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## Sanibel Nuclear Energy Experts To Present Program



Barbara Cooley, Mel Bleiberg, Harvey Padewer, Roger Heider

A panel of experts in nuclear power will present a program on Wednesday, January 20 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Public Library. The program will include brief presentations by each of the following people, all Sanibel residents, followed by a question-and-answer session on the subject of nuclear power:

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## To Drill Or Not: League Airs Issue

On Monday, January 18 at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #4 of the Sanibel Public Library, the newly-formed Sanibel MAL Unit of the League of Women Voters will present a program on offshore drilling. The public is invited to attend.

Two speakers will present the pros and cons. Dr. Darren Rumbold is associate professor program leader, marine science, FGCU Coastal Watershed Institute. The institute addresses regional concerns regarding the use and conservation of coastal watersheds, including Charlotte Harbor, Estero Bay and Naples Bay. From 1998 to 2006, Dr. Rumbold served as senior and then lead environmental scientist coordinating all mercury monitoring

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## Hi De Hi De Ho! With The Cab Calloway Orchestra

The Cab Calloway Orchestra, directed by Cab's grandson C. Calloway Brooks, returns to BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Saturday, January 16.

Smooth shiny instruments all in a row, red-hot lyrics, spicy brass harmonies, a joyful audience bouncing and swaying to irresistible rhythms, and the sound of *Hi Di Ho!* filling theaters on cue – these have been the classic trademarks of concerts by The Cab Calloway Orchestra

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Bandleader C. Calloway Brooks



Guiding Light, book cover photo, by Alan S. Maltz

## Local Firm And Renowned Photographer Team Up For Wildlife

by Di Saggau

The Companies of Royal Shell and acclaimed Key West photographer Alan S. Maltz are joining forces in support of local wildlife – Clinic for the Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), that is. Maltz will unveil his latest coffee table book featuring shots of Lee County at a book signing and auction benefit for CROW on Monday, January 25 at Ellington's Restaurant and Piano Bar, 1244 Periwinkle Way. The event will be open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Maltz will be on hand to sign copies of his book, priced at \$60, with 20 percent of sales going to CROW.

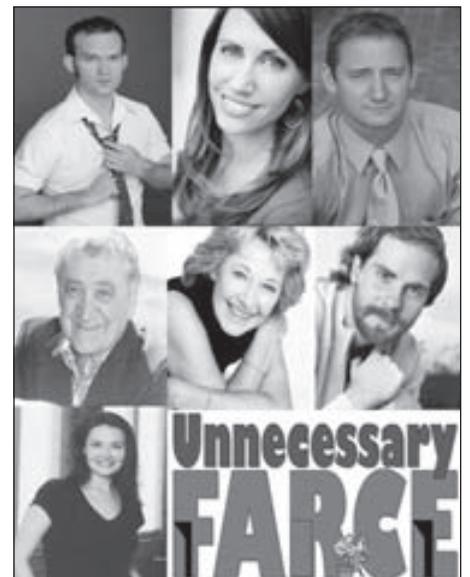
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## Farce Opens With Laughter, Good Times

Opening night at The Schoolhouse Theater on Thursday, January 14 included the who's-who of the island gathered on the theater's Presidents Garden and Patio for a glorious reception. Joining the celebration was board president, Steve Klug, director and artistic producer, Victor Legarreta, community supporter and theater board member, Ginny Fleming, past president, Art Cassel and many others.

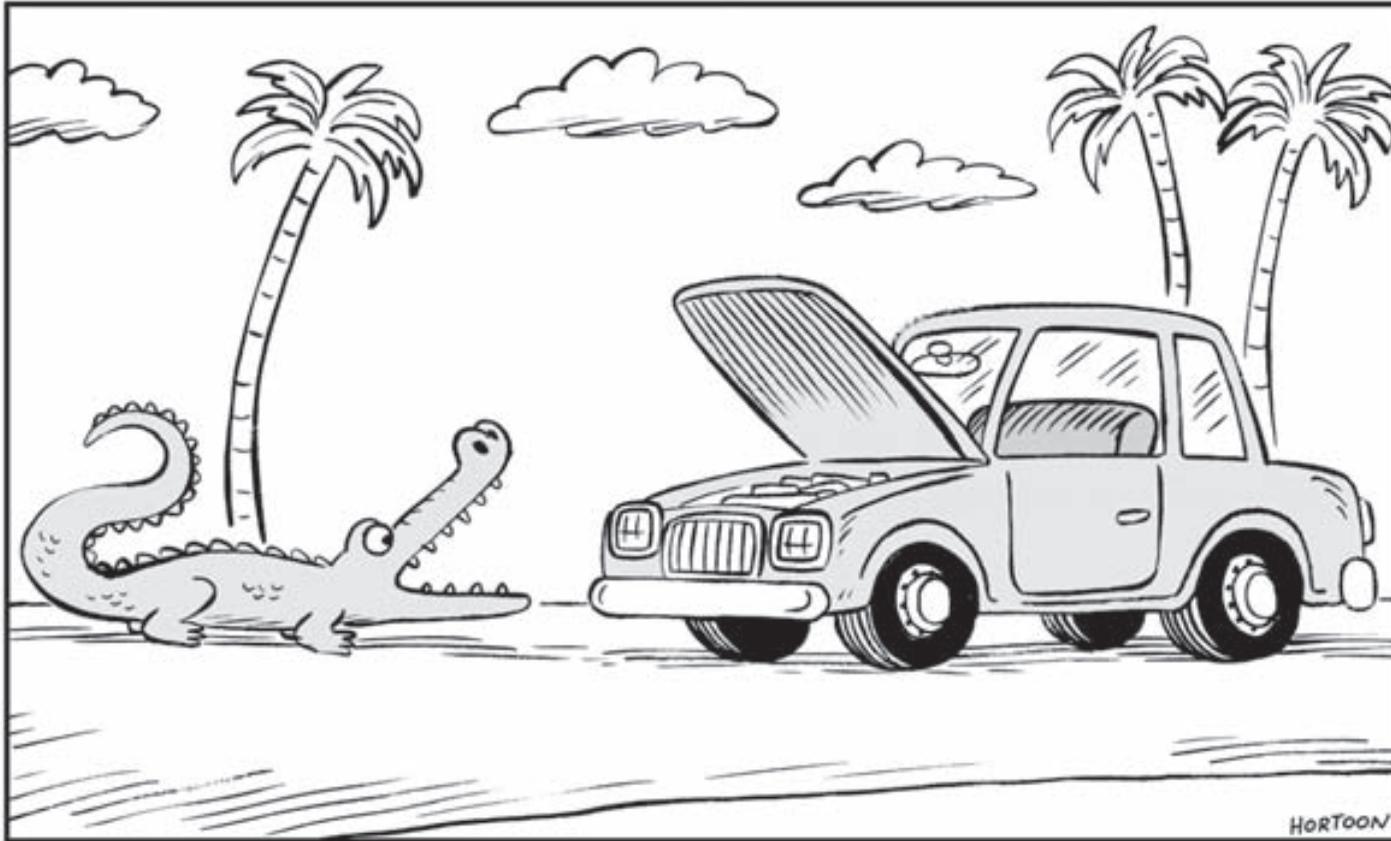
The crowd wine and dined before heading into the theater at 8 p.m. for the Florida premiere of *Unnecessary Farce*, written by Paul Slade Smith. Its quick wit and over-the-top humor made it an instant hit with audience members.

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The cast of *Unnecessary Farce*

# HORTOONS



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## American Legion Post 123 News

Stop by the American Legion Post 123 on Sunday, January 17 for another Seafood Fest from 1 to 8 p.m. with live music in the evening. Every Thursday night is Cards Night at 7 p.m. Every Friday the Legion serves a ribeye steak sandwich all day. Stop in and check out the entire menu. The public is welcome. Food is served all day, every day. Hours are Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 9 p.m.

The American Legion is at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 472-9979.\*

## Republican Caucus Meeting

The next meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Republican Caucus will be on Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m. in Room 4 of the Sanibel Library on Dunlop Road.

The focus of the meeting is to identify issues and set an agenda for 2010.

All registered Republican voters, regardless of the county or state they are registered in, are invited to attend. Call Robb Moran at 472-9035 for more information.\*

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Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

## Docent Profile: Carol Kaplan

by Ray Buck

**D**ocent Carol Kaplan, who has a Ph.D. in French language and literature, isn't called upon to speak French often on her Sanibel Historical Museum and Village rounds, but it could happen any day. Describing her favorite room in the Rutland House, the dining room, in French could be a challenge.

"I adore telling the story of Annie Meade and Frank Bailey." (Frank's sons, Sam and Francis, are still around the family store that began on the island, along with a packing house and wharf. "The china from Mary Bailey and of Ruth Rutland inspires me to imagine their private lives so long ago." Kaplan said.

The Rutland House, home for so long for the assistant lighthouse keeper and his family (he was also a fishing guide and farmer) is the introduction to the seven structures in the Historical Museum and Village. Built in 1913 as the island began to move from isolation to small community, the Rutland House is a typical "cracker" house with walls of lasting pine. The house, as simple as it is, also shows a sense of artistry and taste in its interior walls. The house shows in many ways how the Rutlands and earlier occupants, the common folk, bested the elements to find their paths in life on an uncommon island.

Kaplan is a professor emerita of California University of Pennsylvania and a specialist in the 20th century French novel. She is married to Dr. Peter Kaplan; they have



Carol Kaplan

two married children and two grandchildren, all of whom share their love for Sanibel. Most of her work has been in French, as well as literary criticism. She began writing poetry, in English, on Sanibel and has had some published in Don Brown's column in the *Island Sun*.

Back in Pittsburgh she volunteers her teaching and French skills. On Sanibel she loves BIG ARTS, especially for regional shows in art, and just about everything else on the island, especially the people.\*

From The Historical Museum And Village

## Local Poet To Read At Museum

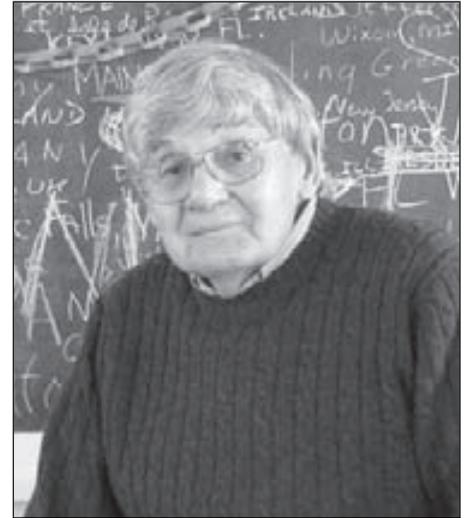
**S**anibel poet Raymond Buck will have a repeat performance reading his verse at the 1898 Village Schoolhouse at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 22.

Buck, known as the village poet for his poems celebrating the museum's seven-building complex of island history, will read many of those poems, as well other Sanibel-related poems from his recently published book, *South Of Providence*. He has been a docent at the village for a number of years. His reading last spring at the schoolhouse was standing room only.

There is no admission charge to the village for this occasion. The public is invited.

The reading will be followed by an iced tea and cookies social at the village's historic Miss Charlotta's Tearoom, and a book signing.

Buck is known to many for his readings at the Sanibel Island Writers Reads at BIG ARTS and the Open Mics at The



Ray Buck

Bean. Before returning to the island in October Buck read before audiences in Connecticut at the public libraries in Essex and Old Saybrook.

Last spring he gave a special reading at a monthly meeting of the Fort Myers chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Also across the bay, this October he was the finalist judge for the Fort Myers school system's poetry competition for children from grade school to high school who would read their work at Veterans Day ceremonies at Barbara B. Mann Auditorium.\*

## Women's Retreat

**A**ll women of the community are invited to attend the annual three-day rest, relax and retreat at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, Venice Florida on Tuesday, January 26, 11 a.m. The retreat will run through Thursday, January 28 at 1 p.m. Carpooling is available from Sanibel.

The cost for the retreat, including all meals and a double room, is \$240 and for a single room, \$250.

The deadline for registration is Sunday, January 17. Make checks payable to SCWIM and deliver or mail to: Sanibel Congregational UCC/SCWIM Treasurer, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel FL 33957

In past years, women have found this to be a very special time for growth and building friendships. The topic for this year's retreat is Forgiveness and a New Beginning.

The retreat will be facilitated by the Rev. Eileen Epperson, pastor, spiritual director and life coach. Rev. Epperson will have just returned from the Parliament of the World's Religions in Melbourne, Australia as a panelist discussing Christian Perspectives on Forgiveness.\*

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Todd Barron, meteorologist; Rick Davis, senior meteorologist, Phyllis Gibson and Doris Holzheimer

## Captivans Take A Storm-Ready Trip To National Weather Center

by Phyllis Gibson

**W**hat will it take to keep Captiva's Storm Ready designation this year? While the island community was the first barrier island in Florida to achieve this designation, it will need to continue its planning and vigilance to maintain it.

Next year Captiva will need to reapply for the Storm Ready status. This year Captivans need to do two things: visit the NOAA facility of the National Weather Service in Ruskin, Florida and conduct a SkyWarn training on the island. While anyone is welcome to visit the facility in Ruskin, Phyllis Gibson and Doris Holzheimer from the Captiva Hurricane Preparation and Response Committee, traveled there to officially meet this requirement. They were hosted by Todd Barron and Rick Davis who demonstrated the technology and sophisticated forecasting systems of the National Weather Service at the site. They were particularly helpful in explaining the progress of the current cold weather in Florida.

Gibson and Holzheimer toured the facility and reviewed current plans for Captiva with the forecasters. The meteorologists were pleased with the work and the We site and made a few suggestions for enhancements. Gibson and Holzheimer more fully understand the marine forecasting capabilities of the center and hope to incorporate these capabilities in both educational programming and on [www.mycaptiva.info](http://www.mycaptiva.info).

That Web site is a one-stop center for weather information for Captivans and all interested in weather on the islands throughout the year.

The forecasters were pleased to see the Web site's access and links to the NOAA weather forecast which is continually updated with current information and more frequently updated when there is severe weather or threat of a hurricane.

All Captivans can participate in the SkyWarn training on February 8 at Tween Waters Inn and help us fulfill this requirement. The basic training is from 10 to 11 a.m. and the advanced training from 11 a.m. to noon. It will be conducted by Daniel Noah from the Ruskin National Weather Service. All are welcome, whether attending for the first time or refreshing their skills. We ask that you register at the Captiva Fire Department 472-9494 for the training.

This is fun, informative training and we will offer a weather radio to one of the participants via a raffle. You will come away from the training better able to understand what you see in the sky and how to report weather incidents. Better informed Captivans will be safer and make better weather decisions.

If you are interested in learning more about the committee and/or would like to volunteer to help reapply for Storm Ready status for Captiva, contact Holzheimer at 472-1978 or Gibson at 472-6179.\*

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# Dancing With The Islands' Stars Is Next Weekend



Liddy Johnson, with her dance instructor Brad MacDonald, prepares for the big fundraiser ahead

Liddy Johnson, a well-known volunteer around the islands, is the last in the series to spotlight as one of the six star dancers who will be competing for the coveted ball trophy for Dancing With The Islands' Stars on January 23 at The Community House. Johnson never missed a beat when asked to take dance lessons, canvas her friends for donations, and show her fox-trot to hundreds of people. Her enthu-

siasm and joy spills over to the more than 75 volunteers adding the final touches on a trend-setting fundraiser. Johnson said, "What an exciting event that has energized so many people to gather together to watch us dance and get on the bandwagon in support of The Community House. It's time for the house to have a new face and new space as it is the home for all islanders and will continue to be well into the future."

She further adds her compliments to the Fred Astaire Dance Studios, who has graciously given six stars the time, lessons and expertise needed to learn these ballroom dances. All the dancers join Johnson in expressing appreciation for making the dance lessons fun and urge the community to support this dance studio.

It is not too late to get tickets to the dress rehearsal on Friday, January 22. The cost is just \$25 and you will also get

to vote for the People's Choice dancer. Stop by The Community House to get your ticket or place your vote (donation) for Craig Albert, Karen Bell, Billy Kirkland, Linda Naton, Susan Scott or Liddy Johnson.\*

## SCCF Trail Walks

On Monday through Friday at 11 a.m., you can take a guided walk where the bobcats and otters roam at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. The walk is also offered on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Climb the tower that overlooks the Sanibel River and the everglades-like grasslands SCCF has preserved for wild-life.

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# INSIDE CITY HALL

## New Appointment For Vice Mayor

Sanibel Vice Mayor Kevin Ruane has been appointed to the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) Board of Trustees for the term beginning March 1.

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) established the insurance program in 1977 providing Workers' Compensation coverage, then later liability, property and health insurance. With over 600 members the purpose of the program is to provide Florida Cities affordable insurance.

Ruane has served as a member of the Sanibel City Council since 2007. He serves as the council liaison to Community Housing Resources, the Coastal Land Trust, the General Employee Pension Board of Trustees and the Police Pension Board of Trustees. He also serves as a member of the Lee County Tourism Development Council (TDC).

Ruane's affiliations and community involvement consist of the following: Save The Children, American Cancer Society of America, president of the Sanibel School Fund, member of the Sanibel Structure Safety Inspector Team, board member of The Sanibel School Advisory



Vice Mayor Kevin Ruane

Committee, president of the PAC for Sanibel Recreation Center, certified adult and children CPR and AED, Kiwanis Club member, campaign chair and treasurer for Mick Denham's City Council position, Children's Education Center, CROW, PURR.E, Sanibel-Captiva Cares, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Sanibel Beautification, basketball, baseball and football coach, as well as Sanibel leagues baseball umpire.

Ruane and his family were visitors to Sanibel for 14 years prior to purchasing a home in 2004. His daughter is a graduate student at St. Francis University in Pennsylvania and his son is a freshman at Bishop Verot High School.\*

## Mimms: Gone But Not Forgotten

by Anne Mitchell

A week after the Sanibel City Council voted 4-1 not to pass an ordinance that would have made it harder for anyone to build the largest home in a neighborhood, some members of the planning commission are still smarting.

The commission spent 19 months coming up with a formula to prevent homes – new or expanded – from destroying the rhythm and harmony of Sanibel's residential communities. But the council – with Mayor Mick Denham dissenting – vetoed the proposed changes.

Commissioner Paul Reynolds said at Tuesday's meeting that with the council's rejection the burden for making decisions on home construction applications is back on the planning staff.

Reynolds said anyone who thinks the existing section 86-43 of the ordinance is working just fine "should make their first call to David Mimms... meanwhile, we await the next Mimms family to have the rug pulled out from under them. It is a shame."

Mimms has become the embodiment of the shortcomings of 86-43, having spent a lot of time and money trying to build his dream home in Chateaux-Sur-Mer. Mimms' application caused much controversy and led to neighbors' protests and a series of heated public hearings. Mimms eventually dropped his plans and put his gulf-front land on the market when city officials, lacking any legal guidelines, were stumped for solutions for dealing with the issue.

As for the 86-43 revision, it wasn't until early January when the council held a public hearing on the commission's recommendations that they saw details of the square footage of the largest home in each neighborhood – numbers that seemed to influence council members' denial.

Vice Chairman Phillip Marks doesn't want a repeat of 86-43 when the commission soon begins a new task: revamping the rules for resort zone redevelopment and he wanted council members to attend the hearings or read the minutes of the meetings.

"I have some reservations about putting in a year or more of work to have it basically emasculated at the city council level," Marks said.

Commissioner Holly Smith said before embarking on resort redevelopment, she wants "a complete list of all the properties that will be affected" by any new laws.\*

## New Planning Commissioners Are Seated

by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel Planning Commission's first meeting of 2010 included the seating of two new planning commissioners and the election of a chairman and vice chairman.

Christopher Heidrick and Chuck Kettman were welcomed Tuesday to the seven-member board and the commission expressed thanks to Patty Sprinkle, who resigned, and to Les Forney, who was not reappointed.

It was status quo for the chairman and vice chairman, with Mike Valiquette and Phillip Marks being returned – for the third time – to those positions.

Valiquette and Heidrick will serve three-year terms and Kettman will serve the unexpired portion of Sprinkle's term, which is one year.\*

## City Of Sanibel Holiday Hours

The City of Sanibel city hall offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday Monday, January 18 and will resume regular operating hours on Tuesday, January 19.

All garbage, recycling and vegetation waste collection by Waste Pro for the week of Monday, January 18 will operate as scheduled.

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## Below Market Rate Homes Near Completion At Centre Place

Submitted by Community Housing & Resources, Inc.

When Sanibel's shining example of limited-equity homeownership celebrates its opening next month at Centre Place, it will be an achievement for the entire community, thanks to many volunteers and workers on behalf of Community Housing & Resources (CHR) and its subsidiary, the Coast & Islands Community Land Trust.

