff will teach fishing skills and safe, ethical fishing practices and will engage children in fish crafts.

“We had an exciting event in our inaug-

Orchid Society November Meeting

Phalaenopsis Simplified will be the topic of the Monday, November 18 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. The program will be presented by Joe Hayden, general manager of Sun Bulb Company in Arcadia. Sun Bulb is a national supplier of orchids, orchid supplies, home décor accents and environmentally-friendly gardening innovations. Its Better-Gro brand name is recognizable at a number of national retailers. The meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Orchid novices are encouraged to come to the meeting at 1 p.m. to hear a member of the Orchid Society talk about fundamentals of growing orchids. This year, the society is debuting a new website – www.sancaporchid.org – which is live.

Participants are encouraged to come early to purchase orchids or to do so during intermission. Anyone with questions or an “ill orchid” that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during Show and Tell. Orchid Society members are invited to participate in a monthly orchid raffle. Annual society membership is $20, which covers the meetings held through May 2014. Guests may attend for $4 per meeting. For questions, call Nannette Lehr at 395-3327.

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Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Programs & Activities

Tank Talks
On Tuesday, November 12 at 10 a.m., visit the SCCF Nature Center and learn about the live turtles, snakes and other critters SCCF works so hard to protect through research and habitat protection. Maybe the diamondback terrapin will be digging in their new nesting/sandbox. Cost of the program is $5 per adult, with children and SCCF members free.

Are Zebras Making A Comeback?
Zebra Longwings are flying on SCCF trails at the Nature Center. Not since before Hurricane Charley in 2004 have so many been spotted. The Zebra Longwing butterfly is Florida’s state insect. On Tuesday, November 12 at 11 a.m., come to the SCCF Nature Center and learn about this beautiful butterfly now flying in the Butterfly House. Buy a passion vine from the native plant nursery, place it in the B-Fly house for the Zebras to lay eggs on, then take it home to plant. This program is free to all. Meet at the SCCF Butterfly House. SCCF is also looking for volunteers for the Butterfly House.

Coyote And Bear Tales
On Wednesday, November 13, come to SCCF and learn about two newcomer species to the islands. A coyote and a Florida black bear were documented on the island for the first time in the winter of 2011. Come and learn about the behaviors of these two new species and how to live with them. Coyotes have now moved into every county in Florida. Both human and bear populations are growing in Florida. The island black bear was recently relocated to a new territory and then needed to be relocated again. There is a family of coyotes that islanders will hear calling again this winter season when the snowbirds arrive and the “song dogs” sing in response to sirens. This program is free to children and SCCF members, or $5 for adults and starts at 10 a.m.

Turtle Tracks
On Thursday, November 14 at 10 a.m., come and learn about the lifecycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on island beaches and what SCCF’s nest monitoring program is doing to protect them. On all of Florida’s beaches this summer, the endangered green sea turtle nested in record numbers, a 70 percent increase since 1989. The program is free to SCCF members and children, or $5 for adults.

Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information on these programs, unless otherwise indicated. The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

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Don Parsons coaches students from The Sanibel School on how to get the most of their photos

"There was a bit of the eeeeeeuuuwww factor showing. For some of the kids this was the first big spider they’ve seen, but overall good reactions to the insect world."

Tarpon Bay Explorers tour guide Don Parsons observed

Bank of the Islands sponsored the Sanibel School group and Edison Bank sponsored Cypress Lake students’ contest. There will be at least three winners at each school and the banks will award savings bonds and medals to the winners at special ceremonies to be held in December. The winning photographs will then be on display in the banks’ lobbies for the public to view.

The trams and instruction were provided by Tarpon Bay Explorers.

Students View Nature Through Camera Lenses

Ant lions and spiders and snakes, oh my. Sometimes these can be pretty scary creatures, but some local students got the opportunity to see them differently through their camera lenses.

Recently, seventh and eighth grade students from Cypress Lake Middle School and The Sanibel School boarded Tarpon Bay Explorer trams for photo trips along Wildlife Drive in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Tarpon Bay Explorers naturalist Don Parsons, a professional photojournalist and nature photographer, acted as both guide and teacher providing the students hints about getting the best out of everything from cell phone cameras to point-and-shoot types and even higher-end complex cameras.

Parsons helped them look at their subjects differently encouraging them to take close-ups of crow’s foot grass, sea grape leaves, bugs and even big, ugly spiders.

They learned characteristics of different species to help them interpret them in photos and even how to play with lighting to achieve different effects.

The students’ photos will be entered into contests at each school.

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CROW Case Of The Week:
Peninsula Cooter

by Patricia Molloy

As one of the most common freshwater turtles in Florida, the peninsula cooter (Pseudemys peninsularis) can often be seen near fresh bodies of water like lakes and slow moving streams. While Florida cooters (Pseudemys floridana) are found throughout the southeastern coastal plain, the subspecies peninsularis is only found in Florida.

“I was driving home from Naples one night and I found it completely flipped over on its back,” Jordan Donini said of patient #2726, a Pennsylvania cooter. “I thought it was dead.”

Upon approaching the turtle, he discovered that it was alive but seriously injured. Having years of experience as an assistant wildlife rehabilitator at CROW, Donini was able to keep the turtle stable until it could be admitted the following morning for treatment.

The turtle had a major fracture to its carapace which is the hard upper shell. A pain medication was quickly administered to make the patient more comfortable. Ordinary zip ties were then glued around the defect and are tightened regularly to correct the divisions.

“We do a little buffering on the shell with a dremel then we put some Super Glue to make sure the zip ties stick. Then we epoxy them down with one layer, let it dry for 24 hours, then put another epoxy layer to make sure it stays. Then we pull the zip ties through to pull the bone back together. The turtle’s shell is basically an extension of the rib cage; it’s all bone, modified ribs,” explained Donini. “We’re hoping that the fixator can help promote the natural bone to grow back together and solidify a little bit. It is very unstable at this point so hopefully the zip ties are going to promote the bone to fuse together. That’s the ultimate hope.”

Prior to Dr. Heather Barron’s arrival last year, CROW’s staff glued metal grommets to shell defects which were then tightened with wire. The grommets, however, were sometimes difficult to remove, prompting the clinic director to introduce an alternative method of treatment. Zip ties have proven to be an excellent substitute.

The peninsula cooter is also taking part in a barium study being conducted by Dr. Heather since the patient is also experiencing gastrointestinal upset. When administered, barium sulfate coats the esophagus, stomach or intestine and can be clearly seen in the images produced by a radiograph machine.

Dry-docking is one potential cause of GI issues. While it is more natural for turtles to take their meals while fully submerged in water, allowing a patient with a shell fracture to do so would open it up to potentially fatal infection. Instead, the turtles spend much of their recovery time on dry or slightly damp towels.

Donini added, “Some medications also cause GI upset. It could be a number of things, so we are trying to find the problem and help it.”

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

Jordan Donini trims the zip ties attached to the shell of a Peninsula cooter, patient #2726. Note the triangular shaped fracture on the rear of the carapace, or hard upper shell.
An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

The CROW Picture Show offers insights about the native and migratory wildlife species brought to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, with photos of patients in treatment at the facility.

In 2012, CROW’s wildlife hospital cared for 3,583 sick, injured and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 61 percent were birds, with 33 percent mammals and 6 percent reptiles.

CROW is not permitted to display its patients publically, so this presentation offers the next best thing: numerous candid snapshots of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The next CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, November 15 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in CROW’s Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under. The entry fee also includes access to the Visitor Education Center, which exhibits CROW’s efforts to save wildlife through care, education and collaboration.

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Famed nature photographer Clyde Butcher, celebrity birding authors Don and Lillian Stokes, and John Englander – whose book High Tide on Main Street foretold disasters like Hurricane Sandy – headline the eagerly awaited 2014 “Ding” Darling Nature Store Friday Lecture Series at JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

The free series kicks off on Friday, January 17 in the “Ding” Darling Visitors & Education Center Auditorium with Bob H. Lee, author of Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is sponsoring the 2014 Lecture Series with support from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Due to their popularity, the free lectures will be held twice each Friday, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

“The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has a true commitment to conservation and the health of our wildlife, and we’re so grateful to have them team up with the Society on our lecture series,” said Birgie Vertesch, DDWS executive director.

Other lectures will examine John J. Audubon, frigatebirds, mangroves, Florida panthers and more. The season’s complete schedule is listed below.

Book signings follow all of the starred (*) lectures. Seating for the lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the free Visitors & Education Center and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge’s official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures.

DDWS vice president Doris Hardy (blue shirt) accepts a check for $5,000 from the gang at The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company to sponsor the 2014 “Ding” Darling Nature Store Friday Lecture Series

‘Ding’ Darling Lecture Series Features Nationally Acclaimed Experts

The stunning photography of Clyde Butcher is one highlight of the refuge’s upcoming lecture series

Florida Game Warden
*January 24 - Charles LeBuff & Deborah Gleason, Authors – Sanibel & Captiva Islands: A Look Back In Time
*January 31 - John Englander, Author – High Tide on Main Street: Rising Sea Level and the Coming Coastal Crisis
*February 7 – Don and Lillian Stokes, Authors – 3 Easy Steps To Bird ID
February 14 – Brian “Fox” Ellis – John J. Audubon Re-enactment
February 21 – Kenneth Meyer, University of Florida – Magnificent Frigatebird
February 28 – Volunteer Lecture/No Lecture
March 7 – Joy Hazell, Florida Sea Grant – Learning & Loving Mangroves
March 14 – Mike Owen, Biologist – Fakahatchee Strand
March 21 – Rick Bonney, Cornell Lab of Ornithology – Citizen Science
March 28 – Erin Myers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Florida Panthers
April 4 – Charles LeBuff and Chris Lechowicz, SCCF – Amphibians & Reptiles of Sanibel & Captiva Islands
*April 11 – Clyde Butcher, Nature Photographer – Florida: Where Water, Earth & Heaven Meet

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

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

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Fishing Club To Hold First Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, November 12, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its first monthly meeting of the 2013-14 fishing season. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is cordially invited to attend.

This month’s featured speakers are two professional fishing guides who operate near the Getaway Marina on Fort Myers Beach. The two captains, Kyle Ezerins (offshore fishing) and Steve Ware (inshore fishing), will be doing an interesting presentation based on two very different kinds of fishing.

Captain Ezerins does the majority of the offshore fishing from a 36-foot Luhrs Open. He focuses on amberjack, grouper, snapper, cobia and offshore sharks.

Captain Ware operates a much smaller inshore boat and targets the usual inshore species such as snook, redfish, sea trout and shark. Combined, this should be a unique and entertaining presentation for anyone interested in discovering the two outstanding fisheries surrounding Sanibel and Captiva.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School.

For information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend their next meeting. The Sanibel Island Fishing Club has been an active social club for more than 28 years on the island. To learn more about the club, and to view our great fishing photos or to explore their fish recipe section, visit www.sanibelslandfishingclub.com.

Steve Ware’s very large snook

Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend their next meeting. The Sanibel Island Fishing Club has been an active social club for more than 28 years on the island. To learn more about the club, and to view our great fishing photos or to explore their fish recipe section, visit www.sanibelslandfishingclub.com.

Captain Kyle’s crew showing off a rare snowy grouper

Boring.

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Fast-Paced Fall Action Continues

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

What another great week on the water this was. Fishing action was outstanding with a wide variety of species caught. For sheer numbers caught on a daily basis, this was about as good as it gets. Snook, trout, mangrove snapper, jacks and redfish kept the rods bent at what often seemed like a crazy, never-ending pace. Live shiner fishing really has the fish fired up and feeding as they pack on the pounds before winter.

The big surprise of the week for me was the huge numbers of quality mangrove snapper we caught. Big schools of snapper ranging from 11 to 14 inches provided non-stop action on mangrove shorelines in the mouth of the river. Chumming live shiners had these fish exploding on the surface as they swarmed the baits. The limit on mangrove snapper is five per angler with a 10-inch minimum. These are one of the more tasty fish to bring home for dinner and one of my favorites. Clients who wanted to take fish home this week had an easy option for tasty fillets. Many of the snook and redfish spots I fish were simply overrun with these aggressive fish.

Deeper creeks in the “Ding” Darling Refuge also held a few snapper but the majority of the fish in here were snook and trout. During lower tides, these creeks were really popping with fish all over. Most of the narrow deeper creeks with strong tide movement held a wide variety of fish with lots of keeper-sized trout, short snook and an occasional slot-sized snook. Freeline live shiners on 30# fluorocarbon leader did not last long when pitched up to the mangrove roots. Our big snook of the week in these creeks was a respectable 31 inches. Most trips we caught 20 or more short snook and hooked at least one or two monsters that humbled the angler on the rod.

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The Island Sun would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at Island Sun, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, or email to islandsun@aol.com; or call Anne Mitchell at 395-1213.

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Rob Mackay, right, from Massachusetts with a 30-inch snook caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell, left, this week.

With our water clarity continuing to improve by the day and the temperature now in the mid 70s, the trout keep getting bigger and bigger. Most of the trout we are catching now are over the 15-inch minimum size. Some of my favorite snook shorelines have been producing one or two 24-inch plus gator trout just about every time I fish them. Our big trout of the week measured 26 inches and was caught on a mangrove shoreline at the southern end of Matlacha Pass. Big trout fishing will only get better and better as we move through this month.

On less than perfect redfish tides, this week we still managed a few top-of-the-slot sized reds on most days out. Lower water redfish action was a little tough for me this week although we did not spend much time at it as there were plenty of other types of fish to catch.

A few times this week I have been on a school of reds that works the edge of the bar that runs just outside of the refuge mangrove shoreline. Look for mullet schools working in this shallow water during dead low tide right on top of this bar and the reds will be mixed in with them.

Oyster bars in the middle sound also held a few reds during the middle of the tide and on the higher water conditions. Most of these oyster bar reds were moving around in the sand holes just out a little from the bars. Once the tide got up high enough, they’d push in closer, often right up next to the oysters. These bars also held trout and a few keeper-sized snook.

Jacks have been pretty much everywhere and hard to stay away from. Just about every shoreline I fished this week held jacks which would rumble by at some point, bending every rod on the boat at the same time. They have been ranging in size anywhere from just over a pound all the way up to six- and seven-pound bruisers. Although not one of our more desirable species, they pull really hard and will often fool you when they pick up a bait, making you think you have a good fish on when they run for the trees. A few times this week, we were just overrun by the jacks and had to move to get away from them.

