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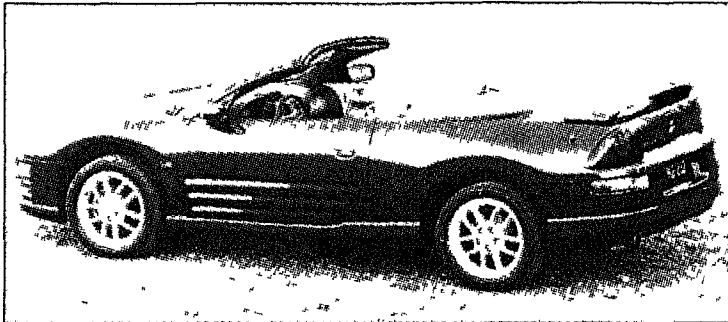
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ABC Sale

The 34th Annual Captiva ABC Sale will take place on Saturday, February 26 beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Captiva Civic Association.



2001 Spyder Convertible

Featured in the auction portion of the sale is a one-year prepaid lease on a new Mitsubishi. The lucky bidder can choose between a 2001 Spyder Convertible, a Montero Sport SUV or an Eclipse.

This donation comes from Fort Myers Mitsubishi which is a part of the Brien auto team which also has Fort Myers Honda/Subaru and Naples Mitsubishi/Hyundai plus 18 franchises in Illinois. President and CEO Joe Brien and his wife Kay winter in Captiva.

Other auction items include vacation packages to San Francisco and Chicago hosted by South Seas Resort, a 14K turtle bracelet donated by Congress

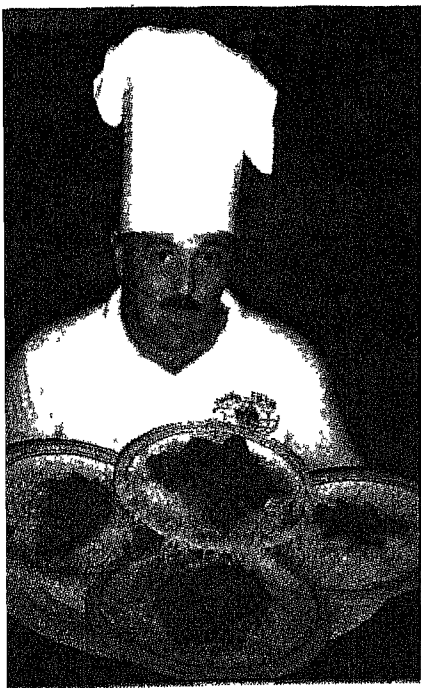
Jewelers and the Oliver Brooks family, a 20' Bayliner Trophy Boat, fishing trips, lunch and dinner excursions and much, much more.

The event, which runs until mid-afternoon also includes a "Taste of Captiva" with all local restaurants participating.

The local charity to benefit from this year's sale is Gabriel House, a not for profit organization founded in 1991 and dedicated to helping abandoned children in need of medical attention.

In a nine-bedroom house in South Fort Myers the founders, Ann and Ed Ravish have helped children not only in the United States but also from Poland,

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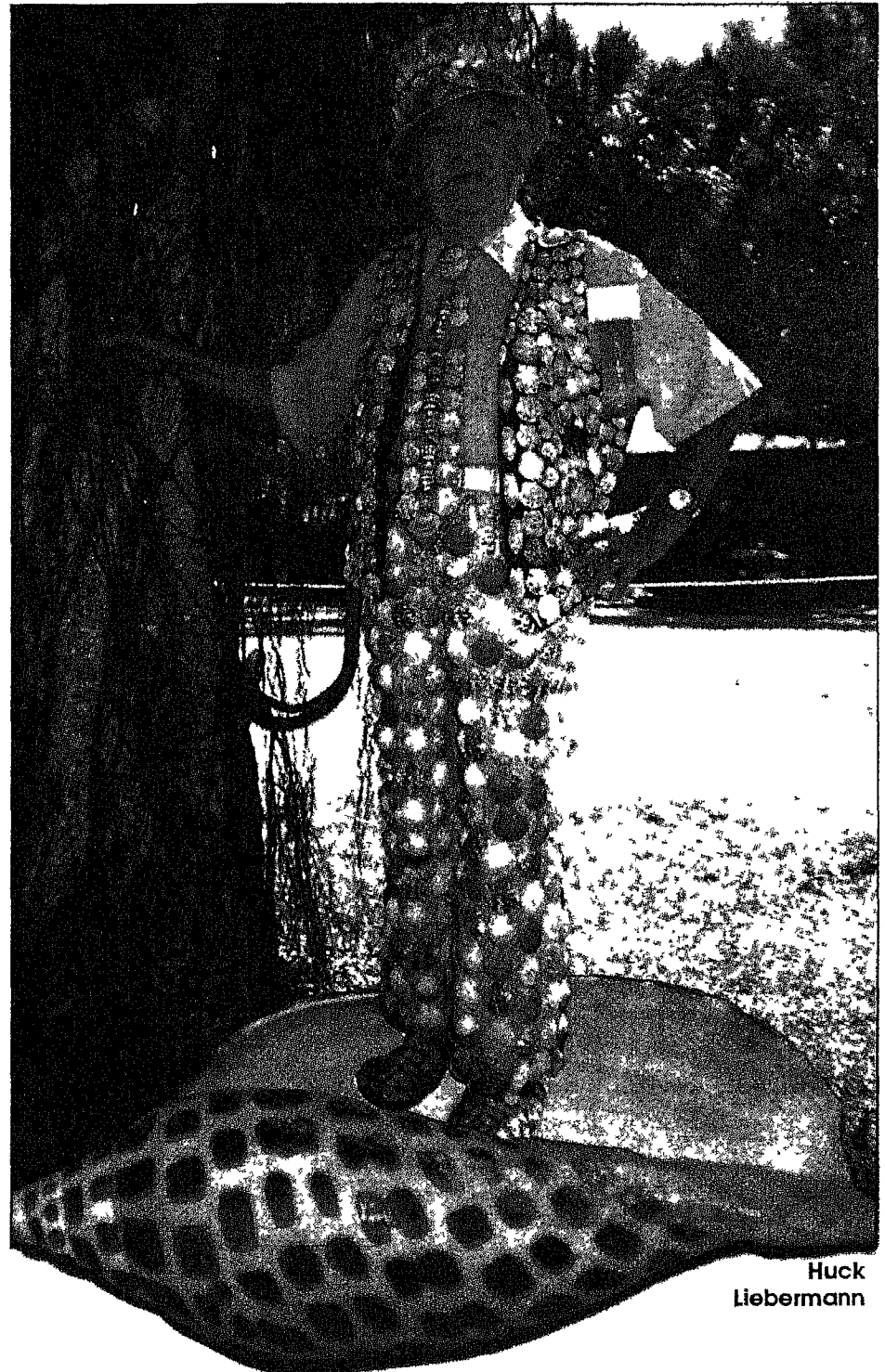


Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday February, 26, the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis will put on their annual all you can eat spaghetti

dinner. Starting at 4:30 until 8:00 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center you can enjoy the homemade spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, wine and soda prepared and served by Kiwanis members. Where else can you get dinner served to you by your City manager, council person, former Mayor, and other local celebrities with skill, panache and an occasional spill? Tickets are only \$7 per person in advance, \$8 at the door. Children under 10 are free. Tickets are available at Bank of the Islands, Periwinkle Trailer Park, Big Red Q Quickprint, Moto Photo and at the door or from any Kiwanis member. Again this year there will be over 75 prizes to be raffled off along with a DJ and music for your dancing pleasure from 6 to 10 p.m. This is a great evening for families and friends to get together, enjoy a good meal and get into the "Island Spirit". Proceeds are used for Island Charities and youth programs. The dinner is sponsored by Bank of the Islands.

For more information contact Terry Brennen at 472-0939.*



Huck Liebermann

Celebrating Sixty-Three Years

The 63rd Annual Shell Fair and Raffle will be held on Sanibel March 2 through 5 at the Sanibel Community Association. The island Shellcrafters have been creating original items all year long. From zany "critters" to "sports pals" and items of whimsy, crafts people work humor into adorable shell items. Shells are also transformed into glorious floral arrangements and artistic creations worthy of the finest galleries and homes.

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Sanibel Historical Village and Museum

Valentine Tea

Miss Charlotta's tea room came to life last week as it rarely has since the mid-30s when it ended its career of offering light refreshments to travellers at Sanibel's ferry landing. On Valentine's Day seventy guests enjoyed the old time ambiance of tea with tiny sandwiches and bite-sized desserts served in the tea room and under adjacent tent on the grounds at the Historical Village.

Entering into the spirit many visitors wore hats and even a pair of mesh gloves were in evidence. A low key fashion show, modeled by museum docents, added to the afternoon with outfits from Simply Sanibel, Helinda's, Tuna Luna and Casual Attitude.

Several guests went home with gifts won in a raffle organized by Dottie Miller who garnered prizes from local retailers and everyone received a hand-somely packaged array of Clinique beauty products courtesy of Mr. Ford, manager of Jacobson's at the Bell Tower.

Charlotta Matthews was a daughter of Hallie and Will Matthews who came to Sanibel in 1895 and shortly thereafter turned their gulf front home into lodging for visitors. It was called Matthews Hotel and over the years has expanded into today's Island Inn resort.

In 1927 Charlotta took leave from running the hotel and established her tea room next to the Bailey store on San Carlos Bay where the ferry



Nina Orrell and Anna Bralove enjoy Valentine tea on the front porch of Miss Charlotta's tea room at the Historical Village

berthed on its trips to and from Punta Rassa. Her sister Annie Meade Matthews had married Frank Bailey in 1919 so it was somewhat of a family affair. When the landing moved "up island" closer to the lighthouse Charlotta closed shop and returned to the hotel.

The little building, later used as a residence, remained on the bay side until the early '90s when along with the old Bailey store and a tiny post office it was moved to Dunlop Road, joining the Rutland house museum and thus creating a historical village.

Mary McLaughlin who chaired the Valentine tea has declared the event both a social and financial success. Proceeds are earmarked to further the education and works of the volunteer staff.

Even more importantly it offered 70 people a peek into Sanibel's past a time when life was not easy but at the same time was simpler.

The Historical Village, 950 Dunlop Road, is open each week Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. ✱

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ABC Sale

Vietnam, Cambodia, South and Central America and India. In addition to responding to these medical emergencies, they also aspire to find adoptive homes for these children.

For more information contact Michael Kelly, ABC Sale Chairman 472-8975 or Nanelle Wehmann, Auction Chair 395-2774 ✱

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Celebrating Sixty-Three Years

Raffles are on-going over the four days of the fair with a vast variety of prizes. A scientific exhibit will be on display allowing the viewers the opportunity to examine rare specimen shells from the far reaches of the world.

Island fifth graders will be on hand to point out mysteries of the deep in an exhibit containing live ocean creatures.

There will be something for everyone at the fair including good food and especially friendly folks.

All proceeds from this event go to help maintain the Sanibel Community Association.

The Fair is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, a \$2 donation is suggested, at the Sanibel Community Association, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Call 471-2155 for further information. ✱

Trunk Show Schedule

Thursday, March 2nd
Pamela Futrel presents
Peacock Alley
Luxury Linens
11 am to 3 pm
&
Lady Primrose Toiletries
3:30 to 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 9th
Sandy Wallin Glass Sculpture
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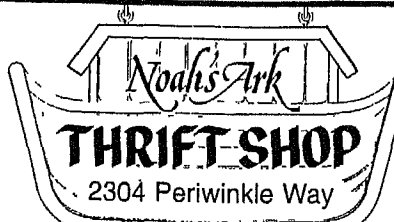
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Author Tea

Betty Anholt, local author and historian, will discuss her latest book, *Sanibel's Story: Voices and Images from Calusa to Incorporation* at the Captiva Library, 11560 Chapin Lane, Captiva on Wednesday, March 1, at 2 p.m. Ms Anholt's previous book is *The Trolley Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands*. Light refreshments will be provided by the Captiva Library Board.

The program is free and open to the public. Because seating is limited, registration is preferred. Check out the book through any Lee County Library System location. For more information, or to registration, call the library at 472-2133 ✱



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"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society Connection

Rover Training

by Brian Johnson



Carol Pratt spoke to rovers about regulations at refuge



Wildlife Society Rovers in training

For a section of the public, the rovers are the human face of the refuge. Many visitors do not stop at the Center for Education but just zip onto Wildlife Drive. They don't see or meet officers of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; they don't see the official refuge videos or pick up educational material from the exhibits. When they leave the refuge and get back on Sanibel-Captiva Road, the rovers will be their only contact with representatives of "Ding" Darling.

For this reason alone, the rovers play a critical role at the wildlife refuge. Some visitors may develop a favorable or unfavorable impression of "Ding" Darling simply as a result of their experience with the rovers.

"Ding" Darling has become such a popular spot in the refuge system, in part, because of the fleet of rovers who walk up and down Wildlife Drive. Equipped with radios and a knowledge of the Florida ecosystem, they help visitors understand what they see. The rovers answer questions and recommend places to look for particular birds or reptiles. They explain the rules governing fishing and other activities on the grounds.

The rovers are drawn from the pool of Wildlife Society volunteers. Currently there are about 60 Wildlife Society rovers, individuals with a love of nature and a desire to serve the public. JD Bolden, the Volunteer Coordinator for the refuge, has made rover training an important priority. During season he is running training sessions once per month. All rovers - whether veterans like Art and Molly Krival or rookies - take part in the training. Bolden wants to make sure rovers are prepared to meet any situation that may arise on Wildlife Drive.

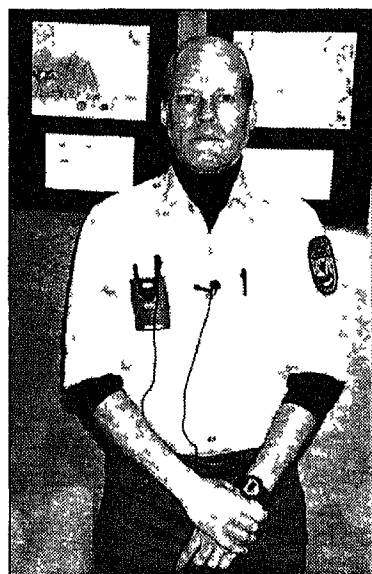
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officer Steve Alvarez spoke to the rovers about the message the refuge would like to send to visitors. "The rovers could be the only people the public meets," said Alvarez. "We want the visitors to go away with the feeling that the refuge belongs to the American people. We're just here taking care of it."

