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Brandy Llewellyn with the sailor's valentine titled *The Flower Garden*

## Shell Festival To Feature Many Artists

Brandy Llewellyn spent countless hours to create this sailor's valentine titled *The Flower Garden*. A majority of the shells used in this work of art were self-collected from the beaches of Sanibel and other Florida locations by the artist, and the piece includes additional shells from around the world. The shells have been arranged to create white, green, orange, red, pink, and purple flowers accented by pearl ferns and green-colored leaves. Rare Stylaster



An award-winning shell floral arrangement coral surrounds the center bouquet, making the valentine burst with the colors of a summer garden. This work of art has a gallery value of over \$3,000, and it was donated to the 76th Annual Sanibel Shell Festival for the raffle.

Each year professional artists and hobbyists bring their shell creations to the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club's Shell Show where they compete for awards in a number of categories. This year, there are many sailor's valentines entered in the show. One artist used a painting by the 19th century marine artist Thomas Buttersworth as a reference for the center design. It is surrounded by vignettes of early island life in Barbados. Many shells

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## Matlacha To Host Women's Fishing Event

On March 9 and 10, Matlacha will host what's being billed as The No Yelling School of Fishing, a two-day fishing event held in conjunction with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! is the name of this event, which includes instruction and practical hands-on tuition. Beginners are welcome.

Women are considered the fastest emerging market in the \$108 billion fishing industry. There's an estimated 19 mil-



lion lady anglers in Florida alone, according to the event organizers.

The Matlacha event – they're called weekend universities – is one of several taking place around the state. However, this mini event has a different schedule than the full weekend universities and a lower registration rate.

The first day, Saturday, runs from 12:30 to 5 p.m. and will cover topics from conservation, release techniques,

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An invention called *The Maverick*, a car that can fly

## Church To Hold Missions Conference

Sanibel Community Church is hosting its annual Missions Conference through March 3. Jamie Saint is this year's guest speaker at all services on Sunday, March 3. Jamie is the son of missionary and author Steve Saint, who wrote the bestseller *The End of the Spear*, a testimony to his father's missionary efforts in Ecuador. The book was made into a movie of the same title.

Jamie works with an organization called ITEC that specializes in developments that improve missionary efforts and



Jamie Saint

empower indigenous peoples to become self-sustaining. Such inventions include a dentist's chair that can be folded into a backpack and hiked into the jungles, medical training materials and a car called *The Maverick* that can fly. For information on the organization visit [www.itecusa.org](http://www.itecusa.org). Join in throughout the week and on Sunday morning to celebrate missions locally and globally.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). For more information, call Brad Livermon at 472-2684 or visit [sanibel-church.com](http://sanibel-church.com).✪

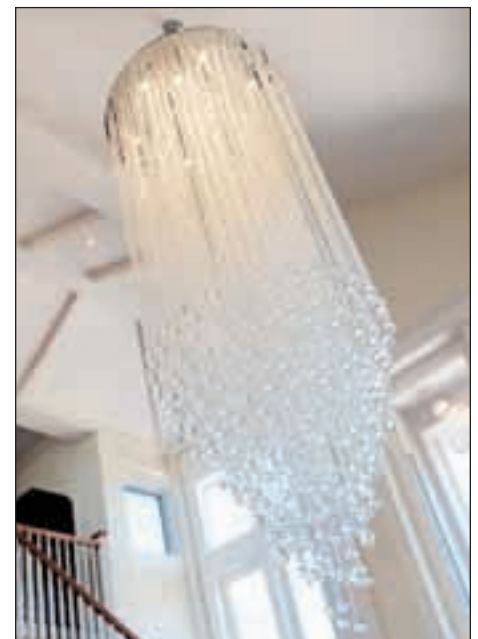
## Zonta Tour To Feature Gulf-front Dream Home

submitted by Sue Denham

A freshly-completed, top-to-toe remodel in Gulf Shores awaits guests on this year's A Peek at the Unique, the signature fundraiser home tour for the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, set for Saturday, March 16. The total redesign of this home focuses on elegance combined with supreme comfort and ease.

Long-time friends and business partners Anthony Melfi and Chris Parzych already owned another gulf-front home when this property, dating back to 1972, came on the market just a year ago. Melfi and Parzych, whose principal residences are in Syracuse and Clifton Park, New York,

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Nine-foot crystal chandelier

# Captiva Community Panel Meeting

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

Among the agenda items:

- Panel structure and bylaws revision.
- Presentation on the county's historic preservation efforts.
- Presentation on Community Center renovation plans.
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
- A Captiva Fire District update.
- A Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update.
- Other matters as necessary.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva Community Panel meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, April 9. Information and background documents are available online at [www.captivacomunitypanel.com](http://www.captivacomunitypanel.com).

Also, the panel's Bylaws Committee will meet two times in the next few weeks: At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, in one of the Cone Rooms at Chadwicks Square, and immediately after the March 12 Community Panel meeting, in the same room. Two or

more Community Panel members may be in attendance to discuss possible revisions to the panel bylaws, to be drafted and presented to the full panel for discussion and approval.

### CEPD Meets March 13

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District will hold its monthly board meeting on Wednesday, March 13 beginning at 1 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn. Call the district at 472-2472 for further information.

### Hurricane Re-entry Hangtag Pass Alert

In a continuing effort to reduce costs, the current Hurricane Re-Entry Hangtag Passes that were issued this past hurricane season will be honored for the 2013 Hurricane Season.

The city of Sanibel is requesting that all residents, property owners, business owners, property managers and their essential personnel keep the current Hurricane Re-Entry Hangtag Passes that were issued for the 2012 hurricane season.

For those who did not obtain a 2012 pass, applications are still available at the Sanibel Police Department or from Sanibel's Emergency Management webpage.

Listed below are the colors for that were issued for the 2012 season.

- Residential – orange
- Commercial – blue

For questions regarding hurricane passes, contact Lt. William Dalton or Emergency Management Specialist Lance Henninger at the Sanibel Police

Department at 472-3111.

### Captivans Wanted For SKYWARN Storm Spotter Training

The Captiva Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee and the National Weather Service will sponsor a SKYWARN training on Wednesday, March 13 at Tween Waters Inn, 156551 Captiva Drive. Daniel Noah, of the National Weather Service in Ruskin, will train Captivans as SKYWARN Storm Spotters. Advanced SKYWARN training will also be offered:

- Basic SKYWARN Training – 10 a.m. Focus is on weather safety, thunderstorm formation, severe weather cloud identification, and reporting.
- Advanced SKYWARN Training – 11 a.m. Features a discussion on sea breeze fronts, lighting patterns, visualizing instability and hurricanes.

The SKYWARN is a national program developed to assist in reducing the threat of severe weather. The most important element in the program is a network of volunteers "storm spotters" who relay reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

SKYWARN Storm Spotters aid in providing the citizens of their community with potentially life-saving information.

For more information, visit [www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn).

# New Recruit SSI Training

On Thursday, March 14 at 9 a.m., the Structure Safety Inspectors (SSI) in conjunction with the Captiva Island Fire District will be conducting a new recruit training lecture and mock training exercise drill. The lecture will consist of material and information on how to become a SSI team member. The exercise mock drill will simulate a disaster that has occurred on Captiva Island. The location will be in South Seas Island Resort.

The SSI team was established in 2005 after Hurricane Charley struck Captiva in 2004. Its members are from the local community, consisting of business owners and local residents. This team works under the direction of the Captiva Island Fire District and the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Team members assess damage to all structures on Captiva Island. All information obtained from the teams is then forwarded to the Lee County EOC and then to FEMA for further government assistance. Call 472-9494 if you plan to attend.✪

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Museum visitors Jan Moore, Jan Shurtleff and Dick Shurtleff examine a Calusa shell hammer

## Historical Village's Calusa Day Draws Crowds

Approximately 150 people came to Calusa Day at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village last Friday. The event was part of the

state of Florida's celebration – Florida 500 – commemorating the Spanish landing on Florida shores in 1513. Juan Ponce de Leon landed in the general area of Sanibel and made contact with the indigenous people, the Calusa.

Guests to the village were guided among portions of the museum's collection of Calusa artifacts by docents Bonnie Frankel and Susan Schmidt which the movie, *The Domain of the Calusa*, was



Artist Luc Century and former Planning Commissioner Paul Reynolds in the Calusa Room at the Historical Village

available for viewing throughout the day.

The morning events featured artist Luc Century, who unveiled his new Calusa ornament, available only at the Historical Village and featuring an etching on glass of the famous Calusa Dolphin. Century also signed the ornament boxes and spoke about the influence of the Calusa culture on his art.

In the afternoon, Calusa enthusiast Karen Nelson, a board member of the Southwest Florida Archeological Society, spoke in the Old Schoolhouse to a full house, exhibiting displays of Calusa art and shell mounds as she recounted the

doomed culture's stories and customs. Nelson provided a reading list and list of sites of interest to visit. The list is posted on the museum's website at [www.sanibel-museum.org](http://www.sanibel-museum.org) or send an email to [info@sanibelmuseum.org](mailto:info@sanibelmuseum.org) to request a .pdf copy.

The ornament, DVD of *The Domain of the Calusa* and other Calusa and Spanish explorer-related items, are available in the museum gift shop.

Learn more at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 11 a.m.



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Karen Nelson discusses the Calusa in the Historical Village's old schoolhouse



The Historical Museum and Village made some of its Calusa artifacts available for handling by interested visitors



Luc Century shows his new Calusa ornament to young visitor Patty Wettstein

and 2 p.m. each day. The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$5 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are free. For more

information, call 472-4648 during museum hours.\*

## French Vacation Is Community House Raffle Prize

As part of its annual fundraising efforts to support operations, the Community House has announced a unique raffle featuring three major prizes and just 300 tickets to be sold.

Prize #1 is a vacation in the wine country of the Cote d'Or area of Burgundy, France. The winner will have a week's stay in a fully-equipped, three bedroom guest house in the village of Santenay for a party of up to six people. The week's activities will be personalized for the winner's interests by custom tour organizer Hidden France. Options include tours of exclusive wineries, visits to local historical and cultural sites, bicycling in the countryside, or dining in award-winning restaurants. This prize does not include air travel.)

Prize #2 is a \$2,000 gift certificate from Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle

Place. Congress Jewelers has an array of fine jewelry and watch brands to choose from, including many designer lines. In addition, its famous Sealife by Congress collection is now available in its own boutique at Periwinkle Place, featuring shell-inspired jewelry and nautical creations in 14k gold and sterling silver.

Prize #3 is two round-trip airline tickets to any destination served by JetBlue. It could be to cities like New York, Chicago, or San Francisco, or an exotic locale like Grand Cayman, Turks & Caicos, Barbados or Santa Lucia.

Raffle tickets are \$100 each and are on sale at The Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Bank Of The Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, or Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle Place shops.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 8 p.m. at The Community House during the Soul and R&B House Party. You need not be present to win. Prizes must be used within one year of the drawing.

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Crowds admire the wide assortment of shell collections

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## Shell Festival

in the valentine such as janthinas are found in Barbados where the art of creating valentines originated.

Flowers and floral arrangements made from shells and sea life can be seen in the Artistic Division of the show, as well as jewelry, lamps, wreaths, mirrors, pictures made from shells, and shell photography. There are over 150 artistic entries in the show. Professionally created pieces of art may be purchased from the artists.

But that is only half of the show. The competition between shell collectors may

be even keener. Competitors can enter one single shell or a collection of shells that may utilize up to 40 linear feet of table space. The shells may come from Sanibel's beaches or from the far reaches of the world. This year, one exhibit features cone shells from the Philippine Islands with accompanying photographs that show how these interesting creatures harpoon their prey. Another exhibit shows the vast contrast between shell collecting in the Pacific Northwest and shell collecting on Sanibel Island. There is also an exhibit, *The Glory Cones*, that features four cone shells that are considered the glory of where they are found because of their beauty and relative rarity.



Sailor's valentine featuring a sailing ship and vignettes of island life in Barbados

There are approximately 500 linear feet of exhibits in what is referred to as the Scientific Division of the show.

Inside The Community House, you will see some of the most interesting and beautiful shells in the world. The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club sells specimen shells, books, DVDs, T-shirts and shell-related

items during the show to help fund their grant program.

Outside The Community House, the 76th Annual Shell Festival grounds will be a flurry of activity. The "shell tent" offers thousands of shells and fossils for

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## SCA Hosts Swamp House Party March 15



Gearing up for the March 15 Swamp House Party at The Community House is, clockwise from top center, Tom and Anna Tamblin, Marge Meek, Melissa Congress, Nicole McHale, Karen Lopresti, Teresa Riska-Hall, Jess Shelton, Birgie Vertesch, Beth Burns, Yvonne St. Clair, Lisa Stasi and Gloria Hannan  
photo by Jeff Lysick

Prepare yourself for an evening of fabulous fun at the friendliest backyard bayou party on the island. As another installment of the House Party Series, The Community House is hosting a Swamp House Party on Friday, March 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. The sponsored non-profit for the

event is the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.


We'll be jamming to the music of the popular Yard Dogs. This area band has a strong local following devoted to their eclectic mix of bluegrass, Cajun, Zydeco, country and Southern rock. This is a rare opportunity to catch them on Sanibel.

In addition to the down-home music, we'll have fun games, a corn hole tournament, gator bites and more. Put on your best redneck "look" and get ready for an evening of authentic back-country fun!

Thank you to our series sponsors Billy's Bike Shop, Billy's Rentals, Joe and Marge Meek, Rosier Insurance and Mike Kelly. Also, thanks to party sponsors Bailey's General Store, and Tom and Judy Sharbaugh.

Tickets for the Swamp House Party are \$20 per person. The ticket price includes the show, dancing and appetizers. Alcoholic beverages are available by donation. Make your reservations in advance by calling The Community House at 472-2155.

For more information on this event or other SCA-sponsored events, visit [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net) or call 472-2155.\*

  
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#### Sealife Encounter

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#### Shell Festival

March 7 & 8 • 9 am - 5 pm  
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**Raffle Tickets** see details at  
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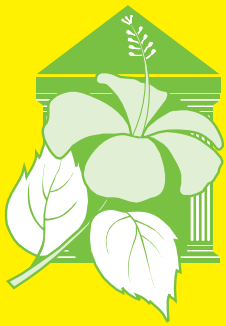
  
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From left is Jamie Jorge, violinist; Laura Miltner, director of Summit Christian Pre-School; Kathy Cramer, director of Children and Family Ministry of Sanibel Community Church; and Dr. Daryl Donovan, Senior Pastor of Sanibel Community Church

## Summit Christian Pre-School Holds Successful Fundraiser

On the evening of February 24, the new Sanctuary of Sanibel Community Church was set for a beautiful candlelight dinner, followed by a concert from world class violinist Jamie Jorge, all to raise scholarship funds for the Summit Christian Pre-School on Sanibel.

Five years ago, Sanibel Community Church partnered with Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Summit Christian School of Fort Myers to establish the Summit Christian Pre-School on Sanibel. Currently, 35 students are enrolled at the school.

During the fundraiser, more than \$20,000 was raised to provide scholarships and on-going support for the school.

For more information about Summit Christian Pre-School, call 472-5500. Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market) on Sanibel.\*

## Pet Of The Week



### Suncatcher

Hello, my name is Suncatcher (Sunny, for short). I got this name because I was found on New Year's Day at Suncatchers' Dream on Sanibel Island. I was lost, and the PAWS people put my picture in the newspaper and on posters in hopes of finding my family. Unfortunately, that didn't happen.

I have incontinence issues, perhaps stemming from some neurological problems, and the PAWS people could not find me a forever home on Sanibel. It would not have been safe, with the bobcats and alligators on the island for me to live outside. They didn't want to take me to Lee County Domestic Animal Services because, with my problems, they probably couldn't find me a home, either.

So, the PAWS lady took me to Helping PAWS Animal Sanctuary, Inc. on Pine Island. My new address is 10060 Mallory Pkwy E., Unit D, St. James City, FL 33956. If you're ever in my neighborhood during visiting hours, stop by to see me and all the other special needs kitties that I live with now. There are plenty of kittens up for adoption, too. You can call 283-9100 to get the current visiting hours.

The PAWS lady made a nice donation to my shelter, but they could always use more money to buy our food, toys and pay our vet bills. If you can help me and my new friends, please send a donation to the above address. This is the only shelter for those of us with special needs in the Southwest Florida area, and I feel very lucky that there was a safe, fun place for me to go. They are a 501(c)3 non-profit, for those of you looking for a tax deduction.\*



## Environmental Land Use Advocate To Speak At COTI Annual Meeting

The public is invited to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Committee of the Islands, to be held on Friday, March 15 at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

The keynote speaker will be well-known land-use and environmental lawyer Ralph Brookes of Cape Coral. Brookes is a graduate of the University of Miami and the University of Florida Law School and is board-certified in city, county and local government law by the Florida Bar.

Controlled growth has become a passion for Brookes, who one commentator noted has a resume "that reads like a 'good guy' character in a Carl Hiaasen novel." He represents cities like Bradenton Beach and Yankeetown, as well as private clients in seemingly hard-to-win cases where the common thread is sensible development versus over-development.

"Florida can grow wiser, not just bigger," said Brookes, who defeated a hotel project in Key Deer habitat on Big Pine Key and successfully sued the State of Florida to preserve Yankeetown charter provisions which require voter approval of certain comprehensive plan amendments. When he is not litigating and advising clients, Brookes teaches environmental, land-use and zoning law at Florida Gulf Coast University and is a practitioner in residence at University of Florida School of Law.

The annual meeting begins with coffee and rolls at 9 a.m., followed by the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. and a question-and-answer session. After a brief break, a business meeting will be held for Committee of the Islands members, at which members of the board will be elected.

For more information, email Committee of the Islands at [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org).



Ralph Brookes

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## Shell Festival

sale with prices starting at a quarter. Not only can you buy shells but you can also ask the volunteers in the tent any questions you might have about them. Several other tents offer shell-crafted items for sale including floral arrangements that range in size from small violets to elaborate chrysanthemums, animal and novelty creations, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, and other shell art. Shell crafting demonstrations will be ongoing throughout the festival.

The Live Tank is where the 6th graders from Sanibel School shine. For two months prior to the Shell Festival, the students study shells and mollusks, the animals that create the shells. When they pass the course test they are asked to share their knowledge with visitors who come to see the multiple aquariums where live mollusks are displayed.

Admission to the Shell Festival grounds is free. Anyone who donates the suggested \$5 admission fee to the Sanibel Shell Show is also granted free admission to The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum during the three-day festival, a \$9 value. The dates for the Shell Festival are March 7, 8 and 9.

The Sanibel Shell Festival is the major fundraising event of the year for both the Sanibel Community Association and the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club. Proceeds

from the sale of seashells, fossils (in the "shell tent") and the artistic shell craft items help The Community House. Funds raised by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club from admission donations support the grants program that assists several local educational organizations like The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and conservation organizations, including a scholarship fund for The University of South Florida.

## Community House Seeks Volunteers

The Community House is seeking volunteers to help with ticket sales and administrative support. Volunteering is a great way to serve the community and meet new people. If you have some hours to give, The Community House can use your help.

Another way islanders can provide support to is by becoming a part of the Sanibel Community Association (SCA), the member-supported non-profit organization that owns and operates The Community House.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or member, call 472-2155 or go to [sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://sanibelcommunityhouse.net).

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## Women's Fishing Event

inshore and kayak fishing and how to fillet the catch. Segments are taught by experienced local anglers. It will be followed by a silent auction, raffle and happy hour at a nearby establishment.

The Bait Box on Sanibel is donating four castnets and will give instruction on castnet throwing and kayak fishing.

Optional fishing from boats and kayaks is available on Sunday at an extra cost.

Early registration is \$59. For further registration information or to book a Sunday fishing trip, log onto [www.ladiesletsgofishing.com](http://www.ladiesletsgofishing.com) or call 954-475-9068.

## MOAA Meeting

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will be held on Monday, March 11 beginning at 6 p.m. at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club, 8851 Crown Colony Blvd. in Fort Myers.

The guest speaker will be Thomas L. Eastwood, a retired IRS official and former special agent for ATF and DOD. He enjoys helping people avoid problems with the most loathed, feared and misunderstood agency, his former employer, the IRS. He also lectures on counterintelligence, espionage and interrogations. Eastwood is an interesting speaker.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Joe Smaha at 395-0776 for membership information.

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## Fire Destroys Sanibel Home



The house fully engulfed in flames around 3:20 a.m. on February 22

photo by David Liebetrau

The Gumbo Limbo home of long-time City of Sanibel employee Bert Smith was destroyed by fire in the early hours of last Friday, February 22.

City Manager Judie Zimomra said she has received inquiries as to how assistance can be provided to Smith, director of management and information systems, whose home and possessions were totally destroyed in the blaze.

He and his son Nick, a graduate of the Sanibel Elementary School and currently a student at Fort Myers High School, both escaped the fire unharmed.

The home, on Bunting Lane, was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived on the scene just after 3 a.m. Fire crews from the Sanibel, Fort Myers Beach and Iona-McGregor districts

responded to the scene. Smith and his son reportedly were woken by smoke detectors.

A state fire marshal determined that the fire was caused by embers in a charcoal grill.

Zimomra said assistance for the family is being coordinated between the city and FISH (Friends in Service Here). Anyone wishing to help the Smith family can make a donation to the City of Sanibel Employee Assistance Fund (Smith Fire) or to FISH at 1630-B Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957, phone 472-4775.

Zimomra stated, "On behalf of the Smith family and all city employees, the offer of support to the Smith family at this time is a testament to our community spirit." ❄️

## Commission Nixes Valet Parking Permit Option

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel Planning Commissioners on Tuesday lauded city officials for trying to set signage standards for valet parking – but they did not favor any measures that would result in a cost to businesses.

Several island restaurants have begun to offer valet parking as a service to their clientele.

"The City of Sanibel recognizes the value and appeal of this service and foresees that other businesses may want to offer this service too.

Currently the Land Development Code does not address valet parking as a permitted use nor does it address related signage requirements or provide for a set of uniform standards to follow," states a city report.

The city council has asked the plan-

ning commission to recommend measures for handling such issues as size of signs, blocking ingress and egress to businesses with parked cars, and increased traffic if vehicles are shuttled off-site, among other things.

City planner Jim Fricke said he looked at measures enacted by other municipalities and came up with three options:

- All providers of valet services would be required to apply for and obtain an annual permit and pay a fee. The application would include a parking plan, any shared parking agreements with other properties, hours of operation, sign description and location, who will be providing the service (direct employees or licensed contractor) and any other pertinent or related information.

- This option would allow valet service providers to either apply for a permit, or to register with the city dependent on certain actions or activities which impact public access or right-of-way.

- This option provides for an exemption which may be offered in conjunction with either Option 1 or Option 2: Providers of valet services may be exempted from obtaining either a permit or registration if the services are wholly contained on-site and the service and signage are not visible from, nor have any impact on the public right-of-way.

It was Option 3 that commissioners favored, along with a requirement to register the service with the city, possibly as part of the annual business permit renewal.

Planning Director Jim Jordan said he would bring back a resolution at the next commission meeting on March 26. Commissioners said at that meeting they would like to receive input from island business owners.

Among restaurants providing valet parking are Traditions on the Gulf, Traders Store & Café and Il Cielo.

Commissioner Phillip Marks said he had spoken to the owner of Traders and

learned that he had opted to hire a company to do the parking because they are bonded, licensed and insured and screen their employees.

Commissioner John Talmage, a local restaurateur, wondered if the discussion could include shared parking to address some of the problems faced by establishments on Periwinkle Way.

Jordan said there already are "a couple of incidences of shared parking... they don't open up a certain number of seats until the business (that's sharing) is closed for the evening." He added that the commission's commercial redevelopment discussion should touch on better connectivity between businesses with such agreements.

Chairman Mike Valiquette said he knows of no restaurants that cause problems with their valet parking, but applauded the city for addressing the issue. "Let's not penalize the business owners," he added. ❄️

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## OBITUARY



### THOMAS C. REED BURNSSED

Thomas Reed Burnsed passed away late Friday afternoon, February 23, at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs.

Tom was born June 26, 1949 in Battle Creek, Michigan.

He moved to Sanibel Island from Orlando in 1980 with his "adoptive" family. He was a longtime and well-loved resident and was known around the island

as Coconut Tom.

In 2002, the Burnsed family moved to Fort Myers, where Tommy lived with Jim and Dall Burnsed until his death.

Tommy worked as first mate on Jim's charter boat. He also loved to make and sell pot holders. He enjoyed fishing in tournaments with Jim and was proud of the trophies they won.

Tommy loved everyone, and he was always happy to make a new friend. Tommy was a blessing from God and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Tommy is survived by many members of his adoptive family including his parents Jim and Dall Burnsed, brother Jimmy Burnsed, brother-in-law and sister Steve and Tracy (Burnsed) Brewer, brother-in-law and sister Robert and Amy (Burnsed) McKay, grandparents MG and Sara Burnsed, nephews Brian, Timothy, and Zachary Palmese, nieces Abigail and Carly McKay and many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Services are being held on Thursday, February 28 at Winkler Road Baptist Church in Fort Myers. There will be a viewing at 5:30 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:30 p.m. ✨

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## Church To Hold Missions Conference

Sanibel Community Church is hosting its annual Missions Conference through March 3. Jamie Saint is this year's guest speaker at all services on Sunday, March 3. Jamie is the son of missionary and author Steve Saint, who wrote the bestseller *The End of the Spear*, a testimony to his father's missionary efforts in Ecuador. The book was made into a movie of the same title.

Jamie works with an organization called ITEC that specializes in developments that improve missionary efforts and empower indigenous peoples to become self-sustaining. Such inventions include a dentist's chair that can be folded into a backpack and hiked into the jungles, medical training materials and a car called The Maverick that can fly. For information on the organization visit [www.itecusa.org](http://www.itecusa.org). Join in throughout the week and on Sunday morning to celebrate missions locally and globally.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). For more information, call Brad Livermon at 472-2684 or visit [sanibelchurch.com](http://sanibelchurch.com).✧



Jamie Saint



An invention called The Maverick, a car that can fly

## Reverend To Speak At Unitarian Service

Unitarian Universalists of the Islands will meet on Sunday, March 3 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The public is welcome to attend.

Reverend Allison Farnum, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers, will lead the service and Chuck Grinnell, music director, also of the Fort Myers Unitarian Universalist Church, will provide the accompanying music.

In her sermon, entitled *Creation, Evolution and Ultimate Possibility*, Rev. Farnum will explore the Creation vs. Evolution debate that centers on dogmatic notions in both scientism and creationism. She will take a fresh look at the possibilities of creative evolution and what it can call into being in our own inner lives and in our world. Rev. Farnum is a dynamic and inspirational speaker who will provide insight for those seeking guidance in contemplating these existential questions.

Rev. Farnum received her master of divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School and completed her bachelor of science in speech at Northwestern University. She is active in regional community service. She serves on the board of the Interfaith Action of



Reverend Allison Farnum

Southwest Florida, an ally to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, and is the vice president of the Lee County Interfaith Justice Ministry, LIFE (Lee Interfaith for Empowerment). She also serves as a trustee on the Board of Lee County Homeless Coalition. She lives in East Fort Myers.

Grinnell is an accomplished pianist, music/choral arranger and accompanist. He has traveled throughout the world performing and working on his second love – digital photography.

All are welcome to attend. Discussion, fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.✧

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Every year, Jews around the world celebrate Passover to commemorate the Exodus of the children of Israel from Egyptian slavery as described in the Hebrew Scriptures (often referred to as the Old Testament). It is considered a pilgrim festival which has historical and agricultural significance and is celebrated by Reform Jews for seven days in the spring during harvest time.

The Hebrew Scriptures describe the 10 plagues that God was said to have caused to punish the Egyptians when the Pharaoh refused to set the Jews free. The last of these was the slaughter of the Egyptian first born children. In order for the Jews to be exempt from this plague, they were instructed to mark their doorposts and lintels with the blood of a Pascal Lamb so that the Angel of



Moses leads the Jews across the Sea of Reeds (the "Red Sea")

Death would "Pass Over" the Jewish households. When the Pharaoh finally relented, Moses led the Jews to the Sea of Reeds (the "Red Sea"), which God had caused to part, allowing the Jews to cross safely, while the Egyptians in pursuit were drowned.

The story of this saga in ancient Egypt

is read annually at the Seder table so that all Jews today are to consider that they, too, were part of that Exodus out of Egypt led by Moses.

Bat Yam's Passover Seder this year will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 25, the first night of Passover, in the Fellowship Hall of the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. A traditional Passover meal will be catered by Bailey's General Store, who will be providing both food and service, supplemented by side dishes and desserts prepared by Bat Yam's own master chefs. Guests may provide their own personal Seder plates, matzoh covers, wine and any other traditional table items to create a homelike ambience.

The cost will be \$36 for Bat Yam members and immediate family guests, \$46 for non-member guests, and \$18 for children 10 and under.

Reservations can be made with members of the Seder Committee: Miriam Bailey at 489-0460, Nancy Greenberg at 395-3560 or Ann Arnoff at 472-8809. They will direct you as to where to send your check.

Please indicate the number of people in your party and any seating requests. Tables will seat up to 8 or 9 people. Seating is limited. Interested parties are encouraged to make their reservations now or as soon as possible.✪

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# FISH Upcoming Workshops

FISH of Sanibel, Inc. announced the upcoming free workshops for the months of March and April as follows:

- Mom and Toddlers Group – Monday, March 11 and Monday, March 25, 10 to 11 a.m. The Island Mom's Group will meet at the FISH Walk-In Center. All island moms of children birth through age 5 are welcome, either alone or with their children. It is a time for fun, refreshments, learning, and sharing with other moms and their children. We work together to research and organize new topics of discussion, introduce interesting speakers and maintain regular get-together times. This group is sponsored by FISH, Healthy Start of Lee County, and the United Way of Lee County.
- Empowering Women Group – Tuesday, March 12, 10 to 11 a.m. This group will meet at the FISH Walk-In Center to provide a source of support for women. All island women are invited to attend our special women's group as we explore topics related to personal empowerment. Please join us for a time of discussion and refreshments.
- Home Healthcare Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 to 5 p.m. This group will meet at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. The purpose of this meeting is to educate home healthcare individual professionals and home healthcare agencies regarding the FISH services offered to the community, as well

as the requirements that must be fulfilled buy each individual or agency to be listed on the FISH Home Healthcare Referral list. Guest speakers, who will provide presentations on topics related to senior healthcare in our community, include:

- Angel Duncan, Health Education Specialist for the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center
- Adrienne Gerard, Healthcare Specialist at Shell Point Retirement Community
- Jaimee Thompson, co-owner of Abby Services, Inc.

This FISH sponsored meeting is open to all in the community, and refreshments will be provided. RSVP by calling the FISH Walk-In Center at 472-4775.

- FISH Lunch With Friendly Faces – Tuesday, March 12, 11:30 a.m. Please join FISH staff, volunteers, board members and clients on for lunch at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille, 2499 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Cost is \$8 per person, which includes your meal, a non-alcoholic drink, dessert and service charge.
- Alvin Dubin Center Memory Screening – Wednesday, March 27, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. FISH will be sponsoring a memory screening at the FISH Walk-In Center. A safe and effective intervention that promotes successful aging and, when indicated, directs individuals to appropriate resources.