November is always a great month for fishing in Southwest Florida with what seems like limitless options for anglers. Cooling water temperatures have the fish feeding hard at this time every year. They know winter is on the way and the huge amount of bait that is here now will soon dry up.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com. ☉

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Green Sea Turtles Nest At Historic Pace In Florida

The number of green sea turtle nests in Florida this year was more than double the count of the previous highest year. Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) have documented more than 25,000 green turtle nests on 26 index beaches in the state in 2013.

“We are astounded and pleased by the high number of green turtle nests documented in 2013,” said Dr. Blair Witherington, FWC research scientist. “It looks like the years of conservation efforts for this endangered species are paying off.”

FWC-trained and authorized surveyors across the state monitor nests on a set of index beaches that span nearly 250 miles and are the focus of the Index Beach Nesting Survey. These surveys began in 1989. Index surveyors follow firm counting guidelines, making it possible for FWC researchers to use the data from these beaches to identify trends.

The trend for green turtles shows an exponential increase in nesting over the past 25 years. In 1989, biologists documented only 464 green turtle nests on index beaches. In 2013, this index nest count was 25,553. The index count represents about 70 percent of green turtle nesting statewide.

Leatherback sea turtle nest counts have also risen dramatically over the past quarter century. However, the 2013 count of 322 leatherback nests on index beaches was 193 lower than last year.

Loggerhead sea turtles, the most prevalent sea turtle species on Florida’s shores, accounted for 44,810 nests on index beaches this year, down from 2012’s near-record count of 58,172 nests. Although this federally threatened species nests on the same beaches as green turtles and leatherbacks, loggerheads have not shown the recovery in numbers seen in nesting by the other two species. The high level of loggerhead nesting last year followed a pronounced drop in the species’ nest counts between 1998 and 2007.

Hundreds of surveyors from conservation organizations, universities and federal, state and local governments—along with other volunteers—make possible the extensive data collection on Florida’s nesting sea turtles. In conjunction with the Index Nesting Beach Survey, the Statewide Nesting Beach Survey documents sea turtle nesting on nearly all sandy beaches in Florida. Data from the statewide surveys will be available in early 2014.

The FWC’s role in coordinating Florida’s sea turtle nest counts, training surveyors and compiling data is funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and sales of the state’s sea turtle license plate. Florida residents can purchase the plate to support these efforts at www.BuyAPlate.com.

For more information about trends in sea turtle nest counts, visit www.MyFWC.com/Research, click on “Wildlife,” then click on “Nesting” under the “Sea Turtle” heading. Report sick or injured sea turtles to the FWC’s Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).
Monofilament Recycling Containers

On Monday, November 4, a dozen monofilament recycling bins were installed in Causeway Islands Park as a collaborative effort between Sanibel Sea School and START to reduce the amount of monofilament pollution in our oceans. Six separate sites were established on Island A and Island B to ensure effective visibility and ease of access for all anglers who make use of these natural resources.

Every day, improperly discarded monofilament fishing line harms marine life and the environment. Monofilament is non-biodegradable and can remain in the ecosystem for over 600 years. Marine mammals, sea turtles, fish and birds can become injured from entanglements, or may ingest the line, often dying as a result.

In addition, human divers and swimmers are at risk from entanglements and the line can be destructive to boat motors.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation created a program called the Monofilament Recovery & Recycling Program (MRRP). “The MRRP is a statewide effort to educate the public on the problems caused by monofilament line left in the environment, to encourage recycling through a network of line recycling bins and drop-off locations, and to conduct volunteer monofilament line cleanup events.”

The newly-installed bins were incorporated into this network for Lee County and will be maintained by a volunteer team from Sanibel Sea School and SanCap START.

A special thank you is extended to Soon Come, Inc. and Billy’s Rentals of Sanibel for providing installation materials and Lee County Parks and Recreation for their partnership.

For more information, visit www.start1.org or www.sanibelseaschool.org.

One of a dozen monofilament recycling bins installed along the causeway

Bobcat Sighting

Beth Friedman, vacationing from New Jersey, was lucky enough to spot – and photograph – a bobcat strolling along the bike path between Periwinkle Way and the Sanibel Public Library earlier this week.

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And the solutions are obvious; maybe fame because the problem is identifiable demanding lead in manatee boat collision more than twice as many as Charlotte with the use of recreational watercraft; word “trophy” sarcastically because we being able to claim the trophy for killing the most in any county. To date, 269 being able to claim the trophy for killing the state. The previous record was set in 2010, with 766 killed for the whole year.

And Lee County has a strong lead in being able to claim the trophy for killing the most in any county. To date, 269 manatees (that’s 35 percent of the total) have died on our waterways. I use the word “troy” sarcastically because we are way more successful than the other counties in killing this endangered species with the use of recreational watercraft; more than twice as many as Charlotte County, which is in second place.

For Lee County to have such a commanding lead in manatee boat collision deaths, I believe, is a very sad “claim to fame” because the problem is identifiable and the solutions are obvious; maybe not popular, but obvious. But I was also intrigued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s listing of 139 manatee deaths in Lee County as “natural causes of mortality” because it was determined these animals died due to red tide, a naturally occurring dinoflagellate.

Dying of “natural causes” is an unfortunate, but acceptable, way to die; you can’t blame anyone for a “natural death,” right?

But the red tide problem is one of those environmental issues where it is difficult to point a finger at the causes behind the large blooms we have been experiencing lately. Understanding biologically how red tide works may be difficult to understand, but being realistic, it is not surprising to me that it has been so difficult for the government to discover what causes the population of this small creature to exponentially explode.

There is strong anecdotal evidence (but not proven yet by federally funded studies) that there is a correlation between huge slugs of freshwater being added to the marine environment and these large outbreaks of red tide. But since the only reason the water in Lake Okeechobee is released down the Caloosahatchee River and the St. Lucie Canal instead of allowing it to flow naturally to the south through the Everglades is because the sugarcane growers on the south side of the lake are so politically powerful, wouldn’t it be a bit difficult to maintain the current sugarcane-friendly water management policies, if it could be proven that the red tide outbreaks were due to those policies?

This whole mismanagement of South Florida’s delicate aquatic ecosystems reminds me of something I sometimes jokingly tell my customers at the beginning of one of my canoe trips. I start off explaining about how much stress the natural system is experiencing here in Southwest Florida and then I apologize to anyone from New Jersey when I say, “We, as a species, are working very hard to turn Florida into New Jersey.”

Before someone from New Jersey can respond to my not-so-flattering remark, I quickly explain that as a Midwesterner, I used to have the mistaken belief that all of New Jersey looked like Newark. And then I go on to point out that in reality, New Jersey has some of the most powerful laws protecting the environment as any other state in the Union; like in the Pine Barrens and Cape May.

This “enlightenment” of the government of New Jersey makes sense to me because it is a small state and was originally cleared of its natural habitat several hundred years ago; far enough in the past that those in control could see that if all the land was left unprotected, eventually, there would be nothing left. But Florida has been, and to this day still is, like an “undeveloped country.” The natural resources are there for those in control to exploit, or to push it out of the way in order to make room for a human-oriented ecosystem.

Those in power do not really care about an “endangered species” like the manatee, whose only reason we protect it is because some “animal lovers” have decided it is so ugly it is cute. “What good is it, anyway?” And the state and federal water managers will find every excuse they can come up with in order to maintain the “old way of doing things,” just so the sugarcane growers can stay happy, which means the state and federal politicians will keep on getting big donations in election years, and that means the water managers will get to keep their jobs.

It’s a vicious circle, really; making it difficult for those of us who live here – manatees and humans alike – to survive!

And as an afterthought, I really do hope that my fears are just that, but you know, Pine Island Sound has been receiving unprecedented amounts of freshwater coming down the Caloosahatchee all summer long. Can the red tide be far behind?

A former city council member and mayor, Mark “Bird” Westall has owned and operated Canoe Adventures, Inc., on Sanibel for over 33 years. Visit www.canoewithbirdwestall.com for more information.

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Captiva Cruises To Resume Trips To Calusa Indian Mounds

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At the Tarpon Lodge passengers will be oriented to this spectacular location, the family-run business and its storied tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor.

Passengers then will relax while experiencing the “old Florida” charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge where lunch will be savored with waterfront views of Pine Island Sound and mangrove islands. After lunch they will cross the street to the Randell Research Center, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History. The internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site is a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida.

An educator will guide the group on The Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

This cruise will resume on Tuesday November 12 and will be offered again on Friday November 22 and then will be available on Tuesdays through the season.

Captiva Cruises also offers cruises to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande, beach and shelling excursions to Cayo Costa State Park, sailing adventures, sunset cruises, and Dolphin Watch & Wildlife Adventures with The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

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Plant Smart

Climbing Hempvine
by Gerri Reaves

Climbing hempvine (Mikania scandans) is a fast-growing, sprawling vine found throughout Florida, the eastern U.S. and even into southern Canada.

A Florida native and a member of the aster family, it grows in wet areas, including hammocks, wet woods and the edges of swamps, ponds and ditches.

The vine blooms year-round, but primarily in summer and fall, producing dense flat-topped flower clusters on long stalks.

The cylindrical fragrant flowers range from white to pale pink. Each fuzzy flowerhead is made up of four small disk flowers about a half-inch long. There are no ray flowers.

The showy flowers quickly go to seed and the flowerheads become a pale-beige fluffy mass.

The flowers attract a wide variety of insects, including bees and butterflies. This species is a good choice for a natural garden or a butterfly garden. It is a nectar plant for the little metalmark butterfly (Calephelis virginensis) and sometimes its larval host.

The distinctive triangular leaves are heart- or arrow-shaped with pointed tips.

The stems, too, are distinctive, twining in a clockwise direction around whatever prop plant the vine fastens onto.

So effective is it at traveling that it easily covers shrubs and trees, the stems reaching as long as 15 feet.

Plant this ambitious vine in full sun. It can grow in nutrient-poor soil but needs some organic content. Once established, it will survive moderate drought periods. It has low salt-tolerance.

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photos by Gerri Reaves
Maestro To Discuss Experimental And Revolutionary Music

BIG ARTS presents the first ARTSalon of the season featuring Maestro Andrew Kurtz, music and executive director and conductor of the Gulf Coast Symphony. Discussing Experimental and Revolutionary Music, Beethoven’s 5th, Rite of Spring, and Beyond, the ARTSalon will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 13 at BIG ARTS Center.

Currently in his 19th season with Gulf Coast Symphony, Kurtz is the international tour conductor for the PBS show Cantors: A Faith In Song, featuring three of the world’s leading cantors; Alberto Mizrahi, Naftali Herstik and Benzion Miller. He was named the 2007 Performing Artist of the Year at Lee County’s Angel of the Arts Awards and was the former music director of the Florida Jewish Philharmonic Orchestra. An avid arts educator, Kurtz was resident music director of the Luzerne Music Center for eight summers.

The general and artistic director and founder of the Center City Opera Theater, a professional opera company in Philadelphia, Kurtz has led more than four dozen productions, including the East Coast premiere of Catan’s Il Postino and the world premieres of Liebermann’s The Picture of Dorian Gray (small orchestra version), Westergaard’s The Always Present Present, Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Paul Moravec’s Danse Russe, and Michael Ching’s new opera, Slaying the Dragon.

Kurtz completed his doctoral studies in conducting at the Peabody Conservatory and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Virginia where he received his master’s degree in music history and a bachelor of arts in music and drama. From baroque to contemporary, his professional repertoire encompasses a wide range of musical styles as well as multiple genres, including opera, symphonic, ballet, musical theater, jazz, cantorial and symphonic pops.

Tickets are $5 each for adults or children and provide an opportunity to meet and speak with professionals in various artistic fields to better understand their creative process. Call 395-0900.

ARTSalon lectures are held at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road.

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Sanibel Youth Wins First Place For Mini-Documentary

Sanibel resident Sarah Adler recently won first place for her mini-documentary "Uncommon Valor, Common Virtue" in the 10th annual Pride and Patriotism of Lee County contest. The contest is part of the Pride and Patriotism – Youth Celebrating the Arts and Honoring Veterans in conjunction with the Southwest Florida Youth Symphony’s Veterans’ Day tribute. The event is held at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Thursday, November 7 at 7 p.m.

Adler’s winning video features Lawrence F. Kirby, family friend and World War II U.S. Marine veteran of three Pacific Island campaigns, including Iwo Jima. She also won first place in the contest last year with her tribute "Army Letters.

Adler is the daughter of John and Elaine Adler and a freshman at Fort Myers High School in the Pre-International Baccalaureate Program.

Meet The Artist At Opening Meeting

The seasonal opening meeting of Sanibel-Captiva Art League will be held on Thursday, November 14 with guest artist Mary Harriman Klunk, who will give a portrait demonstration.

Klunk, a resident of Havre de Grace, Maryland and Fort Myers, has been a working artist for over 30 years. She majored in art and for 10 years worked in art therapy in hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and for the veteran’s administration. She has taught painting to a wide age range of students in a variety of American locations.

Working in oils and pastels, her art includes portraits, still lifes and landscapes. A fascination for faces has provided inspiration for portraits and figure studies. She works in a classical realist style with an emphasis on color relationships, lighting and value. An award winning artist, she has exhibited nationally.

All are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be held at The Community House. There will be refreshments and social time at 1 p.m. The formal meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Annual membership is $30. Application forms will be available at the meeting. Membership is necessary for entering local art league shows as well as exhibiting art in the qualifying Southwest Florida Art Council Shows. In December, the league is sponsoring a Council Show, with a theme of Patterns, at BIG ARTS. For more information, visit www.sancapart.com or email league president Kathy Taylor at kctylr@aol.com.

Fall Festival Dining & Entertainment Fun

Fall is the most beautiful season on Sanibel: cooler, less humid, smaller crowds. It’s the ideal time to help celebrate the opening of our new restaurants, now open to the public. Enjoy daily al fresco dining at Sea Breeze Café with an all-day menu served until 10 pm or an elegant dining experience in Waterview (Wed-Sunday from 5-10) overlooking the pool and Gulf.

At Turtles Beach & Pool bar, more casual diners can watch their favorite NFL game and enjoy lunch selections from 11-7 daily. Sample our BBQ Blowout and All-You-Can-Eat poolside buffet every Saturday from 12-4. Cost is $19 for adults, $12 for children over 3.

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Sanibel Youth Wins First Place For Mini-Documentary

Sarah Adler
Fort Myers High School in the Pre-International Baccalaureate Program.

Mary Harriman Klunk working on a portrait

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Fall Festival Dining & Entertainment Fun
Tenor Daniel Rodriguez ‘The Singing Policeman’ At Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community kicks off its 2013-14 Fine & Performing Arts Concert Series with Tenor Daniel Rodriguez on Thursday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at The Village Church.

