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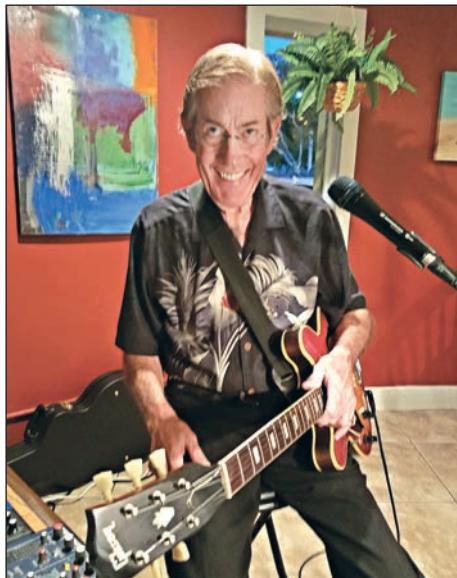
Chris Coile, a local musician and entertainer, will be performing his third concert this season to benefit FISH of SanCap. This concert will be held on Tuesday, January 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at George and Wendy's Seafood Grill. Coile will be joined by local singers and entertainers Mike Hill, Cindy Cola and Dee Kelly.

A performer for more than 30 years primarily on the east coast and Montana, Coile plays classic rock and roll, country, island and big band standards. He performs top hits from four decades of music by Dion, Kenny Rogers, Otis Redding, Bobby Darin, Tim McGraw, Juice Newton, Elvis, The Beatles, Roy Orbison, The Eagles, Jim Croce, Elton John, Carol King, Jimmy Buffett and more. Every concert has totally new lineup of tunes that have not been performed this season.

FISH is the leading human services organization on Sanibel and Captiva. Services provided include a food pantry, meals on wheels for seniors, transportation, visitation, medical equipment loaner and a kids backpack lunch program.

There is no cover charge to attend the concert, and no minimum. All donations to FISH are voluntary. Sales of Coile's CDs also go to FISH.

Reservations are recommended; call George and Wendy's Seafood Grill at 395-1263. Please specify that you are attending the Chris Coile concert on Tuesday, January 17 at 6 p.m.\*



Chris Coile photo courtesy FISH of SanCap



Artrageous has been called "a unique experience"

photo courtesy BIG ARTS

## A Tribe Called Artrageous To Perform At BIG ARTS

One simply cannot imagine the many manifestations of art that can be given on a stage until you have experienced the manic explosiveness of Artrageous. With more than 20 years of history, its roots come from a group of working friends who wanted to explore the arts and travel the world, hoping that both experiences would galvanize the other. Since then, they have toured the world with their explosive idea and performed more than 2,500 times both within the United States and abroad.

On Friday, January 20, they arrive at BIG ARTS on Sanibel on the Schein Hall stage. This gifted team of artists, singers, dancers and Bunraku puppeteers pay

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## Council Rescinds Civic Core Resolution

by Jeff Lysiak

During a special meeting of the Sanibel City Council on Monday, a previously approved resolution which would have asked citizens of the island to vote on a bond referendum in March to finance up to \$8 million for the long-debated Civic and Cultural Core was rescinded by members of the council, putting an end to the proposed \$42 million project.

Last month, councilors approved a resolution to remove a 13.5-acre parcel from the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Conservation District – located east of the Sanibel Public Library – in order to accommodate the civic core facility as well as a resolution authorizing the council to apply for the issuance of up to \$8 million in general obligation bonds for the project, should the public approve the referendum.

However, Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane called to hold a special meeting to revisit the issue after hearing from "hundreds" of

concerned citizens since those resolutions had been passed.

"It was very apparent from every group that I talked to that they were not in favor of removing the (environmentally sensitive) land," Ruane told a standing room only crowd which packed MacKenzie Hall on January 9. "That gave me great pause and consternation, so I thought we should have another discussion about this."

In addition, Ruane informed the audience and his fellow council members that after speaking with a number of Lee County officials, the \$22 million Sanibel had been seeking to assist with the funding of the civic core project was not going to be granted. He noted that over the past 12 years, Sanibel has provided some \$500 million – in taxes, toll revenues and other sources – to the county. "I certainly believe Sanibel is due," he said.

Fellow councilman Marty Harrity agreed that without the support of the board of county commissioners, the civic core project could not move forward. "Without that, nothing happens," he said.

"My vote was contingent on the money coming from Lee County," added councilman Chauncey Goss. "Without that

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## A 20th Anniversary Celebration

by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Film Society will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Monday, January 23 with a wine tasting party at 5:30 p.m. It will be held in Phillips Gallery with scrumptious hors d'oeuvres from Sanibel Catering Company, and a wine tasting involving wines from 12 different countries. Space is limited to the first 150 people. Admission is \$20, which includes the party and the film, *Marguerite*, to be shown at 7 p.m. Only people with tickets to the film will be able to attend the party. Tickets for the film only remain at \$10. All tickets can be purchased ahead of time or that night.

The film society program was launched in 1996 by JR Pascall with the screening of *Howard's End*, starring Vanessa Redgrave, Emma Thompson and Anthony

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JR Pascall and Maddy Mayor with wines from around the world photo provided

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## Sanibel Documentary Encore Screening Set For January 24



1950s postcard of the Sanibel Island Ferry

photo courtesy The Community House

The documentary *Sanibel Before The Causeway* had three sold-out showings at The Community House last year. Another special screening of the film has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each, and are on sale at Bailey's General Store.

The film is the third documentary in a series sponsored by Eric Pfeifer of Pfeifer Realty Group.

The feature-length film includes vintage home movie clips from the 1930s through the early 1960s, and shows Sanibel the way it was before the causeway opened in 1963.

"When I first saw the old film footage, it was like traveling back in time," said Pfeifer. "Imagine, seeing cars getting on the ferry boat, seeing the mail boat coming to the island, and seeing airplanes landing at Sanibel's airport. That's just a small sample of what is included in this film."

The documentary series is a collaboration of Pfeifer Realty Group and seven-time Emmy Award winner David E. Carter, a year-round Sanibel resident.

The three showings of *Sanibel Before The Causeway*, along with previous films *Growing Up On Sanibel* and *Seven Sanibel Artists*, generated more than \$25,000 in community support donations.

"We chose the Sanibel Community House to show this film, since our 'unknown filmmaker' who shot these films showed them there, 50 to 60 years ago," Pfeifer added. "We are pleased to have 100 percent of the ticket sales go to The Community House, which has recently re-opened after a major renovation. We expect that this event will also be sold out, so I recommend that people buy their tickets soon."

More details on the documentary can be seen online at [www.SanibelStories.com](http://www.SanibelStories.com).✪

## MLK Jazz Sunday At Sanibel Church

A special celebration of Martin Luther King Day will be held by the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Sunday, January 15 at its morning worship services. Billed as MLK Jazz Sunday, the morning's program will include special musical selections by members of the Bill Harris Quintet. The congregation's senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, will reflect on the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. in his sermon, *Hiding in Shadows and Dancing at Dawn*.

The 9 and 11 a.m. services will include music by Duke Ellington and other giants in the world of jazz and traditional spirituals including *Go Down Moses* and *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*, as well as the anthem of the Civil Rights Movement, *We Shall Overcome*. The public is invited.

The Bill Harris Band is comprised of Dave McDonagh, saxophone; John Maik, piano; Ross Mannina, bass, Tom Cooley, drums; and Bill Harris, trumpet.

"As we move into 2017," Dr. Danner said, "after a year filled with divisiveness, it is vital that we remember and reclaim Dr. King's inclusive vision of what he called the Beloved Community." He said, "the improvisational qualities of jazz remind us that as things change in our world we too may need to improvise new ways of being together."

There is also a 7:45 a.m. chapel service each week.

The church is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, across from the Periwinkle Place shopping center. For more information, visit [www.sanibelucc.org](http://www.sanibelucc.org) or call 472-0497.✪



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# Zonta 'Peek' Reservations To Open



Peekers with their bus guide Zontian Ellen Strobel, right photos courtesy Zonta Club  
submitted by Sue Denham

Planning is now in full swing for Zonta's annual "A Peek at the Unique" home tour, which involves hundreds of island businesses and individuals. It is also time for those who want tickets to waste no time as the event typically sells out within days. Reservations will open to the general public on Friday, January 13. Please note they will be handled in order of receipt, on or after that date: send an email to [zontapeektickets2017@gmail.com](mailto:zontapeektickets2017@gmail.com). More information on the event is available online at [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com).

The "Peek" is the signature fundraiser for Zonta of Sanibel-Captiva, executed through its foundation, generating tens of thousands of dollars for organizations that focus on empowering women. This year marks the 16th annual event, which has consistently raised more money each year for Zonta projects, not only through the sale of tour tickets but also through raffle ticket sales and donations from



Peekers arriving at a scheduled stop on the tour

business sponsors and individual benefactors.

Early bird reservation notices have already gone out to hundreds of former "Peekers," as they are called. Experienced "Peekers" know they must act fast for the best choice of departure time, and they do.

"With just over 600 tour tickets available, we know some people will be disappointed," said Zonta president Barbara Beran, who is co-chairing the event. "We encourage everyone to get their reservations in promptly."

Set for Saturday, March 11, the event features a three-hour guided tour on air-conditioned buses of four unique island homes. Departures are every half-hour from home base, Sanibel Community Church, between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Organizers are in the final stages of selecting the four homes to be featured.

"We try to balance each home's unique features with the other three for an overall variety," said Joanne Marriott, house team member and a former Peek homeowner.

In 2016, a VIP tour at a special price was introduced, departing at 8:30 a.m. and providing up to 12 guests with a private guided tour of the four homes along with special perks. This was a hit with those who participated. For more



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Thanks to the generosity of island individuals and businesses, last year's event broke records yet again. Zonta will shortly distribute, through the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida/Sanibel-Captiva, grants to local organizations totaling more than \$88,500, having also pledged over \$29,000 to Zonta International for global initiatives that empower women.

Club members are busy in the business community, looking for sponsor donations that will be recognized in the colorful keepsake booklet. Individual donations may be made at any time on the club's website, www.zontasancap.com. Contributions, tax-deductible per IRS rules, will be noted in the program if made prior to the deadline of February 17.\*



On board the Peek bus with guide Karen Pati

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## Bicycle Club In New Year's Ride



Some Sanibel Bike Club singers are led by Marj Nordstrom, second from right  
 photos courtesy Sanibel Bike Club

submitted by Diane Olsson

The Sanibel Bicycle Club held its annual New Year's Day "Spanning The Years" ride and brunch on January 2.

Enjoying the wonderful island weather, some 38 riders – sporting the club's hi-vis yellow jerseys – rode their bikes and tricycles from Sanibel Community Park down Periwinkle Way and over the causeway before heading east up Periwinkle to the Lighthouse Condominiums. There, they socialized while savoring treats that included muffins, donuts and fruit. The club's traditional singing of *O Sanibel*, in celebration of our island's many treasures, highlighted the event.

The Sanibel Bicycle Club welcomes riders of all ability levels and meets for monthly potlucks on the second Monday evening of each month. Business meetings are held on the fourth Monday at 9 a.m. at Sanibel Captiva Community Bank. Interested riders may email [bikeclubsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:bikeclubsanibel@gmail.com) for more information.\*



Members of Artrageous perform in front of painted portraits of pop icons  
 photo courtesy BIG ARTS

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## Artrageous

tribute to an enormous variety of art forms ranging from pop culture to classical painting. The Artrageous troupe does not just perform together either – they live and travel together in the high mountains of the New Mexico desert where they've built a campus complete with recording and art studios, and living quarters. Born in Canada, its members migrated here to centralize the production and expansion of their creative endeavors.

"We have been fortunate to realize our vision and have a life that revolves around entertainment and travel and, with its kind assistance and attention, create a wonderful, energetic and inclusive experience for art lovers," said one of the members.

Described as a multimedia art show, its creators consider themselves more of a new business of pop art. The musicians of the tribe perform a musical tour through themes of the 1970s through to the 1990s which has stirred audiences to sing and dance along. And, at the same time, painters step out from behind the stage to paint portraits of pop icons such as Marilyn Monroe or John Lennon with their hands and brushes and whatever else can be used.

Visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) for more information and to purchase tickets. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 395-0900.\*

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## Council Rescinds Civic Core

money, we're not going to be able to move forward with this."

After councilman Jim Jennings lamented over the lack of support for the project the city received from the county, specifically the resistance of commissioner John Manning, Ruane reiterated that the island will look at other projects that he hoped the county would help finance. "We'll have another day... another ask," he said. "I talked to a lot of commissioners and understand why they feel the way they feel."

Seeking feedback from the citizens gathered at city hall, Ruane opened the floor for public input. Chuck Ketteman, a resident who spoke on behalf of the Civic Core Working Group, said it was unfortunate that "the big losers from all of this are the citizens of this island." He praised the cooperative work done by the various organizations involved with planning the civic core project – including the city, the Island Seniors (Center 4 Life), BIG ARTS, Sanibel Public Library and the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village – for the "greater good of all," but lamented the lies and misinformation which were circulated in the local media and publicly by individuals and groups, including the Committee of the Islands. Of the latter, Ketteman said that he "expected better from COTI."

Don Rice, a BIG ARTS board member, noted that his organization was going to continue to look at opportunities to expand and enhance their facilities. Mike Miller, representing COTI, said that he was looking forward to "begin(ning) the healing process" and working together to renovating and expanding the Center 4 Life.

Among the challenges facing the current Center 4 Life building, Ruane noted, was that the 5,080-square-foot structure was non-conforming, would require a new roof, flooring and HVAC system, and had limited parking availability on Library Way. As such, the Island Seniors – which has grown from 573 members in 2004 to 776 members last year – has had displaced or cancelled activities due to lack of adequate space and/or parking.

Before the council voted to rescind the bond referendum resolution, Ruane suggested that the language of the original resolution be altered, removing the civic core portion of the legislation while keeping the Center 4 Life section intact. Essentially, that would have asked voters to finance up to \$8 million for the Center 4 Life facility alone.

"If the citizens want us to move forward with this, we'll move forward," said Harrity, who made a motion to approve Resolution 17-007, which was read into the record by city attorney Ken Cuyler. "I think it's time for us to take care of our seniors and build a new senior center."

According to Cuyler, in order to meet the Lee County Supervisor of Elections' deadline for finalizing ballot language to appear on the March ballot, a final resolution would have to be submitted before Friday, January 13.

However, the process confused more than a few citizens in attendance.

"I'd rather that you rescind (the original resolution) and start all over again," said resident Tommy Williams. "This is a very complicated issue."

"I'm pretty confused, and I suspect that a lot of other people are confused," added Barry Alan Roth, who asked the council to bring a new resolution specifically to

finance a bond to fund the construction of a new Center 4 Life, allow the citizens to read the draft resolution and proposed ballot language, then provide feedback on both to the council.

"People need to know exactly what this project is before we have to vote on it," said fellow resident Michael Goodwin. "There's no need to put the cart before the horse."

Following some additional discussion, Harrity removed his motion to approve Resolution 17-007.

"I don't have an issue with taking our time to do this," said Ruane.\*

## Commissioners Approve 2017 Task List

by Jeff Lysiak

After welcoming the newest member to their seven-seat family and electing a chair and vice chair for the coming year, the Sanibel Planning Commission approved the city's planning department project task list for 2017 along with setting this year's subcommittee calendar of meetings.

Following her appointment last month, Karen Storjohann officially joined the commission on Tuesday morning. A retired teacher, Storjohann has been a staunch follower of both the council and commission as well as an active citizen during city meetings. She was appointed to the seat vacated by Tom Krekel, who did not seek

re-appointment.

Dr. Phillip Marks was re-elected as chair of the commission while Holly Smith was elected to serve as vice chair. Previous vice chair Chris Heidrick noted that personal obligations would not allow him to continue to serve in that capacity.

The planning department's 2017 project task list includes taking action on pervious pavers for single-family residences, which will focus on evaluating coverage limitations for pavers when a lot size has been reduced due to natural erosion, and formula retail legislation, evaluating whether the current definition and aggregate total of floor area should be changed.

Other ongoing/pending projects include:

- Sign ordinance
- Pervious pavers for multi-family residences
- Commercial redevelopment
- Guided tour operations
- Incidental dining

- Status of short-term rental of dwelling units outside the Resort Housing District

- Status of banning beach fires at all times

Commissioners will also look into "cleaning up" legislation regarding notification to adjacent property owners for development permits and Scrivener's errors within the Land Development Code.

The 2017 subcommittee calendar includes scheduling the Below Market Rate Housing Review on May 9; the Permitting Process Review on June 13; the Land Development Code Review on July 11; and the Capital Improvements Review on August 8. Each of the subcommittee meetings will take place at MacKenzie Hall beginning at 8:15 a.m.

During commissioner comments at the end of the meeting, Jason Maughan officially announced his intention to run for city council in March.\*

## Retiring Police Chief To Be Honored

Sanibel Police Chief Jamie Phillips, the longest serving city employee since the island incorporated, will be honored at a reception under the Sanibel City Hall cupola at 800 Dunlop Road on Tuesday, January 17 beginning at 8:15 a.m.

At 9 a.m., Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane

and the Sanibel City Council will honor the retiring chief with the presentation of a proclamation and a token of the city's appreciation of his service. Refreshments will be served.\*

## Holiday Observance

The City of Sanibel Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 16. The

offices will resume regular operating hours on Tuesday, January 17.

Refuse, recycling and vegetation waste collection will be collected on the regularly scheduled day. For questions, call Advanced Disposal at 334-1224.

The Recreation Center will also be closed Monday and will resume regular operating hours on Tuesday. For questions, call 472-0345.

Center 4 Life/Civic Center will also be closed Monday and will resume regular operating hours on Tuesday. For questions, call 472-5743.\*

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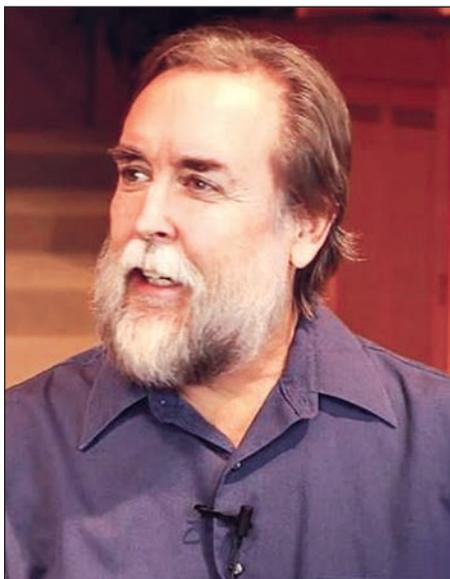
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**OBITUARY**



**WILLIAM SPENCER**

1975. He studied ocean sciences at Florida Institute of Technology and received a degree in business administration from University of Maine at Augusta.

Bill loved adventure, including sailing, skiing and mountain biking. Prior to moving to Florida, he served as a ski instructor and mountain bike guide at Sugarloaf Mountain in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. For the past 15 years, Bill and his wife Sandi have been owner operators of Morning Glory Maintenance & Housekeeping on Sanibel-Captiva. Bill had a strong and personal relationship with Jesus, his Lord and Savior and was an active member at Sanibel Community Church for the past 15 years. Prior to his illness, he enjoyed mission trips in Belarus and Honduras.

Bill is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sandra Paonessa Spencer, his father William H. F. Spencer of Newport, Rhode Island, his daughters Elizabeth Spencer and Katherine Spencer, his stepchildren, Kimberly McCrann Rodgers and Sean McCrann and their families, as well as his sisters and stepsisters. Bill was grandfather to four of Sandra's grandchildren, Joseph McCrann, Kylee Garland, Eric McCrann and Chase Rodgers. He was preceded in death by his mother, Louise Jones Beard.

A memorial service celebrating Bill's life will be held on Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. at Sanibel Community Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Greenfield Children's Home in Roatan, which was so important to Bill. Please make checks payable to Sanibel Community Church with Greenfield Roatan on the memo line.\*

William "Bill" Force Spencer, of Sanibel, died on December 20, 2016, at HealthPark Hospital in Fort Myers from a massive heart attack, following a ten-year battle with cancer. He was 59 years old. He leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Sandra Paonessa Spencer, with whom he resided on Sanibel for the past 16 years.

Bill was born in Stanford, Connecticut on January 16, 1957 to William H. F. Spencer, and the late Louise Jones Beard. He graduated from Tabor Academy in

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"I swear I got to drive two of the most fun people ever," said FISH volunteer Clair Beckmann. "First, there's the fellow who goes to Bailey's every week and then a lovely couple that were so, so, so thankful for FISH. They were just delightful and so sweet; they gave me a tour of their yard, just the nicest, kindest, most loving couple ever. It was truly a privilege to be able to take them to the doctor. Thanks for letting me volunteer -- these folks made my day!"

Beckmann is a former FISH board member and has been involved with the organization for over five years.

To schedule a ride, call the FISH of SanCap answering service at 472-0404. The caller will be connected to a FISH volunteer who will find someone available to meet the request. All rides must be requested at least three – and preferably five – days in advance. While FISH makes every effort to accommodate all requests, there is no guarantee of transportation service.\*



**Clair Beckmann**

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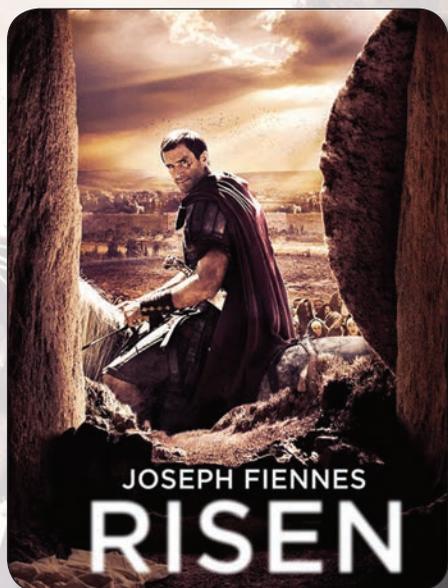
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driveway closest to The Sanibel Bean.

Discard documents such as statements, credit card receipts, checks, CD/DVD or anything that contains personal information. Participants can even watch while the professionals at Secure Shredding, Inc. pulverize their papers into bits.

The cost is \$5 for each box or grocery bag. Participants must remove all binder clips and larger paper clips; regular staples and small paper clips don't need to be removed. Due to the heavy response of the community, we must limit boxes or bags to four per person, unless you call ahead.

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## Vocal Band Coming To Fort Myers



Gaither Vocal Band

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On Friday, January 20 at the McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers, multi-Grammy Award-winner Bill Gaither will host a spectacular evening of music, laughter and encouragement featuring the talent of the prestigious Gaither Vocal Band.

The Gaither Vocal Band – with the all-star lineup of David Phelps, Wes Hampton, Adam Crabb, Todd Suttles and Bill Gaither – will share timeless gospel classics as well as refreshing, inspiring new favorites embraced by audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Few events have the ability unite individuals from all walks of life the way Gaither concerts do.

Year after year, Gaither has brought the homecoming tour into cities worldwide, performing to packed houses with collective attendance figures exceeding 1.1 million people and being ranked among the top concerts for tickets sold worldwide in any music genre during the past decade. Each concert showcases gospel music's finest talent and draws new listeners with every city. Joining The Gaither Vocal Band for this special evening will be talented female vocalist Charlotte Ritchie and powerful male vocalist Gene McDonald, as well as guitarist and comedian Kevin Williams.

Gaither continues to be delighted by audiences' response to the concerts, now more than 40 years after he quit his day job as a teacher. "I've always said it all starts with a great song, and we are fortunate that each concert includes great songs that have stood the test of time," he said. "With all the musical choices that are available now, there is still a special place for the joy and optimism that reside in Gospel music. Good news never gets old."

This Gaither Vocal Band concert at the McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers will begin at 7 p.m. Complete information, including ticket pricing, is available by calling 936-1754 or visiting [www.gaither.com](http://www.gaither.com) or [www.premierproductions.com](http://www.premierproductions.com). To charge tickets by phone, call 855-484-1991. Group tickets are available by calling 855-484-1991. Tickets are also available online by visiting [www.premierproductions.com](http://www.premierproductions.com).\*

## Church To Host Senior Seminar

The Sanibel Community Church (SCC) Caring Ministry invites all to attend a presentation by Beth A. Prather, Elder Care Attorney, on Sunday, January 15 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Prather will be speaking on estate planning, medicaid planning and asset protection.