- Free Income Tax Return Preparation – The Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) will be providing free income tax return preparation for anyone who has earned \$35,000 or less during 2012. This program is sponsored through the United Way of Lee County. All island residents who meet the income criteria are eligible to receive this free service. You must bring your ID and Social Security Cards for all members of your household in addition to all of your income tax records for the year of 2012.

Income Tax preparation assistance will be provided on the following dates: Friday, March 1, Friday, March 15 and Friday, April 5. Appointments will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Assistance is scheduled in 45 minute increments. An appointment must be made for a time slot on one of these dates.

To sign up or to request more information on these workshops, call Christine or Jessi at the FISH Walk-In Center, located at 1630 Periwinkle Way, Unit B on Sanibel, at 472-4775.✱

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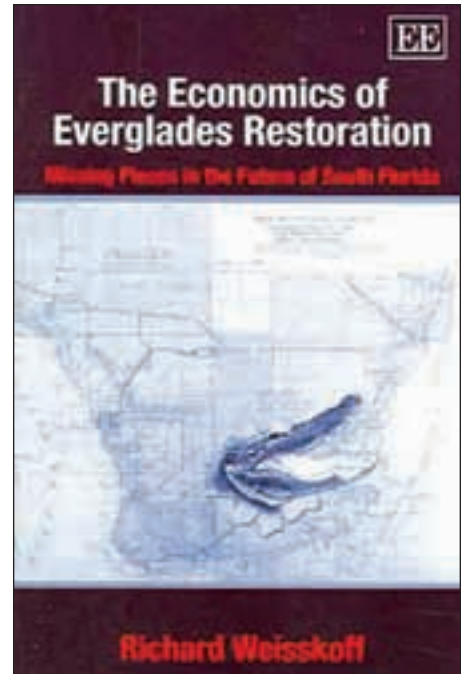
Dr. Richard Weisskoff

## Conservation Forum: Valuing The Environment

**H**ow do you place an economic value on the environment? Join SCCF and the Everglades Foundation on Tuesday, March 19 for the fifth annual Conservation Forum focusing on Valuing Nature: From the Everglades to the Islands of Sanibel and Captiva, with author and economist Dr. Richard Weisskoff, University of Miami. He will be joined for a panel discussion by Eric Eikenberg, CEO of the Everglades Foundation, and Rae Ann Wessel, natural resource policy director of SCCF. The program will be held at The Sundial, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive on Sanibel and will begin at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be a book-signing and reception following the program. The event is free. For more information, call SCCF at 472-2329.

Dr. Weisskoff is an associate professor of economics in the department of international studies at the University of Miami in Coral Gables and author of *The Economics of Everglades Restoration: Missing Pieces in the Future of South Florida*. He spoke to a capacity crowd in the SCCF Nature Center back in December, with a talk focusing on the economic benefits of ecosystem services provided by Lee County's 2020 Conservation lands and their contributions to Estero Bay. He is currently working on grant-funded work for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and SCCF quantifying the ecosystem services of the natural communities of our barrier islands in terms of their contribution to the environment we enjoy and to a sustainable community in southwest Florida. The project is titled, Estimating and Forecasting Ecosystem Services within Pine Island Sound, Sanibel Island, Captiva Island, North Captiva Island, Cayo Costa Island, Useppa Island, Other Islands of the Sound and the Nearshore Gulf of Mexico.

Dr. Weisskoff earned his PhD in economics from Harvard University and has worked at the United Nations, Bar Ilan University (Israel), Iowa State and Yale,



and has been a visiting professor at Notre Dame, American University and at universities in Mexico, Puerto Rico and Peru. His research interests encompass economic development and ecology, Latin America, regional economics, income distribution and poverty studies.

Eikenberg was selected to the position of CEO by the Everglades Foundation's board in 2012. He has extensive policy and political experience in Tallahassee and Washington, DC. He served as chief of staff for former Gov. Charlie Crist and former U.S. Rep. E. Clay Shaw. Since 2010, he has served as senior policy advisor for Holland & Knight, co-chairing the firm's Florida Government Advocacy Team with former Gov. Bob Martinez. As the CEO of the Everglades Foundation, he will lead the foundation's science, advocacy, communications and legal teams, which are nationally recognized for their expertise in Everglades restoration. A graduate of American University, Eikenberg and his family live in Miami.

Wessel is a limnologist and marine scientist with 30 years of experience working in the environmental field in south Florida. For 19 years, she managed her own environmental consulting firm, Ecosystem Specialists, dealing both in the field and with regulations on issues at the local, regional, state and federal levels. She has served as an appointee to the Lee County Local Planning Agency. In 1994, Wessel helped coordinate a *News-Press*-sponsored community forum which led to the creation of the non-profit Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association. She has received awards for her work on the Caloosahatchee including 1998 Conservationist of the Year from Audubon of Southwest Florida, the Richard Coleman Aquatic Resources Award by the Florida Lake Management Society in 2007, and in 2012, was selected as one of "21 Women Who Make Southwest Florida."\*\*



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

**Essential Total Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

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

**Chair Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m.

**Tuesday Kayaking** – March 19, 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, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Stop by the cen-

ter to sign up.

**Florida Repertory Theatre** – *Other Desert Cities* by John Robin Baitz, Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m. “The most richly enjoyable new play for grown-ups!” – *The New York Times*. Tickets are \$21 for members and \$26 for non-members.

*The Fantastics* at the newly remodeled Florida Artstage, Saturday, March 23. *The Fantastics* is the longest running musical and still playing in New York. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

**Page Turners with Ann Rodman** – Wednesday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. *Zeitoun* by David Eggers. True story about what happened to a Syrian-American man and his family during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. A horrific series of events for a very fine man.

**Tenth Annual Friday Coping With Life Series**

Every Friday at 11 a.m. – **Storytelling by Bert MacCarry** in the Kraft Room. Free to open to all ages. For more information call 472-1781.

March 1, 2 p.m. – **Memory Challenges** with Millennium Cognitive staff. Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members \$15 for non-members. Challenge your mind with brain games and mental puzzles such as the N Back Game and Pile Puzzler that will work the different levels of your mind, especially areas that have been dormant for years. Make challenging your brain a habit.

March 8, 1:30 p.m. – **Planning Ahead, Downsizing, Selling Your Home, and How to Handle the Transition** by Mary Moore, moving resources manager at Shell Point Retirement Community. Making a move can be overwhelming. Learn tips on staging your home for sale, downsizing and “rightsizing” your belongings as you transition to your new home.

March 15, 2 p.m. – **Coin Logic** with Millennium Cognitive staff, limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. The coin logic program will help you develop and increase understanding of patterns and

variables. These games will strengthen logic and reasoning skills. Armed with a pile of coins, your mental powers will be put to the test in a series of challenging games.

March 22, 2 p.m. – **Creative Problem Solving** with Millennium Cognitive staff. Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Creative problem solving is not just about getting the right answers, it’s about sharpening your mind to think logically. The human brain thrives on learning and experiencing new things. If something is routine or too easy, brains are essentially operating on autopilot, which does little to boost cerebral strength. Class will include working with matchsticks and toothpicks in order to come up with the solution for the given problem.

**AARP Safe Driving Course** – Thursdays, March 21 and 28, 1 to 4 p.m., with Ed VanderHey. Receive a discount on your auto insurance if you complete the two-session, six-hour course. Cost is \$14 with a \$2 discount for AARP members. Call 292-4012 to register.

**Discovering Florida Daytrips**  
Tuesday, March 5 – **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Miami**. Includes transportation, admission and guided tram tour of Fairchild Garden. Cost is \$59 for members and \$69 for non-members. Fort Myers pickup at 8 a.m.

Thursday, March 7 – **Solomon’s Castle and Herrmann’s Original Royal Lipizzan Stallions**. Includes transportation, guided tour of Solomon’s Castle in Ona, lunch at the Castle, visit to Herrmann’s Royal Lipizzan Stallion Farm to see the training session. Cost is \$79 for members and \$89 for non-members. Fort Myers pickup at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19 – **Original Miami South Beach Tour**. Includes transportation, guided walking and riding tour of the historic Art Deco District, lunch on your own with time on Lincoln Road, guided sightseeing boat cruise around Biscayne Bay. Cost is \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. Fort

Myers pickup at 6:30 a.m.

**Bridge Basics with Bruce and Christl Smith** – March 5, 7, 12 and 14, 9 a.m. to noon. You must be able to attend all four classes. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

**Intermediate Bridge Lessons with Linda Tedeschi** – March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Improve your game. Bring a partner or you will be paired up. Basic knowledge of the game is required. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members per session.

### GAMES:

**Backgammon** – 1 p.m. Wednesday  
**Bridge** – 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

**Hand & Foot** – 1 p.m. Tuesday

**Mahjongg** – 1 p.m. Thursday

**Mexican Train** – 1 p.m. Thursday  
Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Astrology 101 With Norma Hagan** – Tuesdays and Fridays, February 26, March 1, 5, 8 and 12, 1 to 3 p.m. Learn where your planets were at your birth, how to draw up your basic horoscope and what astrologers say about you, your future and your potential. Cost for the five-session course is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members.

**Bea Pappas Painting To Be Raffled**

The center is holding a raffle drawing for an original painting by local artist Bea Pappas. Pappas has been painting for 47 years and teaching for 32 years. She is an exhibiting artist at the North Shore Art Association in Gloucester, Massachusetts and a signature member of ISEA (International Society of Experimental Artists). Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and are available at the front desk at the Center 4 Life on Library Way. The painting is on display at the center. The drawing will be held March 6.

**The Chorus Is Coming** – Wednesday, March 6, under the direction of Steve Cramer. The Sanibel Community Chorus Ensemble will perform at the Center 4 Life Potluck Dinner. The event

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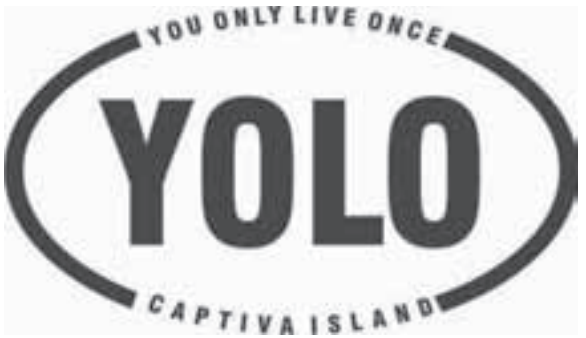


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## Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Thanks goes to everyone who attended our recent Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair. Although the numbers are not officially in yet, it seems that this year our 30th fair surpassed the proceeds of previous years. It was an outstanding weekend; the vendors were happy, the patrons were happy and everyone had a great time.

Rotary thanks our major sponsors Congress Jewelers, ABC 7, The Sanctuary Golf Club, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and John Grey Painting and, of course, to Sanibel and Captiva business community for their generous support and silent auction items. An additional shout-out to Robert Monk, fair chairman, and all of his committee. They did a remarkable job. At our club meeting last week, everyone was still feeling the high from the success of the fair. Rotarian John Danner composed and sang a clever little ditty for us to show his appreciation for all the work done by the Rotarians.

That spirit extended into our happy bucks ritual. Larger than usual donations came in the amounts of \$20s and \$50s. Author Finbarr Corr contributed \$225 to the Rotary Scholarship Fund and one contribution of \$500, given by John Goodwyne, was designated for ShelterBox USA. Our speaker, Rotarian Ross Spencer from ShelterBox USA, was surprised by this large contribution. Spencer comes and visits with us nearly every February and sets up a ShelterBox tent and at the arts and crafts fair as part of the educational exhibit. ShelterBox USA provides disaster relief.

Rotary's ShelterBox USA, headquartered in Lakeland, Florida, has responded to disasters in many countries by temporarily housing thousands of people. ShelterBox USA joins with Rotary affiliates in the UK, Australia, and Canada, providing, transporting, and distributing ShelterBoxes within the affected areas. They are rugged containers with 120 pounds of emergency equipment. The boxes usually hold one 10-person tent along with insulated sleeping mats and bags, water purification tablets, water containers, a tool kit,

cooking utensils, a multi-fuel stove, and a children's pack with books, crayons, pens and other supplies.

In the states, boxes or emergency supplies were sent in response to Hurricane Katrina, the floods water in Joplin Missouri, and Hurricane Sandy. This is usually on a temporary basis because FEMA and the American Red Cross come in and help people find more permanent shelter in the U.S.

Spencer told us over 28,000 ShelterBoxes were sent to Haiti in 2010. Some of the latest ShelterBox deployments went to Solomon Island, Jordan, Syria, Phillipines, Lebanon and Australia. There is a constant need for ShelterBox assistance. If you would like to read more about ShelterBoxUSA

just Google them.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Bistro At Beachview, 1100 Par View Drive. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President, John Grey-John@JohnGreyPainting.com or President-Elect, Scot Congress-Scot@scongress.com. \*



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# Maiz To Speak At March 12 ABWA Meeting

The Sanibel chapter of the American Business Women's Association will host Holly Maiz MA, DTR, at their next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. at The Community House. The title of this interactive presentation is *CorpoReality: BodyMind Strategies for Healthy Work-Healthy Lives*. Participants will learn skills, techniques and insights to create a healthy body/mind environment during both their work and play hours.

Maiz has a master's degree in Somatic (Body) Psychology and Dance Therapy. With a private practice as a body/mind psychotherapist and registered movement/dance therapist, she specializes in optimal aging, addiction and weight management. She is a long-time resident of Sanibel, coming to settle on the island after living aboard a sailboat in the Caribbean, and a cabin in the mountains of Colorado.

Maiz is a lifelong student of mindful movement. She is certified in meditation, Action Theater (improvisational theater) yoga, qigong, Pilates and play. As a visual and performance artist, she has presented and taught internationally, weaving together creative process, biology and psychology. In addition, she presents

Secret Signals Seminars with colleague Virginia Jones, a licensed clinical psychologist and biofeedback therapist.

Maiz has been interested in the natural wisdom of the body, and the language of movement since a very young age. It was in graduate school at Naropa Institute, a Buddhist founded contemplative center, that she became interested in ways to bring body/mind awareness practice into daily work/life. *CorpoReality* was the title of her Master's Thesis project that applied somatic psychology, meditation and improvisation to organizational development issues such as effective communication, leadership and personal mastery. She will share her insights with the group in an interactive style.

Many years later, Maiz maintains

enthusiasm for body/mind centered activities, offering enjoyable and intriguing experiences that support creativity and provide participants with experiential, researched based methods to enhance overall health. The relationship between creativity, optimal health and the ability to be present through embodiment practice is well documented.

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- Enhanced brain function and concentration
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- Increased circulation for healthier skin and digestion
- Improved balance and coordination
- Greater flexibility and range of motion
- More efficient metabolism

Maiz will present and guide the group through experiences that resource the body's natural intelligence – training the ability to notice, without judgment bodily sensation, breath and movement. Breathing techniques and easy movements that focus the mind, and enliven the body are simple and profound tools that can be employed throughout the day. Besides being fun, this fresh combination can enhance brain health, and mitigate the effects of stress and aging.

ABWA meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Guests are welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending, contact Barbara Boulton, membership chair, at 222-9713 or [baboutl@embarq-mail.com](mailto:baboutl@embarq-mail.com). The cost is \$22, payable by check or cash.\*

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will be held at the Center 4 Life on Library Way. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with the performance at 6:30 p.m. Bring an appetizer to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the center. There is no charge for members, \$5 for non-members.

**Computers – Intro to PC** – March 4, 6, 8 11 and 13. This class is designed for the novice user. Instructors Bruce and Christl Smith will explain the basics. You must be able to attend all five sessions. Limited to six students. Cost is \$115 for members and \$150 for non-members.

**iPhone with Ronda** – March 5 and 7. Cost is \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members. Must be able to attend both courses. Limited to four students.

**iPad with Ronda** – March 19 and 21. Cost is \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members. Must be able to attend both courses. Limited to four students.

Call 472-5743 for details on programs or stop by to register.\*

CROW Case Of The Week

# Bald Eagle Family Reunited



by Patricia Molloy

**A**s the symbol of our great nation since 1782, the Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is a majestic bird to behold. These regal North American avians are often seen soaring in soli-

tude high above the ground with a wing-span of 79 to 90 inches. Their name is a misnomer; they are not really bald. Instead, they develop white-feathered heads upon maturity (around five years old) that appear in stark contrast to their chocolate-brown wings and body.

Opportunistic feeders at heart, Bald eagles prefer fish but will eat whatever they can catch. They typically live approximately 20 to 30 years in the wild. Forty years ago, they faced extinction from human chemical pollutants such as persistent organic chemicals, heavy metals and DDT. Both Bald and Golden eagles are currently protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Act.

A gentleman called CROW early one morning after monitoring an eaglet that had been standing in his off-island drive-



The eaglet being given an anesthetic before radiographs could be taken

way overnight. He added that there was a nearby eagle's nest, but heard gunshots the night before and was concerned that the young bird may be injured.

"It seemed healthy but dehydrated and emaciated on presentation. We believe it's a baby that just got too far from its nest and its parents couldn't locate it. It's young; it still has pin feathers and its flight feathers aren't fully developed," said Dr. Aundria.

While the gunshots may have been a mere coincidence, as a precautionary measure, radiographs and blood work were taken. Before the eagle was placed on the table of the radiograph machine, Dr. Helen administered the anesthetic gas isoflurane through a small mask while Dr. Aundria carefully monitored the young bird for respiratory reactions. Once it was

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Dr. Aundria and Dr. Helen taped it's talons after it was anesthetized so it did not harm itself upon regaining consciousness. Its wings were X-rayed to look for potential fractures

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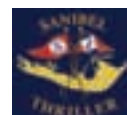
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Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation, visitors will see numerous photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The next CROW Picture Show is on Friday, March 8 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, and is free for members and children 12 and under.

The fee includes the presentation plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's hands-on educational facility and become familiar with CROW's efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information call 472-3644, ext. 228. To learn more about CROW, visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).



Baby raccoon head closeup



Infant baby raccoon in hand

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## Bald Eagle Family

positioned properly, the X-ray room was evacuated after Dr. Aundria made the warning call of "Shooting!"

All tests indicated that the eaglet was uninjured and was not suffering from any diseases, however, its weight loss needed to be addressed. As Dr. Heather noted, "We had to feed it a lot prior to release and be sure it was flying normally."

Approximately one week later, Dr. Heather deemed the eaglet healthy and it was transported by CROW to a location close to its parents' nest. Another family was happily reunited due to the team work of CROW's expert veterinarian staff and an alert resident.

The area's rich wildlife cannot afford its own insurance and, as with humans, medical care is very expensive. To help CROW treat sick and injured pelicans, gopher tortoises, rabbits and, of course, this juvenile bald eagle (patient #0188), be a good steward of the environment and make a donation. Go to CROW's website for more information.

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 P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).

Baby raccoon drinking milk

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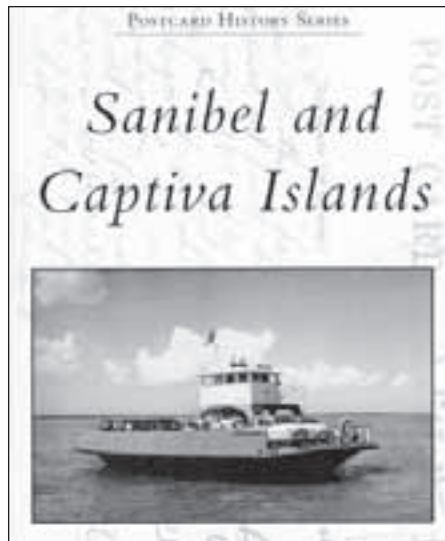
On Sunday, March 24, Captiva Cruises will offer a spectacular way to experience a Gulf of Mexico sunset and listen to island stories from Charles LeBuff and Deb Gleason aboard the *Lady Chadwick*, Captiva Cruises' flagship vessel. LeBuff and Gleason are co-authors of a new Postcard History Series book entitled *Sanibel and Captiva Islands*.

In 1958, LeBuff accepted a position with the Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge which was renamed the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in 1967. LeBuff worked at the refuge for 32 years and had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Darling about conservation on the islands.

LeBuff pioneered sea turtle research in Southwest Florida and formed Caretta Research in 1968 to study the loggerhead sea turtle. He became a charter member of the Sanibel City Council and played an instrumental role in the city's incorporation and its conservation legacy.

Gleason grew up on Sanibel, helping with family rental cottages and later helping visitors become islanders in the world of real estate. She now serves as chairperson of the Sanibel Historical Preservation Committee.

This unique cruise will depart McCarthy's Marina on Captiva at 6:15



p.m. and travel on Roosevelt Channel, passing by the historic "Ding" Darling fish house on the way to Redfish Pass for sunset. Passengers can learn more about the fascinating history of Sanibel and Captiva from these colorful islanders. There will be an opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by the authors.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. The *Lady Chadwick* is equipped with a full-service cash bar, enclosed lower cabin and open-air deck.

The cost is \$40 per adult and \$25 per child. Additional information and reservations may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.\*

## Wonders Of Wildlife Schedule

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will be offering daily Wonders Of Wildlife presentations at its Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road. All presentations begin at 11 a.m., and a \$5 donation is requested. There is no charge for members or children 12 and under. Admission includes the opportunity to explore CROW's interactive visitor education center both before and after the presentation.

This week's schedule is as follows:

- Friday, March 1 – Sea Turtle Conservation & Medicine – Of the 26 types of turtle species native to Southwest Florida, five are sea turtles. Come out and listen as staff member Jordan Donini teaches you about the local species and how CROW's medical staff treats and rehabilitates our patients at the hospital.

- Saturday, March 2 – Florida Felines – There are two cat species in Florida: the bobcat and the Florida panther. Come out and listen as staff member Rachel Rainbolt teaches you about both species, their current conservation status and how CROW's medical staff treats and rehabilitates our patients at the hospital.

- Tuesday, March 5 – Animal Ambassador: Coexisting with Reptiles – The state of Florida is home to 142 native species of amphibians and reptiles. Come out and listen to ranger Mike Hammond as he teaches us how to live with our cold-blooded neighbors located in Lee County.

- Wednesday, March 6 – Rescue &



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- Thursday, March 7 – Clinical Rounds – CROW operates educational externship and fellowship programs for undergraduate natural sciences and veterinary medicine students. Come out and listen to extern Russell Martin as he discusses what species are currently in the hospital and how our students learn to treat over 4,000 patients per year.

For more information, visit [www.crow-clinic.org](http://www.crow-clinic.org) or call 472-3644.\*



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### How Do You Put a Value on the Environment?

Join us at this year's Conservation Forum on March 19 at 7 p.m. at The Sundial to hear Dr. Richard Weisskoff, Economist and Author with the University of Miami Department of International Studies. Joining Dr. Weisskoff will be SCCF's Rae Ann Wessel and Eric Eikenberg from the Everglades Foundation. Doors open at 6:30. The event is free.

### Beach Walks at Historic Island Inn — March 5

Meet your SCCF guide in the parking lot of Island Inn at 3111 West Gulf Drive at 10 a.m. for an informative beach walk. *Tuesday, March 5 at 10 a.m.*

### The City That Almost Wasn't & the Sanibel Plan — Mar. 6

The City of Sanibel was the first in the country to adopt a comprehensive land use plan based on the island's natural systems. Learn about the City's creation and the shaping of its future through the Sanibel Report. *Wed., Mar. 6 at 2 p.m.*

### Coyote and Bear Tales — March 6

A coyote and a Florida black bear were recently documented on the island for the first time; the black bear was relocated to north Florida. Coyotes are found in every county in Florida and bear populations are growing. *Wednesday, March 6 at 10 a.m.*

### Diamondback Terrapin in Pine Island Sound — March 4

SCCF herpetologist, Chris Lechowicz, has been studying ornate diamondback terrapins for nearly 10 years. One of only two brackish water turtles, Diamondback terrapins were nearly hunted to extinction for food in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and they still face serious challenges. *Monday, March 4, at 2 p.m.*

### The Endangered Eastern Indigo Snake — March 8

These snakes have not been documented on Sanibel since 1990 but this summer, an Indigo swam across Redfish Pass to Captiva from North Captiva, where SCCF is conducting research. Chris Lechowicz will talk about Indigos and you can "meet" the live Indigo at the Nature Center. *Friday, March 8 at 10 a.m.*

### Shorebird Walk at the Sanibel Inn — March 5

Meet your SCCF guide poolside at the Sanibel Inn, 937 East Gulf Drive. Learn the stories of the shorebirds you encounter. Some have migrated thousands of miles to local beaches. *Tuesday, March 5 at 5 p.m.*

### Turtle Tracks — March 7

Sanibel Island has one of the first sea turtle monitoring programs in the country; several hundred nests are laid on Sanibel and Captiva every summer. Learn about the sea turtles that nest on our beaches. *Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m.*

### Weeds and Seeds – March 4

Two-hour guided walk; meet at the Nature Center porch and carpool to location. Bring a hat, water, sun-block and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks; you may need parking money. Call Candice Etheridge at 395-9498 for info. *Mondays at 8:45 a.m.*

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# BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series

**B**IG ARTS Film Society's ever-popular Monday Night Film Series returns this season with critically-acclaimed independent and foreign films and documentaries. The movie experience at BIG ARTS is more than just a film showing. A group of enthusiastic film buffs lead informed post-movie discussions, complemented by refreshments. All Monday Night Films are \$8 and begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall.

The film for the final Monday of each month will be selected and announced one week prior to its screening. This way, BIG ARTS Film Society will be able to show films that are "all the rage," like a nominee or award-winner from Cannes, The Golden Globes, or Academy Awards. Before the film is selected, these film nights will be advertised as "Surprise - To Be Announced." When the film is announced, one week prior, it will be listed on BIG ARTS website's Film Page, and included in the weekly BIG ARTS member e-mail.

Upcoming Monday Night Films:

- March 4 - *Moonstruck* (1987) U.S.; Rated PG. Film plus Sanibel Oscar ceremony and reception.
- March 11 - *The Queen of Versailles* (2012) U.S.; Rated PG.
- March 18 - *Moonrise Kingdom* (2012) U.S.; Rated PG-13.
- March 25 - Surprise film (to be announced by March 18)



On Monday, March 4, locals will be dressed as Hollywood celebrities for the Sanibel Oscar ceremony, to be followed by *Moonstruck* and a champagne reception. Admission is \$15. *Moonstruck* was nominated for six Oscars at the 60th Academy Awards, winning for Best Original Screenplay, Best Actress, and Best Supporting Actress. This romantic comedy from director Norman Jewison follows the story of Loretta, a book-keeper from Brooklyn, who finds herself in a difficult situation when she falls for the brother of her fiancée. The film is number 72 on Bravo's "100 Funniest



Movies." Starring Cher, Nicolas Cage, Olympia Dukakis and Danny Aiello.

*The Queen of Versailles* is a documentary that follows a billionaire couple as they begin construction on a Versailles-inspired mansion in 2008. During the next two years, their empire, fueled by the real estate bubble, falters due to the economic crisis. The film is a riveting view into the lives of this family as they struggle to scale down their grotesquely ostentatious lifestyle as the family business teeters on ruin. Director Lauren Greenfield won the 2012 Sundance Film Festival's Directing Award in the Documentary category for this film.

Wes Anderson's *Moonrise Kingdom* is a romantic comedy-drama with an ensemble cast that includes Frances McDormand, Bill Murray, Edward Norton, Jason Schwartzman, Tilda Swinton, and Bruce Willis. The story is set on an island off the coast of New England in the 1960s. A young boy and girl fall in love and run away together, and various factions of the town mobilize to search for them as a violent storm brews.



It was a *New York Times* Critics Pick, and *New York Times* film critic Manohla Dargis describes it as "Wonderously beautiful, one of Wes Anderson's supreme achievements."

Viewers will enjoy the quality of a Blu-ray Disc player, high-definition projection equipment, and surround sound. Assistive listening devices are available.

BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series Sponsor Bank of the Islands, Stan and Visnja Gembicki, and Supporters Sanibel Taxi and Jerry's Foods of Sanibel.

For the listing of BIG ARTS films, to purchase tickets or for more information, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.\*

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Vernon and Margie Siewert

Vernon and Margie Siewert of Louisville, Kentucky found four alphabet cones on the beach while staying at Caribe Beach Resort. "We found two on the afternoon of February 19 and two more on the morning of February 20," they said. "We had never found two at the same time before."\*



Red-bellied woodpecker

## Morning Meander Atop The Marsh

Take a guided nature walk on quarter-mile loop boardwalk at Prairie Pines Preserve on Saturday, March 2 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will meet in the parking lot of Prairie Pines Preserve at 18400 N. Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers

Explore the wonders of this 2,650-acre Conservation 20/20 preserve. From an ADA-compliant boardwalk, this hour-long stroll will traverse a seasonal marsh while learning more about the birds, butterflies and plants that call it home.

The degree of difficulty of this nature

walk is easy. Participants should remember to bring items they may need during the walk (i.e. water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera, closed-toed shoes or boots, etc.) Restrooms are available.

The tour and parking, provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, are free. For more information, call 707-2206.\*

## Shell Museum Lecture Series

A Natural Science Lecture Series with Megan Davis-Hodgkins, Ph.D, will be held on Wednesday, March 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the museum's auditorium.

As the co-founder of a conch farm in the Turks and Caicos Islands, Davis-Hodgkins, Associate Executive Director of Research at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution at the Florida Atlantic University, developed commercial applications for culturing queen conch from the egg to juvenile stage. Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute scientists were the first to produce queen conch cultured pearls. Her lecture is sponsored in part by the Island Inn.

For more information, contact Diane Thomas at 395-2233 or dothomas@shellmuseum.org.\*

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# Sheepshead Fishing Is At Its Peak

by Capt. Matt Mitchell



**A**fter last week's cold front dropped our water temperatures to the mid-60s, sheepshead fishing has been great. The biggest ones I have seen all winter were stacked up around the passes and in deep creeks in the mouth of the river. Non-stop action on sheepshead was hard to leave, but when we did, the trout and redfish action was good too along with a few snook and flounder in the mix.

Generally, once we get to the middle of March, our sheepshead bite will start to slow and the average size of the fish will begin to decrease. One of the best and well-known places to catch sheepshead continues to be the wall at Redfish Pass. This

whole area was loaded up with lots of anchored boats all week long and it seemed just about every direction you looked, anglers were catching sheepshead of all sizes. Chunks of fresh or frozen shrimp along with fiddler crabs fished on or near the bottom are the baits of choice up here. Sure, this is a busy place to fish at times, even looking like a parking lot, but there is a reason for it: lots and lots of keeper-size sheepshead.

If you want a quieter spot to catch your sheepshead, there are plenty of other options. Other productive areas are the well-known wrecks within a few miles of shore along with just about any deep water mangrove creek in the mouth of the river. Some of these river creeks have holes that are as much as 20 feet deep. These shell bottom creeks hold some of the biggest sheepshead I've seen all year, with the average fish being 17 inches-plus. My biggest sheepshead of the week came out of these deep holes over by Sword Point just after the last cold front. The fish was 21 inches long and almost seven pounds; a real good one as far as sheepshead go, but far from a nine-pound personal best I caught few years back.