Alvarez also wants the rovers to understand the role played by "Ding" Darling in the entire refuge system. As an important stop on the migratory flyways, "Ding" Darling helps birds on their voyages north and south. The refuge provides a sub-tropical habitat that is unique in the United States.

Biologist George Coppen spoke to the rovers about the ecology of the mangrove estuaries. He explains that the mangroves are the basis of the food chain. The roots of mangrove trees provide shelter for small fish to hide in; the mass of trees prevents erosion and keeps the land intact. Coppen said the mangrove estuary has been dubbed the "cradle of the ocean" and the "ocean's nursery." He shows rovers how bodies of salt and fresh water function interdependently.

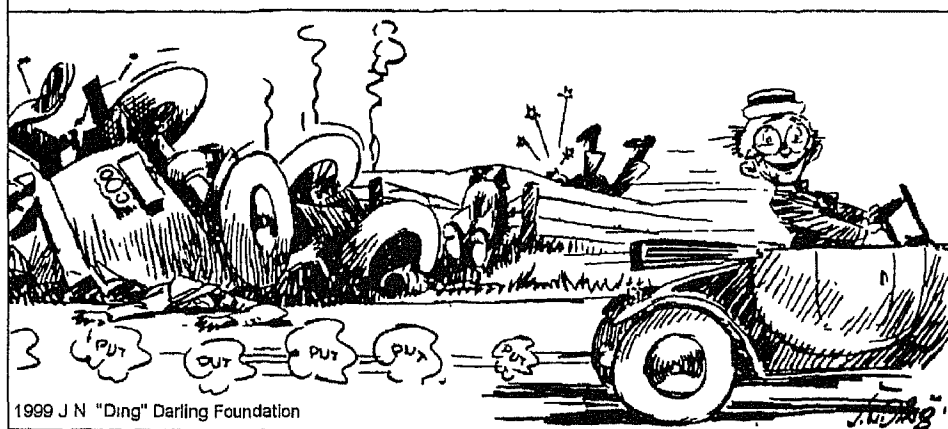
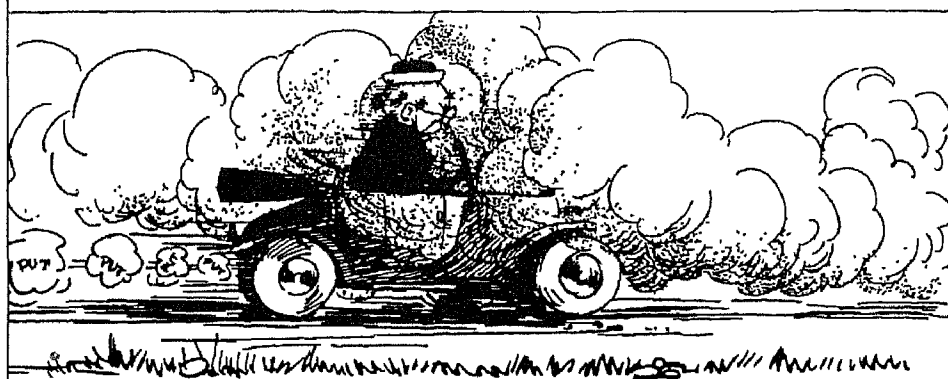
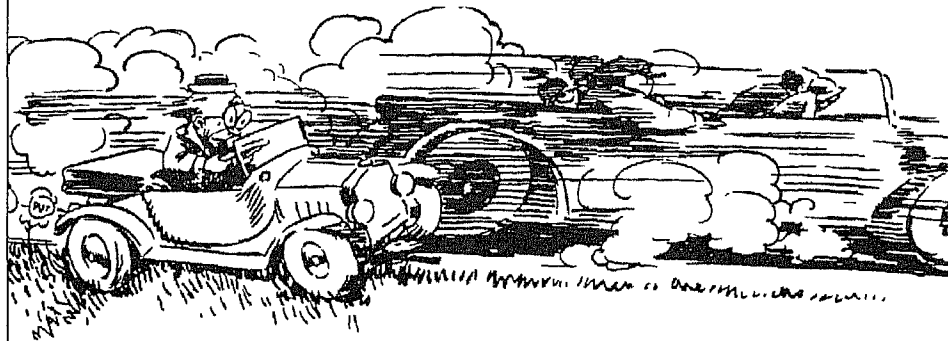
Carol Pratt spoke to the rovers about the regulations at the refuge. For example, visitors must stay within certain areas of the refuge; a license is required for fishing. Pratt did a fine job walking the rovers through the legal and technical elements of life at the refuge.

Wildlife Society volunteers who sign up for roving usually do so because they have a special interest in birds. A large portion of the training concentrates on identifying the habits and appearance of the various birds at the refuge. "We make sure everyone is on the same page for the 27 most common birds," said Bolden. The slides put together by Bev and Clare Postmus have been a great help



JD Bolden, volunteer coordinator

Virtue Is Its Own Reward



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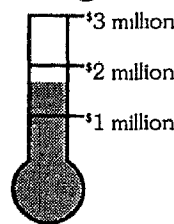
aCourtesy of the J N "Ding" Darling Foundation

Is there a driver on the road who has not had similar fantasies? "Ding" Darling, who had an uncanny insight into human nature, drew this cartoon seventy-five years ago.

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Wildlife Society Fundraising Drive

\$1.8 million has been raised to date



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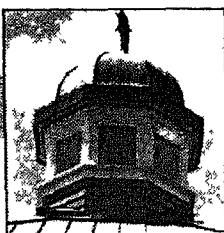
<http://dingdarlingsociety.org>



"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society The Purpose Of The Society Is:

- To promote a better understanding and appreciation of the history and natural environment of Southwest Florida and in particular, the J N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.
- To help preserve the wildlife habitat at the Refuge. Although the Refuge is owned and operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Society assists the Service in Educational efforts of all kinds.

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INSIDE CITY HALL

Variance for Docks Needs More Verifying

By Fran Nuelle

Planning Commissioners on Tuesday at MacKenzie Hall voted to continue to 1:30 p.m., March 28, discussion of a variance and a development permit to modify an existing dock layout and then construct three finger docks and five boat lifts in Victoria Cove, 900-970 Victoria Way.

Neither applicant nor the Planning Department was prepared with ample information needed by the Commissioners to make a judgment but could be by the March deadline.

So Planning Director Bruce Rogers suggested to Commissioners that they "have Walt Fraser (Victoria Cove Homeowners' Association surveyor) come to interpret his drawings (on various water depths) and also "someone who actually builds these" (docks). Therefore, there was the need for continuance, he said.

Water depths proved the stumbling block when Attorney Richard Brodeur had to apologize earlier for the drawings, the latter being the Planning Department's "cut and paste," therefore inaccurate on water depths on at least one of four attachments.

But Victoria Cove Homeowners Association applicants represented by Brodeur—Dr. Frank Vermes and Bob Maupin—had submitted separately information on "water depths" just prior to the meeting making it difficult for Commissioners to properly assign to their proper drawings. Planner Ken Pfalzer admitted "error made on the staff exhibit."

That, however, is not the burden of the Commission because "it is up to the applicant to provide all necessary information at least one week ahead of a scheduled meeting so planners have

a chance to review fully, in the opinion of Commissioner Dick Downes.

The variance would be to Land Development Section I.E.7.c. to "allow the modification of the existing dock layout by creating four finger docks with seven boat lifts, with one finger dock and two boat lifts closer to the easterly property line (as extended into the waterway 30 feet) than the required minimum setback" (45 feet from side property lines)."

The DP would "modify the existing dock by constructing three of the finger docks and five of the boat lifts in the waterway adjacent to the parcel."

Pfalzer for the Planning Department had found that any "development authorized is limited to the reconfiguration of the existing dock and the addition of five boat lifts in conformance with the site plan (in linear feet about midway and around a curve).

Brodeur's contention was that "it's a hardship because of size, shape of the parcel with water depth greater on its easterly side and not practical to move docks to west. Introduced were also Fraser's photos taken on the site."

Victoria Cove Homeowners Association wanted to treat all fairly, thus the application for variance and DP for three of the finger docks and five of the boat lifts (all to be essentially the same) but not in the middle of 210 linear feet "of a curve like a scimitar," Brodeur said. He requested continuance.

Noted Pfalzer's memo: "The boat dock, including the portion of the existing dock that is to be retained, and the boat lifts shall be setback a minimum of 15' from both the eastern and western side property lines, as these property lines are extended into the waterway for a distance of 30' (the maximum waterward extension of the dock/boat lift)."

Nor can "any docked or moored vessel at the dock and boat lifts intrude into a navigation channel or obstruct navigation of the canal," according Pfalzer. The applicant is to assure Commissioners on this as well.

Capital Improvements Review

Judy Workman, the Planning Commission Chair for Capital Improvements Committee, announced on Tuesday a meeting for 8 a.m. March 14, with subsequent meetings to take place in March and April.

Her committee members are Phyllis Bogen and John Veenschoten.

Sewer Easements Accepted

City Councilors last week accepted wastewater collection and transmission system easements from Sanibel property owners for the Sanibel Sewer System Expansion Project, Phase II, as follows:

Robert and Joan Baumler, David N. Gombert Trust, James K. and Patricia Halerz, Antoinette Keilty, Thomas P. Snodgrass and Timandris, Incorporated.

Correction on Church In Article

In the article, "Sensitive? Scenic? Lands in Perpetuity," in the February 18 issue of The Island Sun, the church mentioned in the land swap of 17 for three acres should have been the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ rather than the Sanibel Community Church.

Next Week At City Hall

City Council has scheduled a special work session for 9 a.m. Tuesday, February 29. Two subjects will be covered 1) emergency management activities pertaining to hurricanes 2) using a consulting engineer in conjunction with the Sanibel Causeway PD&E Study

The responsibilities and role of the city government before, during and after a hurricane's landfall will be presented and discussed.

After a thorough airing of that matter, Council will attempt to "hone in" on the role it wants a consulting engineer to play in protecting the city's interests in the PD&E study process. It's anticipated the work session will last three to four hours. The public is invited to attend. For further information contact City Hall at 472-4135.

CARD OF THANKS

The Sanibel Bicycle Club was formed in 1995 for the purpose of promoting bike safety on the island. Since its formation we have maintained a close working relationship with the City Council and the City Manager. We have submitted annually to Council and the Manager a list of proposed improvements that enhances the safety for all those using the bicycle paths.

We wish to thank publicly the City Council and the Administration for their past efforts. Major accomplishments have been achieved during the past years.

Sincerely,
Sanibel Bicycle Club
Elizabeth La Gorce Kramer,
President

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Letter To Mayor Robert P. James

Dear Mr. Mayor. The Sanibel Bicycle Club wishes to acknowledge the recent major improvements of the bike paths along Gulf Drive and San-Cap Road as well as the new bridge on Lindgren Boulevard.

Gates Castle informed us that an additional bicycle path, adjacent to the Sanibel River, running from the Sanibel Steak House to Casa Ybel, is scheduled for construction in 2001. We consider this a major step in alleviating hazards along Periwinkle Way, as well as providing a scenic path.

The members of the bicycle club suggest the additional bicycle path improvements as follows in the order of priority:

1.) Widen the bicycle path on San-Cap Road from Rabbit Road to Tarpon Bay Road to eight feet.

2.) Continue to relocate existing bicycle path along Periwinkle Way from roadway. In the interim, use uniform paint striping to better delineate tile separation of the road from the bicycle path.

3.) Stanchions should be added to further separate the path paralleling the strip immediately west of Casa Ybel. (Cars traveling East encroach on the path prior to turning south).

4.) Add a bicycle path on the north side of Periwinkle Way from Dunlop Road west. We suggest that, as an interim step, a paved path be constructed on the north side of Periwinkle Way between Dunlop Road and the driveway into the Pirate Playhouse. This would provide access to the crosswalk at the Community Center.

5.) Pave bicycle path between the Chamber of Commerce and Bailey Road.

6.) Widen the Rabbit Road bicycle path. The condition of the path is deteriorating and this would be a good time to improve it.

For your long-range planning, we suggest that you consider new bicycle paths between:

1.) Bay Road and Royal Poinciana Drive

2.) Bunting Lane and City Hall land.

Our club recently cooperated with the Lions Club in the financing of a gazebo on San-Cap Road. We would like the city to consider granting permission for the erection of a gazebo on vacant land on Periwinkle Way between Huxter's and She Sells Seashells. This land is owned by Periwinkle Park. The owner is agreeable to giving appropriate rights to the city for the use of the land.

Motorized bicycles, particularly battery-powered, are being sold at Sam's Club, among other locations. We do not believe motorized vehicles have any place on Sanibel's bicycle paths. We recommend strongly that the only exception to walkers and bicyclists be limited to motorized wheel chairs. The legal appearance of motorized wheel chairs is the large, big wheel type with the battery packs on the back and the

scooter types that are either rear-wheel driven or front-wheel driven. A motorized bicycle does not fall into either of these categories.

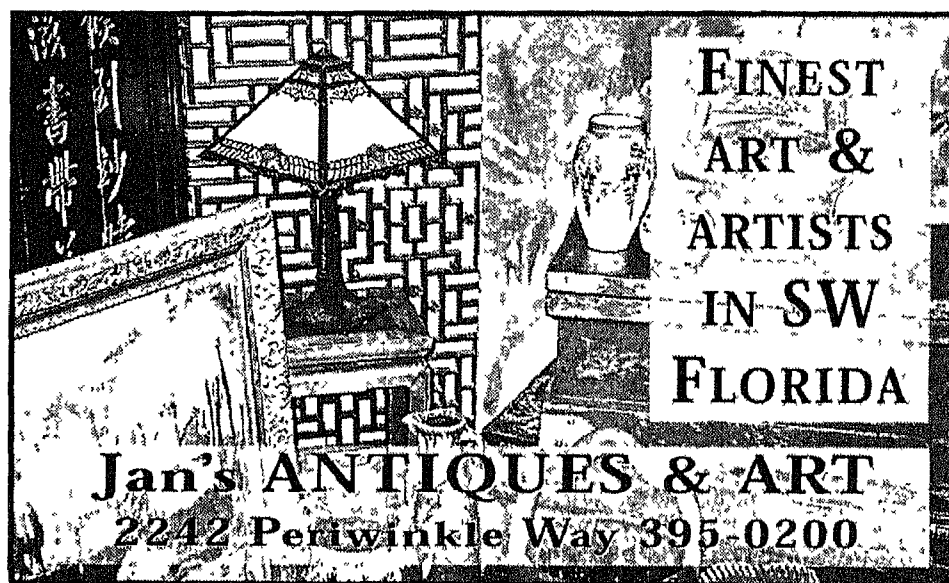
The Sanibel Bicycle Club joins me in sending our best regards.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth La Gorce Kramer,
President ☆

Free Tax Help

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is sponsoring free tax help for all taxpayers with middle to low income with special attention to those 60 and older. Tax aid will be available on Wednesdays, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Sanibel Civic Center, 2301 Library Way through April 12.