"Our board members didn't really have any idea of the work involved and the obstacles we would run into when we set out on this project to offer affordable homeownership to qualified island workers," said Land Trust President Dr. Phillip Marks. "It's never been done before, and we set the bar high to make the homes not only as affordable as possible but as environmentally responsible, community-friendly, attractive, and in keeping with Sanibel's vision. We are grateful to the many people who made this remarkable project possible."

Board members Emilie Alfino, Mike Cuscaden, JoAnne Fedele, Richard Johnson, Mark Norman, Tom Rothman, Dennis Simon and Dorothy Simpson took on the complicated tasks of writing, re-writing, and then writing again

the lease covering the land on which the new homes sit (referred to as a "ground lease"); developing a homeowners association and writing bylaws and codes, covenants and restrictions.

"The CHR staff, too, have been working double-time processing paperwork, talking one-on-one with prospective buyers, researching requirements and crunching endless numbers," Marks said. The staff includes Executive Director Scott Marcelais, Administrative Manager Patti Bohm, and Administrative Assistant Cyndie Hoggatt. Maintenance staffers Dennis Minten and Robert "Doc" Lubinski have also taken on extra duties as construction of the new homes and rehabilitation of Beach Road and Sanibel Highlands continues.

Among the others deserving thanks, Marks stressed, is the City of Sanibel, the city council and the planning commission. The projects required city approvals and hearings and code changes covering everything from allowable density to platting, vegetation, and tax assessments. The projects had the city's full support and cooperation from the start, making the process much easier, Marks said.

Three local attorneys volunteered their time and expertise to meet with the potential homeowners and discuss the details of the ground lease with prospective purchasers. Tim Murty of Murty & Monk, Jason Maughan, and David Platt of Henderson & Franklin will be meeting free of charge with each of the 14 home buyers and answering their questions prior to closing.

"These lawyers are not the only mem-

bers of the community to put themselves out to assist us," Marks continued. "We have been very fortunate to have the patience and understanding of both our residential and commercial neighbors at the Centre Place project." Marks said. "Construction is messy and noisy by nature, and the residents and businesses surrounding the new homes could not have been more gracious."

The homes at Centre Place sit behind Billy's Rentals bike shop, owned by Billy Kirkland, who not only endured the noise and inconvenience but even granted ingress and egress to the project through his property.

"I feel honored to be able to help the below market rate housing program," Kirkland said. "They're providing a great benefit for this island with projects like this that give workers and employees a place to live on the island. Whatever I can do is a small part compared to what CHR is doing."

Two local banks, Bank of the Islands and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, are working with CHR and its land trust subsidiary to provide mortgages for home buyers, while supportive Sanibel residents are coming forward with private mort-

gage money to complete the rest of the sales.

"We're grateful, too, to our island newspapers for publishing articles and notices about this exciting new venture so we could keep the community informed and educate people who might be interested in taking advantage of this new opportunity," Marks said.

Centre Place is the first Florida Green and LEED-certified project on Sanibel (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a federal designation). In addition, the project was built using subcontractors and suppliers that have a long history of working on Sanibel, something CHR is proud to have been able to do, Marks added. Kennedy Construction is managing the project, a family-owned company that's been on Sanibel for 33 years.

"It speaks volumes about this special community that even in a recession, islanders come together to get something done that will help people," Marks said.

A public dedication and open house is planned for early February, in combination with a celebration of CHR's 30th anniversary. Watch for information in future issues or call CHR at 472-1189 for more information.\*



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**Temple Beth El Art Auction**

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Register in advance at the Sanibel Recreation Center. The program cost is \$20 per day per child for members and \$25 per day per child for non-members.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information call 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).\*

**Salsa Night At The Rec Center**

The Sanibel Recreation Center is offering Salsa Aerobics on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Salsa Aerobics is a sizzling, Zumba-inspired workout that moves to Latin and international music beats.

Participants will learn fun Latin dance steps for an exhilarating aerobic experience that finishes with an amaz-

ing abdominal workout. Participants are encouraged to bring water and a towel. Cost of class is included with a Sanibel Recreation Center membership. Advanced registration is not required. The class is available to individuals ages 12 and older.

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**Unnecessary Farce**

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Seven actors make up the cast: business manager Dave Yudowitz, house manager Jennifer Smith, James Lane, Matthew Edwards, Marcus Kiehl, Mindy Montavon, and Kay Francis.

The play runs through February 6. All shows play at 8 p.m. Sponsor is Tween Waters Inn. The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. For more information, call the Box Office at 472-6862 or log onto [www.TheSchoolhouseTheater.com](http://www.TheSchoolhouseTheater.com).\*

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# Sea School Scavenger Hunt Begins



by Evelyn Neill

It is time for Sanibel Sea School's annual ocean celebration, which means it's time for scavenger hunts. Now in its third year, the Sea School's winter fundraising event begins with the gift of true treasure. And this year, as with last year, Lily & Co. is the Master Sponsor of six Sea Fandango Scavenger Hunts. Each week a clue will be published in the paper and posted online. The first person to find the location of the Sea Fandango token will be rewarded with a true treasure from Lily & Co.

This is Sanibel Sea School's launch of a season that will culminate on February 20 with the Sea Fandango event at The Community House. Join the fun of searching, finding, getting and giving! Sanibel Sea School is a 501(c)3 dedicated to marine conservation through experiential education. All proceeds from Sea Fandango will go to scholarships and operating expenses. Sanibel Sea School has never turned down a student for lack of funds thanks to the generosity of donors.

### You can call me ray

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Let's start nice and easy on a cold winter's day

To find the token that will win the ray.

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### Dancing with the Islands' Stars

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### Dress Rehearsal - Friday January 22, 6:30pm

Tickets on Sale for \$25

### Event Night - Saturday January 23, 6:30pm

Tickets on Sale for \$75 (SOLD OUT)

### Televised Live Saturday January 23, 6:30pm

Doc Fords, Lazy Flamingo, and the Dune's Country Club.

### Valentines Dinner and Dance Wednesday February 10 at 6:00 pm

Beef Tenderloin dinner catered by Leslie Adams and big band dancing music provided by JJ and Company. Special this evening, discounted Lily & Co. jewelry for those who attend. Sponsored by Mike Kelly and Bank of the Islands. Tickets are \$45, and \$35 for members. Reservations required.

### Neighbor to Neighbor Series

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## OBITUARY

### RABBI MURRAY SALTZMAN, DD

Rabbi Murray Saltzman, DD,  
the spiritual leader of Bat Yam  
Temple of the Islands since 1996,  
died after a short illness in Fort Myers,  
Florida on January 5, 2010. He was 80  
years old. He was rabbi emeritus of the  
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation where  
he served as senior rabbi from 1978 to  
1996.

Rabbi Saltzman also served congrega-  
tions in Indianapolis, Indiana; Chappaqua,  
New York; Hagerstown, Maryland; and  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He lived with  
his wife Esther in Fort Myers, Florida.  
Currently, he serves on the Board of  
Regents at Baltimore's Morgan State  
University, and on the Board of Families  
USA, a foundation to promote health  
care for all Americans. President Gerald  
Ford appointed him as a commissioner  
on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights  
where he served from 1975 to 1983. He  
and his wife have three children, Oren,  
Debra, and Joshua (a rabbi), and six  
grandchildren.

His funeral and burial was Sunday,  
January 10, in Chappaqua, New York,  
where shiva, the Jewish mourning period,

was observed through Tuesday evening,  
January 12. A memorial service will be  
held on Sunday, January 17 at 3 p.m.  
at the Sanibel Congregational United  
Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Rabbi Saltzman was president of  
the Coalition Opposed to Violence and  
Extremism, BLEWS (the Baltimore Black-  
Jewish Forum), the Baltimore Board of  
Rabbis and many other organizations. His  
active commitment to a range of impor-  
tant Jewish and human rights causes led  
to honors bestowed by the prime minister  
of Israel, the governors of Maryland and  
Indiana, among others. Rabbi Saltzman's  
strong values and leadership remained  
consistent throughout his distinguished  
career. He was a mentor to countless rab-  
bis, cantors, other Jewish professionals,  
and synagogue members.

A native of Brooklyn, New York,  
Rabbi Saltzman graduated from the  
University of Cincinnati in 1951 and  
received his rabbinic ordination from the  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of  
Religion in 1956.

In the 1960s he participated in civil  
rights marches with Dr. Martin Luther  
King, Jr. in Saint Augustine, Florida and  
Selma, Alabama. The rabbi taught at  
Marian College in Indianapolis, Indiana  
- Purdue University, the Christian  
Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, and  
at St. Maur's Seminary, also in Indiana.

Rabbi Saltzman was also a gourmet  
cook and an acclaimed poet.\*

## OBITUARY



### ANITA MARIE ULRICH

Anita Marie Ulrich, 92, of Estero,  
Florida, formerly of Sanibel,  
Florida, died on November 20,  
2009 at the Life Care Center of Estero.  
She was born on October 24, 1917  
in Jersey City, New Jersey, one of  
nine children of Alberto and Veronica  
(Bernardi) Politi.

A resident of Estero for the past 15  
years, she previously lived on Sanibel  
for 11 years moving from Upper Saddle  
River, New Jersey.

Anita was employed from 1939 to

1957 as a secretary for the Colacurcio  
Construction Company in Jersey City.  
She was a member of the Church of the  
Presentation in Upper Saddle River and  
taught CCD for several years. An avid  
hand quilter, she was a member of the  
Upper Saddle River quilters; secretary  
for the Friends of the Library in Upper  
Saddle River and a member of the  
Westwood Women's Club in Westwood,  
New Jersey and a secretary for the plan-  
ning board in Washington Township,  
New Jersey.

She was a member of Our Lady of  
Light Catholic Church, Estero, formerly a  
member of St. Isabel's Catholic Church,  
Sanibel and a member of the Stonecroft  
Friendship Bible Studies on Sanibel.

She is survived by her husband of  
75 years, Robert Ulrich, her daughter,  
Barbara Ann (Frank) Cassavell of Sanibel,  
her five grandchildren and 16 great  
grandchildren. She was the grandmother  
of the late Frank G. Cassavell who died  
in 1996.

A memorial mass will be celebrated on  
Monday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. at St.  
Isabel's Catholic Church, 3559 Sanibel  
Captiva Road. A reception will follow.  
In lieu of flowers a memorial contribution  
may be made to the NTAFL Atlantic Heart  
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**OBITUARY**



**GERALD EDWARD HALWEG  
1930 - 2009**

**G**erald (Gerry) Halweg of Sanibel Island, Florida died December 31, 2009 at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute in New York City, New York. He had gone through a lengthy operation for a brain tumor followed by a heart attack and other complications. His death was totally unexpected to those who knew and loved him.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Albert and Mildred (Greenley) Halweg; his wife of 42 years, Jeanne (who fought cancer for 15 years); his brother, Raymond and his grandchild, Rachel. He is survived by his sons: John (Jane) Halweg of New Bern, North Carolina; Gerald (Debbie) Halweg, Jr. and their children, Sarah and Gerald III (Trey) of Naperville, Illinois; and, James Halweg of Cornelius, North Carolina. He is also survived by his beloved partner of the last eight years, Elizabeth (Beth) Miller of Sanibel.

Gerry was born on October 25 1930 in Waukegan, Illinois, the youngest of three brothers. The family later moved to Joliet, Illinois. He graduated from Joliet High School in 1949 and attended Joliet Junior College for two years. He completed his education at the University of Illinois in 1953 where he received a bachelor's degree in business management. He married Jeanne Viola Fant of Rockdale, Illinois in 1953 and spent the next two years in the U.S. Army before joining the civilian workforce.

He returned to Joliet, where he was employed by Blockson Chemical Company. The corporation was later acquired by Olin Corporation where Gerry remained until his retirement in 1992. While working for Olin he rose in the executive ranks to national sales manager as well as to CEO of an Olin joint venture. Advancement meant moving, and over the years the family lived

in Illinois, New Jersey, Connecticut and North Carolina.

Gerry was a true outdoorsman; an avid fisherman, hunter, marksman, and sailor. After moving to Sanibel in 2001 he developed an interest in biking, riding 20 to 30 miles daily.

He took great pride in his collection of bikes; a carbon composite, a Cannondale and a recumbent. He also spent time and energy volunteering at the Red Start Fishery Project and the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Gerry was an active member of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club and recently completed his term as secretary. He was a member of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. Gerry and Beth traveled throughout the world in their eight years together; from Moscow to Beijing to Scotland to Antarctica. Their next trip was in the planning stage.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on January 23 at 2 p.m., 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida. A reception will immediately follow in the church Fellowship Hall. Memorials in the name of Gerald Halweg may be sent to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957.

He was a thoroughly good, kind, gentle man and he was loved. As Gerry would say, "This is a day the Lord has made - rejoice in it and be glad." ✨

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**OBITUARY**



**RICHARD HAMILTON**

**R**ichard Hamilton died January 10 at midnight, at home with his children Jessica, Caitlyn and Spencer, wife Debra, brothers Mike and Pete, sister Debra, sister-in-law Linda, and Brando by his side.

Those that had the pleasure of knowing Rick knew a man who was fiercely proud of his family; he could fix anything, talk about everything and made friends everywhere he went. He exemplified patience, compassion and unconditional love.

Rick and Deb came to the islands 26 years ago after buying Café Captiva, which they owned and operated for four

years. He also graced the islands with his artistic talent as a graphic designer and sign maker - from the 1980s on, Periwinkle Way became decorated with countless examples of his creative ability. Rick spent the last 15 years as a certified financial planner and the fix-it man for his wife's property management business.

His life was truly awesome and he will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate expressions of sympathy through donations to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (<https://www.dana-farber.org/how/gifts/>).

A memorial service will be held at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, on Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m. ✨

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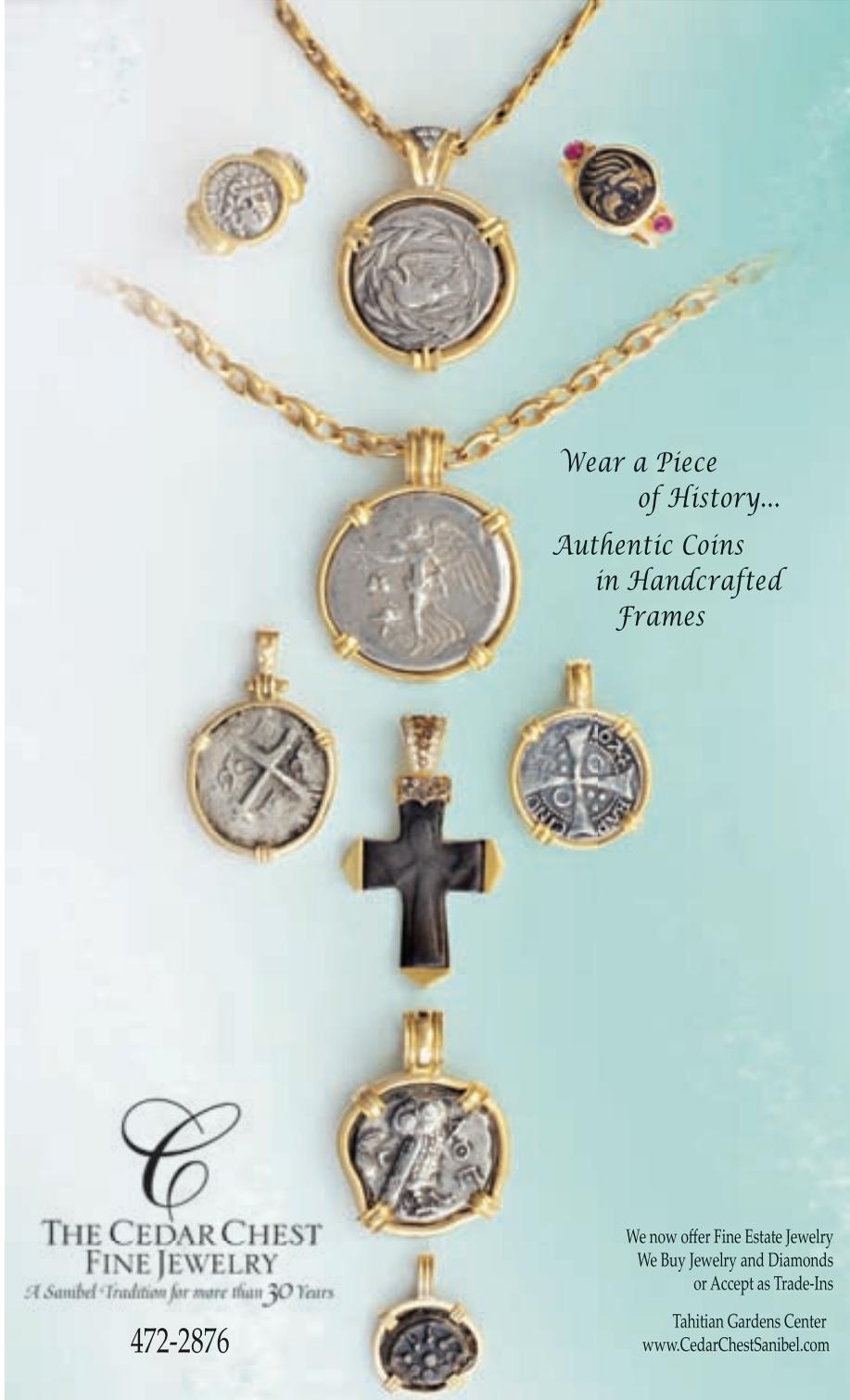
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The Sanibel Captiva Lions Club offers a sincere thank you to all the participants and the sponsors who, along with the staff



at Beachview Golf Club, assured the success of our 12th annual golf tournament held last Sunday. Starting off at 9:30 a.m. to avoid the predicted 35 degree temperatures and getting some sun proved beneficial to all participants. Gloves and sweaters gave way as the golfers progressed through 18 holes in their quest for first place.

Repeating as champs were the 2009 winners, the team from Sanibel Captiva Trust Company while the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank repeated as second place winners.

Special recognition for the ladies went to Shirley MacKay for her closest to the pin shot and to Rich Croce for the men. Recognized for the longest drive for ladies was Marilyn Kane and for the men, Dick Selinger

During the buffet luncheon, put on by Beachview Steakhouse, over 35 great raffle prizes were awarded to lucky golfers, courtesy of local businesses.

Also announced at the luncheon was an ongoing silent auction for the prize of four week-long passes to the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits

in Kohler, Wisconsin. Watch for more on this fantastic prize in the coming weeks.

Special thanks to our Gold sponsors: Bailey's General Store, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Tween Waters Inn, Sanibel Captiva Trust Company; our Silver sponsors: Lily & Company Fine Jewelers, Bruce & Ginny Avery and Wayne & Linda Boyd; individual hole sponsors: Ann Gee realtor, Bank of the Islands, Coral Veterinary Clinic, Decorating Den Interiors, Gulf Breeze Cottages, Island Cow Restaurant, Island Graphics, Island Sun Newspapers, Molnar Electric, Nave Plumbing, Oswald Trippe, Over Easy Café, Pak "N" Ship, Sanctuary Island Electric, Sanibel Air Conditioning Inc., Schnapper's Hots, Splashman Pool Services, Traders Store & Café, Waterside Inn, West Wind Inn; and Lions Club member sponsors: Hugh Cameron, Tom Kroeger, Bill Sadd and Joseph Smaha.

Over 50 local businesses and individuals contributed to the success of this event by sponsoring individual holes or contributing items for the raffle. We thank you for your support.

A great event for a worthy cause.✪

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**City Holiday Hours**

The recreation center will operate regular hours on Monday, January 18 from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All regular classes will be held. If you have any questions call 472-0345.

The City of Sanibel Civic/Senior Center will be closed Monday,

January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and will resume regular operating hours Tuesday, January 19. If you have any questions 472-5743.

The Sanibel Recreation Center will operate the Fun Days program on Monday, January 18 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration is \$20 per child per Fun Day for rec center members and \$25 per child for non-members. Pre registration is preferred a week in advance for Fun Days. Call 472-0345.

The Recreation Center After School Program will resume on Tuesday, January 19.✪

**CVS Requests Second Sign**

by Anne Mitchell

CVS Pharmacy on Palm Ridge Road, has applied to the city for a variance that would allow for a wall-mounted sign as well as the existing ground sign.

The request will go before the Sanibel Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 26.

Sanibel's land development code allows for just one sign per business.✪

Our email address is [press@islandsunnews.com](mailto:press@islandsunnews.com)

**Native Plant Panel Discussion**

The public is invited to attend an informative panel discussion titled Everything You Ever Wanted to Ask about Native Plants and Alien Invaders. This panel discussion will be led by members of the City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee on Monday, January 18 at 10 a.m. in the main meeting room at the Sanibel Library, 770 Dunlop Road.