From “The Singing Policeman” to “America’s Beloved Tenor,” Rodriguez is best known as the New York City police officer who helped bring the country an uplifting spirit of promise and hope with his stirring rendition of God Bless America after the terrorist attacks of 2001.

Raised in a multicultural and musical family in which his Puerto Rican roots intermingled with the rich fabric of New York City culture, he studied at the American Youth Repertory Company in Manhattan. A 16-year-old Rodriguez presented his first recital at Carnegie Hall and planned a career in music. But at age 19, he put music aside to raise his family and went to work to make ends meet, eventually becoming a police officer in 1995. He was quickly chosen as one of the designated National Anthem singers in the NYPD’s ceremonial division.

At the Prayer For America concert at Yankee Stadium after 9/11, Placido Domingo heard Rodriguez sing and offered him an opportunity to study opera at the Domingo/Vilar Young Artists Institute in Washington, DC. Since then, he has performed at the 2002 Winter Olympics, the PBS Memorial Day concert in Washington, DC, the Tournament of Roses Parade, the 2004 Republican National Convention and President Bush’s Celebration of Freedom Inauguration concert. He officially retired from the NYPD in 2004 to pursue his music career full time.

Dedicated to philanthropic and charity work, it is no surprise that Rodriguez has always been a spiritual man. As he takes the stage at The Village Church, the audience will be astonished by his operatic tenor performance of many familiar patriotic songs sung in honor of our American heroes.

Concert tickets are available for $35 each, or three concerts for $90. The season of five concerts is offered for $125, a $50 savings. To purchase tickets or receive additional information about the concert series, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067.

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Shell Museum Open House

Shop the new store where a variety of new and unique products have been added. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet new museum staff and celebrate with board members.

“We are very excited about all the new changes that we have made to the museum and we cannot wait to show them off,” said Executive Director Dorrie Hipschman. “I can’t think of a better way to show our appreciation for all the wonderful support that we receive than by hosting this event.”

The museum is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Captiva Community Panel

• A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update
• A Captiva Fire District update
• A Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update
• Other business as necessary.

Public participation is and encouraged.

The next Captiva Community Panel meeting will tentatively be December 10. Information and background documents are available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

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Sanibel Middle School’s Willy Wonka Jr. Opens

The Sanibel Middle school performing arts student production of Willy Wonka Jr. opens this week. The show runs on Thursday and Friday, November 7 and 8 as well as 14 and 15 at The Sanibel School. Curtain is at 7 p.m. and tickets are $8 for adults and $3 for children. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are available for purchase at the school office, and at the door. The Sanibel School is located at 3840 Sanibel-Captiva Road, and the school office is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

The show is being produced and directed by Sanibel School Music Director Joe Angelo. The cast – made up of sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students – have been rehearsing the musical since September. The middle school students put on two musical productions each year, in November and May. The productions offer students a chance to perform on stage as well as work behind the scenes. Performing arts class at The Sanibel School provides experiences ranging from learning musical instruments, singing, acting and dancing, to running the audio-visual equipment and other crew responsibilities. The students must help plan the choreography and staging of the show.

Willy Wonka Jr. features songs from the classic film including ‘The Candyman’ and ‘Pure Imagination’. ‘The Candyman’ is best known through Sammy Davis, Jr.’s cover version, which hit number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1972. Roald Dahl’s ‘Willy Wonka Jr.’ is the story of a poor boy who wins the opportunity to tour the most eccentric and wonderful candy factory of all. Along the tour, mild disasters befall each of the odious children, but can Charlie beat the odds and achieve success?

Jenna Kjoller and Kristen Dunavant in rehearsal

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Robert Rauschenberg

Rauschenberg often remembered for incorporating found objects into his compositions. But Rauschenberg did so much more than just build on the imperatives begun by Marcel Duchamp, Kurt Schwitters, Joseph Cornell and Louise Nevelson. It wasn’t that he used objects to imbue his combines and collages. No, he convinced the avant-garde that junk was flotsam and jetsam produced by everyday life – could not only become artistic media, but could produce beautiful art.

“I feel sorry for people who think things like soap dishes or mirrors or Coke bottles are ugly,” Rauschenberg once famously stated, “because they’re surrounded by things like that all day long, and it must make them miserable.”

By that standard, then, the artists who work and exhibit in the River District must be happy, vital souls because so many of them constantly push their personal and artistic envelopes, blending and blurring media and genre, embracing found objects of every type and description into their imaginative and often perplexing two-dimensional compositions and sculptural pieces. Walk into Arts for ACT or the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on any given day, and you’ll likely see aspects of Rauschenberg in the work of mixed media artists like Michael St. Amand, Cesar Aguilera, Susan Mills, Bradford Hermann, Jonathan Kane and Lisa Freidus. Oh, that’s not to suggest they are intentionally trying to replicate Rauschenberg’s work. They don’t have to. His influence persists even if they’re not aware of the debt they owe him for the freedom of artistic expression they enjoy today.

And the fact that so many of these artists find a voice at Arts for ACT would undoubtedly please Rauschenberg to no end, as he was an avid supporter during his later years of the gallery and the work ACT does in helping the victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking, and their families.

One River District artist who especially exemplifies Rauschenberg’s brave and artistic temperament is Marcus Jansen. Like Rauschenberg, Jansen combines technical skill and expertise with a profound sense of purpose and a truly unique awareness of the world. Like Rauschenberg, Jansen addresses major themes of worldwide concern without bombast or pretence. He, too, exploits the messiness of everyday life. He, too, appropriates media images and pop brands (like Dorothy from Oz) into works that are simultaneously homage and parody. And then there’s that whole car tire and bicycle thing – not to mention Jansen’s ever-present quest to incorporate technology in ever more imaginative and inventive ways into not only his startling urban landscapes, but his equally surprising aerials as well.

Given these similarities, it is interesting that Rauschenberg’s former gallery assistant Jonas Sturter is now collaborating with Jansen at UNIT A. And it is through Sturter, Lawrence Voytek, Darryl Pottorf and even Kat Apple that Rauschenberg’s influence continues to be exerted on the Southwest Florida art community today. All worked closely with Rauschenberg for many years, and although their art is uniquely their own, their process and inventiveness cannot help but reflect their tutelage in Rauschenberg’s studio and print shop on Captiva Island. In fact, Pottorf is still perfecting the transfer solvent printmaking technique that Rauschenberg first developed more than two decades ago.

Thanks to the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation’s $350 million endowment over the next decade and a half, his Captiva compound is now home to 42 artists in residence whose aim is to evoke the cross-fertilization, free-flowing exchange of ideas that Rauschenberg experienced first at North Carolina’s Black Mountain College art community and later during his six-year partnership in New York with Jasper Johns, John Cage and Merce Cunningham. (“The four-way exchanges were quite marvelous,” Cage later recalled. “It was the climate of being together that would suggest the work to be done.”) It remains to be seen how this new iteration of Rauschenberg’s art compound will impact the community, but if the lessons Rauschenberg taught about the value of collaboration are retaught and relearned, the ripples will surely be felt.

And last, but by no means least is the gallery that bears Rauschenberg’s name. With the departure earlier this year of long-time director Ron Bishop, the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison State College is now under the capable stewardship of Jade Dellinger, who many Southwest Florida art lovers and collectors met when he curated a 10-year retrospective of John Cage’s work. Dedicated to furthering the legacy of the gallery’s namesake, Dellinger is busily finalizing plans for a number of exciting exhibitions that will build upon the important – although undervalued – work that Rauschenberg did in going overseas to bring art to the world, and the world to Fort Myers.

Bob Rauschenberg may be gone in body, but his irrepressible, effervescent spirit lives on in many forms and guises here in the Southwest Florida art community that he loved so dearly.

An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District’s public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to toursofart.com.
Poems, Remarks, And A Book Signing With Poet Richard Blanco

by Kevin Bedson

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education has a tradition of inviting celebrated writers to share their work with Southwest Florida, including the award winning poets Allison Hawthorne Deming, Homero Aridjis, and Mary Oliver.

This weekend the center will be hosting a luncheon cruise with 2013 Presidential Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco aboard the Lady Chadwick of Captiva Cruises. The cruise, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., will be departing from McCarthy’s Marina on Sunday, November 10. Guests will hear poems, remarks, and the distinguished Cuban-American Poet will sign books while cruising in the tranquil waters off Captiva.

Earlier this year, Blanco was selected by President Obama to be the inaugural poet for his reelection. On January 21, 2013, Blanco had the honor of reading his poem One Today at the inauguration ceremony, marking him as the fifth inaugural poet in history. He is also the nation’s youngest inaugural poet, as well as the first to be an immigrant and openly gay. President Obama said in a statement, “It is an honor to have Richard Blanco in our second inauguration. His contributions to the fields of poetry and art have paved the way for future generations of writers. Richard’s work is well-suited for an opening that will celebrate the strength and diversity of our great country.”

The center values Blanco’s poetry for its invocation of spirit and place, and of both natural and constructed environments. We cherish the interdisciplinary nature of his work which draws, in its construction, on his study of the science of civil engineering and of the humanities. His work is full of social and cultural awareness and of the diversity in American life. His volume, Looking for The Gulf Motel (2012), evokes a vanishing Florida that we love, a place of ecological memories being erased. “I want to turn the golf courses back into mangroves,” he writes. The title poem is set on Marco Island.

Blanco’s acclaimed first book, City of a Hundred Fires, explores the yearnings and negotiation of cultural identity as a Cuban-American and received the prestigious Agnes Starrett Poetry Prize. His second book, Directions to The Beach of the Dead won the PEN American Beyond Margins Award for its continued exploration of the universal themes of place and homecoming. His third collection, Looking for The Gulf Motel, won the Pattenson Poetry Prize and Thom Gunn Award from the Publishing Triangle. His work has appeared in The Best American Poetry 2000, Great American Prose Poems, Breadloaf Anthology of New American Poets, and American Poetry: The Next Generation.

Cruise hosts will be Susan Stuart, Paul McCarthy and Peter Blaze Corcoran. The cruise and beverages will be provided by Captiva Cruises and the luncheon by South Seas Island Resort. Ticket prices are $100 per person and $250 per patron. Patrons will be invited to Susan Stuart’s nearby Captiva home for dessert and coffee with Richard Blanco following the cruise.

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My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) (March 21 to April 19) Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared with several “Plan Bs” that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might think you’ll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Lionine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere “I’m sorry” could prevent problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other and potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let council from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week’s end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week’s end, you should be in full command.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week’s end.

PIRSES (February 19 to March 20) An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week’s end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a passion for life that inspires others to follow your example. You could be a motivational speaker.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Nov. 12, 1799, Andrew Ellicott Douglass, an early American astronomer born in Vermont, witnesses the Leonids meteor shower from a ship off the Florida Keys. Douglass’ journal entry is the first known record of a meteor shower in North America.

• On Nov. 17, 1869, the Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean and the Red seas, is opened. The canal was only 25 feet deep, 72 feet wide at the bottom, and 200 to 300 feet wide at the surface. Fewer than 500 ships navigated it in its first full year of operation.

• On Nov. 16, 1907, Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory enter the United States as Oklahoma, the 46th state. Oklahoma initially prospered as an agricultural state, but the drought years of the 1930s made the state part of the Dust Bowl.

• On Nov. 14, 1941, “Suspicion,” a romantic thriller starring Cary Grant and directed by Alfred Hitchcock, makes its debut. The film marked the first time that Grant, a Hollywood leading man, and Hitchcock, one of the greatest directors in movie history, worked together.

• On Nov. 15, 1957, Nikita Khrushchev challenges United States to a missile “shooting match,” claiming that the Soviet Union had missile superiority over the United States. He also claimed that the United States did not have intercontinental ballistic rockets: “If she had,” the Russian leader sneered, “she would have launched her own sputnik [satellite].”

• On Nov. 13, 1969, in Washington, protesters stage a symbolic “March Against Death” with more than 45,000 participants, each with a placard bearing the name of a soldier who had died in Vietnam. The march lasted for two days and two nights. President Richard Nixon was deeply angered by the protest, but publicly feigned indifference.

• On Nov. 11, 1973, the Soviet Union announces that, because of its opposition to the overthrow of the government of Chilean President Allende, it would not play a World Cup Soccer match against the Chilean team. It was the first time in the history of World Cup Soccer that a team had boycotted over political issues.

Strange But True

• It was much-loved Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw who made the following sage observation: “It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid.”

• If you find brushing your teeth to be tedious, you might want to check out the Blizzident. The makers of this new product use a 3D scan of your teeth to create a custom toothbrush that looks like a mouthpiece lined with bristles. Supposedly, all you have to do is insert the Blizzident in your mouth, bite down and release 10 times, and -- voila! -- clean teeth in 6 seconds. Be prepared to pay for the convenience, though; a Blizzident of your very own will set you back $299. The toothbrush will last for a year, though, and replacement bristles are $89.

• Those who study such things say that by the year 2020, more data will be created in a single hour than had been created in the entire world over the 30,000 years leading up to the 21st century.

• Here’s an experiment for you: Find a piece of paper and write the word “suns.” Turn the paper upside down. It still says “suns.”

• There are more public libraries in the United States than there are McDonald’s restaurants. For the moment, at any rate.

• You might think that once gloves were introduced to the sport of boxing, it became safer to be a boxer. You’d be wrong. After the introduction of boxing gloves, death rates actually went up. It seems that when bare-knuckle boxing, hardly anybody would get hit in the face -- the one who threw the punch was too likely to end up with a broken hand.

THought For The Day

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Ginger & Rosa

by Di Sagguau

The BIG ARTS movie for Monday night November 11 is Ginger & Rosa, an emotional and political coming-of-age movie. Elle Fanning in the role of Ginger, a 16-year-old girl in 1962 London, gives the performance of her career. She and her best friend Rosa are inseparable. They skip school together, talk about love, religion and politics and dream of lives bigger than their mother’s domesticity. The bond between the two is strengthened by their shared disdain for their respective mothers. Their friendship is tested against the backdrop of the Cuban Missile Crisis. As the international dispute between the Soviet Union and the U.S. threatens to cast a shadow over the entire world, Ginger seeks solace in the arts and political protests while Rosa prefers the distractions of cigarettes and boys.