Beth Prather  
photo courtesy SCC

Prather specializes in elder law, estate planning, guardianship, power of attorney, trusts, wills and living wills. She has served the Fort Myers area for more than 23 years. A light lunch will be provided.

Do you have a living will and medical surrogate designation in place? Were they prepared in another state? Are they compliant with Florida law? Is your Power of Attorney up to date? Do you know how to plan for Medicaid and protect assets? Start the new year with this important opportunity.

Contact Deb Stephens, RN, at [deborah@sanibelchurch.com](mailto:deborah@sanibelchurch.com) or call the church office at 472-2684 to sign up for this class.

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Shell Of The Week

# Ladder Horn Snail



by José H. Leal, PhD, Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum Science Director and Curator

The Ladder Horn Snail,

*Cerithideopsis scalariformis* (Say, 1825), is one of two

local members of the family Potamididae. Its shell reaches about one inch in length, and is ornamented by a sculpture of 20 to 26 slanted, axial ribs per whorl. The ribs stop abruptly at a single, well-defined spiral cord located at the shell suture (line separating two adjacent whorls). The shell lip is typically white with two or three brown bands anteriorly (closer to the shell base). This species inhabits back-bay areas with sandy-muddy or muddy bottoms. Learn more about local mollusks at <http://shellmuseum.org/shells/southwest-florida-shells>.

**Shell Museum Events**

Daily programs are included with paid admission:

Live Tank Talks – Presented by a marine biologist throughout the day.

Mollusk Matinéés – Talks presented by staff every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m.

Arts & Crafts – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Please check our arrival board in the main lobby for updates to daily schedules.



The Ladder Horn Snail, *Cerithideopsis scalariformis*, from the bay side of Sanibel

photos by José H. Leal

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is located at 3075

Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 395-2233 or visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org).

# Audubon Bailey Tract Bird Walk



Kestrel

photo by France Paulsen

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be held on Saturday, January 14 at the Bailey Tract. Participants will meet at 8 a.m. at the back entrance to Bailey Tract, accessible via Island Inn Road across from Bailey's General Store. Free parking is available in the field. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A \$2 donation is appreciated. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for more details.\*

# JANUARY ART SALE

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<b>23</b> Grandparenting in Nature-1:30 @ Bailey Homestead	<b>24</b> Coyote & Bear Tales-10  Guided Trail Walks at 11 a.m.	<b>25</b> Making Land Work tour at Bailey Homestead-10 Hurricanes-1:30 Sun Tea from the Garden-BHP-11	<b>26</b> Photography Ethics-1	<b>27</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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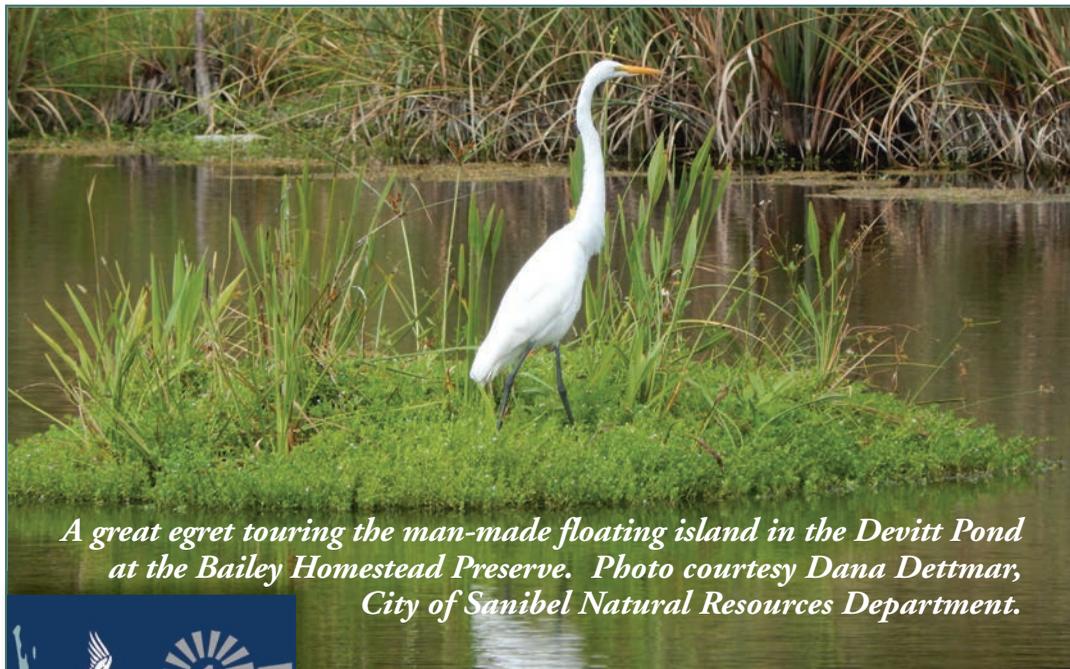
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*All events are at the Nature Center (or meet at the Nature Center) unless otherwise specified. BHP is Bailey Homestead Preserve.*

**SCCF Nature Center — 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, 472-2329**  
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*A great egret touring the man-made floating island in the Devitt Pond at the Bailey Homestead Preserve. Photo courtesy Dana Dettmar, City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department.*

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**Come visit our Native Landscapes & Garden Center at their new location at the Bailey Homestead Preserve, 1300 Periwinkle Way.**

**The larger space now offers demonstration gardens of different island habitats, plus wildflower, vegetable, herb and tea gardens.**



The volunteers who planned the village's Luminary celebration photos courtesy Sanibel Historical Village

## Historical Village To Hold Volunteer Training

The Sanibel Historical Village board and committee members will conduct a special training program to get new volunteers started and to help current volunteers refresh their memories about the many historical buildings, artifacts and stories to share with visitors.

The program will consist of two classes. The first of the two classes will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on January 16 in Shore Haven, and the second class will be 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on January 23, also in Shore Haven. Classes will feature a general overview and presentations by village experts, as well as a guided tour through the village.

Executive Director Emilie Alfino said, "Volunteering at the village offers a variety of opportunities, from giving guided tours to joining in an 'envelope stuffing' party. Our training sessions are fun and a great way to meet people. Anybody can volunteer, even if they start out without any specific knowledge of Sanibel history. We will teach you what you need to know and are always available to help." Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should call Emilie at 472-4648.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults over age 18; those under age 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).

## Church To Offer Course

Sanibel Community Church will be offering a course entitled To Know With Certainty beginning January 15 at 10:30 a.m. To Know With Certainty is an eight-week college level facts-based course designed for junior- and senior-level students and their parents who are concerned about the student's faith being compromised in a culture that is increasingly hostile to Christianity.

Attendees of this course will become more intellectually capable of confidently defending, contending and witnessing for their faith to anyone. All adults and students, junior and above, will find this course invaluable to enhancing their faith walk.

Sanibel Community Church is an evangelical, non-denominational congregation with the church campus at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call 472-2684, or visit [www.sanibelchurch.com](http://www.sanibelchurch.com).

## Recycled Book Sale

The popular Recycled Book Sale at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will be open to the public on Sunday, January 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. Included in the sale will be gently used books, CDs, DVDs and small gift items.

Most of the books are priced from 50 cents to \$1, except for newer or special editions. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to local non-profit agencies offering support for children, women and families.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, across the street from Periwinkle Place Shopping Center. For more information, call 472-0497.

## Free Movie Night

On Sunday, January 15., Sanibel Community Church offers another free movie night. The movie *Risen* will be shown in the main sanctuary at 5 p.m.

*Risen* follows the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

Free hot dogs, chips, sodas, and some healthy snacks will be served at 4:30 p.m. There will be a free will offering for our SCC Cub Scout Pack 1740.

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## Men's Retreat

Sanibel Community Church will be loading up the bus and heading to Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center for an unforgettable weekend with men and young men, ages 9 to 99. The weekend excursion will include zip line, gaga ball, Olympic games, vibrant worship, testimonies and solid Biblical teaching. The theme for this year's retreat is When The Spirit Comes.

The retreat begins on Friday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious dinner, and wraps up on Sunday, February 5 with a buffet lunch.

For more details, visit [www.sanibelchurch.com](http://www.sanibelchurch.com) or call the church office at 472-2684 for a printed brochure. The registration deadline is January 22.

## Preserve Sightings

Conservation 20/20 Land Stewardship Coordinator Jason Boeckman will share the best tips and locations for wildlife sightings at 20/20 preserves on Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. at Tropical Masonic Lodge 56, located at 10868 Metro Parkway in Fort Myers.

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# Wildlife Photography Exhibition To Open At Captiva Civic Center

The Captiva Civic Association (CCA) will showcase a wildlife photography exhibition titled *Patience, Pause & Click* at the Captiva Civic Center. The opening reception will take place on Thursday, January 19 at the Captiva Civic Center, located at 11550 Chapin Lane, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The four photographers exhibiting are George Hoch, David Jeffrey, Sallie Rich and Kyle Sweet.

A Florida native with strong ties to New England, Hoch sees his playground in the Everglades and beyond. His appreciation for things natural began when he was a teenager on a trip to the Everglades, and from that point he started to capture nature "in the wild" using photography as his medium to share the beauty with others.

Jeffrey has had cameras since he was 7 years old, starting with a Kodak Brownie. His joy in observing birds began on a trip to Arcadia National Park in Maine. Thereafter, his sense of wonder at birds and wildlife continued to increase, as he traveled widely to look at and photograph both. The interface of the digital camera with the computer is interesting and comes easily to him. Jeffrey has a cottage on Captiva, near the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, where he delights in taking amazing images of wading birds.



Egret by Sallie Rich

photos courtesy CCA



Black Skimmers by Kyle Sweet

Rich has been a resident of Southwest Florida since 1987. Since she was a little girl with a Kodak box camera, she has been capturing images from Europe, Hawaii and the American west. Her most influential period, however, has been on Captiva. Rich has shown and presented at the Captiva Civic Center and the "Ding" Darling Refuge numerous times.

A certified golf course superintendent and Florida Master Naturalist, Sweet grew up in central Florida. A golf course management career at The Sanctuary Golf Club brought him to Southwest Florida in 1993. The combination of a love for the outdoors and a lifelong interest in photography came together on Sanibel, where photographing the natural landscape and abundant wildlife became a serious passion. The *Patience, Pause & Click* Exhibition is the first exhibit for Sweet, and he hopes his images capture the true life of Southwest Florida's creatures.

Refreshments will be offered at the opening reception, held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Captiva Civic Center. For additional information, call the CCA at 472-2111 or visit [www.ccacaptiva.org](http://www.ccacaptiva.org).



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# Only Brief Cold, So Far So Good



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

So far this winter, we have been spared of any prolonged cold and were still enjoying a January heat wave until Sunday. After a few small cold fronts passed

through, it has only taken a day or two until temperatures quickly rebounded. For the first few days after one of these weak cold fronts passed, it has been like every other winter: shrimp fishing targeting sheephead and seatrout then, as things warm back up, we have been right back pitching live shiners for snook.

After a pretty slow trout bite so far this winter, things got much better this week with trout finally pushing back into the sheltered bay systems in huge numbers. For years now, these sheltered shallow grass and white sand-bottomed bays have been my winter go-to for crazy trout action. This year, it just did not seem

like it was ever going to happen. Several times this week when I had clients who either had young kids or just wanted fillets, we went and popped corks with live shrimp and caught trout after trout. We did not have any monsters but fish up to 18 inches were common and, once you found the right sandy edge or hole, double and triple hook-ups had everyone smiling.

Dock fishing for sheephead was a little hit and miss for me this week. One day the fish would be there in huge numbers then the next day they would be gone. When the fish were there, often a group of 5 to 10 sheephead would follow your hooked fish to the boat. Last weekend's cold front brought another wave of bigger spawning sheephead into the bay from the Gulf, and this bite will go off for a few days again. Mangrove creeks back in 'Ding' Darling also held lots of sheephead, but as water temperatures crept back up, small mangrove snapper took over and made it about impossible to catch anything else on shrimp.

Catch-and-release snook fishing on live shiners was how I spent most of my week. The bite was often just on fire with 15 to 20 fish being an average trip along with jacks, grouper and bigger trout in the mix. During the low tide periods,



Bob Lauer from Lexington CC with a snook caught and released with Capt. Matt Mitchell

creek mouths with fast-moving water were just loaded up with a great variety of fish. Catching shiners is still a little bit of a grind although the shiners are what it has taken to consistently catch these snook. Many of the places I'm catching shiners are solid with small clear jellyfish with often 20 pounds of jelly coming in each throw, I just don't ever remember these jellyfish being so thick.

A few foggy mornings made navigation a little challenging this week. During these white-out conditions, take your time out there or if you are not comfortable running blind with only GPS

to guide your way, wait till the fog clears before heading out. It is very easy to get turned around and lost when you cannot see the horizon. And, you just don't hear other boats running until they are right on you. I stay as far out of the intercostal as possible during fog to keep away from other boat traffic.

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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## Plant Smart

## What's That Flower?

by Gerri Reaves

Southwest Florida is blessed with a profusion of flowers throughout the year. See if you can identify the three pictured here. A clue: one is a native wildflower, one a wildlife-friendly non-native, and one an all-too-common species it's best to eradicate.

That stunning five-lobed purple-blue flower with the dark purple throat is native seaside gentian (*Eustoma exaltatum*). The petals' color, which can vary from rosy purple, lavender or even white, calls attention the fact that it's a close relative of the Texas bluebell.

This color contrasts among the bright yellow stamens, cupped flowers, and silvery or blue-green leaves endows this wildflower with outstanding ornamental beauty.

It produces bloom of up to three inches across all year 'round, but most profusely winter through summer.

Its native habitat includes hammocks, marshes, coastal sand dunes and disturbed areas of South Florida and the Keys.

As the alternate common name marsh gentian suggests, it does well in coastal landscapes and has moderate tolerance for brackish water and a high tolerance for salt wind. It will survive in nutrient-poor soil, but needs some organic matter.

It's also a good choice for a natural gardens or wildflower gardens, where it will grow two to three feet high and attract



**A study in contrast... seaside gentian's cup-like flowers with purple throats and bright yellow stamens against the blue-green leaves**

photos by Gerri Reaves

pollinators. Give it full sun to light shade and consistent moisture.

Florida-friendly golden dewdrops (*Duranta erecta*) is also a lovely study in color contrasts. The five-lobed tubular blue or lilac flowers and clusters of yellow fruit are often on the shrub at the same time.

The flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds, and the fruit and twiggy foliage attracts songbirds seeking food and cover.

This member of the verbena family prefers full sun. It is drought-tolerant and will grow in dry coastal, rocky or sandy habitats.

In favorable conditions, it can reach small-tree size, more than 15 feet tall. It can also be trained to grow on trellises, walls and fences.

While songbirds love the fruit, it is poisonous to humans.

The stalk of greenish white flowers displayed against those intriguingly patterned sword-like leaves belongs to the appropriately name snake plant (*Sansevieria hyacinthoides*).

This species is a category-II invasive



**Golden dewdrops' sky-blue flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds**

plant, so don't hesitate to banish it from the yard. Imported as an ornamental many years ago, it has since has "shown a potential to disrupt native plant communities," according to the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

It is also known as bowstring hemp and iguana-tail and is a member of the agave family. Its flowers are less familiar than the striking chartreuse-yellow leaves because they bloom only summer into fall. In addition, they are somewhat hidden amid the large flat erect leaves that grow three to four feet long.

The thick leaves and deep roots makes this invader very drought-tolerant and able to spread and thrive in adverse conditions – one of the very reasons it was a popular ornamental in the first place.

It takes work to dig up the carrot-like rhizomes, horizontal root-like stems, and eliminate the plant. And the needle-sharp leaf tips don't help! If you miss a root, it will simply recolonize the yard.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell



**Snake plant, a category-II invasive species, is named not for the spikes of flowers but for the exotic variegated leaves. It is also called iguana-tail and bowstring hemp.**

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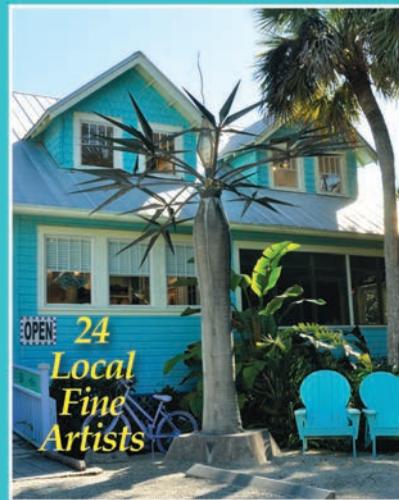
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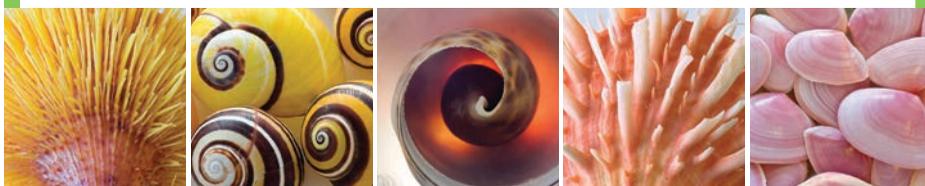
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The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) has specialty programs available for residents and visitors. Meet the staff and learn what it takes to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife in Southwest Florida.

For reservations, contact Rachel Rainbolt at [rrainbolt@crowclinic.org](mailto:rrainbolt@crowclinic.org) or 472-3644 ext. 229 to register. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed weekends. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

**Friday, January 13, 11 a.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge CROW Case of the Week, presented by a CROW student.

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**Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Baby Care at CROW, presented by CROW volunteer.

Wildlife parents are devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them, and juveniles found “abandoned” might actually be in a natural stage of development. Those needing assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and are provided supportive care around the clock until they are old enough to care for themselves.

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**Monday, January 16, 4 to 5:15 p.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Speaker Series: Wildlife on the Great Calusa Blueway, presented by Mike Hammond, coordinator for the Great Calusa Blueway.

The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is a 190-mile marked canoe and kayak trail that meanders through the coastal waters and inland tributaries of Lee County. It attracts everyone from first-time kayakers to advanced paddlers and is home to abundant marine life, shore birds and crustaceans. This presentation will cover the history of the Blueway, points of interest for paddlers and wildlife commonly seen along the trail. There may be live animal encounters during this presentation.

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**CROW Case Of The Week:**

# Brown Pelican

by Bob Petcher



The brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) is a large water bird that appears to float on the surface waiting for fish to swim by. When it gets the opportunity, it uses its distinct pouched

bill to scoop up its prey.

But that is not the usual approach for a brown pelican to catch fish. In fact, their very unique way of foraging involves diving headfirst into the water from heights as great as 50 feet high. At the end of its high descent, it uses the force of impact to stun small fish before scooping them up. One of only two pelican species to feed while diving into water, the brown pelican usually works alone unlike other pelican species that work in flocks to corral their prey.

Interestingly, once they capture the fish, brown pelicans tip their head upward or to the side to drain the water from their bill pouch before swallowing.

While they can be found from Maryland to South America, brown pelicans are prevalent in Florida and nest mostly in mangroves in the Sunshine State. Male pelicans sway their heads to attract a female mate.

Years ago, when DDT was a legal insecticide, brown pelicans faced a period

of near extinction. That would have been a tragedy for the prehistoric creature. Fossil records do state that its origin dates back to at least 30 million years, as evidenced by the remains of a beak that is quite similar to that of the modern species recovered from ancient time strata in France.

These days, a major threat to brown pelicans is monofilament fishing line and hooks. At CROW, a brown pelican became one of the first CROW patients of 2017 after it was found entangled in fishing line with a hook in its left wing. Reports say a CROW volunteer in a kayak rescued the pelican from a bridge pillar under the Sanibel Causeway. Unfortunately, the hook caused multiple wounds and injuries including inflammation in the left leg where the fishing line was wrapped. After giving the pelican X-rays, the veterinary staff discovered that the patient had a pellet in its neck. It was an old wound imbedded in the skin and posed no threat, so the decision was made not to remove it.

The pelican's wounds were cleaned and bandaged, and heat compressions were applied.

"As of (Monday) morning, the swelling is completely gone so we will discontinue the heat compress that was being placed on its injured left leg," said CROW DVM intern Dr. Spencer Kehoe. "We will now focus on keeping the wound clean and strengthening the injured leg so the pelican can stand on it and fully support its body weight."

The adult pelican arrived at 7.38 pounds and was given tub time to see how well it would react in the water. Reports say it responded well and was preening



**Patient #17-11 experienced injuries from fishing line and a hook** photo by Kenny Howell

its feathers while bathing. Patient #17-11 continues to eat very well on its own and has increased its weight to 7.78 pounds.

"When the pelican stands, it does favor the right leg so we must encourage it to stand on its left leg to distribute the body weight evenly," said Dr. Kehoe. "Now that the swelling is completely gone, it will most likely begin to shift its weight in each leg."

Kehoe stated that approximately 70 patients arrived at CROW because of hook

and monofilament injuries, of which 30 were brown pelicans.

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**Wednesday, January 18, 12 to 1:30 p.m.**, \$30 per person, advance registration required – Lunch and Learn with Dr. Barron.

Lunch and Learn is an intimate and engaging discussion with CROW's Hospital Director Dr. Heather Barron. During this program, she describes CROW's role in supporting the interconnectedness of human health,

animal health and environmental health.

Reservations include a boxed lunch catered by the Sanibel Deli and concludes with a tour of CROW's hospital and rehabilitation grounds.

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The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. These tortoises are found digging from southern Georgia to southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a "keystone species." CROW's presenter explains why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

**Thursday, January 19, 2 p.m.**, adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Opossums at CROW.

Virginia opossums are the only marsupial, or pouched mammal, native to the United States. They are highly adaptable animals and can live in a variety of habitats, both natural and human made. Although it may not be obvious to some people, opossums are a unique member of Florida's wildlife, playing an important role in the function of a healthy ecosystem. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.\*



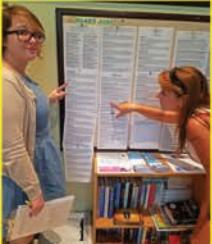
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# Osprey Presentation At CROW



Osprey hunting for fish

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The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will present The Story of Ospreys on Tuesday, January 24 at 4:15 p.m. in the Visitor Education Center, located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Ospreys are large brown and white raptors who breed in Southwest Florida from December through April. Because they build their nests right out in the open, their behavior is easy to observe.

But it is not always easy to understand, so presenter Claudia Burns, who has monitored osprey nests for 25-plus years as an International Osprey Foundation volunteer, uses photos, videos and recorded vocalizations to explain osprey

behavior. The presentation is dedicated to Mark "Bird" Westall, founder of The International Osprey Foundation, who is suffering from ALS.

Prior to the presentation, visitors are encouraged to explore the Visitor Education Center, which exhibits CROW's efforts to save wildlife through care, education and collaboration and is located

across from The Sanibel School. Reservations are required for the presentation, with admission of \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens, free for children under 13. For reservations or more information, call 472-3644 ext. 228, email rainbolt@crowclinic.org or visit www.crowclinic.org.\*

## Clean Water Documentary, Mini-Concert

A documentary exploring all aspects of Florida's clean water issue will have its premiere screening on Tuesday, January 31 beginning at 7 p.m. at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. The film's title is *Our Coastal Waters: Our Legacy*.

The showing of the one-hour documentary will be followed by a mini-concert by Denny Sarokin, who composed the song *Sanibel*, recorded by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. He also sings the documentary's opening title, *Legacy*, in the film.

Tickets for the screening and mini-concert are \$20 and all proceeds go to the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START).

The documentary is produced by seven-time Emmy Award winner David E. Carter, and Larry Doyle, a 44-year veteran of CBS News.

Dr. Bruce Neill, president of the SanCap chapter of START, said that an important part of solving water quality issues in south Florida is to help people understand the challenges we face and the possible solutions that to solve them.

"David and Larry have done a masterful job capturing all angles of water issues in our region," said Dr. Neill. "We hope that as more people understand and appreciate the

challenges ahead of us, they will be more motivated, and better informed to play an active part in the solutions.