The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Native Plant Nursery has generously donated plants to the panel discussion for educational and instructional purposes. Participants can test their knowledge of local vegetation, and plants will be awarded to the individuals who correctly identify them. Come and bring your plant questions and queries.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.✪

**Snowmen Are Coming**

The LOGOS children at Sanibel Community Church will experience Winter Wonderland on Sanibel on Wednesday, January 20. Everyone wear white. It's time to build snowmen.

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## Island Properties Help Refuge

The "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge needs help. Its budget, when adjusted for inflation, falls well below 2004 levels; staff has been cut by a third; and needed repairs have been delayed.

Island accommodations are stepping up to the plate to provide that help. The following island properties and rental agencies have joined the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge's (DDWS) new Guest Contribution Program (GCP), whereby guests have the option of contributing \$1 per night to support the refuge:

- Cottages to Castles of Sanibel & Captiva
- Island Vacations of Sanibel & Captiva, Inc.
- Jensen's on the Gulf
- Kona Kai Motel & Cottages
- Mitchell's Sand Castles and Forty/Fifteen Resorts
- Parrot Nest
- Periwinkle Cottages of Sanibel
- Sandy Bend Condo
- Sanibel & Captiva Accommodations
- Shalimar Resort
- Tarpon Tale Inn

DDWS' GCP is a pilot program for national wildlife refuge friends groups across the country. It is modeled after successful programs based in several national parks. The program's 11 charter accommodations partners have paved the way for an island-wide effort.

"We are excited to be a ground-level partner for such a wonderful project," said Fran Peters, Island Vacations of Sanibel & Captiva, Inc. "The refuge is an important part of Sanibel, and we're sure our guests will feel positive about making a contribution."

Accommodations participants, whose home pages are linked directly to visitors through the heavily visited DDWS ([www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org)) and refuge Web sites ([www.fws.gov/dingdarling](http://www.fws.gov/dingdarling)), have already begun reaping benefits from the unique partnership.

"The Parrot Nest can boast 100 percent guest participation in this worthy cause since we began this summer," said Brenda Consentino, the inn's general manager. "What I found most interesting is the fact that when travelers who are not familiar with 'Ding' Darling hear about the contribution program, they are motivated to check out the refuge for themselves.

"Many come back with stories of ospreys and eagles and, as one little girl from Germany told me, 'we saw many pink birds with faces like a duck together in one tree, and when all together they look like cotton candy!' My guess is that she was enamored by the roseate spoonbills."

Federal budget cuts over the past five years have meant diminished staff and funding for "Ding" Darling, which brings more than 700,000 visitors to the islands each year. Programs such as this hope to strengthen weakening refuges and their wildlife habitat nationwide, according to refuge administration.



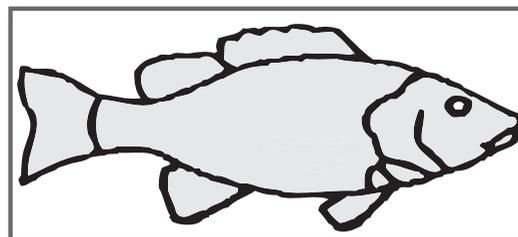
Wesley Fay, Guest Contribution Program coordinator; Jimmy Jensen, Jensen's on the Gulf; Don VanAlstyne, Sandy Bend; Lenny and Brenda Cosentino, Parrot Nest; Joel and Kim Kronfeld, Mitchell's Sand Castles and Forty/Fifteen; Judy Michie, Cottages to Castles; and John McCabe, DDWS vice president. (Not pictured: Fran Peters, Island Vacations of Sanibel & Captiva; Elizabeth Robertson, Kona Kai; Brad Lear, Sanibel & Captiva Accommodations; Romas Vaickus, Shalimar; and Dawn Ramsey, Tarpon Tale Inn

"We are excited about this new way to partner with local accommodations and extend the good-neighbor relationship we've enjoyed in the past with our ultra-supportive business community," said DDWS President Jim Scott. "The community support is heartening. Businesses realize the great value of our refuge to their livelihood and are helping us in our mission to raise awareness of the refuge and preserve and protect its wildlife habitat.

"The refuge Web site alone receives more than 16,000 hits each month, so our partners do receive valuable added exposure through participating in the program," said Wesley Fay, GCP coordinator. "In addition, they'll be listed on signage within the refuge Education Center, which welcomes 250,000 visitors throughout the year."

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## Owls And Bobcats At SCCF



Bobcat mother and baby reclining

Learn about the critters that live on the islands including invasive lizards at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

No one knows how many bobcats live on Sanibel but SCCF is beginning to monitor the habitat of these shy creatures. Bobcat Tales is at 10 a.m. January 20.

The nesting season for barn owls, screech owls and great horned owls has begun on the islands. Looking for Owls is at 10 a.m. Jan. 15.

On January 22 at 10 a.m., learn about the invasive Nile monitor lizards of Cape Coral and what Sanibel is doing to keep these egg and bird eaters off the island.

Cost of each program is \$5 per adult with SCCF members and children attending for free. Call 472-2329 for more information. Following the program take a walk on the trails or visit the butterfly house.\*

## Turtle Tracks

Learn about the life cycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on island beaches and what the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation is doing to protect them. Watch a video of a turtle nest that hatched this summer.

The Turtle Tracks program is Thursday at 9 a.m. at SCCF, 3333 San-Cap Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children, \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.\*

## Sea Cruise To Help Marine Lab

Captiva Cruises will be offering a special educational program entitled Science at Sea on Thursday, January 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This two-hour cruise will be aboard Captiva Cruise's 24-passenger sailing catamaran and will be a hands-on scientific inquiry suitable and fun for all ages.

If you have ever dreamed or wondered what it would be like to be a marine biologist, this trip will answer those questions. Scientific equipment will be used to measure the salinity, temperature, dissolved oxygen and clarity of the water. Crab traps and a plankton net will be hauled in for observation and there will be discussion about some of the inhabitants of the waters surrounding Sanibel and Captiva.

This program is an excellent way to learn about the impacts to water quality and how marine biologists measure the health of the back bay estuary ecosystem. The data and observations that are recorded on this trip will be added to the cumulative research of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) Marine Laboratory. A portion of the proceeds will help The Marine Lab in its ongoing research. Richard Finkel, environmental educator with Captiva Cruises, will be conducting this program. Space is limited so reservations are required. Reservations may be made by calling 472-5300.\*

## Butterflies Of The Islands



Monarch butterfly

Monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico every winter stopping off in Florida on the way. In contrast, zebra longwing butterflies only fly around the block and back.

On Tuesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation will present a program about the life cycle of these and other native butterflies including the plants they need to survive. Take a tour of the butterfly house after the program. There may even be some caterpillars to watch.

SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information. Cost of the program is \$5 for adults; free for children and SCCF members.\*

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## Weather Seminar

Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron is offering a public seminar on weather from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on January 30 at the Sanibel Public Library. Rather than being caught out in bad weather, take some preventive steps. TV channel 25 provides the more current conditions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or check on the Internet at [www.intellicast.com](http://www.intellicast.com).

Did you know that if the dew point and temperature are within a few degrees of each other, you are very apt to have fog?

If you have a VHF radio, newer models have a NOAA weather channel. If conditions look questionable, tune it in. Channel 16 will also warn of bad conditions.

On the water, forecasting is a learned art. Learn what various cloud formations and wind direction changes can mean.

The instructor for the course is Dan Himebaugh. Himebaugh is a chemist and an experienced engineer who, as a boater and pilot, has had significant interest and experience with understanding weather.

The safety conscious vessel operators should not miss the opportunity. Call Roger Heider at 395-0959 or Dick Squitieri at 395-9030 to reserve a place or to obtain additional information.\*

## Saturday Birdwalk

Sanibel Captiva Audubon Society will lead a January 16 birdwalk to the Fort Myers Beach Lagoon.

Meet at Villa Santini Plaza at 8 a.m. (approximately five miles from the Matanzas Pass Bridge and diagonally across from the Holiday Inn on Estero Boulevard). Parking is free. Waterproof shoes are a must. These birdwalks are open to the public and the suggested donation is \$2. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.\*

## Shell Wreaths Available At Museum



Docent and volunteer, Peggy Henward, admires the display of shell wreaths at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village

For those who are just now returning to the islands, there are still a few shell wreaths available in the Rutland House at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.

These lovely, heirloom quality wreaths are created year-round by Joan Emilius and Peggy Henward, who spend about a week fabricating each wreath.

According to Henward, "The wreaths are not just for the holidays. They are a welcoming symbol for a front door, a lanai or a kitchen and suggest a casual, island atmosphere."

For more information, call 472-4648 during business hours

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village wishes to thank Bank of the Islands, the Sanibel Public Library and Big Arts for helping the Village sell 40 of its unique, one-of-a-kind, handcrafted shell wreaths during the holidays.\*



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# Acclaimed Sculptor To Speak



A red clay study model of the 25-foot breaching whale by sculptor Skip Wallen

Sculptor Skip Wallen will speak at the general meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, on January 21 at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Wallen's huge sculpture projects are a dizzying change from the subject of the league's last presentation about miniature paintings.

Wallen is perhaps best known on the island for a WGCU Public Television documentary chronicling his creation of commemorative 10-foot cast bronze monument statues of American and Russian WWII pilots currently standing in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The dedication was attended by notables from both nations, including the U.S. secretary of defense. Wallen worked on the red clay maquette, or clay study model, used later to create the mold from which the bronze was cast, on Sanibel. Hurricane Charley briefly interrupted his work. Local resident Luc Century was reportedly the model for the American airman.

Wallen's current project is a life-size 25-foot statue of a breaching humpback whale, complete as a red clay maquette at this time. The bronze Leviathan will eventually be in an infinity pool with fountain waterworks. It will celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state, and it will be located in Juneau at its waterfront.

Wallen is a part time resident of Sanibel. He has monumental sculptures in diverse places including Switzerland, the Netherlands, Washington DC at The World Bank, and the University of Houston.\*

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## To Drill Or Not: League Airs Issue

and research conducted by the South Florida Water Management District. In 2006, he joined the faculty of Florida Gulf Coast University. He has studied sea surface micro-layer contaminants and his current research focus is landscape level stress ecology, eco-toxicology and risk assessment.

David Mica is executive director of the Florida Petroleum Council, a division of the American Petroleum Institute, a trade association representing all areas of the petroleum industry including most of the nation's major oil companies. Now in his 24th year with the council, Mica has worked with Florida government on issues such as the Florida Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Program, Florida's landmark Used Oil Recycling Program, and a comprehensive rewrite of the state's motor fuel tax laws. He has served on various state committees and boards including the Big Cypress Advisory Committee.

The speaker presentations will be followed by a Q&A session moderated by Dr. Carolyn Gray, league member.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to all U.S. citizens and men are welcome. Associate membership is also available and Sanibel residency is not a requirement. For information, send an e-mail to sanibellwv@gmail.com.\*

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## Visiting Curator Will Share Tree Snail Expertise

Jeffrey C. Nekola has been awarded the 2009 RT Abbott Visiting Curatorship at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on Sanibel.

For the last several weeks, Dr. Nekola has conducted land snail field surveys across South Florida to obtain records for as many species as possible. Native habitats from Sanibel South to the Florida Keys have been studied. This material will be processed, with a complete reference set of all encountered species, being accessioned into the Shell Museum collection.

Since no systematic inventory of this fauna has been accomplished in over three quarters of a century, this collection will provide vital insights into the impact of urbanization and climate change. It is hoped that this research will increase public interest and knowledge of this important group of species, which as a result might help spur their study by local residents as well as visitors.

Dr. Nekola will share his land snail expertise with the community over the next several weeks and teach field collection techniques. The following programs are open to the public.

### Land Snail Biodiversity

This overviews the 10 most important ecological patterns of land snail diversity, and provides an overview of how this group of animals is best protected.



Dr. Nekola demonstrating collection technique

Date: February 3, 2 p.m.

Cost: Free with museum admission

### The Tiny Jewels

An introduction to North American pupillids and biodiversity in the family Pupilidae with lots of interesting pictures and ecological stories.

Date: February 5, 2 p.m.

Cost: free with museum admission

### Field Trip

Location: Fort Myers Beach area

A once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about land snail identification and the art or science of collection. Land snails may be found almost anywhere, occasionally in dry places, but damp woodland is perhaps their favorite habitat. They may be found crawling over vegetation or tree trunks. Even an amateur has a chance to discover something new and original. Join an expert in the field. Learn proper collection protocols so you can continue advancing the state of the local fauna.

Date: January 31, 9 a.m. to noon (meet at museum). Lunch is noon to 1 p.m. at your own expense.

Cost: free

Dr. Nekola received his B.A. in biology from Coe College and his Ph.D. in ecology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a research associate in the Biology Division of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque, New Mexico, an adjunct associate professor for the University of New Mexico, and research associate in the Section of Mollusks at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

For more information call Diane Thomas, program specialist, at 395-2233.\*

## Hibiscus Workshop

Learn the basics of hibiscus gardening at the Botanical Gardens at Sanibel Moorings Resort. Join Dr. Hyman "Hy" Lans, hibiscus specialist/master gardener, for a two-hour workshop Tuesday, January 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lans was born in Chicago. He practiced general surgery in Chicago until his retirement. In 2000 he and his wife moved to Sanibel and in 2002 he became a master gardener. Lans is the coordinator and moderator for six Lee County library talks. He is a citrus home advisor. Lans' specialty is hibiscus. He has planned, designed and maintained the 200+ hibiscus hybrid collection at the Botanical Garden of Sanibel Moorings Resort.

RSVP is required and there is a \$20 fee per person, which includes booklet. Call 472-4119 for reservations and information.\*



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## Lecture Series



Port Lincoln Parrot in tree

## Mortality And Spirituality Program

Sanibel Congregational Church invites the community to a program on the topic Mortality and Spirituality on Wednesday, January 20, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

It will be presented by William R. Morrow, D.Min., an ordained Presbyterian minister, a practicing psychotherapist and an associate member of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. He is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and Andover Newton Theological School. He has been

in private practice in Fort Myers for over 20 years.

The program, sponsored by the Health Ministries Team, will be presented in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 2050 Periwinkle Way. There is no charge to attend the program. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call the church at 472-0497 or Dr. Morrow at 482-7072.\*

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## Fish Die-Off Due To Cold

On Tuesday, Sanibel City Manager Judith Zimomra authorized the public works department to collect fish on the beach killed during Monday night's record cold temperatures. The priorities for collection are public beaches, public beach accesses and then beaches adjacent to private properties.

No tractors are being used. All fish are being collected by hand and transported off the beach by city trucks.

"The volume of fish lost during this event is unfortunate. However, we are fortunate that we are not in turtle or bird nesting season at this time," Zimomra noted.\*

The next Bailey-Matthews Lecture Series presentation will take place on Wednesday, January 20 at 2 p.m. Dr. Gary Schmelz, president of the board of trustees for the Shell Museum, will present Exploring The Flora And Fauna Of Western Australia, with a special look at wildflowers.

The state of Western Australia occupies the entire Western third of the Australian continent. It is Australia's largest state and is the second largest subnational entity in the world, with 2.2 million inhabitants, most of whom live in the southwest corner of the state. Perth is the capital of Western Australia and the people are often referred to as sandgropers, the common name of an insect found on sand dunes around Perth.

The presentation will begin with a 35-minute Power Point travelogue of the coast and interior regions of Western Australia. Spectacular images of land animals, corals, and marine life will be highlighted. The program will culminate with a vivid musical sound-collage featuring 80 species of wild flowers.

Dr. Schmelz has an undergraduate degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a master's and a doctorate degree in marine biology from the University of Delaware. He has developed myriad educational programs for children and educators, receiving the Elsie MB Naumburg Award (1985) as the leading environmental educator in the United States. Most recently he was a professor of marine biology, oceanography and environmental science at Edison College in Naples.\*

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## Team Up For Wildlife



*In the Moment*

Maltz's new book, *Visions of Beauty – Fort Myers, Sanibel & Beyond*, contains 128 full color pages of natural beauty in Lee County. In a recent interview Maltz said, "For me, the natural beauty is what separates Lee from a lot of other places."

Maltz explained what he tries to capture in his photos. "It's the essence of my subject, whether it be architecture, wildlife, nature, landscape, sort of like the magic of the moment for that subject, to bring out the best and tell a story in one image."

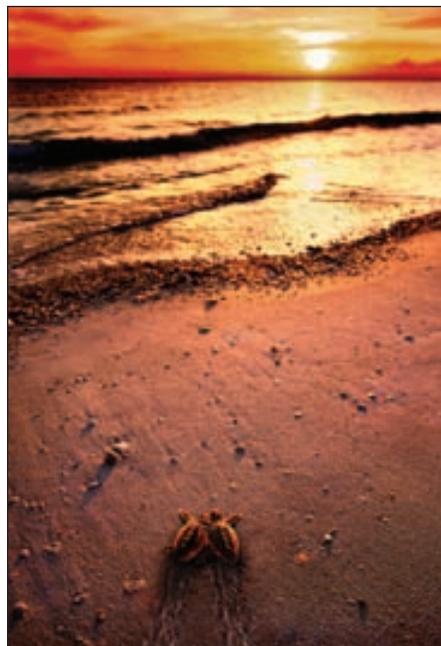
He said every scenario has its challenges. Synchronization played a great hand in the gorgeous photo that graces the cover of his book.

"Early in the morning I went out looking for images to capture. At sunrise I wound up in Fort Myers Beach near Lovers Key. On the left hand side on Estero Bay the scene was happening.

"The sun was rising, birds feeding, lots of spoonbills and others along with a dramatic sunrise. I had to tread across the mud flats to get to the scene and even had to abandon my boots when they became stuck in the mud. I believe I caught the essence of that moment, which is reflected on the cover."

Maltz, will shoot several rolls of film per subject. "I try to take as many images as I can for that given moment in time. I wait for the perfect moment. I see my subjects as paintings in my mind's eye. The process happens naturally and instantaneously with little conscious thought. I have an intuitive sense of knowing what to do and when to do it. This is my gift, my passion, my dream."

An interesting introduction to the book is written by local author Charles Sobczak. His words include, "This book is an intimate portrait of Lee County,



*In Light of the Journey*

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In addition to the book signing, Victor Mayeron of The Mucky Duck will lead a live auction featuring \$11,000 worth of Maltz's museum-finished works with custom framing included. All proceeds from this portion of the auction will go to CROW. Also up for bid will be one of

Maltz's three-panel fine art screens valued at \$12,000. Twenty percent from that sale will benefit CROW. There will be myriad silent auction items as well, including vacation rentals, a golf weekend, jewelry, Segway tours, charter sightseeing tours and restaurant gift certificates. Even more items will be awarded during a raffle drawing. The Companies of Royal Shell and Ellington's have created a signature drink for this event, served in a commemorative glass for \$10, with all proceeds going to CROW. Reservations are requested by January 21. Call 333-3575 or email Barb Harrington at barb.harrington@rlrlc.com.

Maltz has been designated the Official Fine Art Photographer for the State of Florida by Visit Florida and the Official Wildlife Photographer of Florida by the Wildlife Foundation of Florida. Sixty of his fine art images are on permanent exhibition at Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers. His book is available at most book stores on island as well as other locations. His Web site is www.AlanMaltz.com, and his gallery is located at 1210 Duval Street in Key West. ✨

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## CROW Case Of The Week: Sea Turtles



by Brian Johnson

If you think it's cold walking around Periwinkle Way, try swimming in the Gulf of Mexico.

The cold wave that has frosted citrus trees across Florida and chilled residents has given

sea turtles a jolt.

As of press time, CROW had received six sea turtles during a span of a few days from January 6 to 11. Most had been found floating in the water offshore, unable to paddle, dive or protect themselves.

A hawksbill that arrived on Monday registered a temperature of 51 degrees.

"The sea turtles have been stunned by the cold," said Dr. PJ Deitschel. "This is not a common occurrence this far south."

The northern blast put the heaters in the 900-gallon sea turtle tanks out of commission at some point Saturday night, forcing staff to haul two of their turtles back inside the clinic, where they still remained as of Tuesday. The heaters are up and working again but staff must monitor each turtle's condition and



A hawksbill turtle wrapped up for warmth

weather forecasts to determine when they can go outside. "We're taking it one day at a time," Dietschel said.

CROW received a Kemp's Ridley on November 8 of last year suffering from toxicosis. The turtle had made a nice recovery and was ready for release when the cold front swept into Southwest Florida.

On January 6 the Sanibel Police brought in a 30-pound green sea turtle discovered floating in the gulf. The following day Captain Steve Maddux from

Tarpon Bay Explorers rescued a seven-pound Kemp's Ridley. A steady stream of phone calls regarding lethargic sea turtles began to pour into the clinic.