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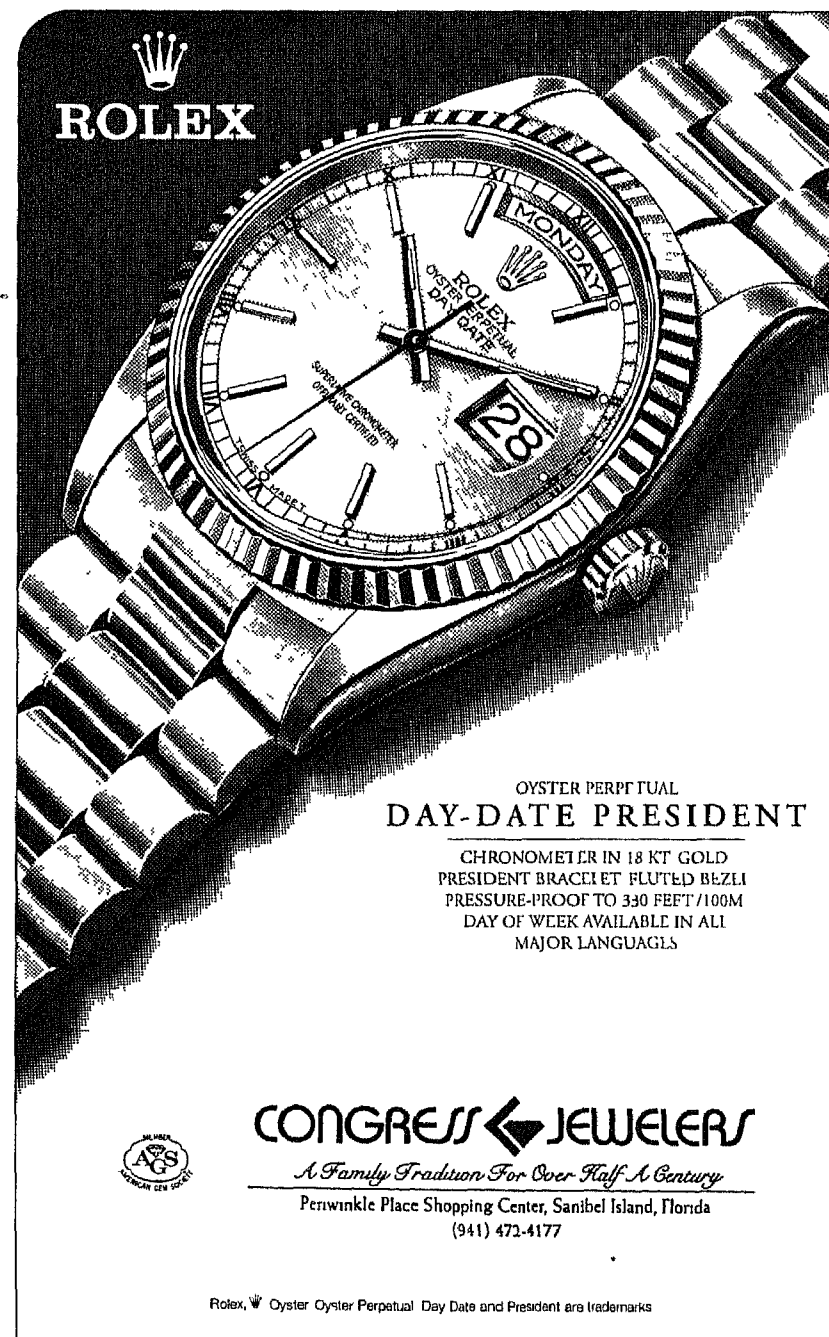
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Southwest Florida's Voice In Washington

by U.S. Congressman Porter J. Goss, 14th District, Florida

This week Congress stood up for our mom and pop shops and passed the bipartisan Small Business Liability Reform Act, which I strongly supported. According to a survey of 1,200 small business owners, conducted by the National Federation of Independent Businesses, one in three have been sued and more than half have been threatened with a lawsuit in the past five years. The estimated cost for a business owner's defense in the average lawsuit is \$100,000 - that is enough to close a small business's doors for good and put all its employees out of a job.

The Small Business Liability Reform Act defines a small business as one employing less than 25 people. It protects these folks from frivolous lawsuits by limiting the punitive damage awards against small businesses to \$250,000. This will make it harder for trial lawyers to put small businesses out of business.

Small businesses make-up the backbone of Southwest Florida's economy. Our mom and pop shop owners employ a large percentage of our working families and are active members of our communities. This plan will give them the protection they need and deserve.

On Wednesday, my Intelligence Committee held its first public hearing

of 2000. Following Florida's common sense approach to government in the sunshine, one of my goals is to make more of what we do public knowledge. The hearing focused on the state of counterintelligence at our national weapons labs. Last spring the Cox Committee, on which I served, released its bipartisan report on alleged Chinese nuclear espionage at the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab. These deeply disturbing findings served as a catalyst for tighter security at our labs.

In this case, counterintelligence represents the policies, mechanisms and other measures to prevent penetrations by other governments or rogue nations seeking to acquire our secrets. There is simply too much at stake in the realm of national security to be anything but proactive. The weapons labs are our crown jewels - they represent some of our most important and most secret technology. These labs provide a strong offense, but they don't do defense.

As part of the Intelligence Committee's oversight duties we hired a renowned "spy" Paul Redmond (most known for catching the notorious CIA spies Aldrich Ames and James Nicholson) to conduct a thorough study of the new security measures at the labs. On Wednesday, Mr. Redmond

Global Warming



Andrew Reding, City Councilor, displays sign about global warming on steps of City Hall

shared with us some of his findings.

He painted a picture of continuing problems plaguing counterintelligence efforts at the labs. This is consistent with what seems to be a culture of disdain toward security in the Clinton-Gore administration. We have seen this time and again, dating back to the lack of White House background checks and Filegate, to the most recent case of a Russian spy placing a bag at the State Department. Other nations want our secrets and they are going to continue to aggressively try to steal them. We cannot allow our security to be sacrificed any further.

Mr. Redmond concluded that we will know that our security efforts are working when we start catching those conducting espionage at our labs. I would have to agree.*

Shots For Tots

The Lee County Health Department will offer free immunizations for infants and children - birth to 18 years of age.

On Sanibel the sessions are held at the Island Civic Center, 2401 Library Way on the third Thursday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Last year, with the help of readers like you, several congested locations were identified. Low cost improvements have already been completed to alleviate some of those problems. Others may be implemented within the next few years. Some of the improvements already completed include changing the traffic signal system on Bayshore Road at New Post Road, creating a four-way stop at Central Avenue and Hanson Street, and upgrading the traffic signal on Martin Luther King Boulevard at Ortiz Avenue.

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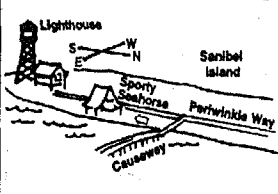
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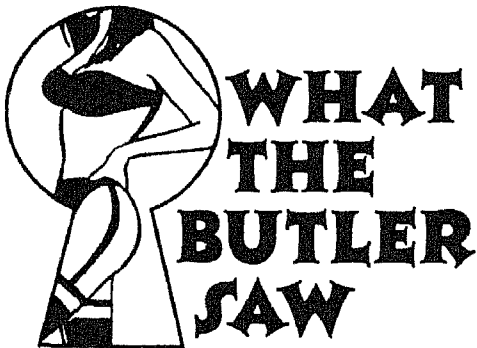
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Nasty and Nastier



by Craig Wolf, Senior News Anchor



If Decision 2000 comes down to an Al Gore-George W. Bush contest, that would be my title for the campaign video (no special order Gore as Nasty or Gore as Nastier. Same for W.)

As these 2 consummate politicians, scions of famous political families, grab hold of significant leads in their respective races, one can only imagine how dirty the presidential campaign would be. Both of these candidates are, according to reliable sources, men who are intensely driven to capture the Oval Office. And both appear to be poised to employ their political and media consultants to go on the attack.

It worked for Bush in South Carolina. Ahead just slightly in the polls, he aggressively pounded rival John McCain in a media blitz. McCain fought back with some negative of his own, but the damage was done. Bush wins a resounding victory in South Carolina.

Al Gore hires a staff of operatives referred in the newweeklies as win-at-all-or-any-cost political snipers, content to do the dirty work that needs to be

done to get their man elected president. In no time, his slight lead over now-battered opponent Bill Bradley has become practically insurmountable. As you may have seen on Monday night's Democratic debate in Harlem, Bradley threw some missiles of his own at Gore, but most observers say it was too little, too late.

Gore learned the art of the negative as a teenager, living with his senator-father in a fancy hotel on embassy row. He was privy to the mean-spiritedness and rancor that had already seeped its way into the political process. It got in his blood at an early age.

Bush came up in a family whose competitive zeal was reportedly matched only by another famous American political family—the Kennedys. While some say he was a more detached politician's son, one can assume he soaked up much of the pounding his father took during the 1992 campaign, when what looked like certain victory ended in defeat at the hands of the Clinton political machine.

What a shame that this is now what defines a political campaign. Not issues, not character, not integrity. But attacks. And what a larger shame that the mainstream media eats the negativism up like piranhas on a freshly found carcass.

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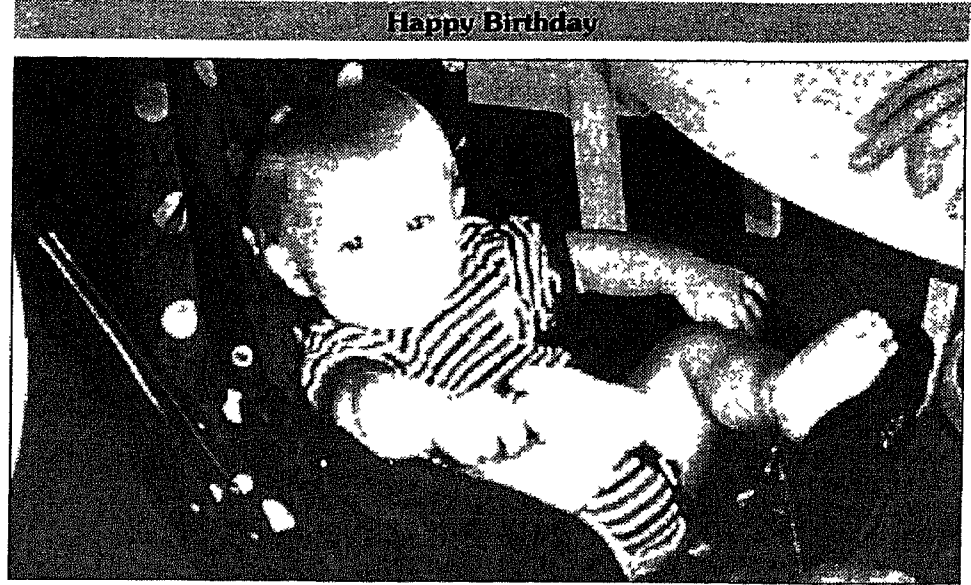
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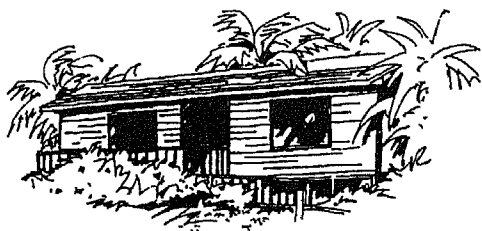
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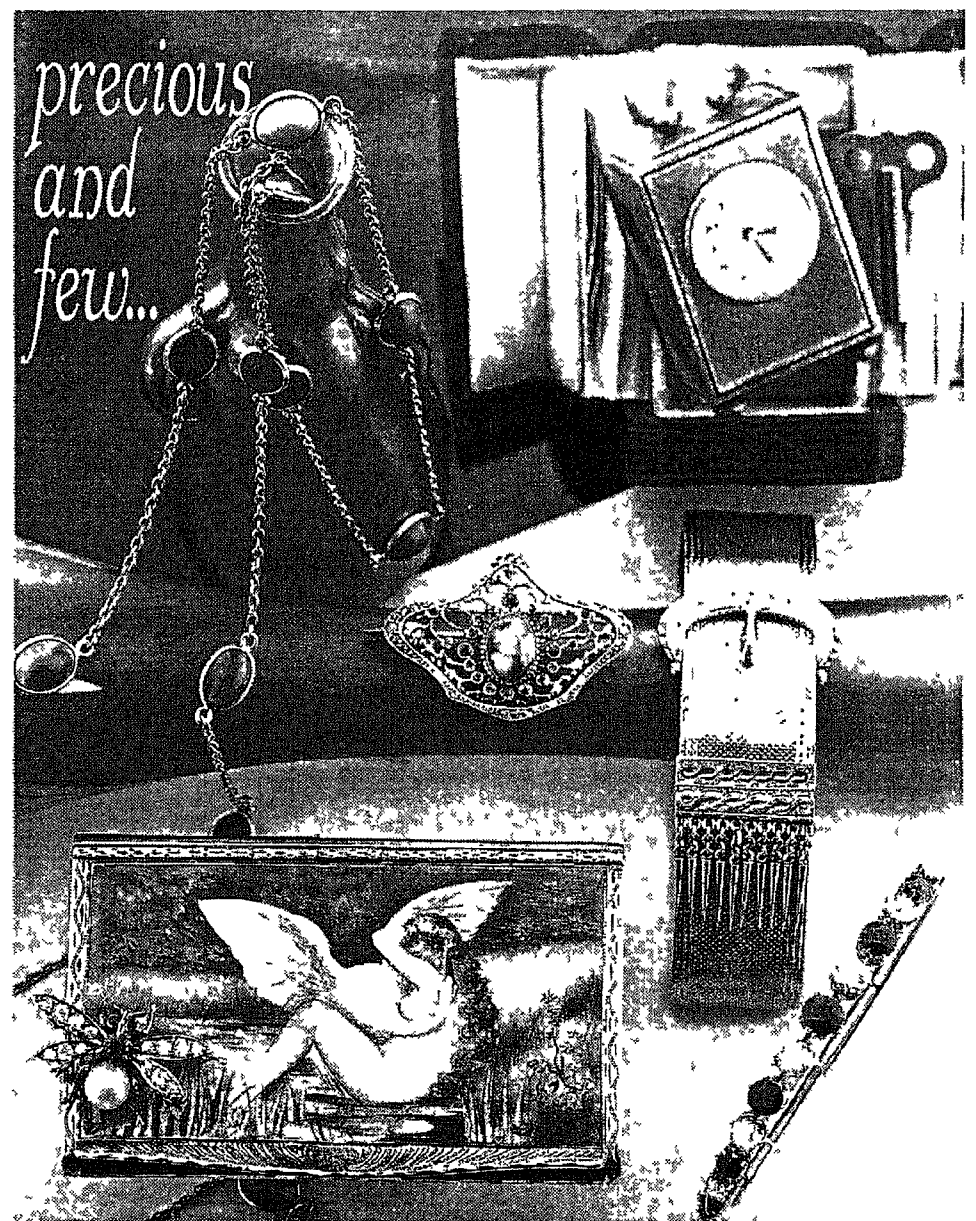
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Noah's Ark Lights The Way

by Brian Johnson

If you want to talk job satisfaction, take a peek into Noah's Ark. The ladies who volunteer there couldn't be more pleased with their circumstances. They see their friends, help the customers and go home knowing they've done something for the poor.