The film has been in process for five months, and includes interviews with more than 20 people representing all aspects of the issue including:

- Mitch Hutchcraft, South Florida Water Management District
- Mark Perry, Florida Oceanographic Society
- Cris Costello, Sierra Club
- Lt. Col. Jennifer Reynolds, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Bubba Wade, VP, U.S. Sugar
- Dave Schuldenfrei, Sanibel realtor
- Daniel Andrews, Captains For Clean Water
- Phillip Roland, Mayor, City of Clewiston
- Deborah Johnson, The Everglades Foundation
- James Evens, City of Sanibel, Director of Natural Resources
- Ralph Woodring, Sanibel businessman
- Grant Kaimer, Sanibel Middle School student
- Rick Bartleson, PhD, SCCF research scientist
- Bruce Neill, PhD, co-founder, Sanibel Sea School

START, the film's sponsor, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and was founded in 1996 on Longboat Key, and has chapters in Lee County, Englewood and Manasota. START's mission is Preserving Our Coastal Waters.

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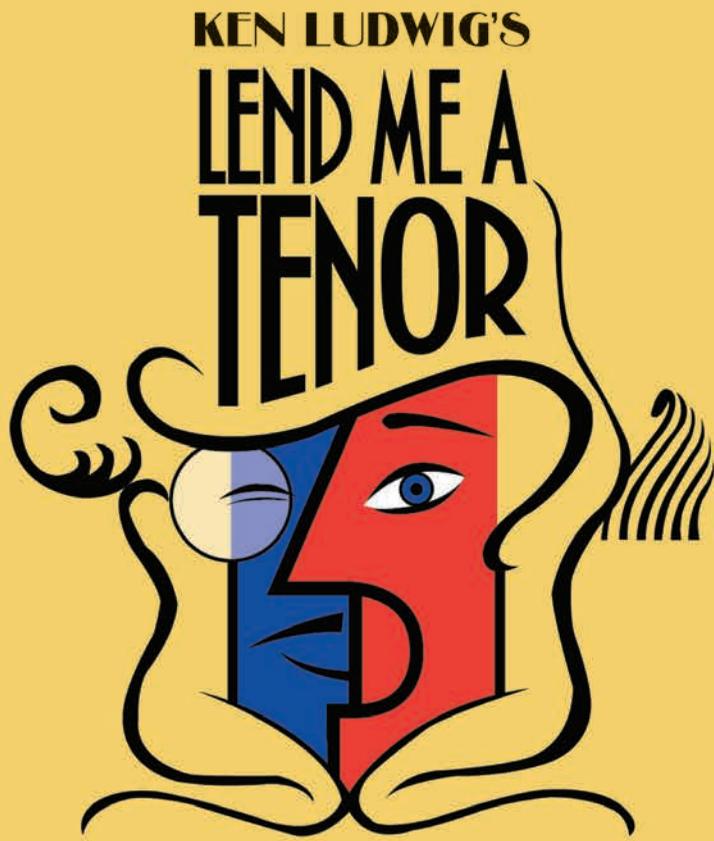
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2477 Periwinkle Way, 472-1516

## BEACH PIEZ

Beach Piez New York style pizza offers carry out and delivery on Sanibel and Captiva. Hours are Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. With fresh ingredients, mouth-watering mozzarella, provolone cheese "secret recipe" dough, homemade pizza sauce and family recipe meatballs, Beach Piez will deliver the best pizza the island has to offer.

2441 Periwinkle Way, 472-3224

## THE BLUE GIRAFFE

The Blue Giraffe, under new ownership, offers casual island dining for "no wait" breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon daily as well as lunch and dinner seven days a week until 8 p.m. Dine outside in the garden atmosphere of Periwinkle Place or inside at hand-painted tables, inspired by local artists.

The new menu is full of traditional and unique breakfast items, signature burgers, custom sandwiches, fresh and local seafood, salads, steaks, pork and vegetarian options. There is a full liquor bar and various local beers on tap.

2075 Periwinkle Way (Periwinkle Place), 472-2525

## CIP'S PLACE

Cip's Place is named for the late Jimmy Cipriani, a longtime islander and owner of the property on which the restaurant sits. In Jimmy's memory, Cip's styles itself as a local watering hole. A mural that takes up an entire wall shows lots of islanders through the ages – including Cip – and if you don't recognize them all, ask to see the "key." Food choices range from "comfort" to culinary with some Caribbean and island favorites as well. And do try the home-made potato chips, the fried butter-milk chicken with sage gravy and the snapper tacos. Choose between the outdoor garden patio and front porch. Indoor seating and full bar are also available. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily, with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m.

2055 Periwinkle Way, 472-0223

## DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's is a well-known local's restaurant famous for its great food and service. Plenty of indoor and outdoor seating boasting "Award winning flavors from the Caribbean Rim." The restaurant is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's best-selling mystery novels. With locations on Sanibel & Captiva Islands and Fort Myers Beach, all locations offer island favorites like Yucatan shrimp and fish tacos along with raw bar selections and always fresh local seafood dishes. Premium rums and tropical drinks such as the Island Mojito are a specialty of the house. The combined menu offers both lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Doc Ford's Sanibel, 2500 Island Inn Road, 472-8311; Doc Ford's Captiva, 5400 South Seas Plantation Road, 312-4275, Doc Ford's Fort Myers Beach, 708 Fishermans Wharf, 765-9660

## DUNES GOLF & TENNIS CLUB

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club is open to the public and serves lunch daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chef specials include an assortment of salads, wraps and sandwiches, soup buffet Monday through Friday, and the popular hand-battered coconut shrimp and steak sandwich. Dinner is available only on event nights from



Owner Ginny Wagner and Chef Adam Walling of **Totally Baked On Sanibel**

photo by Bob Petcher

6 to 9 p.m. or for special seasonal dinners.

Featured monthly events include Trivia Night, Karaoke and Themed Dinner Nights. There is a Friday a la carte dinner menu with featured selections each week, such as steak and seafood.

Take in the sunset views while sipping on your favorite drink. Happy hour is every day from 3 to 6 p.m. Enjoy with the famous crab bisque as a starter.

949 Sand Castle Road, 472-3355

## GRAMMA DOT'S

Gramma Dot's, the only dockside dining on Sanibel, offers a lunch and dinner menu seven days a week from "Sanibel's only seaside saloon" where you can leisurely dine at the Sanibel Marina in view of luxury yachts and modest fishing boats and watch the comings and goings of seagoing folk and fishermen. The menu features a full line of "only fresh" seafood, salads, sandwiches and more. Appropriate dress is required. If you're arriving by boat, check in with dockmaster for a lunch slip, monitor VHF 16. You can tie up for a night or two at the available dockage if you wish. Gramma Dot's is open daily at 11:30 a.m. For dinner, arrive before 8 p.m.

634 North Yachtsman Drive, 472-8138

## GREEN FLASH

The Green Flash has marvelous waterfront views of Captiva Island's bayside and Pine Island Sound. The Green Flash was built on the site of the historic Timmy's Nook, opened in 1950. Fittingly, seafood dominates the menu, although other options are offered as well. The Green Flash is easily navigable by boat and is located southwest of Marker 38 on the Intracoastal Waterway. Hours are daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner. All seats have a view of the waterfront. Reservations are not accepted.

15183 Captiva Drive, 472-3337

## IL CIELO

Il Cielo offers creative American cuisine and internationally inspired specials in an upscale casual atmosphere. From locally caught fish, American lamb and grass-finished beef to farm-fresh organic produce, there is a thoughtfully prepared dish on the menu for everyone. Il Cielo is open Tuesday through Sunday from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Happy hour is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and features signature small plates, appetizers and half-priced house wines, domestic beers and well drinks. Enjoy live piano music by Scott McDonald Tuesday through Sunday nights beginning at 7 p.m.

1244 Periwinkle Way, 472-5555

## LAZY FLAMINGO

The Lazy Flamingo is a famed island hang-out with two Sanibel locations. "If our seafood were any fresher, we would be serving it under water!" is the Flamingo's motto. And that includes, shrimp, grouper, oysters, conch fritters and chowder as well as chicken. The Flamingo Bread and the caesar salad are signature items. Pull up a stool to the rustic bar or take a high or low table. The interior feels like the inside of an old pirate ship with its portholes and hewn wood surfaces. The atmosphere is definitely casual and beer is available by the bottle, on draft or by the pitcher.

1036 Periwinkle Way, 472-6939, 6520 Pine Avenue, 472-5353

## MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN

Are you in the mood for pizza? Matzaluna Italian Kitchen has a wood-fired oven to bake authentic pizzas, including gluten-free ones. That's in addition to a big menu, involving over 20 combinations of pasta dinners from \$11.95 (including soup or salad and fresh baked bread), affordable veal, tender chicken, choice steaks and seafood (Italian style) in a casual market-like setting. Gluten-free pizza is also available. Matzaluna offers a large selection of Florida craft beer, both on draft and in cans and bottles. Enjoy \$5 apps at the bar from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hours are 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily and happy hour is 4:30 to 6 p.m.

1200 Periwinkle Way, 472-1998

## MUCKY DUCK

Historically known as the neighborhood pub, The Mucky Duck may well be the most famous restaurant on Captiva Island due to its longevity of 40 years in business and quirky name. Then there are the fabulous sunsets. Patrons gladly wait on the beach for tables. This place draws crowds – as customers sip cocktails and beverages until they can take their seats. Reservations are not accepted. The Duck, serving fresh seafood, pub-style food, sandwiches, steaks and other items, is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

11546 Andy Rosse Lane, 472-3434

## OVER EASY CAFÉ

Over Easy Café is a pet-friendly place with indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast and lunch. The covered patio is a popular spot. Choose from 22 different eggs benedict, scramblers and omelettes, 11 pancakes and French toast choices, 15 egg specialties and wraps, eight salads and 26 sandwiches and burgers, plus baked goods. Beer and wine is available. Breakfast is served all day. Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

630 Tarpon Bay Road, 472-2625

## PECKING ORDER

The Pecking Order features tender, juicy, fried chicken and all the fixins. The chicken is marinated and seasoned, and the high-pressure deep-frying system produces a crispy coating that seals in the juices without allowing the fat to penetrate. Homemade sides include slow-cooked collard greens, sweet and spicy baked beans, cheesy shell mac, rice and beans, cole slaw, mashed red potatoes and gravy, Harlem special, cheesy grits and veggie chili. Try the Black Betty, a warm, dark chocolate torte filled with liquid dark chocolate, sprinkled with sea salt flakes and confectioners' sugar. Contractor Breakfast served Monday through Friday 8 to 11 a.m. Take out, delivery and outdoor dining available.

2496 Palm Ridge Road, 472-2534

## ROSIE'S CAFÉ & GRILL

Rosie's repertoire includes crab cakes, grouper and shrimp entrees and steaks with all the trimmings, Southwestern dishes such as burritos and fajitas, soup and sandwich combos and salads. Among the most popular items is Rosie's Famous Cheese Steak made from shaved rib eye, grilled mushrooms, onions and green peppers, Ultimate Cuban and Classic Reuben, home-made muffins and cinnamon rolls and Key lime pie, root beer floats and banana splits. A

## ISLAND COW

The Island Cow is a family favorite with its colorful indoor and outdoor seating and live entertainment. "Come as our guests... leave as our friends!" is the motto. The Cow serves breakfast, lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and meats and has an extensive children's menu. Starbucks coffee is also on the menu. **Now serving full liquor island cocktails!** Breakfast is served between 7 and 11 a.m. Hours are 7 a.m. to 9-ish p.m.

2163 Periwinkle Way, 472-0606

## JACARANDA

The Jac, as it is known to regulars, has been serving excellent seafood for three decades and offers the best of two worlds: dining room seating or dinner under the stars in the screened garden patio. The patio lounge is home to some of the best nightlife on the islands, seven nights a week. Bands include Renata, Wildfire, and Cruzan Vibes' reggae on the weekends. The patio lounge menu includes a selection of "happy apps" starting at \$8 and half price drinks during happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner reservations are suggested.

1223 Periwinkle Way, 472-1771

## JERRY'S RESTAURANT AND DELI

Jerry's Restaurant and Deli in Jerry's Market is the next best thing to dining in a tropical garden. This family-style restaurant has large windows to view the lush garden with caged tropical birds that are favorites with visitors and residents. Daily specials are offered in the spacious restaurant and you can order a sandwich or hot food from the deli or help yourself at the well-stocked salad bar to take out. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

1700 Periwinkle Way, 472-9300

## JOEY'S CUSTARD

Joey's Custard is a family owned and operated sandwich, coffee and ice cream shop within Bailey's Center. Owners Joey Almeida and mom Debi Almeida offer fresh-to-order paninis as well as Working Cow ice cream products (custard, yogurt, sorbet, banana splits, sundaes, floats, smoothies, hard and soft serve ice cream) and coffee (five-bean house blend, Tim Horton, espresso, affogato). Try the Beach Box Lunch To Go (add \$2 to any sandwich and get a drink and bag of chips). Ask about BOGO with Island Cinema.

Joey's Custard is open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

2467 Periwinkle Way in Bailey's Center, 472-7222

children's menu is also available. Carry out, indoor or outdoor seating. Check out our all new menu items for breakfast, served from 8 to 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Happy hour is from 3 to 6 p.m. seven days a week with two-for-one draft beer and wine. The ice cream bar has 20-plus flavors of locally made Royal Scoop Ice Cream.

2330 Palm Ridge Road, 579-0807

### SANIBEL BEAN

The Sanibel Bean coffee shop is java central on Sanibel Island. With its indoor and outdoor seating and free Wi-Fi, it's a popular venue for laptop-toting coffee lovers to relax and check their inboxes, have breakfast or lunch or recharge the batteries in the afternoon. Besides a big selection of coffee from around the globe and a variety of coffee drinks, The Bean has tea and other beverages and a variety of hearty sandwiches, pastries and muffins, plus other light fare.

2240 Periwinkle Way, 395-1919

### SANIBEL DELI & COFFEE FACTORY

Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory offers a gluten free menu in addition to homemade regular choices, along with award-winning New York style pizza and wings, Boar's Head meats, frozen yogurt, New York style bagels and ice cream. There is indoor seating as well as outdoor tables shaded with umbrellas. Free Wi-Fi. Eat in or take out as well.

2330 Palm Ridge Road, 472-2555

### SANIBEL GRILL

The Sanibel Grill has 19 big screen TVs with satellite TV tuned to every televised sporting event. The Grill shares a kitchen with The Timbers, serving the same fresh seafood, along with burgers, sandwiches, pizzas and salads. Crunchy Grouper and Crunchy Shrimp are signature dishes. Open seven days from 4 p.m. to midnight with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight.

703 Tarpon Bay Road, 472-3128

### SANIBEL SPROUT

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2463 Periwinkle Way in Bailey's Center, 472-4499

### SUMMERLIN JAKE'S

Summerlin Jake's Seafood and Steaks, a sunset dining water view restaurant in Fort Myers, located near the Sanibel Bridge, offers new American cuisine prepared in the old Florida tradition. Paying tribute to the rich history of Punta Rassa, where Jake Summerlin owned a wharf that he used to ship his cattle to Cuba and the local waters that are famous for being the home to big game fishing, Summerlin Jake's offers freshly caught local seafood, tender, juicy prime steaks, smoked ribs, brisket & chicken and heart-healthy, vegan choices that are locally sourced, hand-selected and artfully prepared. Summerlin Jake's is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Breakfast served 8 to 11:30 a.m.). Happy Hour is 3 to 6 p.m. daily. Live music on Friday and Saturday 5:30 to 10 p.m.

17501 Harbour Pointe Drive, 466-5377

### TOTALLY BAKED ON SANIBEL

Totally Baked On Sanibel is the island's #1 source for fresh baked breads, specialty pastries, donuts, cakes, pies, candies and other confections. The unique eatery within Islander Center also offers coffees and breakfast sandwiches. For lunch, daily offerings include off-the-bone, hand-carved meats as well as soups, salads and other specialty items. Wedding cakes are made to order. Open seven days a week 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outdoor seating along the bike path.

2407 Periwinkle Way Suite 1, 312-4503

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1451 Middle Gulf Drive, 472-4151

### TIMBERS RESTAURANT & FISH MARKET

The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and the adjoining Sanibel Grill are mainstays of the island dining scene, boasting 35 years of fresh fish on Sanibel Island. The restaurant offers 13 dinners for \$15 daily before 5:30 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood, such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes. Besides specializing in fresh local seafood, the restaurant has a seafood market that opens at 11 a.m. (except Sunday, when it's open at 2 p.m.) Restaurant is open seven days from 5 to 9 p.m.

703 Tarpon Bay Road, 472-3128

### TRADERS GULF COAST GRILL & GIFTS

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

The restaurant serves bistro cuisine with island flair, featuring such offerings as black beans and rice, blackened fish and fresh salads from an open kitchen. There's no fryer in this place! The tables are freshly wrapped in white paper for each party, and there's a pot of colored crayons for doodling, whether you're an adult or a child. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., happy hour from 3 to 6 p.m. and dinner 5 to 9 p.m. There's live music from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Danny Morgan and Wednesdays with Chris Workman.

1551 Periwinkle Way, 472-7242

### TRADITIONS ON THE BEACH

Traditions on the Beach, Sanibel's first dining room, has been delighting its guests since 1895. Offering "Contemporary Cuisine, Sanibel Style," Traditions provides the highest level of service in a relaxed beachfront setting. Both the tapas menu, served in the Sunset Lounge, and the full dining room menu capture the flavors of the gulf, complemented by the unique atmosphere of the historic Island Inn. Award winning Chef Aziz uses only the finest fresh, local ingredients to create vibrant dishes. Drink, dine and dance at Traditions on the Beach, featuring live entertainment. Tapas and cocktails are available in the bar and lounge beginning at 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Regular dinner menu beginning at 5 p.m. daily. Reservations are suggested.

3111 West Gulf Drive, 472-4559

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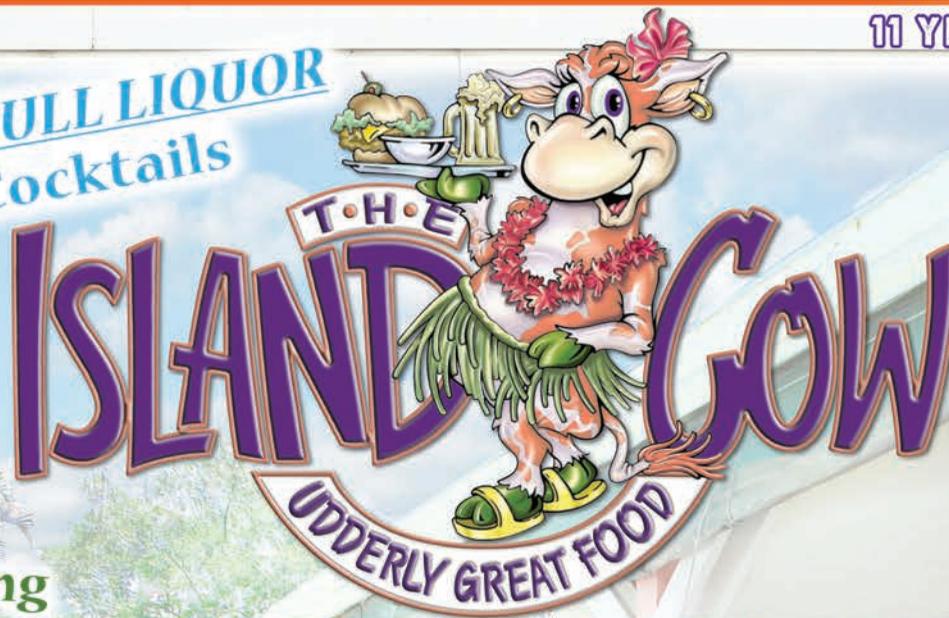
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# Orchid Society To Meet

Colorful Catasetums and their Kin will be the topic of the Monday, January 16 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. The program will be presented by Francis Dames, an orchid society member. The meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, located at 2304 Periwinkle Way.

Orchid novices are encouraged to come to the fundamentals session at 1 p.m. to hear Bill Overton discuss Oncidium Culture. Overton has been growing orchids for more than 40 years and is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. He will moderate this season's monthly fundamentals sessions.

Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during show-and-tell. Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society members are invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best hybrid and best species orchids. Orchids are for sale at most meetings and there is often an orchid raffle. Annual society membership is \$25 for individuals and \$45 for couples; guests are \$5. For more information, visit [www.sancaporchid.org](http://www.sancaporchid.org).



**Tom Uhler, president of the San-Cap Orchid Society, comments on Red Culver's unusually growing vanda during the November meeting**  
photo courtesy Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society



**Mark Blust**  
photos courtesy The Community House



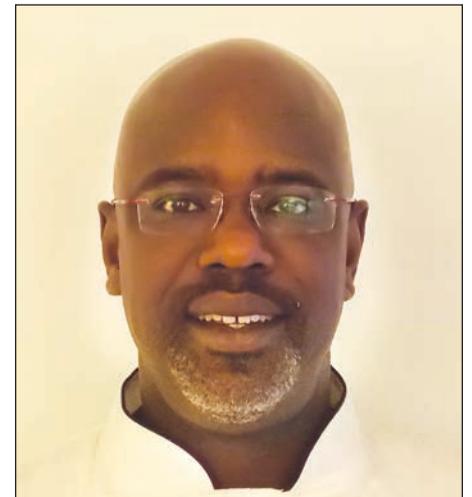
**Loretta Paganini**

## Celebrity Chefs Announced

The second Cooking with the Islands' Stars will light up The Community House on January 28, 2017 at 6 p.m. This annual fundraiser will benefit the new direction the house is taking in providing a culinary education center for the community. Currently, the four local family chef contestants are holding their own fundraising parties -before the main event- as they aim to beat their competitors for the People's Choice award, a trip to Fort Lauderdale for an epicurean adventure. You can help them by donating money until the night of the event.

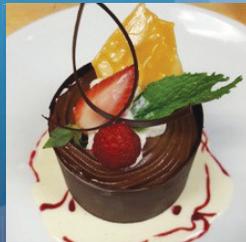
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## Animal Planet Documentary Follows Duck Stamp Mania

Animal Planet's *The Million Dollar Duck* continues the 5th annual "Ding" Darling Wednesday Film Series on Wednesday, January 18 at 1 p.m. in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium. The film presents an entertaining view of the Federal Duck Stamp Program from the perspective of artists, collectors and program administrators.

Of course, Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling figures importantly in the film as the founder of the duck stamp program – the only juried art competition run by the federal government – and artist for the original duck stamp.

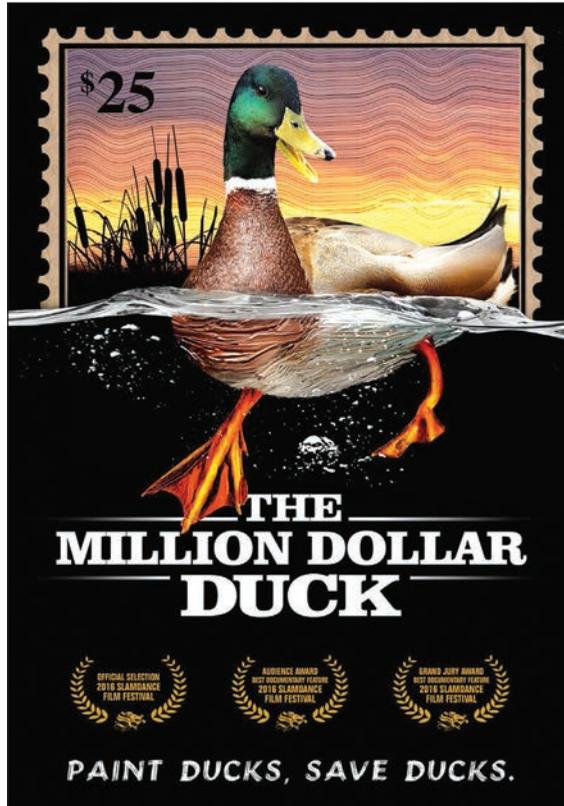
Winner of the coveted Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature in addition to the Jury Award for Documentary Feature at the 2016 Slamdance Film Festival, *The Million Dollar Duck* follows artists through the trials and tribulations of competing in the "Olympics of wildlife art" and the prospect of earning a million dollars as a result of winning the annual contest, which began in 1934.