Tarpon Bay Explorers pulled a 20-pound green from the water on January 10 and the next day Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation staff and volunteers delivered a 30-pound hawksbill from Woodring Point, a 60-pound green from a city dock, and another 30 pound green from Tarpon Bay.

"You need to warm them up slowly," said Dr. PJ. "There is not a lot of research about how to warm up reptiles, but we use the existing guidelines and attempt to bring their temperature up five degrees per day."

The turtles are stabilized and the outlook is good for all of them. They are currently housed in the Reptile Room and the ICU and spend much of their day in a shallow bathtub or a plastic tub.

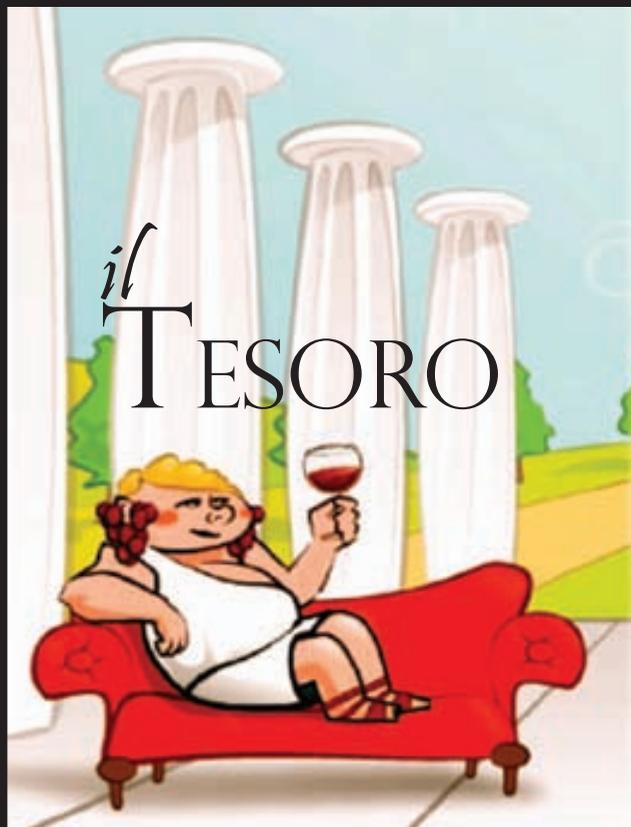
Out of danger now, they should be ready for release as Florida becomes Florida again.

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

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## Lefty Kreh To Appear At SCCF Benefit

The Royal Shell Companies and Adventures In Paradise are bringing world renown fly fisherman Lefty Kreh to Sanibel Saturday, February 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sanibel residents and guests are invited to the very first Outdoor Show to benefit the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). The event will be held at Tahitian Gardens shopping center, 1975 Periwinkle Way. Admission is free and event proceeds benefit SCCF.

Kreh is a well known worldwide fishing celebrity. He will share his fishing knowledge and conduct fly casting lessons, and autograph his books. A partial list of his accolades includes the prestigious Lifetime Achievement award by The American Sportfishing Association, and the Lifetime Contribution Award by The North American Fly Tackle Trade Association. He was inducted in to the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) Fishing Hall of Fame, the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame and was named Angler of the Year by *Fly Rod and Reel Magazine*. He served as a senior advisor for a number of terms for Trout Unlimited and Federation of Fly Fishers and has received numerous awards from these organizations. He is a prolific outdoor writer.



Lefty Kreh

SCCF will have a large educational pavilion with many interactive displays for the entire family. There will also be touch tanks, and native plants for purchase.

The Royal Shell Companies and Adventures In Paradise invite businesses and organizations that cater to those who enjoy the outdoors to participate as a vendor. Vendor spaces are \$20.

For more information contact Barb Harrington 472-2783.\*

## Audubon Birding Class At Refuge

Dr. Harold Johnstone will conduct a one-hour session on Wednesday, January 27 at 9:15 a.m. in Auditorium B at the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center followed by a tour of the refuge to put your new knowledge to work.

The goal is to give beginning and intermediate birders tips for increasing their bird-watching enjoyment. Bring binoculars. Limit: 30 participants.

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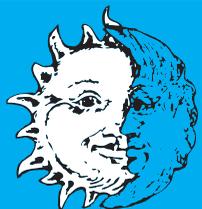
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## Audubon Society Presents Wings Over Water



Steven Reinert

Ever wonder why birds undertake perilous migratory journeys over countless miles of open water? The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon program on Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. entitled *Wings over Water: Migratory Land Bird Flights over the Western Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico* will provide some answers and insights.

It will be presented by ornithologist Steven Reinert. This lecture will describe and contrast the wondrous flocks of migratory land birds as they wend their way over the western hemisphere's largest water bodies. The focus will be on the flights of immature birds over the Atlantic

and how these wayward travelers survive their first daunting journeys.

In 1996, Reinert visited the Block Island Bird Banding Station where he discovered shelves after shelves of three-ring binders with data on migratory land birds dating back to 1967. In all, there were eighty thousand records. It took seven years to compile all the information, and he even wrote a computer program to enable volunteers and, later, trained ornithologists, to enter the information into a computerized data bank. It is this data which serves as the basis of his lecture.

Reinert has studied birds in Massachusetts and Rhode Island for over 30 years and has authored several scientific papers, monographs, and book chapters on the region's avifauna. His specialty areas are coastal and estuarine bird ecology and land bird migration. Having received both a BS degree in zoology (1968) and a MS in wildlife biology (1978) from the University of Rhode Island, he has worked as an ornithologist for URI and the Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies.

In addition, he has served on the boards of the Rhode Island Audubon Society and the Barrington Land Conservation Trust. He is a master-bander, and has served as the volunteer data manager for the Block Island Banding Station since 1996.

This is the third of eight lectures to be held in 2010 on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. As always, all are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and parking is available at the Community House as well as across Periwinkle Way in the Schoolhouse Theater parking area. A \$5 donation is appreciated with proceeds being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida. For additional information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or log onto [www.sancapaudubon.org](http://www.sancapaudubon.org).✱

## Nile Monitor Lizards



Nile monitor lizard

Following documented sightings of a Nile monitor lizard on Sanibel, the city of Sanibel implemented the Exotic Lizard Management Program in 2007 to protect bird, gopher tortoise and sea turtle nests. In 2008 a seven-foot Nile monitor lizard was found dead floating in a Sanibel lake. SCCF herpetologist, Chris Lechowicz, performed a necropsy on the male lizard, but the cause of death was not determined. There have been no other documented sightings of this invasive lizard on island, but according to estimates, the population of this swimming, tree-climbing, egg- and bird-eating lizard in Cape Coral could be 2,2000 individuals plus.

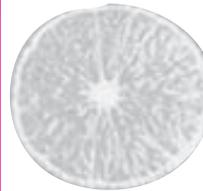
On Friday, January 22 at 10 a.m. Conny Spurfeld will present herself as the lead in a German documentary (in English) about Nile monitor lizards which was filmed in Cape Coral and the lizard's native Africa. Spurfeld is presently an intern at "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. She previously worked with the Cape Coral Nile monitor eradication program.

The program will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 22 in the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation auditorium. Cost is \$5 with SCCF members and children attending for free.✱

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# Record Cold Is Bad For Snook



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Last week I only got out a few times due to the extreme conditions. What was going to be a fully booked week of charters turned in to lots of cancelled trips. A few brave clients did stick with

the plan, wrapped up, and had some pretty good days of fishing.

Sheepshead, redfish and trout still ate well even though the water was at 58 degrees. With even colder temperatures on the way the next few mornings, I fear a big snook kill this year. There are a lot of snook around right now but I have not been fishing them at all. Snook, with such cold water temperatures, are in a hibernation mode and under what is called cold stress. With season closed I don't even mess with them and am keep-

ing my fingers crossed that they make it through to fight another day. Nothing is more depressing than to see snook killed by the cold.

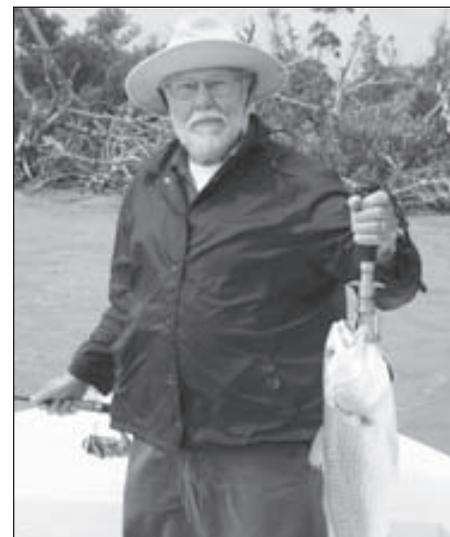
Sheepshead fishing was the best thing going last week with fish up to 5 pounds. Every mangrove spot we fished trying for redfish produced sheepshead too. Fishing deeper channels in the five- to six-foot deep range with bottom structure made for non-stop action on the striped bait stealers. Once anglers got the hang of how sheepshead bite we caught fish after fish. For bait we used pieces of shrimp double hooked on a 1/8 oz jig head with a #1 hook. On one trip this week we ended up with 16 keepers.

With a limit of 15 sheepshead per angler, this really allows you to fill a cooler. With all the tight regulations on other species, sheepshead is one of the only options to bring lots of filets home for that neighborhood fish fry. Sheepshead have to measure 12 inches to the fork of the tail to be legal size but unless they are 14 inches plus there is not really very much meat on them. The meat is firm and white but they have a very large rib cage and sharp fins and should be handled with care when filleting or even dehooking.

Sea trout fishing was feast or famine last week with either one after another caught or none at all. During cold windy conditions I look for deeper channels and basins that are out of the wind to hold these fish. Cold snaps really move the trout off the shallow flats and into deeper sand holes or channels. These channels can either be canals, canal basins or deep creeks back in sheltered mangroves. The Chino Island channel held lots of keeper size trout one day, then none the next. When the wind is out of the northwest and it's sheltered, it was good action but when its switched to the northeast, it really turned off. Five- to eight-foot deep channels in the "Ding" Darling refuge also held lots of trout this week with the majority coming right from the middle of the channels.

We did find a few redfish, most on the small end of the slot. The big red for the week only went 21 inches and was caught mixed in with the rats. Fishing small narrow feeder creeks in the refuge on live shrimp with the bait right on the bottom and tight to the mangroves was the pattern that worked for the reds, as it will be in all winter long. When you find these reds it's not unusual to pull 20-plus fish from one hole but only one or two of the 20 will be keeper size. I love catching these little reds as they make for non-stop action.

Hopefully this week conditions will warm back up to normal. Cold snaps are a regular part of winter fishing but snook are just not used to such extended cold periods. They are more affected by cold than any other fish in our area. During extreme cold periods they will appear lethargic and can be seen on the surface



Redfish still feed when it's cold

where the water may be warmer from the heat of the sun. All fishing regulations still apply and these snook cannot be harvested even if they are dying or dead. Enjoy seeing them but leave them alone - they are the future of our great local snook fishery.

The Florida Wildlife Commission asks the public to report dead and dying fish to the Fish Kill Hotline at 800-636-0511.

Capt. Matt Mitchell moved to Sanibel in 1980 and has fished local waters for more than 25 years. He now lives in St. James City and has worked as a back country fishing guide for more than 10 years. If you have comments or questions email [captmattmitchell@aol.com](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).

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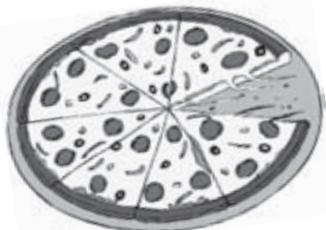


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**Barbara Cooley** is a public information specialist who worked for Battelle Memorial Institute on various projects for the U.S. Department of Energy, including the Office of Nuclear Waste Isolation. In the 1980s she conducted public information programs about siting studies in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Utah. In the 1990s she worked on public involvement programs for more nuclear-waste related projects based in Amarillo, Texas, and Hanford, Washington, including nuclear weapon dismantling, high-level nuclear waste vitrification, and the privatization of the clean-up of underground tanks holding mixed and high-level nuclear wastes.

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**Harvey Padewer** has had nearly 40 years of experience in all aspects of power generation and energy markets. He was a senior executive with Duke Energy, ABB and General Electric with responsibilities for nuclear, coal and gas power plant construction, operations, and energy trading and marketing. He served on the advisory committee to the Secretary of Energy and is currently on the board of Entegra Energy Company.

Moderating the program will be retired science teacher Dick Calkins. For more information about the program, call him at 395-1751.

The program is presented by Panels of Sanibel, an ad-hoc committee that offers panels on in-depth coverage of topics previously discussed at Current Events sessions.\*

## SCCF Beach Walk And Talk

The treasures found while walking sandy beaches offer us a glimpse of the estuary and Gulf of Mexico that surround Sanibel and Captiva. Seashell egg cases, crab exoskeletons, turtle "Beach Walk and Talk at Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will start at the touch tank and then car pool on to the beach at the historic Island Inn on Thursdays at 10 a.m. beginning January 21. Cost of the program is \$5 for adults and free for SCCF members and children.\*

## Bird Patrol Guided Tour

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide Saturday, January 23 from 8 to 10 a.m. Meet in the parking lot at Bunche Beach, located in South Fort Myers on John Morris Road, just off Summerlin Road. Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident wading and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and love of nature.

For more information call 707-3015.

This event is free and provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.\*

## Resident Environmental Overview

Winter season is gearing up and before things get too busy, it is the perfect time to join the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) for a Resident Environmental Overview. The program is offered January 19 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. This program is offered at no cost to residents or property owners of Sanibel and Captiva. Guests of residents are invited as well but there will be a \$25 per person charge.

The program begins in SCCF's Nature Center with an introduction to the geology and history of the islands by Kristie Anders. Dee Serage-Century will be discussing alligators and other critters on the islands. The group will drive in their own cars to sister island Captiva to learn some of its history. The program ends with a cruise to Pine Island Sound on one of the Captiva Cruises' boats; either the *Lady Chadwick* or the 48-passenger *Playtime*. Captiva Cruises graciously donates transportation to Pine Island Sound. Space is limited to 15 for this program.

Call SCCF at 472-2329 to make reservations. You may even see a manatee or dolphin along the way.\*

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## Relive The Sounds Of Sinatra



Steve Lippia

Lippia is not only a nationally prominent, in-demand vocalist, but vocally, he's a dead ringer for Frank Sinatra. He creates a perfect blend of classic with today as he introduces a new generation to this timeless music, while appealing to long-time listeners.

His great voice, excellent stage presence, and charisma have thrilled audiences where he headlined at major venues in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, New York City, Europe, and symphonies across the U.S.

Lippia has recently performed a highly-successful, extended engagement at The Rio in Las Vegas and has appeared on many network television shows including *EXTRA*, FOX's *Good Day New York*, CNN's *Showbiz Today*, and the BBC. Lippia combined his acting skills and vocal stylings to the light comedy-musical hit show, *The Rat Pack Is Back!*, at The Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas for a 14-month run.

Headlining numerous times at the legendary Birdland Jazz Club in New York City, he was backed by the Nelson Riddle and Woody Herman orchestras. His much acclaimed, self-titled CD was recorded with a 41-piece symphony. *Steve Lippia Live* is a collection of some of his live performances. He is currently in production for this third CD.

*Simply Sinatra* with Steve Lippia Patron sponsor is John M. and Mary Jo Boler.

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

Steve Lippia and his Big Band will transport you back to the days of the Rat Pack as they perform Frank Sinatra's pop standards at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall on Saturday, January 23 at 8 p.m. Lippia's *Simply Sinatra* is a glamorous evening of jazz, swing, and Sinatra-style big band sound.

Tickets are \$41 loge, \$36 floor, and free for student/child with paying adult.

## Former Ambassador To Speak



Ambassador Daniel C. Kurtzer

The FORUM at BIG ARTS lecture series welcomes Daniel C. Kurtzer, who will speak Sunday, January 17 in Schein Performance Hall.

Kurtzer holds the S. Daniel Abraham chair in Middle East Policy Studies at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He retired from the United States Foreign

Service at the end of 2005 with the rank of career-minister in the Senior Foreign Service. Kurtzer served as the United States ambassador to Israel from 2001 to 2005, and as the United States ambassador to Egypt from 1997 to 2001.

During 29 years of public service, Kurtzer held a number of senior policy and diplomatic positions, including political officer at the American embassies in Cairo and Tel Aviv, speechwriter for Secretary of State George P. Shultz and a member of the secretary's policy planning staff, deputy assistant secretary of state for near eastern affairs, and principal deputy assistant secretary of state for intelligence and research.

Since leaving government service, Kurtzer has authored numerous articles on United States policy in the Middle East. He served as an advisor to the Iraq Study Group. He is the co-author, with Scott Lasensky, of *Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace: American Leadership in the Middle East*, published in 2008. Kurtzer serves on the advisory council of the American Bar Association's Middle East-North Africa Rule of Law Initiative and chairs Governor Jon Corzine's New Jersey-Israel Commission. He also serves on a number of business and public service boards.

Kurtzer received a BA from Yeshiva University and a PhD from Columbia University. Daniel and Sheila Kurtzer received the Henrietta Szold Award, the highest honor conferred by Hadassah for humanitarian activities. Kurtzer was also awarded an honorary doctorate

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Monday Night Movie

# Bottle Shock



by Priscilla Friedersdorf

**J**R Pascall, director of the BIG ARTS Film Society, has planned a special evening on Monday, January 18, in cooperation with The Grog Shop in Bailey's

Shopping Center. There will be a wine tasting of a variety of wines including Chateau Montelena, which is featured in Bottle Shock, at 5:30 p.m. prior to the showing of the film at 7 p.m. Tickets for the wine tasting and the film are \$15; tickets for the film only are the usual price of \$7.

*Bottle Shock* is a tale of comeuppance for the French at their annual blind tasting known as the Judgment of Paris. A Brit wine merchant (Alan Rickman) exhibiting snobbery associated with wine connoisseurs (and some British) also figures in the 1976 occasion when Napa Valley wine made good internationally.

Director Randall Miller has woven a fictional treatment of the occurrence around a family attempting to perfect their chardonnay in a rustic, dusty California valley. Bill Pullman plays the dad, Jim Barrett, who tries to gain acceptance for his wine, motivate his boys and



Rachael Taylor, Chris Pine and Freddy Rodriguez in *Bottle Shock*

conduct a love affair with an intern at the vineyard.

Stephen Hunter wrote in his review in the *Washington Post* last year, "The movie... offers a lot of fun for those of us who like our wine cold, our Rickman tart and our pickups rusted out."

*Bottle Shock* will be shown at 7 p.m. in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS. A discussion following the film will be led by Stan Gembicki on the Gainer Veranda. Tickets can be purchased in advance at BIG ARTS or on the evening of the showing. Phone 395-0900 for more information.\*

on display in the Alliance main gallery March 5 to 27. A special opening reception to reveal the work and announce the winners is scheduled for March 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners at the opening reception.

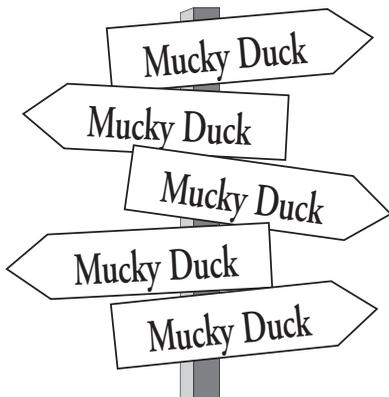
For the past 50 years, the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus have been the foundation and the framework of classical music in Fort Myers and Southwest Florida. As the Arts Agency in Lee County, the Alliance for the Arts has been striving to fulfill its mission to facilitate and nurture the creation, development, promotion and education of arts and culture for 35 years.

The opportunity is open to all artists residing in Southwest Florida to create an original artwork in any medium to "frame the past and inspire the future through music." An entry will consist of one to three artworks. Entry fees are: non-member, \$35 for three entries and \$15 for one entry. Alliance member entry fee is \$10 for one entry and \$25 for three entries. Annual membership to the Alliance for the Arts is \$50.

Download the complete prospectus including drop-off and installation dates, size specifications and more visit [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org), click on Special Events then Upcoming Exhibitions. For questions please 939-2787 or email [exhibitions@artinlee.org](mailto:exhibitions@artinlee.org).