"I like working with the girls," said Kay Richardson, who served as chairman this past Monday morning. "We never really lose one. They keep wanting to come back."

Noah's Ark, a thrift store located behind St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church at 2304 Periwinkle Way, has been running on Sanibel for 35 years. The store receives donations - furniture, clothing, jewelry, kitchenware, among other items - and sells them to the public. The proceeds go to a variety of charities.

"All the money goes to outreach, except what we use for operating expenses," said Richardson. "Everything donated is used. If we can't sell it, it goes to one of the churches in the area."

The store is part of the complex of administrative offices at St. Michael's and is the primary way the church relieves the needs of the impoverished. In the year 2000 Noah's Ark will contribute to more than 30 different charities, some as close as FISH of Sanibel and Hope Hospice and others as far



Noah's Ark volunteers Fran Allison, Lee Ferguson and Mary Holly

away as the South American Missionary Society and the Honduras Our Little Roses Building Fund.

The store is open five days a week in season (running from the middle of October to the end of April) from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.. Out of season it is open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Anne Hall, a volunteer who is the chairman on Thursdays, said Noah's Ark has been so successful for so long because of the continuing support of the local community. "The people on Sanibel and Captiva have been very generous," she said.

"I still enjoy working there," said Mary Holly, one of the bright lights of Noah's Ark for many years. "It's a real experience. It's crowded - people keep coming. And you wouldn't believe the prices - there are wonderful bargains...We have a real good time. We

get coffee and cookies. It's a fun bunch of gals to work with, and they know their job real well."

There are about fifteen different volunteers at Noah's Ark each day. During season there are about 70 volunteers in total. Those are "Ding" Darling-like numbers! Some of the ladies work at the cash register while others circulate around the racks of clothing, answering questions.

"I love it," said Hall. "Everyone enjoys it here I think. I'm a widow and it's nice to have community and fellowship."

Richardson said the constant influx of new donations is one reason why the job stays fresh for the volunteers. They always get a kick at going through a new set of dresses or perhaps an antique set of tea cups. "It's



Volunteer Anne Hall at clothing rack

the element of surprise," said Richardson. "We open the door in the morning and it's sort of like Christmas."

Noah's Ark has grown with St. Michael's and the island. The store began as a modest concern out of the choir office. About seven years ago they moved into a building of their own. Last year they just about doubled in size, adding a new area for furniture pieces. Large appliances are about the only traditional thrift store items they don't sell.

The volunteers are friendly and charming and make shopping at Noah's Ark a pleasant experience. They wear aprons with pictures of animals.

Mary Lou Norris serves as chairman on Tuesday, Nancy Vernay on Wednesday and Milena Eskew on Friday. Jetta Currise and Ann Hall team to run the general operations.

"We do our best," said Hall, "and we're grateful for the contributions and customers." ☆

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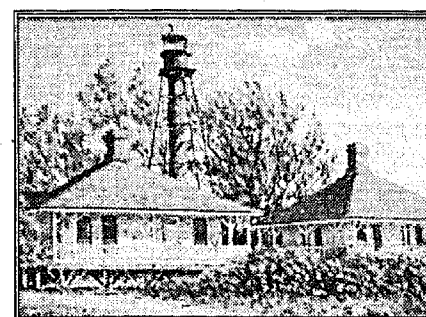
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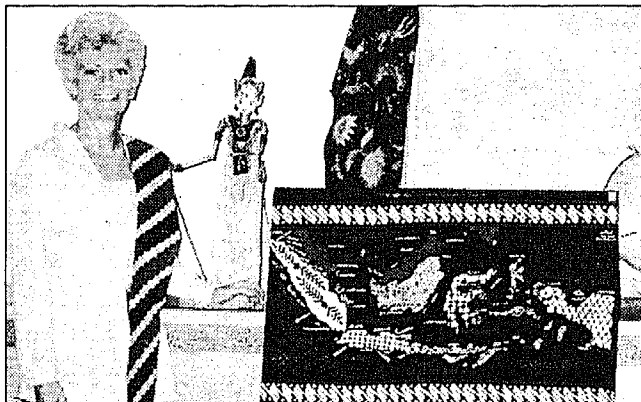
Indonesian Flavor At World Day Of Prayer Celebration

There will be a strong Indonesian flavor to the World Day of Prayer celebration at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ at 10 a.m. on Friday March 3.

The service was written by an ecumenical group of Indonesian Christian women. There will be a processional of women dressed in Indonesian attire. Indonesian music will be played on an Indonesian instrument, the angklung. Many Indonesian artifacts will be displayed at a fellowship hour to follow.

The principal speaker, Glenna Irwin, lived in Indonesia for several years. A teacher, a musician and a fund-raiser, she worked as a volunteer with many Indonesian organizations, including a leper colony. She will share insights on her life there and the problems currently facing that country.

Five Sanibel and Captiva churches are joining to celebrate the day. World Day of Prayer is sponsored annually on the first Friday of Lent by Church



Preparing for the March 3 World Day of Prayer service to be held at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ are the Presidents of the Women's Work of the five churches on Sanibel and Captiva. From left to right: Joan Heftye, St. Isabel Catholic Church; Glenna Irwin, speaker for the celebration; Betty Modys, St. Michael and All Angels; Elizabeth Finch, Congregational United Church of Christ; Jan Anderson, Sanibel Community Church. Katharine Kokomoor, Chapel by the Sea, Captiva, (not in photo), is also participating.

Women United, a world-wide interdenominational organization. It unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women and men in more than 170 countries.

The program will open with a dramatic processional of women in Indonesian dress, each carrying a symbol of her burden. Taking part in this will be Tina Hillebrandt, Ann Savage,



Photos by Hal Dunham

Tina Hillebrandt dressed in native costume of Indonesia will lead the Processional at the World Day of Prayer Celebration, March 3 at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. All five churches on Sanibel and Captiva will participate in this program written by an ecumenical group of Indonesian Christian women. Besides native costumes, Indonesian music and art will also be featured. The celebration begins at 10 a.m.

Pat Nietze, Debbie Dearborn, Natalie Turner and Whitney Bayers.

The service will include a theme hymn written for the day and sung by Dot Beard. Many others, including the Sanibel Congregational verse choir, will participate.

Both men and women are invited to attend this special worship and prayer service. There will be no admission fee, but an offering will help support the worldwide work of Church Women United. Child care will be available, plus up front parking and elevators for handi-

capped.

Chairperson for World Day of Prayer on Sanibel is Nina Klautt of Sanibel Congregational. Making up the planning committee are representatives of the five participating churches Joan Heftye, St. Isabel; Betty Modys, St. Michael and All Angels; Elizabeth Finch, Sanibel Congregational; Jan Anderson, Sanibel Community and Katharine Kokomoor, Chapel by the Sea. For more information call Bob Steele at 395-1952.*

Seeking Scholarship Applicants

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is seeking referrals from churches in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties for the Lewis B. Barber Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship funds books and tuition for students pursuing seminary or pre-seminary school to study church, Christian music, or Christian education. The deadline for applications is March 29. For more information or an application, call the Foundation office at 274-5900.

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Correction

In last week's *Island Sun*, the phone number in the article titled "Fossils of Sanibel Helping Families Survive" was incorrect. For more information about the Fossils of Sanibel, please call Ken Boyce at 472-1144.*

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Elder Attorney To Speak

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Osterhout has practiced elder law since 1982 and in 1995 was only one of thirty-nine to be nationally certified by the National Elder Law Foundation.

Members of the Guild are asked to come at 9:30 a.m. for a short business meeting prior to the presentation. This meeting is open to the public. The Alzheimer's Care Givers Group on Sanibel is invited to attend.✱

Christian Women's Club

The Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club cordially invites all women to their "Spring Fashion Parade" luncheon on Thursday, March 9, at the Sundial Beach Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A fashion show will be presented by "Helinda's". Mary Streck will speak on "Spring Gardens". "Blossoms of Melody" will be brought by Jo Sluss.

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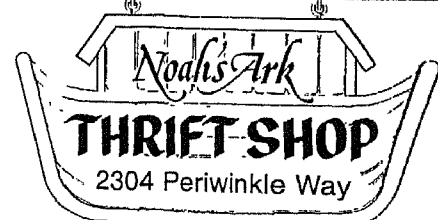


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Sponsored by Sanibel Community Church, the concert is offered free to the public as long as seating is available. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m.

The Blackwood Brothers have won nine Grammy awards, 27 Dove awards cut 167 albums and toured 43 countries. Formed in 1934, the quartet is led by Cecil Stamps Blackwood, who carries on the great family tradition.

The quartet first came to national prominence in 1954 when they won the "Arthur Godfrey Talent Scout Show" on CBS radio.

The connection with Elvis Presley dates back to 1948, when Cecil Blackwood, current manager of the group, attended the same Sunday school as Presley in Memphis. Presley, a fan of gospel music, hung around auditoriums where the Blackwood Brothers sang during the early 1950s when they were the leading quartet in Southern Gospel music. The Blackwoods encouraged Presley's singing and let him in free.

By 1958, when Presley's mother died, his rock 'n roll career was fully launched. Presley and his father Vernon requested the Blackwood Brothers to sing at their mother's funeral. Though on tour, the group chartered a plane and returned to sing Presley's favorite songs.

They appeared on shows during the early years of television with Dave Garroway and Tennessee Ernie Ford, later on the "Barbara Mandrell Show," and "Hee Haw." They have made numerous appearances with Billy Graham and on weekly TV evangelist shows.

Though original members of the quartet have been replaced by new faces and younger voices, the quartet still sings the traditional songs they helped make famous. Their "Parade of songs" span their 65-year history, including *How Great Thou Art*, *Old Country Church*, *Just A Little Talk With Jesus*, *I'll Fly Away*, and many more.

Cecil Blackwood is the second baritone in the 65-year history of the quartet. He was voted "best baritone" singer in gospel music numerous times by the *Singing News* Fan Awards.

Now singing tenor in the quartet is Steve Warren, who is known as "The Voice." Perhaps the most talented man in gospel music, he plays piano and most all other instruments. He's a songwriter, arranger, and can sing all four parts. He is the producer and arranger of current Blackwood Brothers recordings. Steve sang with the Masters V, J.D. Sumner and the Stamps, the Wayne Newton shows, and Branson Lights.

Chris Blackwood is Cecil's grandson

and a fourth generation Blackwood. Chris sings with the quartet and assists Cecil with the tapes, CD's and other items at the concerts. Chris also helps his grandfather manage their road tours.

Eric Winston is the low bass singer and one of the lowest bass singers in the history of the Blackwood Brothers. Eric is known for recording the lowest note by a gospel quartet singer-double low C.

Rick Price joined the Blackwood Brothers at the age of 19, helping Cecil with the road tours and fill in for the singers, as needed. After a departure from the group, he rejoined at the age of 43 and is now the lead singer and helps with the ministry and the management of the quartet.

Though admission to the concert is free, an offering will be received. The Blackwood Brothers Quartet is a non-profit organization and survives on donations to conduct nearly 300 crusades a year.

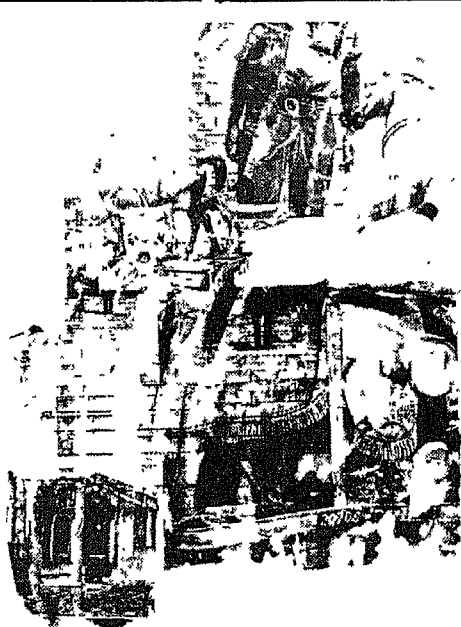
Sanibel Community Church is a multi-denominational church with facilities



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ties located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Shopping Center). For

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This year's topic is "Growing up in Today's World." The application for entry deadline is March 15. Students are to prepare a 4-5 minute speech on the assigned topic. The students will present their speeches to the judges on Saturday, March 18 at 3 p.m. at the BIG ARTS Center. For details contact: The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club attention. Rhonda Henning, 1149 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida 33957, 472-3121 (9 00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday) or

472-0118 during the evening and on weekends.

There are many bright and very talented students on the islands and we hope to make great showing at both the district and national levels. They look forward to, and encourage your participation.*

Harley Night

Sanibel-Captiva Zonta attended Harley Night at La Casita Restaurant, February 16 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Members sold raffle tickets for a 2000 FXST Softail Standard Harley in support of their annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$50 each with sales limited to 1000. The drawing will be in March and the winner need not be present to win. LaCasita owner, Victor Mayeron graciously offered his restaurant as the site for Wednesday's sale. All proceeds from the raffle go to benefit organizations dedicated to the quality of life for women and children. Distributions in 1999 include. S.W. Autistic Society,

Adventure Sail, Phoenix Center, Children's Education Center of the Islands, Children's Science Center, Partners for Good Deals on Wheels, Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc., Lee County High Tech Centers North, and CHR. Tickets are available from all Zonta members. Call Janine Boardman at 472-6363.*

Organist In Concert

On Friday evening, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary, the Covenant Concert Series is proud to present Richard Morris in concert. Mr. Morris is one of a very small number of organists to have appeared as a soloist in New York City's Carnegie Hall, Town Hall and Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. He has also appeared three times on NBC's Today Show, and on four occasions has performed at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, including the special Concert Series celebrating the Inauguration of former President Carter.