Among the most successful conservation tools ever conceived, the Federal Duck Stamp Program has created more than 5.7 million acres of protected wetlands across the nation.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free eight-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season's remaining scheduled films. All showings begin at 1 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

January 18 – *The Million Dollar Duck*  
 February 1 – *Racing Extinction*  
 February 15 – *Before The Flood*  
 March 1 – *Sonic Sea*  
 March 15 – *Why Just One?*  
 March 29 – *Seed: The Untold Story*  
 April 12 – *The Future of Energy*✱



*The Million Dollar Duck* tells the past, present, and future of the somewhat eccentric Federal Duck Stamp Contest  
 image courtesy DDWS



## Visitors Meet Endangered Snake

Award-winning producers Cindy Hoffman and Andrew Harper, visiting from Rockville, Maryland, had a close encounter with an endangered indigo snake at the SCCF Nature Center last month

photo courtesy SCCF

## BIG ARTS Offers iLearn Series

BIG ARTS will offer iLearn, a free demonstration on techniques and strategies for using "personal technology" such as the laptop computer, smart phone, tablet and smart watch, at the Philips Gallery on Monday, January 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. This demonstration, given by visual artist and tech enthusiast Gerard Damiano, will examine the history of these technologies and offer some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your devices.

Damiano has been teaching people on Sanibel for the past seven years. "If you would have told me 10 years ago that I would be getting paid to teach people how to use their telephones, I would have thought that you were crazy," Damiano said. "But the truth

is that this technology is evolving so quickly that most people barely scratch the surface of what they can do with these powerful devices."

The iLearn Series at BIG ARTS, which begins on January 26, will examine the application of personal technology to areas such as communication, travel, entertainment, networking, and privacy/security. Other subjects to be offered this winter at BIG ARTS are Cloud Computing, Google, Facebook, the Apple Watch and complete series on the iPhone and iPad.

Damiano will also be sharing his knowledge this season at the Center 4 Life, the Captiva Civic Association and the Lee County Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. To register for this free event, call 395-0900.

BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.✱

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City Of Sanibel Vegetation Committee

# Want To Reduce Your Water Bill?



Golden eagle playing with a sprinkler head

photo courtesy City of Sanibel

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering guided native vegetation and landscaping tours of City Hall grounds, planted exclusively with native plants. Upcoming tours of City Hall grounds will be held on:

- Saturday, January 28
- Wednesday, February 8 and Saturday February 25
- Wednesday, March 8 and Saturday, March 25
- Wednesday, April 12 and Saturday, April 22

Come walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer. Come see how to plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation committee members will provide valuable information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer and no supplemental irrigation.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to Sanibel City Hall, located at 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase. For additional information regarding the guided native vegetation tour, contact the city's natural resources department at 472-3700.

The Natural Resources Department section of the city's website, [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com), offers information and photos of native plants, a listing of licensed contractors, Sanibel's vegetation standards and codes, and the Environmental Reference Handbook prepared by the city's vegetation committee. The vegetation committee also offers free native plant tours of the grounds at city hall at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of the month from November to April. For more information, contact the Sanibel Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.\*

## Realtors Donate To Nonprofits

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors made a number of donations to local organizations on December 29: \$500 was presented to CHR; \$1,000 went to The Community House; \$500 was presented to FISH of SanCap; and \$500 went to CROW.\*



From left, Lori Pierot, Maggi Feiner of FISH of SanCap and Joel Goodman



From left, 2016 association president Lori Pierot, Kelley Riedy of CHR and 2017 president Joel Goodman photos provided



From left, Joel Goodman, Lori Pierot and Bill Santoris on behalf of CHR



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Michael Gillmore's shell collection

Local Sheller Michael Gillmore got the best of the best last weekend during a 12-hour seashell hunt after the cold weather and high winds moved through the island. Of all the seashells he collected, his favorite was the dark-colored "corded" olive. ✨

Shell Found



Peggy Townsend photo by A. Ziehl

Peggy Townsend from Prospect, Kentucky found a junonia in a tidal pool on the beachfront of Sandalfoot Condominiums. ✨

Shells Found



Jacob, Gillian, Brionna and Daniel Norden photo by A. Ziehl

Jacob, Gillian, Brionna and Daniel Norden from Belleville, Michigan found alphabet cones on Sanibel while staying at Island Inn. They said they had an "amazing vacation" and wished it was longer. "We love the beach and sun." ✨

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# Shissler Photo Exhibit Opens At Library



Photographer Ada Shissler, left, pointing to a number of her images printed on fabric for friend Carole Ackerman, who traveled from Panama City Beach to attend Shissler's photography exhibit opening at the Sanibel Public Library photos by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

On January 4, the Sanibel Public Library hosted an open house coinciding with the opening of a photography exhibit – Island Images – featuring longtime island resident Ada Shissler's captivating photographs of wildlife, flora and fauna, shells and outdoor activities frequently seen around the islands.

"I've always taken lots of pictures," said Shissler, who is displaying 63 of her images at the library through the end of the month. "When I went to Africa in 2009, I spent six weeks there and took a lot of photos. In a way, when you look back at all of the photos, it's like you're reliving your vacation all over again."

A retired realtor, Shissler began printing her vacation images on canvas, a technology which was rather new at the time. She used her experience to create exhibits of the travels of the Captiva Island Yacht Club to San Francisco – for the



Two Ada Shissler photographs: No Wake Pelican and Gull Party



Several of Shissler's images were printed onto fabric and made into pillows

America's Cup Races – as well as the International Boat Show in Newport, Rhode Island, and trips to India, Europe, Cuba, the Rockies and Yosemite National Park.

"When I was planning my trip to India, I knew I needed a small, lightweight, convenient auto-focus camera that I could carry in my pocket or purse," Shissler explained. "My choice was my Panasonic Lumix 2LX with a Leica lens. I took a photography class where all the other students had large, impressive cameras with

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elaborate lenses and complicated settings. At the end of the class, we all took photographs of a variety of subjects, and when we compared them, my camera had produced some of the best pictures.”

Along the way, she also began experimenting with ever-changing technologies, printing her photographs on a variety of mediums, including glass, aluminum, acrylic and fabric.

“Taking the picture is just the first part of the process,” she added. “I use my computer for photo editing to crop, enhance, retouch and bring out the full potential of the photo.”

Shissler’s images, on display at the Sanibel Public Library through the end of January, are offered for sale, priced from \$100 to \$2,500. To inquire about availability, call 472-1422 or send an email to adashissler@gmail.com.

Last Thursday evening’s opening reception, which included hors d’ouevres, refreshments and a harpist playing tranquil music, was supported by the Sanibel Public Library Foundation.✪



Shissler’s three-panel photo series, entitled *Trip-Tick*

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## Celebrity Chefs

is the Judges’ Choice given by three well-known celebrity chefs who will be on stage to critique each family chef’s creation. Jarred Harris, The Community House resident chef, recently joined the Community House team to lead the culinary education center. He has vast experience as a chef in our area and is well known for his farm-to-table passion. Loretta Paganini has a distinguished career in a wide range of culinary endeavors: cooking schools, restaurant consultant, catering business, culinary tours and television. For 20 years, she has held sold-out cooking classes on Sanibel. She will begin teaching at The Community House in early February. Mark Blust, vice president of marketing and operations of the Prawnbroker Restaurant Group, including The Timbers, The Sanibel Grill and Matzaluna, has a love of cooking that is evident in the dedication he brings to his job.

This year the Master of Ceremonies will be Rev. John Danner, who was one of the family chef contestants. He is well known for his quick wit and passion for The Community House.

Tickets are on sale by calling 472-2155 or visiting [www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net](http://www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net). Assigned seating is \$100. There are a few priority seats left for \$200, where one can sample the dishes the family chefs are cooking while in the front rows.✪



From left, Betsy Eidem, Ada Shissler, Deanna Evans, Candy Heise and Cathy Cameron  
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## BIG ARTS Awards Scholarships To Students Of Classical Music

**B**IG ARTS offers scholarships to students of classical music in the Southwest Florida area to promote students to take their artistic dreams to the top. This year, 10 students auditioned for a chance to win up to \$10,000, with a total amount of \$22,500 awarded between first and third prize winners.

To be eligible for an award, students must be a high school senior planning to study some form of the arts, or a college student currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate arts program, and be a current resident of Lee County or currently employed (or have a parent employed) on Sanibel or Captiva for at least the past two years. Winners are selected by a scholarship committee via thorough vetting and an audition showcasing each student's individual talents.

After a rigorous selection process, three students were selected. In first place, with a scholarship awarded in the amount of \$10,000, is Brian Henry of Fort Myers. Henry is a junior at FGCU, currently working towards his BFA in music performance for percussion. A student of Troy Jones, assistant director of bands and professor of percussion at FGCU and Brian Jordan, principle percussionist with the Naples Philharmonic, Henry plans to become a percussionist in a symphony orchestra and to obtain a master's degree in music performance. In addition, he has performed with a wide array of ensembles such as the FMEA Florida Intercollegiate Band, National Intercollegiate Band, Gulf Coast Symphony, TheatreZone, Naples Philharmonic, and has been chosen for FGCU's top performing ensembles every semester.

Another Fort Myers native, Stephanie Van Duijn, winner of the second place \$7,500 scholarship, is a junior in the Florida Virtual School program and has been studying violin for 10 years. Her goals moving forward include a leadership position in a major orchestra and she plans to apply to Amsterdam Conservatory, the Juilliard School, and many



From left, Lauren Huff, Lee Ellen Harder and Stephanie Van Duijn photos courtesy BIG ARTS

more prestigious conservatories in her effort to obtain a bachelors of music in performance. Van Duijn currently studies with Kimberly Fisher, principal second of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Glenn Basham, concertmaster of the Naples Philharmonic.

A \$5,000 scholarship reward went to Sodie Finebone, a 14-year tuba student originally from Nigeria.

Finebone moved to the U.S. in 2000 and began playing tuba at the age of 12. An alumni of the prestigious Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's talent development program, he currently studies with Kenneth Amis of the world-renowned brass quintet Empire Brass. He is a sophomore at Lynn University, working towards a bachelor's of music in tuba. His ambitions are to become a professional tubist in an American orchestra and founding a talent development program that would provide free music lessons, mentoring and college prep support to underprivileged youth from inner cities.

BIG ARTS congratulates the students who auditioned, and wishes each and every one of these talented students the best going forward.\*



From left, Lee Ellen Harder, Lauren Huff and Brian Henry

## Island Seniors At Center 4 Life

**M**eat your friends and make some new ones at the Center 4 Life. Browse through the following activities, then stop by to sign up.

**Page Turners with Louise Fitzgerald and Ann Hartman** – If you are not on the Page Turners list and wish to be, email oceann@comcast.net or contact the center.

The featured book on Wednesday, February 8 at 2:30 p.m. is *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton.

"*Cry, the Beloved Country, the most famous and important novel in South Africa's history, was an immediate worldwide bestseller in 1948. Paton's impassioned novel about a black man's country under white man's law is a work of searing beauty. Cry, the Beloved Country is the deeply moving story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son, Absalom, set against the background of a land and a people riven by racial injustice. Remarkable for its lyricism, unforgettable for character and incident, Cry, the Beloved Country is a classic work of love and hope, courage and endurance, born of the dignity of man.*" – Goodreads

**Island Seniors Got Talent Season Two** – Thursday, January 19, 5:30 p.m.

Season one was so much fun that Island Seniors is looking forward to season two. Talent scouts went in search of members to perform at this year's event. A fun-filled evening is planned for all. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and show will follow. Due to the popularity of this program, the event will be held at the Sanibel

Recreation Center, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Bring a side dish to share. The main entree, drinks and desserts will be provided by Island Seniors. Sign up in advance to reserve your seat.

**Edison Ford Winter Estates Inside The Homes Tour and River Cruise** – Monday, January 30. Cost is \$67 for members and \$72 for non-members.

Begin the adventure with a scenic river cruise, narrated by a knowledgeable captain and docent. Lunch is on your own at Pinchers Restaurant, located on the Caloosahatchee. After lunch, take a tour inside the homes, where you will step back in time and imagine Fort Myers as it was for Thomas Edison. Discover how Edison lived, studied, dined and entertained in this behind-the-scenes tour. Advance registration is required by Friday, January 27. Limited to 20 participants, first come, first served.

**Arts & Crafts Fair** – Saturday, February 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 40 local vendors will be selling their creative designs. Pottery, shell designs, paintings, fabric art, jewelry, glass works, books, tropical plants, photography, wreaths and canned goods. Sponsored by the Center 4 Life and Island Seniors, Inc. There will be a bargain priced hot dog lunch for hungry guests.

**Keeping up with Technology with Gerard Damiano** – Lesson 1: iPhone Basics – Friday, January 20, 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members.

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**Keeping up with Technology with Gerard Damiano** – Lesson 1: iPad Basics – Tuesday, February 7, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Navigate the multi-touch screen interface and learn about the iPad's hardware and settings. Discover typing techniques and tricks that will give you the functionality of a full keyboard. Cut, copy and paste. Spell check and look up words as you go. Maintain your battery, and back up your data using iCloud. Register in advance. Bring your own device. Be prepared to use your Apple ID and password.

**Learn To Play Mahjongg with Katie Reid** – January 23 to 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Class is limited to four or eight students (to fill a table to practice). You must be able to attend all five classes. All supplies are provided. Register in advance.

**Learn To Play Bridge with Christl and Bruce Smith** – January 30, February 1, 6 and 8 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Class is limited to eight students and you must be able to attend all four classes. Register in advance.

#### Games

Cost for all games is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes will be awarded.

**Bridge** – Monday and Wednesday. Register by noon; the game begins at 12:30 p.m.

**Mahjongg** – Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

**Hand & Foot** – Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

**New Game: Hearts** – Friday at 12:30 p.m.

**New Game: BINGO** – Friday, January 27 at 1 p.m.

**Kayaking offered on Tuesdays**

**and Thursdays, January through March** – January 17 and 19 (weather permitting) at 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

**Line Dancing Classes** – Tuesday, January 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

The instructor will review dance steps then turn up the music so you can dance. Bring a friend. Call to register.

#### Fitness Classes

Members cost is \$4 per class, visitors \$7 per class. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership card to attend.

**Happy Hour Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Keep your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises. Hand weights, stretch cords and body weight are used. Athletic footwear required. Instructors are Grace Elston and Connie DeCicco.

**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. Athletic footwear is required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

**Power Hour Fitness** – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats are used. Improve core strength and balance. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

**Gentle Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

**Chair Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. Similar to gentle yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

For more information, call 472-5743 or stop by the Center 4 Life, located at 2401 Library Way on Sanibel.✪

join the group for a day of fellowship, sharing ideas and carving. Interests include whittling, birds, butterflies, relief, caricature and shipbuilding. Beginners or anyone with any level of ability are welcome. The group sponsors a show at the Sanibel Library in February for those who are interested.

Stop by anytime on Thursday morning for coffee and a look. For more information, contact Ed at 834-9116.✪

## Sanibel Carvers

The Periwinkle Carving Group of Sanibel has started to meet again on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. at Sanibel Community Church, Room 130. Community members who have an interest in any form of woodcarving, using small power tools or hand tools, are invited to

## Lions Club Free Screenings

Complimentary diabetes, glaucoma, hearing and blood pressure screenings by the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club will be performed from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, January 13 at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The Lion screeners have been trained and certified by a doctor and use all appropriate methods to insure antiseptic conditions and privacy during the screening. Screenings are performed on a first come, first serve basis.

Finding and treating eye disease early is the best way to limit the effects of glaucoma and diabetic eye disease. If left untreated, they may cause severe vision loss or even blindness.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).✪

## Art League To Host Guest Speaker

Barbara Albin will be guest speaker at the next meeting of Sanibel Captiva Art League (SCAL) on Thursday, January 19. The meeting will be held in Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS, beginning with light refreshments at 1 p.m.

Albin, while sharing her love of art, will be demonstrating how to create a watercolor monotype without the use of a press. For the past several years, she has been teaching at monotype workshops. Edgar Degas made close to 400 monotypes, and she plans to share photos/books from a recent Degas monotype exhibit at the MOMA Museum in New York City. "Color, light, and the essence of life and nature are my constant themes," she said in her artist statement. "I pour out, not only the paint, but also the joy and love in my heart into each work of art."

Albin is a graduate of Northern Illinois University. She also attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, an Oxbow summer residency graduate program and a summer art workshop in Paris. She has been in over 400 juried and invitational shows. Her paintings are in the permanent collections of Northern Illinois University, Harper College, McHenry County Government Center, and many other corporate and private collections.

After moving to Punta Gorda, she taught watercolors at the Visual Arts Center for eight years. She now juries art shows and enjoys presenting workshops. She is a member of many local and national organizations. In 2012, she won the prestigious Charlie Award for her outstanding contributions to the arts given by the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County. Barbara is represented in Florida by Sea Grape Gallery in Punta Gorda, and WildChild Gallery in Matlacha.

The art league meeting, open to the public, will also be a prime opportunity to view the Sanibel Captiva Art League sponsored SWFL Art Council show, Sight Unseen, which will be on exhibit in Philip's Gallery throughout January. For more information, visit [www.sancapart.com](http://www.sancapart.com).✪



Barbara Albin with her painting *Blue Rhythm*  
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## The One Man



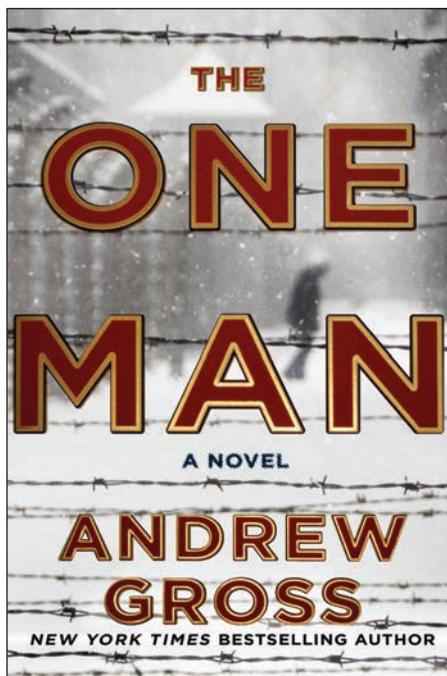
by Di Saggau

**T**he *One Man* by Andrew Gross is a heart-pounding historical fiction work that is hard to put down. I read it in two days and every page kept me enthralled with its twists and turns

through a landscape at times horrifying but still compelling. It's 1944, and physics professor Alfred Mendl is separated from his family and sent to the men's camp at Auschwitz, where all of his belongings are tossed on a roaring fire. His books, his papers, his life's work. The Nazis have no idea what they have destroyed. Mendl is an electromagnetic physicist believed to have knowledge key to America's secret efforts to build an atom bomb.

Only two people in the world possess this knowledge, and the other is already at work for the Nazi war machine. Four thousand miles away, Nathan Blum works as an intelligence officer in Washington, DC, but he wants to do more for the war effort. He gets his wish. Suddenly, the U.S. taps him for an important mission. Blum is fluent in German and Polish, he is Semitic-looking, and he proved his scrappiness at a young age when he escaped from the Polish ghetto in Krakow. Now the government needs him to take on a dangerous assignment. He must sneak into Auschwitz, on a mission to find and escape with one man, Alfred Mendl. FDR himself commands Blum, "Do not fail."

Mendl has survived because his fluent German comes in handy to the Nazis. Leo Wolciek, a 16-year-old chess prodigy, also remains alive because they find him entertaining. Leo has an astonishing



memory and the two eventually form an extremely important friendship. Leo also enjoys time with the wife of the camp's Lagerkommandant. She enjoys playing chess with him in her home.

The government comes up with a complicated plan to get Blum into the camp. He has 72 hours to find Mendl and get him out of Auschwitz. In the midst of all the tension and horror, there are faint flickers of hope and humanity from a most unexpected source. Much of the story is based on truth as you will read in the author's note at the end of the book. *Publishers' Weekly* calls it "a harrowing, thematically rich thriller, a compelling celebration of the human will to survive, remember, and overcome." This is the first book I have read by Gross and hopefully it won't be the last. It's deeply affecting and unputdownable reading.✪

## Academy Award Contender's Series Moonlight



by Stan Gembicki

**O**n Wednesday, January 18 at 12:30p.m., the Island Cinema will show the

third movie in this year's BIG ARTS Film Society Academy Awards Contenders Film Series. After the movie, a discussion will take place at the cinema. Tickets are available at the Island Cinema. Other movies in the series will be announced prior to the weekly showing.

*Moonlight* was written and directed by Barry Jenkins, based on the play *In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue* by Tarell Alvin McCraney. The film stars Trevante Rhodes, André Holland, Janelle Monáe, Ashton Sanders, Jharrel Jerome, Naomie Harris and Mahershala Ali.

A young man deals with his dysfunctional home life and comes of age in Miami during the "War on Drugs" era. The story of his struggle to find himself is told across three defining chapters in his life as he experiences the ecstasy, pain and beauty of falling in love while grappling with his own sexuality.

Filmed in Miami, Florida, beginning in 2015, the film had its world premiere at the Telluride Film Festival in 2016 and has received universal acclaim. The film was chosen by American Film Institute as one of the top 10 films of 2016 and has been nominated for numerous awards, including Golden Globe nominations for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor for Ali, Best Supporting Actress for Harris, Best Screenplay and Best Original Score.

The film is 1 hour and 51 minutes long, Show time will be 12:30 p.m. at the Island Cinema, located in Bailey's Shopping Center.✪



## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, My daughter has a learning disability and she will be going to college soon. She has received special education services, and I

am wondering if services work the same way in college as they do in high school. What should we be working on for her transition?

Kristin A., Fort Myers

**Kristin,**

Post-secondary services do not work the same way that they do in high school. Once a student is accepted to a college, it is their responsibility to apply for accommodations because colleges don't necessarily know they have a disability and are not obligated to offer services. Even if a student mentions something on an application about having a disability, it is unlikely that such information will be forwarded to

the college's disability services office. Colleges are not required to locate students with disabilities. Services and accommodations vary across all colleges.

Students can apply for accommodations as soon as they enroll at college, but they will not receive them unless they do so. Applying for accommodations may require students to attend a short meeting, and it typically involves completing a brief application and submitting a copy of their documentation. Some students will find that the documentation of their disability does not meet the college's requirements or they may be told that while their high school considered them eligible for accommodations and services, they are not considered eligible by their college's guidelines.

If they are found eligible for services, students will find certain accommodations are available, such as extended time to complete tests or permission to record their classes. However, they may find that their college does not offer other adjustments because they go beyond disability services' mandate to "level the playing field" for students with disabilities. Each disability services office provides certain

basic adjustments, and those that go beyond this do so because the college has decided to provide more extensive services. The only way for students to know whether the colleges they want to attend provide just the basics or do more than that is for them to check the offices' websites and make phone calls to ask questions.

Families should also know that the law does not require colleges to make certain kinds of accommodations such as the substitution of a course requirement, so students need to check graduation requirements carefully as they research schools. They should not assume that they will receive a substitution even if their high school provided one.

According to Elizabeth C. Hamblet, a learning specialist at Columbia University's Disability Services office, most colleges' disability services offices do not employ disability specialists to help students with work. Their role may be solely to provide academic accommodations. Students who want to receive tutoring are not entitled to more tutoring hours than typical students are, nor are they entitled to have tutoring delivered one-on-one if that is not how all students are treated. Students

looking for these kinds of supports have to research the services provided by the colleges they hope to attend. Some schools offer special programs that provide such supports, but this is typically at an additional fee.

Students and parents should research the information on disability services very carefully during the application process. Knowing about the availability and the limitations of college services may impact a student's decision in regard to which college to attend. Consequently it's crucial to have all the information about disability services as soon as possible in order to make the best decision possible.