## Symphony 50th Anniversary Art Competition

Alliance for the Arts is calling for artists to celebrate Southwest Florida Symphony's 50th anniversary by creating a piece of art that frames the past and inspires the future through music. The exhibition will be



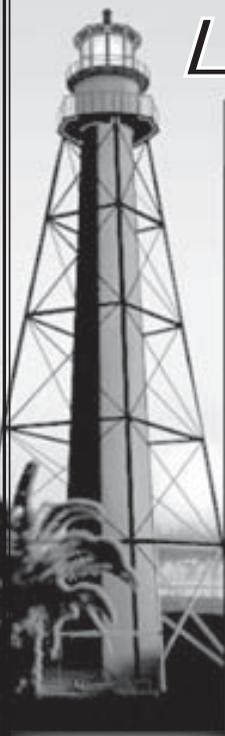
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# BIG ARTS Workshops

Classes beginning the last week of January at BIG ARTS are:

Hand Drumming with Dennis Dial begins January 19, meets Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memoir Writing for Women with Betty Sprague and Martha Soshnick begins January 21, meets Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Take Photos You Can Be Proud of with Eric Orkin begins January 22, meets Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Seven Classic Plays: Pleasant and Unpleasant with Hal Cantor begins January 22, meets Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fine Silver Jewelry the Easy Way with Mary Ann Devos runs Saturday, January 23 and Sunday, January 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sailor's Valentine with Brandy Llewellyn begins January 23, meets Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Papier-mâché Sculpture with Jerry



Jewelry Instructor Mary Ann Devos

Churchill runs Saturday, January 23 and Sunday, January 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hand Drumming with Dennis Dial is Tuesday, January 26, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Nature Printing: Flowers & Leaves on Fabric with Mona Gleitz is Thursday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Economic Policy Workshop with Lawrence Davidson begins January 29, class runs Friday and Wednesdays. call BIG ARTS for more information.

Circle of Friends with Katie Gardenia runs Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Painting - Child's Rocking Chair with Kassia Sparks is Saturday, January 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BIG ARTS workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.

To sign up stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.\*

## Fashion Gala And Lunch

Captiva Island Yacht Club is having a Sanibel Then and Now Luncheon and Fashion Gala on Tuesday, February 16 at 11:15 a.m. The show will feature a Step back to Vintage Style, Step Up to Contemporary Style and Step Out in Island Style.

It will be an afternoon of exquisite cuisine, auction and island fashions to benefit the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. Only 150 tickets will be sold.\*

## Tennis Benefit Is Rescheduled

The American Cancer Tennis Benefit at Sundial Resort, Sanibel, that was cancelled due to rain has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 16.

There are men's and women's tournaments in four ratings as well as open. Bracket winners and finalists as well as consolation winners will receive awards designed by artist Luc Century.

Play starts at 9 a.m. The \$50 entry fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Call Louis or Diane at 472-3522 for information and registration details.\*

## Holocaust Museum Archivist

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and Congregation Bat Yam - Temple of the Islands invite the public to hear Stephen Mize, archivist for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum discuss the historical significance of the diary of James G. McDonald. The event will be held Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

McDonald served as League of Nations high commissioner for refugees in the 1930s, and was the first U.S. ambassador to Israel. McDonald witnessed many of the defining moments of the 20th century and met with leading

figures of the era, including Roosevelt, Truman, Ben-Gurion, Mussolini, and many in Hitler's regime. His diaries eventually filled more than 10,000 pages, and are now part of the museum collection.

Mize will share key excerpts from the diary, and recount how a combination of detective work and serendipity led to its being donated to the museum's collection. There will be no charge for the program and a dessert reception will follow.\*

### CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of The Salvation Army, I want to thank you for the time and effort you gave in our 2009 Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Because of our dedicated ringers and generous donations, this year we raised \$20,329.83 for this worthy cause, which is a slight increase from 2008 in spite of our weak economy. You should be extremely proud!

I look forward to working with you next year when we can again set another record. The Salvation Army and I really appreciate you all. You are the best! I send best wishes to you for a Happy Healthy New Year.

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Clint Parsons  
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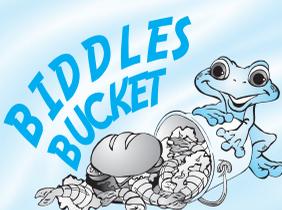
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# Are We There Yet? A Rollicking Ride



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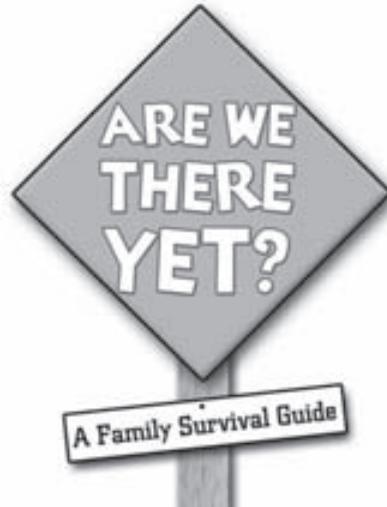


Scott Moreau

The Off Broadway Palm Theatre invites you to go on the ride of your life with the musical comedy *Are We There Yet?* playing January 14 through March 7. This charming musical journey takes a fresh and modern look at the highlights of the life of a typical American family.

This musical comedy explores the trials and tribulations of family life; from childbirth to senior prom, empty nests, retirement and everything that's encountered on the wonderfully bumpy road of life. The funny, yet poignant, score will keep your toes tapping through the entire show; there is even a song titled *Cha-Ching*, which pays homage to the many visits to Wal-Mart and Target.

*Are We There Yet* is directed by The Off Broadway Palm's artistic director, Paul



Bernier. Choreography is by Amy Marie McCleary. The cast includes Scott Moreau, Kevin Murphy, Erin Churchill and Anne Freres.

The intimate 90-seat general admission theatre is in the main lobby of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre with no seat further than 25 feet away from the stage.

Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$45 with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com) or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.\*

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# An Evening With Edgar Allan Poe

by Di Saggau



I have long been fascinated with the writings of Edgar Allan Poe. I've even wondered what it would be like to go back in time and meet the man. Last week at Theatre Conspiracy, I was able to do the

next best thing. Edgar Allan Poe comes alive on stage thanks to the talents of actor and playwright Will Stutts. In his one-man-show, *A Journey Through the Mind... Edgar Allan Poe*, Stutts becomes Poe. He enters the stage with a flurry of his long cape speaking to an imaginary journalist who is there to hear Poe's story. He talks about his parents, the father who abandoned him, and his mother, an actress, who died during a performance of *Julius Caesar*.

He was taken in by a wealthy family who sent him to the best schools, but Poe became bored and eventually found himself heavy in debt due to his involvement with games of chance. No one would bail him out.

Penniless and with shattered dreams, he joined the military. At this point Poe talks about coming across a coffin in a mausoleum where he decides a man had

been buried alive. He says to the journalist, "What do you mean is it a true story? What does it matter?"

Poe wanted to write and create images in one's mind greater than any words could tell. It's been said that Poe languished over every word he wrote, trying to give purpose to each one. Stutts has done the same in this play. All of the dialogue is meaningful and gives us an insight into Poe's genius and possible madness.

He talks about marriage to his 14-year-old cousin Virginia, the only person to give him purpose in life. After her early death, he spent more time with the spirits of the bottle, because they never die. It's clever the way Stutts incorporates a few works of Poe into the show.

He talks about Fortunato and *The Cask of Amontillado* as if he had just sealed up the wall. His reference to *The Tell-Tale Heart*, and *Annabel Lee* also lend credence to Poe's ability to spin a tale. The many bells chiming in Philadelphia were apparently his influence for *The Bells*.

Stutts captures the essence of Poe in this carefully crafted show. It was easy to feel that we were in his study listening to him talk about his life and works. I highly recommend this show. *Journey Through The Mind... Edgar Allan Poe*, runs through January 23 at Theatre Conspiracy, located in the Foulds Theatre, Alliance For the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets call the box office at 936-3239.\*

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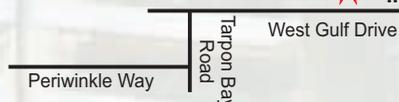
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# Island Seniors Schedule

**D**iscovering Florida Day Trips Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, January 28, 10 a.m. tour of the gardens, lunch, museum and store. Cost of the bus trip is \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members.

Happy Hour Fitness is at 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

This class is a great way to start your day. Happy Hour stands for an Hour of Aerobics and Positions of Pilates & Yoga. Computer Classes

Hands On With Facebook January 15 and 22, 1 to 3 p.m.

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Power Hour Fitness, at 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, is a class to gain strength in all of your muscles. Hand weights, stretch cords and stability balls along with mats will be used to strengthen and lengthen your muscles.

Essential Total Fitness is at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

This class includes cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. No floor mat work is involved.

Gentle Yoga is at 11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Class exercises make use of chairs and mats to meet the needs of

varying experience levels. Participants are encouraged to bring a towel.

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. is Hand and Foot, a predominantly North American standard deck playing card game related to Canasta.

Bridge for Fun is played at 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. Thursday. Prizes for both games are awarded and includes materials and supplies. Cost is \$2.50 for Island Seniors, Inc. members, \$5 for non-members.

Meditation with Karl and Ann is at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

This is a one half hour class to relax the soul and relieve stress.

Kayak Launching is on Tuesdays.

This non-competitive outing is perfect for people who enjoy the world around them. There is space for 16 people on the eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those with their own kayaks. Each outing has two leaders who determine the location.

All participants must meet at the center. Supplies provided include the kayaks, paddles and required life jackets.

Fees are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members per trip. Island senior, Inc. members are given first priority. Come by the center or call to sign up.

Friday, January 22 at 1:30 p.m. is Easy Hiking in the Alps presented by Gudrin and Peter Seffert

The Sefferts have completed a major hike, with backpacks, the length of the Alps from Nice, France all the way to Vienna, Austria. They traveled step by

step, 1,300 miles, over several years, one month at a time, in summer. They had no car, but when the trail led over water, they took a boat. It was a wonderful retirement project. "In fact, we liked it so much," they said, "that we have started to hike back - on a little different route." Come and join them for slides and memorabilia and tales of their hike.

Friday, January 29 at 1:30 p.m. John Strickling, community relations director of Hope Hospice will present Hope Hospice: What Services Do We Offer?

Dessert & Discussion Book Group is every second Tuesday at 2 p.m., facilitated by Susan Riley.

Bridge Lessons (Introductory) are Mondays and Wednesdays. Class is limited to eight students and students are required to attend all four classes:

Classes are January 25, 27 and February 1, 3 at 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Bridge Stayman Convention over No Trump Lessons are Tuesday and Thursday, January 26 and 28, 10 a.m. to noon.

This two-day class is limited to 12 participants and you are required to attend both days. The Stayman convention may be used by responder after partner's no trump opening bid. This assists in the determination of whether the opener holds a four-card major suit. This course covers the essential requirements for responder to use the Stayman convention and provides the common NT opener replies to partner's Stayman inquiry. Also discussed are responder's re-bid after

using Stayman. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Attendees should have knowledge of and have played the game of Bridge.

Mahjongg Lessons are Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. January 21 through February 11.

Class is limited to eight students and students are required to attend all four sessions. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Drawing Class by award winning Artist Carol Berman will be held January 12, through February 2, 1 to 3 p.m., four-week session.

Berman has been teaching pastels for many years and was featured in *Elan Magazine* recently. Learn to use the exciting medium of pastels while improving your drawing skills. Fee for the class is \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members. There is a \$10 materials fee. Class is limited to 15 students.

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# Renowned Pianist Performance And Reception



Pianist Barbara Nissman

Internationally renowned pianist Barbara Nissman will grace the stage at BIG ARTS Thursday, January 21. The concert begins at 8 p.m. with a champagne reception with the artist following the performance.

Nissman's career has taken her all around the world, from being launched by Eugene Ormandy in Philadelphia, to performing the first complete cycle of Prokofiev's piano sonatas in London, to working with Argentine composer Alberto Ginastera. She continues to be passionate about performing after more

than 30 years.

Tickets are \$41 loge, \$36 floor, students free with paying adult. Nissman will perform in Schein Performance Hall.

Well known for her definitive recordings of the complete piano music of Alberto Ginastera, and the complete piano sonatas of Sergei Prokofiev, Nissman was hailed by a New York critic as "one of the last pianists in the grand Romantic tradition of Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Rubinstein."

She has performed with the London Philharmonic, the Royal Philharmonic, the BBC Symphony, the Rotterdam Philharmonic, and the Munich Philharmonic; in the U.S. she has appeared with the New York Philharmonic, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the St. Louis Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, the National Symphony, and the Cleveland Orchestra. She has worked with some of the major conductors of our time including Eugene Ormandy, Riccardo Muti, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski and Leonard Slatkin.

In 1989 she made history by becoming the first pianist to perform the complete piano sonatas of Sergei Prokofiev in recitals - her recordings of this repertoire represented the first complete set of Prokofiev sonatas made available on compact disc. A noted Prokofiev scholar, Nissman collaborated on a detailed study of the Prokofiev manuscripts, and was invited by the Moscow Conservatory for concerts and master classes on Prokofiev. She also presented master classes at the St. Petersburg Conservatory.

Nissman is the dedicatee of Ginastera's final work, the *Third Piano Sonata*. She was invited by the composer to play his

*Piano Concerto No. 1 with l'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande* in celebration of his 60th birthday.

She recently appeared on stage with Don Henley and Billy Joel, performing in a fundraiser at Lincoln Center. She was also one of the participants with Leonard Slatkin at the Kennedy Center's 25th Anniversary Gala Concert broadcast on PBS Television.

The concert is sponsored by Helen Demetrios and Michael Stadther. The reception is hosted by Andrea and Phil Gainer.

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

## Children's Touring Theatre

Florida Repertory Theatre's Children's Touring Theatre Series is now open and accepting bookings for schools and venues throughout Southwest Florida.

The series features two unique plays for students of all ages, *The New Kid* for grades K-5 and *And Then They Came for Me*, a new take on the Anne Frank story for grades five through 12.

"We are breaking new ground with our touring shows this season," said Education Director Rachael Endrizzi. "Both are topical, issue-based plays, and for the first time we have a play whose target audience is middle and high school students. *And Then They Came for Me* combines theater and documentary to tell the Anne Frank story in a new way, and ties in with required Holocaust Studies curriculum."

Each year Florida Repertory Theatre's Education Department produces at least two plays for children in kindergarten through 6th grades, and is expanding the program this season to include high school students. These shows are high-energy, educational and perfect for almost any space.

In addition to the performance, each school gets a talkback with the actors, and receives a study guide packed with additional information about the play,



Jackie Schram, Emily Ryan, Daniel Benzing and Adam Jones in *And Then They Came for Me*

discussion prompts and activities for students. Educators have the option to choose just one, or both plays, to be performed on the same or different dates.

Tour dates are available through May 28. "These plays bring the magic of live theater in to the classroom," Endrizzi said. "All you need is an auditorium, gymnasium or cafeteria."

For more information call 332-4665 ext. 20. Visit online at [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org) and click on the Education tab.✪

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## Ambassador

by Yeshiva University in 2006. He has received distinguished service awards from the president, the secretary of state, and the U.S. Intelligence community.

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

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## Epple To Discuss And Play Flute



Kat Epple

**B**IG ARTS will host Emmy Award-winning and Grammy-nominated flutist and composer Kat Epple at Phillips Gallery, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 19 as part of the ARTSalon series.

Epple will give an informal concert and talk about music and her collection of flutes from around the world. She will also talk about composing music for film, her CDs, digital orchestration and how music influences us.

Epple has released 23 albums of original music, and has composed for television and film scores including *National Geographic*, PBS, CNN, *Nova* and *Guiding Light*.

She has performed at the Guggenheim, Metropolitan Museum, and the National Gallery.

Epple was awarded the 2005 Angel of the Arts, Performer of the Year from the Lee County Alliance of the Arts, and was recently installed as the Worldwide Peace Marker Project's Artist/Ambassador for the United States, as well as profiled in Marquis' *Who's Who in America*.

ARTSalon talks continue with artisan Luc Century at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 16.

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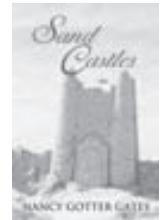
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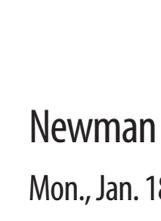


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**Author To Speak At Sanibel Library**



**Nancy R. Koerner**

Author Nancy R. Koerner will make an appearance at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday January 27 at 2 p.m. She will discuss her personal story *Belize Survivor: Darker Side of Paradise*. There is no fee to attend the program and it is open to all.

Koerner was born in eastern Ohio and raised in northwestern Pennsylvania. In 1976, she and her husband and infant son moved to the rainforests of Central America as modern-day pioneers – seeking what should have been a utopian jungle paradise. But instead, Koerner experienced untold hardships in a primitive land including earthquake, flood, fire, and hurricane. There she learned about the darker side of human nature and survived unspeakable domestic violence at the hands of her husband. Although Belize was a country of rare tropical splendor, she was completely isolated in a foreign land with no options for escape. Only her inner spiritual strength and exceptional resourcefulness would get her through. Her story is inspiring and empowering – a story for all women who have faced and triumphed over impossible odds. The Sanibel Public Library is at 770 Dunlop Road. For more information call 472-2483.\*

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**Program On Afghan-Pakistan Conflict**

On Thursday, January 21, 7 p.m., the Democratic Club of the Islands will present a program featuring Joyce Ramay speaking about Afghanistan and Pakistan at the Sanibel Public Library. Ramay is both well-informed and steeped in the history of this vital and volatile part of today's world. Ramay will give her insights on the complexities of the Afghan-Pakistan situation, enlighten the group on the events leading up to today and discuss how past decisions and actions have had negative consequences.

Ramay lived in Pakistan for 10 years from 1988 to 1998. She was administrator and founder of Hajvery University of business administration, engineering, fashion design, and computer science in Lahore, Pakistan. She wrote a weekly political opinion column for a leading progressive newspaper in Pakistan. From 1998 to 2006 she lived part-time in Fort Myers and part-time in Lahore, Pakistan. Now she is a full-time Fort Myers resident. She was married to the late Haneef Ramay, a founding member of the Pakistan People's Party, speaker of the assembly and chief minister of the Punjab, and a federal senator. Ramay is presently chairperson of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, with majors in world and diplomatic history, anthropology and psychology.

The event is open to all. The Sanibel Public Library is at 770 Dunlop Road.\*

**Book Discussion**

**Home Safe** by Elizabeth Berg to be Discussed at Sanibel Public Library's Fiction Discussion Group

Readers are invited to discuss *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg at the Wednesday, January 27 book discussion meeting at the Sanibel Public Library. The 2 p.m. meeting is free and open to the public.

*Home Safe* tells of the recently widowed Helen Ames and her 27-year-old daughter Tessa as they discover that money has disappeared in several big withdrawals from the Ames' retirement savings. What Helen's husband did with all their money turns out to be provocative, revelatory, and leads Helen and her daughter to embark on new adventures, and change.

The group discussion begins promptly at 2 p.m. library ground floor meeting room across from the elevator (Meeting Room 4). It is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the lively discussion, but all are welcome. If you have questions call the library at 472-2483.

Berg will be speaking as part of the Author's Series presented by the Sanibel Public Library through the sponsorship of the Sanibel Public Library's Foundation. Her presentation at the library will be on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m., and is a ticketed program with a reception following.\*

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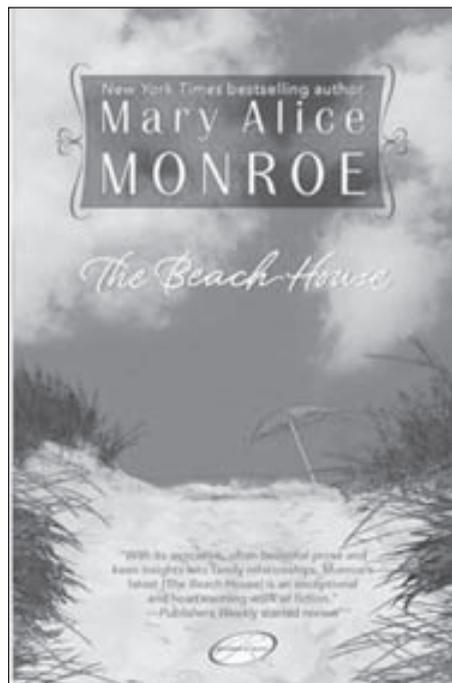
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**Mary Alice Monroe**

memories is her first trip to the public library. She couldn't believe all those books were there for her! When they gave her her first library card, she felt as though she'd been given the keys to a candy shop for her imagination. She still feels the same thrill in libraries and bookstores, just browsing through the books.

She claims much of her creative spark came from her large and very close family. Growing up, she and her nine brothers and sisters wrote and performed in their own plays and musicals. Some wrote, painted, sang or played instruments. Her teachers recognized her talent and encouraged her to write. She first pur-

sued nonfiction and studied journalism. Later, she was the assistant to the general editor for *Encyclopedia Britannica* and worked with world famous artists, authors, composers, and scientists.