Ginger finds emotional sanctuary with a gay couple, (Timothy Spall and Oliver Platt) and their American friend, the poet Bella (Annette Benning). As the future of mankind begins to look increasingly grim, Ginger and Rosa both realize that the days of their friendship might be numbered whether the world ends in nuclear annihilation or life continues on as usual. The film is about adolescence as a state of absolute idealism and absolute self-absorption. With Fanning, emotions tumble forth from inside her, often in tight close-up. It’s real and heartbreaking. She easily convinces you of Ginger’s emotional reality.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is $8 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion in Phillips Gallery. Sponsors are Bank of the Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters are Sanibel Taxi, Jerry’s Foods of Sanibel and John R. Wood Real Estate. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available by calling 395-0900, online at www.BIGARTS.org or via email at Info@BIGARTS.org.

Top Ten Books On The Island

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Sanibel Poet Receives Award

Sanibel poet Lorraine Walker Williams received a First Place in Poetry Award from Artists Embassy International in San Francisco, California and was invited to read at The Palace of the Legion of Honor. Poets from around the world were invited to submit their work for this contest. Walker is the Letters Chair of the Southwest Florida Branch of Pen Women, the oldest arts organization for women in the United States. She is also a member of Sanibel Island Writers, Gulf Coast Writers and is the creator and chair of ArtPoems a collaboration among artists, poets and musicians.

She has received two Pushcart Prize nominations and two poems from her forthcoming book, "Split Poems," which have been published in a collection of poetry, "Women’s Voices of the 21st Century" (2013).

Walker is the author of "Nearer Water, Paradise Found, Fire in the Grass" and her latest book, Split Poems, which will be published by Kelsay Books.}

El Florida
by Richard Blanco

Not a study or a den, but El Florida as my mother called it, a pretty name not in the living room, but in the light of her lat-}

Not a sitting room, but El Florida, where I sat alone for hours with butterflies frozen on the polyester curtains and faces of Lladro figurines: sad angels, clowns, and princesses with eyes glazed blue and gray, gazing from behind the glass doors of the wall cabinet.

Not a tv room, but where I watched Creature Feature as a boy, clinging to my brother, safe from vampires in the same sofa where I fell in love with Clint Eastwood and my Abuelo watching westerns, or pitying women crying in telenovelas with my Abuela.

Not a family room, but the room where my father twirled his hair while listening to eight-tracks of Elvis, reading Nietzsche and Kant a few months before he died, where my mother learned to dance alone as she swept, and I learned salsa pressed against my Tia Julia’s enormous breasts.

At the edge of the city, in the company of crickets, beside the empty clothesline, telephone wires, and the moon, tonight my life is an old friend sitting with me not in the living room, but in the light of El Florida, as quiet and necessary as any star shining above it.

The Poet’s Corner is thrilled to feature our inaugural poet, Richard Blanco. He is visiting Sanibel this weekend as the keynote speaker at the Sanibel Island Writers Conference. All are welcome to come to BIG ARTS on Saturday night, November 9 to hear his address. For more information, contact Tom DeMarchi at 590-74321.

This poem is from his volume Looking for The Gulf Motel.
Ken Jennings To Kick Off Library’s Author Series

submitted by Cathy Cameron, Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library will begin another Author Series season on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. with author and game show contestant Ken Jennings.

Jennings is noted for holding the record for the longest winning streak on the U.S. game show Jeopardy!, winning 74 games before being defeated on his 75th appearance. He went on to write about his experience, exploring American trivia history and culture in his book Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs, which was published in 2006. Other books written by Jennings include Ken Jennings’s Trivia Album, the biggest American trivia book ever assembled, and Maphead. His latest book is Because I Said So!: The Truth Behind the Myths, Tales and Warnings Every Generation Passes Down To Its Kids. Tickets for An Evening with Author Ken Jennings will be released on Monday, November 11 at 9 a.m. at the Sanibel Public Library.

Tickets are available to Sanibel Public Library cardholders with current cards at no charge. Tickets will be released on a first-come first-served basis, two tickets per cardholder, 1 card per person. Tickets will also be available online at 9 a.m. at www.sanlib.org.

The Sanibel Public Library Author Series 2013-14 is made possible through the support of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc. and its generous donors.

Directors Needed

BIG ARTS Community Players is seeking directors for the upcoming Radio Hour productions to be performed at BIG ARTS on Thursday, January 30 and Friday, January 31 at 8 p.m.

The productions will be staged readings of the popular episodic radio programs from the 1940s and ‘50s, The Bickersons (originally starring Don Ameche and Frances Langford) and Dragnet as well as a segment devoted to hit songs popularized by the Andrews Sisters.

The presentation of The Bickersons will feature two 15-minute scripts based on the couple who seemed to have no business being married at all. The iconic battling comedic duo may have inspired other popular television couples, such as Ralph and Alice Kramden (The Honeymooners), Nels and Harriet Oleson (Little House on the Prairie) and more recently, Al and Peg Bundy (Married... with Children).

Dragnet, the successful radio, television and film series, will be performed from a 30-minute script by the BIG ARTS Community Players. Originally staring Jack Webb as Sgt. Joe Friday and Ben Alexander as Officer Frank Smith, the weekly television series focused on the cases of the dedicated Los Angeles police detective and was named after the police term (dragnet) for a system of coordinated measures for apprehending criminals or suspects.

If you are interested in directing one of these performances, contact Shirley Jewell at srjewell@embarqmail.com or call 337-1099.

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Mapping Captiva And Sanibel Islands

There are a lot of maps on the market that depict Captiva and Sanibel, but none are quite like the one commissioned by the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS).

Xplorer Maps has created a limited edition illustrated map of the islands. The map took several months to research and illustrate. Three hundred limited edition giclee prints, individually signed and numbered by the artist, will be available for $350 each unframed or $650 each framed. Each collector’s print will come with a certificate of authenticity.

Everything on the map is done by hand. The original artwork, owned by the historical society, will be auctioned off early next year. High quality 21-inch by 28-inch giclees have been printed on 100 percent cotton museum quality paper. A giclee is a state-of-the-art reproduction that gives a vibrant color rendition of the original drawing. The ink saturation is often 60 times that of a standard lithographic print.

“There is an art to reproducing these maps that captures the details and craftsmanship of the artist, Chris Robitaille,” said Jim Pigott, chairman of the Captiva Island Historical Society.

Robitaille uses an antique style that resembles old nautical maps.

“It pays homage to the style of the original cartographer,” said Greg Robitaille, his brother and partner in Xplorer Maps. The company, just a few years old, has partnered with national parks, nature conservancies and other continued on page 2B
American Legion Post 123 News

American Legion Post 123 will serve barbecue ribs and chicken on Sunday, November 10 from 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is $12. The Legion says, “Thank you for your service” with a free meal for all veterans on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11. On Sunday, November 17, it’s corned beef and cabbage. Every Wednesday, Post 123 offers Hump Day specials. Stop in and see what’s cookin’.

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League action continues every Monday night at 5 p.m. Texas Hold’em is played Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are welcome but must be American Legion members.

Every Friday, Post 123 serves a six-ounce rib eye steak sandwich all day. The half-pound burgers are a local favorite. Food is served all day, every day, with specials daily. The public is welcome.

American Legion Post 123 is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m., located at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-9979.

Email editorial copy to: press@islandsunnews.com

Mapping The Islands non-profits that focus on conservation and environmental issues.

There is nothing like these maps on the market today. They are absolutely beautiful!” said Paul McCarthy of McCarthy’s Marina and a CIHS board member.

The Captiva and Sanibel Islands historical map is geographically accurate but enhanced with dated landmarks, wildlife, preserved land and island activities.

One of the many unique illustrations is of the old mailboat, Santiva, and its route from the Matthews Wharf and Sanibel Packing Company on Sanibel to Timmy’s Nook and Andy’s Dock on Captiva prior to the causeway opening in 1963,” said Kristie Anders, education director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and CIHS board member.

The map illustrations reveal countless hidden treasures, each hand drawn in extraordinary detail.

To reserve your fine art map, request an order form or for more information, call CIHS board member Meri Kulina at 395-1863. The maps can be seen at Sanibel Art & Frame, located at 630 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel, and at McCarthy’s Marina on Captiva.

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Offered at $999,000

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Kiwanis Korner

submitted by Eric Pfeifer

Kiwanians are slowly rolling back onto the island and getting ready to continue to serve the community. Newly installed President Les Boyle could not have been happier to have Dick Muench return from his vacation and run the Tuesday morning meetings. And Dick Muench could not have been happier to get out of his vehicle with his partner in crime, Tom Louwers... and a monkey. You can’t make up a story like this, so please ask one of the jet-setters about their cross-country journey. Rumor has it, Dick was trying to dis-cover the evidence after being falsely accused of having one of his lemurs roam the island last month.

This week, we learned that Kiwanian Tom Uhler was awarded the American Red Cross Legacy Award for 2013. This is an annual recognition of people working on Planned Giving in our community, and we are very proud of Tom.

John Kiseda

Our guest speaker this week was John Kiseda, Environmental Educator for Lee County Parks & Recreation. Specifically, Kiseda spoke about the Great Calusa Blueway, which is a paddling trail through Lee County’s coastal waters. It is comprised of waterways for kayaking from its northern point in Pine Island Sound to its southern end on Estero Bay, including the Caloosahatchee River and its tributaries. He said that paddling the trail is a great way to reenergize as well as observe wildlife. Many paddlers are now combining fishing and paddling because they can get back into the prime fishing locations.

If you have an interest in helping our community, and you would like to meet some fairly interesting people, please consider joining us for our Tuesday breakfast meetings. We meet at The Dunes every week at 7:30 a.m. for some good food, great camaraderie and an interesting guest speaker who normally discusses current events in the community. We look forward to seeing you.

Center 4 Life Schedule

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome.

Island Seniors, Inc. members may attend fitness classes by paying $3.50 per class or visitors $6 per class. Island Seniors, Inc. annual membership is $20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership cards to attend. Fitness class schedule is as follows:

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

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

Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls.

**Power Hour Fitness** – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

**Chair Yoga** – Classes resume Tuesday, November 19 at 11 a.m. Similar to Gentle Yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday.

**Trash and Treasure Sale** – Saturday, November 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are needed. Bring your clean, gently used items to the center. No clothes, shoes, computers, printers or old TVs accepted. Contact the center for more information, 472-5743.

**Tuesday Kayaking** – November 12, 19 and 26 at 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets provided. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, hat and change of clothing. Cost is $5 for members and $10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

**Bridge** – Monday and Wednesday at

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Sanibel-Captiva Chamber Hosts After Hours At Il Cielo

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce held its monthly After Hours on October 28 at Il Cielo and Cloud 9 on Periwinkle Way. The event, which was sold out, was attended by a cross-section of chamber business professionals who gathered to socialize and network, while sampling Il Cielo food and drink.

The chamber of commerce holds monthly business luncheons and After Hours for its members to network and socialize. For more information or details about joining the chamber, visit www.sanibel-captiva.org.

Amy Sbarra of Spatini Teabar and Mary Benzrihem of Congress Jewelers

Ric Base, president of the chamber of commerce, with Donna and Tom Puma of Pinocchio’s Italian Ice Cream
Realty Firm Is Luminary Sponsor

The Sanibel Captiva Chamber has announced that the Bondurant Realty Group at John R Wood Island Real Estate, Inc. has taken the title sponsorship for this year’s Luminary Festival Weekend.

The Luminary Weekend festivities will take place on Sanibel on Friday, December 6 and on Captiva on Saturday, December 7 this year.

“We are so proud to be the title sponsor of Luminary Weekend this year,” said Mary Bondurant. “It is the one island event that brings the whole island together.”

Flamingo Sponsors Cracker Fest

The Lazy Flamingo Restaurant has once again sponsored START’s (Solutions To Avoid Red Tide) annual Cracker Fest fundraiser to help raise awareness and financial support for water quality issues. Lazy Flamingo has been a sponsor of this event since its inauguration five years ago, and continues to be a staunch supporter of research and outreach programs to improve and preserve the waters around Sanibel and Captiva and Pine Island Sound.

Cracker Fest is tonight, Friday, November 8 at 6 p.m. hosted on The Bait Box property across from Lazy Flamingo II on Periwinkle Way. The evening will include the music of Uproot Hootenanny, a live auction, raffles, a cracker-style feast with wine and beer, and the all new cast-net-cast-off.

Tickets are $100 each and can be purchased by emailing START@sanibelseaschool.org or contacting Ben at 472-1175.
Zonta Annual Grants Process Under Way

Since 2003, the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva has distributed local grants totaling nearly $400,000, funds raised through the annual home tour A Peek at the Unique. The grants have gone to local organizations that are in harmony with the Zonta mission of improving the status of women. In addition, the club has made an annual pledge to Zonta International—more than $100,000 since 2003—in support of its global initiatives in women’s safety, education and health.

This month sees the start of the latest round of grant applications, reviews, decision making and ultimately checks to such organizations.

“Over the years, we have developed a very comprehensive and balanced system for awarding grants,” said committee co-chairs Sue Denham and Wendy West. “Organizations that are eligible for consideration are first of all those approved by the club in its strategic planning; second, those whose programs focus on improving the status of women and girls in measurable ways; and thirdly, those able to work with the club as partners in providing service and advocacy in the chosen area.”

Denham added that there are safeguards and accountability measures built into the process, including six-month and annual reports.

Partners over the years have ranged from the Transitional Living Center (TLC) at Southwest Florida Addiction Services (now SalusCare) and the PACE Center for Girls Lee County, both of which assist women and girls to redirect their lives into healthier and more productive channels, to literacy programs such as Parent University at Head Start Lee County. Zonta members serve as volunteers to support existing programs or, in the case of Parent University, create and staff a unique, weekly program that would not otherwise be possible.

Other types of support include introducing social elements into the experience of the women served. For example, in September, clients of the TLC visited Sanibel, and as they have for the past few years, to participate in the annual beach clean-up.

“The women loved coming to the beach,” said Phyllis Gresham, project co-chair. “This type of activity is an excellent opportunity for the women to have a sense of ‘giving back’ to the community, building self-esteem and guiding them toward even more effective living.”

Ruth Woodham, project co-chair, added, “They worked hard picking up trash, swam in the Gulf and were treated by Zonta members to a lunchtime picnic—providing a bonus over and above their very structured days in the residential program at SalusCare.”

The grant applications, due by mid-November, will be reviewed by a carefully selected committee whose final meeting in early December will result in a list of recommendations; these will go before the club and Foundation boards and will be presented to the full membership for ratification in early January. At this point or soon thereafter, the checks will go out to the approved organizations, written from the account of the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, the club’s non-profit arm.

The 12th annual A Peek at the Unique is set for Saturday, March 15. Tickets will go on sale in early January for this popular island event.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professionals and executives working together to improve the status of women, on the islands, in Lee County, and around the world through Zonta International. For more information, visit www.zonta.org.