Mr. Morris will be performing on the Covenant Presbyterian Rodgers digital four-manual organ. This custom instrument boasts 105 speaking stops, equivalent to 138 ranks of pipes, assuring the capability of performing all traditional and contemporary organ literature.

The concert is free and open to the public. Covenant Presbyterian Church is located at 2439 McGregor Blvd., one block south of the Edison-Ford Estates. For more information please call the music department at 334-8937.*

Wisconsin Club To Meet

The monthly meeting of the Wisconsin club will be held at Powell's, 1306 Cape Coral Parkway, Cape Coral on Tuesday, March 7, starting at 5:30 p.m. - corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served followed by dancing. Reservations required and will close on Friday, March 3. The Club is open to former Wisconsin residents living in the area and guests. Call 542-7269 or 574-8665 for reservations and further information.*

Engineers Society To Meet

The monthly breakfast meeting and program of the Cape Coral Engineers Society will be held Monday, March 13 at 7:30 a.m. at Shoney's Restaurant, 13300 Cleveland Avenue, North Fort Myers. All present and retired engineers are invited to attend. For further information call 574-8665.*

Newcomers And Oldtimers Luncheon

Judy Andrews Friedman and Carolyn Schooley of the Hirdie Girdie Art Gallery will discuss their personal paths to art in a show and tell presentation and encourage others that it is never too late to explore their own talents.

The Newcomers luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at Sundial Terrace Room, starting at 11:30 a.m. Price is \$12.

The menu will include Gulfstream Cooler, Chefs Salad, Grouper Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, and Quiche of the Day, coffee, tea or soda.

Everyone is welcome; visitors, Island residents, and guests.

Call Bettie Cattell at 472-9332 for reservations and choice of menu.*

National Columnist To Speak

John Rosemond, family psychologist, national columnist, and director of The Center for Affirmative Parenting, will speak at Canterbury School on Thursday, March 16 from 1 to 8:30 p.m. Rosemond's topic will be Assuming the Power of Parenthood. The lecture is free and is open to the public and all interested parents. Reservations must be made prior to March 10 by calling Canterbury School, 433-8528. This lecture is sponsored by Brown Brothers Harriman & Company and the Steven B. and Julie K. Smith Family Foundation.

Rosemond will talk about how today's parents are experiencing more childrearing difficulties, especially in the area of discipline, than "Grandma" ever thought possible. According to Rosemond, the source of these difficulties is the advice parents have been getting from psychologists and other mental health professionals for more than 30 years. He feels "psychological" parenting has caused parents to obsess about the most basic of childrearing matters resulting in an epidemic of under-disciplined children. Resolving this crisis and getting families back on the right track requires parents to understand and re-embrace "Grandma's" child-rearing philosophy and even, with some fine tuning, her methods. The key involves revolutionary changes that must occur in the parent-child relationship - changes that transform parents from caretakers into authority figures.*

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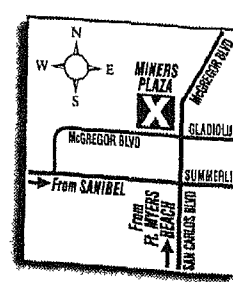
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Dedication Recital

Cathy Blanchard, a widely known and highly respected concert organist, will perform in recital at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Sunday, February 27 at 3 p.m. The Public is invited and there will be no charge.

The occasion will be the dedication of the church's new Rodgers Model 960 electronic organ.

Margaret Slingerland, who chairs the church's music committee, said, "Cathy will offer an exciting and varied program designed to best display the capabilities of our wonderful new organ."

Ms. Blanchard, who has been playing the organ since age 5, at one time traveled the United States giving concerts for the American Theater Organ Society. In 1984 she was the United States finalist in the prestigious Yamaha Electone Festival keyboard competition.

For the past eighteen years she has been regional manager for the Rodgers Instrument Corporation for the Gulfcoast of Florida. She is with Central Music, Inc. in Clearwater.

Ms. Slingerland said the organ will be dedicated to the memory of "two loyal members of the church's organ search committee, Bob Byers and Paul Cornelius." Both died during the past year. ✱

Bailey-Matthew's Shell Museum

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Annual Junque And Treasure Sale

The women of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will sponsor their annual Junque and Treasure sale at the Church on Saturday, March 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited. All proceeds will go to benevolence programs.

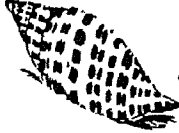
The sale is an activity of SCWIM, Sanibel Congregational Women In Mission. It will offer at bargain prices a

variety of quality items, including antiques, clothing, jewelry, toys, furniture, tools, books, magazines, lamps, draperies, linens, luggage, cameras, craft items, baskets, kitchen items, pictures, bicycles, TV sets, exercise equipment and small electrical appliances.

SCWIM will welcome the donation of quality items through Tuesday, February 29. However, they cannot accept mattresses, sofa beds, shoes, purses, oversized valances or blinds, building materials, large appliances or small appliances in need of repair. Chairperson Marion Britz said pickup for large items can be arranged by calling the Church office at 472-0497 ✱

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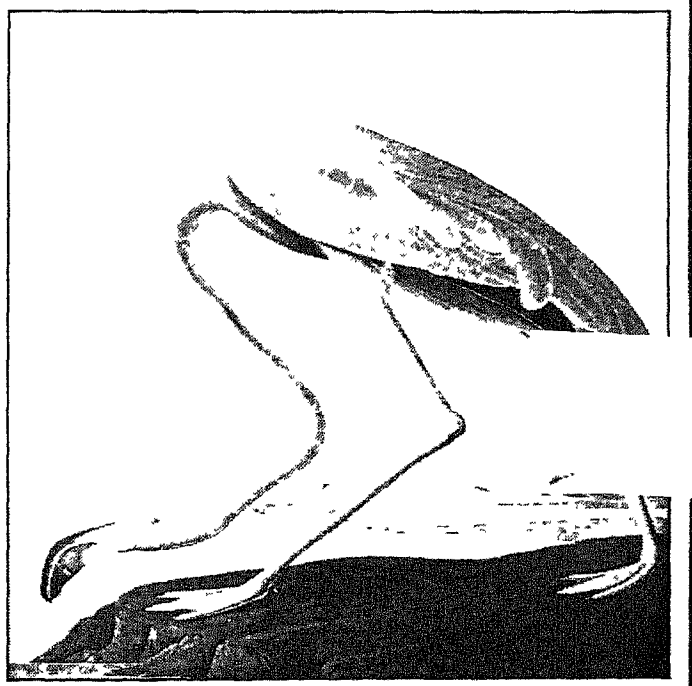
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Audubon Exhibit At Shirley Allen

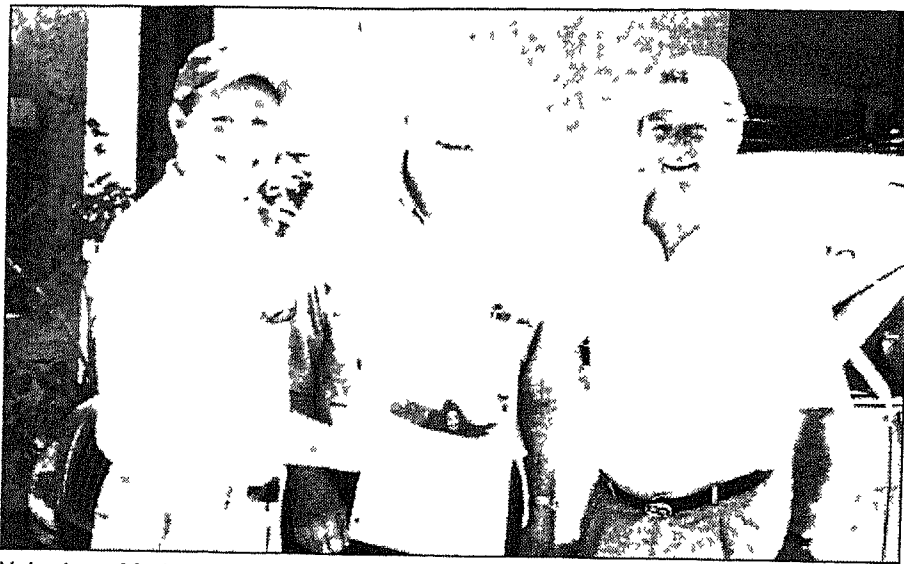
Shirley Allen is hosting an art exhibit featuring the work of noted artist John James Audubon (1785-1851). Approximately 500 prints and one complete set from The Birds of America: Amsterdam Edition 1971-72 will be on display. 225 sets were printed, each containing 435 different images measuring 26" x 39". As Audubon's work continues to grow in popularity, prints are becoming more scarce. This is going to be one of the most exciting collections of prints to hit the area in a long time. The exhibit will also feature a rare collection of prints produced by Andy Warhol during his pre-Factory period back in 1954. Titled "Twenty-five Cats Named Sam and One Blue Pussy" the whimsical series was done on Scott paper towels and hand-colored by Warhol's friends. Also on display will be works by Paul Jacoulet,



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Members and volunteers of The Sanibel School Fund and the 2000 Car Raffle Committee have been busy selling tickets for a chance to win a beautiful new Lexus RS 300 or \$25,000 in cash.

This week they caught Francis Bailey outside of Bailey's General Store. Francis is one of over 350 people who have purchased raffle tickets so far. Tickets are \$100 and are available at Bank of the Islands or by calling 472-8825. The date of the drawing will be April 14. Funds from the raffle will be used toward a new teaching position at The Sanibel School.

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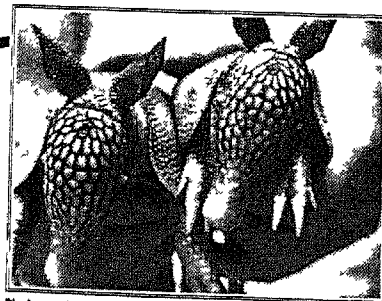
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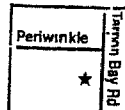
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Meeting Of AARP

The March meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of AARP will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10 in the large meeting room of the Island Senior Center on Library Way. The August speaker will be Kurt Harclerode of the South Florida Water Management District who will talk about the Everglades. He will cover the history of the Everglades, how it got into its present condition, and what is being proposed to do about it. Exciting proposals for restoration are coming closer to reality than anytime in the past. Both political parties are supporting it and Governor Bush is leading the charge. This is a \$7.8-billion, 25-year project warranting our interest and possible action.

The next defensive driving class of 55 Alive/Mature Driving to be sponsored by the local Chapter of AARP will be on Tuesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Island Senior Center. Reservations are required as well as a fee of \$10 for supplies. Call Jane Klasing at the Senior Center, 472-5743 as soon as possible for a reservation. You do not have to be a member of AARP to take the class.

The AARP Tax Aide program is now underway at the Senior Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. each week. Reservations are not necessary but you must bring all your tax records with you in order for the Aides to help you in tax preparation. Last year, nationwide, this program completed over 1.6 million forms in 10,000 locations with 30,000 volun-

teers. There is no charge for their help! If you have any questions call Bob Lloyd at 395-3771.

Destroyer Escort Sailors Meeting

When was the last time you heard words like Bosn'mate, Chow Line, Mid Rad, Duty Rooster, Deck Ape, Snipes, Smokin' Lamp - just to name a few? Does that bring back some memories?

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association (DESA) meets for lunch (11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) on the third Thursday of every month (October through June) at the Sabal Springs Golf & Racquet Clubhouse, North Fort Myers on Route 41 (one mile north of the Shell Factory). Reservations required.

Meet new and old shipmates every month, listen to a great guest speaker, have a great lunch and have a chance to swap some sea stories.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the "Cape Coral Caring Center", our DESA Charity.

For more information contact Werner Grabner at 458-8471.

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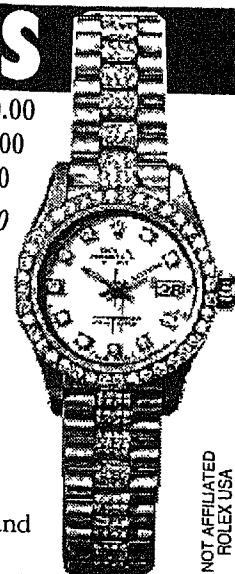
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Sunset Sail-Away At Shell Museum

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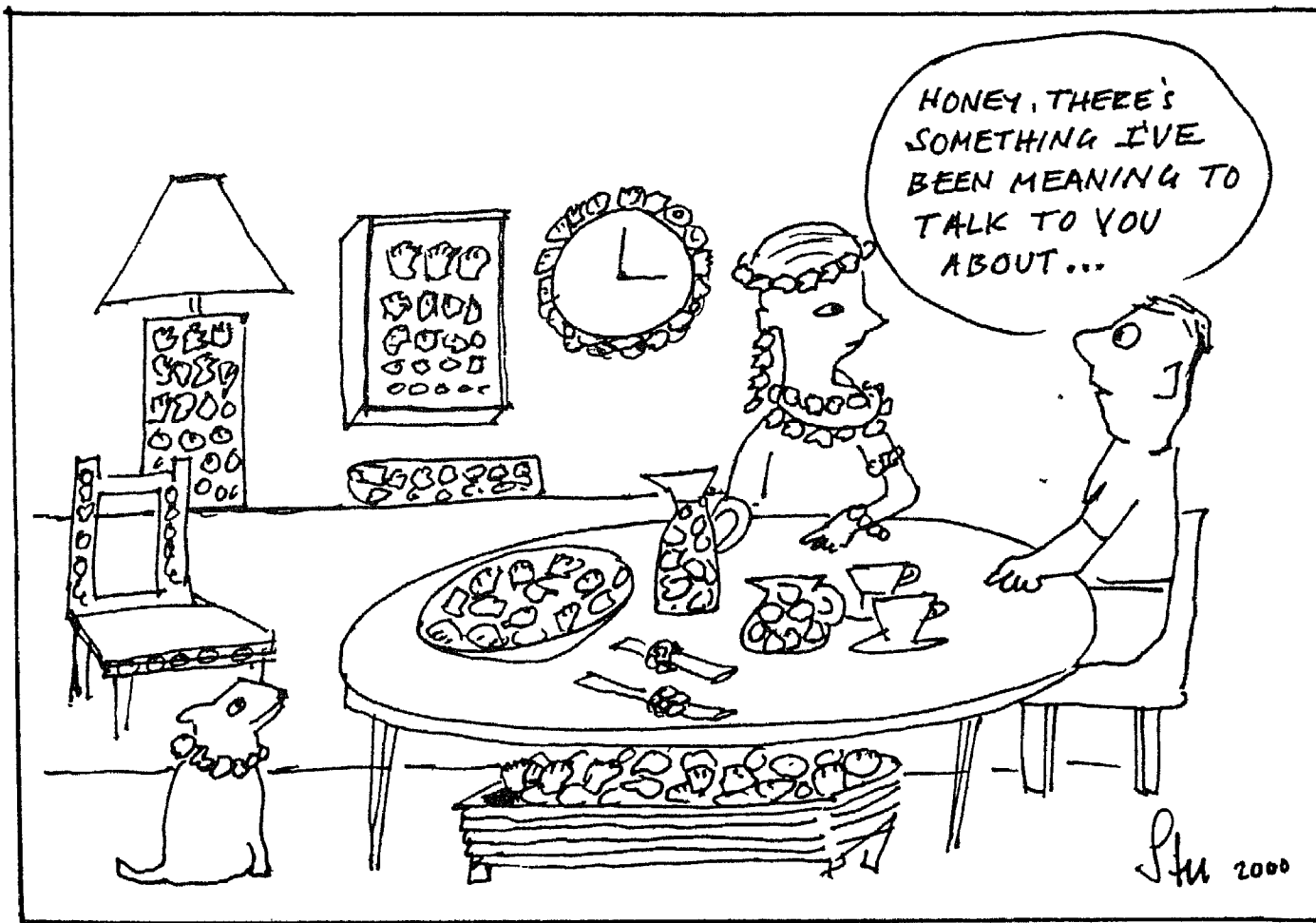
Their "Sink the Mortgage Sunset Sail-Away" is scheduled aboard the Sanibel Harbour Resort's cruise ship, the *Sanibel Harbour Princess*, Sunday, April 16 leaving at 6:30 p.m. and returning at 9:00 p.m. During the cruise they will symbolically throw the note overboard. Once the paper has been disposed of it will be time to celebrate the efforts of many people with gourmet food, wine, and lots of pleasant company. Musical entertainment will be provided by Danny Morgan, so leave your cares along with the mortgage - far, far away.