Not until years later did fate intervene. When her doctor confined her to bed for the final months of her pregnancy, Monroe's husband handed her a yellow notepad and pencil and urged her to write the novel she had always dreamed about. Knowing she might never again have that gift of time, she wrote and wrote. "I gave birth to a baby and a book," says the author.

A dozen books later, Monroe has found her voice in fiction. Although known for her intimate portrayals of women's lives, her writing has gained added purpose and depth with her move to the Lowcountry. An active environmentalist, she draws themes for her novels from nature and the parallels with human nature, thus drawing attention to various endangered species and the human connection to the natural world.

Monroe is involved with several environmental groups and is on the board of the South Carolina Aquarium. Her work with these groups provided the inspiration for her novels *The Beach House*, *Skyward*, *Sweetgrass*, *Swimming Lessons*, *Her Children's Book*, *Turtle Summer*, *Time Is A River*, and *Last Light Over Carolina*. She is currently working on a new novel, due out in spring 2011.

For more information or to reserve a signed copy, call the Sanibel Island Bookshop at 472-5223.\*

## Author To Appear At The Library

Author Tim Jacobs will speak on his book *HE Heitman: Early Entrepreneur of Fort Myers* on Monday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. The author will discuss his book based on local history.

In late October 1888, a young man by the name of Harvie Earnhardt Heitman arrived in Fort Myers. Little did the citizens know that this stranger, all of 16 years old at the time, would change the look of Fort Myers.

A short 10 years later, Heitman secured the corner of Jackson and First streets and built the first brick building in town. But he didn't stop there. He went on to build numerous brick structures along First Street, including The Bank of Fort Myers, The Arcade Theatre, The Bradford Hotel, The Bradford Annex, and the Earnhardt building.

Jacobs was born in Connecticut and moved to Fort Myers in 2003. His writings have appeared in numerous papers, magazines - including *Gulf & Main* and *Lighthouse Digest*, and he has written four other books. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Gulf Coast Writer's Association, and is the editor for *Patriots of the American Revolution* - a bimonthly publication about the revolutionary war.\*

Mary Alice Monroe will be at the Sanibel Island Bookshop, 1571 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel on Friday, January 23 at 11 a.m.

Monroe has written stories for as long as she can remember. As a child she could always be found curled up with a book or writing. One of her strongest



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# Nobel Peace Prize Nominee To Speak



Jane Roberts

for *Ms. Magazine*, one of the 21 Leaders of the 21st Century for Women's eNews, and was nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize with the 1000 Peace Women Project under the auspices of UNESCO.

Roberts has written hundreds of articles, as a regular contributor to MaximsNews Network for the United Nations and published her book, *34 Million Friends of the Women of the World* in 2005. She tells powerful stories of women in developing countries who suffer with no access to health services. Pulitzer Prize winner Nicholas Kristof of the *New York Times* has written about her in his column and in his book, *Half the Sky*.

Known to Sanibel residents as a past mayor of the Sanibel, Theiss is now the executive director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, a non-profit organization she founded three years ago. The organization has brought awareness to the issue of modern day slavery and has helped community leaders form coalitions to fight human trafficking. Theiss has written and co-authored articles and presentations on human trafficking, and her work has been featured in numerous newspapers and magazines, and at academic forums in the U.S. and around the world. She will discuss the many faces of human trafficking and the progress made to combat it in the U.S. and Canada.

Both women are true forces for change and proof that one person can make a difference.

The public is invited to join the discussion in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.\*

BIG ARTS' Women's Issues discussion group will present Nola Theiss and Jane Roberts as guest speakers on Thursday, January 21.

Jane Roberts is a grass-roots activist for women's rights around the world. She is the cofounder of Thirty Four Million Friends of the United Nations Population Fund, was one of the Women of the Year

# Poetic Voices



For consideration, please send typed poems with a short biography to Island Sun, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, FL 33957 Attn: Don Brown or send a Microsoft Word attachment to donbrown@alum.mit.edu

selected by Don Brown

## Sanibel Snapshots

by Francesca Joyce

Happy sight today:  
The white pelicans are back,  
with grace, clean water.

Reading a poem by our bayou—  
the heron rises,  
herself a poem.

Nature's red in tooth and claw;  
yet how close we live  
with alligators.

By the sea, by the beautiful sea—  
red tide comes in, a wake of death.

Charmed by red sails in the sunset;  
saddened to see  
red tide on the beach.

Canopy of trees  
shades this island; hurricane  
carves a path for sun.

On this island, Time  
is never of the essence.  
We sway like palm trees.

Francesca Joyce was born and raised in Brooklyn, spent the '70s, '80s, '90s in Park Slope, a beautiful brownstone neighborhood on Prospect Park. She and her husband, artist Dennis Joyce, moved to Sanibel from Upstate New York and still summer there. She is a member of Writers' Group 5; her co-writers are talented, supportive and encouraging; she loves working with them.\*

# Writers Workshop

Sanibel author Charles Sobczak will conduct a workshop on self-publishing at a special meeting of the Island Writers Association, Thursday, January 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sanibel Library. The founder of Indigo Press, Sobczak is the author of *Six Mornings on Sanibel*. His new book on Sanibel wildlife is slated for release this month.

San-Cap Island Writers is an association of five writers groups meeting weekly to critique each other's work. Juried selections of their works are presented twice yearly at Island Writers Reads in December and March.

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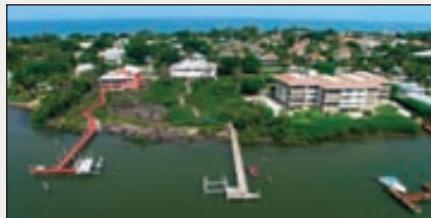
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# My Stars ★★

FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2010

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's view-

point -- even if it's unpopular -- can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win laurels for your honesty and courage.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your warmth and generosity both of spirit and substance endears you to everyone.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Jan. 18, 1778, English explorer Captain James Cook becomes the first European to discover the Hawaiian Islands when he sails past the island of Oahu. He named the island group the Sandwich Islands, in honor of John Montague, who the earl of Sandwich.

- On Jan. 21, 1789, "The Power of Sympathy: Or, the Triumph of Nature. Founded in Truth" is printed in Boston. The book was the first novel by an American writer to be published in America. The

first editions of the book did not carry the author's name, but it was later attributed to William Hill Brown.

- On Jan. 24, 1927, young director Alfred Hitchcock's first film, "The Pleasure Garden," is released in England. While the film marked an impressive debut, Hitchcock considered his next film, "The Lodger" (known in the United States as "The Case of Jonathan Drew"), to be his first true accomplishment.

- On Jan. 19, 1940, the Three Stooges film "You Natzy Spy" is released. Anticipating Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" by nine months, Moe Howard played a Hitler-like dictator of a fictional country, "Moronica."

- On Jan. 23, 1957, machines at the Wham-O toy company roll out the first batch of its aerodynamic plastic discs -- now known to millions of fans all over the world as Frisbees. The story of the Frisbee began in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1871. Students from nearby universities would throw the empty pie tins to each other, yelling "Frisbie!" as they let go.

- On Jan. 22, 1973, in a historic decision, the U.S. Supreme Court rules in *Roe v. Wade* that women, as part of their constitutional right to privacy, can terminate a pregnancy during its first two trimesters.

- On Jan. 20, 1981, minutes after Ronald Reagan's inauguration as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 U.S. captives held at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis. The crisis began on Nov. 4, 1979, when militant Iranian students seized the embassy.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American humorist Ewan Esar who came up the following definition:

"Statistics: The only science that enables different experts using the same figures to draw different conclusions."

- The Emperor Charlemagne, who conquered much of Western and Central Europe during the first century, had an unusual relationship with his daughters. He refused to allow them to get married, but he evidently had no objections to their forming, shall we say, less formal relationships. He doted on his illegitimate grandchildren and even gave money and gifts to their fathers.

- If you look at a list of the names of the 50 states, you'll find every letter of the alphabet except Q.

- You won't be surprised to learn that the most dangerous device that is common in the modern world is the automobile. You might be surprised to learn, though, that the second most dangerous is the stair step.

- You've probably never heard of Countess Rosa Branicka, but she accomplished an amazing feat. In the mid-19th century, at the age of 63, the wealthy Polish noblewoman became ill. The diagnosis given by experts in Germany was breast cancer, and immediate surgery was recommended. For reasons unknown, the countess declined the treatment, then set about purchasing her own surgical instruments. Once all the tools were assembled, Branicka checked into a hotel in Paris and removed the tumor herself. Reports indicate that she healed well and quickly, and lived to the ripe old age of 82.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." -- Thomas A. Edison

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## Book Review

# How Rome Fell

by Max Friedersdorf



At the peak of its power, in the times of Julius Caesar and Marcus Aurelius, Rome ruled the known world. North Africa, Europe north to the Rhine, the British Isles and Asia

Minor were all occupied territory and paid allegiance to the Roman emperors.

Vast coliseums, military watchtowers, paved roads, aqueducts, lengthy boundary walls and beautiful columned government buildings were constructed throughout the empire; the ruins still stand 2,000 years later in modern-day England, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Tunisia and throughout the Mediterranean basin.

Rome lasted for 500 years, but in 476 AD, it all collapsed. Invaders from northern Europe and Asia swept through the previously-invincible Roman Legions all the way to the heart of Rome itself. The city was pillaged and looted, much of the population slain or enslaved.

For centuries, historians have been speculating on the causes of the sudden

demise of Rome. Many theories have been advanced and these suppositions applied to modern empires as cautionary tales to avoid.

Corruption of the Roman Senate and its abdication of political power to successive emperors has been advanced as a chief cause of collapse.

Other theories are the corruption of the third and fourth century emperors themselves; debasing of the Roman monetary system; excessive cost of the military to defend the farflung boundaries of the empire; destruction of the Roman middle class by excessive taxation; dependence on a disloyal, mercenary army; debauchery and moral collapse of the citizenry, and revolt of enslaved and conquered peoples and religions.

Historians have even pointed to the presence of lead in the pipes of the Roman water supply system which caused lead poisoning among the city elite and drove them crazy.

However, a provocative new book, entitled *How Rome Fell*, by British historian John Goldsborough, makes a strong case that constant civil war was a major cause for Rome's collapse.

Goldsborough, author of *CAESAR*, a prize-winning biography of Julius Caesar, maintains that more Roman soldiers were killed fighting each other than all the casualties from foreign wars.

Rome had a very casual system of succession for emperors. Incumbents were

constantly assassinated, setting off lethal battles for the throne among usurpers and pretenders, usually from the ranks of the military. Factions in the army lined up with the contenders and fought civil wars to gain power.

By 476 AD, Goldsborough observes, the military had been bled white by the civil wars and proved easy prey for the war-like Germanic and Asian invaders.

*How Rome Fell*, by John Goldsborough, hardback, 2009, illustrated, 482 pages. Available at the Sanibel Public Library and all fine Sanibel bookstores.\*

## Sculptor To Speak At BIG ARTS

Sculptor Charles Reina has an exhibit at BIG ARTS which includes original maquettes and final installation photographs of his sculpture. He will speak

at 3 p.m. Wednesday, January 20 in Founders Gallery. Admission is free.

Reina, professor emeritus in the art department at Nassau Community College and former director of the Firehouse Gallery, has an extensive record of exhibitions and public commissions. Among his better known works is the 12-foot bronze *Helix* created to honor Dr. James Watson on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the discovery of the DNA molecule.

The exhibit is open through Saturday, January 30. Founders Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

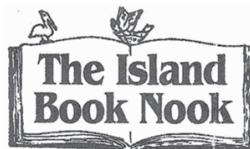
Sculpture for Public and Private Spaces Exhibit is supported by Visual Arts Patron season sponsor Deborah and John La Gorce.

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# Around The Islands With Anne Longtime Store Makes Crafty Move; And McT's Is Reclaiming Its Niche

by Anne Mitchell



**Three Crafty Ladies** has made a move that gives the long-time store an extra 300 square feet of retail space – and room to start adding some workshops.

The move is just a few doors to the west from its prior location in Heart of the Island shopping center at 1628 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Part-time island resident Johanna Felberbaum purchased the business in September from Trudie Prevatt, one of the original owners. Felberbaum has been a customer at the store for over 20 years and has always been an active crafter.

She says she won't change much, but would like to add some activities.

"A lot of things will stay the same. We will continue to carry wonderful fabrics, quilting patterns, shelling items and beading supplies," she said. "Since we have more space, we are looking to do some workshops." Just what type of workshops is yet to be determined.

The regular demonstrations and "make it and take it" sessions will continue.

One big step has been "to bring the store into the 20th century" by starting a blog that includes news, pictures and a calendar of events. It was accessed at [threecraftyladies@blogspot.com](mailto:threecraftyladies@blogspot.com).

Felberbaum said what she loves about the new space is all the natural light, "which is important when you're looking at colors and fabrics." The store is noted for its specialty fabrics depicting just about any object under the Sanibel sun.

The store also has an exclusive line of quilt patterns designed by the manager, Carol Decesare.

For more information about Three Crafty Ladies, call 472-2893.

Under the management of Bo White, a veteran of the restaurant business, **McT's Shrimp House & Tavern** seems destined to get its groove back.

White, a former general manager of the Audubon Country Club in Naples, came out of retirement to help owners Paul and Margareta Gaeta return McT's to its place as one of the most popular seafood restaurants on the islands.

The changes began about five months ago and include new high top tables and high stools in the bar, and a lighter, brighter look to the bar and restaurant, including new, colorful plates.

"The lobster tank has been repaired," said White, "and we will bring back the tavern lobster at \$19.95."

As for the rest of the menu, there will be a renewed emphasis on shrimp and seafood dishes and the raw bar but in addition, White is adding a selection of "comfort food" specials such as meatloaf with mashed potatoes, liver and onions, stuffed green peppers and baked chicken.

"Shrimp has always been McT's niche. We are just going to do it better," he said. There will be more attention to detail, the finishing touches, presentation and conti-



Joyce Andrews of Three Crafty Ladies shows a quilted wall-hanging to Karen Whelas of Kansas City. The quilt is one of many exclusive patterns designed by Carol Decesare, the store manager.



Bo White, general manager of McT's Shrimp House & Tavern



Restaurateur Brenda Biddle is a distributor for a local line of weight loss, nutrition and skin care products

tinuity. "My theory is that people eat with their eyes," he explained.

But for all that is changing, many things will remain the same, such as the ever-popular Mud Pie for which McT's is well known, and the All-you-can-eat snow crab. Also, there will still be many familiar faces among the employees, some of whom have worked there for over 20 years.

If you haven't been in for a while, you'll notice that the bar has been reconfigured as a rectangle with stools all around. The booths are gone - but the upside-down trees remain firmly in place.

McT's seats 160 in the restaurant and 26 in the bar. It is at 1523 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-3161.

After losing 45 pounds over the summer, **Brenda Biddle**, a local restaurateur, decided to start selling the line of products that contributed to her success in shedding those pounds.

She and her husband Andy are distributors for **Isxperia**, which specializes in nutritionals, weight loss, skin care, health benefits, computer protection and even vacations. Together they own Biddles Bucket on Sanibel and Biddle's Restaurant & Piano Bar in Fort Myers.

Being a business owner and mother, Biddle says the great thing about Isxperia is how flexible the work is. "I do most of it by email and I can do it any hour of the day if I choose to or not. I have no one to answer to, little to no obligations, and being that I see a lot of people, I can tie it into my businesses very easily."

She added, "I am building a network quickly here in Fort Myers and Sanibel for one reason only and that is our prod-

ucts speak for themselves and they are good for you. The owners of the company, Christopher and Michael Bratta, have resided right here in the Iona area for the past three years."

The company is three years old and held its first convention at Sanibel Harbour Resort in October, which Biddle attended before joining the company. She takes two nutritionals OPC+ which contain grape seed extract, acai berry and Resveratrol, and Aloe Red as well as two weight loss products, Is Lean & Calorie Free, and B-12.

Every Thursday, there's a business reception for Isxperia at Biddle's Restaurant & Piano Bar and the owners give a presentation on the products and distribution for anyone who's interested.

For more information log onto [www.isxperia.com/biddle](http://www.isxperia.com/biddle) or contact Biddle at 849-9593.

During the last cold spell, **The Video Scene**, the only video rental store on the islands, has seen "brisk business," according to owner Ken Driscoll. Besides carrying the latest releases, the store also has a big selection of foreign and independent films.

What's more, The Video Scene has the movies featured in the weekly Monday Night Movie at BIG ARTS. So if you miss one or more of these titles, you should be able to find it there. Driscoll has Monday Night Movie titles dating back to 2007.

The nationwide new releases can be found in the store each Tuesday morning. This week, two hot titles are *Fame*, a reinvention of the original 1980 hit film about dancers, and *The Hurt Locker*, a



Video Scene has a huge selection of the latest as well as foreign and independent movies to rent, along with DVD players

Venice Film Festival Grand Prize winner, Driscoll noted. The store also rents out DVD players and sells previously viewed DVDs.

The Video Scene is in Bailey's Shopping Center, phone 472-0077.

**LIVE ON THE ISLANDS**

The Modulators continue their run at the **Crow's Nest** at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva playing their usual mix of reggae, jazz and funk through tonight and Saturday, January 15 and 16 starting at 9 p.m. The Laws will play Wednesday, January 20.

Crab races are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**McT's Shrimp House & Tavern's** entertainer on Fridays is Ira Wilkes and on Saturdays and Sundays, Greg Roche.

**Ellington's Jazz Bar and**

**Restaurant** has live jazz seven nights a week from 7 to 11 p.m. at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 337-5299.

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Sanibel Adult Softball League

# Great White Chomps Their Way Into 2nd Place, Aztec Sends Bailey's Down The Drain

by Nick Brown

One week remains in the Sanibel Softball League and the post-season tournament brackets are shaping up.

Last Wednesday night the Great White Grill cooked up their opponents, All Island Glass, in a critical game. They cracked All Island Glass in a 28-10 victory.

Later on in the evening the Great White received some help that allowed them to clinch second place.

That help came from the Aztec Plumbing Warriors. The Aztecs donned their war paint and flushed away Bailey's Baggers' hope for second place with a decisive 28-10 win. Aztec pitcher Steve Gibson noted, "We shall build a burial mound of our defeated opponents."

Thanks to the combination of the Great White win and a Bailey's loss, the Great White clinched 2nd place for the season and Bailey's clinches 3rd place.

In the other game of the evening, the Beachview Rec'N'Crew rolled the bulldozer over yet another opponent - Sanctuary Island Electric 28-18. It was the first game in league history to have a total of four over-the-fence homeruns.

Beachview, who already had 1st place clinched, sorely hurt the post-season tournament chances of Sanctuary Electric. Despite their loss, Sanctuary still controls their own destiny.

Sanctuary and Aztec Plumbing Warriors are now tied for the final playoff spot with one week left. Sanctuary's game next week will be against a determined Bailey's Baggers team whereas Aztec Plumbing will square off against the formidable Great

Team Records as of 1/6/10	W-L	%
z- Beachview Rec'N'Crew	9-1	.900
y-Great White Grill	7-3	.700
x-Bailey's Baggers	6-4	.600
Sanctuary Island Electric	4-6	.400
Aztec Plumbing Warriors	4-6	.400
All Island Glass	0-10	.000

x-clinched playoff berth  
y-clinched 2nd place and 1st round home field advantage  
z-clinched championship and home field advantage throughout playoffs

### 1/6/2010

Beachview Rec'N'Crew defeated Sanctuary Island Electric 28-18  
Great White Grill defeated All Island Glass 28-10  
Aztec Plumbing Warriors defeated Bailey's Baggers 35-16

White Grill. Should the two teams end the season with a tie, Sanctuary Island Electric would take fourth place because they have the edge over Aztec in head-to-head games.

Thus, Aztec Plumbing in effect needs to win their game and have Sanctuary Electric lose theirs.

It should be an exciting week of softball next Wednesday!✧

## Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

We're back, back to regular Rotary meeting protocols, opening rituals, updates on committee work, reports on fundraising activities, and outstanding speaker presentations.

Last week Rotarians were pleased to have as our guest speaker Carol Rothman, development assistant of CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) on Sanibel. Carol is a fantastic representative of this extraordinary non-profit wildlife rehabilitation/veterinary hospital facility (one of the oldest of its kind in the United States). This organization has a remarkable mission of rehabilitating injured, sick, and orphaned native and migratory wildlife; not only on our islands, but all over Lee and Collier counties. When first opened in 1970 the clinic could care for about 500 patients; those numbers grew exponentially over the years. They are now servicing somewhere around 4,000 patients a year. Last year CROW opened a new 4,800-square-foot facility through the generous support of donors. The new building includes a state-of-the-art veterinary hospital and the Healing Winds Visitor Education Center.