Center 4 Life

1 p.m. Cost is $2.50 for members and $5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

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

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

Watercolor with Bea Pappas (one group) – Friday, November 8. If you have some painting experience and would like to work from still life or photos, join Pappas and other artists. Cost is $20 per session for Island Seniors, Inc. members and $25 for non-members.

What’s a Spreadsheet? – Wednesday and Thursday, December 4 and 5, 1 to 3 p.m. Spreadsheets can be useful to balance your checkbook, manage rentals or expenses or keep address lists. There is a spreadsheet program with Microsoft Works or Excel. If you are new to spreadsheets or find them intimidating, this class is for you. Class size limited to six. Cost is $60 for members and $90 for non-members.

Page Turners with Ann Rodman – Wednesday, November 13 at 2:30 p.m. The featured book is Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Coast Trail by Cheryl Strayed.

Wednesday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m. The featured book is Winter Solstice by Rosamunde Pilcher. Contact the Center if you would like to participate.

For more details on programs or to become a member of Island Seniors, Inc., contact the Center 4 Life at 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way.
A lligator hunting, oh my! Justin McBride, our morning speaker recently, had been at our podium just a few months ago talking about his day job, project manager with the Lee County Division of Natural Resources Marine Program. He was a great speaker on his past visit talking about an essential county program that oversees the safety and well-being of recreational activities on our islands, surrounding waters and beaches. This program has a myriad of responsibilities from channel marker positioning to derelict abandoned boat removal.

But what does that have to do with alligator hunting? Nothing! This sporting pursuit is McBride’s own recreational hobby and he just slightly mentioned this when he was here in August. Before long, he was recruited to come back and present a program for us on alligator hunting.

He told us that since 1988, Florida’s statewide alligator harvest has been nationally and internationally recognized as a model program for the sustainable use of a natural resource. Each year, alligator management units are established with appropriate harvest quotas to provide recreational opportunities for Floridians and non-residents who are at least 18 years old to take up to two alligators per permit. Applicants who are awarded a permit must submit pay-ment for two CITES tags and an alligator trapping license. A Florida hunting license is not required to participate in the statewide alligator hunt. McBride has been alligator hunting for 15 years. Alligator hunting season in Florida runs from mid-April until November 1, from 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. Notice the hours for hunting are during the evening, through the night, and early morning. I think mostly done from the semi-safety of an airboat. McBride’s area of choice for alligator hunting is Lake Istokpoga near Sebring.

You can hunt with harpoons, bow and arrows, spear guns, and crossbows. He uses a harpoon fitted with a point.

A tanned alligator hide

The point has a cable attached to it and is then attached to a rope and buoy. When the alligator is brought to the side of the boat a bangstick is used. A bangstick is pretty much what it sounds like, a gunpowder loaded stick that is thrust into the gator just behind its skull and centered on the neck. There is a little more to this but you have enough of the details.

Hunters usually take the alligators to a processor to remove the meat. They say the white meat tastes like chicken. Hunters take the meat to a processor to remove the meat. They say the white meat tastes like chicken. McBride brought along with him a beautiful tanned alligator hide. It was incredible but after hearing how the alligators were hunted, I’m glad that real alligator hide products are not in fashion.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club has an incredible line-up of speakers going into season and we invite anyone with an interest in finding out more about Rotary to join us any Friday at 7 a.m. for breakfast followed by a business meeting and speaker time. Potential new members get their first breakfast on us.

Upcoming Rotary sponsored event: CROW Taste of the Islands, November 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Dunes. See you there!

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club, 949 Sand Castle Road. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail President Scot Congress at scot@congress.com.

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Kern’s Wit, Photographs Fill Calendar
by Jeff Lysiak

Being in the right place at the right time is a big part of amateur photography. Bob Kern, owner of Island Graphics and an island resident since 2000, may consider himself an amateur when it comes to picture-taking, but now that he has produced his own calendar – called Sanibel Scenes – he’ll officially have to wear the title “professional.” Kern said, “We print calendars for other people, but this is the first year we’ve done one for ourselves.”

Last year, Kern showed one of his photographs to Margaret Mohundro, the director of the Sanibel Public Library, who encouraged him to exhibit some of his work. “She sort of motivated me to do this,” he added. “So, one thing led to another.”

The calendar – 8.5 inches by 11 inches – features a dozen photographs taken by Kern in and around Sanibel. Some pictures, including a star smile orchid (July) and Scarlet O’Hara bougainvillea (December), were taken right in his own backyard. A pair of turtles sunning themselves on a log (April) was photographed behind the Beachview tennis courts while the image dubbed Roseate Spoonbill Reunion (September) was snapped inside the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

One of the trademarks Kern is known for on the island are his one-liners which often accompany the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce weekly email newsletter. Some of Kern’s Wittiest remarks are included in the calendar, too. Among them:

• The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
• If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
• Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and married. The ceremony wasn’t much, but the reception was excellent.
• What if there were no hypothetical questions?

“Some seem silly but I think they are funny,” Kern said. However, the Mineola, New York native is most proud of the photography included within the product. He advised anybody with a passion for taking pictures to keep at it.

“If you enjoy seeing nature and its beauty, get yourself a camera and keep it loose in the car, or carry it with you,” said Kern. “If you are somewhere and see something you like, get the camera, frame the subject, focus and shoot. It’s that simple.”

The 2014 Sanibel Scenes calendar is available at Bailey’s General Store, Jerry’s Market, McIntosh Books, Island Pharmacy, Tuttle’s Sea Horse Shop, Suncatcher’s Dream, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club and Sanibel Inn. It is priced at $13.95.

Asked which of the photographs in the calendar is his favorite, Kern smiled and answered, “I’d have to say that all 12 are my favorite… and next year, I’ll have 12 other favorites!”

Bob Kern pictured with both the large and small versions of the 2014 Sanibel Scenes calendar.
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Tarpon Bay Explorers Offered Free Stand-Up Paddleboard Lessons

It wasn’t supposed to be an extreme sporting event, but wind made the free stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) lessons offered by Tarpon Bay Explorers as a part of the “Ding” Darling Days celebration a little trickier than expected. Luckily, Tarpon Bay’s certified instructors were up to the challenge.

The first cold front of the season arrived just in time for Thursday’s scheduled free lessons. “Usually, Tarpon Bay provides the perfect venue for beginners to learn to love stand-up paddleboarding. It’s calm and you can see all the sea life underneath you,” said Wendy Schnapp, General Manager. “We could still use the small mangrove key that protects our harbor as a wind block.”

Those that wanted to try were given half hour lessons on everything from board safety to that crucial stand up, paddle strokes and, of course, how to best handle their board in the wind.

Tarpon Bay Explorer SUP instructor Charlie Frese and Schnapp, also a certified instructor, taught the lessons. Frese reported, “Everyone did really well. We had a lot of fun and no one fell in.” The outfitters offered those not willing to brave the wind on Thursday alternate times on Saturday and Sunday to try again. Several came out and the wind subsided enough to make it a little easier for them.

One of Sunday’s participants, Kelly Ayer, said, “We like it so much we want to get our own boards now,” while her husband Larry commented, “Charlie is fabulous! We’ve taken a lot of lessons and he is by far the best.”

Kevin Smith took lessons both Thursday and Sunday and said, “Charlie really taught us a lot of tricks to deal with the wind and just in general.”

This was the first year the free SUP lessons were offered as part of the “Ding” Darling Days festivities.

“Everyone enjoyed themselves so much, we will make the free SUP lessons a permanent part of our “Ding” Days programming,” Schnapp added. “We look forward to doing it again next year.”

If you can’t wait to try this sport until next year, the outfitters offer several SUP tours each week and rentals from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily. Tarpon Bay Explorers is the official concessionaire for the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. In addition to SUPs, they offer kayak and canoe rentals and tours, Nature and Sealife cruises, tram tours along Wildlife Drive, pontoon rentals and fishing charters. Call 472-8900 or visit www.tarponbayexplorers.com for more information and reservations.

The SUP instructor shows the class how to hold a paddle

Paddleboarders make their way out onto Tarpon Bay

Balance is key to managing a stand-up paddleboard

Stand-up paddleboard lessons were offered for free

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The Sanibel and Captiva Chamber of Commerce is organizing a flood insurance information meeting for its members on Wednesday, November 13.

Many businesses and their customers who live on Sanibel and Captiva have recently raised the issue of flood insurance premiums. There is substantial uncertainty about the actions that the insurance industry is taking, according to a release from the chamber.

The meeting will include expert insurance professionals who are island members of the chamber and who are familiar with the current situation. They will explain what is happening to flood insurance in Florida, discuss the implications.

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**Bank Continues To Sponsor Financial Assistance Program**

The Sanibel Captiva Community Bank continues as a sponsor of the City of Sanibel Financial Assistance Program at the 14 Karat Gold level.

The Financial Assistance program assists children of parents and grandparents who live or work on Sanibel or Captiva. Financial Assistance is provided on a sliding fee scale to financially eligible applicants so that their children can attend the after school program, summer day camp, holiday camp and fun days at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center. In fiscal year 2013, 35 percent of children attending the various programs received financial assistance. Awards range from 35 percent to 80 percent of the program fee. The difference between the program fee and the award is paid on an installment plan by the recipient. All moneys awarded stay on the island.

The bank will celebrate this program and the community on New Year’s Eve. The city’s fifth annual party runs from 8 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. Experience unique professional entertainment, surprises, games for adults, teens, tweens and children, dancing, delicious food and much more at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center. In fiscal year 2013, 35 percent of children attending the various school program, summer day camp, holiday camp and fun days at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center. In fiscal year 2013, 35 percent of children attending the various school program, summer day camp, holiday camp and fun days at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center.

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For more information on the financial assistance program and on the New Year’s Eve party, stop by the Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-0545, visit www.mysanibel.com/Department/Recreation or call event Chair Barry Roth at 313-9591.

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**Melissa Spencer, Kim Cook, Craig Albert, San-Cap Community Bank President, Gaby Bell, Marilyn Kane and Tony Gropp**
First Beats Last

Bunt’s Ball Busters forged into first place in the 8-Ball Pool League by dispatching last place Fresh Legion Crew, 13-3. Although he was hampered by six months of pool shooting inactivity, Ball Buster Ken Rasi made two miracle reverse long banks to win his first game back on the tables at Legion Post 123. Teammates Rich Ennis and Bob Buntrock chipped in with 4-0 nights and Dave Doane added three victories over Gator Gates. Legion Crew Captain Gates shot seven safeties in his one win against Doane. These were more safe shots than Gates had produced in all of his six years in the league.

Sanibel Café’s Pete Mindel showed why shooting 40 practice games a week at the Legion pays dividends as he blanked Island Lifer Jack Cunningham 4-0 to lead his team to an 11-5 panning of the Lifers. Tom Walters helped the Lifers save some face as he surprised Café top shooter Joe Mason with a 3-1 effort.

Despite sitting Captain Kip Buntrock out for another week, the Odd Balls fell to the Sandycappers 9-7 to drop into a second place tie with Sanibel Café. The Odd group meets league-leading Bunt’s Ball Busters on November 11 and is looking to move back into first. Ball Buster Captain Bob Buntrock laughed and said, “Fat chance!”

Real Florida Run Series

Florida State Parks and the Department of Environmental Protection South District have partnered up to present The Real Florida Run Series in south Florida State Parks. The series of 5K and 10K races in state parks invite participants to run or walk past ancient cypress trees, along rivers, through historic villages and more. The series takes races on a trip through “The Real Florida.”

The race series started in October and will continue through the month of November. Remaining races are as follows:
- November 10, 9 a.m. – Charlotte Mud Run – Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park, Punta Gorda
- November 16, 9 a.m. – Going Native – Little Manatee River State Park, Wimauma
- November 24, 9 a.m. – Nature Bound Run – Oscar Scherer State Park, Osprey

Awards will be presented to the male and female top finishers by age group. A special award will be presented to racers who participate in five or more races. Bring the family and enjoy the park amenities and activities before and after the race. There will be exclusive park tours and different family activities and themes at each park so come and visit them all.

Post race celebrations will include raffles and food and beverage sales to support the Friends of the Parks organizations (courtesy of the Friends of the Parks organizations and our sponsors). Register online at http://enduranceporttiming.com/realflororunseries

Payment Information
- One race 5K – $20
- One race 10K – $30
- Family of four, one race: 5K – $70/10K – $100
- Single racer, four-race registration (must register for all four at once) to receive the discount: 5K – $70/10K – $100
- Five or more race registration (must register for five or more races at one time): Full price, however a special medal will be awarded to participants
- Family of four that registers for four or more races – $25 discount
- Participants 65 years or older/active or retired military/emergency responders/students – 20 percent off

For more information, contact Arielle Poulos at 344-5686 or Arielle.poulos@dep.state.fl.us.

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Sanibel Air & Electric Sponsors Cracker Fest

Sanibel Air & Electric has chosen to become one of the top level sponsors in the fifth annual Cracker Fest scheduled for Friday, November 8. The donation includes a brand new air conditioning system, which includes installation, and is valued at over $6,000. This is the fourth year that the company has supported this cause.

The event includes a dinner, live music and dancing, live auction and raffles.

The event benefits Sanibel-Captiva chapter of Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START), a state-wide non-profit foundation with a mission to improve the quality of marine waters through research, public education and programs that restore marine habitat and preserve marine species.

“We are always grateful to have the ability to do what we can, and look forward to another great Cracker Fest. Not only does it help sponsor important initiatives that raise public awareness and benefit our local environment, it also brings together a great crowd,” said Todd Hayes, co-owner of Sanibel Air & Electric. “It’s a fun and laid-back event and we have fun attending it every year. For those of us who live and work on the islands, it’s absolutely necessary that we continue to support those who raise awareness and funds that help causes that benefit all of us.”

Proceeds from the event 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. In addition, plans are in the works to create a beach monitoring network on Sanibel and Captiva that will provide knowledge of specific beach conditions during a red tide event, and the possibility of creating a marine studies scholarship with a portion of the 2012 proceeds.

The local chapter’s latest initiative is to fund research on water quality around Sanibel and Captiva Islands. This project examines the nutrient contents of Caloosahatchee discharge waters and their relation to red tide blooms. It will also study the extent to which red tide effects certain organisms, including seagulls, sea turtles, and fish. For more information visit http://start1.org/news/fifth-annual-san-cap-cracker-fest-2013/
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Want To Buy A Portion Of A Professional Athlete? Here’s A Way How

by Ed Frank

As we prepare to welcome the World Series Champion Boston Red Sox when the team returns here in three months for spring training, did you ever consider investing in the present and future earnings of these heroes?