For those of you who attended last year's "Sunset Sail-Away," you can certainly attest to the joy of watching the sunset from Pine Island Sound knowing you were also helping to sponsor programs for The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. The opportunity is here again. Enjoy a dinner cruise and support educational programs, exhibits, and the research library.

A sunset cruise with wonderful food, great wine, good music, and friends interested in the continuation of the Museum is yours for \$125 per person. Seating is limited to the first 100

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CROW Case Of The Week: Ring-Billed Gull

by Brian Johnson

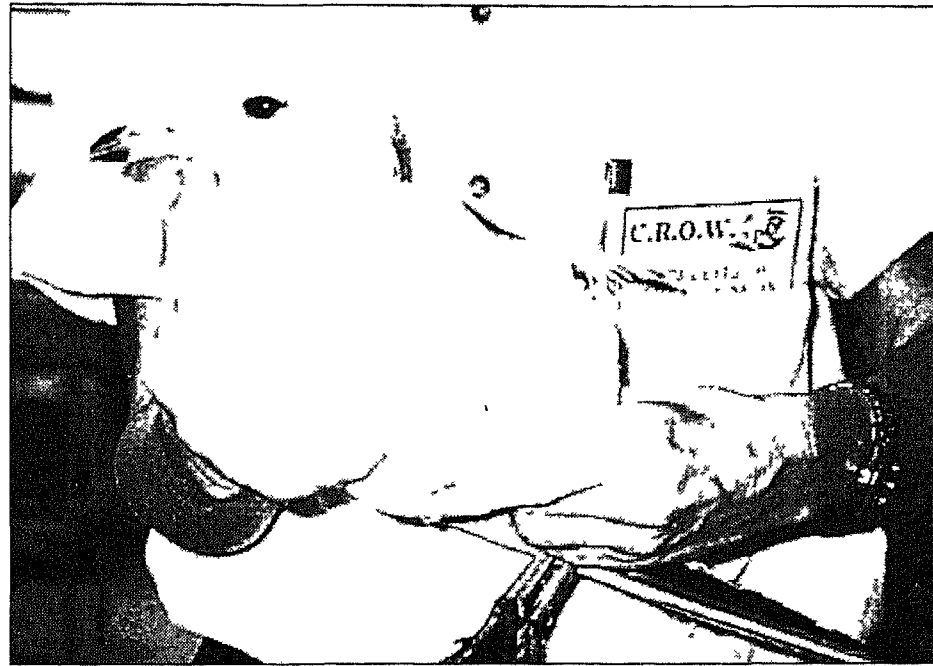
This week's case began in a neighborhood in northwest Cape Coral on Sunday, February 13. Gail Molloy, a Fort Myers resident, was driving in her car when she saw three young boys shoot a bird. She stopped her car and got out. She noticed the injured bird struggling and told the boys to help her get him.

One of the boys went home to find a box. At this point the boy's mother returned home and became angry when she learned what had happened. Molloy and the three boys captured the ring-billed gull and Molloy brought him to CROW for treatment.

An x-ray revealed a fractured ulna. "The BB lodged in the wing," said veterinarian PJ Deitschel. "It's sitting smack in the middle of the bone."

Deitschel opted not to remove the BB. She is hoping that the juvenile gull will heal itself. However, if he does not convalesce at an appropriate rate, she will consider operating. As a rule, Deitschel defers invasive procedures if at all possible.

The shooting angered Deitschel. "This is not the first incident," she said. "I had to euthanize two vultures yesterday that had been shot. Their shoulders were obliterated. There was nothing I



Ring-Billed Gull

could do about it."

Deitschel informed Carol Pratt, an officer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at "Ding" Darling, about the matter. The ring-billed gull is protected by federal law.

Right now CROW is giving the bird antibiotics, painkillers and other supportive care. He is in a cage on CROW grounds.

Some people mistakenly believe that animals do not experience pain. This is one reason why human beings shoot animals; they don't think they're doing much harm. Deitschel hopes there will

If he continues to make progress Deitschel will put him in the shorebird cage with the terns and other gulls. It may take two to three weeks for the gull to start flying again. ✱

Shell Islands Garden Club Schedule

March 14

Lore & Legends of Plants, Lori Shula, Brown Bag Lunch Place. Mary Welsh 9650 Sanibel Boulevard 395-1124.

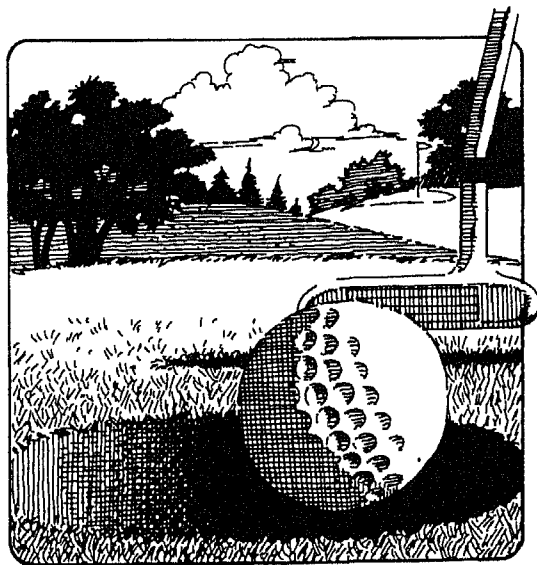
Hostesses: HelenAnn Browning and Jean Klein.

April 11

House & Orchid Tour. Place: Dr. Faye Granberry's Tea. Hostesses: Bettie Cattell, Jeanne Fuchs and Pat Neitzke.

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Sand Dollar

by Brian Johnson

Jose Leal is usually a man of hope and glad tidings but this past week the Director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum had some bad news to deliver the Sand Dollar is not really a shell. Technically speaking the Sand Dollar ought not to appear in any shell collection. The sad fact is that the Sand Dollar is not a marine mollusk.

But to discriminate against the Sand Dollar just because it happens to be an echinoderm is downright un-American. The Sand Dollar looks a lot like other shells and collections all over the world feature these delicate white creatures.

Sand Dollars can be found right here on Sanibel. In the summer and fall seasons swimmers often stumble across live Sand Dollars on the Gulf floor. Live Sand Dollars are green and emit a yellow dye - which is harmless - when picked up. The spines on the live Sand Dollar make it look and feel furry.

These tiny bristles propel them,' said Leal.

It is prohibited to take live Sand Dollars on Sanibel. Some people take them out of the water, not realizing they are still alive. The yellow dye is a clear sign however, that the animal is still alive.

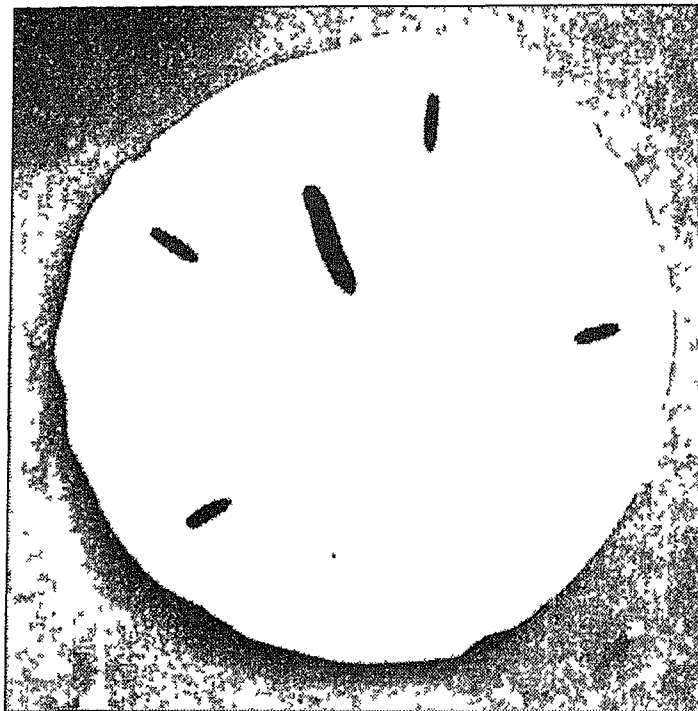
However residents and tourists may take the Sand Dollars that are no longer living. They are white and brittle and are easily broken. The white shell of the Sand Dollar (called a test) is

famous for its pretty flower pattern.

If you look closely at a Sand Dollar, you will see five tiny holes at the center inside the flower pattern called gonapophyses. The Sand Dollars shoot eggs or sperm into the water through these holes. They are also used for breathing.

The Sand Dollar is peculiar in that it has five oval slots in its shell. These are called lunules. They help the Sand Dollar burrow in the sand and to move food toward its mouth.

The Sand Dollar is sometimes referred to as the Holy Ghost Shell because it appears to match key Christian symbols. The flower has been compared to the Easter Lily. The five tiny holes inside the flower have been compared to the five points on the star of Bethlehem. The five oval slots have



Flat Sand Dollar

been compared to the wounds of Christ on the Cross. The bright white shell radiates the purity of the dove of peace.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, located on 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road, is open every day of the week except Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 395-2233.

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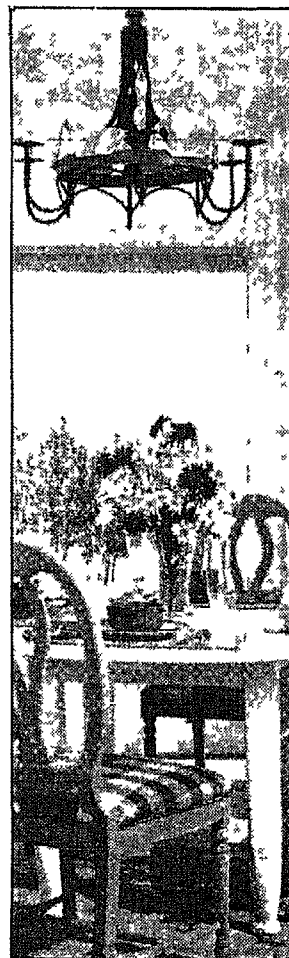
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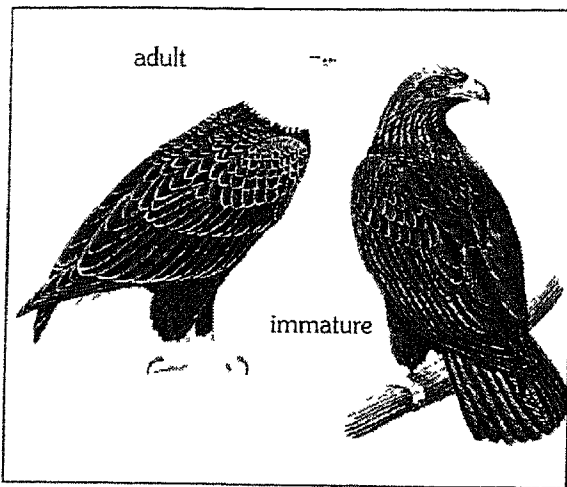
Behaviors As ID Clues

In January, we talked about many of the feeding behaviors of water birds. Discussed were most of the clever tricks groups and individuals of our feathered friends employ to gather their fish, worms, crabs and other morsels. But there are many more subtle behaviors than these, and today we shall talk about a few of them, and how they may help us identify various creatures to species.

Our most primitive bird, the Common Loon, is often confused with an immature Cormorant at a distance, as they both ride low in the water between dives under the surface. They are both dark on top and light below, and both are rather large swimming birds. But they are easily separated by the angle at which they hold their bill. Loons point their beak straight out, parallel to the profile of the body. Cormorants hold their more slender head and bill slightly up, distinguishing them easily.

Telling Ospreys and Bald Eagles at a great distance in the air can be tricky, too, but behavioral clues make it easier. Ospreys hold their wings crooked, while eagles' wings are straight out and flat. The white belly of the Osprey is certainly a definitive field mark, but it cannot always be seen. This is an example of why we should learn several ways to ID a species, and not rely on one mark.