Anyone familiar with our islands power outages will envy the new backup generator at CROW, with a 15-second kick-in response and capacity to run for up to nine days - \$100,000 funded by an anonymous donor. There's also a digital x-ray machine, a new elevator that can transport the larger patient, i.e. sea turtles, up to the treatment area. The new surgical room's glass window allows observation by staff and visitors. Patient cages have been upgraded, one being a stand up cage for taller birds such as blue herons. There is even a new climate control reptile room. Carol was rattling off the features of the new building and I'm sure I missed some of the details, but all this serves one purpose; to rehabilitate wildlife. The updated equipment and increased square footage allows the patients to be treated quickly, effectively and provides a better chance of recovery for CROW patients.

Twenty-five percent of the patients brought to CROW have been struck by a vehicle and 25 percent are orphaned; the remaining percentage have mostly had encounters with some form of human callousness. CROW seeks to prevent these hazards and environmental ones through a variety of educational programs designed to help us respect and protect our native wildlife populations and to preserve the delicate natural balance required by the habitat they must share. If you haven't visited the new CROW facility yet, why not put it on your New Year's list of must dos.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday morning at Beachview Steakhouse, 1100 Par View Drive. If you have any questions regarding Rotary call 337-1099.✧



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Tennis Basics

## Two-Hand Vs. One-Hand Backhand

by Louis Vosloo



There has been an ongoing battle between which backhand is better to use in today's game; the one-hand backhand or the two-hand backhand. There is no right answer.

There are several advantages and disadvantages to both. The two-hand backhand can have more pace and control on certain shots because you are using two hands. The return of serve is usually easier with two hands as your racket is more stable and hitting high balls is easier (especially on the second serve). On the other hand, the one-hand backhand allows you to have more variety in your shots. For example, the chip and charge is easier to hit because you are able to get under the short ball and slice. And when you are out of position the one-handed backhand allows you extra reach on your shot.

It is normally a personal preference in choosing which backhand you want to establish. If you are a two-handed player it is very beneficial to learn to hit the one-handed slice as this covers all the bases. Then you can play a high ball, low

ball, far ball and add some power when needed.✪

## Dunes Women's Golf Results

The Dunes Women's Golf Association event results from Friday, January 8, format: Beat the Pro's Gross Score with Your Net, are:

Matt Oakley = 57 gross through 14 holes (rain out)

**Winners**

- Betsy Cox 48
- Margaret Dwyer 48
- Jana Stone 51
- Sue Richard 52
- Karen Hendricks 52
- Grethe Christensen 53
- Valerie Hotchkiss 53
- Maryann Czarnecki 54
- Carol Brodersen 55
- Bridget Funk 55
- Nancy Greenberg 55
- Maureen O'Brien 55
- Donna Griesbaum 56

**Chip-Ins**

- Maureen O'Brien #8
- Rosemary Ryan #11
- Pat Sawin #11

Congratulations to all the winners.✪

## SANIBEL POOL LEAGUE

Standings through January 11, 2010

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	161	63
Second	One Ball Wonders	102	122
Third	Fresh Legion Crew	101	123
Fourth	Sanibel Cafe	84	140

<b>Bunt's Ball Busters</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Sanibel Cafe</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>One Ball Wonders</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Fresh Legion Crew</b>	<b>8</b>

## Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Highlights from Week 14: Fresh Conaway's four straight wins at the end of the match enabled the Fresh Legion Team to stay within one game of the second place One Ball Wonders. The teams tied 8-8 in their battle for second place. Wonders lead off shooter Kelly Greten kicked off the match with four wins over Doc Lubinski. His teammates then managed only four more wins over the next 12 games to allow the Legion to remain only one game behind in the standings.

Rich Ennis and Dave Doane had 4-0 nights for Bunt's Ball Busters. But after winning their first eight games the Ball Busters came apart at the seams. Sanibel Cafe's John Earle pounded Buster's rookie Kip Johnson 3 to 1 and the Cafe's Pete Mindel again surprised Buster's Captain Buntrock with a resounding 3-1 victory. Mindel attributed his stellar play to a combination of his youthful vigor and his opponent's advancing old age.

Signed up to date for the league's year-end Singles Tournament are: Richard McCurry, Bob Buntrock, Doug Gentry, Jack Dalton, Terry Ricotta, Joe Stahl, Matt Hall, and Fresh Conaway.✪

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# Frigid Florida No Problem For Loren Roberts

by Max Friedersdorf

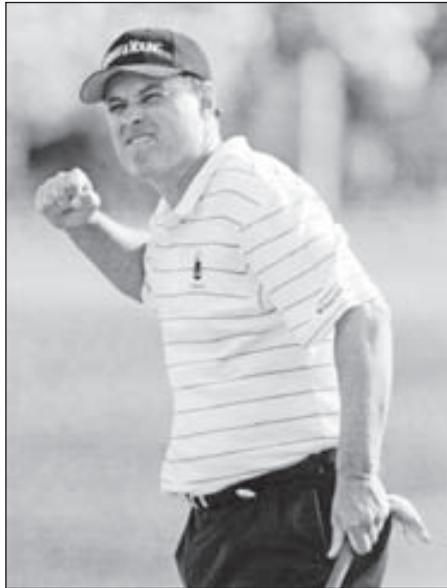
On a recent, cold, ugly, windy south Florida day, Loren Roberts, top golfer on the Senior PGA Tour, was out on the golf course preparing for the ACE Golf Classic February 8 to 14.

"I'm different than a lot of guys on the senior tour; I don't put my clubs away at the end of the season," Roberts explained after his wind-swept round in 38-degree weather at the Quarry, a championship course just south of the Lee County line off Immokolee Road, four miles east of I-75, (exit 111).

"I love to play golf. I try to play golf every day. I never get tired of it," added Roberts, who had the season of a lifetime in 2009, winning the ACE Group Classic, the British Senior Open, the Charles Schwab Cup as the best senior golfer, and \$1.9 million in prize money.

"Very impressive, a great golf course," Roberts opined about the Quarry, a three-year-old course on the site of an old stone quarry in northern Collier County. The 400-acre layout features a magnificent clubhouse, ample parking, and fan-friendly inside-the-rope access and clubhouse veranda viewing.

Despite the unseasonal weather, Roberts said, "I love south Florida," recalling his one-stroke victory last year when



**Champion Tour golfer Loren Roberts will defend his ACE Group Classic title February 8 to 14 at the Quarry championship course on Immokolee Road. Roberts won the Senior British Open and \$1.9 million prize money in 2009.**

he birdied the last three out of four holes.

This year, Roberts will be up against six World Golf Hall of Fame members, including Nick Price, Lanny Wadkins, Hale Irwin, Curtis Strange, Larry Nelson and Isao Aoki.

Other big-name competitors will be Peter Jacobsen, Fred Funk, Mark McNulty, John Cook, Paul Azinger, and Champion's Tour newcomers Fred

Couples, Mark Calcevechia and Mark O'Meara.

Nicknamed Boss of the Moss, Roberts is known for his putting ability. He finished the 2009 season ranked second on the Champions Tour in putting average (1.71) and first on the tour in sand-save percentage (67.4 percent).

Asked about his putting ability after the frigid round at the Quarry, Roberts replied, "The best putting tip in the world is to remember that the important thing 35 feet or less is to get the right distance. No putter is going to be off line more than two feet, right or left. But, it's amazing; I see amateurs go past the hole 10 feet, or leave the ball 10 feet short. Work on your distance!"\*

## Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Nifty Niners held an individual low putts tournament on Thursday, January

7. The results were:

1st	Ann Levinsohn	16
2nd	Jeanette McLaughlin	19
3rd	Sue Tray	20
	Sue Norpell	20
	Gay Nichols	20
	Willie Winkler	20
	Jeanne Mallon	21
	Patricia Molnar	22

Chip-ins, Pat Haggerty and Jeanne Mallon.\*

## Duplicate Bridge

On Monday evening, January 11 there were 13 tables in play at the Community House. The winners were:

### North/South

1. Linda and Gordon Coons
2. Joan and Bob Kent
3. Lena Brown and Diane Metz
4. Clara and Terry Terrana
5. Louise Clark and John Braasch

### East/West

1. Judy Glaser and Dick Brown
2. Judy Harralson and Kathy Suthard
3. Helen and Jim McCartney
4. Irma and Mel Rotstein
5. Myra Fisher and Ann Levinsohn

The Sanibel Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Monday November through April at 7 p.m. at the Community House on Periwinkle Way. This is an American Contract Bridge League sanctioned game.

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# It Was Oh So Close To Cooperstown For Fort Myers' Popular Dutchman

by Ed Frank



Just five votes shy – 74.2 percent of the 75 percent needed – and we could have celebrated here with the Dutchman who lives in Fort Myers.

We're writing, of course, about Bert Blyleven, the popular Minnesota Twins television analyst, who missed by a whisker last week of being voted into Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Only Andre Dawson was elected this year, garnering 420 votes, 77.9 percent in his ninth year on the ballot.

If anyone deserves admission to Cooperstown it's Blyleven who ranks near the top of nearly every all-time pitching category. Yet this was the 10th year since he became eligible that the Baseball Writers Association of America failed to give him the key.

But he was oh so close – 400 of the 405 votes needed and an increase from 62.7 percent last year. He has two more years of remaining eligibility.

"Five votes short is a little on the sad side," the Dutchman said from his home in Fort Myers. "I was hoping that three of us would be elected. Congratulations to Andre Dawson. But I thought that Roberto Alomar would go in as well. I thought it would be cool to go in with him because I watched him grow up when I played with his dad in Texas. Hopefully we'll go in together next year."

Many throughout the baseball world are puzzled why Blyleven has not been elected to the Hall of Fame.

A native of Zeist, Holland, he hurled in the Majors for 23 years, 11 with the Twins, and is only the second in Major League history to win a game before his 20th birthday and after his 40th birthday.

Here are some of his other career records:

- 287 wins – 27th on the all-time list.
- Fifth in career strikeouts – 3,701
- Ninth in career shutouts at 60. Of the top 20 pitchers in shutouts, only Blyleven is not in the Hall of Fame.
- Double figure wins in 17 seasons.
- A no-hitter against the California Angels in 1977 as a member of the Texas Rangers.

Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer said it best when he told Major League Baseball.com, "Blyleven should be in. It's almost like they (the baseball writers) forgot how good Bert was."

Blyleven said he received a call from an official in Cooperstown that he was five votes short. "I'm happy for Andre. I've come close. I'm getting closer. Maybe next year will be the year.

Let's hope so. Then we can all celebrate with our hometown hero.

#### Twins Annual Youth Clinic

The Minnesota Twins Annual Youth Clinic for elementary and middle school boys and girls will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Hammond Stadium in the Lee County Sports Complex.

Hitting, fielding, pitching instruction will be provided by Twins players and staff. Admission is free and no experience is required.

#### Everblades in Final Week

Three games this week, one against Reading and two this weekend against Trenton, will bring a close to the longest road trip – 11 games – in the franchise history of the Florida Everblades.

The local hockey team began the week with a 17-15-6 season record after losing three in a row last week to Reading and Elmira. They did pick up one point in a 5-4 overtime loss to Elmira last Saturday.

With a total of 40 points, the Everblades were tied with Charlotte for second place in the ECHL South Division.

Florida will return to home ice at Germain Arena next weekend when they host Gwinnett.\*



Bert Blyleven

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## A Look At The Four Cs Of Diamonds



by Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell

**W**hen it comes to "ring"-ing in the New Year, it pays to know all you can about selecting the best diamond. Every

diamond is unique, but all diamonds have certain characteristics that affect their value: cut, carat weight, clarity and color. Valentine's Day is near, so our next four columns will be devoted to cutting to the heart of the matter -- how to purchase the perfect diamond.

Of the four C's, cut is considered to be the most complex. But, it can also be a top factor in beauty for most diamonds. The term cut has two distinct meanings. One refers to the diamond's shape and faceting style -- round, brilliant, princess cut, marquise and so on. The other refers to the quality of proportions and finish, or the relative sizes and angles of the diamonds parts and facets. What are the diamond's table size, crown angle and pavilion depth? Finish includes symmetry and polish, or the precision of the cutting and the smoothness of the diamond's surfaces.

Diamonds that are well cut gather light from many directions and then reflect the

light outward again. This dazzling display is described in three components: brilliance, dispersion and scintillation.

Brilliance is the total intensity of white light reflected from the interior and surface, dispersion is the prism effect of light splitting into rainbow colors giving the diamond its fire, and scintillation is the dance of reflections that is seen as the diamond or the observer moves, also known as the diamond's sparkle.

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On the converse, proportions can be adjusted to save extra weight allowing diamonds to be sold at lower per-carat prices. But the tradeoff can be a darker or watery looking diamond. Major variations from the accepted cutting proportions can also create a diamond that looks small for its weight or is more likely to chip or break.

To accurately grade diamond cut quality takes advanced training, as many of the measurements are taken by computer programs and sophisticated instruments. To best discern whether the cut of a dia-

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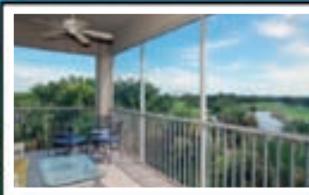
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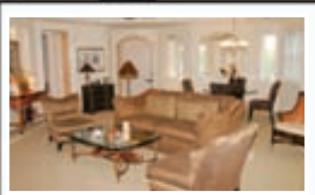
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in to your years. Buettner has appeared as a longevity expert on *Oprah*, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *ABC World News*, CBS's *The Early Show* and CNN.

• Friday, February 12 at 7 p.m.  
Keeping Your Brain Young: The Intersection of Science and Lifestyle, Gary Small, MD, professor of psychiatric and biobehavioral sciences (sponsored in part by Lee Memorial Health System).

Dr. Small is the Parlow-Solomon professor on aging at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, director of the UCLA Center on Aging and a leading expert on memory, aging, and the brain. Dr. Small's team has developed brain



Dr. Gary Small

imaging technology that allows physicians to detect the first signs of brain aging and Alzheimer's disease years before patients show symptoms.

Studies from his authorized scientific works, as well as several popular books on health, aging, and memory have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *London Times*, *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, and numerous television programs such as NBC's *Today Show*, ABC's *Good Morning America*, *20/20* and CNN.

With this knowledge Dr. Small will share the latest medical and scientific evidence and how to protect our brain to live better, longer. You will hear the



Dr. Harold G. Koenig

research-based evidence about the effect that lifestyle has on your ability to live with health, vibrancy, and cognitive sharpness.

• Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m.  
Religion, Spirituality and Health, Dr. Harold G. Koenig, founding co-director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health.

Dr. Koenig is board certified in general psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry, and geriatric medicine, is on the faculty at Duke University as professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, and associate professor of medicine. Dr. Koenig is founding

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## Speaker Series

co-director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University Medical Center. His research on the connection between religion and health has been featured on national and international TV news programs; including ABC's *World News Tonight*, *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*; and nearly a hundred radio programs, news-

papers, and magazines.

Dr. Koenig has given testimony before the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives concerning the benefits of religion and spirituality on public health.

Dr. Koenig will examine the relationship of religion/spirituality and mental health in our lives and propose a model of how religion/spirituality may impact physical health through mind-body connections. He will then explore the rela-

tionship between religion and physical health, immune functioning, cardiovascular functioning and longevity.

"The first Speaker Series at Shell Point was a great success, and our residents and visitors asked to have this continue as an annual event," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life at Shell Point. "We are excited to offer the community the opportunity to listen to three very different speakers as they offer insight into the mind, body, and soul."

The presentations will be held in The Village Church auditorium on the Island at Shell Point. Tickets may be purchased for individual speaker presentations at \$30 each or the entire speaker series can be purchased as a package for \$75, offering a savings of \$15. To purchase tickets or for more information call 454-2067.\*

## Selling Your Home? Avoid These Mistakes



by Bridget Vandenburg

1. Avoid placing large pieces of furniture across the corner of a room. Rather, place large pieces on an angle. Why? Your room will appear to have more visual movement. This will give a potential buyer the

idea that your room might be a bit larger and easier to work with for their own furniture placement.

2. If your home features a vaulted wall, place large pieces of furniture close to the highest wall. This calls attention to the wall's architectural interest, and creates balance in your room.

3. If your home features smaller rooms, remember less is more. An underfurnished room is preferable to an overfurnished room.

4. Change your lampshades. This "quick fix" can give any room an updated appearance – especially if you select dramatic black or textured shades.

5. If need a smaller room to seem more expansive, consider purchasing a large wall mirror. Mirrors definitely give the illusion of more space. Just be sure to take special care in placing your mirror. You want to be sure that what it reflects is a pleasing sight.

6. Add some texture. Throws, tasseled pillows, even an inexpensive area rug can create a warmer, cozier feel in any room.

7. Let there be light. Be sure your window treatments are in the "open" position, flooding as much light as possible into each and every room in your home.

8. Add some permanent florals and greenery. Don't go overboard, but adding a silk tree in a bare corner, or a floral arrangement on a dining room table adds lots of ambiance to any room.

9. Go crazy with color... or not! When selling a home, neutral shades are always the best. It's difficult for a buyer to see beyond the colors they see when they enter a room.

10. Re-accessorize. Your cherished mementos, while precious to you, might actually create a barrier in the mind of a buyer. Think about simple accessory plans with minimal clutter. Perhaps a display of leather bound books paired with small greenery, and a small picture on an easel.

*Bridget Vandenburg is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at [bridget@decden.net](mailto:bridget@decden.net).\**

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# Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company Hosts Reception For Myra Roberts



John Schubert, Myra Roberts, Brian Johnson and Terry Igo



Myra Roberts with Jon and Nancy Apmann

by Brian Johnson

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company held a reception and art exhibit for Myra Roberts on January 8 at The Sanibel Public Library.

Each year the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company recognizes the work of a local artist in the island community. Prior recipients include wood carver Jim Sprankle and glass artist Luc Century.

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Florida Coast," said Al Hanser, CEO of the Trust Company. "It was wonderful to see over 200 people come to honor her and grace us with their presence. It was an event to remember. Myra is truly an island treasure."

The exhibit spanned the top floor of the library and featured Roberts' most recent work, including her new Sanibel & Captiva series. Roberts spent much of 2009 researching the historical buildings and personalities of the islands. Her new paintings bring to life, in her trademark 1920s and 1930s vintage-style, famous figures such as Anne Morrow Lindbergh, J.N. "Ding" Darling, and Thomas Edison.

Roberts also put on canvas historical edifices such as Tween Waters Inn, Casa Ybel Resort and Island Inn; local non-profits such as the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, CROW and SCCF; and restaurants such as Traders, Doc Ford's, and Gramma Dot's.

"It was a truly magical night for me," said Roberts. "I greatly appreciate the generosity and kindness of Al Hanser, Terry Igo, Linda Mason and the rest of the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, who created such a wonderful event to launch my new collection of paintings. I also want to thank Margaret Mohundro and the Sanibel Public Library staff."

The evening formally kicked off the publication of her new book, *Myra Roberts: Retro Images From The Florida Coast*, written by Brian Johnson. The limited edition hard cover, restricted to 1,000 copies signed by Roberts, will be available in local stores in the middle of January. The book contains 71 color plates of her oil paintings.

The Trust Company presented guests with newly released copies of the book as a gift. "It's a fabulous book," said Hanser. "It really showcases Myra's talent."

"The new book is a real treasure for people who are familiar with the wildlife, historic characters and popular landmarks on our islands," said John Schubert, a member of the Trust Company's board of directors. "Myra is not only a wonderful artist and asset to our community, she is a generous philanthropist in supporting many island organizations." ❄️

## Top Producers



Jennifer Berry



LeAne Taylor Suarez

Donna Moore, broker-owner of Gulf to Bay Sotheby's International Realty, announced that the top sales team for December was The Berry Team, consisting of Jennifer Berry, Denise Tatman and Chris Tatman.

LeAne Taylor Suarez was recognized as the top listing agent. Suarez has worked on Captiva for many years. ❄️



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# Will Power No Estate Tax This Year – Or Maybe There Will Be



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

**M**adison, my youngest daughter, asked me if she could go over to a friend's house. I told her that she could – only to be vetoed by Patti. "She didn't clean up her room

like I asked her to," Patti said. "And I don't think that she should be able to go over to her friend's house when she didn't listen and do what she was supposed to."

This, of course, was met with cries of derision and anguish that one might expect from a much more traumatic

event. "But Dad said I could go!" Madi protested through tears. "Dad! ...you said it was okay!" Madi even threatened the "I'll hold my breath" routine.