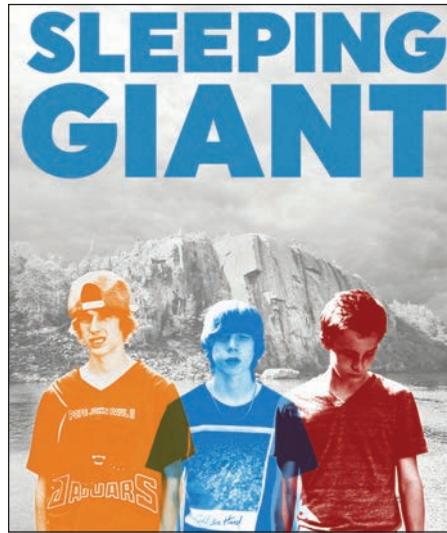
Shelley Greggs is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.✪

**BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series*****Sleeping Giant***

by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for January 16 is "Sleeping Giant," a Canadian film that points to a renewed eagerness to venture into wilder spaces. The film's central figure is an outsider who seems very badly suited to his new environment. Adam (Jackson Martin) has just returned with his parents for another summer at their lakeside cottage near Thunder Bay. As he gets to know his cousins, it's obvious that a gulf exists, a difference of class, between them. At times, they barely seem to speak the same language. The boys hear tales of Todd's Cliff from a Kraft Dinner-eating pot dealer. Todd's Cliff, with its 100 foot drop, becomes the ultimate test of manhood for the three young characters.

Adam is not much better off with his set of grown-ups. When he finds out that his would-be cool-dad may be having an affair with a local woman, he starts spying on her and starts acting out. Director Andrew Cividino tracks his young characters through a series of vividly rendered exteriors, the forest, the beach, the cliffs, the country highway and also a video arcade and



the cottages of the wealthier summer visitors. The teens jockey for power including egging one another to jump off the foreboding cliff.

Cividino depicts the tricky male power games between the boys with tact and compassion. All three young actors are convincing characters with impetuous mood swings and surges of false bravado. In the opening scene one of the boys says "YOLO", teen slang for "you only live once." It's also the first instance of pointed foreshadowing in the film, signifying an imminent

Committee are: Stan Gembicki, Maddy Mayor, Hyde Tucker, Stefi and Don Irwin, Sid Picker, and Di Saggau. They all offer specific skills that enhance the BIG ARTS Film Society and its various programs.\*

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challenge to mortality before the summer is out. The movie runs 89 minutes. Moderator for the evening is Don Irwin.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$10 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed

by a complimentary reception and discussion. Film Sponsors: June Rosner and Russ Bilgore, Stan and Visnja Gembicki, Hyde Tucker, Penny Wilkinson, the Island Sun. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org), or at the door or by calling 395-0900.\*

**Upcoming Programs At Sanibel Library**

The Sanibel Public Library's upcoming programs can be found on the library's website calendar at [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org). Weekly youth programs run through January 19.

At 6:30 p.m. on January 12, there will be a Basic Budgeting workshop presented by FISH of SanCap and Fifth Third Bank. There is no charge to attend, but please register by calling FISH at 472-4775. In this class, attendees will learn to evaluate income sources, develop a basic budget, and efficiently manage money.

Brooks Robbins will present P.O.W. Camps in America During World War II on Monday, January 16 at 2 p.m.

On January 16 at 3 p.m., come listen to "bel canto" (beautiful singing), arias and choruses with guest speaker Lew Schneider. Schneider chose these rare opera recordings for their exciting beauty, difficulty and presentation. Schneider's four passions are his wife, grandchildren, toy trains and bel canto opera.

On Monday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m., Buddhist monk and meditation teacher Kelsang Tashi of the Samudrabadra Buddhist Center will present Choose Happiness: Introduction To Meditation. Buddhist teachings present many meditation and positive thinking techniques you can use to connect with this potential for happiness within yourself. This talk will explore how we can begin to use the practices of meditation and mindfulness to live with greater joy and purpose.

The library's upcoming youth programs include the Third to Fifth After-School Clique, which meets on Tuesdays at 3 pm., K-2 After-School Crew on Thursdays at 3 p.m., with snacks provided. Bessie the READ dog visits on Thursdays at 4 p.m. There are two "all ages" storytimes on Wednesdays. The weekly children's programs run through January 19. Children's book discussions will be held on Saturday, January 14. The full youth program schedule can be found online at [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org). Contact Youth Services Librarian Deanna Evans at [devans@sanlib.org](mailto:devans@sanlib.org) or call 472-2483 for more information.

The public is invited to attend these library programs; there is no additional cost to participate. For more details, call 472-2483 or visit [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org).\*

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**20th Anniversary Celebration**

Hopkins. It was shown in Phillips Gallery on a portable screen to an audience of 16 people. From that humble beginning, the program moved to Schein Hall where it rapidly morphed into the Monday Night Film Series, Windows to the World, an ongoing series of critically acclaimed foreign and independent films.

Pascall said, "The concept for Windows to the World comes from my career in advertising, marketing and the pharmaceutical industry during which time I traveled to over 100 countries, residing for two or more years in 10 very different countries and cultures. This changed the way I perceived other countries and also the United States, and led me to the concept of an ongoing film series with the best current films from around the world to be enjoyed, and offer a better understanding of our global cultural differences and our shared humanity." When Pascall took the idea to the BIG ARTS Board of Directors in the 1990s, they said, "Sounds good. Go for it." The rest is history.

Attendance has increased dramatically over the years. Monday night audiences of 150 to 250 or more are the norm. During the past 20 years, films have been screened from over 50 countries. A discussion with refreshments follows each film, resulting in an increased appreciation of the film and an opportunity to exchange ideas with the diverse group of people who make up our audiences. Six years ago, Pascall turned over chairmanship and the film selection process to Visnja Gembicki. Others on the BIG ARTS Film Society

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## Shell Collector Displays At Sanibel Library

Sanibel shell aficionado Jeffrey P. Oths is currently displaying 25 pieces from his Victorian antique shell art collection at the Sanibel Public Library in January. Many of the items were purchased in New England, however most originate from Europe.

Oths moved to Sanibel in 2003 but was a shell collector for more than 30 years before living on the island. He is past president of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, and past chair of the annual Sanibel Shell Festival. He has been an artistic judge at the Sanibel Shell Festival. An avid sheller, he has found some rare specimens, including the long-spined star shell, which had never previously been documented on Sanibel. His enthusiasm for all things shell-related has led to media interviews, including one for Public Radio International's *Living on Earth* show, as well as local TV appearances promoting the Sanibel Shell Festival.

The display includes many antique, shell-encrusted items like a Victorian shoe, pincushions, handkerchief holder and postcard box. A diorama featuring a rescue at sea scene can also be admired at the library.

The Sanibel Public Library is also displaying photography by Ada Shissler this month. Located at 770 Dunlop Road, the library is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Library cards are available to all residents of Sanibel and Lee County at no charge. Visitor library cards are available for a \$10 annual fee. For more information about the Sanibel Public Library, call 472-2483 or visit [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org).



Sanibel shell enthusiast and collector Jeffrey Oths photos courtesy Sanibel Public Library

## Dinner/Dance

Looking to do something new, fun, romantic and to benefit a great cause this Valentine's Day? Then consider joining the Stroke Recovery Foundation on Tuesday, February 14 for their Valentine Dance For Stroke at the newly remodeled Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

The red carpet evening will feature hors d'oeuvres with a choice of champagne, beer or wine; an elegant sit down dinner with selection of New York strip, special salmon or a vegetarian dish catered by Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's; dancing to the music of DJ David Flory; silent and live auction items; a romantic song set performed by Sandy Greco plus a dazzling dance performance by the number one United States Rhythm Dance champions. Parking will be provided by Frey's Valet.

Major sponsors for this event include Edison National Bank and Bailey's General Store.

Tickets are \$125 per person (\$65 per person is tax-deductible). The reservation deadline is February 7. To reserve your place or table (eight people) or get more information, call Gloria at 395-2661 or email [gbaker9367@aol.com](mailto:gbaker9367@aol.com).

The Stroke Recovery Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to develop post stroke recovery initiatives to assist stroke victims in Southwest Florida. Proceeds will help implement a community-based pilot plan tailored after an effective Canadian program that has successfully helped victims rebuild their lives after a stroke.

For more information about the Stroke Recovery Foundation or to become a sponsor, contact Bob Mandell at [Bob@StrokeRF.org](mailto:Bob@StrokeRF.org) or call 254-8266.

## Poet's Corner



We invite submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to [tutsie@centurylink.net](mailto:tutsie@centurylink.net). Each week, individual work will be showcased.

selected by Tanya Hochschild

### Ode To A Junonia

by Johnnie Lorren

Hidden is she, 'neath thick foam and froth

or deeper yet, sand covered no doubt  
Twenty-eight years like the flame draws the moth

I've dug and I've sorted till I wanted to shout!

Yet clear to this day, that junonia creature

has successfully hid from my thoughtful perusal

Though others, their children, and even their teacher

find the jewel that to me is refusal  
I dream that perhaps when I least expect it

That illusive procurement will happen you see

Because patience, I'm taught, may finally reward it

And ocean and wave will deliver to me!

*Johnnie Lorren is a retired ophthalmology technologist. She and her husband live full time on Sanibel. Johnnie is a writer, vocalist, and artist, having built, carved and painted the gray wolf on the Chattanooga Zoo Carousel, designed for endangered species.*

## LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

**Il Cielo** has live entertainment with Scott McDonald on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Island Cow** on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Dan Confrey. Peter Redpath plays on Saturday. On Sunday, it's Dan Confrey.

**The Jacaranda** has live entertainment Friday with Cruzan Vibes, playing reggae. Steve Will and Chicago Carey play classic rock on Saturday. On Monday, it's Renata. Wednesday is Jerry B. Variety Show, featuring Motown and classic hits. Sir Mitch plays classic rock, R&B and dance on Thursday.

**The Mucky Duck** on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva features live music by Peter Redpath

on Thursday and Sunday. Gary Earle plays Friday. Gene Federico performs on Saturday and Wednesday. Mark Dupuy plays on Monday. On Tuesday, it's John McLane.

**Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa** has live island style entertainment on Mondays.

**Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn** has live entertainment Friday with Woody Brubaker and Barbara Smith. Woody Brubaker and Kathy Buda play on Saturday. On Sunday it's Barbara Dexter. Woody Brubaker plays on Wednesday. Mike Arnone plays on Thursday.

**Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa** has live island style entertainment on Mondays with Danny Morgan & Friends.

*Restaurant owners/managers, please email or fax any changes to your entertainment schedule to [press@islandsunnews.com](mailto:press@islandsunnews.com) or 395-2299.*

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Heart of the Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron Base
2. *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal
3. *Seduced* by Randy Wayne White
4. *See Me* by Nicholas Sparks
5. *Florida's Crocodiles* by Charles LeBuff

6. *A Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

7. *Discovering Old Florida* by Erika J. Waters

8. *Living Gulf Coast* by Charles Sobczak

9. *Remarkable Women of Sanibel & Captiva* by Jeri Magg

10. *Best. State. Ever.* by Dave Barry  
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# Realtor Donates House For Fire Training



Realtor Chuck Bergstrom, third from left, poses for a picture with members of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and the Captiva Fire Control District at the West Gulf Drive home he donated for training purposes photos by Jeff Lysick

by Jeff Lysick

Late last month, members of the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and the Captiva Fire Control District completed firefighter search-and-rescue exercises at an unoccupied home donated by island realtor Chuck Bergstrom for training purposes.

According to Bergstrom, the house – located at 4014 West Gulf Drive on Sanibel – was “beyond needing normal repairs,” so he contacted the fire department to inquire if they could use it to conduct training exercises.

“As much as we like the house, it needed to be brought into the 21st century,” said Bergstrom, who noted it was the 24th home he has donated to fire personnel. “Due to contemporary code requirements, it needs to be replaced.”



A team of Sanibel Fire & Rescue District firefighters prepare to enter the structure

Both the Sanibel and Captiva fire squads conducted search-and-rescue drills inside the home, which was filled with smoke to simulate conditions firefighters might actually encounter. Training at the property was conducted over three days.

Tim Barrett, training officers for the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District, explained prior to sending in the second crew on the morning of December 29 that the target time for his firefighters to arrive on scene, bring in equipment off the fire truck, enter the home and find two “victims” inside the structure was 10 to 12 minutes.

“We took a little bit longer inside there, because we were going through a number of different search-and-rescue scenarios,” Barrett said following the exercise.

Bergstrom, who watched the simulation take place, noted that a new home on stilts would replace the current residence.✪



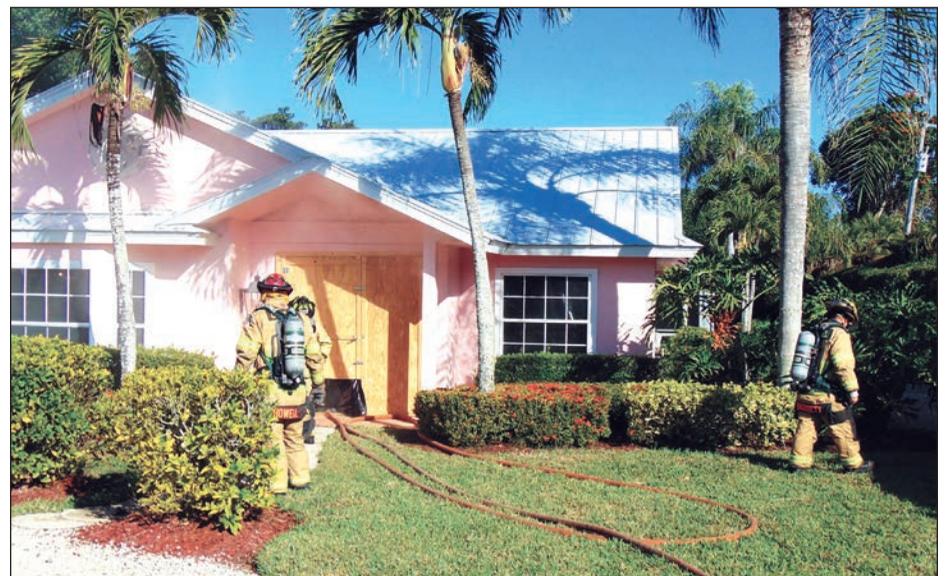
Sanibel’s ladder truck is maneuvered into position, fully extended and ready to douse the building



Firefighter/paramedic Tony Fontane drags a fire hose into position during the training exercise



Firefighter Alma McClure and training officer Tim Barrett



Sanibel Fire & Rescue District crew members completed their rescue drill at the West Gulf Drive property



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Barred owl photo courtesy Sanibel-Captiva Audubon

## Audubon Lecture Focuses On Peregrine Falcons And Barred Owls

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon's own photographer and scientist Bill Heyd will present his program, Images To Inspire: Nesting of Peregrine Falcons and Barred Owls, on Thursday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. Heyd uses his proprietary photographs and related scientific research to delve into the nesting activities of these

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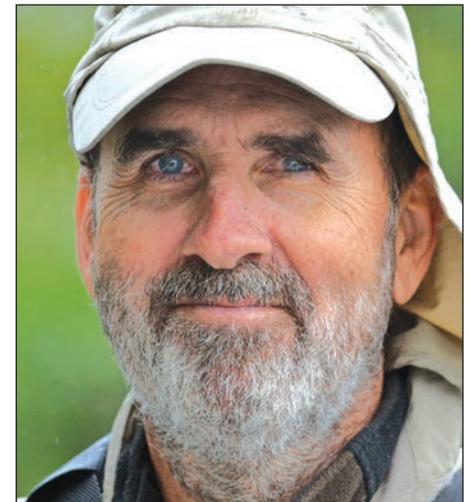
## First 'Ding' Lecture Takes Twisted Look At The Wilds

Fort Myers native Mark Renz recently released the first of three new books featuring off-beat, ecology-based photography and prose. Based on the book, *Naturally Twisted: A Wild Look At The Wild*, is the subject of Renz's two free photographic presentations on Friday, January 20, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., the first of this season's 2017 "Ding" Darling Lecture Series at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

Renz is founding president of the Paleontological Society of Lee County. He operates Fossil Expeditions guide service in Southwest Florida with his artist wife, Marisa. The author has written many books, including *Fossilizing in Florida*, *MEGALODON: Hunting the Hunter*, *Giants in the Storm* and *Desert Sharks*.

"Renz's gift is helping us to see Florida for the first time, as if it were conceived in the realms of fantasy, intimacy, mysticism and exhilaration," wrote *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* reporter Billy Cox in the foreword to *Naturally Twisted*. The author will sign copies of his book following both lectures. It is available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Store, proceeds from which benefit refuge

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Author Mark Renz photo courtesy DDWS

### HeartWalk Series:

## Twenty Three And Having A Stroke? A Young Woman's Story

submitted by Sandy Teger

It was August 9, 2015 and Taylor Van Netta and her fiancé, Tom Brown, were enjoying a Sunday morning walk at Freedom Park in Naples.

After completing five miles, she was suddenly slammed with a horrible headache. As a casual runner, her first thought was "dehydration." The headache was so intense that she and Brown decided to head to his place just down the road.

By the time they reached the car, Brown was very concerned. Van Netta was attempting to explain how she felt, but her words were slurred and she couldn't remember how to buckle the seatbelt. When they arrived at his place moments later, she stumbled and fell into the bushes.

Van Netta was paralyzed. Brown immediately called 911 and the couple was rushed to NCH Baker Hospital downtown, only moments away.

Here, the 23-year-old Van Netta was told the unthinkable: she was having a stroke.

"It was all such a shock. It happened so quickly, from the headache to arriving at the hospital took less than 15 minutes," explained Van Netta. "I considered myself a healthy person - I was 23, exercised, ate well, took care of myself... but that didn't matter. I was

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Tom Brown and Taylor Van Netta photo courtesy Sandy Teger

## Robbie's Run This Saturday At The Dunes

Lily & Co. Jewelers and Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's are co-title sponsors of the 4th annual Sanibel Robbie's Run (or Walk or Crawl) this Saturday, January 14 at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. The 5K run circles nine holes of the golf course and raises funds for the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (RMCM).

Participants must raise \$500 to take part in Robbie's Run. Billy's Rentals has donated a limited number of Segways for those who can't run, walk or crawl the course; instruction will be provided.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. and the event starts at 5 p.m. Participants will enjoy appetizers prepared with fresh, local ingredients by Sanibel Catering Company. A ball drop will be held at 6 p.m., with the winner taking home two round-trip Southwest Airlines tickets to a destination of their choice within the United States, plus \$500 "walking around" money. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Robbie's Run is organized by Grampy's Charities, which is a 100 percent volunteer organization and has donated more than \$3 million to children's charities over the

past quarter century.

"Grampy's Charities works hard to make a difference in the lives of children who need it the most," said Lily & Co. owners Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell. "We are honored to be a part of Robbie's Run and helping to bring a Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to our area."

The RMCM travels to schools, community centers and neighborhoods delivering dental care and medical screenings. While the program has been in Collier County since 2004, a second Care Mobile was due to arrive in fall of 2016 to service Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.

Lily & Co. previously raised more than \$15,000 for the RMCM by hosting a tennis event at Beachview Tennis Club. Those funds were partially matched by Grampy's Charities.

In addition to supporting the RMCM, Lily & Co. will be sponsoring a golf challenge to benefit Charitable Foundation of the Islands, Cooking with the Islands Stars to benefit The Community House and the Sanibel-Captiva Heart Walk to benefit the American Heart Association.

"We are delighted to give back to our community because it has given so much to us," added Schuyler and Bell, who celebrated a decade of business in 2016.

To register for Robbie's Run or learn more about Grampy's Charities, visit [www.grampys.org](http://www.grampys.org).

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## Questions About The Civic Core Proposal



submitted by  
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Sanibel, has raised a series of new questions about the proposed Civic and Cultural Core project. This is in addition to 15 questions that COTI sent seven months ago to project proponents and the Sanibel City Council that have not been addressed publicly. These questions deal with issues about the environment, taxpayer burden, operating cost-sharing, event-proliferation, parking, project scale, traffic and more.

On December 6, 2016, the Sanibel City Council approved two public referenda for March 7, 2017. The items, if approved, would make the Civic Core project possible. One would convert 13.5 acres of conservation land near City Hall to develop the project. The other would provide \$8 million in bond funding to pay part of the cost. While COTI has not yet opposed or supported the \$42 million construction project, it continues to raise questions to assure that Sanibel citizens have sufficient information to make an informed decision on the largest on-island public building project in history. This commentary summarizes and further clarifies five new questions raised by COTI members at the December 6 council meeting.

- Where is the master plan? The wording for the \$8 million bond issue refers to “the City’s Civic and Cultural Core Master Plan.” The problem with this is that there is no “Master Plan” of consequence. If there is, who has it, where is it, why was it not attached to the City Council resolution, and why has it not been on the city website? What is available from proponents is a dated PowerPoint presentation including a 20-page conceptual outline, with five architectural sketches, that lacks project analysis or detail. So, will this be the most Sanibel citizens have available to guide their decisions in the next 10 weeks? Are there other documents that will be available for public review, and when and where can they be found?

- How “consistent” is Civic Core with the Sanibel plan? Proponents of the Civic Core have said their vision is “to create a place consistent with the Sanibel Plan.” Yet, in their promotional materials, it is never mentioned that the 26 acres the city would contribute to the project includes converting 13.5 acres of conservation land for project development. Of such land, the Sanibel

Charter reads: “The Environmentally Sensitive Land Conservation District, established through appropriate legislation, shall continue in existence in perpetuity, and the lands contained therein shall be kept forever wild, consistent with Sanibel’s designation as a sanctuary for wildlife and for humans who wish to experience nature in its indigenous beauty and diversity, free of disruptive human activity.” (Sec. 3.10.1) The Sanibel Vision Statement reads: “The City of Sanibel will resist pressure to accommodate increased development and redevelopment that is inconsistent with the Sanibel Plan.” The statement ends by saying that, “the community’s vision of its future is hierarchy; one in which the dominant principle is Sanibel’s sanctuary quality. Sanibel shall be developed as a community only to the extent to which it retains and embraces this quality of sanctuary.” Given these very clear principles, citizens should ask: how “consistent” with the Sanibel Plan is cutting down and covering much of the 13.5 acres of conservation land to accommodate four new buildings, new roads, and hundreds of parking spaces for the Civic Core project?

- Why such limited citizen participation? Respect is due to the volunteers from BIG ARTS, the Center 4 Life and the Sanibel Community Association who created the Civic Core proposal; but stakeholder involvement and commitment beyond this planning group seems limited. In 2014, residents from the 22-home Periwinkle Pines neighborhood, which is adjacent to the project and will be encircled by it, were denied active stakeholder status in planning. Since then, it has been reported that their association has voted to oppose it. As for the other adjacent stakeholder organizations, except for BIG ARTS, it is unclear which, if any, endorse the project.

- As to citizen participation, some key questions are: if and when did citizens, beyond a small stakeholder group, have opportunities to evaluate the assumptions and need assessments that justify the project, and, to help select the best plan for the Civic Core project among alternatives? Looking ahead, the key question is if and when will Sanibel citizens have materials that describe and discuss the Civic Core project in detail and provide answers to the questions COTI has raised? This is not the time for vague promises or discussion of the Civic and Cultural Core “concept.” That time has passed, and now it is time for real answers to make real decisions that will have an enormous impact on the future of Sanibel.

- What about the money? The least transparent part of the Civic Core project is how little is said about capital costs, funding sources, operational costs and lease arrangements for BIG ARTS. When the project was discussed at a public meeting in November 2013, citizens were told, “Financing will be done with every grant we can find. The costs will be borne by the grants and

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## Neighbors Club Rally At Traders

The Sanibel Captiva Neighbors Club held their first rally of the year at Traders Gulf Coast Grill and Gifts on January 4. The club presented the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) with a check for \$135 from raffle funds and memberships dues from the fourth quarter of 2016. Birgie Miller, director of DDWS, highlighted many of the activities going on at the refuge. Nicole McHale followed with a description of FISH, the club's first quarter beneficiary for 2017. Thanks goes to Joe Archambault and Gretchen Wilson for hosting the club at Traders.

Participating Neighbors Club restaurants in 2017 have the new nickname of "The Sanibel Six" - Cip's Place, Matzaluna, Sanibel Fish House, Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort, The Jacaranda and Thistle Lodge at Casa Ybel. These restaurants provide members with a 10 percent discount on their bill. Sign up at SanibelNeighborsClub.com or in person at Hollie's Boutique at 1571 Periwinkle Way.✱



Brian Johnson, Birgie Miller and Beth Haely  
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Sally and Jack Kennedy, Allen and Wendy Pois

## Trust Company Offers Program

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is offering a round table seminar on how to establish Florida Domicile on Thursday, January 19 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at its Sanibel office board room, 2460 Palm Ridge Road.