Obviously, I’m not a stockbroker and obviously, I’m not a financial planner. And the stock plan I’m going to tell you about is a high risk – that is how the plan is labeled by the brokerage company selling the stock.

But the fact is the company known as Fantex Brokerage Services has started a program in which fans can buy stock in a professional athlete. The stock reportedly will rise and fall based on how an athlete performs both on the field and in his or her business ventures.

Here’s how it works:

Adrian Foster, a running back for the Houston Texans of the National Football League, was the first athlete to sign with Fantex. He will receive $10 million up front in exchange for a 20 percent stake in his future earnings. The original stock offering was $10 per share – funds being used to raise the $10 million.

The future value of the stock will be based on his professional contracts, endorsements (he has several) and other business investments.

In Foster’s case, the deal will encompass 20 percent of the five-year contract he signed with the Texans in 2012—a contract that totals more than $20 million guaranteed. In addition, he has advertising commitments from Under Armour and Fuse Science.

Fantex will be entitled to 20 percent of Foster’s future earnings even after his football career ends.

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Sanibel Island Golf Club Men’s League Opening Round

The Sanibel Island Golf Club Men’s League played its first event of the 2013-2014 golf season on Saturday, November 2. Seven teams played a best ball net format and some of the new members made a decided impact on the outcome.

The winners were Fred Zimmer, new member Mark Wlaz, and new president of the men’s league, David Lewis. They had a blind draw to make it a foursome, but they asked that it be known that the blind draw did not have any effect on their score. Their score for 18 holes was a 49. In second place was the team of David Wiseley, new members Buddy Long and Tom Rathbone, and Jay Allen with a net score of 53. Third place went to Skipp Tutor, Dave Bugby, Dick Arnould and Al Krause who posted a score of 54.

All members commented on the improvements on the greens and fairways, trimming and the new pro shop. More changes are under way on the course. The new Blue Coyote restaurant debuts this week on the premises.

Winners on November 2: David Lewis, Mark Wlaz and Fred Zimmer

Ted Todd Marathon November 10

Ted Todd Insurance is the title sponsor of the inaugural Ted Todd Insurance Fort Myers Beach Marathon that will be held on Sunday, November 10. More than 1,500 runners from 37 states and five countries are expected at the starting line in front of Nervous Nellies Restaurant, located on the waterfront at 1131 First Street in Fort Myers Beach. Proceeds from the event will benefit Harry Chapin Food Bank, Able Academy and Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers.

Racers will leave the starting line for the marathon and half marathon races promptly at 7 a.m. A 5K race will start at 7:05 a.m. The races will cross over the Matanzas Pass Bridge, then run all the way down Summerlin Road and through Lakes Regional Park, returning back to Nervous Nellies via the same route. Following the races, Nervous Nellies will serve up a BBQ party at the fountain to celebrate the winners and featuring music by No Way Jose.

Bib pick-up and on-site registration is available at the following locations and times: Thursday, November 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Fit2Run, located in Coconut Point Mall at 23190 Fashion Drive, Suite 109 in Estero; Friday, November 8 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Pink Shell Resort & Marina, located at 275 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach. On race day, November 10 from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. in front of Nervous Nellies.

For more information and to donate directly to the event charities, visit www.fortmyersmarathon.com or call Eident Racing at 653-7881 ext. 102.

Bowlings Women’s Golf

The results from The Dunes Women’s Golf Association weekly play, format 2 best balls of 4 net, are:

1st Sharon Hannon 121
Nancy McConnell
Pat Wentling
Ann Levinsohn
2nd Gussie Blue 123
Mike Dutton
Betsy Cox
Lee Bogan
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**RESTAURANTS**

The variety of dining options on Sanibel and Captiva just keeps getting better. For their size, the islands offer an extensive culinary array – all making the most of the area’s fresh and abundant seafood and local produce. You’ll find everything from burgers to barbecue, bistro style, Italian, Mexican, American, classic deli fare, organic, vegan, gluten-free, café food and Caribbean.

In this column, each week you will be able to stay updated on our local dining establishments and what they’re offering and get the scoop on the island dining scene, whether it’s line or casual, take-out or frozen desserts.

**BAILEY’S GENERAL STORE**

Bailey’s General Store has a full deli, bakery, daily lunch specials, take out and catering for cook-outs, picnics and parties. This is the oldest supermarket on the islands, established long before a causeway linked Sanibel to the mainland.

The bakery has freshly made donuts, scones and breads. The deli offers a variety of hot foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as catering services for special events. Services include shopping for your groceries and delivering them to your home or vacation destination. If you are on a gluten-free diet, pick up the extensive list of gluten-free products near the entrance to the supermarket.

The Coffee Bar at Bailey’s serves espresso based drinks, hot chocolate, smoothies and specialty coffees.

**BLUE GIRAFFE**

Blue Giraffe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This restaurant offers casual island dining seven days a week from a menu featuring fresh local seafood, chowders, salads and steaks. Besides dessert choices, you can get hand-dipped Edy’s Grand Ice Cream.

Dine outside on the boardwalk or inside at hand-painted tables decorated by a local artist, or sit at the full liquor bar for a mixed drink, glass of wine or cold beer.

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**GREEN HOUSE GRILL**

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

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

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

**IL CIELO**

IL Cielo features eclectic fine dining as well as the more casual Cloud 9 Grille. The happy-hour menu includes specially priced appetizers and drink specials from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and patrons can enjoy appetizers priced at $6 each and two-for-one drink specials on all domestic bottled beer, well drinks and house wine selections. A three-course $35 per person prix-fixe menu, complete with one bottle of house wine per couple, is available Tuesday through Thursday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. In addition to the two dining areas, IL Cielo’s interior also allows space separate from the main dining room for private functions or community events as well as outdoor patio dining. IL Cielo features a full liquor bar with a wide selection of wines as well as homemade desserts.

**THE GREAT WHITE GRILL**

The Great White Grill is a sports bar featuring 29 beers on tap and a good wine list. It’s home of The Steel Curtain Pizza. There’s free pizza delivery too.

The Great White carries the TV Baseball package and the NFL package for sports enthusiasts and has arcade games for kids of all ages.

**GREEN FLASH**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN
In the mood for pizza? Matzaluna Italian Kitchen has a wood-fired oven to bake authentic pizzas, including gluten-free ones. That’s in addition to a big selection including over 20 combinations of pasta dinners from $11.95 (including soup or salad and fresh baked bread), affordable veal, tender chicken, choice steaks and seafood (Italian style) in a casual market-like setting. Gluten-free pizza is also available. Matzaluna recently added draft beers on tap. On Wine Wednesdays, every bottle priced $25 and over will be discounted by $8 all evening. Hours are 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily & happy hour is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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

First built as a one-room school for children of Captiva’s pioneer settlers, the Old Captiva House still reflects much of its original charm – from white French doors to hardwood floors to the Gulf of Mexico sunset that streams through the western windows. Its collection of famed cartoonist JN “Ding” Darling’s 1930s whimsical vacation illustrations has led to its designation as a landmark in Southwest Florida.

OVER EASY CAFÉ
Over Easy Café is a pet-friendly place with indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast and lunch. The covered patio is a popular spot. Choose from 22 different Egg Benedict, scramblers and omelettes, 11 pancakes and French toast choices, 15 egg specialties and wraps, eight salads and 26 sandwiches and burgers, plus baked goods. Beer and wine is available.

Breakfast is served all day. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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

SANIBEL BEAN
The Sanibel Bean coffee shop is java central on Sanibel Island. With its indoor and outdoor seating and free wi-fi, it’s a popular venue for laptop-toting coffee lovers to relax and check their inboxes, have breakfast or lunch or recharge the batteries in the afternoon.

Besides a big selection of coffee from around the globe and a variety of coffee drinks, The Bean has tea and other beverages and a variety of hearty sandwiches, pastries and muffins, plus other light fare.

SANIBEL DELI & COFFEE FACTORY
Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory offers a gluten free menu in addition to regular choices, along with pizza and wings. Boar’s Head meats, frozen yogurt and ice cream. There are outdoor tables shaded with umbrellas and free wi-fi.

SANIBEL GRILL
The Sanibel Grill has 16 big screen TVs with satellite TV tuned to every televised sporting event. The Grill shares a kitchen with The Timbers, serving the same fresh seafood, along with burgers, sandwiches, pizzas and salads. Crunchy Grouper and Crunchy Shrimp are signature dishes.

SANIBEL SPROUT
The Sanibel Sprout is the islands’ only health food store and vegetarian/vegan gourmet take-out eatery. Fresh organic juices, smoothies and pure, clean food is their hallmark and “Let Food Be Thy Medicine and Let Medicine Be Thy Food” is their motto.

Juices: Emerald Island, Pink Citrus Sunrise, Carrot Zinger, Garden Goodness and Sweet Sails including shots and elixirs.

Smoothies: Chocolate Pecan Bliss, Strawberry Kiss, Mango Morning, Emerald Mermaid and Chakra Sunrise.

Meals: soups, kale salad with creamy avocado chipotle dressing, coconut quinoa salad, pesto quinoa pasta, arugula salad with figs, pine nuts and raspberry, hummus, tuna, corn chips and guacamole, almond...
butter and homemade jam, bananas and coconut on sunflower bread, raw artisan crackers. Watch for daily specials. Custom meals can be ordered. Catering available.

The Sanibel Sprout's juice bar attracts a lively crowd of health-conscious islanders and visitors, and the daily lunch specials are very popular. Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, closed.

SUNDIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA

Sundiata's Fall Festival features fine dining Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 10 p.m. in the elegant Waterview restaurant with panoramic views of the gulf. Be sure to sample their signature dish: Clay Pot Baked Mediterranean Gulf Grouper. Or enjoy the more casual Turtles Beach & Pool Bar or Sea Breeze Café with its fresco dining. Sea Breeze Café serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Happy Hour is twice daily from 3 to 5 p.m. at Turtles and 5 to 7 p.m. in the Sea Breeze Café.

Sundiata also presents a poolside BBQ Buffet every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. with live entertainment. The buffet includes grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, and mahi-mahi along with fresh salads, corn on the cob and baked beans, plus a selection of fresh fruits. Price is $19 for adults and $12 for children five years and older.

TIMBERS RESTAURANT & FISH MARKET

The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and the adjoining Sanibel Grill are mainstays of the island dining scene, boasting 35 years of fresh fish on Sanibel Island. The restaurant offers 13 dinners for $13 daily before 6 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes.

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

TRADERS STORE & CAFE

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

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

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

There's live music from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Danny Morgan and Wednesdays with Chris Workman.

TRADITIONS ON THE BEACH

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

Throughout October, Traditions is offering its menu – regular size portions – and wine selections at half price from 5 to 6 p.m.

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

ZEBA FROZEN YOGURT

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

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

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Jerry’s Dining Room Makeover Is Complete

The renovation of Jerry’s Restaurant and Deli is now complete, and the visual effect is to further enhance the view of lush vegetation in the tropical garden just outside the windows.

Everything has been re-vamped, from the tile floor to the granite tabletops and the bar area and the booths. New suspended light fittings in amber glass and stylish new chairs complete the uncluttered contemporary look.

“It’s a total remodel,” said Mark Pucher, general manager. Regulars will also notice a few new menu items.

Everything else stays the same, including hours – breakfast, lunch and dinner – and the friendly servers.

Jerry’s Restaurant is located at 1700 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-9300.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly. On Friday and Saturday, various artists are featured starting at 8:30 p.m. Weekdays, music is from 7 to 11 p.m. On Monday, it’s Renata, playing jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, David Christian, funk, pop and top ’40s; Wednesday, Trevor, with contemporary top ’40s and reggae; Thursday, Malibu Duo, contemporary, reggae and dance; Sunday, Jamaica “Dave” & Co., reggae and dance.

George & Wendy’s Seafood Grille has live music tonight, Friday, by Buckeye Ken, guitar and vocals, and Saturday, Mary Winner & Dave Potter, vocals, harmonica and mandolin. Sunday Jazz Brunch is back from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with live jazz from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday is Hospitality Night with happy hour pricing from 8 p.m. to close. Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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

This week’s lineup at Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn includes: Friday Night Dance Party with Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan with the sounds of Broadway, Latin hits and all styles of popular dance music; Wednesday, Prime Rib and Prime Jazz! The live jazz ensemble boasts vocalist Paul Ventura, also known as “Mr. Swing” who will be joined by Father Al & the Jazz Congregation. On Thursday, pianoman Joe McCormick will play favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m.

Scott McDonald plays piano every Friday and Saturday at Il Cielo’s Cloud 9 Grill from 7 to 9 p.m. McDonald, a Sanibel resident, has had a long music career including being pianist for singer Andy Williams.

The Crow’s Nest at Tween Waters Inn has live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The weekend, it’s Taylor Stokes. Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays.

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

Sea Breeze Cafe at Sundial Beach Resort features the Danny Morgan Band Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. as well as live entertainment on Saturdays at the same time.

Turtles Beach & Pool Bar at Sundial Beach Resort features live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. with Danny Morgan performing on Fridays.

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

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Seahorse Sculpture Donated To The Sanibel School For Project Bank of the Islands/Edison National Bank, a Gold Sponsor for A Seahorse Dream, announced that its sculpture will have a permanent home – The Sanibel School.

A Seahorse Dream, a not-for-profit fundraising public art project, has been created to help raise funds for construction of the new Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, presented five foot tall “blank canvas” seahorse sculptures to their donors earlier this fall.

Bank of the Islands could think of no better partner in the project than the principal, art teachers and students at The Sanibel School. “The moment we were approached, I knew the school had to be our partner in this project,” said Bank of the Islands/Edison National Bank President Robbie Roepstorff, a longstanding school supporter. “Since the school’s mascot is the seahorse, they can now create one for permanent installation at the campus entrance. Through this wonderful project we’re delighted to be helping the Children’s Hospital and The Sanibel School at the same time.”

With the full support of principal Barbara Von Harten, art teachers Tylor Stewart and Andi McCarter are working with their students to create a sophisticated mosaic design for the seahorse sculpture.

Organizations like the bank have sponsored five foot tall seahorse statues that will be creatively painted or decorated by local artists and prominently displayed throughout Collier, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. The public is invited to see all the decorated seahorses free of charge at the Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers on Wednesday, November 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Seahorse Dream Project will continue through early 2014, ending with a gala dinner and auction of select seahorses at the Sanibel Harbour Resort on March 7, 2014.