With another strong cold front forecast late in the week, we will have another big push of sheepshead moving in from the Gulf. The first few days right after the front passes will be prime time to target these fish. Most other species will shut down right after a strong cold front, but the sheepshead seem to feed hardest in the coldest conditions and they have not been worked over by anglers yet.

If you plan on taking some sheepshead to the fillet table as most of us do, only take what you need. Even though you are allowed 15 per person per day, fresh fish is always better than frozen fish. Once filleted, I like to soak my sheepshead fillets in a cooler of ice water for a few hours before putting it in a Ziplock bag in the fridge. The ice water soak draws out any blood left in and on the meat, giving it a milder taste and really seems to tighten and firm up the flesh.

Out on the flats, once clear water was located, trout action was very consistent. The classic popping cork-live shrimp rig and soft plastic jigs bounced across the bottom



**Ben Armstrong of St. James City with one of many sheepshead caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell**

caught fish after fish although most trout were smaller than the 15-inch minimum size. Ladyfish, jack and mackerel were also common along with a few bonnethead sharks. Drifting flats from three- to five-feet deep within sight of the pass had the clearest water and the better action.

Mangrove fishing on the higher water was good for redfish. Once you located the fish, catching a dozen or so from one small piece of shoreline was the standard. Most of these redfish are right at the 18-inch minimum, but once in a while, a 22-incher or better was caught.

As we move into March, fishing can really go either way, depending on what type of weather we have. March can either be winter-like or it can be like spring. By the end of March last year, we had unusually warm water temperatures and baitfish, along with a few tarpon, had already begun to show up.

With 40 degree lows forecast for the first few days of March, it may take a little longer this year before we can say winter is over and our water temperatures get to the magical mid-70s, bringing everything alive.

*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](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).\**



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## Learn How To Read A Beach At 'Ding' Lecture

The beaches along Florida's Gulf of Mexico are an open book. Its title? *How To Read a Florida Gulf Coast Beach: A Guide to Shadow Dunes, Ghost Forests, and Other Telltale Clues from an Ever-Changing Coast*. The author, Tonya Clayton, will present a special beach-science program in the "Ding" Darling Education Center on Friday, March 8 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Her dynamic tour begins with a broad description of Florida's Gulf Coast, roaming from Perdido Key in the northwest near Pensacola to remote Cape Sable in the south.

A freelance science writer and editor, Clayton employs conversational style and more than a hundred illustrations to make coastal science accessible, carrying vacationers and Florida residents alike on a lively, informative tour of local beach features such as the barrier islands, dunes, waves, tides, animal life and even rain-drops and air bubbles.

Learn how to spot signs of the many processes that shape the shores and signs of human impact, including massive boulder structures and sand megatransfers.

"Tonya Clayton loves her subject and respects her readers," writes *Florida Weekly*. "Her prose is clear, sinuous and



delightful. Her transformation of scientific information into an accessible guide for the beach-loving non-specialist is a total success...It's a book all Gulf Coast residents and visitors should have handy in order to fully savor and revere the unique joys at the water's edge."

Following her presentation, Clayton will sign copies of her book, which are available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Store, all proceeds of which benefit the refuge.

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by the Shell Point Retirement Community and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) as part of its 11-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Future events are listed below; all include two presentations at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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

For more information on the lecture series call 472-1100 ext. 241 or visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures).

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series Events

(\*Book-signings will follow all starred presentations)

- March 8 – Tonya Clayton, author of *How To Read a Florida Gulf Coast Beach*

- March 15 – Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland – *Refuges on the Road: Russia to China*

- March 22 – John Yow – *Armchair Birder Goes Coastal: The Secret Lives of Birds on the Southeastern Coast*

- March 29 – Jeremy Conrad, refuge biologist, and Paul Ryan, fire operation and prescribed fire/fuels technician – *Fire – The Secret to a Healthy Eco-System*

- Apr. 5 – Jeremy Conrad, refuge biologist, and Amanda Bryant, SCCF biologist – *Sea Turtles of Sanibel*

For more information visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

# J.N. "Ding" Darling NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE Alternative Transportation In Parks & Public Lands

funded by the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), in cooperation with its project partners, Lee County Transit (LeeTran) and the City of Sanibel, have prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program Alternative Transportation Study. The study area includes Refuge property adjacent to Sanibel-Captiva Road as well as Tarpon Bay Road. The goals of the study are to reduce traffic in the Refuge, lower vehicle emissions, improve visitor mobility and accessibility, and lessen impacts to wildlife and the environment. The final project recommendation includes enhanced Refuge wayfinding, expanded parking options, bicycle rentals, a new trail connecting Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the city's Shared Use Path, wildlife crossings on Sanibel-Captiva Road, enhanced Refuge tram service, and new Refuge shuttle service.

The Draft EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The study evaluated the project recommendation for potential effects (both positive and negative) on the natural environment, transportation environment, and surrounding community. The Draft EA will be available for public viewing March 4 through April 18, 2013 on the project website at [www.DingDarlingTransportation.com](http://www.DingDarlingTransportation.com) and during operating hours at the following locations:

<b>Sanibel City Hall</b>	<b>Sanibel Public Library</b>	<b>LeeTran</b>
800 Dunlop Road	770 Dunlop Road	6035 Landing View Drive
Sanibel, FL	Sanibel, FL	Fort Myers, FL

A public hearing to obtain comment on the Draft EA will be held as part of the regularly scheduled Sanibel City Council Meeting:

**City of Sanibel Council Chambers (MacKenzie Hall)**  
**800 Dunlop Road**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2013**  
**11:30 a.m.**

Comments may be made at the public hearing, through the project website, and mailed to J.N. "Ding" Darling Transportation Study, c/o Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc., 1631 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

The public hearing will be held in accordance with Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 771 and Section 339.155, Florida Statutes. It is being developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Related Statutes. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Kris Cella at 239-337-1071 at least seven days prior to the hearing.

For more project information, please visit

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Don Stokes (middle) pointing to a prairie warbler spotted in the mangroves along Wildlife Drive

## Celebrity Birders Lead 'Ding' Darling Fundraiser

Nationally acclaimed bird authors and TV personalities Don and Lillian Stokes donated their time and expertise to lead birding tram tours of The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, February 8. The refuge's Wildlife Drive is normally closed on Fridays, so the 80 tour participants had the birds and the Stokes to themselves.

Three trams and drivers were graciously donated by Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire. Leading one of the tours, Lillian Stokes spoke about and demonstrated bird photography while her husband, on a second tram, focused on the principles of bird identification. A third tram led by wildlife photographer Terry Baldwin was provided for Beloit College trustees that were attending their annual meeting on Sanibel. Beloit has ties to the refuge as JN "Ding" Darling was a Beloit College graduate.

The Stokes authored 32 books in their Stokes Field Guides series, including their new bestseller, *The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America*, and hosted a birding television show for PBS. "The Stokes are veteran birding experts recognized throughout the country, and they have quite a following," said Birgie Vertesch, executive director of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, which organized the tours. "Thanks to their generosity and our partnership with Tarpon Bay Explorers, 100 percent of the proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit wildlife and education programs at the refuge."\*

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Lillian Stokes (facing left) giving wildlife photography instructions to a birding group along Wildlife Drive



White Ibis along Wildlife Drive



Osprey with nesting material flying over birding group during Stokes' tour

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## Bird's Eye View

## Pistol Shrimp



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

Since most of my trips go out into the refuge during the low tide when the mangrove aerial roots are exposed, we will occasionally hear a popping sound coming from

the root system. As usual, I will almost always be talking about something else (those of you who have been out with me know I'm a bit of a talker), but once my customers hear a loud pop coming from the underside of the forest, their attention is always drawn towards whatever made the sound, and I have to give them an explanation as to who – or what – made it.

I tell them that when I first got here, I was told the sound came from the oysters clamping shut. And for a few years, I accepted the concept. But today, I believe something else is making the noise. I tell them my mind was changed about the “oyster snapping shut theory” not too long after I was married many years ago. My wife and I had recently moved into our newly-built home up near the exit to Wildlife Drive and she decided to set up a saltwater aquarium. But she didn't want just any old typical, ordinary saltwater aquarium. Nope, her set-up was going to represent the habitat of the mangrove estuary.

I had actually maintained around 600 gallons of saltwater tanks at the SCCF Conservation Center for several months when it first opened in December 1977, so I had a little experience with saltwater tanks. The saltwater for those tanks came from a “live well” tank Esperanza and Ralph Woodring had developed for bait on their property at Woodring Point (that's the property the refuge is now trying to buy) and most of the sea life represented in those tanks came from Ralph's trawling nets that he ran nightly in Tarpon Bay to catch bait shrimp.

Since our house was up at the northern end of the island, far away from the Woodring homestead, we just went to Bowman's Beach with buckets and collected sand from there (including lots of unexpected invertebrates) for the bottom of the tank and then went back into Kesson Bayou behind our house and used two newly-bought and cleaned plastic garbage cans to collect 60 gallons of bay water. Next, live shells and crabs found on the mudflats were added and, eventually, a few small fish caught with a cast net were put in as well.

Then, we got the smart idea to cut off a few mangrove aerial roots from the trees in the bayou behind our house that were heavily colonized by barnacles and “coon” oysters. We, of course, already had a filtering system in place in the tank, but we thought it would be cool to have some oysters in there siphoning the water through naturally to see what would happen. So we went to the mangroves, collected the aerial roots we wanted, put them in a bucket with bay water in it and returned back home to add our new filter-

ing system to the tank.

Well, we had only just positioned the aerial roots in a corner of the tank and were walking away when suddenly there was a loud... POW! My wife and I both were startled and we quickly ran back to the aquarium to see what had happened. It sounded to me as if the glass of the tank had cracked wide open and I was expecting to see a waterfall of saltwater cascading out of the tank onto our beautiful, newly-installed wooden floor.

The tank appeared to still be in fine shape. Then, there was another POW! We looked at each other and then back at the tank and there didn't seem to be anything wrong. What in the world was going on? Then, we took a closer look at the oysters attached to the mangrove aerial roots leaning up against the corner

of the aquarium and there, sitting on the outer edges of the oyster shells like a couple of wolves standing on the ledge of a cliff howling at the moon, were two little shrimp about an inch long, almost invisible, and they had a large claw that was almost as big as they were. And then we watched one of the little guys move the “trigger” of its gigantic claw backward and release it to snap down with unbelievable force, making an incredibly loud noise for such a miniscule creature.

What we had accidentally introduced to our peaceful mangrove habitat aquarium was a pistol – or snapping – shrimp.

Pistol shrimp have one normal claw, and one large claw that is about half the size of their bodies. They can snap this large claw shut with such powerful force that the sound generated reaches 218

decibels; a human eardrum can rupture at a mere 150. Plus, as the claw snaps shut, a powerful jet of water is ejected forward at an incredible 60 mph and a “cavitation” bubble is formed in the low pressure area behind this stream of water. Then, as the bubble “implodes,” it produces a flash of light (invisible to the human eye) that can have an interior temperature of over 5,000 degrees, almost as hot as the sun! The resulting shockwave generated easily stuns and kills small fish, crabs and other shrimp within close range.

So, if anyone has ever called you a shrimp, think of it as a compliment!

After we figured out what was going on with the pistol shrimp, they just became an interesting conversation piece every time we had any company over...

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Participants of the first SCCF Beach Walk at the Island Inn gather before their outing

## Two Remaining SCCF Beach Walks

The historic Island Inn recently hosted several guided beach walks with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF).

The guided walks teach beachcombers to identify and learn what the local tides, currents and winds have left on the beautiful Sanibel beaches.

More than 30 people participated in the first guided walk put on by SCCF. "It is great that so many people are interested in the conservation of our beaches," said Chris Davison, general manager at the Island Inn.

There are two remaining beach walks, which will be held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., on March 5 and 19.

SCCF is dedicated to the preservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.

The Island Inn is set on 10 acres of private beachfront property with a very low density, perfect for a walk on the

beach to find the treasures that nature has to offer. To participate in the guided walks, meet the SCCF guide in the parking lot of the Island Inn at 10 a.m. on one of the two remaining dates. This program is free and does not require reservations.

The Island Inn is located at 3111 West Gulf Drive on Sanibel. For more information, call 472-1561.\*

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## Pistol Shrimp

though they did have a way of always stopping the general conversation for a few moments whenever they started their barrage of sound.

And I will accept the possibility that it could be an oyster snapping shut when we hear the loud popping on one of my trips, but my bet is on that little guy hiding out amongst the hidden recesses of the mangrove aerial root system. Just because you are small and apparently insignificant doesn't mean you can't have a major impact on the world around you!

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](http://www.canoewithbirdwestall.com) for more information.\*

## Attention Sanibel-Captiva Gardeners

submitted by Dr. Phillip Marks

The 64th Master Gardener Lecture Series will continue on Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Library. The speaker will be John

Sibley, owner of All Native Nursery.

His program will feature over 50 live native plants which thrive on our islands. As he presents these plants, he will discuss the size, shape, color and flowers or berries associated with the specimens.

He is literally bringing a demonstration botanical garden to our group. He will also suggest design, planting and establishment of these plants. Sibley has finished several projects for the City of Sanibel and continues to maintain them. Several of the city's vegetation committee members have used his nursery for projects on their properties.

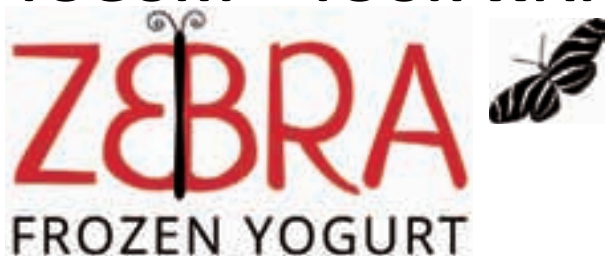
Sibley is a knowledgeable and committed educator and is currently the president

of the Lee County Native Plant Society and president of Florida Native Plant Nurseries.

This is a rare opportunity to see "up close and personal" the many varieties of native plants -- small trees, shrubs and bushes -- carried by his nursery. He will include comments on their value as habitat, food and the life cycle of our island wildlife; birds, butterflies and even some mammalian and reptilian species. Sibley will bring an excellent take-home information sheet on planting and establishing native plants. A question and answer session will follow his presentation.

The lecture is free and open to the public but space is limited.\*

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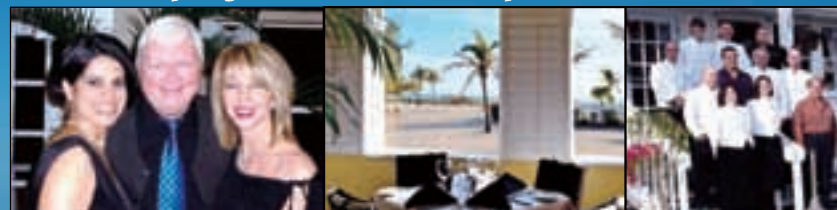
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# Trifoliate Rattlebox

by Gerri Reaves

**T**rifoliate rattlebox (*Crotalaria pallida*) is an erect multi-branched herb common along roadsides, in fields, and in disturbed sites. Also called smooth rattlebox, it is one of several both native and non-native rattlebox species in the state.

A member of the pea family and a native of Africa, it is naturalized throughout Florida, meaning that it self-cultivates.

Three oblong or elliptical leaflets comprise the alternate compound leaves. The center leaflet is the largest.

The numerous yellow flowers on the spike-like inflorescence have reddish brown veins.

The lateral, or wing, petals are oblong, the upper petal is rounded, and the keel – or lower lip – is curved.

The inflated oblong pods average three and one-half to four inches long and contain 20 to 30 seeds. When the seeds mature and break loose, they create the distinctive sound that gives rattlebox its name.

Rattlebox provides food for birds and nectar for butterflies. Other positive attributes include beauty, low maintenance and an ability to “fix” nitrogen, an essential process for agriculture.

On the other hand, it is toxic to livestock.

Depending on circumstances, the plant might be a welcome wildflower or a noxious weed.

Sources: regionalconservation.org, nsis.org, eol.org, Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, and plantbook.org.

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Trifoliate rattlebox is one of several rattlebox species in Florida



The seeds rattle after they mature and detach in the pod

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SCCF has added a Caloosahatchee Oxbow and Riverlore Cruise on March 17

## Additional Caloosahatchee Oxbow River Cruise Scheduled For March 17

SCCF has added an additional Caloosahatchee Oxbow and Riverlore Cruise since the February and March cruises have sold out. Join river researcher Rae Ann Wessel for a riverboat adventure to experience the historical Caloosahatchee on Sunday, March 17.

This guided monthly cruise explores the meanders of the historic upriver Caloosahatchee. Participants will follow the river back to a time when a waterfall served as the headwaters of the Caloosahatchee and settlers braved living amongst the wilderness.

The 2.5-hour adventure begins by locking through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, passengers enter the historic bends of the river and revisit the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of

the settlements and their adventures are blended with an understanding of the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and SCCF Natural Resource Policy Director. Their vessel is the stable and spacious 47-passenger *Manatee Rover* pontoon boat that features daily manatee tours. All seats have a great view for photographs and bird watching.

Cruises depart at 1 p.m. from the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam off SR 80 in Olga. Cruises return by 3:30 p.m. Upcoming cruise dates are all on Sunday: April 14, and Mothers Day, May 12.

Tickets are \$40 per person, with payment due at time of reservation. The names of all passengers are also required at the time of reservation. Call SCCF at 472-2329. Please note that reservations must be made by Friday, March 15 for the March 17 cruise. Space is limited.\*



Winners of the Museum's 3rd annual Oyster Eating Contest last year include, front, from left, Kimball Mathews (Female Champion), Heather Harrison and Katie Gardenia; back, Wayne Woodring, Ron Clayton, Chuck Woods, and 2012 Grand Champion, Lemar Williams. With them is Matt Asen, sponsor, of The Timbers Restaurant and Fish Market

## Oyster Eating Contest 2013 Has New Format

Sanibel resident and cartoonist Dave Horton has agreed to assist The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market with the 4th annual Oyster Eating Contest, scheduled for Saturday, April 20 at The Timbers.

Horton's cartoons, often referred to as Hortoons, will be featured during the event and will help the museum raise money to support its educational and exhibition programs.

This year, there will be an additional event added to the contest, oyster shucking.

"The planning is under way to enhance past versions of the event in new and exciting ways," said John Suau, museum spokesman. "First, competition will include the actual preparation of the oysters with area shuckers who can compete for a \$100 sponsorship fee."

Local restaurants that serve oysters are encouraged to enter their best shucker in the event. Similarly, the oyster eating portion has been modified from an all you can eat in a minute to how fast can you eat a dozen.

To complete in either the shucker or the eater competition (or both), contact John Suau at 395-2233 or email jsuau@shellmuseum.org. Registration will begin on Friday, March 1 and the rules and regulations are available online on the museum web site!\*

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Doug Albert with one of Sanibel's newly reintroduced barn owls  
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## Get The Baby Back In The Nest

This month highlighted some great examples of success with several young raptors as part of our Get The Baby Back In The Nest campaign.

A fledgling Bald eaglet from the Fort Myers area was brought to CROW and found to be very thin and dehydrated.

After a week of intensive treatment, he was successfully reunited with his parents and sibling. No other North American bird grows as fast as an eagle chick. By six weeks, they weigh eight to nine pounds; as much as a human baby of similar age! Despite their impressive size, young eagles will remain in the nesting area for approximately two months after fledging, learning important survival skills from their parents.



Doug Albert with "Ding" Darling NWR and Colleen Goff with CROW work with Fort Myers resident Paul Ben-Susan to get this baby back into a nest  
photo courtesy of Paul Ben-Susan

Additionally, a great horned owl nestling was found down in the Fort Myers area after the nest collapsed in a storm. An artificial nest was placed in a nearby tree and CROW staff and area residents watched happily as both parents came quickly to care for their baby, despite the unfamiliar man-made nest. Remember that human surrogates are a wild neonate's last hope for survival, never their best hope. Babies need their parents.

Finally, CROW had a really exciting



Male, left, and female barn owls released on Sanibel  
photo courtesy of Paula and Doug Albert

month for barn owls. The last reported sighting of a barn owl on Sanibel was many years ago. Working with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, they were able to reintroduce five young barn owls to the island. All five have remained in the area over the past few weeks and appear to be thriving.

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## Fish Caught



Joe Bridges with his snook

Joe Bridges of Columbus, Georgia caught and released a large snook and speckled trout while fishing in Tarpon Bay on a windy day.✪



Joe Bridges with his trout catch

## Shells Found



Sandi Bennett

Two junonia shells were found by Minnesota resident Sandi Bennett. Both shells were found on separate days during the week of January 27 on the west gulf side of Sanibel Island near the Sundial Beach Resort & Spa. Bennett's first junonia was found on Captiva during the beach reclamation. She and her husband Russ have been vacationing on Sanibel for over 25 years.✪



Osprey photo by Tony and Regina Dalia

## Osprey Isn't Camera Shy

Tony and Regina Dalia submitted this photograph of an osprey sitting on their terrace, taken with an iPhone 5 only four feet away (from behind the drapery). The Dalias live on West Gulf Drive.✪

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The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be Saturday March 2 at the JN "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. Meet in the trolley parking lot at 8 a.m.

These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. Refuge fees will apply. The Duck Stamp and Federal Senior Pass are accepted. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.✧



Roseate spoonbills

## Shell Museum Upcoming Events

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum hosts educational events during the month of March.

- Natural Science Lecture Series: Megan Davis-Hodgkins, Ph.D. – Wednesday, March 6, 2 to 3 p.m., Museum Auditorium

As the co-founder of a conch farm in the Turks and Caicos Islands, Davis-Hodgkins, Associate Executive Director of Research at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution at the Florida Atlantic University, developed commercial applications for culturing queen conch from the egg to juvenile stage. Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute scientists were the first to produce queen conch cultured pearls. Talk is sponsored in part by the Island Inn of Sanibel.

For more information, contact Diane Thomas at 395-2233 or dothomas@shellmuseum.org.

- Sailors' Valentine Class – Tuesday, March 12, Thursday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Anna Marie Nyquist Education Area

Create your own Sailors' Valentine. Connie Miller will instruct you in the art of making flowers and other creative designs with a variety of shells. Sailors' Valentines are traditionally octagonal wooden boxes and make great gifts and coffee table decorations.

Price for registration is \$300 and \$135 for the shell kit. Space is limited. Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 5.

For more information, contact Diane Thomas at 395-2233 or dothomas@shellmuseum.org.

- Natural Science Lecture Series: John and Liana McManus – Wednesday, March 13, 2 to 3 p.m., Museum Auditorium

From The University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, John McManus, Ph.D., and Liana McManus, Ph.D., will lecture on Coral Reef Management featuring the Australians Symposium on World Reef Management. Talk is sponsored in part by the Island Inn of Sanibel.

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Jim Sprankle with his Mangrove Cuckoo sculpture which sold at auction for \$60,000.

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Island native marsh gentian

### Diamonds In The Mangroves: Plight Of The Ornate Diamondback Terrapin In Pine Island Sound

**S**CCF herpetologist Chris Lechowicz has been watching diamondback terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*) activity in Pine Island Sound for nearly 10 years. This spring, he and his staff will begin a monitoring project on and near Sanibel Island involving these elusive creatures. The diamondback terrapin is one of only two brackish water turtle species found on earth. The turtle was nearly hunted to extinction for human consumption along the east coast of the U.S. in the early 20th century. Public awareness and strict regulations have caused this species to rebound their numbers over the last 70 years. However, they still face many dire challenges in the 21st century to ensure their survival in the future.



Diamondback terrapin

Come to the SCCF Nature Center on Monday, March 4 at 2 p.m. to learn more about these unique and secretive animals. The cost is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free.

### Shorebird Walks At The Sanibel Inn

**O**n Tuesday, March 5 at 8 a.m., meet your SCCF guide poolside at the Sanibel Inn, 937 East Gulf Drive. Learn the stories of the shorebirds you may encounter; some have migrated thousands of miles to local beaches. Sanibel continues the commitment to protect local beaches by leaving the wrack community of cast ashore seaweeds and sea grasses that feed the insects, shorebirds and beach plants that live there. This program is free to all.



A gathering of birds along the seashore

### Beach Walks At Historic Island Inn

**M**et your SCCF guide in the parking lot of Island Inn at 3111 West Gulf drive at 10 a.m. Take a walk on the beach identifying what the local tides, currents and winds have deposited for you to see. Sanibel continues the commitment to protect local beaches by leaving the wrack community of cast ashore seaweeds and sea grasses that feed the insects, shorebirds and beach plants that live there. This program is free.



Beach Walks at the historic Island Inn

## Coyote And Bear Tales

On Wednesday, March 6, come to the SCCF Nature Center and learn about two new-comer 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 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. The program is free to children and SCCF members, or \$5 for adults and starts at 10 a.m.



Coyote pictured roadside

## The Endangered Eastern Indigo Snake

Eastern Indigo snakes have not been documented on Sanibel since 1990. This summer, SCCF the habitat management crew documented an Indigo that swam across Redfish Pass to Captiva from North Captiva, where SCCF research is being conducted on this snake. Come and learn about this endangered species from Chris Lechowicz, head of habitat management. Meet “Indie,” the live female indigo that lives at the SCCF Nature Center, on Friday, March 8 at 10 a.m.

Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information on these programs. Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.\*



Chris Lechowicz with an indigo snake

## Everglades Program At Yacht Club

On Friday, March 8 beginning at 10 a.m., the Captiva Island Yacht Club will host a public environmental program. The topic will be The Florida Everglades. The event is free and open to the public.

An informative presentation will be made by The Everglades Foundation, dedicated to protecting and restoring one of the world’s unique natural ecosystems. The featured speakers will be Eric Eikenberg, CEO of The Everglades Foundation, and Dr. Stephen Davis, wetland ecologist.

Appointed to the position of CEO by the foundation’s board in 2012, Eikenberg has extensive policy and political experience in Tallahassee and Washington, DC. He served as chief of staff for former Governor Charlie Crist and former U.S. Representative E. Clay Shaw. Since 2010, he has served as senior policy



An historical map of the Everglades

advisor for Holland & Knight, co-chairing the firm’s Florida Government Advocacy Team with former Governor Bob Martinez. As the CEO of the Everglades Foundation, Eikenberg will lead the

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On *A Morning Hike*, oil enamel on paper by Marcus Jansen

## Jansen Exhibit To Open At BIG ARTS

Marcus Jansen's artworks will be on display in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery from March 4 through 30. Jansen is noted as a pioneer of urban landscape paintings; he started painting in the early 1980s during the emerging graffiti art movement from New York. He graduated from Berufsfachschule fuer Gestaltung/Design in 1985. He became known for his post-modern expressionist paintings in the late 1990s shortly after serving in the U.S. military in the first Gulf War. His works have since evolved into a unique language of important political and socially-charged imagery commenting on a transform-

ing society and world events. Jansen's works are found in major museum collections around the world, and he has produced works for companies like Warner Brothers and Absolut Vodka.

Art historian Jerome A. Donson referred to Jansen as, "The Innovator of Modern Expressionism," in Jansen's first book, published in 2006. Jansen's work has been published in *Forbes Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *The Kuwait Times*, *Art News* and *Art in America Magazine*. He is in *Who's Who in American Art* and *Who's Who in International Art*.

Jansen is a finalist in Finalist at The International Art Prize Arte Laguna 2013 - Venice. This makes Jansen's third time selected for a major internationally-curated exhibition this year. Jansen's work was chosen for the *New American Paintings No. 94* cover and the upcoming *Studio Visit* publication both published by The Open Studio Press. Jansen also won The Dave Bown Project International Award and was awarded The Aesthetica Art Prize in York, United Kingdom. Jansen has upcoming Museum exhibitions in Rome, Italy and other parts of Europe. His collections include the PERMM Museum of Contemporary Art, The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, The Moscow Museum of Modern Art, The New Britain Museum of American Art and the National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art, Taiwan. Jansen's work can be found locally at UNIT A - Contemporary Art Space in Fort Myers, and 101 Exhibit in Miami.

Jansen's artists reception is on Friday, March 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Phillips Gallery Patron Sponsor FineMark National Bank & Trust.

Also, Jansen will hold an ARTSalon lecture titled *Expressionism Today: Urban, Socio-Political Paintings* at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 15.

For additional information about these exhibits, BIG ARTS events and membership, or to sign up for workshops, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel; call 395-0900; e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org); or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).✳

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## Lindbergh At The Strauss Theater

by Di Saggau

**C**harles Lindbergh: *The Lone Eagle* is a one-man show playing for the next two Sundays, March 3 and 10, at the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater.

Historian and actor Steve Carroll is the talent behind this amazing production. He focuses on Lindbergh's strong will and ambition as he chronicles the triumphs and tragedies of his life. Carroll also talks about the controversial sides of Lindbergh's life. He rose from virtual obscurity to instantaneous world fame as the result of his non-stop solo flight in 1927 from Roosevelt Field on Long Island to Le Bourget Field in Paris, France, a distance of nearly 3,600 miles in a single-seat, single-engine monoplane, *Spirit of St. Louis*. Carroll makes the audience feel they are along for this flight as he relays what it was like to make this historic journey.

Lindbergh received so much notoriety after the flight, he felt his life no longer belonged to him. We learn how he met his wife, Anne Morrow, and how he turned down a million dollar offer from William Randolph Hearst. The kidnapping and death of their infant son, Charles, Jr., eventually led to the Lindbergh family being driven into voluntary exile to Europe to seek a safe, secluded residence away from the tremendous public hysteria in America. They did not return to the United States until April 1939.

The play spans Lindbergh's life as he returns from the grave to set the record straight about his life. Carroll talks about how Lindbergh was a white supremacist, but says he was definitely not a Nazi sympathizer, as the press tried to portray him. We learn about his barnstorming days in Nebraska, and his heroism as a fighter pilot as well as the marital troubles that led him and his wife into affairs. Carroll shows all sides of Lindbergh and he does it such a way that makes the audience feel they are having an intimate look into the famous aviators life. Towards the end of the show, you hear the words, "I wanted to make the world a better place... and I did."

Carroll does a talk back with the audience after the show, which is also illuminating. As audience members ask their questions, he answers them based upon his years of research on "Lucky Lindy." I strongly recommend seeing this show.

*Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle* plays again March 3 and 10 at 4 p.m. in the Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For tickets or more information, call 472-6862 or 395-0900, or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).✳



Art in Bloom at museums in other cities, Minneapolis Institute of Arts

## Art In Bloom

submitted by Carolyn DeCoster

A unique grouping of talents will come together to create Art in Bloom on Sanibel, featuring art from the Sanibel-Captiva Art League with floral interpretations from the Shell Islands Garden Club.

Nancy Hilger and Harriet Pattison, co-chairs of Art in Bloom on Sanibel, a cooperative venture between Sanibel-Captiva Art League and the Shell Islands

Garden Club, have both participated in Art in Bloom at museums in other cities, Nancy at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Harriet at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Art in Bloom is a featured event at museums in many parts of the country.

Artists from the Sanibel-Captiva Art League have volunteered their paintings to be used as inspiration for members of the garden club to create their impressions in floral designs of the art works. On Wednesday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Art in Bloom on



Nancy Hilger and Harriet Pattison

Sanibel will be on display at the Sanibel Public Library lobby, 770 Dunlop Road, for the browsing enjoyment of visitors and residents.