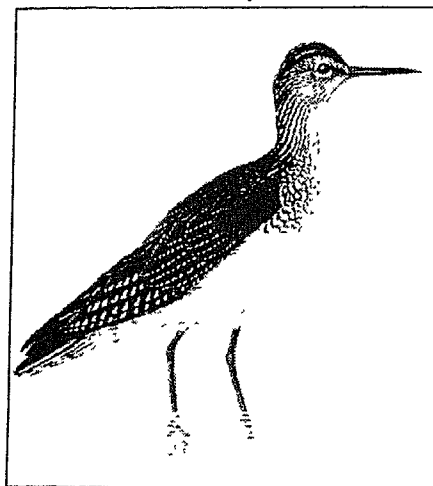
Terns are among our most difficult water birds to distinguish from each



Bald Eagle

other. However, subtle clues do exist, especially with feeding behavior. The Forster's Tern, easily our most abundant in the cool season, feeds along shorelines quite close, usually working into the wind. The mighty Caspian Tern also hunts for its quarry (larger fish) inshore, looking like a Ring-billed Gull with a red bill. Royal and Sandwich Terns are seldom seen feeding near shore, however, as they hunt deeper. They are normally seen, therefore, resting on the beach with other shorebirds. Gull-billed Terns are somewhat odd, as they feed over salt marshes, unlike other terns who prefer open water.

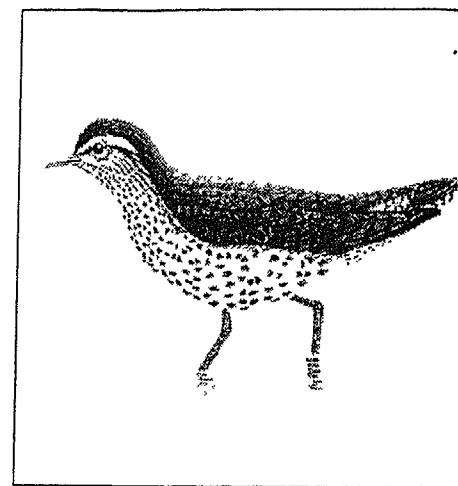
Gulls are not quite the challenge of terns, but it is curious how Ring-billed Gulls venture inland with no inhibitions, while Laughing Gulls prefer the coast the vast majority of the time. The huge Herring Gull also has a peculiarity; they are often seen dropping various live



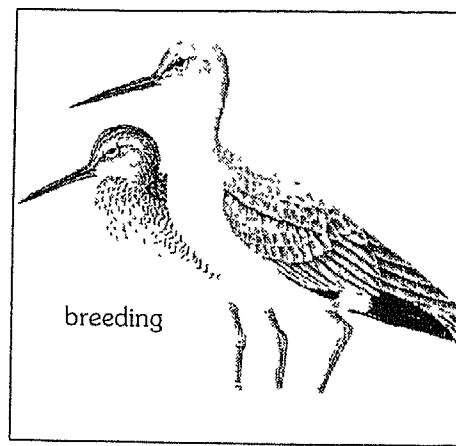
Solitary Sandpiper

marine animals like scallops from the air, trying to open them upon impact. The dainty Bonaparte's Gull is also unique in its habit of hovering just over the water, picking up shrimp in small flocks.

Plovers and sandpipers are distinguished by habit in that the former picks up food off the surface of the sand or mud, while sandpipers probe into the substrate. But many sandpipers have interesting behavioral clues we can watch for. Sanderlings probe like a sewing machine, using their short-for-a-sandpiper black bill. Spotted Sandpipers, seen frequently along Sanibel's shores and bulkheads, can be easily identified by their habit of flying with "stiff" wings, almost like paddles. Willets, one of our large and common sandpipers, are often seen flying slowly above the mangroves screaming their heads off. Least Sandpipers, our smallest water bird, is the species that is seen in ditches and tiny puddles, walking around probing for tiny invertebrates. True to their name, Solitary Sandpipers are usually seen alone, in wet fields or pond edges.



Spotted Sandpiper

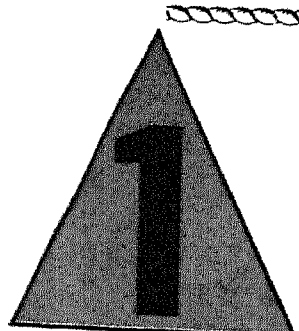


Willet

And any yellow-legs seen running along the shallows scooping plankton or insect larvae is a Lesser, not a Greater Yellow-legs.

Try these behaviors out next time you watch water birds and see if you notice any of these actions. Between behaviors, colors, patterns and call notes, bird identification can be made easy!*

Jim Stevenson is director of the Galveston Bird Club, Galveston, Texas. He can be reached at 409-737-4081.



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Take Stock In Children

Take Stock in Children, a major program of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools has purchased twenty scholarships for the program, and plans to purchase twenty more, for a total of forty this year. Two local organizations provided funding for seven scholarships: The Community Health Association, Inc., has donated \$14,400 to purchase four Take Stock scholarships and WCI Watermark Communities recently funded three scholarships.

The scholarships are purchased through Florida Pre-Paid and matched 100 percent by state funds. The support of local organizations such as The Community Health Association and WCI Watermark Communities has made it possible for the Foundation to fund one hundred and twenty-four Take Stock in Children scholarships since 1995. Take Stock in Children provides college scholarships, mentors and hope to deserving low-income youth. To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, the student must currently be a ninth grader in a Lee County public school and meet family income criteria.

Selected students sign a contract promising to maintain good grades, regular school attendance, and remain drug and crime free. Upon graduating from high school, in return for fulfilling their performance pledge, the students

receive a tuition scholarship: two years to a community college and two years to a Florida college or university. In addition, each student is assigned a volunteer adult mentor, who meets with the child at the school two or three times monthly.

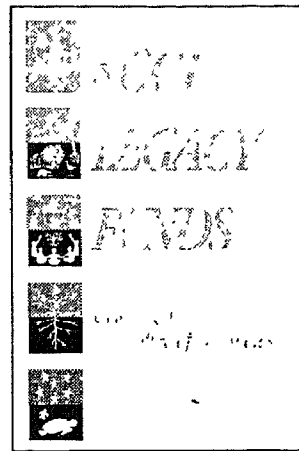
The Foundation's goal is to select forty ninth grade students as Take Stock scholars this year. If you would like more information regarding the Take Stock in Children Scholarship program, call the Foundation at 337-0433.*

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SCCF Legacy Committee Launches Campaign

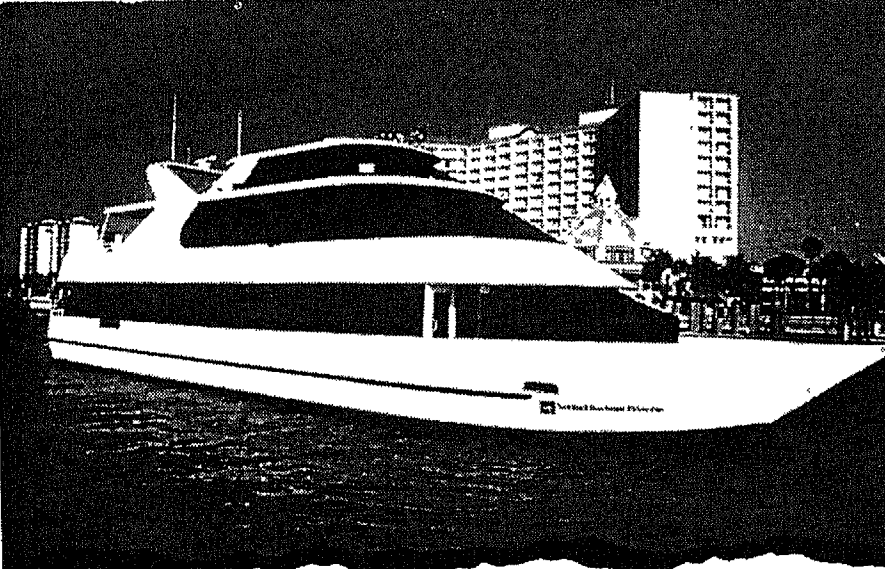
In recognition that February has been proclaimed National "Leave a Legacy" Month, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is stepping up efforts to publicize its endowment campaign, coincidentally known as the Legacy Funds. A wonderful group of people has agreed to serve on the steering committee for the endowments. Legacy Committee members include Dean Skaugstad, Marge Meek, Caroline LeGette, Robin Krivanek, Bill Hillebrandt, Bob Hanger, Bob Wigley, Hal Patinkin, Karen Bell, Bev Ball, John Cannon, Ken Robinson, Bill La Mothe, Woody Cater, Ruth Deuber, Brian Ingerto, Cheryl Giattini and Erick Lindblad.

This month, the committee has been busy sending out hundreds of endowment information packages to SCCF

Life Members, major donors to the Trost land acquisition effort, and other Foundation supporters.

The packages detail the needs and opportunities in each of the five Legacy Funds - Preservation, Habitat Management, Environmental Education, Landscaping for Wildlife, and Sea Turtle Conservation and Research. Gifts to the Legacy Fund have been suggested in a wide range. For example, one can endow a sea turtle nest in perpetuity for \$5,000. The opportunities for giving increase depending on the magnitude of the SCCF work each will endow.

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Rover Training

in this regard. Rovers must also learn some of the subtle differences between shorebirds; this is a challenge because they are so small and look so similar. Bolden said it's even easy to confuse larger birds, such as a turkey vulture and an immature bald eagle.

There's a lot to learn to become a rover, but that doesn't keep new volunteers from signing up. This year nine new rovers are in training: Joanne Heroy, Terry Baldwin, Phil Scheiber, Joan Pinson, Bart Cuderman, Marcia Leslie, Shirley Bohnert, Rich Bailey and Is Gotti.★

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Wildlife Committee Questionnaire

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1. What can be done about fishing lines (monofilament) and hooks that entangle birds?
2. What can be done to stop feeding of fish and their remains to birds?
3. Do you think we have adequate signs at fishing areas? If not, what specific changes would you recommend and where?
4. How can our law enforcement officials help solve these problems? Please be specific.
5. Would you recommend the use of docents at the Sanibel Fishing Pier? If so, would you be willing to volunteer your time?

6. Additional Comments

Please complete and return by March 16, 2000

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Dr. Gopal C. "Indy" Pati
Chairman Marine Subcommittee C/O Wildlife Committee
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Advanced Early Bird Special Refuge Tour led by Bev Postmus. Tuesday 8 a.m. Refuge Birding Tour led by Jim Hooper. Thursday 8:30 a.m.

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Join us for an interpretive plant identification and ancient Calusa culture tour. Meet at the Shell Mound Trail for this 1 1/2 - 2 hour interpretive adventure. Wednesday 11 a.m.

Bailey Tract Plant and Wildlife Tour

Enjoy a walk with naturalists as they identify the flora and fauna of this freshwater Spartina ecosystem. The tour lasts 1 1/2 hours. Meet at the Bailey Tract parking lot. Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Into the Mangrove Forest

Take a one hour stroll down the Indigo Trail with a native plant enthusiast and learn how to identify the tropical vegetation of the refuge. Meet at the flag pole area in front of the Refuge Center for Education. Tuesday 10 a.m.

Wood Carving Workshop

Renowned wood carver Jim Sprinkle will put on an exhibition of his craft for the public on Fridays, starting at 9 a.m., at the new "Ding" Darling Center for Education. They are free of charge. For more information, call the Refuge at 472-1100.

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Birds of the Refuge

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Change Of Watch



District Commander, Al Prendergast and New Commander, Getty Balers

On Monday evening February 14, the Sanibel Captiva Sail and Power Squadron held their Change of Watch ceremony at The Saint Charles Yacht Club in Fort Myers on the Caloosahatchee River. Many members wore power squadron dress uniforms.

Commander Bob Healey introduced District Commander Al Prendergast who praised the Sanibel Captiva Sail and Power Squadron for their long time support of district functions. He also presented an award of excellence in journalism to Bill Craig for the outstanding work on the *Soundings*, the squadrons news bulletin. Prendergast then swore in Betty Boers as the Commander of the Squadron for the upcoming year and presented her ensign. The other officers of the bridge sworn in were: George Irwin Jr., John "Bob" McCormick, Robert Modys, Charlene Timothy, Robert Maxeiner Jr. and Yvonne Neal.

The April 30 cruise and rendezvous itinerary was announced and members were encouraged to confirm their room reservations as soon as possible. The cruise will go to The Marco Island Yacht Club, The Rod and Gun Club in Everglades City and Naples Sail and Yacht Club.*

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Fish Facts

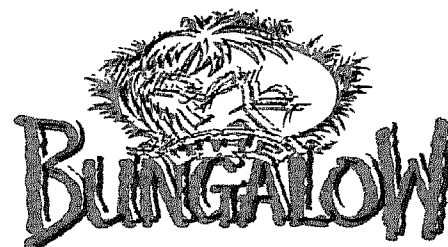
Can fish hear? Fish have no external ears as we are accustomed to seeing in other animals, but most have an excellent sense of hearing. Water can carry sound over three times faster than air and much farther. Fish do not require the structure of an outer ear to translate or conform sound for reception, but because the density of fish flesh is so close to the density of water, their bodies can somehow receive sound waves which strike the skull. The skull in turn transmits vibrations to an inner ear and the sound is "heard."*

Public Hearing Of The Marine Sub-Committee Of The Wildlife Committee

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"We are not finger pointing at anyone," says Dr. Gopal C. "Indy" Pati, Chairman of the Sub-Committee. "But we are looking for practical and creative ideas to resolve or minimize these issues. We want input from the public, an important stakeholder to preserve our wildlife for generations to come" he added. Public and media participation is much appreciated.*



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Sanibel And Captiva Fishing

by Captain Rick Silhavy



Water temperature in the gulf is on the rise. We are up to 68 degrees out there and the difference in the fishing is beginning to show. The grouper are moving around and gathering up on new spots every day. This last week was some of the best grouper fishing we have experienced all year and this has been a great year for that type of fishing. We came in with a box full of grouper every day last week but it wasn't without having our patience tried. The fish would eat at a frenzied pace for about 15 minutes at a time and then would let up. Then you move to another spot and it would take 20 minutes to get them to bite and then the frenzy would begin. Only to last about 10 minutes. I think this is a pretty good indication that the fish are moving around and starting to move to more offshore distances.