The event is being hosted by Robin L. Cook, executive vice president of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and David M. Platt, Wills, trusts and estates attorney, Henderson/Franklin Attorneys at Law. Cook will explain the importance of understanding the definition of Florida Domicile and

why it is critical for new residents to follow steps to establish it. "So often, new residents to the area believe that purchasing a home here and spending part of the year means they have 'domiciled,' which provides them with the privileges and benefits of Florida estate tax laws and protections," said Cook, "but that is not the case. There is much more to it and this is what we address at our seminar."

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As the new year begins, the Committee of the Islands thought it would be a good time to publish here one of the key documents in our City Charter: The Sanibel Vision Statement. COTI is guided by this statement as we seek to fulfill our mission: *To ensure the continuity of good local government, to protect the environment, and to preserve the sanctuary character of our barrier island community.* Best wishes from the COTI Board of Directors...

# Sanibel Vision Statement

## Background

To provide a sense of direction for the future, this Vision Statement is a confirmation of the community's shared values and goals, to guide future decisions.

## Sanctuary

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary, one in which a diverse population lives in harmony with the island's wildlife and natural habitats. The Sanibel community must be vigilant in the protection and enhancement of its sanctuary characteristics. The City of Sanibel will resist pressures to accommodate increased development and redevelopment that is inconsistent with the Sanibel Plan, including this Vision Statement. The City of Sanibel will guard against and, where advisable, oppose human activities in other jurisdictions that might harm the island's sensitive habitats, including the island's surrounding aquatic ecosystems.

## Community

Sanibel is and shall remain a small town community whose members choose to live in harmony with one another and with nature; creating a human settlement distinguished by its diversity, beauty, uniqueness, character and stewardship.

## Diversity

The city of Sanibel cherishes its cultural, social ecological, and economic diversity, and will endeavor to maintain it.

## Beauty

The City of Sanibel will foster quality, harmony and beauty in all forms of human alteration of the environment. The community aesthetic is defined as a casual style; one which is adapted to a relaxed island quality of life and respectful of local history, weather, culture and natural systems.

## Uniqueness

The City of Sanibel chooses to remain unique through a development pattern which reflects the predominance of natural conditions and characteristics over human intrusions. All forms of development and redevelopment will preserve the community's unique small town identity.

## Character

The City of Sanibel chooses to preserve its rural character in its setting within an urbanizing county. "Auto-urban" development influences will be avoided. The commercialization of natural resources will be limited and strictly controlled.

## Stewardship

In keeping with the foregoing principles, the City of Sanibel affirms a land ethic that recognizes landholding-both public and private-as a form of stewardship, involving responsibilities to the human and natural communities of the island and its surroundings, and to future generations.

## Attraction

The Sanibel Community recognizes that its attractiveness to visitors is due to the island's quality as sanctuary and as community. The City of Sanibel will welcome visitors who are drawn by, and are respectful of, these qualities; it will resist pressures to accommodate visitor attractions and activities that compromise these qualities.

## Hierarchy of Values

This three-part statement of the community's vision of its future is hierarchy; one in which the dominant principle is Sanibel's sanctuary quality. Sanibel shall be developed as a community only to the extent to which it retains and embraces this quality of sanctuary. Sanibel will serve as attraction only to the extent to which it retains its desired qualities as sanctuary and community.

*COTI invites your input on all issues affecting our island. Send an email to [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org).*

*To read our past commentaries on Island issues, visit our website at [www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org). Or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.*

## ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

## Top Producers



Andre Arensman



Mike McMurray and Trevor Nette



Cindy Sitton

Royal Shell Real Estate announced the Sanibel/Captiva office top listing agents for the month of December. The top producing team was McMurray & Nette, the top listings producer individual was Andre Arensman, the top sales producer team was McMurray & Nette and the top sales producer individual was Cindy Sitton.✪

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## Heartwalk Series

having a stroke.”

Later that day, Van Netta, Brown, her mother and grandparents learned why. Van Netta was diagnosed with a hereditary disease called Antiphospholipid Syndrome that had caused a blood clot in her brain, one that she had lived with her entire life.

Adopted as a child, she and her family were unaware of the medical condition.

“What I know now is that we need to develop a test that will be standard for every newborn so that they can be placed on blood thinners to prevent the stroke from ever happening,” she said.

Unfortunately, the cost of not knowing about her condition was extensive and included a decompressive craniotomy where a portion of the right side of Van Netta’s skull was removed and placed into her abdomen (until September 1, 2015) to keep it viable while doctors waited for the swelling in her brain to go down.

It also left her with severe vision problems and limited use of her left hand and leg.

“I was fortunate it wasn’t worse – I didn’t experience any lasting cognitive effects or speech impediments,” Van Netta stated.

Still, fortunate requires a lot of work. She remained at NCH for 38 days before transferring to a Lee Health rehabilitation center. “When I arrived at rehab, I was able to wheel myself to the bathroom and get in and out of bed myself, but I couldn’t walk.”

Thirty days in rehab provided her the foundation and by September 2015, Van Netta had already proved one doctor wrong: she was up and walking.

“Being told I would be in a wheelchair for the rest of my life motivated me,” she said. “Seeing others in therapy going through something very similar and watching their progression really helped. So does the support I receive online from other young people who are survivors. Of course, the love and support of Tom, my mom and grandparents who were constantly by my side and continue to support me have been invaluable.”

Over time, Van Netta developed her own home-therapy routine that she does from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily, based on a weekly session with her private therapist.

She also participates in a research study at FGCU that explores the use of virtual reality software with treadmill physical therapy to determine whether treadmills really help or if it’s more efficient to do real-world walking.

Van Netta challenged the FGCU bioengineering team to help her prepare for the Lee Heart Walk, which took place on December 10, by developing a virtual walk route for her to practice on the treadmill.

She completed 2.5 miles of the 3.1-mile walk, shared her story with the more than 6,000 participants at the event and let the American Heart Association staff know that she was committed to participating in the Estero Heart Walk in February 2016. “I want to complete the full 3.1 miles,” she added.

While Van Netta is slower physically than she was before the stroke, she is grateful. “This stroke put my life on track. I’m more focused now and I can use this experience to help others – to show survivors of all ages that if I can do it, so can they.”

What’s next on Van Netta’s agenda? Staying healthy by keeping up with her medication (blood thinners to prevent another stroke) and therapy, finishing her last two classes at FGCU so that she can graduate with her finance degree in the spring, and that small matter of getting married.

In the meantime, Van Netta is raising awareness about the signs and symptoms of stroke. “There’s definitely one thing I want to get out to younger people, it’s to know the FAST signs,” she said, explaining that FAST is an acronym for the crucial warning signs of stroke:

- Face – drooping, weakness, numbness
- Arms – can’t raise/use them equally (numbness, weakness)
- Speech – trouble speaking, slurring words, confusion
- Time – it’s crucial to respond quickly by calling 911

The Sanibel-Captiva Heart Walk will take place on Sunday, January 29 starting at 1 p.m. It will start at the parking lot behind the new Doc Ford’s Rum Bar & Grille on Tarpon Bay Road and will continue along Island Inn Road as in previous years. Proceeds from the event support the American Heart Association’s lifesaving research, education and advocacy programs. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Il Cielo Restaurant are again Platinum Sponsors of the event.

For more information or to become an event sponsor, contact Kelly Goodwien at [kelly.goodwien@heart.org](mailto:kelly.goodwien@heart.org), call 495-4901 or visit [www.SanibelCaptivaHeartWalk.org](http://www.SanibelCaptivaHeartWalk.org).✪

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## Civic Core Proposal

entities involved, not by city taxpayers.” Three years later, this is no longer the case as Sanibel taxpayers are being asked to pay \$8 million plus interest for the project. It is only fair to ask: how did this come about and why is it necessary?

As to project grants, the public needs to know: who are the funders, what is the source of their income, how much does or will each provide, when has or will payments be made, and what conditions, if any, apply? Then, of course, the city should make it very clear: what are the options if only a portion of the \$12 million being sought by BIG ARTS and the \$22 million sought by the city are received?

Several deeper questions also need to be addressed: Whether and why is this the most important funding need of Sanibel at this time? Will potential funding for this project by Lee County jeopardize support for other needs in the future? And, what economic consequences may occur to the Sanibel brand, businesses and real estate values if the project is approved?

Who is in charge from here? Clearly,

there are many unanswered questions about the Civic Core Project that need to be answered promptly and thoroughly. With their vote to establish a referendum, the City Council now has the challenge to provide sufficient information, including a real master plan, and answers to the questions that COTI has raised. So, from here, the city is responsible and should be judged by their thoroughness, timeliness, and fairness in providing information to citizens.

The highest level of responsibility now falls to Sanibel citizens who will be in charge as they vote on March 7. City council members have said, citizens should and will decide; but the public right to approve declassifying conservation land is guaranteed in the City Charter, and Florida state law requires citizens to approve this type of bond issue. So, in the final analysis, Sanibel citizens must decide if the Civic Core plan is sufficiently certain, clear, compelling and thorough to convert conservation land for development, and to tax ourselves \$8 million in so doing.

COTI invites your input on this and other issues affecting our island. Send an email to [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org). To read our past commentaries on island issues, visit [www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org). Or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.✪

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# Will Trump Do Away With The Death Tax?



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

Last year, House Republicans led by Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) released A Better Way: Our Vision for a Confident America, which they called their “blueprint” for tax reform. This blueprint announces three important goals:

- It will fuel job creation and deliver opportunity for all Americans;
- It will simplify a broken tax code and make it fairer and less burdensome; and
- It will transform the IRS into an agency focused on customer services.

Among many other individual and corporate tax provisions, the blueprint promises to repeal the estate tax, which it refers to as the death tax. It deliberately does not promise to repeal the gift tax — more on that below. President-elect Trump has promised to repeal the death tax, but replace it with a capital gains carryover tax, similar to the one that existed in 2010 when estate tax repeal was briefly enacted under then-President Bush.

With a slim Republican majority in the Senate (52-48), Republican control of the House, and a Republican White House, one would assume that estate tax repeal is in the bag. Before planning your estate around that assumption, read on.

First, one might assume that Republican leadership would want some Democratic votes before pushing tax reform through. After all, the Republicans made a big deal of the enactment of the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) without a single Republican vote. But memories are short. In any event, it is not clear that the Republican leadership would want Democratic votes so much that they would try to get 60 total votes in the Senate to “call the question” on regular legislation.

A few bipartisan votes are fine, but not so desirable that the leadership would really want to “negotiate” or to concede much to get them. That leaves the process of “budget reconciliation” as the likely process, especially for a clearly fiscal agenda like tax legislation. But while “reconciliation” famously does not need 60 votes in the Senate, the 60-vote requirement cannot be avoided just by using the label “reconciliation.” There must first be a “budget resolution,” setting out broad guidelines for the inputs of multiple committees that will be brought together and “reconciled.” If that budget resolution is not passed by March, or perhaps April, tax reform will be behind schedule.

Budget reconciliation can be used only once a year. It is limited to fiscal matters. And it is limited further by constraints like the impropriety of affecting budget outcomes beyond an arbitrary budget window — most recently 10 years. We all remember (or have heard about) the peculiar one-year “repeal” of the estate tax that was enacted in budget reconciliation in 2010 that I referred to before. That repeal sunset the next year, leaving us with today’s law.

Sunsets are not inevitable. There are workarounds. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 was also enacted through budget reconciliation, with substantial permanent estate tax cuts. But both 1997 and 2001 presented much different fiscal environments. In June 2001, when the Economic Growth and Tax Relief

Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) was enacted — before 9/11, Afghanistan, and Iraq — budget surpluses of trillions of dollars were forecast for the coming decade. EGTRRA included only a modest 1-1/3 trillion dollars of tax cuts! Today, the forecasts are only more deficits.

Predictions are hard. The Trump Administration, and the political tone it sets, will not be conventional. There are no useful behavioral baselines. The fiscal climate is grim. And Republican leaders have many priorities and many diverse and sometimes combative constituencies to which they have made many promises.

All anyone can do is guess. With that in mind, the technical paths to permanent repeal of the estate tax are complicated and maybe risky to Republicans (especially to the extent they need Democratic support). The unexpected surge of disillusioned middle-class voters that propelled President-elect Trump to victory may not be very excited about the estate tax, and the attractiveness of repeal even to traditional supporters may be blunted by the prospect of having to keep the gift tax, or having to deal with a scary new capital gain or basis regime, and attempts to “have it all” will cost still more and look still more greedy. The reason to retain the gift tax, by the way, is to prevent lifetime gifts that could be used to effectively move income producing from high tax brackets to low tax brackets within the family then back again without penalty.

Repeal of the estate tax in 2017, permanently or temporarily, would require political capital that the Republican leadership may decide to spend elsewhere. A compromise reduction of rates by 5 or 10 percent is possible, and even with high exemptions, there might actually be some justification in tax policy for bringing transfer tax and income tax rates closer together. But that, too, would look expensive and possibly too greedy.

All anyone can do is guess. Any significant change, even a positive one, would require many to rethink their estate plans.

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## Lee Property Appraiser To Speak At Republican Caucus

On Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m., Lee County Property Appraiser Kenneth Wilkinson will speak at the first Sanibel/Captiva Republican Caucus meeting of 2017. The meeting will be held in the Sanibel Public Library (Room 4, downstairs) and is open to the public.

Wilkinson is a long-time resident of Florida who spent four years with the Army Security Agency before returning to earn his bachelor’s degree in business and public administration from Florida Atlantic University. He worked in banking and appraising prior to his election in 1980 as Lee County property appraiser, a position he holds to this day.

Wilkinson and his office have received a number of awards and recognitions for excellence. Unlike many governmental agencies, the appraiser’s office has a history of reducing costs year over year. He personally authored and supported the Save our Homes Constitutional Amendment 10, enacted in 1995, which limits the increase in assessed values to less than 3 percent per year. Since enactment, this amendment has been estimated to save Florida homeowners more than \$165 billion in property taxes.

Wilkinson will talk about homeowner property taxation values as to constitutional allowances and limitations, the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission and forecasts of Lee County’s ad valorem tax valuation.

For more information, call Will Smith at 395-0819.✪

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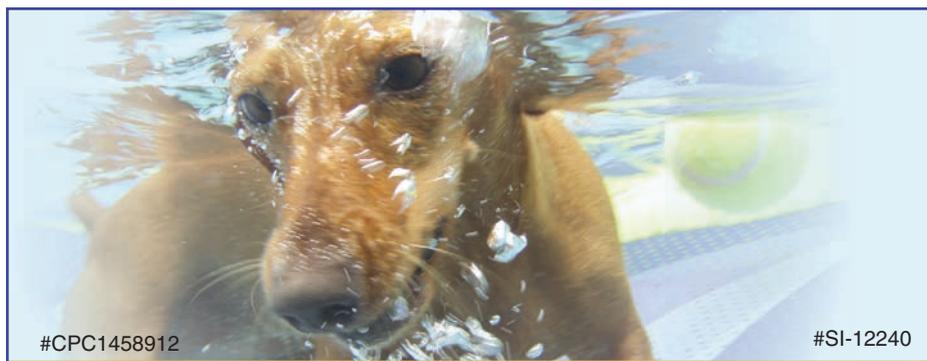


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As usual, Wildlife Drive closes on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the center, Indigo Trail, and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official recreation concession located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

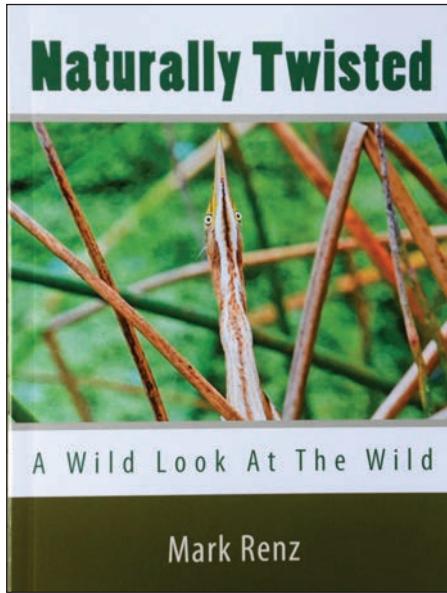
Note: Opinions expressed in guest lectures do not necessarily reflect the views of refuge and DDWS management, staff, and board of directors.

For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

January 20 – Author-photographer Mark Renz, *Naturally Twisted: A Wild Look at the Wild*

January 27 – Photographer Clyde Butcher, *Big Cypress Swamp: The Western Everglades*

February 3 – Author Dr. James McClintock, *A Naturalist Goes Fishing:*



*Casting in Fragile Waters from the Gulf of Mexico to New Zealand's South Island*  
February 10 - No lecture

February 17 – Author Dr. John Marzluff, *Welcome to Subirdia: Sharing Our Neighborhoods with Wrens, Robins, Woodpeckers and Other Wildlife*

February 24 – Author Will Harlan, *Untamed: The Biography of Carol Ruckdeschel*

March 3 – Author Dr. Laurel Neme, *Animal Investigators: How the World's First Forensic Lab Is Solving Crimes & Saving Endangered Species*

\*March 10 – Researchers Dr. Jennifer McCabe and Dr. Brian Olsen, *Migratory Birds in a Climate Changing World*

March 17 – Author-artist Julie

## Optimists Contribute \$5,000 To DDWS



On January 6, members of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club made a donation of \$5,000 from funds raised at the debut Sanibel Blues and Jazz Fest in November to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS). Pictured from left is Richard McCurry, Birgie Miller, John F. Jones, Stan Howard, Donny Swingle, Frans Kox and Sarah Lathrop. "It was wonderful to see this event take off like it did," said Miller, DDWS executive director. "And it's only gonna get bigger next year." photo by Jeff Lysiak

Zickefoose, *Baby Birds: An Artist Looks into the Nest*

March 24 – Author Denege Patterson, *A Tour of the Islands of Pine Island Sound: Their Geology, Archaeology and History*

March 31 – Author Will Stolzenburg, *Heart of a Lion: A Lone Cat's Walk Across America*

April 7 – Photographer-sound recordist Gerrit Vyn, *The Living Bird: 100 Years of Listening to Nature*

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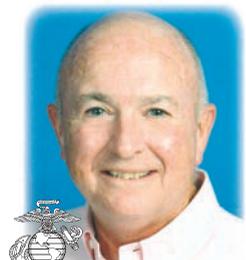
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## Ribbon Cutting At Qwik Pack & Ship



Qwik Pack & Ship Owner Rob Wright cuts the ribbon along with Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce Chairperson Donna Puma during a January 4 ceremony welcoming the new owner to the chamber business family. Wright would like to invite everyone to the Qwik Pack & Ship grand opening party at the 1456 Periwinkle Way Suite B location this Saturday, January 14 at 5 p.m. photo by Bob Petcher



## Optimists Deliver Donation To CHR From Blues Festival

Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club made a donation of \$5,000 from funds raised at the debut Sanibel Blues and Jazz Fest in November to Community Housing & Resources (CHR) last week at the Center 4 Life. Pictured from left is Frans Kox, John F. Jones, Stan Howard, Calli Johnson, Bonnie and Richard McCurry, Richard Johnson, Dorothy Donaldson and Dr. Steve Brown. "Next year, we're looking forward to the festival being bigger and better," said Howard, who noted that in 2017 the concert at Bailey's Backyard will include cabanas as well as a raw bar and champagne bar. "We've been overwhelmed by the amount of bands who want to come and be a part of this." photo by Jeff Lysiak

### Superior Interiors

## Delightfully Dazzling Dining Rooms



by Marcia Feeney

that's all there is to it. Not so. While

that may be one of the biggest decisions to be made, it's far from all!

I submit that you still need to consider providing for the comfort of guests as well as the convenience of the hostess. I find that there are often problems unique to this room that often make it a design challenge. With that in mind, it does take some considerable planning to create and design a dining room that will take center stage in your home.

Chairs alone are a far from simple choice. Massive ones take up too much space, so it's important to search for well designed chairs that are comfortable as well. Don't worry about having enough dining room chair shapes and sizes to pick from – there are so many that it's bewildering. Unless, of course, you have professional help.

Tables, too, come in all shapes and sizes. The size should fit both the room and your family and ideally be designed for easy expansion.

Expandable tables, with drop leaves, built-in extensions and inserts/leaves are all practical. Today's table design options can convert from a small cozy table to one that can be instantly enlarged when company is expected.

The lighting above your table should be carefully selected to assure the right wattage and the best light direction for the diners. The height of the chandelier is another important decision.

It's also more convenient to have silverware, linens and serving pieces stored right in the room. A sideboard or chest will help to give you the storage you need, and can also handle the food for a sit-down buffet. If you opt for this additional furniture piece, consider

its top. It's best for these pieces to be covered in a moisture and stain resistant material such as marble or tile. Other storage options to consider are cabinets or armoires. A very attractive unit might also become the room's focal point – an extra added design benefit.

You'll find it helpful to think through the many uses of your dining room because our modes of entertaining are many and ever changing. Ultimately, this means that your dining room design plan should be one that features flexibility. Whether you're hosting a Sunday brunch for six or a dinner party for 20, versatility and comfort should guide you toward the best furniture and design plan.

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# Sanibel Island Golf Club Completes Major Renovation



From left, Chad Kithcart, Ed Lockard and Drew Donnelly standing in front of Sanibel Island Golf Club's pro shop photos by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

When Ed Lockard and Drew Donnelly, owners of the Sanibel Island Golf Club, purchased the facility a little more than four years ago, they had high hopes they could turn around the club which had fallen into disrepair and overgrowth.

"First of all, we wanted to change the culture of the staff, who had been a little bit standoffish in the past," Lockard said during an interview in January 2013, two months after he and Donnelly bought the business. "Now, we're more customer-friendly. We want to give people a better experience that they weren't getting at the old Beachview Golf Club."

In the years since then, Sanibel Island Golf Club has rebranded itself as a first-class golfing facility, providing its members with a greater personal experience and completing a number of renovations to the clubhouse, pro shop, restaurant – now known as the Blue Coyote Supper Club – and the course itself.

During the summer of 2015, the club began a major renovation of more than half of the tee areas throughout the 155-acre property. That included stripping the old grass off the greens, leveling those areas and laying new sod.

"That helped us reduce the need for chemicals and fertilizers and frequently watering the course," said Lockard. "We also added some native plantings and trimmed a lot of the trees, which hadn't been touched in the past 10 years. That helped dry the course out, because we had some shade issues. Overall, the quality of the course has been improved."

Donnelly reported that the feedback he's received from members has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I think we've brought the course back a long way," he said. "Our patrons have told



A variety of colorful wildflowers – planted late last year – are in full bloom



Several shade trees - which blocked the view of waters along the second hole fairway - were removed, providing more sunshine and allowing grass to grow more efficiently



Players approaching the third hole on the recently renovated golf course

us that the golf course is better now than it's ever been."

One of the other improvements at the club has been the addition of Chad Kithcart, who joined the staff as the golf course superintendent. A native of Nichols, New York, Kithcart has more than 20 years of experience managing golf courses on Sanibel (The Dunes and The Sanctuary) and in Bonita Springs.

"We've come a long way in a short period of time... but we're not done yet," said Kithcart. "We've got 155 acres here, which is tough to take care of and bring back to top golf course standards, but it is significantly improved."

Both Lockard and Donnelly are also proud of the progress they've made during their four years of ownership with the City of Sanibel's Golf Course Fertilizer and Lake Management program. In the most recent "report card," issued annually by the city's natural resources department, Sanibel Island Golf Club earned 57.5 out of a possible 65 points, for a score of 88 percent.

"This is a 34 percent improvement since 2013 (under new ownership) and a 4 percent improvement over 2015," the September 2016 report card reads, in part. "During the summer of 2015, SIGC removed 25 acres of turf from the course, reducing the need for fertilizer and irrigation in these areas. Many of the areas were revegetated with native plantings and wildflowers that now provide wildlife habitat and water quality benefits. Anecdotally, this has reduced maintenance efforts, with significant reductions in mowing time and gasoline costs."

The dramatically improved report card score gives even more reason for the owners to smile.