The Shell Islands Garden Club is a membership of hands-in-the-dirt gardeners with interests in floral design, horticulture, conservation and local philanthropy.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League is now in its 43rd year. Its mission is to create opportunities to create art, share art, support art education and to enhance the community artistically.✧

## Call To Artists For Upcoming Exhibit

BIG ARTS invites artists to submit entries for the juried Fine Crafts Exhibition. Call to artists for entries of original, fine art objects with a high level of craftsmanship. The juror is Anica Sturdivant, Interim Gallery Director at Florida Gulf Coast University. Entries must be entered for submission by Tuesday, April 2. The exhibit will be open in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery from April 4 through 30.

Awards will be given for first place (\$500), second place (\$250), third place (\$125), the Gail Jones Ceramic Award (\$125), two merit awards (\$50 each) and four honorable mentions.

The prospectus, information about awards and prizes, and other detailed information is available at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

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## Trio Cavatina To Perform At Sanibel Music Festival

Opening the season of the Sanibel Music Festival on Saturday, March 2 will be the Trio Cavatina. They will perform at 8 p.m. at the intimate setting of the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Tickets are \$35 each. The concert is sponsored by Hazel and David Barber as well as Patty and Attila Molnar.

Pianist Ieva Jokubaviciute, violinist Harumi Rhodes and cellist Priscilla Lee formed the trio in 2005 at the renowned Marlboro Music Festival in Vermont. Deeply rooted in a strong sense of shared musical values, Trio Cavatina has rapidly emerged as one of today's outstanding chamber ensembles whose committed music-making prompted Harris Goldsmith to describe the trio, in his 2008 *Musical America* article, as offering “potent, intense interpretations.”

As the winner of the 2009 Naumburg International Chamber Music Competition, Trio Cavatina made its Carnegie Hall debut in 2010. They also made their San Francisco debut earlier that season at Herbst Theater (San Francisco Performances) as well as their Philadelphia debut as one of the youngest ensembles to perform on the prestigious Philadelphia Chamber Music Society concert series. The trio will perform SMF's annual Education Outreach at the Sanibel Elementary School, sponsored by Sanibel Captiva Community Bank.

Their March 2 program will include:

Beethoven: *Piano Trio Op. 1 No. 1 in E-flat major*

Faure: *Piano Trio in D minor Op. 120*

Ravel: *Piano Trio in A minor*

For ticket information and a detailed brochure, contact the festival's hotline at 344-7025 or visit the [www.sanibelmusicfestival.org](http://www.sanibelmusicfestival.org). Tickets may be ordered online. Single tickets are available by cash and check only at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way on Sanibel.

Sanibel Music Festival is grateful for the support of the Lee County and Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Sanibel Music Festival thanks Piano Distributors, Inc. and Yamaha Corporation of America for graciously providing the Yamaha CFIIIS Concert Grand Piano.\*

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## Jazz Trio To Perform March 8

Acclaimed as one of the most prolific jazz pianists of our time, five-time Grammy nominee Fred Hersch, accompanied by John Hébert on bass and Eric McPherson on drums, will perform at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, March 8.

Named by *Vanity Fair* magazine as “the most arrestingly innovative pianist in jazz over the last decade or so,” Hersch has balanced his internationally recognized instrumental skills with significant achievements as a composer, bandleader and theatrical conceptualist.

In many ways, Hersch has lived up to the acclamation of *The New York Times* which, in a featured *Sunday Magazine* article, praised him as “singular among the trailblazers of their art, a largely unsung innovator of this borderless, individualistic jazz – a jazz for the 21st century.” He has performed as a solo pianist (he was the first artist in the 75-year history of New York’s legendary Village Vanguard to play week-long engagements as a solo pianist), and is leader of a widely-praised trio whose *Whirl* album found its way onto numerous 2010 best-recordings-of-the-year lists.

His fourth and fifth Grammy nominations came for Best Jazz Album and Best Improvised Jazz Solo for *Alone at the Vanguard*. The two-CD set *Alive at the Vanguard*, recorded with Hébert and McPherson, has been garnering wide critical acclaim as one of the best releases in Hersch’s storied recording career. The album made the Best Jazz CDs of 2012 lists in *Slate* and *Downbeat*, and has been awarded the 2012 Grand Prix du Disque by the Academie Charles Cros in France, the oldest and most prestigious institution bestowing record awards in France.

From his myriad recordings and performances, to his work as a teacher, to his battle with AIDS and his recovery from a coma he suffered in 2008 that left him virtually without motor function, Hersch has illustrated an indomitable spirit on and off the stage. His life story was the impetus behind the ambitious 11-instrument multi-media production, *My Coma Dreams*, which debuted in 2010.

General seating is \$42, loge \$47, Student \$15.

BIG ARTS is now offering online ticket sales at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org). Tickets are also available at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road or by calling 395-0900.

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## Footsteps To The Future Fundraiser



On Saturday, March 9, Footsteps To The Future holds its annual fundraiser Jazz It Up at Hodges University. The VIP reception begins at 6 p.m. and general admission begins at 6:45 p.m.

VIP tickets are \$50 or \$85 for two, which includes preferred seating. General

admission tickets are \$25 or \$42 for two. Student tickets are only \$10 with ID.

Limited tables are available for groups of 10 at \$600, or groups of six for \$360.

Sponsorships are available by contacting Judi Woods at 281-7378 or [judiwoods2@earthlink.net](mailto:judiwoods2@earthlink.net), or Lisa Terrill at [l.terrell@footstepstothefuture.org](mailto:l.terrell@footstepstothefuture.org).

Footsteps To The Future, Inc. is a non-profit organization that empowers young women, in and aging out of foster care, to safely and successfully transition to living independently. Its mission is focused on advocacy, evidence-based mentoring and academic achievement to help foster youth as they transition toward independent living.

Hodges University is located at 2655 Northbrooke Drive in Naples. To purchase tickets, go to [www.footstepstothefuture.org](http://www.footstepstothefuture.org).✪

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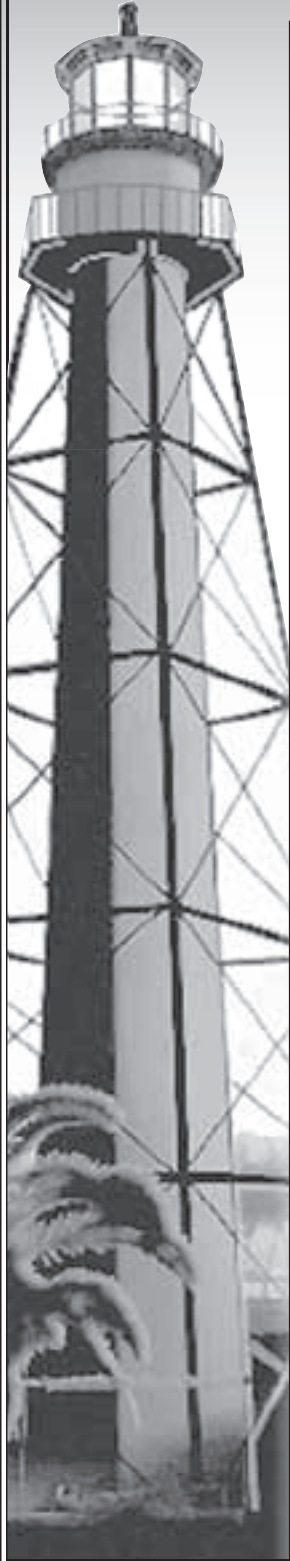
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## Everglades Program

foundation's science, advocacy, communications and legal teams, which are nationally recognized for their expertise in Everglades restoration.

A native of Ohio, Davis graduated from Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, with a bachelor's degree in biology and environmental science. In addition, he attended Morehead State University, and received a master's degree in biological and environmental science. He attained his doctorate of philosophy from Florida International University in Miami. In his role as wet-

land ecologist with the foundation, Davis continues his extensive body of wetland research that dates back more than a decade - most recently at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas - where he served as an assistant professor then associate professor for the past eight years. Davis leads Everglades research projects on mangrove wetland biogeochemistry and carbon dynamics.

The program will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 9:45 a.m., and seating is first come, first served.

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**A**manda Cross and G. Helen Athan have joined the board of directors of The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida. Both new directors bring extensive experience to the board and a passion for supporting women's issues.

Athan is a shareholder of Grant Fridkin Pearson, PA in Naples and has practiced law in Southwest Florida since 1989. She has an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in Best Lawyers in America. She has extensive experience in all aspects of commercial and residential real estate law, including acquisition, development, financing, title and leasing, and business organizations and transactions. Her community involvement includes:

- Education Foundation of Collier County, Inc., former member of the board of directors and conversation leader for Connect NOW Initiative
- Substance Abuse Coalition of Collier County, member of board of directors
- Ave Maria Law School, adjunct professor in commercial systems, Spring



**Amanda Cross**

2012

- Leadership Collier, Class of 2004
- St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, scholarship committee
- Collier County Bar Association, real estate section, past chair
- Hospice of Naples, Inc., former director

Cross' professional career began in the computer industry as co-founder of CWC



**G. Helen Athan**

Software. In 1990, she moved to Sanibel with husband, WJ Torpey, a saltwater fly-fishing guide and their young daughter, Lindsay. A few years later, Lindsay developed a life-threatening electrical problem in her heart, which was diagnosed at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. After a friend's infant son was diagnosed with cancer, Cross co-founded Sanibel-Captiva Cares (SCC) to

raise money and awareness for Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. To date, more than \$4 million has been donated to the hospital by SCC. She is now involved in the capital campaign to build a freestanding facility for Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida on the Health Park campus. Other notable services, achievements and recognitions include:

- *Gulfshore Life* 2006 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser
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- Supporter, EMILY's List and Ruth's List to elect women to state and national political offices
- Trustee, recently endowed family foundation whose mission will focus primarily on women

For more information about The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida, visit <http://www.womensfundflorida.org> or email [contact@womensfundflorida.org](mailto:contact@womensfundflorida.org). Also, follow The Women's Fund on Facebook.com/floridawomen and on Twitter.com/twfofswfl.\*



Ed Frank, Sam and Sherril Mirkin, and Larry Congress

## Opening Night Reception For *Marvelous Wonderettes*

**B**IG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater's February 22 opening night reception for *The Marvelous Wonderettes* launched an evening of song that ended with a standing ovation. *The Marvelous Wonderettes* is running through March 23.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).\*



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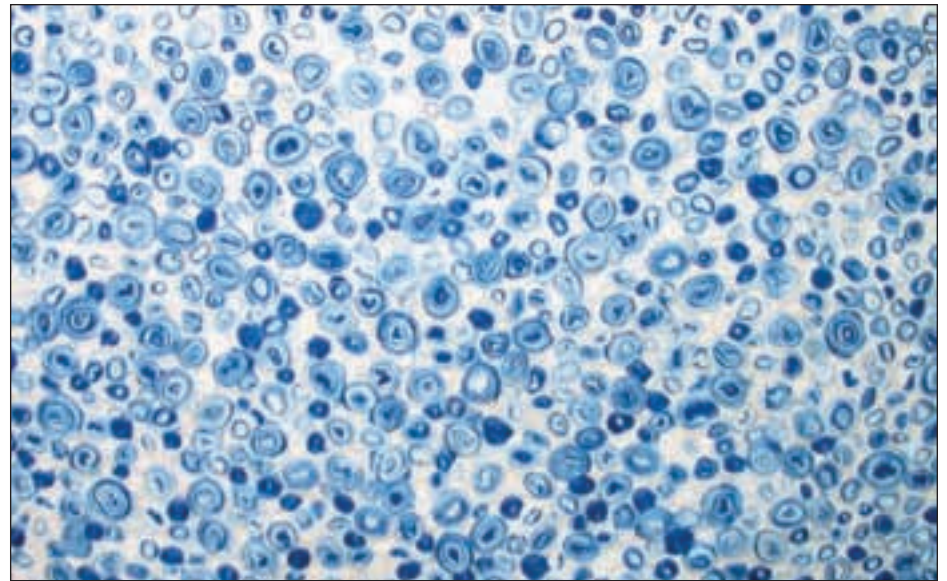
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*The Poppies*, tapestry silk by Maia Tsinamdzgvrishvili



*Shells* by Maia Tsinamdzgvrishvili, fabric on silk paper

## Silk Road Exhibit Opens At BIG ARTS

Fiber artist and instructor Maia Tsinamdzgvrishvili from the Republic of Georgia brings her Silk Road fine arts textile exhibit to BIG ARTS Founders Gallery from March 4 through 30. The artists reception is scheduled for Friday, March 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Tsinamdzgvrishvili studied textiles at the Tbilisi State Academy of Fine Arts in the country's capital. She has exhibited widely in Georgia as well as in Poland, Switzerland, Israel, China, Spain, France, Russia and Belgium. *The Messenger* notes that she is "recognized as the finest Georgian contemporary artist working in silk."

Georgia's silk industry thrived until recent decades. Tsinamdzgvrishvili finds families in the region who still cultivate silkworms and buys the fibers and cocoons directly to use as raw material for her intricately fused silk and wool scarves. She also uses the cocoons, dyed by hand and sliced, to make collages that resemble seashells on a Florida beach. Tsinamdzgvrishvili's *Seashells* collection will be featured in her BIG ARTS show, along with large tapestries – called gobelini in Georgian, after the famous

French family that founded the first tapestry center in Paris under the reign of Louis XIV – which are said to seem more like paintings with their spontaneous splashes of color.

In addition to the exhibit, Tsinamdzgvrishvili be hosting a fiber art workshop on Saturday, March 9, where she will teach participants techniques in wool felting and silk papermaking.

BIG ARTS Founders Gallery is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., from January to March.

Silk Road exhibit supported by Founders Gallery Grand Patron Series Sponsor Deborah and John La Gorce.

To learn more about this exhibit and BIG ARTS events, membership and workshops, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org) or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).\*

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Residents and visitors can bid on their favorite painted bags now through the end of March. Bailey's is at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road.\*



Mary Klunk



The Gould Piano Trio

## Gould Piano Trio, With Robert Plane, To Perform At Sanibel Music Festival

The Gould Piano Trio will perform at the Sanibel Music Festival on Tuesday, March 5 at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The trio – with Lucy Gould, violin, Alice Neary, cello and Benjamin Frith, piano – will be joined by Lucy's husband, Robert Plane, principal clarinetist for the National Orchestra of Wales. Tickets are \$35 each. The concert is sponsored by the LAT Foundation.

This British trio has performed worldwide, including Carnegie Hall, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Lincoln Center and Wigmore Hall, plus festival appearances at Edinburgh, Spoleto and Bath. Their concerts are broadcast frequently on BBC Radio 3. The trio records extensively, often with Robert Plane, and it has been shortlisted for a Gramophone Award. Other awards include first prize at the Charles Hennen competition in Holland, joint first prize in the inaugural Melbourne International Chamber

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## Verrastro To Lecture At BIG ARTS

The FORUM at BIG ARTS Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series welcomes Frank Verrastro on Sunday, March 10 to Schein Performance Hall, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

Verrastro is senior vice president and director of the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. His government service includes staff positions in the White House on the Energy Policy and Planning Staff and with the Oil and Gas Office of the Department of the Interior. Verrastro is a former director of the Office of Producing Nations and deputy assistant secretary for international energy resources. In the private sector, he served as director of refinery policy and crude oil planning for TOSCO (formerly the nation's largest independent refiner) and, more recently, as senior vice president for Pennzoil.

All speakers in The FORUM program are sold out, though interested patrons can come the night of the lecture to see if tickets are turned back in. Although BIG ARTS cannot guarantee ticket availability, historically tickets have become available the night of a lecture. The FORUM lectures begin at 7:30 p.m.

The FORUM Grand Patron Series Sponsors are Northern Trust and Sue and Tom Pick.

Visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) for more event and performance information. To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.✪



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# Sanibel Uncorked Wine & Food Fest



Dan Arteaga of Johnson Brothers Liquor & Spirits fills the glasses of Joyce and Ted Camp at the 5th annual Sanibel Uncorked Wine & Food Fest, hosted by Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery on February 21. The fundraiser benefitted the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club



Optimist Club members Randy Carson, Stan and Dani Howard



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The tent at Lily & Co.



Rosemary Rhumberg, Mark and Frances Steger, Stan Howard, Jr. and Ruth Falkenhayn  
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Silent auction items included a pair of stuffed dolphins and a toy shark



Board of Advisors co-chair Mary Evelyn Tucker shares a laugh with Mallory Haffenreffer and poet Alison Hawthorne Deming at the 9th annual Fundraising Celebration

## Haffenreffer Challenge Matches Gifts

by Kharli Rose and Michael Saenz

What may appear as a traditional soiree by the beach on Sanibel Island, holds a higher purpose for community supporters, Florida Gulf Coast University students and faculty who benefit from the opportunities provided by the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education throughout the year. Mallory and Peter Haffenreffer, the Sanibel residents who hosted the center's 9th annual Fundraising Celebration at their beachfront residence on February 9, have graciously renewed their Haffenreffer Challenge, which will match gifts to the center up to a total of \$12,000.

As part of the Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture Weekend, attendees of the party with a purpose contributed funds to support the center's mission. Proceeds of the weekend events benefit scholarly publications, student

employment and research, and ongoing educational events. Leslie Gregory played harp inside the Haffenreffer's home while harpist Julia Lane and violinist Fred Gosbee shared their lovely music on the beach.

Center board co-chairs Mary Evelyn Tucker and David Orr made brief remarks just after sunset and the Haffenreffer Challenge was announced. Tucker provided the cosmological context for the center's work by drawing attention to the larger story of the universe, which is the subject of her 2012 Emmy Award-winning film, *Journey of the Universe*. Well known as a leading authority on climate change, Orr suggested the question is not "if" but "when" the disastrous effects will be felt and insisted that we all have a moral obligation to be stewards of the planet. His sobering talk stressed the need for action and suggested that it is future generations that will suffer the consequences of our actions now.

The Fundraising Celebration followed the center's annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture, which was a poetry reading by beloved poet Mary Oliver, on February 8. Nearly 400 people



Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran giving remarks at the 9th annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture



Poet Mary Oliver speaking at the 9th annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture

attended the annual event at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, with overflow seating in the Parish Hall and many at the jumbo screen outdoors under the stars.

At the Fundraising Celebration, poet Alison Hawthorne Deming made an appeal for gifts to be matched through the Haffenreffer Challenge and concluded with her metaphorical poem,

*Mosquitoes*. It spoke of the small sacrifices people make for "selfless service to their future" and aimed to show guests that their contributions help center members realize their dreams and create a better future for both the local and global community.

For more information on matching contributions to the center, call Director Peter Blaze Corcoran at 590-7166, email [cese@fgcu.edu](mailto:cese@fgcu.edu) or visit [www.fgcu.edu/cese](http://www.fgcu.edu/cese). ✨

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## Zonta Tour

and who own a successful clean-up firm called Environmental Products & Services of Vermont with 18 offices from Vermont to Alabama, were attracted by the opportunity to create new living space. They worked with Raymond Fenton Architects of Fort Myers to create a dream getaway of 4,300 square feet for their friends and families.

Construction was by Benchmark General Contractors, also of Fort Myers. For interior finishes, furnishings and art, the owners turned to Mary Ann Williams, Allied ASID, of Sanibel-based Landmark Design. "Their goal was to avoid 'typical island style' and also to incorporate natural materials," she said. "I worked with a design concept of 'silk shirt and jeans' – the juxtaposition of contrasting elements that are rich and elegant but also warm and comfortable."

This stunning home has shed its 40-year-old former incarnation and gleams with a soft, contemporary style. Williams brought in unique elements in elegant, muted shades: wallcovering with natural horse hair woven in; an onyx bathroom countertop that glows with hidden lights; Dominican coralstone floors; carpets from Pakistan soaked in yogurt and bleached in the sun; and hand-carved mahogany doors for the main entrance. A hi-tech communication system allows residents to control temperature, music, and more through wall mounted touch-pads.

Furnishings in peaceful tones of taupe, cream and beige are accented by lively art, including works by Ken Otsuka of Massachusetts and David Ruhe of Naples. A crystal chandelier, almost nine feet high, which took one entire day to install, graces the entrance and can be viewed from every stairway and hall. On the upper floor, two spacious master suites maximize the view of the Gulf of Mexico.

"Zonta does such good work and the Peek is a great cause," said Anthony Melfi. "We were pleased to be asked to support this event." The home is sponsored by Landmark Design of Sanibel, Alternative Audio Solutions (Jeff Carnes and Rick Hollenback) and Jeff Paul Enterprises, Inc., Landscape Services.

All 560 tickets for the March 16 guided tour are sold out, but those wishing to support Zonta's work may participate in Six Chances at the Unique, the annual raffle, with tickets just \$10 each on sale from any Zonta member and outside Bailey's General Store on weekends through March 9. Funds raised during the Peek go to support local and global programs that improve women's lives. ✨



Maggi Feiner, executive director of FISH; Karen Bell, co-owner of Lily & Company; artist Myra Roberts; and Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Company

## Art Night Raises Funds For FISH

Artist Myra Roberts and Lily & Company Jewelry Gallery hosted their first Art Night on February 15 to support Friends In Service Here (FISH) of Sanibel. There was live music,

food and drink, and many of Roberts' new works on display for visitors to view. More than \$1,450 in raffle money was raised for FISH.

Roberts and Lily & Company co-owners Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell thank the community for making this event such a success. They look forward to making it an annual event. ✨

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## Gould Piano Trio

Music Competition, Audience Prize and First Prize at the 1993 Primo Vittorio Gui Competition in Florence. The trio's residency at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester enables them to build relationships with young ensembles, explore a wider repertoire and perform regularly in the city's busy concert schedule.

The trio's March 5 program will include:

Haydn: *Hob XV; 27 in C*

Zemlinsky: *Trio for clarinet, cello and piano*

Khachaturian: *Trio for clarinet, violin and piano*

Brahms: *Piano Trio in C minor*

For ticket information and a detailed brochure, contact the festival's hotline at 344-7025 or visit [www.sanibelmusicfestival.org](http://www.sanibelmusicfestival.org). Tickets may be ordered online. Single tickets are available by cash and check only at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way on Sanibel. ✨

The cast of *The Marvelous Wonderettes*

photo by Nick Adams Photography

## Marvelous Memories At The Strauss

by Di Saggau

Everyone remembers their senior prom and if it fell during the '50s, you will totally relate to *The Marvelous Wonderettes* playing at the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater. And if it didn't, you'll still have a wonderful time as the four Wonderettes share their hopes and dreams and sing their hearts out with '50s and '60s pop music. Betty Jean (Elizabeth Urbanczyk), Cindy Lou (Amanda Downey), Missy (Em Laudeman) and Suzy (Anne Chamberlain) are providing the entertainment for the Class of 1958 Springfield High School Senior Prom.

With their frothy crinolines and exaggerated movements, the girls win over the audience with classic renditions of *Lollipop*, *Sugartime*, *Allegheny Moon*, *Sincerely* and a host of other tunes. A highlight of the first act is when Missy reveals she has a crush on one of her teachers, Mr. Lee. She focuses on a man in the front row who, on opening night, just happened to be Dick Wright, an active BIG ARTS member. He is coaxed on stage as the girls have fun teasing him. Way to go Dick, you are a super sport.

The Wonderettes have marvelous voices and a lot of energy. They really have a chance to showcase their talent in the second act, set 10 years later when the Wonderettes return to again provide the entertainment.

We see how their friendships have changed through the years and learn more about their lives. The focus is on the top tunes of the '60's, including *You Don't Own Me*, *It's My Party*, *Son of a Preacher Man*, *Respect* and many more. This time the gals are dressed in disco fashion complete with shiny white boots. Another song is directed at Mr. Lee, which delivers a ton of laughs.

Each cast member also sings three related songs in a row that fit into what they have experienced during the past 10 years. They give it all they've got and the result is tremendous fun. The cast wins our hearts with their antics and great vocal abilities. *The Marvelous Wonderettes* plays through March 23 at the Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way. Tickets are available at the box office, 900 Dunlop Road. For more information go online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or call 395-0900.\*

## BIG ARTS Workshops Feature Fine Crafts, Painting, Dance

Enrollment is underway for upcoming workshops at BIG ARTS. Full workshop schedules are available online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or by contacting the main BIG ARTS office at 395-0900.

iPad Lesson 1: Introduction with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 1, 9 a.m. to noon

iPhoto for Mac with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 1, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Life Drawing, Non-Instructed with Carol Rosenberg starts Friday, March 1, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Life Drawing, Non-Instructed with Carol Rosenberg starts Friday, March 1, 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Watercolors with Marjorie Bronsted starts Monday, March 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pottery Open Studio- Non Instructed with Jerry Edelman starts Monday, March 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chinese Brush Painting: Exploring the Freedom of Color and the Brush with Edythe Newborne is Monday, March 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Life Drawing, Non-Instructed with Carol Rosenberg starts Monday, March 4, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Open Studio: Clothed Model or Still Life with Eleanor Gause is Tuesday March 5, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Watercolor: Realistic and Abstract- Intermediate and Advanced Painting with Anne Kittel starts Tuesday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Layer Imagery Collage with Marjorie Pesek is Tuesday, March 5, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Writing: How to Get Published, Level 2 with Kathryn Radeff starts Tuesday, March 5, 9 a.m. to noon

Photoshop Lightroom with Denny Souers starts Tuesday, March 5, 9 a.m. to noon

Pilates Plus Mat Class with Marsha Wagner starts Tuesday, March 5, 9 to 10 a.m.

Guided Improv Free Form Dance with Marsha Wagner starts Tuesday, March 5, 10 to 11 a.m.

Winter Academy: Economics of Health and Health Care with Richard Arnould starts Wednesday, March 6, 9 a.m. to noon

iPhone Lesson 1: Intro with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 6, 9 a.m. - noon

Cloud Computing with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 6, 2 to 5 p.m.

Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser starts Wednesday, March 6, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Painting: Experimental Multimedia with Bea Pappas starts Wednesday, March 6, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Intro to Architecture Through the World's Greatest Buildings with Anne-Marie Bouché begins Friday, March 8, 9 a.m. to noon

Pad Lesson 2: Basics with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 8, 9 a.m. to noon

iPhoto for iPad: Part 1 with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 8, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Intermediate Watercolor with Bea Pappas begins March 8, meets Friday 1:30 to

4:30 p.m.

Making Silk Paper and Wool Felting with special guest artist Maia Tsinamdzgrishvi from the Republic of Georgia is Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open Studio: Clothed Model Or Still Life with Eleanor Gause begins March 12, meets Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Adult Tap (Intermediate) with Bobby Logue begins March 12, meets Tuesday noon to 1:30 p.m. (no class March 19)

Pottery on the Wheel with Kelly Flaherty begins March 12, meets Tuesday 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Poetry Writer's Workshop: Intensive with Hannah Rogers is Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (registration due by March 8)

Essential Apps with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. to noon

iPhone Lesson 2: Basics with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 13, 9 a.m. to noon

Connect Face to Face with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 14, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Encaustic Workshop with Ginnie Peterson is Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

iPad Lesson 3: Advanced with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

PMC: Create Jewelry Using Your Own Surface Patterns & Designs with Mary Ann Devos is Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

iPhone Lesson 3: Intermediate with Gerard Damiano is Wednesday, March 20, 9 a.m. to noon

Entertaining Apps for iPhone & iPad with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 21, 9 a.m. to noon

Windows & MS Office for iPad with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, March 21, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Experimental Multimedia with Bea Pappas begins March 21, meets Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no class April 11, 2013)

Accessibility for iPhone & iPad with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 22, 9 a.m. to noon

iPhoto for iPad: Part 2 with Gerard Damiano is Friday, March 22, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

Community Chorus practice is Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS. The Community Band rehearses Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Church. No auditions are required for the band and chorus, and all are welcome to join.

BIG ARTS Workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.

There is a 20 percent discount on workshops for BIG ARTS members. Contact BIG ARTS office or website for class locations.

For further information about workshops, classes and events at BIG ARTS, or to become a member, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, call 395-0900, e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org) or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).\*



## Economy On Right Road, But...



by Max Friedersdorf

America's economy is back on the right road, according to renowned economist Dr. Stephen S. Roach, but numerous pitfalls loom just ahead he warned

a sellout crowd on February 20 at the FORUM at BIG ARTS lecture series in Schein Hall.

We don't have the same sense of vertigo as five years ago when the bottom fell out and we are not falling into a dark hole, Dr. Roach observed about today's economy.

A professional economist for the past 40 years, Dr. Roach, the former chief economist at Morgan Stanley during his 30 years with the Wall Street firm, said the record surge in U.S. consumer spending was built on a property and credit bubble.

Dr. Roach ominously compared the U.S. to Japan "where for the past 23 years their economy was built on the same kind of bubble, property and equity, and they went down for the count with too much debt."

"The U.S. consumer is hunkering down," Dr. Roach added, with 70 percent of the economy slowed down with consumers being "painfully rational to survive."

"Our elected representatives have no idea what is going on, and are not addressing the problem," he said.



FORUM Chair Dick Wright and Dr. Stephen S. Roach

"Savings are at the lowest level since 1932 and you cannot invest if you don't save," said Dr. Roach, who spent seven years with the Federal Reserve.

Among Dr. Roach's economic recommendations are an accelerated program to pay down the debt, provide longer term savings incentives, and ending zero interest rates.

A senior lecturer at Yale's School of Management, Dr. Roach said a false sense of prosperity and "living beyond our means" are among pitfalls confronting the nation.

He said Americans like to take for granted that we have the world's strongest economy, but of 144 countries, using 60 metrics, the U.S. has fallen from first just five years ago to seventh. "This is not a comfortable place to be," he said.

Globalization, among other factors

such as the recovery of war-battered nations, has created "a really competitive world with many countries chomping at our heels."

## Writers Read

The Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers will perform selections from their prose and poetic works on Thursday, March 14 in the Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The evening "reads" have been an island tradition since 1987.

The Island Writers group, established in 1984, meets weekly. Members read and critique each other's work and share writing-related information. Currently, five groups of 10 writers comprise Island Writers.

The selections have been chosen for

quality, entertainment value and listener friendliness by a panel representing each of the five groups. An audience of more than 100 island residents and visitors attended last year's spring read.

The readers for March 14 are: Hazel Barber, Duke Barron, Maryanne Daly, Chris Godwin, Sandy Greco, Jim Gustafson, Tanya Hochschild, Jane Hogg, Martha Jeffers, Jean Jensen, Tom Jones, Mary Lavelle, Mort Levy, Gary McLouth, Joe Pacheco, Loretta Pickens, Dawn Schumann, Rennie Severance and Lorraine Walker Williams.

Admission is a \$5 donation. BIG ARTS is at 900 Dunlop Road.✪

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## Forum On Health Care Preferences

Join Dr. Jonathan Scalone from Hope Health Care Services for a discussion of *Five Wishes* and how this document is used on Thursday, March 7 at 1 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Each participant will receive a copy of *Five Wishes* for their own use.