To learn more about the Seahorse Dream project, visit www.a-seahorse-dream.org or call 481-3907.

FISH To Benefit From Entertainer’s Performances

Chris Coile, a local entertainer, has announced that FISH will be the sole benefactor of his 2013 and 2014 performances at George and Wendy’s Sanibel Seafood Grille. “I’m very impressed with all the programs at FISH that help the people of Sanibel. Neighbors helping neighbors is their motto — and they deliver,” Coile said. “Last year alone, they provided services to 813 households on the islands. Through their great programs they distributed over 74,500 pounds of food and provided over $200,000 of emergency financial assistance and support to local families.”

Coile raises money for local charities from his bi-weekly Tuesday evening performances at George and Wendy’s. He donates his music CDs free to anyone making a $5 or more donation. “It’s a win for everyone,” Coile added. “I enjoy playing and singing great classic rock and roll and country music, and our customers sing along and dance. We also have local musical talent join in; and it’s just an enjoyable evening every time. Neighbors helping neighbors is what it is all about, and I am happy to be a part of it.”

Coile will play every other week through December 17. Next year’s performance schedule will begin on January 7.
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Women’s Wellness Day
Mother of God House of Prayer invites women to the 2nd annual Women’s Wellness Day on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day is designed for women to learn and experience ways to care for themselves in body, mind and spirit. Keynote speaker Dr. Bunny Sewell, a psychotherapist in private practice in Naples, will introduce participants to Becoming Your Best Self: A Portrait of the Self Actualizing Person. Denise Wheeler, the on-site yoga instructor at Radiology Regional Cancer Center, will lead a restorative and therapeutic yoga session. Cathy Blair, well known throughout Florida for her crystal singing bowls, will play her crystal bowls to promote healing on all levels. Amanda Parke, who teaches at FGCU, will assist participants in creating their own personal vision boards to reach their full potential.

After attending last year’s Women’s Wellness Day, one participant commented, “Absolutely breathtakingly useful. I feel both wide awake and deeply peaceful.”

The wellness day will be held at the Mother of God House of Prayer Retreat and Spiritual Growth Center at 17880 Cypress Creek Road in Alva. The cost is $50 and includes a healthy lunch. For more information or reservations, call 728-3614 or email moghop@gmail.com.

United Way To Take Applications For Emergency Food And Shelter
The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee has announced that it will accept applications for funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties through November 20 at 5 p.m.

The applications are being accepted in anticipation of the funds being appropriated by Congress to expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas. A local board will determine how the funds awarded to this area are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local human service agencies in the area if the appropriation is made.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades provides the coordination and administrative support for this program in our community. Last year, over $323,675 was distributed to 18 agencies.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be the following: private voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if they are private voluntary organizations, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies and organizations are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for these Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds should contact the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee, 7273 Concourse Drive, Fort Myers, FL. 33908 or call Hannah Pelle at 433-2000 ext. 236 to request an application. The deadline for applications to be received is November 20 at 5 p.m.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives. For more information, call United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee at 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.
School Smart

by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley,

My husband and I do not agree about school attendance for our kindergarten daughter. He says she can miss school at this age since she is smart. I say that missing school is not good for her. Does it really matter if a kindergarten child misses school?

Julia S., Cape Coral

Missing school for any reason other than illness is not wise. Children must understand that they are expected to go to school every single day. Children need to build the habit of good school attendance that will carry on throughout their education and even into their careers. There are real consequences to missing school even in kindergarten, although they may not show up immediately.

Children who miss school frequently miss out on the fundamentals of reading and math. Data from a recent California study revealed that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of third grade. Another study reported that students who arrived at school academically ready to learn – but then missed 10 percent of their kindergarten and first grade years – scored an average of 60 points below similar students with good attendance on third-grade reading tests.

According to research from attendanceworks.org, an organization dedicated to “advancing student success by reducing chronic attendance,” missing just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades can leave many students struggling throughout elementary school. And that by 6th grade, missing that much school is strongly linked to course failure and even eventually dropping out of high school. That’s just 18 days – or two to three days per month.

Make sure that your husband does not believe the major myths about missing school such as that absences are only a problem if they are unexcused, that sporadic absences aren’t a problem and that attendance only matters in the older grades.

Does your husband think that the school lacks engaging instruction, or has a bad school climate and ineffective discipline? Perhaps he is concerned about these issues and needs to become more involved in the school so he understands what occurs there. Maybe he had a negative school experience and is uncomfortable at her school and is just trying to protect your daughter.

Perhaps asking some of these questions will help him understand his reluctance to encourage strong school attendance and you will be able to resolve this issue.

For more information on school attendance, please visit www.attendanceworks.org.

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

Bikers For Babies Off To A Great Start

The single largest fundraiser for the March of Dimes, Bikers for Babies, had a great start when the Helmet Drive, a special fundraising pre-event, raised more than $16,000 last weekend. According to Trent Howe, local March of Dimes executive director, volunteers from local motorcycle clubs and supporting organizations hit the streets to collect donations helmet in-hand at intersections throughout Southwest Florida.

Bikers for Babies raises critical funds to support research and other important medical services related to premature birth. The Southwest Florida ride has raised $1.5 million for local babies and families from past years’ events. With an additional $42,000 collected from other efforts, the Helmet Drive brought the 2013 tally to $58,000, inching closer to the goal of $150,000. More than 190 riders are registered for the ride this year, which will take place November 15, 16 and 17.

The series of events will start on Friday, November 15 with pre-registration and bike night at Fort Myers Harley-Davidson with live entertainment, vendors, food and refreshments. On Saturday, November 16, there will be a car show at Fort Myers Harley-Davidson and pre-registration will be available at both Fort Myers and Naples Harley-Davidson. The grand finale will be on Sunday, November 17 with a 35-mile, law enforcement escorted ride starting at the North Collier Regional Water Park on Livingston Road in Naples going up Livingston Road to Bonita Beach Road, along Bonita Beach, Fort Myer Beach, ultimately ending at Fort Myers Harley-Davidson.

Once at the dealership, there will be a celebration with more live entertainment, food, refreshments, vendors and awards for the individuals and riding groups that raised the most money.

For more information, call the March of Dimes office at 433-3463 or visit the website at www.bikersforbabies.org/southwestflorida. You can start raising money now by signing up online.
Current Outlook
From The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company

by Richard E. Pyle, CFA

In the final quarter of 2013, the economic landscape around the world appears to be looking a little bit greener than a year ago at this time. Growth is picking up in the Euro-Zone after its own mini-financial crisis led to austerity measures. Central bankers in that region adopted a Bernanke-like approach to the problem, and it seems to be working.

 Likewise, Japan opened the monetary spigots, and has so far succeeded in creating real economic growth for the first time in years. And, speaking of spigots, the U.S. Federal Reserve recently confounded investment professionals by not “tapering” its bond buying in September because of concerns over the pace of economic growth here at home. We do expect this to be a short-lived event as the current stimulus in the developed world feeds a rebound in growth in the emerging world. We expect world economic growth to be modest in 2014 compared to the boom times five years ago, but still more than sufficient to drive revenue and profit growth for the companies we like to own.

 Inflation will continue to be low, thus containing bond rates at relatively low levels through next year. We often are asked at what level interest rates would have to be in order to create another difficult equity market scenario. Typically, longer-term interest rates reflect nominal (including inflation) growth in the economy. Recently, U.S. nominal growth has been around 3 percent, and the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond yield is approximately 2.7 percent. This seems to be an appropriate level given the nominal growth. If real (before inflation) growth were to pick up along with inflation – a scenario we do not find out of the question – then the nominal growth could accelerate to perhaps 5 percent and the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond yield could jump to 4 percent-plus without causing a great deal of concern. Should interest rates begin to rise to a higher level than nominal growth, then equity values could be pressured. However, with higher nominal growth comes higher sales and, hopefully, earnings growth for our portfolio companies. This is one reason that we favor owning high-quality companies that can survive and thrive in almost any economic situation.

 We continue to steer clear of most fixed-income securities, fearing that as nominal growth picks up, bond prices will continue to fall in value. Whether last year marked the end of the historic 30-year bull market in bonds remains to be seen, but given the incoming data, we would prefer to own companies that can raise their dividends rather than buying their fixed-rate bonds at current prices. We expect equities to continue to provide pleasant returns for the balance of this year and on into 2014.

Steger Joins The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company

Frances C. Steger

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company announced that Frances C. Steger has joined the team on Sanibel as an Administrative Assistant and Receptionist.

Originally from the United Kingdom, Steger has worked on Sanibel since 2004 as front of house manager for a popular local restaurant, where she managed customer needs and maintained daily bank and customer receipts. Prior to her move to Sanibel, she worked as a Senior Travel Consultant for Just America, Ltd., where she helped UK citizens visiting the United States, Canada and The Bahamas with their travel plans. She also worked as a Customer Service Manager for Thomas Cook, Ltd. and as a Foreign Exchange Cashier and Bank Associate prior to relocating to Sanibel.

Locally, Steger spends her free time as a volunteer with organizations such as The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club and the Taste of the Islands event.

“I am excited to join The Sanibel Captiva Trust family. The opportunity to greet our clients and friends when they call and visit our office is such a pleasure. As our seasonal residents begin to return I am so happy to welcome them back and help meet their needs,” she said.

“As our firm continues to expand we increasingly rely on a dedicated group of employees,” said founder and co-chairman, S. Albert D. Hansen. “We are pleased to welcome Frances to our team.”

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And that leads me to today’s column topic, which is why so much of what you put into an estate plan depends upon your particular facts and how everyone’s different fact pattern when applied against the same law results in different outcomes.

What do I mean by this? Take, for example, two couples, both of whom have a net worth of $4 million. Both of those couples are Florida residents, in their first marriage and have two children with four grandchildren. Let’s even throw in that both couples share the same recreational interests and socialize on the weekends.

The first couple’s assets consist of a Florida home, a northern lake front cottage residence and some stocks, bonds and mutual funds. The second couple’s assets are composed largely from a family business and 401(k) plan.

Even though the couples share the same marital history, the same number of children and grandchildren, and may even socialize together on the weekends, the first couple’s estate plan should look very different than the second couple’s estate plan. This is due to a variety of factors. Even though they have the same net worth and the federal income, estate and gift tax laws are not different for both couples, the effect that those same laws have on the different types of assets that the couples own usually will result in a different estate plan.

State laws that apply have different results as well. Some states have estate and inheritance taxes while Florida does not. When one owns real estate in a state that has such taxes, then one’s estate plan may be drafted with the anticipation of minimizing or deferring those state taxes.

And it’s not just about taxes. The couple that owns the family business might be restrained from certain types of planning avenues due to internal corporate agreements, leases, vendor agreements, employment agreements and the like. All of these should be considered when fashioning a proper estate plan.

So when the couples go out to dinner together and compare notes on what their estate planning attorneys are recommending, they are likely to discover that one says something very different than the other. This doesn’t mean that one is wrong and the other right. The attorneys are probably giving good advice, based upon the factual circumstances (and differences) between the couples.

It’s not very often that you find two couples with so much in common. Throw into the mix different degrees of net worth, different medical histories and problems, second marriage situations, children from different marriages, children with varying degrees of need and ability, different estate planning objectives, charitable intent (or lack thereof), and the list goes on – it’s pretty easy to see why two couples who share the same amount of wealth may have vastly different estate plans.

Your factual situation and your goals are what should drive your estate plan. If you haven’t spent enough time talking about your unique set of circumstances with your estate planning counsel, then you may not have a plan that is right for your situation.

Next time you’re out to dinner with your friends and they try to tell you that what they’ve done is what you should do with your planning, pause and reflect on how different we all are, and how those differences add up when putting together something as unique as a personal estate plan.


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Flood Insurance Info Meeting
for Sanibel and Captiva businesses and review options for action.

The meeting will take place at 3 p.m. at Sundial Beach Resort, Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel, and should finish no later than 5:30 p.m.

All business owners are invited. Entrance is free.
Insurance Tip
Flood Changes
by Angela Larson Roehl

Bigert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 brought the following new laws regarding structures in pre-FIRM, high risk areas (A, V and D flood zones) and that will change only by an act of the U.S. Congress:

• For flood policies issued prior to July 6, 2012 (with no lapse in coverage) that are secondary homes, non-residential buildings and severe repetitive loss and flood damaged buildings rebuilt (in this previously subsidized rate class) will all see a 25 percent increase each year until they reach risk based levels, which won’t be known until they supply that elevation certificate.

• After October 1, 2013, no new subsidized policies will be quoted or issued using pre-FIRM rates.
• Policies written with pre-FIRM rates on or after July 6, 2012 will be non-renewed and require and a Flood Elevation Certificate and new application at their first renewal after October 1, 2013.
• On existing, primary homes – pre-FIRM, high risk homes – subsidies will remain, but renewal premium rates will gradually increase each year (approximately 16 to 17 percent this year) until the owner purchases an elevation certificate and determines what the risk based rates might really be.

** Latest news on this matter is that a bipartisan deal was reached to delay Flood Insurance premium hikes, however it is currently only a proposal and therefore the above mentioned changes remain in effect until FEMA instructs otherwise **

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

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Day Spa Offers ‘Exciting’ New Skin Treatments
by Anne Mitchell

With the addition of Melissa Grant, aesthetician, Sanibel Day Spa is now able to offer the kinds of facial and body treatment on island that have been available only on the mainland.

“I am very excited to have these types of service on the island so you don’t have to drive into town,” said spa owner Pam Attuso. “Sometimes, living on a quaint, beautiful tropical island like this, you don’t have all these treatments.”

Grant, a licensed massage therapist and aesthetician, graduated from the Florida Academy in Fort Myers.

“I specialize in using microcurrent for facial and body contouring,” she said.

“It is a series of visits. Most popular is abdominals, then buttocks and arms.”

She compares the treatment to a gym workout “without breaking a sweat,” yet you can feel your muscles contracting as you would with exercise. Grant customizes the treatment for body type and area to be treated.

“Someone who is in shape might want to enhance and spend more time on muscle definition. Others might want to minimize cellulite or fatty areas.

“Celebrities are using (Neurotris treatments) as a good alternative to surgery,” she said.

On the face, the treatment can be used for wrinkles, sun damage, tightening and toning.

Grant uses what look like forks to focus microdermabrasion, which will enable her to photograph clients’ skin in different lights to show skin damage, bacteria, clogged pores and other conditions. The machine is of the type found in dermatology offices, she noted.

For more information about these treatments, prices or about other services at Sanibel Day Spa, call 395-2220. The spa is on the second floor of Periwinkle Place.