"We are constantly listening to our members, getting feedback and hearing some ideas on how to improve ourselves," added Lockard. "It's been a night and day difference from when we bought it to today. It's a totally different golf course now and we're very proud of that."

Sanibel Island Golf Club is located at 1100 Par View Drive. For additional information, membership rates and tee times, call 472-2626.\*



The bridge crossing over to the eighth hole was replaced last summer



The fully stocked pro shop offers clothing, equipment and refreshments to golfers



From left, Dennis Streeter, Dave Blue, Bob Housler, Tom Donovan, Ken Monahan, Felix Curcuro, Peter Cline, Captain Bill Rosenberg and Norbert Kunz photo provided  
The Dunes Tennis Club

## Tennis League Sees Action

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club's tennis league is in full swing. The men's age 70-plus Platinum Team recently played a home match against Bonita Beach on Wednesday, January 4.✪

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### Insurance Tip

## Don't Let Your Flood Insurance Lapse



by Angela  
Larson Roehl

The National Flood Insurance Program has specific timelines for renewal payments to be received.

There is currently a 30-day grace period for renewal premiums to be received for a flood insurance policy without there being lapse in coverage. Should your flood policy be rated using subsidized rates, your policy would continue to qualify for the subsidized rates to be used.

Should your renewal flood payment be received after the allowed grace period of 30 days, and before the 90 days after the policy expiration date, the policy will have a lapse in coverage. However, the National Flood Insurance Program will grant a one-time exception to allow the renewal rate to

be based on the subsidized rates. Again, this is a one-time exception; future renewals that are paid after the 30-day grace period will lose their subsidized or grandfathered rates.

Should payment not be received until after 90 days from the flood policy expiration, the risk will be ineligible for Pre-Firm subsidized or grandfathering rating.

This recent change can be a major issue for some homeowners, as the premium difference in their flood policy being rated based on a flood elevation could cost hundreds if not thousands more than the current flood premium.

So if your flood insurance is through the National Flood Insurance Program, and your rates are subsidized or grandfathered, you need to take additional cautions to make sure your flood insurance policy does not expire.

If your flood renewal premiums are paid by your lender, you still need to monitor to make sure your lender pays the renewal premium in the allowed timeframe to avoid the previous mentioned adverse actions from occurring.

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## Audubon Lecture



Bill Heyd has been photographing birds since his retirement in 2003  
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unique avian species.

The historic venue for the Audubon lecture series is The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way, which is undergoing extensive renovation. If these renovations are not adequately completed for occupancy, this lecture will be held at Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way. As the final location may be determined a few days before the program date, visit [www.san-capaudubon.org](http://www.san-capaudubon.org) or call 395-1878 for location information.

Heyd has spent many hours during recent past nesting seasons observing and photographing barred owls nesting in Pinecraft Park in Sarasota and urban peregrine falcons nesting at the 12th floor level of a building in downtown Kalamazoo, Michigan. He will use the resulting remarkable images and insights in describing his observations into barred owl and peregrine falcon nesting activities.

Heyd spent 30 years as a medicinal chemist, patent scientist, research contracts scientist, technology licensing evaluator and administrator in central nervous system disease research. He retired in 2003, and in 2009, after several more years consulting, Heyd decided to fully focus on wildlife, nature and photography. One of his earliest memories of photography was when his dad opened his Kodak camera, extended the bellows, set the self-timer and dashed toward the family so that he could be in the picture. Today, he uses a Canon EOS 7D SLR which can take up to eight images per second while continuously focusing for each exposure. Heyd prepares for wildlife photography trips by learning the subject's potential behaviors and by utilizing his three P's – be prepared, be patient and be persistent.

This is the third of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lectures to be held in 2017. All are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and a \$5 donation is appreciated, with proceeds after costs being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida.\*



Remote camera image showing a peregrine falcon feeding her young

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# It's Bitter Cold Up North, But Spring Training Just A Month Away



by Ed Frank

The bitter cold winds of winter – it was eight degrees early this week in Minneapolis and 10 degrees in Boston – will all but be forgotten when the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox arrive here in just four weeks for the start of Spring Training.

Because of the World Baseball Classic, Spring Training begins a week early with Twins pitchers and catchers reporting February 13 and position players on February 18. Red Sox pitchers and catchers will report February 12 and other players February 17.

Boston's historic Fenway Park, the oldest stadium in baseball, was known as "Frozen Fenway" this past week with several high school and college hockey games played on an outdoor rink there.

The Red Sox will arrive here as defending American League Eastern Division champions while the Twins, with a revamped front office management team, will attempt to reverse the fortunes of last season when they lost 103 games, finished last in the AL Central and embarrassingly had the worst record in the Major Leagues.

This week we will examine the outlook for the 2017 Twins. In a stark reversal of past front office management, Twins owner Jim Pohlad hired two outsiders –Derek Falvey as chief baseball officer and Thad Levine as general manager– to change the philosophy of the organization. Falvey, just 33 years old, had been assistant general manager of the Cleveland Indians and Levine was assistant GM of the Texas Rangers.

This structure is similar to the World Champion Chicago Cubs, but remember it took the Cubs five years to win that title after Theo Epstein was brought in to run the team.

Although the Twins do possess some of the best young ballplayers in baseball – outfielders Byron Buxton and Max Kepler and third-baseman Miquel Sano along with All-Star second-baseman Brian Dozier, their pitching must be markedly improved this year if the Twins are to be a winning team.

Falvey and Levine have been attempting to trade Dozier who had his best year in 2016 when he slugged 42 home runs and compiled 99 RBIs. However, he is owed \$15 million for the next two years. They feel his trade would garner several young prospects.

Twins starting pitching last season was a Major League-worst 5.39 ERA. They used 11 starters and only veteran right-hander Ervin Santana had an ERA of less

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## SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2015, pitcher Dallas Keuchel set a Houston Astros record for most strikeouts by a left-hander (216). Who had held the mark?
2. Lucas Duda tied a New York Mets record in 2015 for most multi-homer games in a season (seven). Who else did it for the Mets?
3. Who holds the Cleveland Browns mark for most passing yards in a regular-season game?
4. When was the last time before 2016 that Clemson's men's basketball team beat consecutive ranked opponents?
5. With which NHL team did Hall of Fame goalie Rogie Vachon begin his 16-season career?
6. Who was the only Robert Yates Racing driver to win NASCAR's Cup championship?
7. Who was the last non-European tennis player before Milos Raonic in 2016 to reach the final of men's singles at Wimbledon?

## ANSWERS

1. Mike Cuellar, with 203 strikeouts in 1967. 2. Dave Kingman (1976) and Carlos Delgado (2008). 3. Josh McCown threw for 457 yards in a game in 2015. 4. It was 1989. 5. Montreal, in 1967. 6. Dale Jarrett, in 1999. 7. Andy Roddick, in 2009.

## SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2016-17 Standings through January 9

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	177	83
Second	Sandycappers	122	138
Third	Sanibel Café	117	143
Fourth	Fresh Legion Crew	104	156

### January 9 Results

Bunt's Ball Busters	16	Fresh Legion Crew	4
Sandycappers	10	Sanibel Cafe	10

### Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

## Busters Pad Lead

Sandycappers and Sanibel Café fought to a 10-10 tie in a battle of the second and fourth place teams. Leading Sandycappers was John Reigert with three wins over Kayla McCurry. Jeff Brown, Kevin Pottorf and Jack Cunningham backed him up by splitting 2-2 with Rich McCurry, Pete Mindel and Randy Carson. Jimbo Gaubatz was top shooter for Sanibel Café with three wins over John Bates. Sandycappers hope to increase its 11-game lead on third place Fresh Legion Crew when the two teams meet on Monday night.

Bunt's Ball Busters posted its third 16-4 win of the season by thrashing Fresh

Legion Crew. Rich Ennis and Terry Ricotta again led the Ball Busters with 4-0 efforts against Gator Gates and Becky Skog. Teammates Mike DeWitt and Noah Smith helped them out with 3-1 wins over Doc Lubinski and Kip Buntrock. Bunt's ace Noah Smith returns to Maine this week so the League leaders lose some of its firepower for the season's stretch drive.

Highlights of the evening were: Lubinski shooting five safties in one game. Buntrock had a three ball run to post his only win against Smith. Ennis long banked the 8-ball for a win to keep his 4-0 run alive. McCurry earned her one win when Reigert pocketed his 8-ball a bit early. Skog came back from Minnesota sporting a new high fashion hairdo, which she thought would dazzle Ricotta. Her plan didn't work.\*



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## Local Home Improvement Store Joins CHR Mardi Gras Fundraiser

Community Housing and Resources (CHR) announced that through a unique partnership, Lowe's Home Improvement is playing an integral role in their 2017 Mardi Gras fundraiser, coming up on Saturday, February 11 at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club.

The local Fort Myers Lowe's store, with direction from store manager Leonard Kinzel, has stepped up in a huge way to support CHR and the Sanibel community. Several team members from the retail store will be attending the Mardi Gras event, lending helping hands for set up, decoration, and more.

"We are looking forward to working with CHR on the Mardi Gras event in February," said Lowe's human resources manager Katie Gossic. "Last year was a great event and we anticipate this year being even better. CHR's mission aligns perfectly with Lowe's purpose to Help People Love Where They Live, and CHR is making that a reality for residents of Sanibel that need affordable housing."

A highlight of the Mardi Gras event will be the Lowe's Houses of Love, a mini model home configuration set up at the event featuring kitchen appliances, cabinetry, bathroom fixtures, toilets and more, illustrating exactly what is needed to rehab some of CHR's units that are currently in most critical need. This tangible giving opportunity will allow Mardi Gras partygoers to be able to "purchase" all of these items at deeply discounted prices and provide them directly to CHR.

In addition to the mini-store set up, Lowe's is providing three prizes to be raffled off at the event and will also be allowing local employees to take advantage of a paid day of service later in the year as they join forces with CHR to complete much needed renovation and rehab projects.

CHR Mardi Gras tickets can be purchased online at [www.sanibelchr.org/mardigras](http://www.sanibelchr.org/mardigras). For more information, visit [SanibelCHR.org](http://SanibelCHR.org) or call 472-1189.\*



The Lowe's Houses of Love mini-store at Mardi Gras will encourage tangible giving at the event

photo courtesy CHR

BeautifulLife:

## Make A Wish



by Kay Casperson

**D**o you still make wishes? I hope so. I do, and I want to remind you that you are never too old to wish upon a star or make a wish when you blow out a candle or even a dandelion.

Making wishes is extremely important to having hope and believing that anything is possible. Some rules apply in terms of having them come true and the number one rule is that you have to believe that your wish is possible and that you will see it happen. I have always wished on the first star that I see by saying, "star light star bright, first star I see tonight, I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight." My girls love to wish upon stars, and I hope they always will.

Personally and professionally we have always supported the Make a Wish Foundation because its mission is to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human

experience with hope, strength and joy. There is nothing greater than to see a child experience something that they have wished for, come true.

Remember what Jiminy Cricket said in Pinocchio: "When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are. Anything your heart desires will come to you. If your heart is in your dreams, no request is too extreme. When you wish upon a star as dreamers do."

I encourage you at this beautiful beginning to your year to take the time to make more wishes upon stars, candles, dandelions or even while in your quiet time. Make sure that when you do, you believe with all your heart that your dreams will come true! I promise it will help you have an even brighter outlook on all things that are coming your way!

My affirmation for you this week is:

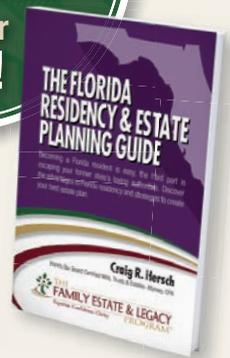
"I will cherish the opportunities to make wishes and know that my dreams will come true"

*Beauty and lifestyle expert Kay Casperson lives on Sanibel with her husband, two daughters and dogs. She produces her own inspirational collections of skincare, cosmetics, wellness, apparel and accessories, and operates four Lifestyle Spa & Boutique locations in Southwest Florida and Orlando. Learn more at [kaycasperson.com](http://kaycasperson.com).\**

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Participants from last year's SCCF Tennis Tournament, which will return on January 28 and 29 photos courtesy SCCF



SCCF Tennis Tournament founder Lucas Century

## 25th Annual SCCF Tennis Tournament

The 25th annual SCCF Tennis Tournament will return on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29 at the Blackwood Tennis Academy at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. This tournament will be the first event to celebrate the 50th anniversary year of the incorporation of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation in 1967.

The tennis tournament was the fundraising brainchild of Lucas Century and SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad a quarter of a century ago. Since then, approximately 100 players and many island sponsors have supported this yearly event, having fun and raising money to support SCCF's mission.

For more information about SCCF or to register for the tournament, go to [www.SCCF.org](http://www.SCCF.org) and follow the tennis tournament link. For sponsorship information, contact Dee Century at [dserage@sccf.org](mailto:dserage@sccf.org) or 472-2329.✪

### Sanibel Island Golf Club

## Foursome Wins On New Year's Eve



From left, Rene Lohser, Roger Triffshauer, Fred Zimmer and Jim Purviance photo courtesy Rene Lohser

On December 31, a very challenging 1-2-3 format tournament was played at Sanibel Island Golf Club. The tournament was played in great weather and beautiful surroundings at the newly renovated golf course amid lush greens and blooming wildflowers. First place went to the foursome of Rene Lohser, Roger Triffshauer, Fred Zimmer and Jim Purviance, combining to score 110. In second place, the group including Bjorn Olsson, Davis Smith, Don Bradford and Guy Tober scored 115.✪

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## Some Condiments Can Make You Sick



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Readers: When you think of histamine, you think of allergies and sneezing, right? But histamine is actually a neurotransmitter and release is activated by any outside 'invader' such as pollen. We

make histamine in our cells, then dump it out after exposure to a trigger. But we might also be eating histamine on a daily basis. By eating certain foods you unintentionally raise an 'allergy' chemical. Maybe you don't mean to, but that's what you're doing nevertheless.

Foods that are high in histamine are almost always fermented (basically, they've started to rot a little bit). Sorry for the visual! High-protein foods like meat or seafood don't contain much histamine when they are fresh, but the longer they are cured or stored, the more histamine

they contain. Leftovers are super high in histamine. Cold cuts, hot dogs, processed fish, wine/alcohol, aged cheese like Parmesan, vinegar (including fermented beverages like kombucha) and sauerkraut are all very high in histamine. There are dozens more that I'll tell you about in my free ebook (offer below).

In 1989, a study examined 'Chinese food syndrome' and discovered people's reactions mimicked symptoms of histamine intolerance. They measured plain soy sauce to contain 220 micrograms of histamine per gram, while tamari (a gluten-free soy sauce) was loaded with an astonishing 2,392 micrograms of histamine per gram. That's 10 times higher, just to get gluten-free soy sauce. Both soy and tamari are fermented. If there is MSG present in your meal, the combination of excessive glutamate from the MSG and histamine from tamari could trigger diarrhea, anxiety, insomnia, migraines, panic attacks and pain. You can see how easy it is to mess yourself up with a condiment. It's even more problematic for the brains of sensitive vegans/vegetarians that eat fermented or manufactured foods that often high in MSG and histamine.

Histamine intolerance disorders can occur when you get too much histamine and your tissues can't break it down fast enough. DAO is the enzyme that processes histamine to help us keep it in

balance. Excess amounts are the problem. Histamine intolerance from your meals can also cause diarrhea, headache, sinus congestion, sneezing or a runny and itchy nose.

How many of you have been put on antihistamines only to get awful side effects?

Maybe the problem was just something on your plate.

What about inhalers for asthma? Asthma is another sign of histamine intolerance.

Minor annoyances are one thing, but psoriasis, Hashimoto's, multiple sclerosis, sjogren's, lupus and others are serious enough that you should eliminate histamine-rich foods for several months to

gauge improvement. I'm willing to give you a free ebook on this topic upon signing up for my free newsletter (then you get me on your email). Just go to [suzycohen.com](http://suzycohen.com). It's called "Hashi Food No-No's" and it's all about this topic and includes a complete list of histamine-rich foods. The ebook is for anyone, especially if you have symptoms listed above. Histamine intolerance is so easy to address, and changes to your health are swift and dramatic.

*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.SuzyCohen.com](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).* ✨

## Red Sox Seeking Singers To Perform National Anthem

**T**hink you have what it takes to sing in front of a sold-out crowd of more than 10,000 people? The Boston Red Sox are currently looking for new talent to fill approximately 19 spots to perform the National Anthem for the upcoming 2017 spring training season at JetBlue Park.

Auditions will be held at JetBlue Park, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, on Monday and Tuesday, January 16 and 17 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. All ages are welcome to audition. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Natalie Johnson at 226-4743.

If anyone is unable to attend these dates, he or she may contact Johnson about submitting an audio recording. All reservations must be made by Friday, January 13 at 4 p.m. Space is limited.

The Red Sox open its 19-game exhibition season on Thursday, February 23 at 1:05 p.m. against the Northeastern University Huskies.

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Eden Energy Medicine

## Figure 8s To Release Trauma



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML (03-01)

**E**arlier this month, we explored the benefits of using Figure 8s around the eyes to address post-traumatic stress disorder issues for

veterans, enabling their energies to cross. The technique today will defuse traumatic residue by desensitization using eye pattern release. As we know, it is hard to will yourself to change an emotional response that is locked into the body's physique from trauma. Many tools are popular in recent years to release trauma: tapping; energy psychology; EFT; the concept of neuroplasticity and more. This tool, taking about two minutes, focuses on bringing awareness to the position of the eyes when a traumatic memory is triggered. Here is how it works:

1. Think of a stressful memory. Rate it on a 1 to 10 scale, with 10 being the most charged. Make a "4-finger notch" with thumb, index, middle and ring finger touching. Hold fingers six to 12 inches in front of the bridge of the nose.

2. Maintain head position facing straight in front of the body, while always keeping the fingers in the field of vision.

3. Begin making sideways figure 8s, moving the fingers upward and to the right as high and as wide as possible. Continue around the outside of the eye

(closest to ear), above eyebrows, back to the bridge of the nose, to the left as high and wide as possible, around the outside of the eye (by ear) and above the eyebrows. Repeat until the memory's trigger abates.

4. Pay attention. If finding the stressor memory is greater with eyes in a certain direction, stop and place your other hand with palm against the forehead over the main neurovascular points (these points have significant influence over our emotions and are directly tied into the nervous system messaging the body to find calm and relax). Maintain this hold for 20 seconds (so you will have one hand six to 12 inches from the body with fingers clustered together, eyes on these fingers and the other hand's palm on the forehead). As the charge is diminished for the memory, remove the hand from the forehead and continue making 8s. Repeat the same way if another direction is more charged. Continue until the charge on the memory is significantly reduced, say a 3 or less.

This is a great tool to show skeptics of the benefits of using your own energy to heal, because one always feels better after releasing emotional baggage. Perhaps a great New Year's resolution, to change your attitude by changing your energy since matter (including thoughts) follows energy.

Have fun with your energy. Next week's topic is Create Immune Resilience with Thymus as the HUB- Part I.

If you have a question, email Karen at [SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com](mailto:SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com) or visit [www.semmelmanenergy.com](http://www.semmelmanenergy.com).

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# Can Joint Pain Predict Weather Changes?



by Ross Hauser, MD and Marion Hauser, MS, RD

**W**e have probably all heard people say they can feel the weather in their bones. But is that really true? Studies show that changes in weather do in fact affect pain, so people may experience increased pain symptoms due to the weather.

One recent study investigated the effects of weather on over 2,000 participants who had a new or old bone fracture. They tested the affects of temperature, dew point, humidity, amount of rain, amount of snow and barometric pressure. What did they find? The biggest factor influencing pain was low barometric pressure, which was associated with increased pain every time it was tested. High temperature and humidity also corresponded with increased pain. These results verified that pain

may vary based on changing weather conditions.

The next time you hear your relative complain that his or her knee is flaring up or causing pain because of changes in the air, know that there is validity to that statement. Other studies show two-thirds of participants with chronic pain can feel the changes the day before the storm comes.

How is this possible? One of the leading theories points to the weight of the surrounding atmosphere; it's not specifically the rain or the snow, but rather the changes in barometric pressure. High barometric pressure pushes against the body, keeping tissues from expanding. But when the pressure drops before the bad weather comes, there is less pressure against the body. This allows tissues to expand, putting more pressure on the joints, sensitizing nerves and causing more pain. It is similar to atmospheric changes in a plane at higher altitudes. There is less barometric pressure and our feet may swell.

Barometric pressure, temperature and humidity can affect pain. Fortunately, weather-related pain is temporary and the storm will pass.

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# Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** I have a friend who is constantly gossiping about others. I don't like it and when I mention that to her, she just ignores it and continues talking about others. What should I do

because I do like her?

**A:** Your friend gets something out of being a busybody and talking about people behind their back. You can always ask her what her payoff is by this catty behavior. What's really behind this is she wants to make herself look better by reveling in other's issues. These kinds of people typically don't gossip in a healthy, positive way and pass along good news about others. It's more about their own jealousy, anger, and low self-esteem.

This may have started in high school and spilled over into adulthood, although it's high school behavior. Think about the gossip magazines and newspapers in the markets. Why are they so popular? Many people like others' drama because it takes the focus off of their own empty, mindless life. Your friend's insecurity may be oblivious to her while she is focusing on others that could potentially cause

hurt and even ruin relationships. You can maintain your friendship with this person if you set some healthy boundaries:

- You like yourself first. There is a saying, It's none of your business what other people think of you. Tell yourself that you are healthy enough not to listen to toxic gossip and feed into this unacceptable behavior. Sure, we all have experienced being engaged in gossip at some time or another. Just realize, though, this comes from insecurity and surely won't attract healthy, kind and compassionate people.

- When your friend initiates toxic gossip, be direct and tell her that her comments are inconsiderate and inappropriate and you would prefer she not gossip around you. Then, change the subject and include something positive when discussing someone.

- Be aware. Make sure that you only share information with people who are positive and choose not to gossip. You don't want to give gossipers information for their arsenal to use against others.

- You can control what you say about others and you don't have to be around gossips. Calling them out on their inappropriate behavior may help stop them. If it doesn't, you can choose at any time to remove yourself and let the friendship go.

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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 husband and I married two years ago. We are in our late 60s and it was a second for both.

We haven't even tried to blend our adult children into a family, because we know that it would never work. One of his daughters is extremely immature and she has announced that she is engaged to an equally immature and obnoxious individual.

My husband wants to give her the marriage of her dreams, and we are expected to pay all of the costs. I know that the marriage will last 12 months at most, and I am very resentful that my husband is prepared to spend so much of our money on this young woman. What do you think I should do?

Myrtle

## Dear Myrtle,

Marriage is difficult even in the best of times, in spite of what the songs and the poems on greeting cards tell us.

It doesn't get any easier for most of the seniors, just a different set of problems. In young marriages, it may be the in-laws, and in senior marriages, it could be the adult children.

To avoid problems, many people are advised to keep estates separated and have prenuptial agreements. If this had happened in your marriage, maybe this problem could have been avoided. But as it is, counseling is a possibility. But if that is not possible, you will just have to learn to accept what you cannot change.

Lizzie

## Dear Myrtle,

Let me see if I understand... you and your husband have been married for two years? You are very resentful that your husband wants to pay for his daughter's wedding because you think the daughter and soon to be son-in-law are both immature? And the marriage will not last more than a year? Since when is everything about you and what you think and want?

Let's look at the possible consequences of your actions. If you choose to argue against the marriage and not support it, you risk harming your relationship with your husband and family in general.

It seems to me, Myrtle, the better choice is to grin and bear it. You will support your husband, not pit family members against family members. And if the marriage fails, perhaps it will be a learning experience for the daughter and she can mature from it.

Pryce

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**Pan Roasted Florida Vegetables with Garlic and Fresh Herbs**

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 2 zucchini, large diced  
 2 large squash, large diced  
 2 bell peppers, seeded and diced large  
 6 cloves fresh garlic, minced  
 12 mushrooms, rinsed and quartered  
 1 large yellow onion, diced  
 1/4 cup fresh parsley, hand torn  
 2 teaspoons fresh oregano (or 1 teaspoon dried oregano)  
 Canola or olive oil for cooking  
 Sea salt to taste  
 Fresh ground pepper to taste  
 Preheat a large-sized sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of oil to the hot pan. Add half of the onion to the pan and cook for 2 minutes. Add half of the garlic and all the bell peppers to the onion mixture in the pan. Continue to cook the vegetables in the pan and add all of the yellow squash and zucchini to the pan.