*Five Wishes* provides a tool for people to talk comfortably about their end-of-life wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers. It is a simple document that addresses personal, emotional, spiritual and medical needs and wishes. *Five Wishes* allows you to record your choices, goals and instructions for your future medical care in the event you become unable to speak for yourself. It is for anyone 18 years or older and is recognized in 42 states and the District of Columbia as meeting state requirements for advanced directives. *Five Wishes* has several components, including:

- A health care power of attorney or surrogate that allows you to name a person you trust to make your health care decisions if you cannot make them yourself.
- A living will – a statement about your desires to have or not to have your life prolonged by extraordinary measures if you have a terminal or incurable illness or if you are in a vegetative state.
- A declaration of an anatomical gift,



**Dr. Jonathan Scalone**

allowing you to make a gift by will, organ donor card or other document.

Dr. Scalone, a retired Lt. Col. from the United States Air Force, has a doctorate in divinity and is a retired licensed professional counselor. He has been with Hope since 2003 when he became a manager for Hope's social workers, chaplains and expressive therapists. Currently Dr. Scalone educates the local community on Hope Health Care Services, the documentary *Consider the Conversation* and *Five Wishes* and is Hope's veteran outreach coordinator.

This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call Roberta Heller, RN, parish nurse at 472-2173.✪

## Lunch Supports Library Programs

What do four nationally acclaimed authors, 7,910 electronic/audio books and 857 children's books have in common?

They represent a few of the programs supported by The Sanibel Public Library Foundation.

The authors appeared in the foundation's 5th annual Library Author Series offered free of charge to library cardholders. The downloadable books were checked out during the past year via the eShelf service. The children's books were donated to the patients at the Golisano Children's Hospital from participants in the 2012 Summer Reading Program.

To help provide funding for these initiatives, the Library Foundation will host its 2nd annual Lunch with the Author event featuring bestselling suspense writer Lisa Jackson at The Sanctuary on Tuesday, March 19 at noon.

For \$55 per person, Jackson fans and readers interested in an author's observations on life and writing will have lunch followed by a presentation by the author from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A book signing will follow.

To make a reservation call 214-0088 or e-mail [authorluncheon@comcast.net](mailto:authorluncheon@comcast.net).

The major sponsor for the luncheon is Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners.

Individuals interested in providing additional support for the event may become

host committee members for a \$300 contribution. Host committee members will receive two reserved priority seats at the luncheon and meet with Jackson at a reception before the luncheon.

"None of these (programs) would have been possible without dollars from the foundation," said Library Director Margaret Mohundro. "We are grateful to the donors to the foundation. With their support, the library is able to provide some terrific programming and encourages education, entertainment and life-long learning all surrounding books and reading."✪

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey
  2. *Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff
  3. *Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron Base
  4. *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
  5. *Sanibel Moodscapes* by Angelika Geerlof
  6. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
  7. *Midwife of Hope River* by Patricia Harman
  8. *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles
  9. *To Heaven and Back* by Mary Neal
  10. *Dry Grass of August* by Anna Jean Mayhew
- Courtesy of Sanibel Island Bookshop.✪

## Russian Leader A Man Of Multiple Identities

by Max Friedersdorf

Vladimir Putin, Russia's enigmatic president, often described as "the man from nowhere," is really a man of many and complex identities according to Dr. Fiona Hill, a Russian scholar and expert who addressed the FORUM at BIG ARTS last Sunday evening, February 24.

Co-author of the recent book entitled, *Mr Putin, Operative In The Kremlin*, Dr. Hill told the sellout Sanibel audience in Schein Hall that Putin's multiple dimensions include that of the Statist, the History Man, the Survivalist, the Outsider, the Free Marketer, and the Case Officer.

Re-elected in 2012 to another term as president, the former KGB agent and deputy mayor in the crime and corruption ridden city of St. Petersburg, Putin has his own idealized view of himself as CEO of "Russia, Inc.," according to Dr. Hill, a senior fellow at the prestigious Brookings Institution think tank in Washington DC.

"Putin is a man fixated on the survival of the Russian state, not just his own survival. In his first two presidential terms he worked to restore and consolidate the strength and independence of the Russian state. He did so primarily by channeling windfall revenues from the oil boom to pay off the colossal debts accumulated by his predecessors Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin. He then proceeded to build up Russia's financial and material reserves," Dr. Hill explained.

"After 12 years at the top of Russian politics, Putin should be a known quantity. But policy makers and pundits are constantly diverted by the images that proliferate inside and outside Russia – from the action man tranquilizing tigers and flying with cranes, to the cruel anti-American autocrat who exploits orphans to undermine U.S. human rights legislation," Dr. Hill added.

Dr. Hill said that Putin still retains popularity in Russia, winning 64 percent of the vote last year, although he dipped below 50 percent in Moscow.

Putin has a wide network of friends in



Dr. Fiona Hill

government, according to Dr. Hill who characterized his style as "the one boy network instead of the old boy network."

During a lengthy question and discussion period, Dr. Hill responded that Putin, approaching 60, seems "hale and hearty" when asked about his health.

Asked about Russia's nuclear capabilities, Dr. Hill said, "We should be worried about them. They are one country with the capability to take us out."

Hill told another questioner that Putin's modernization focus has been education, beefing up technical schools and finding civilian applications for defense programs.

Dr. Hill, who recently visited Beijing, also reported that Putin was seeking as good relations with China as possible, but there wasn't as much interest on the Chinese side.

Asked what President Obama might expect in his dealings with the Russian president, Dr. Hill, drawing on her personal experience, responded laconically, "He (Putin) is not the kind of guy that is going to do you any favors."

Dr. Hill, who was fighting a bug, was introduced by FORUM Chair Dick Wright who also moderated the questions. Dr. Hill was honored during a reception in Phillips Gallery following the outstanding program.✧

## Discount Theater Tickets For Rec Center Members

The BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is offering Sanibel Recreation Center members a discount ticket price for the February 26 and 27 and March 4 and 5 performances of *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. All shows are at 8 p.m.

Admission for Sanibel Recreation Center members (adult, senior) will be \$30 (30 percent off regular ticket price) and \$5 for students. Members can purchase tickets at the Herb Strauss Theater box office, 2200 Periwinkle Way or BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, 900 Dunlop Road with a valid membership card (six-month or annual) or receipt of a valid daily/weekly pass to the recreation center. The discount ticket offer is good for selected seats. Offer not valid on prior purchases and subject to availability. One ticket per membership card. ✧

## SANIBEL Music FESTIVAL

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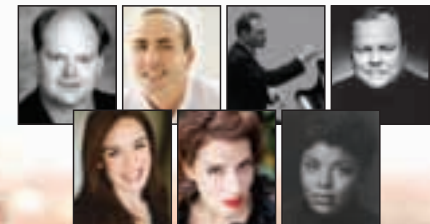


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Indiana Wesleyan Choir

## Indiana Wesleyan Choir To Perform

The Village Church at Shell Point Retirement Community will welcome the Indiana Wesleyan Choir on Sunday, March 3 at 6:15 p.m. This performance will take place in the Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point. Enjoy the Indiana Wesleyan Concert Choir directed by Dr. Todd Guy. The chorale's concerts consist of a diverse repertoire of music, including sacred classics, hymns, spirituals and contemporary compositions. "The music performed by the Indiana Wesleyan Choir is amazing," said Pastor

Randy Woods, minister of worship and music for The Village Church. "We are thrilled to have them as part of this series, and know that the audience will love their performance."

Tickets are now on sale and are \$10 each. To purchase tickets online, go to [www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise](http://www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise). To receive additional information about the concert series, call 454-2147.\*

## Rami George Khouri To Lecture At BIG ARTS

The FORUM at BIG ARTS Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series welcomes Rami George Khouri on Sunday, March 3 to Schein Performance Hall, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

Khouri is the Director of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut, as well as a columnist at the Beirut-based *Daily Star* newspaper. He is an internationally syndicated political columnist and author, as well as a fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School and the Dubai School of Government. Khouri has been a visiting



Rami George Khouri

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## Series Features Island Writers

On the first Friday in March, Sanibel Island will be gearing up for the next monthly session of First Friday Stories For Grownups. Come to the Sanibel Library from 2 to 3 p.m. and be part of the event. The March 1 featured storytellers will be four writers from the island.

Their stories will make you laugh or touch tender memories, and they may even spur you on to tell one of your own brief stories in the second half of the afternoon. That's part of what makes this event such a community favorite each month in the season.

Featured storytellers are all writers who love telling stories. You will see and hear their passion for this art form. Their stories come out of the lives they have lived. These are not jokes or stories borrowed from the Internet. These are stories that really happened. Some are funny, some are tender and poignant, but they are always real.

This month the storytellers are Mike Derechin, Nancy Carlile, Mort Levy and Evan Charney.

Interestingly enough, three of our storytellers are retired doctors. Nancy is a retired professor.

The emcee for the event, as always, will be Dr. Sidney B. Simon, professor emeritus, The University of Massachusetts. He is dedicated to keeping storytelling alive and well and has the knack of making things safe and homey for the people who gather around his imagined camp fireplace to tell their stories.

After the featured storytellers, Sid will facilitate the stories that come from the audience, triggered by the stories they have heard in the first half of the program.

Seating is limited so arrive early. Last month it was standing room only with no room in the parking lot. The Sanibel Library is at 770 Dunlop Road. If you have any questions, call the library at 472-2483.\*

## Scholarship Applications Due March 29

The BIG ARTS Scholarship Award Program is now accepting applications for The Robert Rauschenberg Scholarship and The Patricia Thurber Scholarship Trust. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 29.

Students who have professional goals to pursue visual arts, music, dance, theater, literary arts or film are invited to apply for one of the awards. Funds may be used for an educational institution's tuition, books, art supplies and

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

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

For further information about the BIG ARTS Scholarship Award Program, to sign up for workshops, or to become a member, stop by BIG ARTS; call 395-0900; e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org); or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).\*



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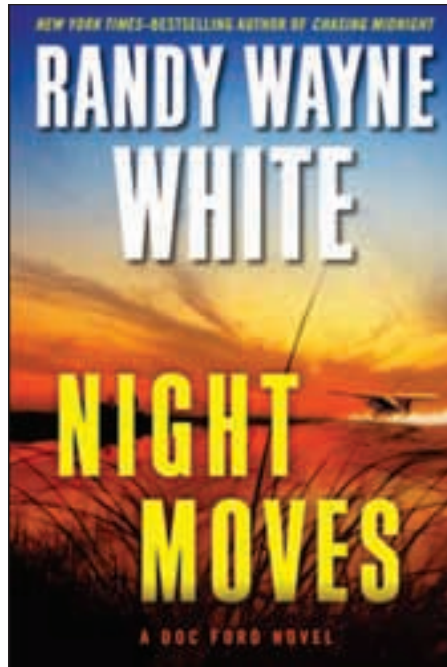
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Randy Wayne White

## Book Signing With White

Randy Wayne White will be discussing and signing his stunning new thriller, the 20th Doc Ford novel, *Night Moves*. The signing will be held at the Sanibel Bookshop, 1571 Periwinkle Way, on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

White is a *New York Times* best-selling author. He lives on Sanibel Island, where he was a light-tackle fishing guide for many years.

In *Night Moves*, both Doc Ford and his friend Tomlinson have buried secrets. Now one of those secrets is about to come alive – with a vengeance.

While trying to solve one of Florida's most profound secrets, Doc Ford is the target of a murder attempt by someone who wants to make it look like an acci-

dent. Or is the target actually Tomlinson? Whatever the answer, the liveboards and fishing guides at Dinkin's Bay on Sanibel Island are becoming increasingly nervous – and wary – after a near-poisoning, a plane crash and an explosion make it apparent that Ford and Tomlinson are dangerous companions.

What their small family of friends don't know is that their secret pasts make it impossible for the two of them to go to the law for help. There is an assassin on the loose, and it is up to them to find the killer – before he (or she) finishes the job.

For more information, visit [www.sanibelbookshop.com](http://www.sanibelbookshop.com) or call 472-5223.\*

## Derek Fell Presents Grow This! At The Sanibel Public Library

submitted by Cathy Cameron, Sanibel Public Library

On Monday, March 11 at 2 p.m., Derek Fell will be at the Sanibel Public Library to do a presentation and book signing. The title of his program is *Grow This!*

Fell is a prolific garden writer and photographer. His garden, art and travel books have more than 2.5 million copies in print, and his photo library contains more than 150,000 images. He lives in Pipersville, Pennsylvania at historic Cedaridge Farm and on Sanibel Island, where he cultivates award-winning gardens of flowers, fruits, vegetables and tropicals.

For additional information, call the Sanibel Public Library at 472-2483.\*



Derek Fell at Cedaridge Farm

## Art League Show Opens In Library



Large Cone with Extra Sprinkle, Third Place winner

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League presents its annual judged members' show through the month of February at the Sanibel Library at 770 Dunlop Road.

First Place was awarded to Evan Charney for his woodcut engraving *Violin Cellos*. Second Place went to Daphne Hammond for her graphite drawing *Mark and Third Place* was awarded to Stan Timson for his colorful acrylic *Large Cone with Extra Sprinkle*.

Merit awards went to Joan Tangren Reynolds for *Morning Sun*, Sylvia Kasperic for *Celebrating Yellow IV*, *The Blanket* by Rita Mach Skoczen and *Pears on Kitchen Window* by Terry Shattuck. Honorable Mention awards were given to David King for *Elephant* and March Calkins for *So Many Shells, So Little Time*.

The art league has been on the island for almost 50 Years. It displays its work in the Sanibel Public Library several times a year. This show celebrates nature and wildlife of the island along with traditional artistic themes in a variety of media. Many of the paintings are plein air paintings by league artists who paint outdoors weekly, continuing a tradition that dates back to the 1960s on Sanibel.

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## Bidding On A Motortrike With A Propeller And Wings

submitted by David Rohn

**W**hat goes through the toll booth, requires a driver's license and motorcycle endorsement, private pilot's certificate, a single-engine land rating with a tail-wheel endorsement to fly to North Captiva?

The answer to this riddle is one of more than a dozen items up for bid at the Captiva Civic Association's 2013 ABC Celebration auction on March 7 at 6 p.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club. It's a ride in a PlaneDriven, which is a roadable airplane, with Trey Johnson, who is the developer of this unusual aircraft that can be flown in the sky or driven on the highway.

If you have caught a glimpse of this unusual yellow vision in your rearview mirror while driving down a Sanibel or Captiva road recently, rest assured, it wasn't Big Bird. More likely, it was Johnson's yellow Glasair Sportsman airplane, reconfigured on the PlaneDriven PD-2 kit package he has been developing for the past two and a half years in Renton, Washington to create a general aviation plane that's street legal.

He has flown – and driven – the plane here while visiting his mother, Captiva artist Stella Farwell.

"It was built in April of 2010, and has been flown to all corners of the country multiple times, and driven in a handful of states," Johnson said.

Now, he is at the tail end of the testing phase of the aircraft.

"There have been past efforts at building a roadable airplane, and while they have been driveable, they have ended up as poor airplanes," he said. "This is a plane first, and also roadable."

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**A Glasair Sportsman airplane mounted on the PlaneDriven package turns the plane into a street legal motortrike. The aircraft is at the end of the testing phase**

convert to various gear configurations, and then adding his PlaneDriven package that includes steerable front wheels, brakes, wheel pants, a rear-drive unit and street-legal lighting, Johnson has created an airplane that also complies with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for a motorcycle.

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## Gleason, LeBuff Publish Postcard History Series Book



**Charles LeBuff and Deb Gleason hold a copy of their newly published Postcard History Series book, *Sanibel and Captiva Islands*, which will be released on March 4**

by Jeff Lysiak

**M**any times, a postcard is a stranger's first introduction to a faraway land. Sent to loved ones while on vacation, or mailed by businesses as a means of attracting customers, postcards do more than send messages of "Wish you were here." They capture memories that may last for generations and beyond.

Longtime islanders Charles LeBuff and Deb Gleason have collaborated on a book which chronicles more than a century of history on Sanibel and Captiva through the perspective of postcards. The 128-page Postcard History Series book, *Sanibel and Captiva Islands*, contains 200 black and white images grouped together from their own personal collections as well as from friends, museums and local businesses.

"We started with over 350 postcards, and we originally wanted (the book) to be in color," said LeBuff, who lived for 22 years in the Sanibel Lighthouse quarters. "But some of the postcards had issues with quality... they were faded, or torn. The publisher had the final word about which images went into the book. But I think they only took issue with three images that made the final cut."

Although Gleason and LeBuff have known each other for 55 years, and had regularly bumped into one another at postcard collector shows, it was a chance encounter at the taping of a Fox News morning television show last year when the pair stumbled upon the idea of putting together a book about postcards chronicling the history of the islands.

"The publisher only wanted us to do a book on Sanibel, but seeing how Sanibel and Captiva are sort of related from a historical perspective, it just seemed like the right way to do it," said Gleason. "Everyone who came across the ferry was going to either Sanibel or Captiva."

"And everyone on that ferry got to admire the lighthouse for at least 15 minutes," added LeBuff, noting that the first chapter of the book – *The Sanibel Island Light Station* – includes 14 images, facts and postcards dating back to 1915, highlighting the iconic lighthouse.

Additional chapters include *The Island Ferries and Mail Boat; Landscapes; The Famed Beaches; Gifts from the Sea; Bridges through Time; Churches, Businesses and Early Eateries; Inns... and Outs; and A Refuge for Wildlife... and People.*

Some very rare – and expensive – postcards appear in the book. One of the postcards loaned to them for use in *Sanibel and Captiva Islands* cost the collector \$178.

Asked which image in the book was his favorite, LeBuff thumbed through an advance copy, stopped on page 121 and pointed out the bottom photograph of a loggerhead sea turtle, with a crowd of people off in the distance.

"I like this one because my wife's legs are in it," he said with a laugh.

The upcoming month will be a very busy one for the authors, with appearances including:

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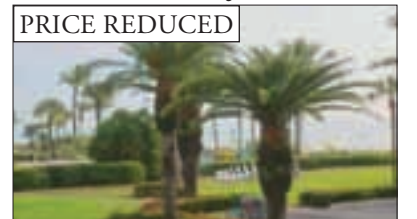
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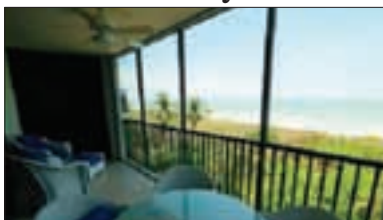
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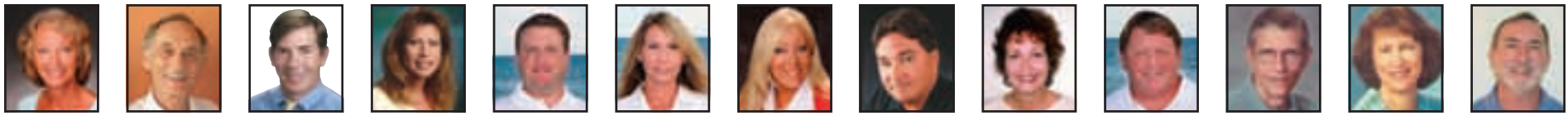
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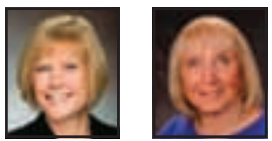
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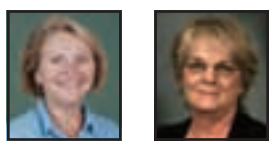
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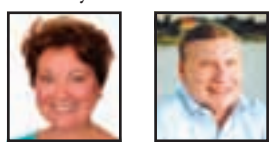
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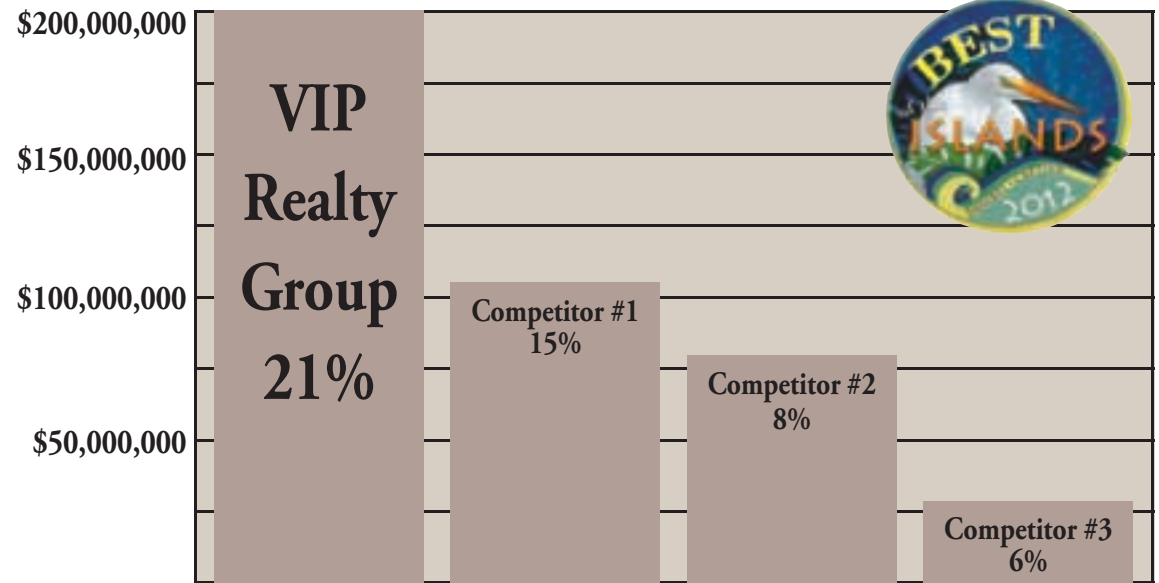


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## American Legion Post 123 News

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Every Friday throughout the month of March, the Legion will host a fish fry from 4 to 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 5, the Ladies Auxiliary will conduct their meeting starting at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, March 10, BBQ ribs and chicken will be served from 1 to 8 p.m.

Every Monday night is 8-Ball Pool League, playing at 5 p.m. Stop by and watch some great shootin.' Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are always welcome.

Every Friday, Post 123 serves a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich all day. Stop in and try one, or treat yourself to one of the half-pound burgers. Check out the daily specials and the entire menu. Food is served all day, every day. The public is welcome.

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## Lapi Is Selected 2012 Citizen Of The Year

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners has selected Tony Lapi as the recipient of the Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year Award for 2012. The announcement was made at the board's February 19 meeting.

Lapi has served on several committees for Visit Florida and most recently served as the chair of the organization's executive committee from June 2011 to June 2012. He is also a current ex officio board member of the Lee County Tourist Development Council. His business leadership has earned him the Horizon Council Award, Sanibel and Captiva Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, a Flagler Award, and the Gordon Schopfer Lifetime Achievement Award. This dedicated community leader enthusiastically donates his time and leadership serving on boards of the Sanibel and Captiva Chamber of Commerce, Sanibel Community Association, United Way of Lee County, Charitable Foundation of the Islands, Florida Gulf Coast University Hospitality School, and Captiva Civic Association. He is a United Way Alexis De Tocqueville Society Member and has been honored with numerous awards and recognitions for his community service.

Lapi is known as a hard working leader with a keen sense of humor and entrepreneurial spirit who gives gener-



Tony Lapi

ously to those in need. An outstanding role model and business leader, he is duly recognized by the Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida as an outstanding Laureate for the 2011 Business Hall of Fame, Lee County.

The runners up were also acknowledged at the board meeting. They included David Dutrieux and Susan Moore, both of Fort Myers.

The Burton Citizen of the Year award was created in 1991 in honor of Mrs. Burton, who died tragically in an automobile accident. Mrs. Burton, a long-time Sanibel resident and government watchdog, spent many years serving as a voice of the people to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners as well as playing an active role in Sanibel politics. ✨



The Community House will be home to a busy schedule of events in the coming months

## Community House Seeks Volunteers

The Community House enters the second half of its season with a lineup of events scheduled for March and April. In March, it will host the 2013 Shell Festival, a Swamp House Party and another one-woman show performed by actress Joanna Olsen Wallis-Simpson - *Royal Obsession*. In April, it will feature a Soul and R&B House Party.

The Community House will be serving islanders in many ways, and is seeking volunteers to help with ticket sales and

administrative support. Volunteering at the house is a great way to serve the community and to meet new people with lots of different interests. If you have some hours to give and are looking for a volunteer opportunity, The Community House can use your services.

Another way islanders can provide important support to The Community House is by becoming a part of the Sanibel Community Association (SCA), the member-supported non-profit organization that owns and operates The Community House. Throughout its long history (85 years and counting), support for The Community House has come from the people of the islands through SCA membership dues, donations and

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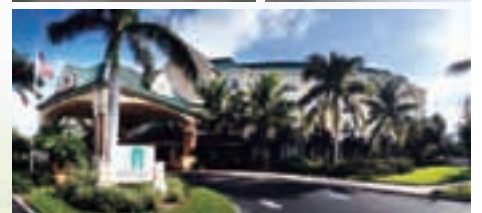
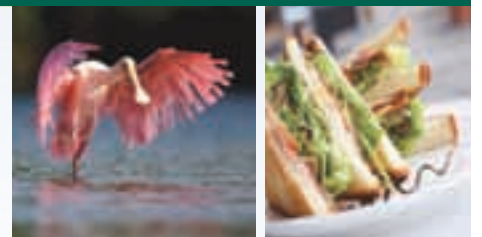
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## Power Squadron Change Of Watch Installed

On February 19 The Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron installed a new bridge and staff of administrative officers for its 38th year of operation as the third-largest power squadron in the U.S. and its territories. The ceremony, held at the Kelly Greens Country Club, featured the swearing in of new Commander Chap Vail.

The United States Power Squadron (USPS) celebrates its 100th anniversary this year as it continues to promote high standards of seamanship along with the honored traditions of yachting worldwide. With approximately 40,000 members and 400 squadrons located in 33 districts, the USPS carries out its mission to educate the boating public on maritime laws and the rules and techniques that assure safe boating for all mariners.

The change of watch event introduced a new slate of officers to carry on the USPS mission. The new officers are: Tom Fitzgerald, executive officer; Marge Lieblein, secretary; Ellen Trevor, treasurer; Sami Lucas, Roger Heider, Nick Googin and James Struthers as members-at-large; Steve Abbott, assistant education officer; Georgia Plumb, assistant secretary; and John Fridlington, assistant treasurer.

For information on the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron visit [www.SanibelCaptivaSPS.org](http://www.SanibelCaptivaSPS.org).

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## Community House Seeks Volunteers

rental fees. The house receives no tax funding, so private support from citizens is critical to its operation.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or in supporting The Community House through new or renewal membership in the Sanibel Community Association can do so by contacting The Community House at 472-2155 or by visiting [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net).



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In this postcard depicting the Sanibel Lighthouse, circa early 1960s, heavy erosion allowed the lighthouse keepers to fish directly from the porch of Quarters No. 2

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## History Book

From March 1 to 28, LeBuff will take part in an exhibition of Calusa Indian weapon and artifact replications at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. For additional details, call the library at 472-2483.

On Thursday, March 7, both Gleason and LeBuff will attend a book signing at MacIntosh Books & Paper, 2407 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 472-1447.

On Sunday, March 24, Captiva Cruises will offer Island Stories with Deb Gleason and Charles LeBuff, a sunset cruise which departs McCarthy's Marina at 6:15 p.m. For additional information and reservations, call Captiva Cruises at

472-5300.

Finally, on Tuesday, March 26, LeBuff and Gleason will appear at the Fort Myers Beach Public Library, 2755 Estero Boulevard, to discuss their book beginning at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 765-8162.

"The thing I liked about working on the book is when you look at a photograph, you can give it a caption with just the basic information. But what Charles and I did was give it the back story... the details you wouldn't normally get from any other history book," said Gleason. "It was fun to put those little facts into this book."

Printed by Arcadia Publishing, Gleason and LeBuff's Postcard History Series book, *Sanibel and Captiva Islands*, will be available for sale in local book stores on March 4 for \$21.99.\*



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## Sanibel Chapter Of PEO Celebrates 30th Anniversary



Three of the original founding members of the Sanibel Chapter FV of international PEO celebrated the 30th anniversary of the local chapter. From left is Dottie Polak, Dee Kaiser and Lynne Stern

The Sanibel Chapter FV of the international PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) celebrated its 30th anniversary in February. The founding members included Jeanne Druse, Doris Gustafson, Helen Hannauer, Margaret Hoorneman, Dee Kaiser, Nancy Kincaid, Rachel Nottelmann, Mary Ann Pipino, Ruth Rau, Ginny Rehm, Barbara Slagle, Beverly Slay, Lynne Stern, Doris White and Dottie (Worth) Polak.

Of the seven surviving members, three (Dottie Polak, Dee Kaiser and Lynne Stern) are still active in the Sanibel chapter and were on hand for the celebration. During its 30-year history, Chapter FV has secured scholarships and grants for young women entering college, those pursuing graduate degrees and those returning

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## Bait Shop Has New Crew Chief

The Bait Box introduces TJ Haley as the new crew chief at the store. On January 1, Haley took over day-to-day operations and assists Ralph Woodring, owner, in carrying on The Bait Box traditions of quality equipment, knowledgeable staff and great customer service.

Haley moved to Florida in 2001 from Ohio but has been visiting Southwest Florida his entire life, spending his childhood summers with his grandparents in Naples and Estero.

He was a manufacturer's representative in the electrical industry and moved on to own and operate a 12-lane bowling house near Cleveland, Ohio. He got his real estate license and then decided that he was not meant for cold weather. He sold everything, packed up and moved to Florida.

His first job here was working for Polo Ralph Lauren at Miromar Outlets, where he worked in the receiving department. He was employed at Target at Gulf Coast Town Center as receiving and stocking team lead. After getting the store up and running, Haley moved to Boca Raton to assist in the opening of another Target in Deerfield Beach.

He saw an ad for an opportunity to work for Woodring and jumped at the chance. "I am really excited about the opportunity to work with Ralph and contribute whatever I can to growing the business with him. We are working hard



TJ Haley

at carrying what local fishermen want and looking ahead at new opportunities as far as products and processes. We will be increasing our inventory for the upcoming season in an effort to have what our customers want, when they want it. We have hired a great staff with tons of local knowledge to assist everyone from locals to tourists to catch fish. We are also making efforts to change the look of the store by rearranging things a bit inside and out."

Haley leads a team of six crew members in assisting customers with equipment, tackle, bait and how-to needs as well as what's biting and where.

You can also catch some of the team out at Matlacha Community Park the

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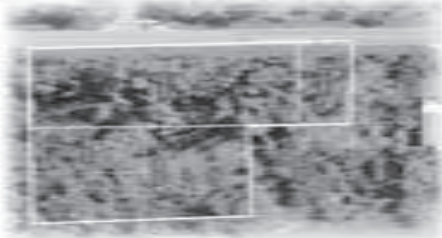
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Aerial photo of Harbour Pointe, surrounding mangroves and the northern tip of South Seas Island Resort

## Celebrating Victory At Harbour Pointe

submitted by David Rohn

At its gala annual ABC Celebration dinner on Thursday, March 7, the Captiva Civic Association will not only raise money and look forward to remodeling and expanding its community center, but also savor a huge victory to preserve critical island mangrove wetlands.