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Cooler Nights
by Bryan Hayes

It’s looking like we are on track for a few cooler nights this week. Aside from a couple of chilly nights last week, we’ve definitely enjoyed some great weather here on Sanibel and Captiva islands. But, I’m not a meteorologist and my forecast only goes 10 days ahead, so I’m going to assume that we are definitely in for at least a few less than comfortable days this winter. Fortunately, we live in a place where we are only briefly forced to run our heaters before we can forget that we even have them for the rest of the year.

I always like to offer some helpful tips in this department, because once you turn them on for the first time this season, you’ll quickly realize just how long you haven’t turned it on as the smell of burning dust spreads through your home.

So before you do this, pick a mild day and open your windows for a brief period of time, giving your heater a chance to run before the colds hit. You should get rid of that smell very quickly. This way, you will avoid having to turn it on for the first time just before you and your family prepare for bedtime and be forced to endure the smell as you fall asleep.

If you run into any trouble where your heater won’t turn on, blow hot air or you smell an abnormal amount of burning dust, turn your heater off and call your service provider.

As always, thanks for reading.

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

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Superior Interiors
Silks, Tapestries And Affetats
by Marcia Feeney

Nothing creates a more memorable design than the addition of luxurious fabrics and linens to your rooms – especially in the bedroom. Like people, memorable rooms have their own personalities.

Have you ever walked into a friend’s home and immediately sensed that their room’s design matched their personality perfectly? Creating a bedroom that showcases your personality is at the very heart of a successful room design. Whether romantic, casual, transitional or contemporary, choosing the mood you want by selecting the right furnishings, fabrics, lighting and accessories is ultimately the key to any successful decorating project.

The best way to give your bedroom a bit of a romantic touch is in your selections of fabrics to adorn both your bed, seating and windows. Nothing says romance more than the soft feel of willowy, textured fabrics. So pamper yourself with some of today’s hottest fabrics and consider using them in creative – even whimsical – ways.

Bedding ensembles come in a variety of sizes, shapes and designs – from the uniquely custom-designed outline quilted bedspread to simple contemporary duvet covers. Your bedding should take center stage in your room. Add multiple pillow shams in several fabric coordinates, decorative pillows in unique sizes and shapes or a coordinating bedskirt to round out your overall look.

Incorporating a romantically-designed window treatment will also add to the overall feeling of your room. Consider framing your windows with a soft, billowy, silky sheer displayed on a decorative rod or pile on the fabrics in a softly multi.

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

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Shell Point Begins Pre-Sales For New Neighborhood

Shell Point Retirement Community has begun pre-sales for its new neighborhood, The Estuary. The Estuary at Shell Point will be the planned community’s fourth neighborhood and will include 50 residences in a combination of single-family signature homes and twin villa homes, along with a community center and pool. The Estuary will include all of the lifestyle amenities and services available at Shell Point, along with complete lifecare, including assisted living and skilled nursing if need-

ed. Entrance fees for the homes will start at $689,000 with a 75 percent or 90 percent refundable contract. Reservations on specific home sites offering views of the golf course or lake will be taken with a 10 percent deposit.

The three current neighborhoods at Shell Point are The Island, The Woodlands and Eagles Preserve. Each offers its own unique ambiance and architectural style. The location of the new neighborhood is situated between the championship golf course and a large nature preserve and will feature a 4.5-acre lake in the center.

“For the fourth neighborhood, we wanted something different,” said Ted Benjamin, director of sales for the community. “We wanted to add more “walk-out” ground level residences to our mix, so we decided to create a neighborhood of single-family homes and twin villas in an old-Florida style. We envision this neighborhood to be reminiscent of the early days of Sanibel and Captiva Islands.”

Designed by award-winning Nilles Design Group, Inc. Custom Residential Designers, the homes feature metal roofs, clapboard siding and front porches.

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Various artist renderings of The Estuary at Shell Point

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**Alloxan Toxin Causes Diabetes**

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Pharmacist:**

What is the number one thing I can do to prevent diabetes?

_TH, Seattle, Washington_

Avoid white! By that I mean white salt, white sugar and white flour. The white flour is particularly offensive because it contains a compound known to harm a pancreas. The pancreas is the gland you need for healthy blood sugar balance because it secretes insulin.

Let me back up to the point where wheat is growing on a farm, before it becomes flour. Special care is taken to till and fertilize the soil. The field was sprayed with various pesticides, fungicides and other chemicals to protect the harvest. About 83 active chemicals are used in pesticides today, even though studies have shown that some cause cancer in animals or humans! Anyway, when the wheat kernels are harvested, workers keep an eye on the storage facilities to make sure everything stays cool and dry because we all know rainy, hot weather promotes fungal growth. Fungal contamination of grains is rather common. Once in you, it’s almost impossible to get out.

The wheat kernels get stripped of their “bran” and “germ” layer, a process which removes all the fiber, minerals and vitamins. Oh! This flour may command a higher price than flour left in its natural state. The insanity has just begun. The naturally brown flour will now be whitened using a chemical similar to chlorine bleach. This chemical forms another substance called “alloxan” which is known to destroy pancreatic function.

Did you catch that?

Alloxan is so outstanding at destroying the pancreas that researchers commonly use it in clinical trials to induce diabetes in laboratory animals! Bleached white flour is almost always contaminated with alloxan.

Are you shocked? Are you wondering why? It happens because of strong demand from you, the consumer, who find pastries, buns, biscuits and bread much prettier when it is white. You cast your vote to continue the nonsense by buying white flour goodies!

I’ve always been puzzled at the name, “All Purpose” flour because to me, it doesn’t even serve the primary purpose of food, which is to provide nutritional value. So I suggest it be renamed “No Purpose” flour. Regardless, combine alloxan-tainted white flour with nutritionally naked white sugar and table salt like many baked recipes call for, and you have a recipe for diabetes!

In 2008, scientists closely examined how alloxan caused diabetes in animals. This article was published in _Diabetologia_ and it was entitled “The mechanisms of alloxan- and streptozotocin-induced diabetes.” The researchers stated, “These hydroxyl radicals are ultimately responsible for the death of the beta cells, which have a particularly low antioxidative defence capacity, and the ensuing state of insulin-dependent ‘alloxan diabetes’.” Simply put, they are saying that free radicals are released, and these kill the pancreatic cells (which secrete insulin and lower blood sugar), the net result of alloxan keeps an animal insulin-dependent. I have solutions in my best-selling book, _Diabetes Without Drugs_ (Rodale 2010).

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

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**Komen Names Race For The Cure Chairwoman**

Suzy G. Komen Southwest Florida has announced Ann Simon as the 2014 chairwoman of Race For The Cure fundraiser. The 5K race and Pink Out Party will take place on March 7.

The annual event has attracted more than 10,000 runners and walkers who raise money for treatment, education and research of breast cancer.

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**Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In**

by Constance Clancy

**Q:** Can you have more than one dream per night?

**A:** Yes, you can have more than one dream per night. In fact, you can have many dreams; you may not remember them all though. We dream about every 90 minutes with each dream cycle, and the latter dreams last a little longer. If you are having trouble remembering your dreams, keep a dream journal beside your bed and if you awaken, write down the dream as you will have better recall.

You can also remain in the same position that you were in while dreaming in order to remember your dream. If you change positions, you will have a disconnect from the dream.

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I have enjoyed very good health and feel compassion for those less fortunate. I have tried to help when people were sick with meals, gifts and taking people to their doctors. I felt that I should help those in need.

Recently, I had to have an operation with a long recovery. My “friends” and those in need showed compassion to their neighbors and especially to a sick, elderly neighbor. Good people are everywhere, but there are also many self-centered individuals who just keep their eyes totally on themselves.

Lizzie

Dear Bessie,

I understand your situation and how you feel. I can relate that to my work life. I have helped many people with increasing their referrals, making introductions and assisting a few start their own business. More times than not, my time and kindness were not returned in any way. I have not stopped helping people because that would change who I am. However, I am a little more selective in my attention.

So maybe you should rethink your generosity. You will choose to continue to give to others, but be a little more selective.

Pryce

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

Dear Bessie,

Yes, I have. Many people are takers and not givers. They accept all of the help from others, but will give nothing in return.

Many people in our mobile society just seem to disconnect and keep the focus on themselves and disregard their weakened friends.

I recently heard about a family that moved from a third world country to the USA. They were delightful people and showed compassion to their neighbors and especially to a sick, elderly neighbor.

The first three days this year brought over 1,200 people to register for help. Day one, people began lining up as early as 5 a.m. to wait in line. By the time doors opened the line stretched around the building, and by the end of the first day, 607 people had been served. And 40 percent of those that have requested help this Christmas have never asked for help before.

In 2012, The Salvation Army served more than 2,700 families and 8,000 children through Christmas Cheer and 21,000 individuals through its total Christmas programs. Due to the continued economic situation in Southwest Florida, The Salvation Army does not expect to see a decrease in the number of applicant for help this year.

Registration dates and times are:
- Friday, November 8, 9 a.m. to noon;
- Saturday, November 9, 9 a.m. to noon;
- and Monday, November 18, 9 a.m. to noon at The Salvation Army, 10291 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 278-1551 for more information.

Adults will need a photo ID and proof of residency in Lee County (such as lease agreement or utility bill) in order to register. People registering their children will need to bring proof of birth date for each child (toys are provided for children 12 and under). All applicants will need to provide proof of income and benefits. Applications cannot be accepted without this information. Parents are discouraged from bringing their children to registration.

Christmas Cheer is a community wide effort and is The Salvation Army’s largest outreach event each year. The Christmas Cheer program is funded by donations raised during The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign which begins in mid-November. For registration information, or to volunteer to assist with applications or holiday bell ringing, contact The Salvation Army’s offices at 278-1551.

Have you heard this from others?

Bessie

Christmas Cheer Registration Continues

Major Thomas Louden announced that The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties is continuing to accept applications for this holiday season. Registration dates for its annual Christmas Cheer program will continue throughout November.

The Estuary Twin Villa homes are 1,600 to 2,000 square feet of air-conditioned living space. Each attached home offers a great room, dining room, kitchen, master suite, second bedroom, and laundry room. Each villa will offer an expansive lanai and two-car garage with additional golf cart parking.

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A preview home featuring the “Useppa” design is located near the entrance to The Island at Shell Point. Estuary site tours and appointments to learn more about lifestyle at Shell Point are available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by calling the Welcome Center at 466-1131. For more information, visit www.shellpoint.org/estuary.

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The Estuary
Florida Broccoli and Avocado Soup

1 cup broccoli, chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
1/3 cup low-fat milk
1 1/4 cup low-sodium vegetable broth
1 cup fresh spinach
1/2 avocado
1 cup homemade croutons
4 teaspoons Parmesan cheese, grated
Kosher salt to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Place a medium-sized stock pot over medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil to the preheated pan. Add onion and garlic to the pan and sauté until translucent.

Add broccoli, vegetable broth and milk to the pan. Reduce heat and bring to a simmer. Cook ingredients until the broccoli is just crisp-tender. Add broccoli mixture to a blender with a tight fitting lid.

Make sure not to fill the blender more than half full at a time. Add the avocado and spinach to the blender as well. Carefully pulse the ingredients until smooth and creamy.

Taste soup and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Return soup to pot and heat back up to serving temperature. Garnish soup with croutons and Parmesan cheese.
**SCRAMBLERS**
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag.

- Smudge
  - REAMS
- Shout
  - ELLBOW
- Kith
  - KRAINSH
- Sure
  - ARCTINE

"All of a sudden he’s got wants to be the first bum to ride the space shuttle!"

**TODAY’S WORD**

**SUDOKU**
To play Sudoku:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.)

There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

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Bikers For Babies Off To A Great Start

The single largest fundraiser for the March of Dimes, Bikers for Babies, had a great start when the Helmet Drive, a special fundraising pre-event, raised more than $16,000 last weekend. According to Trent Howe, local March of Dimes executive director, volunteers from local motorcycle clubs and supporting organizations hit the streets to collect donations helmet in-hand at intersections throughout Southwest Florida.

Bikers for Babies raises critical funds to support research and other important medical services related to premature birth. The Southwest Florida ride has raised $1.5 million for local babies and families from past years’ events. With an additional $42,000 collected from other efforts, the Helmet Drive brought the 2013 tally to $58,000, inching closer to the goal of $150,000. More than 190 riders are registered for the ride this year, which will take place November 15, 16 and 17.

The series of events will start on Friday, November 15 with pre-registration and bike night at Fort Myers Harley-Davidson with live entertainment, vendors, food and refreshments. On Saturday, November 16, there will be a car show at Fort Myers Harley-Davidson and pre-registration will be available at both Fort Myers and Naples Harley-Davidson. The grand finale will be on Sunday, November 17 with a 35-mile, law enforcement escorted ride starting at the North Collier Regional Water Park on Livingston Road in Naples going up Livingston Road to Bonita Beach Road, along Bonita Beach, Fort Myers Beach, ultimately ending at Fort Myers Harley-Davidson. Once at the dealership, there will be a celebration with more live entertainment, food, refreshments, vendors and awards for the individuals and riding groups that raised the most money.

For more information, call the March of Dimes office at 433-3463 or visit the website at www.bikersforbabies.org/southwestflorida. You can start raising money now by signing up online.

Harvest For The Holidays For Food Bank

Douglas M. Stevens, MD, the leading practice in Southwest Florida for facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, is hosting Harvest For The Holidays, a food drive for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, and is inviting the public to participate too.

Now through November 22, the practice will collect non-perishable food donations for the organization with hopes of collecting 500 items total. Donations will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday for the duration of the collection.

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Pets Of The Week

Ziamond and Betty are hoping to be "Big Losers!" That is, they are hoping to lose some weight. Betty, a Basset Hound/Rat Terrier mix, currently weighs 38.9 pounds. Ziamond, a Jack Russell mix, weighs 24.8 pounds. The girls are hoping to lose big as they begin walking their way to a more fit physique with the help of shelter volunteers. You can track their weight loss journey online at www.LeeLostPets.com. Just click on the link for "Ziamond and Betty’s Weight Loss Challenge."

Anyone who needs a jogging or walking partner will love these two. They are available for adoption for just $25.

Hello, my name is Ziamond. I’m a 9-year-old spayed female Jack Russell mix. My Black & White Adoption Fee is $25.

Hello, my name is Betty. I’m an 8-year-old female Basset Hound/Rat Terrier mix. My Black & White Adoption Fee is $25.

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at $500.

Ziamond ID# 571084

Betty ID# 575295

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