**Pan Roasted Florida Vegetables with Garlic and Fresh Herbs**

Lightly season the cooking vegetables with salt and pepper. Let the vegetables cook until the squash is just crisp-tender (about two minutes). Remove the vegetables from the pan into a large serving bowl. Place the sauté pan back over the heat and use a spatula to remove

any debris.

Once the pan is hot again, add 1 tablespoon oil and the other half of the diced onion. Let the onions cook for 2 minutes and then add the garlic, mushrooms and eggplant. Lightly season the cooking vegetables with salt and

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

pepper. Let the vegetables cook until the eggplant is just tender (about 2 minutes).

Remove the vegetables from the pan and place them into the bowl with the other vegetables. Add the fresh herbs to the bowl of vegetables and stir to combine. Serve warm.✪

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## PETS OF THE WEEK

**M**aggie is a 7-year-old rottweiler mix spayed female. She does well in play groups with other dogs and would be a asset to any family. Her New Year's resolution is to find her forever home. Visit the shelter to meet this lovable dog and make her dream come true. She can help you with your New Year's resolutions, too.



Maggie ID# 510370

Her adoption fee is \$ \$30 during Animal Services' Yappy New Year adoption promotion featuring discounts on select pets.

Mozart is an 8-year-old domestic short hair neutered male who would love to be your "one and only" kitty companion. He's very affectionate and would love to shower you with all his attention. His New Year's resolution is to find his soul mate. Could you be the one?

His adoption fee is \$10 during Animal Services' Yappy New Year adoption promotion featuring discounts on select pets.

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



Mozart ID# 684549

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 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.\*

### PAWS Of Sanibel

## Mau Seeks Home

**M**au is a 2-year-old short-haired silver tabby. She is spayed, vaccinated, house-trained and her front paws are declawed, making her an indoor cat. She has a sweet temperament and currently lives with Roberta.

Roberta lives in a Fort Myers nursing facility. She was just admitted to Hope Hospice services and is at end of life. When she passes, Mau will not have a home. The family cannot take Mau. Can you help?

If you are interested in adopting Mau, call Colette at 985-7728 or email Colette.johns@hopehcs.org. If you know of someone who may be interested, please help us by passing this information along.

Pet Peace of Mind (PPOM) is a Hope Hospice program designed to provide assistance to their patients and their pets, based on financial and/or physical needs. All requests will be considered on an individual basis.\*



Mau photo provided

## Mobile Mammogram

**T**he City of Sanibel Recreation Center will host the Radiology Regional Center's Mobile Mammo Coach on Tuesday, January 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For an appointment or if you have any questions relative to the test, call the center at 936-4068.

The Mobile Mammo Coach is a state-of-the-art, breast-imaging clinic, providing full-field digital mammography services. Most insurances are accepted and discounted self-pay pricing available.

From page 18B

## Spring Training

than 5.00. And not one starter even won 10 games.

What is concerning is the fact that Minnesota has done little in the offseason to improve its pitching, counting instead for better results from the staff in 2017. Maybe that's one reason the odds-makers have the Twins 100-1 longshots to reach the World Series this year.

Last week, Minnesota announced that 16 players with Minor League contracts have been invited to the team's Major League spring training. The list includes two Number One draft picks, shortstop Nick Gordon and pitcher Alex Wimmers, both who played here with the Fort Myers Miracle team.

According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. More importantly, with early detection, the survival rate for an early diagnosed breast cancer at five years is better than 97 percent. Mammography is one aspect of breast health, in addition to monthly self-exam and annual physician exam.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.\*

Tickets for the Twins 17-game home spring training schedule can be purchased at the CenturyLink Sports Complex ticket office.

### Mientkiewicz Returns Here As Manager Of The Fort Myers Miracle

Doug Mientkiewicz, the Twins former first-baseman, who managed the Twins Double A Chattanooga to the 2015 Southern League Championship, will return here this year to manage the Fort Myers Miracle where he began his managing career in 2013.

He replaces Jeff Smith who was promoted last month to first-base coach for the parent Twins.

Jake Mauer, brother of Twins first-baseman Joe Mauer, will move up from Class A Cedar Rapids to Chattanooga. He also is a former Miracle manager. It is Mauer's highest assignment in his 10-year coaching and managing career.\*

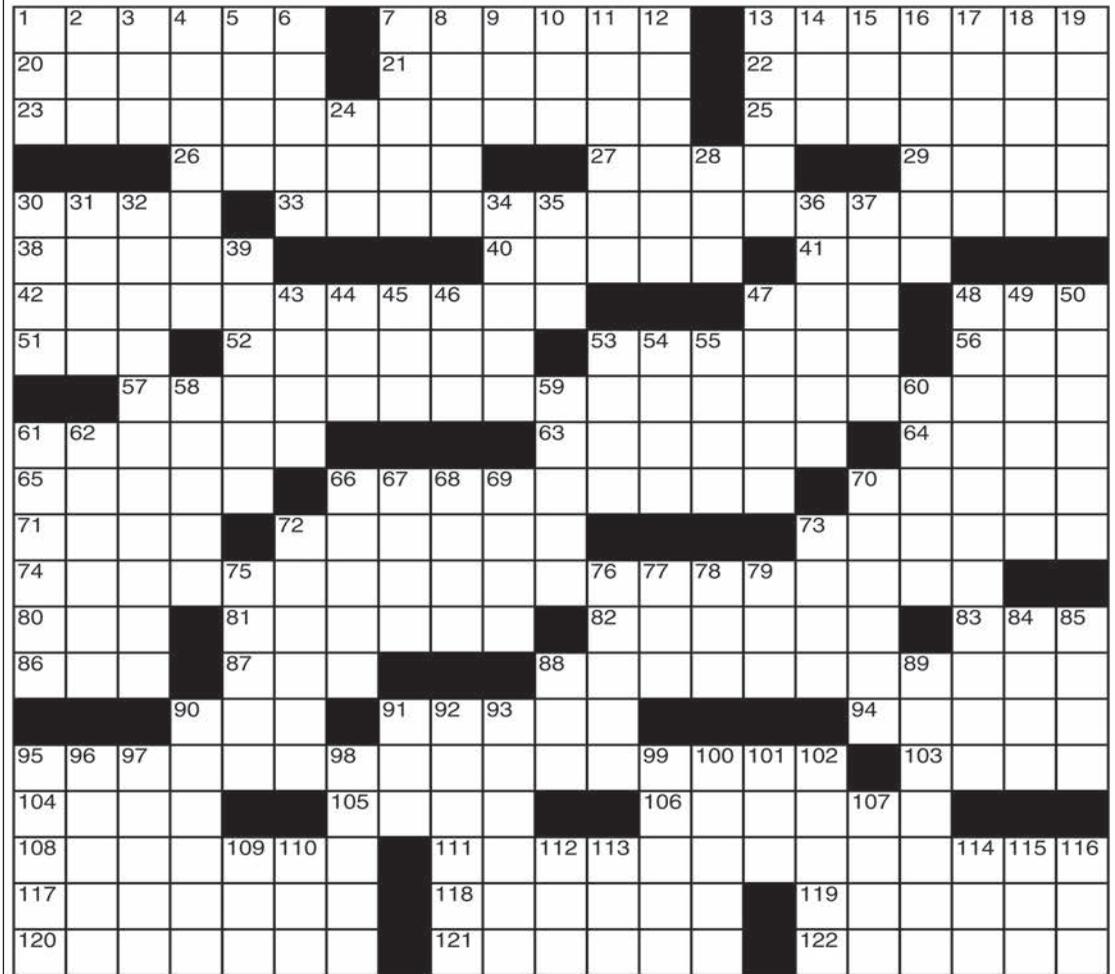
# PUZZLES

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## Super Crossword

### COMMON ENDINGS

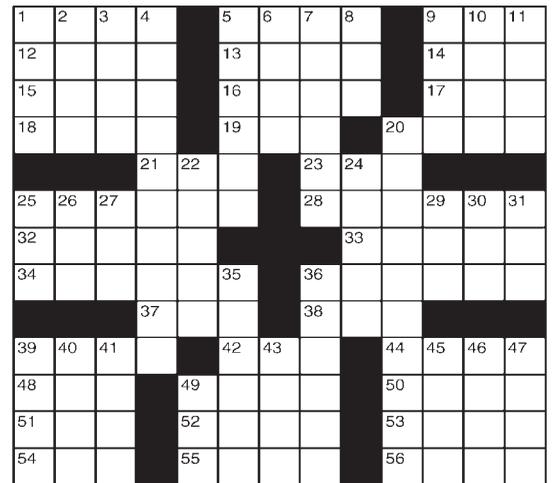
- ACROSS**
- 1 Apply, as a coating of powdered sugar
  - 7 Bay on the Mass./R.I. border
  - 13 Had a nosh
  - 20 Realm of Menelaus
  - 21 Oscar Mayer rival
  - 22 "Godfather of Fitness" Jack
  - 23 Cruel
  - 25 Wise about
  - 26 Argentina's Juan and Eva
  - 27 Make moola
  - 29 French telephone greeting
  - 30 Part of IOC: Abbr.
  - 33 Old glory
  - 38 Quick laugh
  - 40 Chichi
  - 41 Crusty treat
  - 42 Odd sort
  - 47 Sailor's diary
  - 48 Gas Booster brand
  - 51 Enzyme name ending
  - 52 Linz's river
  - 53 "— luck" ("It didn't happen")
  - 56 — anglais (English horn)
  - 57 Summer hours in Ohio
  - 61 Some concerto movements
  - 63 Cowpokes' ropes
  - 64 "I'm treating for this"
  - 65 Bee-related
  - 66 Cottontail's coat
  - 70 "The — the Hat" (Mike Myers film)
  - 71 Neighbor of N. Dak.
  - 72 Conger fishers
  - 73 Supporting forces
  - 74 The Tigers are part of it
  - 80 Letter two before iota
  - 81 Practitioner of total patient care
  - 82 Offers one's views
  - 83 Once around the track
  - 86 — Moines Register
  - 87 "— for Outlaw" (Grafton mystery)
  - 88 Lockheed P-3 Orion, e.g.
  - 90 Harris and Wynn
  - 91 Slushy drinks
  - 94 — voce (quietly)
  - 95 Libelous claims
  - 103 "It's — great"
  - 104 Fix typos, e.g.
  - 105 Old anti-communist org.
  - 106 Water nymphs of Greek myth
  - 108 Formal ban
  - 111 What the ends of eight long answers in this puzzle are
  - 117 More sullied
  - 118 Milk-curdling stuff in a calf's stomach
  - 119 Be creative
  - 120 Spire
  - 121 Titleholders
  - 122 Streisand of "Yentl"
  - DOWN**
  - 1 1990s TV's "seaQuest —"
  - 2 News agcy. since 1958
  - 3 Bodily pouch
  - 4 Like some small batteries, for short
  - 5 Chief Little Thief, e.g.
  - 6 Pacific island republic
  - 7 Singer Nixon
  - 8 Depend on
  - 9 "Very interesting"
  - 10 Hugs, symbolically
  - 11 Least sullied
  - 12 Artificial
  - 13 Tilt, as italics
  - 14 Rural "uh-uh"
  - 15 Taking after
  - 16 Wine bottle
  - 17 Funeral ring
  - 18 — Gay
  - 19 Clear up, as a windshield
  - 24 Male delivery
  - 28 Glimmer
  - 30 "— deal!"
  - 31 NBA team
  - 32 1992 martial arts comedy
  - 34 Blundered
  - 35 Performed
  - 36 Periods in history
  - 37 Vision
  - 39 Closes with
  - 43 Hoods' rods
  - 44 Suffix with acetyl
  - 45 Prickly seed husk
  - 46 Arabic "son of"
  - 47 Six-term Indiana senator
  - 49 Center fielder Agee
  - 50 Beautifies
  - 53 Putin's veto
  - 54 Royal name in Norway
  - 55 In — (as placed)
  - 58 "A Bell for —"
  - 59 Come about
  - 60 "... and — a good-night"
  - 61 Bashed into
  - 62 Sedative
  - 66 Line winders
  - 67 Jai —
  - 68 Implores
  - 69 Like very dry champagne
  - 70 Holds tightly
  - 72 Pope's "— to Abelard"
  - 73 Cain's sibling
  - 75 Part of R.I.
  - 76 Crow
  - 77 Spot-on
  - 78 Tristan's title
  - 79 Brian of electronica
  - 84 Pot starter
  - 85 Low laborer
  - 88 Stir-fry tidbit
  - 89 Dined-upon decapod
  - 90 It may be left to an heir
  - 91 Critical hosp. setting
  - 92 Four, to Julio
  - 93 Shun
  - 95 Gives a bottle to
  - 96 Let enter
  - 97 Cuba — (cocktail)
  - 98 Tedious task
  - 99 Actress Stevens
  - 100 Hops-drying kilns
  - 101 Tiny criticism
  - 102 Polite title in India
  - 107 Arp's art
  - 109 Tear apart
  - 110 Hair goop
  - 112 Motel's kin
  - 113 Certain dir.
  - 114 "Marvy!"
  - 115 Mailbox item: Abbr.
  - 116 Vote to pass



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Rebuff a masher
- 5 Whip
- 9 Vanna's cohort
- 12 Twosome
- 13 Reverberate
- 14 Center
- 15 — -European
- 16 Part of Q.E.D.
- 17 "Monty Python" opener
- 18 Egg container?
- 19 Symbol of intrigue
- 20 Hoofbeat sound
- 21 Mound stat
- 23 Sib
- 25 Like wet snow
- 28 There
- 32 Pot
- 33 Of service
- 34 Construction pieces
- 36 Prepares to propose
- 37 Bottom line
- 38 Egos' counterparts
- 39 Crooked
- 42 Under the weather
- 44 "G.W.T.W." plantation
- 48 Regret
- 49 Verbal
- 50 Enthusiastic, plus
- 51 "All the Things You —"
- 52 Exhaust-pipe output
- 53 Undressed
- 54 Pantheon member
- 55 Unoriginal one
- 56 Ball-bearing items
- 5 Room to maneuver
- 6 Farm fraction
- 7 Down-at-the-heels
- 8 Stolen
- 9 Donahue or Collins
- 10 Car
- 11 Recipe meas.
- 20 Potential winner
- 22 Lyricist's specialty
- 24 Circular
- 25 Take to the slopes
- 26 U.K. pol. party
- 27 Multipurpose truck
- 29 Conk out
- 30 Right angle
- 31 Scale members
- 35 Rouse
- 36 Strikingly effective
- 39 Boast
- 40 Continental coin
- 41 Requisite
- 43 Like some excuses
- 45 Chills and fever
- 46 Took the shuttle
- 47 Quite some time
- 49 Son-gun link



### DOWN

- 1 Whirl
- 2 Nathan of Broadway
- 3 Helps
- 4 Lutheran, e.g.

## MAGIC MAZE

## ON THE EDGE

U Q M J F B Y U R O K H D A X  
 U Q N K H E B Y V S P M J H E  
 B Y V Y T Q O L I B G D B Y W  
 T R P M R K I F D O B B Y W U  
 H S Q O M E K I S U G F D B Z  
 E C X W U S H Q M N N O N L B  
 J R A M H F D P I D I B C O M  
 A Y O E W V E L I A C G R I T  
 S Q P H B R I N K R N D R U N  
 L K I H S A F E C Y E T B A C  
 Z Y W V R E G N I R F P I L M

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Beach
- Bumpers
- Lip
- Rim
- Border
- Curb
- Margins
- Shore
- Boundary
- Fencing
- Periphery
- Trim
- Brink
- Fringe
- Railing



"Talk about bad luck — when the mower repair people picked up my mower, they left me a

\_\_\_\_\_."  
answer on page 27B

### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Doze  
**PESEL**   

Mess  
**GALENT**   

Bundle  
**GREHAT**   

Grimace  
**WOLCS**   

#### TODAY'S WORD

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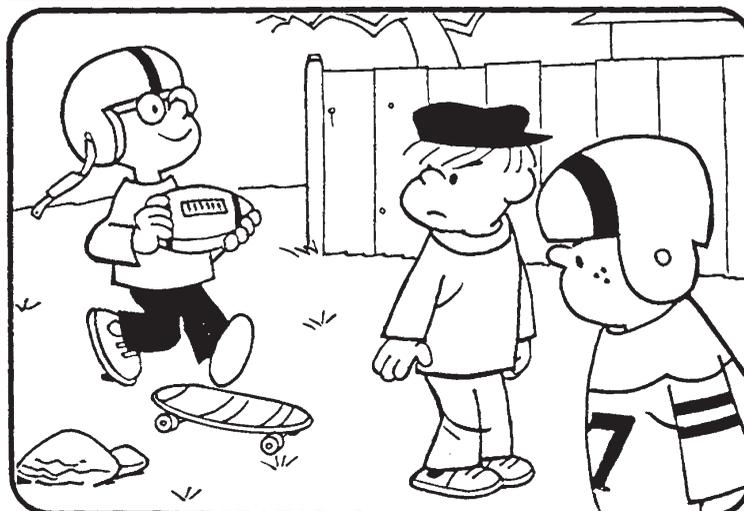
### SUDOKU

**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.

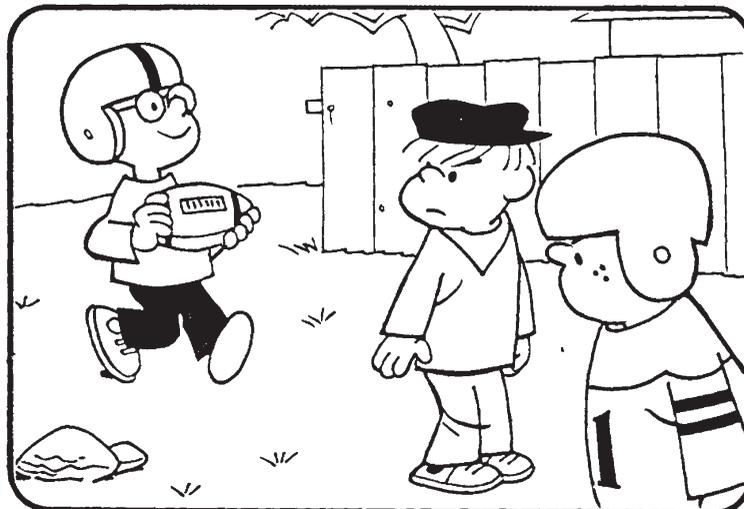
answer on page 29B

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Strap is different. 2. Collar is missing. 3. Skatboard is missing. 4. Collar is different. 5. Stripe is missing. 6. Number is changed.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't

the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)

Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Few things are harder to put up with than a good example." -- Mark Twain

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*solution*

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3. Gather; 4. Scowl

*Today's Word*

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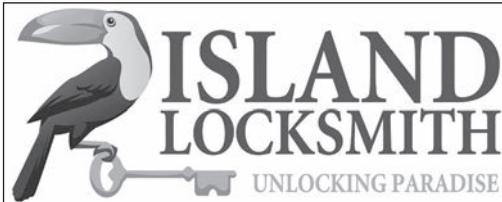
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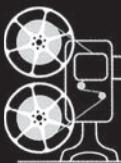
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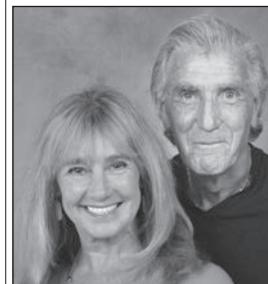
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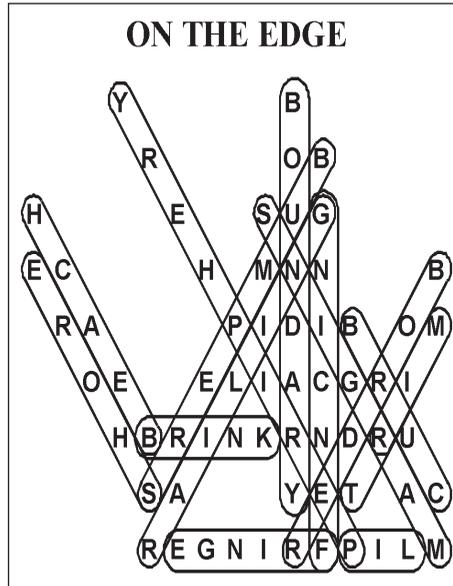
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## SUDOKU

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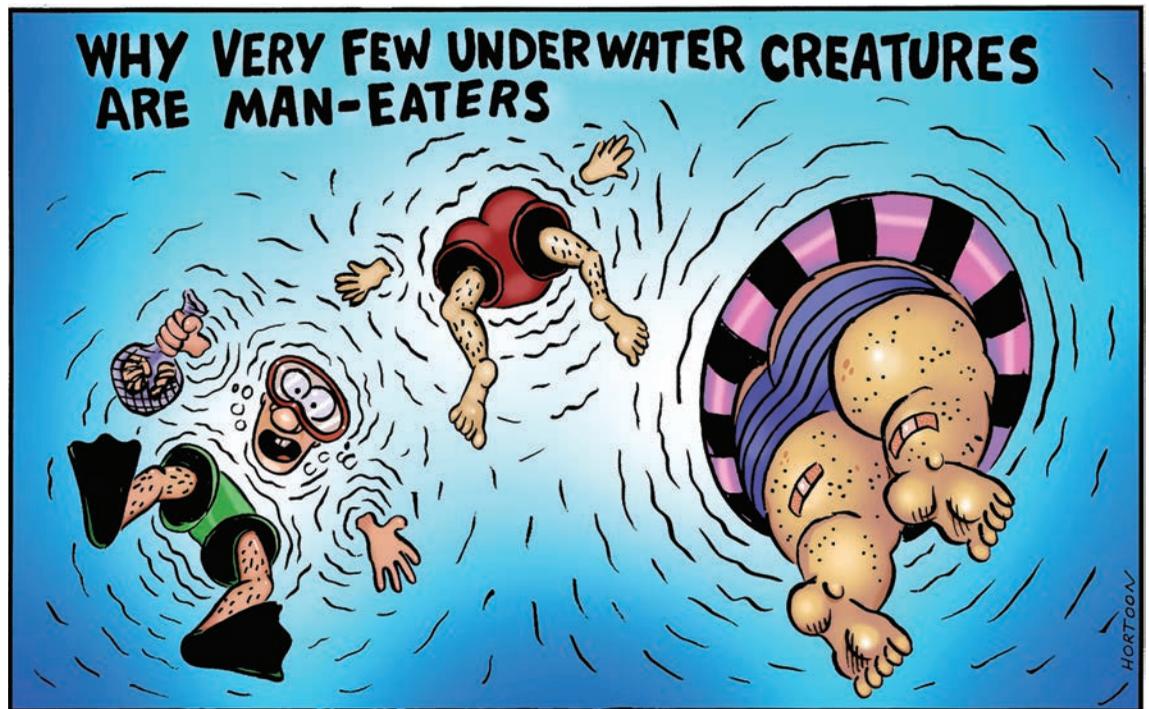
**2 FAMILY YARD SALE**

Sat. Jan 14th and Sun 15th. 8am -12pm. 1427 & 1429 Sandpiper circle, Sanibel (in the Dunes).  
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**Top 10 Real Estate Sales**

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	1994	6,644	\$5,900,000	\$5,100,000	8
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	1973	2,470	\$1,900,000	\$1,640,000	102
Imperial Shores	Bonita Springs	2014	2,548	\$999,000	\$950,000	92
The Dunes	Sanibel	1984	2,104	\$799,000	\$625,000	16
Bonita National Golf and Country Club	Bonita Springs	2016	3,025	\$749,999	\$690,000	94
Capri	Bonita Springs	1997	2,471	\$715,000	\$697,500	13
Skyline Woods	North Fort Myers	1989	3,194	\$699,000	\$699,000	87
Bay Harbor	Bonita Springs	1998	2,375	\$695,000	\$675,000	0
Wildcat Run	Estero	1992	2,513	\$624,900	\$620,000	103
Venetian Village	Fort Myers Beach	1976	1,032	\$565,000	\$550,000	0

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