They are wetlands at the northern tip of Captiva that Paul Tritaik would love to incorporate into the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Tritaik, who manages the refuge, said "Ding" Darling is in the midst of looking at expanding its boundaries to incorporate some other areas, such as the Woodring homestead at the mouth of Tarpon Bay, that could benefit the refuge. That expansion, he said, also could incorporate the Harbour Pointe mangrove area that the Captiva Civic Association – and several other conservation groups – have been struggling to preserve.

The battle to block development at Harbor Pointe that would have impacted acres of black mangrove wetlands adjacent to South Seas Island Resort, spanned more than a decade, embroiled local, state and federal agencies in more twists and turns than a mystery novel, generated reams of rulings and reports, and consumed hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Speaking of a recent ruling by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers blocking construction of luxury condos on Harbour Pointe mangrove wetlands, Civic Association Land Use Chairman Bill Riley recently told the organization's membership, "This is a really remarkable thing to happen in the Army Corps of Engineers anywhere in this country. The result of it is, as of right now, there will be no mangrove destruction in South Seas."

Paul Garvey, executive director of the



Rae Ann Wessel



Bob Lloyd

Captiva Civic Association, said it was one of the biggest environmental battles the organization has engaged in.

While the acreage directly involved may have been small, the stakes were huge.

"Yes, it was only a couple acres here and a couple acres there," said Rae Ann Wessel, director of natural resource policy for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. "But the next thing you know, you wind up looking like Miami."

SCCF, along with The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, joined the Captiva Civic Association's battle against Mariner Properties Development and its successor development firm, Plantation Development Ltd., to block construction of 24 luxury condos that would have impacted mangrove wetlands on Harbour Pointe, at the tip of a 78-acre tract of largely mangrove wetlands, across from the main marina at South Seas Island Resort.

"We need to understand that every decision sets a precedent," said Wessel of the final ruling by the Army Corps blocking the project.

"You often hear developers say that they're not setting a precedent," she added. "Bull. Don't ever let anyone tell you decisions don't set a precedent. Once you make a decision to allow a developer to put even a small development on a mangrove, the next thing you know, you'll have another developer tell you, 'But hey, they allowed it over there.'"

For SCCF, currently in the midst of opposing construction of 300 home sites and a marina on 150 acres of mangrove at Shell Point, every decision preventing destruction of mangrove wetlands counts.

Bob Lloyd was recently referred to by Riley as a "bulldog" for his tenacity in rejecting efforts to compromise protection of the Harbour Pointe mangroves. But he stressed that many individuals and organizations – especially the SCCF and The Conservancy, which provided money, legal talent and expertise – played invaluable roles in the fight.

Lloyd, a board member of the Captiva Civic Association during much of the fight, said the Harbour Pointe battle was an outgrowth of the Association's successful effort to prevent destruction of mangroves on adjacent Buck Key Island. Buck Key is now largely a nature preserve.

Quoting the Captiva Civic Association's mission statement calling for "the preservation of the quality of life, ambiance and environmental integrity of this unique barrier community," Lloyd added, "Everything the CCA has done has gone back to that concept."

Lloyd also stressed the issue wasn't



Rendering of proposed Harbour Pointe condominium development

about property rights.

"I strongly respect people's property rights," he remarked. "It's only when people go beyond the county plan or what the law allows that property rights should be challenged."

He praised Blackstone-LXR, the current operators of South Seas, for playing by the rules in their development proposals at South Seas.

Lloyd said the tide turned in the battle over protecting the mangroves at Harbour Pointe when the Army Corps of Engineers agreed that the Federal Clean Water Act requires developers to consider the possibility of putting their projects on other land – including land they may have to buy elsewhere from others – if the development adversely impacts mangrove wetlands.

State and county policy doesn't extend that far.

In 1998, Mariner sold off everything it owned at South Seas except an acre of upland and 77 acres of mangrove wetlands near the northeast tip of Captiva, as well as its remaining development rights to build a 24-unit condo project known as Harbour Pointe.

"One argument we used at the hearings was that Mariner had owned all the land they needed to exercise their development rights, but sold off all the buildable land except the wetlands, and then said, 'Oh, but now we have to build there.'"

Lloyd believes the Corps would argue it wasn't trying to set a new precedent.

"But I think so, and our attorneys think so, because it established the principle that you can't sell off all of your developable uplands and then wring your hands and say you have to develop your wetlands," he explained. "If the Army Corps had ruled the other way, they certainly would have set precedent – a bad precedent."

Both Lloyd and Wessel stressed that protection of mangrove wetlands is critical for coastal areas, especially barrier islands.

"This little island of Captiva may not be here forever," said Lloyd, "but we can

sure make it last a lot longer if we take care of vegetation – mangrove wetlands on the bay side of the island and sea grass on the beach dunes over on the Gulf side."

Wessel stressed, "A black mangrove basin forest in an aquatic preserve at a coastal inlet is some of the most valuable land that exists from an ecological standpoint for water quality, storm protection, wildlife habitat and carbon sequestration."

Both said that Lee County officials need to strictly adhere to language in the Lee County Plan which states, "Mangroves on Captiva Island will be protected to the greatest extent possible." That language was recently affirmed by the Captiva Community Panel.

As for the future of Harbour Pointe, the developers still have the option of appealing the Corp's ruling to the federal courts. Not long after the Corps' denial, a for sale sign briefly appeared on Harbour Pointe. It has since disappeared.

Lloyd said lawyers for the Captiva Civic Association and conservation groups involved in the litigation don't think there are solid legal grounds for overturning the Corps decision. Besides, he added, to go ahead with the development would likely entail construction of an access drawbridge across Bryant Bayou that would have to be maintained and continually operated at the expense of the condominium owners in any project, including possible fines of up to \$25,000 if the bridge failed to open for a boat.



Mangroves adjacent to the proposed Harbour Pointe development



White Ibis resting in mangroves near Harbour Pointe



Black-crowned Night-heron perched near Harbour Pointe



Black-crowned Night-heron resting in Harbor Point area mangroves

While Lloyd thinks the battle is over, he warned, "I've seen enough monster movies to know that in the end the monster you shot, and who fell out the upstairs window, that you thought had died, often gets up and walks away for the sequel. I hope that doesn't happen in this instance."

He added, "I guess what I would like to see - this is wishful thinking - that the wetlands could be donated to some conservation organization - federal, state, local or private - and put into perpetuity for non-use and non-development. I think our wetlands are terribly important for critters that live and breed here, and to hold the island together."

"This spit of land could disappear if we do not protect the land."

Tritaik said the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge was approached by the developers many years ago with managing part of the area as a mitigation project to offset wetlands destruction caused by the proposed development.

"We were on record as opposing the application as submitted because it would involve removal of mangroves," Tritaik explained. "But, in the future, if the owners are willing to sell it or are interested in working with us, we're interested in managing that area as part of the refuge."

For Wessel, a key lesson to take from Harbour Pointe is that mangrove wetlands and other conservation habitats have economic value well beyond the market value of the land itself.

"We're getting so much value from these conservation lands for free," she explained. "If you had to build anew the value they provide for water quality, storm protection and so forth, the economic balance in favor of development is often far outweighed by conserving these lands."

Wessel added, "There's a place for both conservation and development. Having a project that generates tax revenue and jobs may be important, but when you consider what is lost because of what that development displaces, well you need to quantify and weigh the relative values."

That will be the topic of an SCCF program on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Sundial Resort on Sanibel, featuring a talk by Dr. Richard Weisskoff, an associate University of Miami economics professor who has written extensively about ecosystem values.

Wessel's remarks were echoed by Nichole Johnson, director of governmental relations for the Southwest Florida Conservancy, who wrote of the Harbour Pointe ruling: "This decision by the Corps clearly demonstrates the importance of balancing the needs of property owners with the public's interest and analyzing the economic values attached to healthy, intact ecosystems."

While Captiva Civic Association officers and members know the long-term effort to protect their fragile barrier island is far from over, at the ABC Celebration, they will momentarily savor one sweet victory in an ongoing war to protect their island.\*

**Harbour Pointe Timeline**

**1973** - Mariner Properties Development applies for the right to develop 912 condominium and apartment units at South Seas Plantation.

**1985** - Mariner receives a stormwater permit from the Southwest Florida Water Management District for its entire development, including an 18-unit hotel on spoil uplands at the tip of a smaller island consisting mostly of mangroves, that were to become a part of South Seas known as Harbour Pointe

**1998** - Mariner sold off everything at South Seas, except for an acre of upland and about 77 acres of mangrove wetlands at the Harbour Point location and its remaining development rights.

**2002** - Lee County issued an administrative interpretation which clarified that Mariner's development rights consisted of a maximum of 35 additional residential units from the elimination of separate lockout units at the Bayside Marina units on South Seas. Eleven units subsequently were built at Harbourview Villas on South Seas, leaving

development rights for 24 residential units when Mariner applied to the county to develop Harbour Pointe. Mariner proposed building 18 to 24, 2,700 square-foot condo units on the upland spoil portion at Harbour Pointe, impacting 2.7 acres of black mangrove. The project included a proposed drawbridge across Bryant Bayou that would have impacted additional mangroves.

**2005** - Mariner's successor development firm, Plantation Development Ltd. (PDL), applied for modification of the 1985 permit to construct six 9,500 square-foot, four-plex condominium buildings, a pool and spa, a tennis court, an access road, a filter marsh and surface water management facilities. This application described a development site of 7.4 acres, which included 4.8 acres of direct impacts to mangroves and .1 acre of shading impacts from constructing the drawbridge.

**2005** - A Lee County hearing examiner approved the rezoning of Harbour Point with conditions limiting the unit sizes to 1,000 square feet and mangrove impacts

to 1.1 acres for the entire development. The hearing examiner recommendations were held in abeyance for years, pending issuance of an Environmental Resource Permit from the South Florida Water Management District.

**November 2006** - South Florida Water Management District Law Judge J. Lawrence Johnston, at the Division of Administrative Hearings in Tallahassee, urged denial of a permit unless wetland impacts could be reduced.

December 2006 - Johnston's order was reviewed by the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board which sent the case back to the judge asking him to reconsider his order. Johnston then asked developers to modify their permit application to minimize impacts.

**March 2008** - Issuance of a state permit allowing developers to fill upwards of three acres of mangroves at Harbour Pointe was delayed pending an administrative hearing to determine whether or not the Water Management District issued

its ruling in accordance with the District's permit application.

**October 8, 2008** - the Lee County hearing examiner reversed his 2005 decision and recommended approval for construction of 24 units on 2.61 acres of black mangrove wetlands at Harbour Pointe

**2009** - Army Corps District engineer, Col. Alan M. Dodd, denied a federal permit for the project, saying the developers failed to show that other alternatives to wetlands destruction didn't exist.

**2011** - Developers appealed Dodd's decision to the Corp's South Atlantic District.

**April 3, 2012** - the Corps' South Atlantic Division ruled that the developers' appeal had merit, returning the case back to the Jacksonville District for review.

August 24, 2012 - following a review, Col. Todd wrote a letter to PDL stating that he had sustained the Corps' decision to deny Mariner's appeal. "Based on this decision," he wrote, "you have exhausted your administrative appeal options."



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The Bailey's Center Merchants' Association (BCMA) will host the 4th annual IrishFest on Sunday, March 17 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Bailey's Center. Sanibel residents and guests are invited to celebrate the Irish national holiday with Irish food, green beer, music, dancing and much more.

The merchants of the Bailey's Center will open their doors to everyone on the island for a festival to include a BIG ARTS Chorus performance, Kellyn Celtic Arts Irish Dance Academy, music, food from Bailey's General Store, green beer from George & Wendy's Seafood Grille, Irish cream lattes from Coffee Bar at Bailey's, green frozen yogurt from Zebra Frozen Yogurt and much more. The little ones will be able to enjoy a bounce house and Miss Silvia will be there to provide her famous face painting at no charge.

Don't have anything green to wear? You can buy your T-shirts before the big day and at the event. Bailey's General Store, Hillgate Communications and Zebra Frozen Yogurt will be selling this year's official IrishFest 2013 t-shirts for \$10 each.

The BCMA is also inviting everyone to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southwest Florida by purchasing shamrocks through the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign. Gold shamrocks cost \$5 and green shamrocks cost \$1. You can purchase them one week prior to the event at Bailey's General Store, Bailey's True Value Hardware, Coffee Bar at Baileys, George & Wendy's Seafood Grille, Zebra Frozen Yogurt and Hillgate Communications.✱

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## Sanibel PEO Anniversary

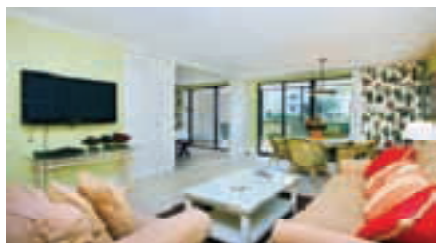
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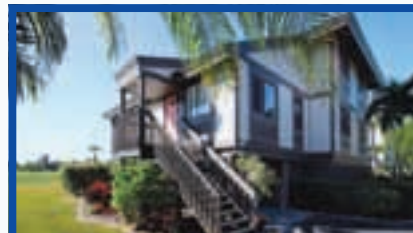
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*Discovering Southwest Florida with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford* exhibit is now open at the Edison Caretaker's House and features historical photographs accompanied by contemporary photographs

## Celebrate Viva Florida 500 With Special Exhibit Opening

The Edison & Ford Winter Estate has opened a new exhibit *Discovering Southwest Florida with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford* in the historic Edison Caretaker's House to celebrate Viva Florida 500.

The exhibit features a collection of historic photographs of Edison and Ford's favorite pastimes in Southwest Florida accompanied with contemporary photographs and artifacts from the Edison Ford collection.

Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and their families came to Southwest Florida more than a hundred years ago when Fort Myers boasted only a few-hundred families. They established riverside neighboring estates, a botanical laboratory and research gardens from 1885 through the 1930s. Over the years, they not only continued to work on important projects but explored Florida and enjoyed the beaches, waterways, fishing, hunting and visits from their famous friends.



**The Edison family enjoyed shelling on Sanibel Island**

Edison and his family also enjoyed birdwatching and were frequently visited by a friendly pelican at their Fort Myers estate. Mina Edison was a member of the National Audubon Society and was active in many birding activities including legislation to protect wild birds from plume hunters. Frequent guests at Seminole Lodge included conservationists such as JN "Ding" Darling and naturalist John Burroughs.

"The exhibit is a great opportunity to share Southwest Florida history and natural resources with visitors and residents," said Chris Pendleton, president and CEO. "More than 100 years ago, the Edison and Ford families enjoyed much of what we enjoy today in Southwest Florida including fishing, birding, shelling, boating, paddling and exploring."

The Edison and Ford families contributed greatly to the history and development of the region and Edison's quote, "There is only one Fort Myers and ninety-million people are going to find out," became reality as the area grew.

Viva Florida 500 is a statewide initiative led by the Florida Department of State highlighting 500 years of historic people, places and events in present-day Florida since the arrival of Juan Ponce de Leon to Florida in 1513. The Edison Ford exhibit

is one of many programs throughout the state highlighting Florida's treasured history. For more information on Southwest Florida events visit <http://library.lee-county.com>. For a listing of statewide events visit: <http://www.vivaflorida.org/>.

*Discovering Southwest Florida with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford* is a traveling exhibit available to museums, libraries, historical societies, schools, universities and other cultural institutions. For more information call the Edison Ford Curatorial Department at 334-7419.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 334-7419 or visit [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org).

The traveling exhibit is sponsored by the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Inc. with grant funding from the Lee County Tourism Development Council, Visitor & Convention Bureau.✱



Today families continue to shell on Sanibel Island

photo courtesy of Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau

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## Bait Shop

weekend of March 9 and 10 as they will be assisting the Ladies Let's Go Fishing organization by running the cast net throwing station and assisting with the kayaking and kayak fishing segment. If you are a female who would like to learn more about fishing, go to the website, [www.ladiesletsstofishing.com](http://www.ladiesletsstofishing.com).✱



Tom Taylor

## Sanibel Island Golf Club's Third Hole-In-One

On February 11, Tom Taylor scored a 140 yard, hole-in-one on the third hole, at The Sanibel Island Golf Club. Tom used his eight iron. This is his first hole-in-one of his career.✱

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The first time Trey Johnson tried to pass through the Causeway toll booth, the toll operator wanted to charge his street-legal airplane as a truck. Now, that they are familiar with him and his roadable aircraft, he pays a \$2 motorcycle charge.

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## Plane Auction

He said he gets a lot of double-takes when driving his plane down the street.

"The first time I drove it over the causeway, the toll operator wanted to charge it as a truck. I said, 'No, no, this is a motorcycle.' We had a bit of a discussion, and the toll booth operator finally looked at the license plate and the paperwork, and charged \$2 as a motorcycle.

"Now, they all know the plane and let us on through for two bucks."

He said the general reaction of people when they see the plane on the street or highway is smiles and waves. The most common question is, "Can it fly?"

Johnson said he often gets stopped by police whenever he is in a new jurisdiction. Usually after authorities check his paperwork, they become very friendly and want to have their picture taken with the vehicle – often calling in fellow officers to join in the photo.

But what's the point of an airplane you can drive?

Johnson said that whenever flying long distances in a small plane – say from the Seattle area where he lives to the Fort

Myers area to see his mother – invariably he hits one or two bad weather systems that often cover large areas.

"I've had many occasions where I'm stuck at a small airport, usually where there's no car rental, and I want to get to a hotel or motel," he said. "My PlaneDriven solves that problem."

He also noted that in the Seattle area there is often bad weather in the winter in the valley where he lives. But if he drives the plane over a mountain pass to the other side of the mountain range, the weather is good and he can take off. Or, when flying to one of the San Juan Islands in the Pacific Northwest, most small airports don't have car rentals.

So what will the winning bidder at the ABC auction get for his or her money?

At least they'll get driven around Captiva, Sanibel or both, in a very unusual, cutting-edge plane, or car or motortricycle, with foldable wings.

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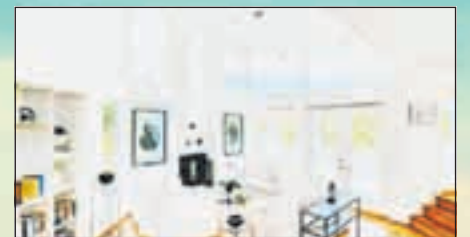
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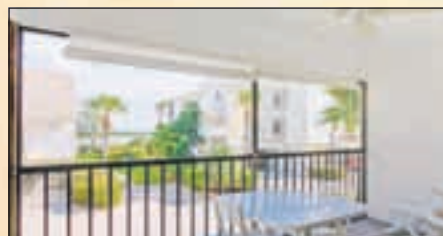
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Play for PINK 2012

## The Sanctuary Golf Club Ladies Play For PINK

The Sanctuary Golf Club Ladies Play for PINK annual event on February 13 generated donations of \$5,900, making a two-year total of over \$10,000. Chair Marilyn Lewis,

Co-Chair Debbie Brooks and Judy Harralson organized this event for the golf and bridge ladies.

Lewis said, "I am so proud of the ladies at The Sanctuary Golf Club. This is our second year and we are very excited about the fantastic results. Next year will be even bigger."

Founded by Evelyn H. Lauder in 1993, The Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF) has raised \$370 million to advance the most promising breast cancer research worldwide that will help lead to prevention and a cure in our lifetime. In 2011-2012, grants supported 187 dedicated researchers at major medical institutions across the globe and continues to remain one of the most fiscally responsible charities in the country.

BCRF holds a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, its tenth such designation since 2002. Additionally, BCRF is the only cancer organization designated as "A+" by Charity Watch.✧



The Sanctuary Golf Club Ladies at the event



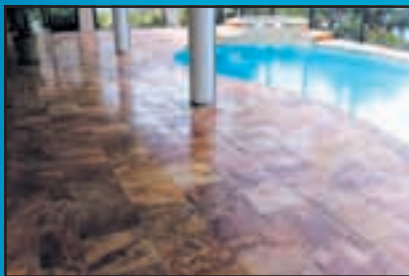
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## Dunes Women's Golf Results

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Women's Golf Association event results from Friday, February 22.

Format: Old Pal  
Flight #1 (Avg. Team HCP Range 20.4 - 25.4)

1st Tanya Hochschild 58  
Annie Wainwright

1st Jana Stone 58  
Sharon Hannon

3rd Daphne Hellmout 59  
Nancy McConnell

4th Karen Hendricks 60  
Ann Levinsohn

5th Grethe Christensen 62  
Mayrann Czarnecki

Flight #2 (Avg. Team HCP Range 26.9 - 29.7)

1st Janice McNeal 55

Maureen O'Brien

2nd Linda DeFrancisco 57  
Julie O'Neill

2nd Mardi Glenn 57

Margaret Dwyer

4th Kenene Weymouth 59

Pat Wentling

5th Claudia Finzen 62

Carol Brodersen

Chip-ins:

Grethe Christensen #1

Karen Weymouth #4 and #10

Claudia Finzen #4

**Club Championship Returns**

The next event for the DWGA is the Club Championship. The dates are Friday, March 1, Tuesday, March 5 and Friday March 8. The format is individual match play for all flights.

Currently, there are a small number of ladies signed up for this event. To participate, complete the sign-up sheet on the board outside the golf shop or call the golf shop at 472-2535.

For those not advancing to the final round on March 8 and/or anyone else who would like to play, there will be an alternate BOBS game on Friday, March 8.\*

## Red, White & Blue Scramble At Sanibel Island Golf Club



Jerry Mader, Gholi Darehshori, Bill Fellows and Bob Ritchlin

On February 23, men from Sanibel Island Golf Club's Men's Golf Association played a patriotic Red, White & Blue Scramble from the red, white and blue tees. All players in the foursome tee-off from the same tees and six tees are from the red, six from the white and six from the blues. The scoring is like a regular scramble: three drives for each player and the shotmaker cannot follow himself except on the green. The average of the team's handicap is deducted from the gross score to determine the team score.

It is an unusual format, since the men always play from the white or gold tees and now some can drive the greens from the red tees and the long blue tees present a real challenge. As one member said, it is also a lot of fun because everyone on the team is playing from the same tee.

The team of Bill Fellows, Bob Ritchlin, Jerry Mader and Gholi Darehshori were the winners with a score of 42.25. When interviewed, they all said that each player contributed to their success: Bill's long drives, Bob's usual steady play with a new driver, Jerry playing well (his handicap will be coming down) and Gholi as the resident botanist kept the group well informed on the newly-trimmed trees and blooming flowers.

In second place was the team of Bill Stell, Dave Bugby, Bill Sadd and Bill Blankenship (the only member currently in the men's group when the land first became a golf course). Their score was 42.75. They were followed closely by the team of Fred Zimmer, Dick Choccol, Bill Fetherston and Don Bradford with a score of 43.\*

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# Kyle Gibson's Long Recovery From Arm Injury Has Him Competing For A Starting Role With 2013 Twins

by Ed Frank



When you're selected as the No. 1 pick in the Major League Baseball draft with a signing bonus of more than \$2 million, only to suffer a serious arm injury in your second year of professional play, your world suddenly changes to one of arduous, grueling rehabilitation.

This is the story of Kyle Gibson, a strapping 6-foot, 6-inch right-hander and a top prospect of the Minnesota Twins who is competing for a starting role this season.

Drafted in 2009 with the 22nd pick in the first round, the Indiana native advanced quickly in 2010 from the Fort Myers Miracle (Class A) to Triple A Rochester, where he was named the Twins Minor League Pitcher of the Year.

But after starting 18 games for Rochester in 2011, an elbow injury ended his season, resulting in Tommy John surgery. The operation was performed by Dr. David Alcheck, the physician for the New York Mets, and a few weeks later, Gibson was back here in Fort Myers to begin his long road of rehab at the Twins training facility.

"Fortunately, there were no setbacks, but it was hard work day after day," he said.

Less than a year after his September 2011, surgery, Gibson was back on the mound, starting nine games for the rookie level Gulf Coast Twins, two games for the Miracle and two games for Rochester. But he was limited to just 27 innings of pitching.

After a successful stint in the 2012 Arizona Fall League, where he started six games, Gibson was named to the Twins 40-man Major League roster last November.

Twins General Manager Terry Ryan said last week that the 25-year-old Gibson is definitely "in the mix" for a spot on the five-man starting rotation, but much depends on his progress during spring training.

"I'm not afraid of competition. I like it. Competition is what makes you all the better," Gibson said last week in an interview.

The lack of effecting starting pitching was a major factor in the Twins dismal 2012 season, where they finished 66-96, the worst record in the American League. As a result, Ryan has brought a staggering 35 pitchers to spring training, more than half of

the 67 players assigned to camp.

Gibson was drafted No. 1 by the Twins four years ago after three years of all-star pitching for the University of Missouri. *Baseball America*, the "Bible" of baseball, ranks Gibson as the fourth best prospect in the Twins organization and possessing the best slider in their entire organization.

The long road back from Tommy John surgery is one of not only dedicated hard work, but one also of caution.

"You have to learn to pace yourself, but my arm today feels stronger than ever," he said. Nevertheless, the Twins limited his Arizona Fall League pitching to five innings in a game, or about 75 pitches.

A native of Greenfield, Indiana, Gibson and his wife, Elizabeth, a college sweetheart, have made their home here in Fort Myers in order to be close to the Twins training facilities. Of course, the opportunity to play year-round golf here might have also played a factor in choosing this area as home for Gibson, a 10-handicapper.

If the talented Gibson does not make the Twins 25-man roster for the season's start, he likely will begin the year at Triple-A Rochester. But barring a setback or injury, it's a good bet he will be called up to the "big show" sometime during the 2013 season.

Those days, weeks and months of grueling rehab will pay big dividends for both Gibson and the Twins when he takes the mound in a Major League uniform.

## Everblades Drop Pair To Evansville Last Weekend

The last place Evansville IceMen defeated the Florida Everblades twice last weekend, dropping the local hockey team into a fifth-place tie in the ECHL Eastern Conference.

The losses included a 21-round shootout loss last Friday at Germain Arena with 42 players participating in the shootout to tie an ECHL record.

Florida is home again this weekend at Germain, hosting Gwinnett tonight, Friday, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m.✪



Kyle Gibson

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last pitcher before the New York Mets' Johan Santana in 2012 to toss a no-hitter against the defending World Series champs?
2. Which two major-league teams have had the overall No. 1 pick the most times in baseball's amateur draft?
3. Name the first black player to win an NFL Most Valuable Player Award?
4. How many times has Coach Jim Boeheim led Syracuse's men's basketball team to the Final Four?
5. When was the last time before 2012 that the Los Angeles Kings reached an NHL conference final?
6. Who was the last American swimmer before Nathan Adrian in 2012 to win an Olympic gold medal in the men's 100-meter freestyle?
7. Name the three golfers who won six PGA Tour events by the age of 23.

## ANSWERS

1. Texas' Nolan Ryan no-hit Oakland in 1990. 2. The New York Mets and San Diego each have picked No. 1 five times. 3. Joe Perry of the San Francisco 49ers won UPI's NFL MVP award in 1954. 4. Three times. 5. It was 1993. 6. Matt Biondi, in 1988. 7. Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.



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## Sanibel Island Golf Club Men's Golf

Sanibel Island Golf Club (SIGC) Men's Golf Association Tee to Green event on February 13 had the following results:

### SIGC WGA Tee to Green 18 holes

1st	Sandy Sauer	52
2nd	Maxine Shevlin	55
3rd	Bev Wiseley	56
	Sharon Ellen	59
	Jill Buigby	61
	Joan Schmidt	62
	Cecilia Olsson	63
	Gloria Waterhouse	64
	Debbie Smith	65
	Judy Ware	66
	Nancy Hilger	68
	Carol Arnould	72
	Alice Salzman	73
	Gini Gersack	75
	Jane Lautermilch	77
	Barbara Egan	80

### 9 holes

1st	Janet Turner	32
2nd	Geri Harrand	33
3rd	Kathy Krause	37
	Janice Mader	39
	Alice Fournier	44
	Mary Jane Keys	45
	Alfie Sheft	53*

## Dunes Men's Golf

The results from The Dunes Men's Golf Association (DMGA) Wednesday game, format 1, 2, 3 better balls of 4, are:

1st	Joe Raboy	112
	Bruce Sprinkle	
	Max Friedersdorf	
	Terry Finzen	
2nd	Tom Winkler	113
	Chuck Hogg	
	Jerry Nichols	
	Tim O'Neill	
3rd	Jack Trautwein	115
	Jim Bradford	
	Dan Alton	
	Ley Smith*	

## Mixed Golf Results

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced their Sunday Mixed Golf results from February 24. Format: 4-Person Shamble (2 Net Better of the 4)

1st	Bob Rohl	102
	Roberta Rohl	
	Howard Dwyer	
	Margaret Dwyer	
2nd	Dave Blue	102
	Gussie Blue	
	Roger Blouin	
	Barbara Chappell	
3rd	Tom Donovan	103
	Mary Donovan	
	Robert Orr	
	Nancy Orr	

Closest to the Hole		
Tom Donovan	#9	
Sharon Hannon	#2*	

## Water Safety Saturdays

The last Saturday of every month through May, from 11 to 11:30 a.m., is Water Safety Saturday at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The purpose of this free course is to provide drowning prevention education to the public. Drowning is the second leading cause of death in children ages one to 14 in the United States. The 30-minute classroom session will cover topics such as supervising children around water, developing an emergency action plan and the importance of sun safety.

All ages are welcome. Participants will receive water safety information booklets and door prizes.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).\*

## Sanibel Adult Co-Ed Softball League

The Spring Co-Ed Softball League has begun. Aztec Plumbing, Bailey's General Store, Sanibel Grill and newcomer Island Vacations are participating this season. Games will be played at the Sanibel School ball fields each Wednesday night. Come out and cheer on your friends for a fun evening of island-style softball.

For those who are interested in playing softball but can't commit to full-time league play, Sanibel Recreation offers pick-up softball on Monday nights starting at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 for more information.

Date	Time	Visiting Team	Home Team
March 6	6:30	Aztec Plumbing	Sanibel Grill
	7:45	Island Vacations	Bailey's
March 13	6:30	Sanibel Grill	Island Vacations
	7:45	Bailey's	Aztec Plumbing *

## Dunes Club Championship Flight

The Dunes Men's Golf Association announced their Individual Medal Play Championship Flight for 2013.

Final Results	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	
1st	Noel Davis	78	82	84	244
2nd	Bob Rohl	84	77	84	245
3rd	Jerry Muench	86	78	87	251
4th	Jeff Mistler	89	84	84	257
5th	Jack Czarnecki	94	89	96	279*

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Around The Islands With Anne

# Rauschenberg Art Is Teamed With Captiva Cottage Open House

by Anne Mitchell



In a tribute to their friend the late Robert Rauschenberg, realtor Jane Reader Weaver and art gallery owner Jane Eckert have collaborated to showcase some of the contemporary artist's paintings and prints during an open house for a charming Captiva cottage being offered by **Royal Shell Real Estate**.

If you are not in the market for a home, no problem, you're still welcome. The art will also be for sale, a rare opportunity for purchasing the work of a world renowned artist.

The old Florida style cottage, at 11512 Andy Rosse Lane, is only steps away from Rauschenberg's Captiva home and studio, which is now an artist residency operated by the Robert

Rauschenberg Foundation.