"Go ahead. Hold your breath," I said. "When I said it was okay I didn't know that mom told you to clean up your room and that you didn't do it," I explained. "So I change my decision. No going to your friend's house."

Anyone who has children has been through a similar conversation. We all make decisions and then have to renege on them. Usually though, to change one's mind one needs some sort of justification. The justification might be caused by another's actions or failure to act (as in the case with Madi) or for changes in circumstances.

This apparently isn't the case when we are historically dealing with the United States Congress, the President and the tax law. Allow me to explain.

Under the tax law signed into law by President Bush back in 2001, the estate tax was scheduled to expire in 2010, only to be revived in 2011 with a much smaller estate tax exemption (\$1 million). Congress was going to act to "bridge" 2010 by passing a law that would retain the 2009 tax exemption (\$3.5 million per person) into 2010 as a "stop gap" measure. The intent was for Congress to reexamine the estate and gift tax system

and come up with something more permanent.

Well, along came the great ObamaCare debate. Estate tax reform got shoved to the back burner. So what do we have now? We have a system where there is no federal estate tax for this year. Or do we?

Like the parent that changes his mind (whether or not for good reason) the Congress could, conceivably, retroactively pass legislation that imposes an estate tax for those decedent's dying after January 1, 2010.

Some have made the argument that in so doing, Congress would be acting unconstitutionally. This is known as a "due process" argument. In other words, no one had proper notice or even the ability to alter one's conduct before the law changes. Therefore any such change shouldn't be applied retroactively.

You might suggest that when taxing the value of an estate, that value exists whether the estate is taxable or not, and therefore due process shouldn't be considered. Aside from the concept of due process being a cornerstone of our constitution, I would counter that there is a lot even a large estate could do to minimize taxes. But if there is currently no tax imposed, then reasonable people could therefore assume that they wouldn't be affected and would do nothing. On the other hand, if they knew that a retroactive law might be passed, they might act. That's where due process comes in relation to estate tax planning.

Unfortunately, those knowledgeable in the law suggest that the unconstitutionality challenge to a retroactive tax law change would not hold water. They point to another United States Supreme Court

case decided in 1994 on a similar issue, United States v. Carlton.

In a nutshell, that case involved the disallowance of an estate tax deduction that was legal in 1986 when the events causing the deduction occurred, but by the time the estate tax return was filed in 1987 the deduction was no longer legal. Congress and the President passed had passed a law that denied the deduction in the interim.

The taxpayers argued that they should get the deduction because the law indicated that the deduction was legal and proper. Only later was another law enacted that resulted in no deduction. The United States Supreme Court in essence said that the Congress and the President could take away tax deductions retroactively – and that we all had to abide by it whether or not we could foresee in our crystal ball what future tax law would look like.

In other words, our President and Congress can tell us that we can't go to our friend's house, even if they earlier said we could. Worse yet, we cleaned our rooms. In Carlton the taxpayers did nothing wrong – other than reporting a deduction that was legal when the events leading to it occurred. There doesn't appear to be any reason justifying the retroactive imposition of tax other than "the United States government needs the money," which, incidentally was a reason cited in the text of the opinion justifying why Congress and the President could do such a thing.

So for those of you who believe that there will be no federal estate tax imposed on decedent's estates who die this year, don't hold your breath.

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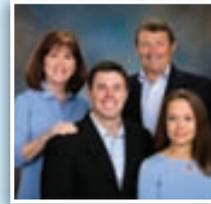


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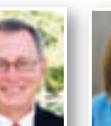
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The scheduled speakers are Barbara Linstrom, executive producer television and news new media with WGCU Public Media, and David Plazas, community conversation editor with *The News-Press*.



Barbara Linstrom



David Plazas

"Both *The News-Press* and WGCU have longstanding histories in Southwest Florida and have weathered many storms," said Teri Kollath, manager of academy and volunteer services. "This presentation will allow attendees the chance to take a glimpse into the daily activities that have helped both organizations strive for so long in the varying economies."

This presentation will explain how a 25-year-old award-winning public media station and an award winning newspaper that has also survived and thrived for 125 years, are dealing with the multiple challenges of a recession and the rise of Internet news. These presenters are knowledgeable and engaging and both will share real innovations that each organization has put into effect. Attendees will hear how important the public's role is in the supporting the community's local media.

This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited and a ticket will be required. To reserve your ticket, or if you would like more information, please call 454-2054.\*

## New Insurance Agency Opens

Heidrick & Company Insurance and Risk Management Services, LLC is Sanibel's newest insurance agency. Christopher W. Heidrick, an island resident and a former senior executive at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and Marsh & McLennan opened the agency December 1. The company offers insurance and risk management solutions to individuals, small to mid-sized businesses and non-profit organizations.



Christopher W. Heidrick

Heidrick has written several insurance-related articles and has been featured on CNBC, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Departures* magazine and various syndicated news stories on the topic of insurance. He is a chartered property and casualty underwriter, a certified financial planner, a chartered life underwriter and a chartered financial consultant.

Heidrick and his family are active in the Sanibel community and specifically with the Sanibel School Fund and Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis.\*

## Top Producers



Burns Family Team

Royal Shell Preferred Properties has recognized its top producers for the month of December.

Sally Davies earned the top producer sales honor. Davies holds the designations of Sanibel & Captiva Island Specialist, Transnational Referral Certification (TRC), and e-Pro. She is active in the community as a volunteer for FISH, SCCF, and is a member of ABWA.



Sally Davies

The Burns Family Team earned the top producer listings for the month of December. The family has lived on Sanibel and Captiva Islands for over 25 years and has over 60 years of combined real estate experience.\*

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## New Business Receives Welcome



The Sanibel Health Club is located at 975 Rabbit Road

The Sanibel Health Club had its official grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on Wednesday, January 6. Sanibel Health Club recently opened on Rabbit Road next to Doc Ford's. The celebration was attended by chamber of commerce members and island residents who were treated to healthy snacks and given tours of the gym. Owner Tim Shevlin is excited about the opening. "Come check us out," said Shevlin. "All we ask is for you to stretch your limits and get in shape now. It's time to treat yourself better and learn more about how Sanibel Health Club can change your life today!" There are discounts available for those who live and work on the island.

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## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

I have been a widow for over 40 years, a widow longer than I was married. My friends are always asking me when am I going to give up my apartment and go to a retirement living complex. I am happy living alone; I drive my own car, walk a mile each day and play bridge at least three times a week.

I am not ready to go and live around all those old people. I know I am 92 years old because my one knee tells me so. But, I am going to have that replaced in three weeks and when it heals I will be able to walk two miles each day.

Why do others go into all of these places?

Agnes

**Dear Agnes,**  
I wish I could meet you! You are an inspiration and younger people should listen to your philosophy of life. Some people find aging to be a very difficult adventure and depend on others to meet their needs. I wish there were more people like you!

Lizzie

**Dear Agnes,**  
Hats off to you! Living as you want without caving in to the pressures of society that if you are of a certain age you should do or not do certain things or live in a certain place... blah, blah, blah. Life is meant to be lived... continue living and setting a wonderful example for younger generations.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.\*

## Injury Prevention Fair Rescheduled

Due to weather conditions, the Children's Injury Prevention Fair originally scheduled for Saturday, January 9 has been postponed until Jan. 23 and will be held at Lee Memorial Hospital, 2776 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The fair is designed to promote injury prevention by combining fun activities and useful information for the entire family.

The activities and booths will be in the Auditorium and parking lot in front of the hospital.\*

## Barbara's Friends Anniversary Party

Barbara's Friends, the Southwest Florida Children's Hospital Cancer Fund, will celebrate its 15th anniversary on January 31 from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Miromar Design Center, 10800 Corkscrew Road, Estero.

The public is invited to join the Haskells and others at the celebration. In an event themed after Barbara Haskell's favorite song, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, attendees are invited to toast the organization's mission at a champagne brunch, hear performances by local youth artists, and bid on a wide collection of items to help Barbara's Friends continue to paint the rainbow for cancer-stricken children.

Founded by Fort Myers residents Frank and Betty Haskell to honor their daughter, Barbara, who died of breast cancer in 1995, the organization has raised more than \$8.7 million since its inception. This money has helped build and equip a pediatric hematology and oncology center and other facilities providing therapy and support to children battling these diseases in our community. The fund also helps cover some treatment expenses for uninsured or underinsured patients.

"Today, the Barbara's Friends Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Center treats more than 100 children each week and averages one new patient each week," Haskell said. "No child is ever turned away, but more than half either have

no insurance or have only Medicaid and need help from charities like ours.\*

## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Greetings and Happy New Year!

As we enter 2010, we are most likely either setting goals for the year or have already set goals. Often we set common goals to lose weight, stop

smoking, be a better spouse, partner, save money and exercise more. Writing your goals down, whatever they may be. Including action steps to attaining those goals might make it seem more realistic. Keep these steps attainable so you don't set yourself up to fail.

I have written a few goals that I would like to share with you and perhaps by sharing them, I can better follow through to attain them:

1. Live in the Present Moment. Yes, it is quite the challenge, but I find if I am

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## dearPharmacist

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



### Dear Pharmacist:

After I presented last year's dumbest health-care "awards," I received your emails and chuckles for months afterwards. Sometimes, ridiculous things happen

in the medical industry, so at this time, I'd like to present my second annual Dumb Awards in Medicine:

**Dumb Award:** The first ones goes to (drum roll please)... the Federal Communications Commission for allowing both pharmaceutical and fast-food commercials to blast our airwaves. Just chill out, squeeze some Cheez Whiz on your foot-long sub, and watch *The Simpsons*. During commercial breaks, all of the disorders that afflict your friends and relatives (not you) will become apparent. Watch TV with new eyes okay? You will first notice lots of junk food commercial - which promote disease - followed by drug commercials and attorneys offering their services to people injured by drugs. Eventually, the news comes on so you can learn about the newest approved drug. Hysterical!

**Dumber Award:** We have a tie between anti-depressant drugs and the doctors who prescribe them for every

woman who is tired or tearful. Of the various "happy" chemicals naturally produced in our body, serotonin is the one most likely to be raised by anti-depressant drugs. But research shows that depression may be caused by elevated stress hormones, low vitamin D levels, diabetes or insulin-resistance (diagnosed or not), low progesterone hormone, niacin or folate deficiency or exposure to plastics. So what's up with all the drugs? Their side effects are depressing if you think about it - problems achieving orgasm, low sex drive, insomnia, suicidal thoughts and heart palpitations. Anti-depressant drugs don't fix the underlying cause for neurotransmitter deficiencies and doctors should be conducting lab tests to determine the cause for emotional instability before prescribing pills and dismissing you.

**Dumberest Award:** Yes I spelled "dumberest" that way on purpose, and please throw confetti here... The Centers for Disease Control, who in September 2009, recommended that "All people with suspected or confirmed influenza who require hospitalization be treated with Tamiflu or Relenza." By December 2009, based on a number of scientific studies, scientists concluded that the benefits of this anti-viral treatment were grossly over-estimated, because it could only shorten the length of illness by approximately one day. Whoop-dee-doo! Potential side effects include: vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, arrhythmias, nightmares, dizziness, headache, fatigue, delusions, hallucinations, altered level of

consciousness, and seizures. Spare me.

**Honorable Mention:** To Kellogg's for making packaging claims last May to the effect that Cocoa Krispies can boost your child's immune system. They timed their campaign around the swine flu outbreak so parents would know what to feed their kids (wink). I agree with Kellogg's that increasing the amounts of vitamins in food can promote health, but even the FDA viewed the Kellogg's claim as ridiculous and made them stop. What's next,

soda pop posed as healthier because it's made with cane sugar instead of high fructose corn syrup? Hurry, hurry, for a limited time you can now buy Pepsi-Cola Throwback. Puhleeze!

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

### The Sanibel Beet

## The Temperature Is Cold, But It Is Hot At The Market

by Jean Baer and Betsy Ventura

Don't let the cool weather keep you from the Sanibel Island Farmers Market, because each Sunday it just keeps getting hotter and hotter. A few blazing highlights to warm you up include:

- The French Artisan has a terrific bisque made from our local waters; gulf shrimp, blue crab from Charlotte Harbor and locally harvested clams. These seafoods added with a variety of spices taste so very similar to the style of bisque from the North of France, home to Thierry Devisse, owner of The French Artisan.
- Big C's Salsa is the place to shop for tortilla chips and Olga's new hot sauce made from jalapeños, habaneros, serranos, onions, stewed tomatoes, and spices, all of which she purchases from her market neighbor, Farmer Mike.
- Hungarian goulash was this week's special from Elfie, made from pork, beef, red and green peppers, potatoes, pasta, and spices. We were lucky enough to try some on

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## Sanibel Beet

Sunday and yum, yum! It was so good and had just the right amount of spice to warm us up.

• For those wanting a quick hot snack, stop by the Magic Cauldron for some kettle corn, Nuts R Us for some hot boiled peanuts, or a steaming latte from On A Roll.

So, don't let the weather get you down and just come on down to the market. See you Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tahitian Gardens.✱

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## Dr. Clancy

constantly out in the future, I get too overwhelmed and when I stay present, I feel a much better sense of calm and peace. When I catch myself not in the moment, I will stop, breathe and hit the delete button.

2. Work on Being More Grateful for What I Have. It is far too easy to whine about all we don't have instead of being grateful for what we have. Every day, stop and be grateful for the everyday gifts.

3. Be Involved in Health and Wellness for Mind, Body and Spiritual Health. This includes balancing physical exercise, meditation practice, and reading material that helps me continue to learn and raise my consciousness.

4. Healthy Cooking and Eating Practices. It is just as easy to cook and eat healthy as it is not to. No excuses. We all know that we feel better when we are at an optimal weight and we eat what we know is best for us. Moderate and don't deprive as it leads to bingeing.

5. Connect with Those I Care About. Spend quality time with friends, family and new friends. Take some opportunity to volunteer and do something good for our troops.

6. Keep Fun on the List. Do something fun and laugh daily. It is easy to get so serious and bogged down with the everyday stuff. Do what you love and love what you do.

*Dr. Clancy is a licensed mental health therapist, certified hypnotherapist, life coach, author and public speaker. You may email Dr. Connie at [Connie@drconstance.us](mailto:Connie@drconstance.us).✱*

## Free Leg Vein Screening At Lee Memorial

On Tuesday, January, 26, Lee Memorial Hospital will take part in the country's largest, most comprehensive national screening program for venous disease. Sponsored by the American Venous Forum, the screening is an early detection program dedicated to improved vascular health.

The hospital will conduct free, comprehensive vein screenings for Lee County residents.

While many people are aware of the severity of heart disease, few people know about the seriousness of major venous diseases, including the following:

- Diseases of the leg veins kill and cripple thousands every year in America.
- Dangerous blood clots form in the leg veins of more than 2.5 million Americans each year. These blood clots can break loose and travel to the lungs, killing up to 200,000 people.
- Ten to 35 percent of adults have leg veins that do not work properly.
- Half a million Americans have ulcers in their legs caused by diseased veins.

Simple, non-invasive tests are widely available to detect these diseases. The American Venous Forum has created a screening program to educate the public about venous health care problems, risk factors, prevention and treatment options.

Lee Memorial Hospital is one of more than 100 health care facilities that will participate in this program. The screening is non-invasive, painless and risk-free. It will include a medical questionnaire, a professional examination of the legs and an ultrasound scan of the leg veins. Educational materials on venous diseases, prevention and treatment will be distributed to participants at the time

of the screening. Each participant will receive a report card to share with his or her personal physician. For more information about venous disease, tests and treatments, call 336-6948 or 332-6426.✱

## Better Sleep

Insomnia affects at least a third of American adults, according to the National Sleep Foundation. For millions, it is a chronic problem. Fatigue affects memory, so sleep is an important component of brain health.

The connection between sleep and memory and tips for sleeping better are the subject of a 90-minute educational workshop on Sanibel on Tuesday, January 19, sponsored by LEAF Ltd., a private foundation devoted to intellectual wellness and brain fitness. The class costs \$15 and begins at 10:30 a.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call Penny at 482-0356.✱

## Exercise Your Brain

On Wednesday, January 20, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., the public is invited to the Brain Gym at The Community House. Test, try out, and play a number of specialized brain games that resemble video games but are actually brain exercises designed to give different cognitive functions a workout. "Use it or lose it" is not just true for your physical fitness. It is also true for your mental acuity. The activities at the Brain Gym feel like fun, but they give your brain some exercise. Trained staff will be available to guide you through this highly entertaining experience. No computer experience is necessary. The cost is \$10. The Community House is at 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information call 247-4277.✱

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## Hidden Treasures

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## Promotion Winner

Evelyn Spencer is the winner of the promotion sponsored by Bank of the Islands. Spencer was spotted with a We Love Our Islands decal on her vehicle. That won her the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a charitable contribution of \$700 from the bank.

She chose to donate \$100 gifts each to seven local organizations: CROW, SCCF, the Shell Bailey-Matthews Museum, the Sanibel Community Church, the Children's Education Center, Zonta, and FISH.

This contribution marks \$34,900 given to island non-profits through the program.✱

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## Help Refuge

Judy Michie of Cottages to Castles of Sanibel & Captiva, sees the program as "a win-win for everybody."

"It gives a bit of extra nationwide coverage to 'Ding' Darling because our visitors come from all over the U.S. and the world," she said.

Dawn Ramsey, who was one of the first to enroll Tarpon Tale Inn in the program, explains her reasoning for jumping aboard: "It's obvious to us how important the refuge is to our business. We're happy to give back, and so are our guests."

"I don't know why anybody wouldn't want to do it," said Kathy Lewis with Periwinkle Cottages.

Other businesses interested in taking part in GCP should contact Wesley Fay at [WesleyFaySanibel@aol.com](mailto:WesleyFaySanibel@aol.com) or 246-4133.✱

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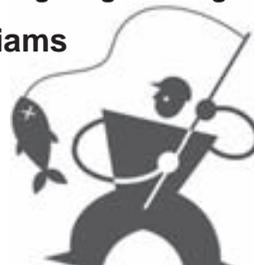
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I'm Mila and although I'm a very young girl myself, I was found and brought to the shelter with my six babies. We were all fostered until my babies were old enough to be adopted. Now that they have found homes I would like one too. My foster mom says I'm really a sweet, quiet, couch potato. I'd love to cuddle with you while we watch TV whether it's HGTV, ESPN, or the Food Network. I can be very flexible. My adoption fee is \$50.

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

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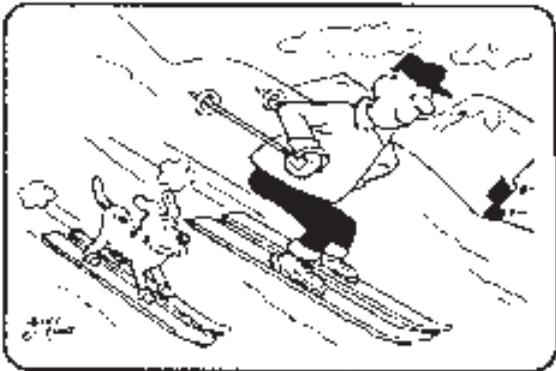
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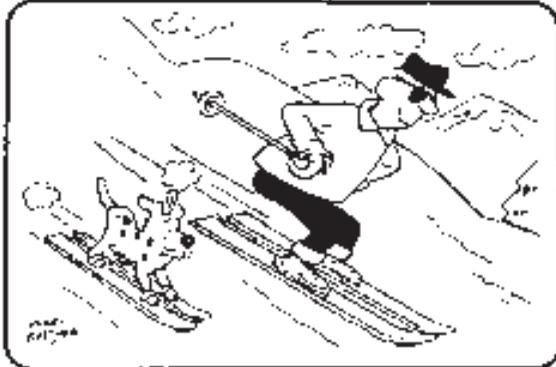
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answer on page 67

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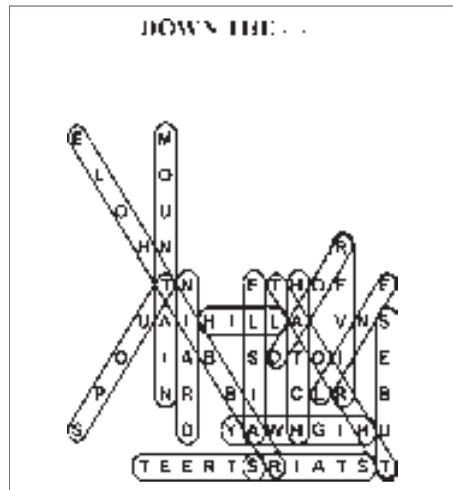
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## KING CROSSWORD

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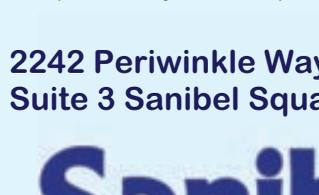
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