An opening party for the month-long open house is on Thursday, February 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Kat Epple, musician and composer and a favorite of Rauschenberg, will perform during the open house. Also attending will be Jennifer Benton, of Arts for ACT, with some of the posters Rauschenberg created for fundraisers for the cause of offering abuse counseling and treatment for women.

Weaver and colleague Cathy Rosario of Royal Shell Real Estate will be holding an open house daily for anyone who would like to visit the cottage. The cottage has hardwood floors and pastel coloration and has undergone significant restoration. Though the home is small - 950 square feet, Weaver said it has a large backyard and covered porch.

Jane Eckert Fine Art of Millerton, New York has installed throughout the cottage some early works by Rauschenberg, including some originals, along with signed prints and posters. Owner Jane Eckert used to own a gallery in Naples.

Along with Rauschenberg's work will be the work of two other contemporary artists, Eric Forstmann, a realist painter, and sculptor Michael Kalish, whose metal "pinwheels" are installed on the front patio area and the back lawn.

Rauschenberg was one of the most influential modern artists of the 20th century, but to Sanibel and Captiva islanders, he was a good neighbor and friend to many.

Weaver said she has previously worked with Eckert on similar projects. She says the idea for the open house is to showcase beautiful art in a beautiful home and pay tribute to Rauschenberg.

"Bob was a Captivan and a beloved one at that," she added.

"It draws a crowd of people who want fine things in life. Fine art, fine homes. It's a perfect segue from one to another," Weaver said.

Weaver can be reached at 850-9555 and Rosario at 464-2249.

## LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

**George & Wendy's Seafood Grille** offers music Tuesday through Sunday. Tonight, Friday, there will be live music by Chris Workman, keyboard and vocals. Saturday is Ladies Night with drink specials and DJ Eric with a turntable full of hits from 9 p.m. to midnight. Sunday Jazz Brunch features live smooth jazz from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Tuesday, it's Chris Coile with '50s and '60s hits from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Karaoke is Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to midnight. Robby Hutto, guitar and vocals, will entertain on Thursday.

George & Wendy's is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

This week's lineup at **Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn includes: Friday, Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, Joe McCormick and singer Marvilla Marzan; Sunday, Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals; Monday, Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals; Tuesday, Pianoman Joe McCormick with popular music and smooth vocal stylings; Wednesday, Prime Rib and Prime Jazz!; and Thursday, dancing to Joe



Pinwheels by sculptor Michael Kalish in front of the cottage on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva



Some of the many Rauschenberg paintings and posters that will be on display - and for sale - during the month-long open house at 11512 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva

McCormick's popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop.

Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, and is open from 5 p.m. until late Monday through Saturday. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m. For reservations, call 472 4559.

**Traders Store & Cafe** 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. Traders is at 1551 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-7242.

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

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

**The Crow's Nest** at Tween Waters Inn has live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays. The Crow's Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

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

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

**Keylime Bistro** features live music days and nights seven days a week with Ken Limeri playing jazz sax from 6 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. The bistro is at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, phone 395-4000.

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Roni Martorelli stands next to the Fasta Pasta display at Bailey's True Value Hardware Store

## Bailey's Debuts Microwave Pasta Cooker

by Jeff Lysiak

**F**asta Pasta, the original microwave pasta cooker, cooks a variety of pastas – including spaghetti, fettuccini, tortellini and lasagna – to an “al dente” texture every time. However, it also cooks a variety of other items, including vegetables, casseroles, soups,

rice and even cakes.

“I’ve used it once to cook pasta, and it came out perfect,” said Roni Martorelli of Bailey’s True Value Hardware Store, the exclusive dealer of Fasta Pasta on the islands. “I think the next time, I’m going to try the lemon chicken recipe.”

Having arrived at the store only a week ago, Fasta Pasta is a microwave cooker – which comes in a red, green or clear variety – that has a sliding plunger measuring cup (for both solids and liquids) and cookbook with 56 recipes designed exclusively for the product. Included are

continued on page 27B

## Captiva Dancer, Partner Bring Passion To Islands

**S**usan Scott, who competed in the first Dancing With The Island Stars three years ago, is now bringing her joy of dancing back to the islands. She and her dance partner, David Flory, have opened a dance studio, Enchanted Ballroom, on Sanibel.

“Dancing is so much more than learning dance steps,” said Scott, who has experienced tremendous health benefits, which include weight loss and muscle toning.

Along with their many friendships, Scott and Flory have been fortunate to compete around the world. Last summer, they danced the tango in Argentina and went on to Peru to hike the Inca Trail to Manchu Picchu. They also won top awards in Buenos Aires, but contend that the Inca Trail was by far their highest challenge. In the fall, they traveled to Hamburg, Germany to compete in the first European Pro-Am Competition with stops in Berlin and Paris. Scott’s husband, Craig, also enjoys dancing and realizes that his benefits are more social and health-orientated.

Flory, who recently won Top Teacher in Scottsdale, Arizona and Dallas, Texas, will be teaching both group and private lessons at their studio on Palm Ridge



Susan Scott and David Flory

Road. His instruction includes all the ballroom dances from the waltz, foxtrot and tango to the rumba and swing. At their last competition, they added the sassy night club two-step to their repertoire, which Scott feels is “a must for all islanders.”

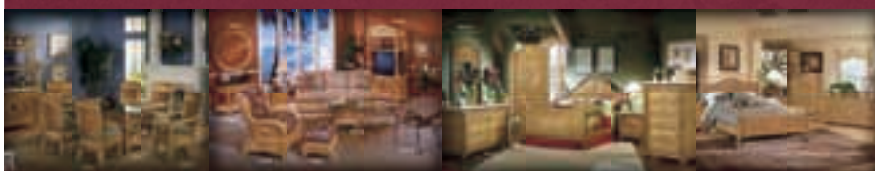
Enchanted Ballroom is located at 2496 Palm Ridge Road on Sanibel. A partner is not necessary for either the group or private lessons. For more information, call 579-0468 or visit [www.islandenchantedballroom.com](http://www.islandenchantedballroom.com). ✨



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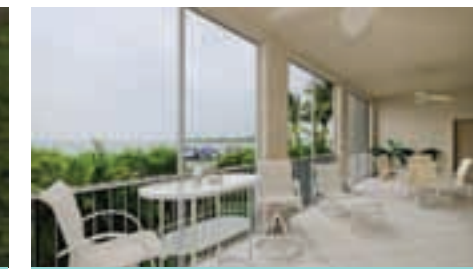
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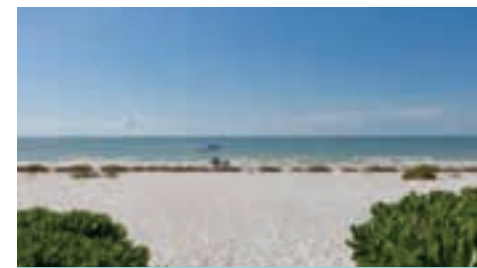
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# My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2013

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your soft-hearted self is drawn to a tempting offer. But your hard-headed half isn't so sure. Best advice: Do it only after every detail is checked out to your liking.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your inventive mind should help you find a way to get around an apparently impassable barrier and make yourself heard. Your efforts get you noticed by the right people.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're enjoying this creative period. But by mid-week, you'll need to emphasize your more pragmatic talents as you consider a risky but potentially lucrative move.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected rejection could turn into something positive if you pocket your pride and ask for advice on how you can make changes that will make the difference.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart gives you the courage to push for answers to a job-related situation. Stay with it. You'll soon find more believers coming out of the ranks of the doubters.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your curiosity pays off this week as you push past the gossip to find the facts. What you ultimately discover could lead you to make some changes in your plans.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A new sense of enthusiasm helps get you out of on-the-job doldrums and back into a productive phase. Family matters also benefit from your more positive attitude.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A bit of nostalgia is fine. But don't stay back in the past too long or you might miss seeing the signpost up ahead pointing the

way to a new opportunity.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) If you feel you need to take more time to study a situation before making a decision, do so. Don't let anyone push you into acting until you're ready.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) As the Great Advice Giver, the Goat really shines this week as family and friends seek your wisdom. Someone especially close to you might make a surprising request.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Spiritual concerns dominate part of the week before more worldly matters demand your attention. An old promise resurfaces with some surprises attached.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period and are eager to finish all the projects you've taken on. But don't let yourself get swamped. Take a breather now and again.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for learning new things quickly and applying your knowledge to best advantage where needed.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 6, 1776, a committee of the New York Provincial Congress instructs Major William Malcolm to dismantle the Sandy Hook lighthouse in order to prevent it from aiding the British by warning ships of the rocky shore. Malcolm succeeded, but the British were soon able to put the lighthouse back into service.

- On March 5, 1815, Franz Anton Mesmer, a German physician who pioneered the medical field of hypnotic therapy, dies in obscurity in Germany. In 1772, Mesmer developed treatments that included the use of ethereal music as a hypnotic device.

- On March 7, 1876, 29-year-old

Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention -- the telephone. Bell's patent filing beat a similar claim by Elisha Gray by just two hours.

- On March 4, 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States. In his famous inaugural address, Roosevelt told Americans that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

- On March 9, 1943, Bobby Fischer is born in Chicago. Fischer went on to become the only American to win the chess world championship. Though he was clearly the dominant player in the world and had attained the highest chess rating in history, he was forced to retire from international competition in 1975 due to his increasingly erratic and bizarre behavior.

- On March 8, 1950, Volkswagen, maker of the Beetle automobile, expands its product offerings to include a microbus. Known officially as the Volkswagen Type 2, the bus was a favorite mode of transportation for hippies during the 1960s and became an icon of the American counterculture movement.

- On March 10, 1988, pop singer and teen idol Andy Gibb -- younger brother of Bee Gees Barry, Robin and Maurice -- dies in Britain just days after his 30th birthday. Six months earlier, Gibb had topped the charts with his debut record, "I Just Want to Be Your Everything." His string of three No. 1 hits with his first three releases is a record that still stands today.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was former heavyweight champion and social activist Muhammad Ali who made the following observation: "A nation is

only as good as its women."

- During World War I, fully one-third of all men in England between the ages of 17 and 35 were killed.

- The 20th century saw some profound changes in society, and here is one of the more striking examples: Between 1900 and 1990, the lifespan of the average American man increased from less than 47 years to more than 72 years.

- You might be surprised to learn that 20 percent of American families don't have bank accounts.

- It was in the late 1930s when Harry Reeves, a writer for the Donald Duck cartoon, decided that introducing three nephews would open up a lot of story lines. At a loss for names for the characters, Reeves asked Jim Carmichael, who also worked on the cartoons, for suggestions. Carmichael was busy with his own work, but in glancing down at the newspaper on his desk he noticed Thomas E. Dewey and Huey P. Long were both mentioned in headlines, so he suggested Huey and Dewey. A friend named Louie Schmitt stopped in to say hello at that moment, so he added Louie as the third nephew.

- Jack Nicholson has been nominated for an Academy Award 12 times (more than any other actor in history) and has won the award twice. He also appeared in two episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show."

- In 1974, a Gallup poll found that the most admired man in America was Henry Kissinger.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Show me a great actor and I'll show you a lousy husband; show me a great actress, and you've seen the devil." -- W.C. Fields

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Golfers gathered for a group photo

## Red Sox Celebrity Golf Classic Raises Millions For Children's Hospital

by Ed Frank

The campaign to build a new Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida received a big boost last week from the 20th annual Red Sox Celebrity Classic. When all receipts are tallied, more than \$1 million most likely will have been raised through this multi-day event, the longest running of its kind in the area.

The 20-year commitment by the Red Sox organization to this cause has resulted in nearly \$9 million in donations.

The sold-out celebrity golf event last week at the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers capped a week of volunteer efforts by Red Sox players and personnel in which they also helped Habitat For Humanity rehabilitate a home, worked with Harlem Heights children on their homework and craft projects, filled backpacks with food items for students at Treeline Elementary School and packaged food items at the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

"For many years, we have supported various fundraisers in Southwest Florida and two years ago, we began adding additional activities to highlight the good work of organizations in Lee County that every day are serving people here who are most in need," said Katie Haas, director of Florida business operations.

More than 250 golfers along with Red Sox players and a host of celebrities participated in the fundraiser, with Naples businessman Jack Blais matching the donations.

The goal is to build a new 128-bed pediatric health care facility to be named the Golisano Children's Hospital after philanthropist Tom Golisano. If \$20 million is raised by May 2014, he will match that amount.

Last year was the first year that the Red Sox Celebrity Classic topped \$1 million – a figure that likely will be topped this year.

The popularity of the event has limited participants to 260 golfers, according to Chairman Ron McEwan. Although there are two 18-hole courses at the Forest Country Club, when more than 300 played in the past, some didn't finish until dark, he said.

The dedication and commitment to community service by the two Major League teams that train here – the Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins – add a significant economic dimension to the importance of spring training to Southwest Florida.✪

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The Grand Finale Celebration for the World Harmony Run will take place at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers on March 15

## Art Of The Olympians Welcomes World Harmony Run To Fort Myers

The Art of the Olympians welcomes the World Harmony Run, a torch relay, to Fort Myers. From March 12 to 14, the international running team will visit Lee County schools, culminating in a Grande Finale Celebration at the City of Palms Park (Edison at Broadway) on Friday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

World Harmony Run encourages goodwill, harmony and friendship in some 100 nations throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

The team will visit a dozen schools over three days, giving youth an opportunity to run with the torch and express their own aspirations for peace and harmony. Students are preparing happiness and harmony poetry and drawings and winners will be taken to the United Nations for the International Day of Happiness. All Fort Myers entries will be sent to school children in Kenya to promote goodwill.

On March 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Palms Park, Art of the Olympians will host A Moment's Peace with noted speakers, local school entertainment and performers with greetings from city and county officials. Admission is free.

Cathy Oerter, Chairman of the Board of AOTO and Bob Beamon, CEO of AOTO, received the Torch-Bearer Award from the World Harmony Run last August in New York to acknowledge the work they do to inspire creativity and change through the arts, education and outreach initiatives.

AOTO invites Fort Myers to experience the true spirit of Olympic ideals by joining the more than five million people who have participated in the World Harmony Run since 1987 with world figures President Nelson Mandela, President Mikhail Gorbachev, Mother Teresa and people from around the world who have held the torch.

The World Harmony Run was inspired by visionary Sri Chinmoy to give citizens a dynamic way to express their hopes and dreams for a more harmonious world. An athlete, philosopher, artist, musician and poet, Sri Chinmoy dedicated his life to advancing the ideals of world harmony.

For additional information, visit [www.worldharmonyrun.org](http://www.worldharmonyrun.org).

### ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



Robert Cronin



Jason Lomano



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Karen Bell

### Top Agents

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

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Lomano, Nicholson & Associates were recognized as top sales team.

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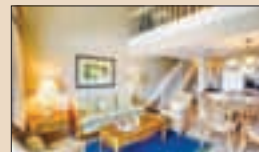
**#3110**

Quaint corner 1 bedroom/1bath unit overlooking lush gardens and courtyard. West Indies-style décor, fully furnished turn-key villa located within the Southern Enclave of South Seas Island Resort. Extra side windows in dining area for additional light. Walking distance to beaches, Village of Captiva, restaurants and much more. South Seas Island Resort amenities offered with a club membership. **Offered for \$275,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.**



**#3139**

Every aspect of the interior is designed to enhance the island experience. The entry level offers a private guest bedroom and bath, a great room that encompasses an open floor plan with sliding glass doors in living and side window in dining area in this end villa. The privacy of the master bedroom with en-suite bath is located on the upper level overlooking an enclave of sunlight through the picture window. **Offered for \$405,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



## BEACH VILLA

Less is more! A Captiva Island one bedroom has one of the most desirable locations on the island and within South Seas Island Resort. This second floor villa features fabulous views of the Gulf of Mexico and steps to our beautiful Captiva Beach. Enjoy sunsets from the Lanai. Traditional interior accented with neutral tile flooring throughout & a carpeted bedroom. Updated kitchen cabinetry & furnishings are included. Sunset Beach Villa's offer grills, pool, tennis court, lush tropical landscaping. With the Resort's Premier Club Membership, enjoy amenities such as family adventure programs, kid's camp, golf, tennis, resort lagoon pools, boating & marina services, restaurants, plus more. **Offered for \$529,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



## UPPER CAPTIVA

This tropical gem features two lots. The Bay front lot features a brand new boat dock extending into the bay with deep water dockage (6-10') Great for the boating and fishing. The Gulf front lot offers incredible views of the Gulf on pristine white beaches. The exterior of the home is complete, the interior is not. A perfect opportunity to finish the home to your own tastes and specifications. Only 1/2 mile from South Seas plantation. The perfect retreat for anglers and beach enthusiasts. **Offered for \$895,000 Contact Tracy "Mr. Lister" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms. Lister" 239/841-4540**



## CROWN COLONY

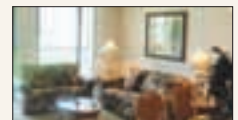
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# Freon



by Bryan Hayes

## Part 2 of 2

In Part 1 of this column on freon, I talked about the Montreal Protocol and the U.S. Clean Air Act. In this section, I'll talk about the different refrigerants and how they impact

Freon in a contained state is very stable, but when released into the atmosphere and exposed to UV rays, it begins to break down. This substance is heavier than air and can be carried into the atmosphere by updrafts. This is where the damage is done. Scientists claim that one molecule of chlorine can destroy 100,000 molecules of ozone.

Refrigerants that contain chlorine have some degree of ODP. It's the amount of chlorine that is present that determines its ODP rating. The higher the ODP rating, the more potential for damage. R-12 contains a tremendous amount of chlorine, therefore raising its ODP to one of the highest levels. This is why there was such an urgency to remove it from the market. This is the refrigerant that was used in all cars and most domestic refrigerators. All new cars and domestic refrigerators have a new non-chlorine-based refrigerant, therefore eliminating any ODP. R-22 is the type of refrigerant that was used in domestic air conditioning. R-22 has a very low ODP, therefore reducing the urgency to remove it from the market. Every manufacturer of air conditioning equipment now produces non-chlorine-based system. R-22 is still produced, just in much lower quantities. In 1999, 300 million pounds was produced, compared to only 39 million pounds that is going to be produced in 2013. With lower production comes much higher prices. Retail price for R-22 freon in 1999 was around \$30. Today's retail price for R-22 runs around \$90. This could help you in making the deci-

our lives.

Refrigerant (freon) is classified by its ODP (ozone depleting potential). What this classification refers to is how much impact a substance has on our ozone.

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sion to repair that old R-22 system or to upgrade to a non-chlorine-based system.

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Superior Interiors

## Creative Combinations



by Marcia Feeney

Want to spark up a humdrum room in your home? Then, I suggest you consider adding a lively and vibrant print fabric to your room's overall design.

And focusing on your window treatments is a wonderful way to add a bit of drama and pizzazz into your decorating plan. You can create a great impact by using a print fabric at your windows. Prints can be used in a variety of creative ways.

If your home is a bit more contemporarily styled, incorporating an impressionist print in a cornice, or a Roman Shade would definitely revitalize your room's atmosphere.

Or, if your style is more traditional, side panels, a traversing drapery, billow-

ing balloon shade, or swag and jabot treatment might just be your perfect choice.

Mixing and matching prints and colors can bring even more vitality into any room. Although it is often tricky for the untrained eye to visualize multiple combinations used in harmony, a professional decorator can help you make wise and long-lasting design decisions.

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Will Power

## Step Up To Minimize Taxable Gains



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

**A** lot of people get confused by capital gains and income taxes in estates. One basic concept that I thought to cover today includes the "step up" in tax cost

stock and bequeath it to her in my will or trust, after my death she receives a step up in tax cost basis equal to the fair market value at the time of my death. So in my example, if I die when it is worth \$11 per share and she inherits it then sells it after my death, she recognizes no capital gain. No capital gain is much better than paying a capital gain rate between 23.8 percent and 50 percent.

The new estate tax laws that allow everyone a \$5.25 million federal estate tax exemption provide planning opportunities to minimize the tax, including those who have joint revocable living trusts. A married couple can together shield \$10.5 million of assets from federal estate tax.

The trick will now be to set up one's estate plan to minimize income taxes, since the tax rates are increasing at both state and federal levels.

First, a word of caution. The applicable IRS Code Section (1014) denies step up in tax cost basis to assets transferred to decedents within one year of death. As an example, assume that Daniel is on his death bed. His wife, Doris transfers \$4 million of appreciated stock into his name in the months before his death. Here, the applicable IRS Code Section serves to deny his spouse the step up in tax cost basis when Daniel's will leaves the stock back to Doris.

This is clear if Daniel's will or trust

leaves the assets directly back to Doris. But some argue that if instead the assets are left in trust back to Doris, then a full step up in tax cost basis should be enjoyed.

Alan Gassman, a tax attorney colleague of mine in Clearwater, agrees with the opinion that when a joint revocable living trust is included completely in the estate of the first decedent spouse, a full step up in tax cost basis should be achieved when the trust continues under what is known as an ascertainable standard – this is the "health education, maintenance and support" limitations found in many trusts.

He reads the applicable Code Sections to say that if Dan and Doris create a revocable living trust and fund it together in such a way as to include all of the assets in Dan's estate when he dies, and if the trust then continues for Doris, granting her income rights and principal invasion rights for her health, maintenance and support, then all of the assets inside of the trust should receive a step up in tax cost basis at Dan's death.

This is contrary to the official IRS position, but appears consistent with the language under the statute. With the increase in federal estate tax exemption amounts, trusts could conceivably be drafted to take advantage of this opportunity. The family would have to be willing to live with the risk of challenging the IRS position, but there may be a lot to gain and little to lose.

With top marginal tax rates (including state income taxes) on short term capital gains approaching 43 to 50 percent,

estate planning to minimize income taxes is going to become more important.

There are other issues surrounding trust income and the tax rates, so careful planning with qualified professionals should be considered before acting.

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## Seniors Blue Book Hosts Senior Symposium

**S**eniors Blue Book will host its annual senior symposium at Shell Point Retirement Community on Thursday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will take place in the Community Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point. This is a free event, and lunch is included. However, space is limited, and a reservation is required for entry. To register, call 313-6409.

This symposium will help to educate seniors and their families about their options in Southwest Florida. Attendees will learn how to decide the right time and place to make a change – whether it's moving into one of the many beautiful independent living communities in our area, choosing an assisted living community because more services are needed, or having outside help so seniors can stay in their homes.

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## Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted By Uncommon Friends

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Since 1998, the foundation has provided scholarships to more than 320 individuals who have demonstrated the personal traits of the five unique men and their wives James D. Newton wrote about in his book, *Uncommon Friends*. His "uncommon friends" were Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Dr. Alexis Carrel and Charles Lindbergh and their wives.

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- The Future Teacher scholarship is awarded to students matriculated in a program leading to a degree in education.
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The Uncommon Friends Foundation, a not for profit 501(c)3 organization established in 1993, is dedicated to lifelong character building among today's youth and business leaders. Its mission is to promote character education in schools, business

ethics in the workplace and historic preservation of the Burroughs Home and James Newton Archives.

For more information, call 337-9505 or visit [www.uncommonfriends.org](http://www.uncommonfriends.org).

### Insurance Tip

## Selling Your Property



by Marge Meek

In the past, your wind mitigation form has been transferable to the buyer of your house, within certain restrictions. That has changed. Now the buyer of a property has to have a new mitigation form done to get credits on his Citizens wind policy.

The exception to this is that the uniform mitigation form that was done by a Citizens re-inspection company can be used by the new owner. There are problems with this. If you contested your Citizens re-inspection and got credits reinstated, a revised mitigation will not be issued. You will need to keep documentation showing what changes were made.

Many property owners do not have a copy of their Citizens re-inspection

report. It is available by going on the Citizens website and putting in your telephone number and email address. If this doesn't work, have your agent check on the information that is in the system. Additionally, your agent does get a copy of the re-inspection and the resulting changes made by Citizens, so be sure you get a copy for your files.

Even with a new mitigation form in hand, the buyer may run into trouble with Citizens, who will go back and compare it to their information on file for that address. Properties where upgrades were made as part of the closing, for instance, will see an increased premium notice, if documentation isn't included. In other words, a new mitigation form doesn't mean that Citizens will accept the values on it without additional information on what changes took place.

It is difficult to believe that Citizens' process is getting even more cumbersome, but that is why more and more of you are saying, "forget the cost, find me another company."

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, I have two children, a 7- and 9-year-old. They are quite happy to stay inside after school and play computer games or watch TV.

I think they should go outside and play, but they are good students and great kids and I know they need to relax after school. Are there any guidelines about outdoor time and computer time that might give me some perspective?

Jeanine S., Fort Myers Beach

**Jeanine,**

It's very important for kids have well balanced activities in their lives. Too much of anything usually does not bode well.

Generally speaking, the recommendations for school aged children is for a minimum of 60 minutes per day of moderate-to vigorous physical activity. The guideline for screen-time viewing (computer, video, TV, etc..) is a maximum of two hours per day.

*The Journal of American Pediatrics* recently reviewed a study to determine if the general population was actually meeting these guidelines. They used data collected from the 2009-2010 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey that included 1,218 children from ages six to 11 and from a cross section of race/ethnicity, sex, income and family structure.

The survey revealed that overall, 70 percent of children met physical activity recommendations, and 54 percent met screen-time viewing recommendations. Approximately 4 out of 10 children met both guidelines. Older children were less likely to meet the physical activity recom-

mendation than younger children.

So what does this information mean? It contains both good and bad news. It's great that 70 percent of children are getting adequate physical activity. We know that adequate physical activity is critical for both physical and intellectual development and growth. The bad news is that it seems that our children as a whole are spending too much time in front of a screen whether it be TV, computer or video. It's so easy and inviting to stay in front of a computer screen or just watch TV. Hours can slip by without anyone taking account of them. Overall, we are not providing any additional benefits to our kids by allowing them unlimited time on these devices.

With younger children you might consider making screen-time contingent on playing outdoors first. They don't necessarily need organized sports to get this exercise. Just staying in the yard or the neighborhood can provide such activities like walking, swimming, biking, playing ball, or even outdoor games like tag are activities that children use for physical play. If your children go to an afterschool care program, you can discuss this request for physical playtime with the leaders there and ask that they be allowed to play first before they do any video games or homework.

It may be harder to encourage older children to get enough physical activity. They might benefit more from organized sports with arranged practices for exercise.

Build an awareness of screen time. Ask your children how they are going to spend their two screen hours – watching favorite programs, playing favorite games? It's important for children to make conscious choices about their activities so they can begin to learn how to prioritize their time and learn how to make good choices.

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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.\*

## Alzheimer's Center Currently Accepting Scholarship Applications

**T**he Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is currently accepting scholarship applications from local Lee County high school seniors for the Scholarship Award Program. This is the 11th year the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center has offered scholarships to college-bound students who have had a personal experience with someone suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

Seniors from local high schools are invited to submit an application for a \$1,000 scholarship. Each applicant is asked to write a narrative about his/her positive experience with a family member or friend who is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia. A panel of advisory board members of the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center will review the applications focusing on the narrative as well as the student's volunteer experience and future goals.

Completed applications, including letters of recommendation, must be postmarked by March 31, 2013. Recipients will be announced in May. To obtain an application, students can call the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center at 437-3007 or visit [www.alzheimersswfl.org](http://www.alzheimersswfl.org).

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a local United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers in Lee County. For more information, the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center can be contacted at 437-3007.\*

## Kindergarten Orientation

**T**he Sanibel School will be holding its kindergarten orientation on Tuesday, March 19 for children who will be five years old on or before September 1 and who plan to attend school in the fall. Orientation for students is at 9 a.m. and orientation for parents only will be held at 6:30 p.m. that same day. Call the registrar, Donna Marks, at 472-1617 for more information.\*

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## Echinacea Helps Ward Off The Common Cold



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Pharmacist: I've got a cold, and I've sneezed about a hundred times today! Should I start taking echinacea, and will it help me with the sneezing?

AT, Sanibel

It's the season for the common cold with over one billion cases of it in the United States each year. Sneezing is perhaps the most annoying symptom of all. Most people don't realize sneezing is actually your neurological process. Dust, a change in temperature, or even a bright light cause impulses to build up in the "sneezing center" of the brain. Signals are then transmitted to nerve endings and ah choo, the reflex of a sneeze occurs. It's actually a protective mechanism for your body. Tell that to the person who gets wet from your spewing mucus, right? Most gesundheits clock in around 35 miles per hour! And no, echinacea won't stop sneezing, but it does have other virtues.

Don't be terribly quick to cool a fever, it's your body's way of heating up the

germs to kill them. Prevention is ideal. Stop touching germy objects such as doorknob, cell phone or escalator and staircase handrails. Airports, subways, malls and pharmacies are loaded with germs because so many people frequent it. I recommend gloves when you frequent these places. Think of it as a fashion statement for your immune system.

Medicine helps. If you have a stuffy nose, pseudoephedrine is helpful, or a nasal spray. For a non-productive cough, dextromethorphan can help. If you have a runny nose, diphenhydramine can be taken at bedtime, or loratadine for a non-drowsy option. Remember, over-the-counter drugs don't shorten duration, but they do ease symptoms.

Echinacea purpurea is a perennial flower native to eastern North America that wakes up the immune system to help you fight infections. We've just learned that daily consumption of echinacea may help stave off the common cold. A large study done by Cardiff University in the United Kingdom demonstrated that taking echinacea for four months significantly decreases your likelihood of catching cold; it may also shave time off your illness by 26 percent. The study also showed that these preventive effects continued to increase with regular echinacea consumption, something that is new to our thinking. You see, many clinicians think echinacea is best when cycled for a few weeks on, then a few weeks off (as opposed to taking it routinely).

Ask your doctor if echinacea is right for you, and what your dose should be. For immune system maintenance, you

might see doses around 300 mg twice per day. You can also drink echinacea tea for a lower dose. Keep in mind, some people are allergic to this botanical class, and also, echinacea is rarely recommended for people with auto-immune disorders as it can trigger flare-ups.

So, as flu and cold season continues, consider echinacea as well as probiotics, which improve your body's own natural killer cells. Naturally, vitamin C and zinc should be part of your arsenal.

*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](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).*

## Autism Spectrum Disorders Conference

**T**oday, one in 88 children is diagnosed with autism. A free conference addressing Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Florida Gulf Coast University's Cohen Center. The 6th annual Promising Pathways, the Road To Best Practice in Autism will focus on topics relevant to families, educators and health professionals.

The keynote speaker is Amy M. Wetherby, PhD, Distinguished Research Professor and Director of the Autism

Institute at Florida State University College of Medicine. Dr. Wetherby is the Project Director of the First Words Project, a research investigation on early detection of ASD, funded by the United States Department of Education (DOE), National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She is also the Principal Investigator of two randomized controlled treatment trials, one for toddlers with ASD funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health and one for school-age children funded by the U.S. DOE, Institute of Education Sciences. Dr. Wetherby's presentation will focus on improving outcomes for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Conference breakout session topics include Autism Law in Florida, the Verbal Behavior Approach to Teaching Children with Autism, Recreational Opportunities, Navigating Air Travel, Autism Intensive Communication Academies and Social Skills for High-Functioning Students with Autism. A resource fair with vendors from a variety of autism-related businesses and service providers will also be available.

The conference is coordinated by a regional planning committee including parents of children with autism and interested community members as well as representatives from the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, Florida Gulf Coast University, Lee County School District, Collier County Public Schools, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and Family Care Council.

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## Dr. Dave ASA



by Dr. Dave  
Hepburn

“Come to grandpa, little guy, c'mon, c'mon weegeebewocka-wockabeebembe” THWAAAAACK!! “OK, Asa, that poker really hurt grandpa, see the

layers of peeled skin.”

My other grandkids love me, I know this by the way they curl up in my lap and whisper in my ear, “Got any spare change, old fella?” But grandson number three, Asa, is skittish of me, perhaps something to do with the time I dropped him off the back of the Harley. (It wasn't that far a fall, only a couple of feet, though I think his mom was upset about the 90 mph thing). Regardless, I am now Asa-resistant.

You too may be ASA-resistant and that would also be a bad thing.

Apparently, several billion of us take a daily ASA (aspirin) because we seem to remember Dr. Phil or Dick Butkus report that people who take an 81 mg aspirin each day have less strokes, less heart attacks, pay less taxes and can throw large footballs through small tires. And they are, in fact, correct. But hold on.

It turns out that many of you who take a daily ASA are wasting your time, money and possibly your health. Some 15 to 40 percent of the population may be ASA-resistant, meaning that aspirin doesn't offer you the protection of blood thinning it is meant to. For some, taking aspirin may be as useless as a bikini boutique in Baghdad. It may even be harmful.

In some really recent relevant research, ASA has been shown to be completely ineffective in a significant proportion of the population. It doesn't deactivate those notorious clot-formers known as platelets. But this population continues taking the aspirin, thinking they are protecting themselves from the disasters that are strokes and heart attacks.

Blood thinning is so essential that all patients who have had heart attacks or strokes, or those who plan to, are placed on aspirin and/or Plavix.

Stu was a classic suburban guy who drove a classic Suburban, often to the

video store around the corner, preceded by a stop at McWendy's, habits that tend to create the 45-year-old heart-attack-in-waiting North American male, the crown prince of angioplasties. At the behest of his wife, Stu took a baby ASA every day, which, of course, protected him from, well... it turns out nothing. One morning (most heart attacks occur at 8 a.m., which is why I advise always setting your alarm for 8:30), he noticed a pressure sensation in his chest. He was sweating more than he normally did during his morning exercises of opening the sports section and tying up his shoes. An hour later, he was sporting a revealing lovely spring fashion hospital gown while lying on the cold table in the cath lab, awaiting his angioplasty.

“Bill, we've got a Big Mac plaque attack in cath lab 3.”

“On any meds?”

“Just 81mg ASA.”

“Ouch, that puts him at higher risk if he's on ASA and still had an MI. Must be a bad one.”

“Maybe, or maybe he's just resistant to the ASA.”

As it turned out, Stu was in fact resistant to ASA, and the only thing it was doing for him was giving him a false sense of security, which he used to continue to abuse his coronary arteries. He was woefully mistaken and now faces life as a cardiac cripple.

I would urge those who take aspirin to continue to do so if your doctor has suggested it. But you might want to find

out if it is doing any good or if, in fact, you are resistant to it. If so, your options include switching to a different anti-platelet agent such as Plavix. This little drug is so effective at preventing killer clots that, if you've not had a heart attack or stroke, I suggest it is worth getting one just so you can see how well it works. Though a tad more expensive than aspirin, it is a tad cheaper than angioplasty and stroke rehab. After all, you want to be around to strap your grandkids into the sidecar.

Dr. Dave's book *The Doctor is In(sane) is now available for those with a sense of humor and half a sense of health. Pick up a copy at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at [www.wisequacks.org](http://www.wisequacks.org).* ✨



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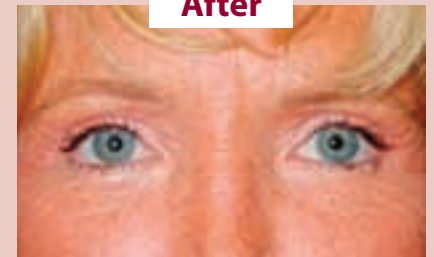
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Eden Energy Medicine

# Kidney 27 – Thump To Jump



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML

Last week, we reviewed Thymus Thump, one of the three daily thumps that are part of the Five Minute Energy Routine. Today's

topic, Kidney 27 (K-27) Thump To Jump, assists in creating strength and vitality for all nine energetic systems. Some of the energetic systems you may have heard referenced are:

- The Meridians – Energy pathways serving the “blood stream” of our energetic system. Each meridian runs on the surface of the skin, but also deep inside the body bringing energy to the organ for which it is named, impacting us physically and emotionally.

- The Five Rhythms – Reflect the rhythmic pulse of life, providing a framework to view chronic health issues, personality characteristics and emotional patterns.

- Chakras – Spiraling disks that store and process the body's energies, providing fuel for all organs and systems of the body. Together with meridians, they govern the endocrine system.

- Aura – Surrounds the body with seven nested fields and seven concentric bands connecting us to and protecting us from the environment. They act as our antenna.

The K-27 acupressure point is the end point on your Kidney meridian (the beginning point is on the bottom of your foot in the soft spot behind the ball of your foot). In Chinese Medicine, the Kidney meridian is believed to conduct the vital energy from the earth through the meridian for distribution to other meridians.



To locate the K-27 points, place your fingers on the collarbone, move them inward toward the U-shaped notch on top of the breastbone, and slide your fingers down about an inch to locate the points.

What benefit is received from Thumping K-27? Because the K-27 points interact with all of the nine energy systems and our hands are electromagnetically activated, all energetic systems are literally “jump started” by tapping these points.

The Thump To Jump Technique is easy. Use several fingers or knuckles to tap or thump the K-27 points vigorously for 15 to 20 seconds on both sides of the body (at the location as shown in the picture). Do this daily as part of the Five Minute Routine or whenever you need an energetic boost.

Have fun with your energy. Send me your questions. Next week's topic will be Thumping Spleen Activates Lymph System.

If you have a questions for Karen, email her at [ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com](mailto:ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com). Learn more at [www.sem-melmanenergy.com](http://www.sem-melmanenergy.com). EEM does not

diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.✧

## Alzheimer's Support Group

A support group specifically for adults who have a parent with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder will meet at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers. Interested caregivers may attend the next meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:15 p.m.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns, and questions adult children face as they provide care to a parent with memory loss or strive to learn more about Alzheimer's disease. The group is open to all interested individuals at no charge.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational, and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers.

Support group meetings, sponsored by the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, are held each month on the first Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center can be contacted at 437-3007.✧

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## Autism Conference

research-based information, we are committed to educating all families, educators, healthcare workers, and community members interested in serving individuals with autism,” said Leigh Anna Nowak, conference co-chair. “In order to make our conference accessible to all, we have never charged for attendance and our prestigious speakers have waived their honoraria.”

Sponsorship opportunities are available. The event is free and offers continuing education credits for some health-care professionals. Space is limited. Register online at [www.fgcu.edu/events/promisingpathways](http://www.fgcu.edu/events/promisingpathways). For more information, email [PromisingPathways@fgcu.edu](mailto:PromisingPathways@fgcu.edu) or call 745-3400.✧

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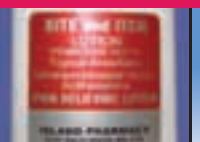
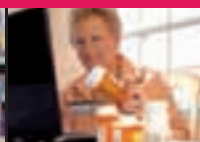
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## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

My timing was bad, so I sat in the hotel lobby waiting to attend my much-anticipated class reunion.

I noticed a few people in wheelchairs and others using walkers and canes go through the lobby, but they weren't my old pals and nobody spoke to me, so I just waited for an hour.

Upstairs I went, down the hall, and there were the walkers and wheelchairs in our assigned dining room.

Some had severe arthritis, others had noticeable memory loss and others

did not seem to know where they were or how they got there. I was saddened to see our once-vibrant class star, who became a Supreme Court judge, unable to control his movements and slobbering on his tie and not being able to engage in conversation.

I stayed only a short time. It had a dreadful emotional effect on me. I left drained and saddened. I will never attend another reunion. I will stay at home, look through my yearbook pictures and remember our class when we were all active, vibrant graduate students. Do you know of other people having similar reactions?

### Dear Reg,

Many people never go to their class reunions for that and other personal reasons. They want to remember things as they were, or as they think they were.

I recently heard about a class of 24 men who had recently celebrated their 50th reunion. Four of the class had died, but all 20 of the remaining group appeared. They had some illnesses of course, but their illnesses were controlled by modern medicine and they were enjoying life. There had been no divorces, and all had married by the time they were 23. This is, of course, most unusual and I think very remarkable.

Your experience and the above story I think are the extremes; the rest fall somewhere in between. After you get over your sadness, you may change your mind and be invigorated to go to the next reunion knowing what to expect.

Reg

**Dear Reg,**  
For many, unlike the social hype, reunions (like the holidays) are difficult... filled with stress, anger and old losses and hurts revisited. Until we recognize that reunions are difficult, reunion-goers will not only feel badly but also guilty because they feel bad and disappointed. So, I want to correct the record... reunions are tough. I am sorry you had a tough time.  
It is heart wrenching to see folks you knew once, vibrant and young, chal-

Lizzie

lenged with health difficulties. It is part of life and things do change. If an affair like this upsets you, do as you say, and do not go again.

The lesson I see in your experience is to take each day as a gift and live your life well because no one knows what the future holds.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).✽

## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** Can you mention some of the positive benefits from managing your stress successfully?

**A:** Best-selling author, Ob/Gyn Dr. Christiane Northrup, is a leading expert in women's health and wellness. She states that the way to help women of all ages achieve vibrant health is by "teaching them to tap into their inner wisdom, necessary to experience joy and fulfillment throughout life."

Happy people, we know through research, lead the most fulfilled lives.

Studies have been done in cultures where people have longer life spans than in our culture. These cultures have strong family ties, a strong spiritual life and trusted friendships, which lead to much lower rates of depression and anxiety. These people live life with meaning and purpose and remain active throughout their lives. Mind-body health, therefore, is about living your life in a way that makes you feel content, joyful and connected with others. People from cultures with long life spans prioritize family and create strong relationships that are meaningful. Research has shown that older couples who have healthy relationships and are healthy enough to have sex at least two times a week live longer and have much more satisfaction in life. What is really interesting is that they look about ten or more years younger.

What research shows us is that nurturing ourselves and our relationships can contribute to a more youthful look, genetics being equal.✽

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# Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships Receives Grant



Allison Martins and Yvonne Luckett of HTAP; Ruth Mayer, manager of Eileen Fisher on Sanibel; Nola Theiss of HTAP; and Beate Hambster, Florida area manager of Eileen Fisher



Necklace by Bling Bash jewelry designer Patricia O'Hara

Executive Director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP) Nola Theiss announced that HTAP is the recipient of the Eileen Fisher 2012 Human Rights Grant for its work on the issue of human trafficking in the United States. The purpose of the funding is to further HTAP's prevention program, to bring further awareness of the issue to the public and to continue its coalition building efforts. Theiss said, "We were thrilled to be selected as one of two beneficiaries in this grant competition and especially honored to be chosen as the North American recipient. The Eileen Fisher Company has been a leader in the garment industry for its fair trade and sustainable work policies. We are proud to be associated with them at the corporate and local level."

The store on Sanibel has hosted shopping days yearly for HTAP which give 10 percent of the day's proceeds to HTAP for the past three years. At this year's event on

February 22, \$2,200 was raised. At each of these events, paintings by students and trainers in the Artreach program are displayed. Eileen Fisher Manager Ruth Mayer, said, "On behalf of Eileen Fisher, we are pleased to be involved with an organization that brings awareness of human trafficking to so many people. We are so proud of the work Nola Theiss does; it is a pleasure to be part of her team."

### Bling Bash to Smash Slavery Coming on April 6

Eileen Fisher, Cip's Place and the Forever Green Shops are co-hosting HTAP's first annual signature event on April 6 from 3 to 6 pm. Four jewelry designers will be selling their work. There will be a silent auction, light refreshments and a cash bar. Part of the proceeds from reserved dinners at Cip's Place will benefit the work of HTAP. For more information, contact Nola Theiss at 292-3834.\*

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## Symposium

The symposium will focus on housing options, along with a wide range of topics such as the importance of socialization and proper nutrition, home healthcare, transition planning and elder law. In addition to educational panels, 40 vendors

will have exhibits and information available.

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Grandezza	Estero	2003	3,368	839,000	735,000	522
Island Park Woodland	Fort Myers	1991	6,792	750,000	717,500	13
Grande Estates	Estero	2006	3,182	749,000	690,000	85
Savona	Cape Coral	2002	3,096	699,900	675,000	47
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2006	2,579	679,000	640,000	49
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2001	2,444	549,900	522,000	77
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Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1995	4,735	515,000	495,000	73

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- 16 corn or flour tortillas
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- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 2 pounds skinless mahi-mahi, cut into 5- to 7-ounce fillets
- Vegetable oil (for frying)
- Lettuce, shredded
- Fresh salsa (optional)
- Guacamole (optional)

Wrap tortillas in foil and warm in 300 degree F oven. For marinade, combine cilantro, pepper sauce, salt, and lime juice in large bowl. Add fillets to marinade and chill covered for one hour. Remove fillets and discard marinade. Grill or sauté fillets for four to five minutes per side until cooked through. On a platter, separate fillets with a fork into bite size pieces. Fill center of tortilla with fish pieces; top with lettuce. (Optional: add fresh salsa and guacamole). Fold into a taco or roll tortilla into a wrap and serve.

Yields six to eight servings

Nutritional Value Per Serving

Calories 98, Calories From Fat 7, Total Fat 0.82g, Saturated Fat 0.22g, Trans Fatty Acid 0, Cholesterol 83mg, Total Carbohydrates 0.29g, Protein 21g, Omega 3 Fatty Acid 0.13g

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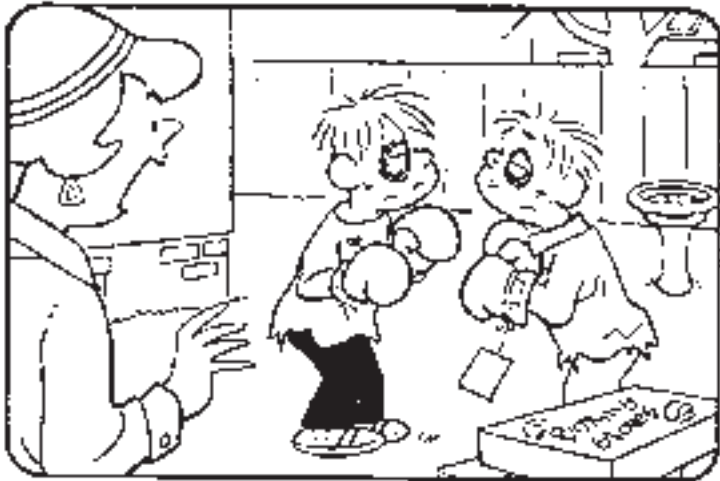
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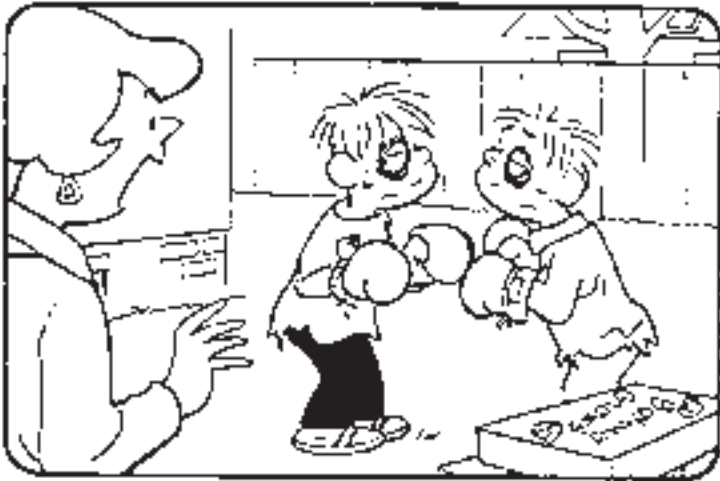
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 Word: **PRIARE** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]  
 Aglets: **HASKE** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]  
 Cattle: **TENSLE** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**TODAY'S WORD**

answer on page 43B

	5			1		6		
3					8			7
		2	3				9	
		9	6				7	
2					7	5		
	4			2				1
		3			1			2
5				6		8		
	2		9				3	

**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.

answer on page 43B





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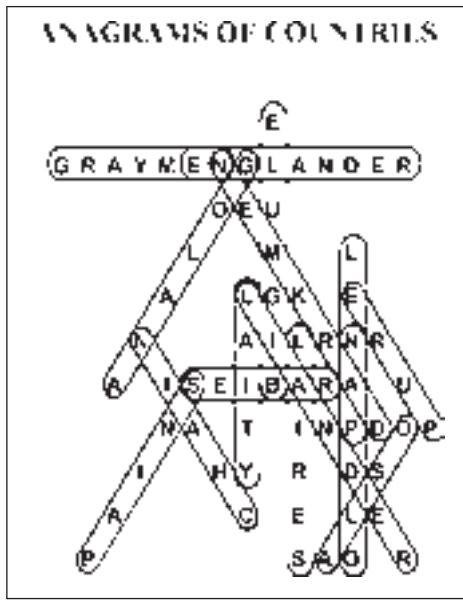
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2	6	8	1	3	7	5	4	9
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6	8	3	4	7	1	9	5	2
5	9	7	2	6	3	8	1	4
4	2	1	9	8	5	7	3	6

## KING CROSSWORD

S	L	A	V	P	R	I	Y	O	F	M	S
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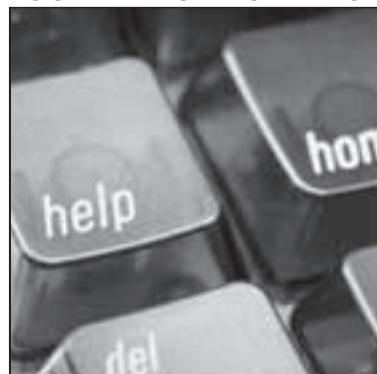
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Tiny Italian Mosaics Chinese Snoofs  
Taxco Mexican Southwester & Peruvian  
OLDER 925 Sterling Silver Jewelry  
Earrings Rings Bracelets Necklaces  
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Sanibel Consignments  
2431 Periwinkle Way  
472-5222, www.sanibelauktion.com

\*RS 2/15 CC TFN

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

To: Matthew Allen Church. You are notified that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Andrea Jean Church whose address is 1925 NE 2nd Terr Cape Coral FL 33909 on or before March 18, 2013 and file the original with the clerk of this court at PO Box 310 Ft Myers, FL 33901 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

\*NS 2/22 CC 3/15

## FICTITIOUS NAME

### FICTITIOUS NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under The fictitious name of Roots Heritage Urban Food Hub, located in Lee County, Florida, with an address of 3903 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33916 has registered said name with The Division of Corporations of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated the 21st day of February 2013.  
Circle of Community Leadership, Inc.

\*NS 3/1 CC 3/1

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

### OIL Company

Pays 6%

12 Month Hold

\$10,000 Min.

800-588-4143

americansynergycapital

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### ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS/REALTORS

Family looking for Owner Financing on a 3/4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage Sanibel Home. Presently renting a home on Sanibel we are looking to purchase. If you are interested in offering owner financing please contact us. sanibelforme@hotmail.com

\*RS 3/1 CC 3/29



**GARAGE •  
MOVING • YARD  
SALES**

### IT'S HUGE

Multifamily Garage Sale.  
Sat. 3/2, 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM,  
490 Birdsong Place  
(Periwinkle to Casa Ybel then 2nd left.)

\*NS 3/1 CC 3/1

## HELP WANTED

### EXPERIENCED REALTORS



80/20, No Office Fees  
Robert 239-472-3334

\*NS 3/1 CC 3/22

### CURRENT POSITION NEEDED: HANDYMAN

Must have knowledge of plumbing, electrical and general repairs. Must have own truck and tools. Work will mostly be on Sanibel. Salary negotiable and benefits after 90 days. Call 239-481-2929.

\*NS 2/22 CC TFN

### SERVERS ASSISTANT SERVERS LINE COOK

IL Tesoro Ristorante,  
751 tarpon Bay Rd. Sanibel  
Now hiring; Servers, Assistant Servers and Line cook Email resumes to: iltesoro@me.com or fill out applications between 11-2 daily.

\*NS 1/18 NC TFN

### CUSTOMER SERVICE/ OUTSIDE SALES

We need you to pamper our customers and spread the word about our services. Union Mechanical Inc. 239-437-5595 Knowledge of construction/contracting a plus.

\*NS 2/8 CC TFN

### HELP WANTED

Volunteers needed for Independence Day parade on Sanibel. Help needed prior to and during the parade. Various duties. If you can help out, call Trish Phillips at 246-2981 or email trishphillips@mysanibel.com.

\*NS 2/22 NC TFN

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At The Sanibel School  
Call Michelle Wesley  
239-910-8000

\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

## Pets Of The Week



**Mighty ID# 557448**

photos by squaredogphoto.com

**H**ello, my name is Mighty and I am a 2-year-old male black and tan Rottweiler. I'm a great dog that has been overlooked so far. I have a super personality and I love it whenever someone just loves on me! I don't jump and I know how to sit. My favorite toys are soccer balls and frisbees. If you are looking for a sweet companion and a buddy to play with, please come meet me soon.

My adoption fee is \$25 (regularly \$75) through February during Animal Services' "The BachelorPet" adoption promotion.

Hello, my name is Lilly I'm a 6-month-old brown tabby domestic shorthair. Need a lap kitty? Well, I'm here waiting for you. I'm a little lover and will shower you with kisses, too. My most favorite things - next to people and other cats - are toys. I can occupy myself batting balls and chasing toys.

My adoption fee is \$25 (regularly \$50) through February during Animal Services' "The BachelorPet" adoption promotion.



**Lilly ID# 557786**

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://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.\*

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### HELP WANTED

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the After School Program which runs Mon.-Th, 2:30 - 3:15 pm call Linda Reynolds 472-1617  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren.

We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm. If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.  
\*NS 2/8 CC TFN

### HELP WANTED



3883 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL  
Phone: 239-472-3644, ext 1  
Fax: 239-472-2334  
[www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org)

#### HELP US PLEASE!!

We need volunteers for:  
Clinic emergency patient admissions desk and baby animal feeders  
Visitor education center greeters and gift shop cashiers  
CROW - (239) 472-3644, ext. 231 or [volunteers@crowclinic.org](mailto:volunteers@crowclinic.org)  
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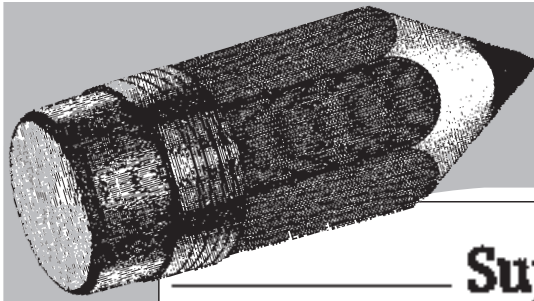
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# Island Sun

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Sanibel & Captiva Islands

**CALLING CARD 239-395-1213**

Emergency	911
Sanibel Police	472-3111
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel	472-5525
Captiva	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources	472-1189
Planning Department	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel	472-2483
Captiva	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Senior Center	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony	418-0996
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.)	565-7872 or 433-7798
American Legion Post 123	472-9979
Angel Flight SE	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society	472-3744
Sanibel Bike Club	<a href="http://sanibelbicycleclub.org">sanibelbicycleclub.org</a>
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	274-5900
CROW (Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife)	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here)	472-0404
Sanibel Island Fishing Club	472-8994
Horticultural Society of the Islands	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva	472-8334
Kiwanis Club	677-7299
League of Women Voters	472-6689
Lions Club (Tom Rothman)	395-3248
Master Gardeners of the Islands	472-6940
Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-4823
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	395-2040
<a href="http://www.sanibelsoccer.org">www.sanibelsoccer.org</a>	
The Military Officers Assc. of America (MOAA, Alex MacKenzie)	395-9232
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline	(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club	671-6381
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation)	472-2329



# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 43B

## Super Crossword

### CLACKING CAT

- ACROSS**
- 1 My dear in MLM
  - 6 Early calculation
  - 13 Most asked by clients
  - 20 Protective pants for
  - 21 Technical brand
  - 22 Forward the
  - 23 San Ma
  - 25 Three-part
  - 26 Procedure
  - 27 Music
  - 28 Sport
  - 29 Gator
  - 30 A number of
  - 31 Rule
  - 36 Charter
  - 38 in smaller
  - 39 Visual
  - 40 Kleenex
  - 41 Term
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  - 46 "Ad — per
- DOWN**
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Eastern
- 3 Used
- 9 Resilience
- 10 Start
- 13 In
- 14 Rough
- 15 In
- 16 Willingness
- 18 In
- 20 In
- 21 Warm
- 23 Leather
- 24 New England
- 26 Asphalt
- 31 This
- 32 Wall
- 34 Spanish
- 37 New Jersey
- 39 Over
- 41 Purple
- 42 Asaph
- 43 Pink
- 44 Soap

**DOWN**

- 1 Un
- 2 Volcano
- 3 Severe
- 4 D
- 5 The
- 6 Gentle
- 7 High
- 8 Early
- 9 Award
- 10 To
- 11 Coaster
- 12 Pure
- 13 Wear
- 14 Knapsack
- 15 Play
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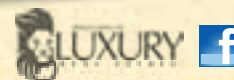
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- Light faced words only, starting with a vowel letter.
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| Analog   | Englander | Pans    | Red nar |
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Come out of your shell  
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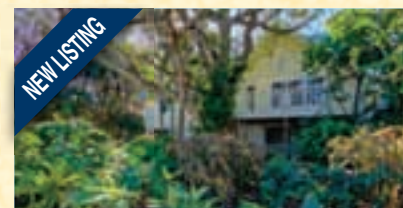
**Beachcomber**  
 • 2BD/2BA, Rare to Market  
 • Privately Situated & Beautifully Maintained  
 • Stunning Gulf of Mexico Views  
 • Luscious Grounds, Large Pool & Tennis  
 • \$1,099,000 MLS 2121115  
 • Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



**Lands End Village**  
 • 3BD/3BA Steps to Beach, Boating, Fishing  
 • Incredible Nature & Water Views  
 • Great Condition – Never Rented  
 • Community Pool, Hot Tub, Tennis Courts  
 • \$1,950,000 MLS 2121310  
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**Energy Efficient New Construction**  
 • 4BD/3BA Near Beach Cottage  
 • Captiva Vacation Retreat  
 • Income Producing Opportunity  
 • Only NEW Const. in Captiva's Village  
 • \$1,745,000 MLS 2120822  
 • John & Denice Beggs 239.357.5500



**The Bird of Paradise**  
 • 4BD/4BA Near Beach Getaway  
 • Excellent Rental Property  
 • Located in Popular Captiva Village  
 • Tons of Character & Turn-Key!  
 • \$1,589,000 MLS 2130194  
 • McMurray & Nette 239.850.7888



**Panoramic Beach Front**  
 • 2 Acres of Ultimate Sanibel Real Estate  
 • Gated Subdivision – Gulf Ridge  
 • Sophisticated but Casual 4BD/4.5BA  
 • Elevator, Wood Floors, Gourmet Kitchen  
 • \$3,990,000 MLS 2120422  
 • McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435



**Unique Captiva Opportunity**  
 • Zoned Commercial, Located on Popular Andy Rosse  
 • Olde Florida Charm, Fully Remodeled  
 • Open & Efficient Interior Space  
 • Large Covered Rear Porch  
 • \$1,350,000 MLS 2130217  
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**“Village by the Sea”**  
 • 4BD/2BA Island Theme Home  
 • Professionally Decorated & Fully Furnished  
 • Beautiful Pool & Spa  
 • Rooftop Sunset Deck  
 • \$649,000 MLS 2121038  
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**Sundial Beach Resort – Sanibel**  
 • Recently Updated  
 • 1 Bedroom, 1-bath  
 • Tile Flooring Throughout  
 • Beach Front Complex  
 • \$272,900 MLS 2900975  
 • Sarah Ashton 239.691.4915



**Captiva Hide-a-way**  
 • Spectacular Bayfront Views  
 • 2BD/2BA Remodeled Unit  
 • Great Rental or End User Option  
 • Walk to Beach, Village Shops & Restaurants  
 • \$579,000 MLS 2121103  
 • McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435



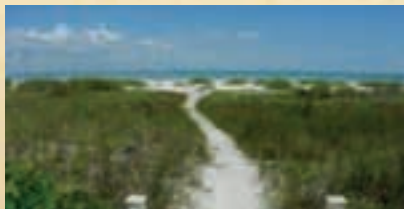
**“Barefoot Way”**  
 • Magnificent 6 Bedrooms, 7.5 Baths  
 • Gulf Front Luxury with Privacy  
 • Multiple Lanais, Beautiful Pool & Spa  
 • Gourmet Kitchen/Huge Master Suite  
 • \$5,995,000 MLS 2111185  
 • Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



**Walk to Beach and Bay – Sanibel**  
 • Furnished 4BD/4BA  
 • Just Remodeled  
 • Large, Heated Lap Pool  
 • Gourmet Kitchen with Granite  
 • \$887,900 MLS 2130004  
 • Jim Branyon 239.565.3233



**Tennis Villa 3111**  
 • Charming 1BD with Tropical Courtyard Views  
 • Fully Furnished and Ready For You  
 • Just Steps to Beach, Pool, Tennis & Village  
 • Excellent Rental or Vacation Getaway  
 • \$267,500 MLS 2130148  
 • Fred Newman or Vicki Panico 239.980.0088



**Sandpiper Beach**  
 • 2BD/2BA with Stunning Water Views  
 • Spacious, Updated & Beautifully Furnished  
 • Quiet 27 Unit Complex on 13 Acres  
 • Resort Amenities  
 • \$625,000 MLS 2121425  
 • Sally Davies 239.691.3319



**High Tide Condo**  
 • 3BD/2.5BA with Panoramic Gulf Views  
 • Spectacularly Updated 2,200 sqft Living Area  
 • Luxury Complex & First Class Amenities  
 • Granite Countertops, Solid Stone Flooring  
 • \$1,369,000 MLS 2121089  
 • Burns Family Team 239.464.2984



**Mediterranean Beauty on Captiva**  
 • Castello del Oceano  
 • 6 Bedroom, 6 Bath on Andy Rosse Ln  
 • Private, Tropical Courtyard & Pool  
 • Exquisitely Furnished and Finished  
 • \$1,999,000 MLS 2110562  
 • Fred Newman or Vicki Panico 239.826.2704



**Woodrings Subdivision**  
 • 3BD/2BA Shimmering Jewel  
 • Breathtaking Views of San Carlos Bay  
 • Beautifully Remodeled and Preserved  
 • Boat Dock & Lift  
 • \$1,549,000 MLS 2121081  
 • Burns Family Team 239.464.2984

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