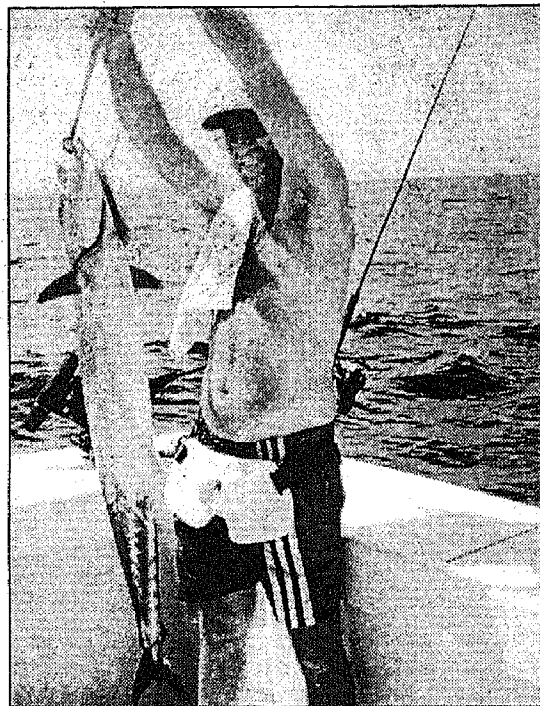
It is time to get out those silver spoons and shine them up for the annual spring mackerel run. Distant radio talk offshore indicates that some of the king mackerel are down south of Naples and should be starting to progress north to our area. Schools of bait are moving up to the new warmer surface water and some of them are

being crashed by Spanish mackerel and bonita tuna. Silver spoons, diving bomber type lures, rigged ballyhoo, and small feather lures should start to get some attention from these toothy critters.

We got some good action from the snapper family last week as we boated some nice mangrove, lane, and a few trigger fish thrown in to make some good eating. The night snapper trips should start to pay off and it gets better if you travel more to the south toward Naples. Offshore will be the place to be in the next few weeks.

Inshore and backbay: Captain John Carpenito reports that the Spanish mackerel have started roaming around the backbays on the south end of the island around San Carlos Pass and well up into Pine Sound. The trout that he has been catching have been of exceptional size. Pompano are still around and seem to favor the windy areas of open water on jigs.

Captain Dave Godfrey has gotten into the snook pretty good this week. He is still finding them deep in the bushes and favoring the bass assassins and the large handpicked shrimp. He proved on a recent television show that you can still catch all varieties of fish under adverse conditions and at night. They wanted to see a variety of fish



When your lines get bit off, put on some wire leader. This toothy Barracuda caught aboard the Predator was pulled off of the Belton-Johnson Reef

caught on the show and Dave was able to produce what they wanted and when they wanted it.

All in all the conditions and temperature have moved into more normal parameters and the fishing is showing maximum improvement. More favorable tides and warmer temperatures should really be good for this coming week, especially when the wind clocks around to the south and southeast. Good fishing!*

Maritime Trivia

The January 1927 issue of *National Geographic* contained the first photographs in natural color taken underwater. The photographs were taken off the Florida Keys in 1926.

The male seahorse fertilizes the female's eggs as they are shed, but she deposits them on the male's abdomen, and he carries them in a pouch until they are hatched.

The manta ray and the spotted eagle ray both leap out of water to give birth while airborne.

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A group of jellyfish is called a smack.

Only two to three percent of all oysters produce gem-quality pearls.

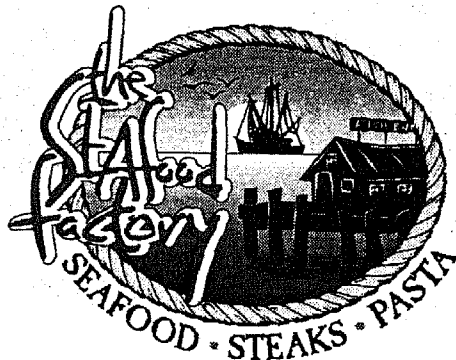
An ocean wave breaks when the water depth becomes less than one seventh of the distance between wave crests.

Lobsters were so plentiful in colonial America that they were used as fertilizer.

The claws of the delectable stone crab can exert a pressure of 15,000 pounds per square inch.

Green moray eels are not really green. They get their coloring from the yellow slime covering their blue body; the result is a brownish-green color.*

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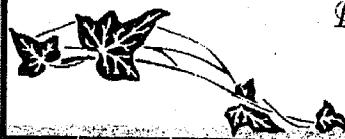
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Gardening On Sanibel

By Hulda Walters



"A chance to pause in awe of nature's glory, and the garden becomes a private retreat, a place of breathtaking drama and peaceful contemplation where the union of art and nature touches our soul"

(Author unknown).

For me, this is very true. I love to sit out on one of the various benches placed throughout my garden and just watch the plants, flowers, and birds. Yes, it is important that we attract birds and butterflies to our gardens with bird baths strewn here and there and feeders full of seed nearby, with the blossoms attracting the butterflies - a perfect sanctuary.

By now you probably have pruned your shrubbery, fed all your plants and lawn and in general prepared for spring which is just around the corner. For those of you who will soon be journeying back to your northern homes it is important that you have all this done so your place will look as you want it upon your return. For the part-time home owners it is best to have perennials which require less care and then just add the small blooming plants when you come back in the fall for winter color.

There was an article in the paper

about the PH in our soils but did not give us any help. I had my soils tested, both places, and find that here on Sanibel, and especially if you live in an area where soil has been added to raise the elevation, you will have a high PH - mine was 8. So you will need to add lime to the soil to bring it down wherever you plant vegetables, or flowers. Otherwise the soil is foreign to our plants and they do not get the nutrients they need. Most of you have pools, and acid is added to bring down the PH, which is high alkalinity and the same is true with soil, the lime is the "acid" to make a balance.

The plant this week is the Lavender, which is common to most of us as we grow it in our herb gardens, as much for the aroma as for any culinary use. The botanical name is *Lavandula labiata* and is one of the very early plants used in Roman times in soaps and perfumes with many people using lavender to cleanse with as the water was so contaminated. When the first settlers arrived in this country they were astounded at the purity of the waters and that one could even drink it and not get sick! The plant is not as important to us except for the sweet aroma it gives out in our gardens.

I finally finished up that big flower bed, and by the time we moved a tree, a large bush, (with the help of a superman who happened by), carrying off two large trash cans of debris, added all the top soil, fertilizer, mulch and countless blooming plants, it broke my budget to bits! Oh well, another venture next month! HAPPY GARDENING!*

Weeds To Self Destruct

Weeds are notoriously stubborn, but researchers may be on the verge of turning the pesky plants into their own worst enemy.

Their approach involves spraying the weeds with a natural protein derived from the soil fungus *Fusarium oxysporum*. Upon entering natural leaf openings called stomata, the fungus' protein causes a specific self-defense mechanism to shift into maximum overdrive.

The defense, called a hypersensitive response, normally helps weeds cordon off infection by instructing nearby cells to self-destruct. But in lab, greenhouse, and small-scale field trials, spraying the protein causes a mass cellular suicide instead. In dandelions, for example, this kills the weed's affected leaves three to 24 hours later.

The finding, by Agricultural Research Service scientists, may open the door to a natural herbicide that farmers, organic growers or homeowners could spray to check broadleaf weeds like dandelion, yellow star thistle, pigweed or northern jointvetch.

Plant pathologist Bryan Bailey and colleagues are exploring the possibility at several ARS labs-Biocontrol of Plant Diseases, Weed Science, and Soybean and Alfalfa Research. ARS is USDA's chief research agency.

Bailey's team originally discovered the protein, called Nepl, while trying to

understand how some fusarium fungi cause disease in crops like corn. Studies begun in 1998 ruled out the protein's role in causing crop disease, but also revealed its potential as a biological herbicide.

The team reports their findings in the January/February issue of *Weed Science*. Interestingly, Nepl only affects broadleaf weeds of the dicot family with cell receptors that can detect the protein. This suggests it could be sprayed onto monocot crops like corn, wheat, or even turfgrass without causing harm. Another possibility is spraying Nepl to clear away certain cover crops, like hairy vetch, prior to planting.*

Caloosa Rare Exchange

The Caloosa Rare Exchange will hold its monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at the Extension Office back entrance at 7:30 p.m. It is located at 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard (Route 80) East Fort Myers. Everyone is welcome. They have a tasting table, plant exchange and library. Join them for an informative session on exotic tropical fruit trees that grow in this area.*

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The Simple Language Of Orchids

Repotting Of Orchids

Dr. Faye L. Granberry



If you grow orchids at some point they must be repotted. I find this the least enjoyable task. If you own only a few orchids it's easy to take them to an orchid grower like Marilyn's Exotic Orchids in Fort Myers and let them repot the orchids.

As the number of orchids increases, in a collection, it becomes necessary to learn the art of repotting.

The most asked question is "What is the best potting medium for epiphytic orchids?" There is no number one for everyone. I learned through failures which one works the best for me. The success depends on one's ability to adjust the watering and the fertilizing practices to fit the medium.

I prefer tree fern bark best. It drains readily, provides some food value as it decomposes and usually lasts for more than two years—that is the limit for most potting mediums. The three important needs of the orchid are good water

drainage, fertilizer and the roots aerated. All potting mediums should provide support to the plant. The roots of the orchid must not move. An exception to this rule is the Vanda that requires no potting.

I do not like aggregates (gravel or stone) as it contains no organic matter and no food. A fertilizer must be used.

Fir bark is very popular. It meets the three requirements listed above, but a higher nitrogen concentration is required. A 3-1-1 ratio of fertilizer is desirable. Remember, we do not have the needed calcium in our water. Do not buy a fertilizer if it does not contain calcium.

Peat moss is off my list. It is highly variable specially from our Florida bogs. Peat moss can hold many times its own weight in water. The number one way to kill an orchid is to over-water.

Pearlite and plastic peanuts (styro-foam pellets) are on the "no" list. They always escape and float around the yard. Excellent potting medium already mixed can be purchased. The strangest medium I ever heard recommended was ground up tires. The lecturer claimed it was the perfect answer. Just the appearances and smell were a turn-off. Osmunda in the 1930s to 1950 was considered the best as the material is long lasting and supplies some nutrients as it decomposes. It may be hard to find.

Then there is the perfect solution and actually my favorite. Mount the orchid on a slab of wood or a piece of bark. No pot, no potting mix, no repotting, no problems. Test your medium choice on a few plants first. If the orchid thrives and blooms then gradually change over the rest of the plants.

Just grow Vandas on a wire, or an empty basket will do. Or, grow a dendrobium that loves the smallest pot possible and likes to be left alone.

Eileen Nash sent me these little known facts from an article in the *Palm Beach Illustrated*.★

Dr. Granberry is President of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. She is a well-known Orchid hobbyist lecturer, writer, and a Master Gardener. She holds a B.S. degree in Horticulture and graduate degrees in Psychology.

Did You Know?

The name orchid comes from the Greek "orchis," which means testicle. An orchid pulled from the ground had two large tubers that reminded the ancient Greeks of this part of the man's anatomy.

Vanilla is an orchid and those little dark specks you see when eating vanilla ice cream are actually orchid seeds.

Some orchids smell exactly like chocolate.

During WWII, thousands of orchid plants were sent from England to the U.S. for safe-keeping.

In Japan, there are shows where orchids are judged only on their fragrance. The look of the flowers has nothing to do with the judging.

An estimated ten million orchid plants were sold wholesale in Florida in 1998.

The AOS trains orchid judges. Free training programs take place in twenty-seven regional centers around the country. Florida centers are in West Palm Beach, Miami and Tampa. Six hundred trained judges critique owners' plants at monthly shows.

Orchid plants can be immortal. Some discovered in the 1800s are still growing and flowering.

A recently discovered orchid in South America was found to be carnivorous. It traps insects.

The next World Orchid Conference will be in Malaysia in 2002.

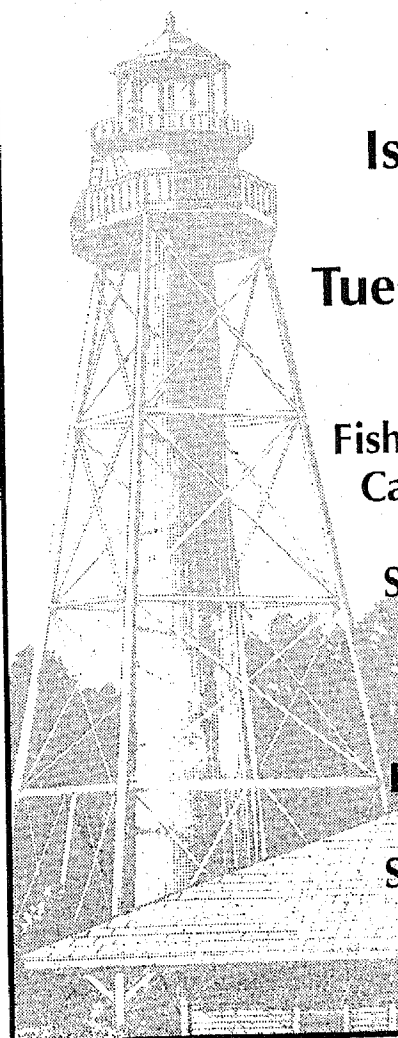
A fictional orchid with toxic pollen that kills humans but not animals is featured in *Moonraker*, a James Bond film.

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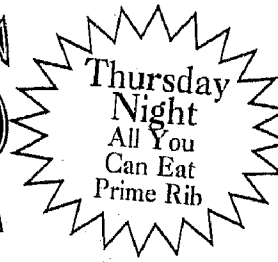
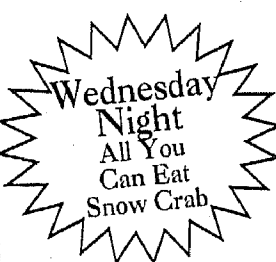
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What The Butler Saw

The Pirate Playhouse press night and opening gala for Joe Orton's comic masterpiece, *What the Butler Saw*, will be Saturday, February 26 at 8 p.m. The Members Reception, hosted by GEM of Naples, will take place between 7 and 8 p.m. A discounted preview will be offered on Thursday, February 24, and a regular performance will be held on Friday, February 25.

What the Butler Saw, a wild romp through a psychiatric clinic, combines brilliant language and caustic wit with the racy silliness of a classic English sex farce.

Clinic Director Dr. Prentice attempts to seduce an adorable young secretary. To cover up his plan for a peccadillo, he tells a little lie to his wife, which leads to more lies to the visiting government inspector. From there, all hell breaks loose, as this comedy of lunacy turns into a hilarious farce. Dazzling wit, astonishing plot turns, and a climax of classical proportions, make *What the Butler Saw* one of the great comedies of the 20th century.

Sean Sullivan, director of the production, was first seen at the Playhouse playing Jack in *Abundance* and Tom in *The Glass Menagerie*. His previous directing credits include *Jeeves in Charge* at the Foothill Theater in Northern California, and *The Balcony* at the World Theater in Los Angeles, which earned him a Drama-Logue Award for Direction and Adaptation.

He has acted at such noted California theatres as the Old Globe Theatre, the South Coast Repertory and the American Conservatory Theatre, and his solo performance show, *Baby Redboots Revenge*, has played in New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, and on tour in Eastern Europe.

Producing Artistic Director Ralph Elias takes the stage to portray Dr. Prentice. Ralph most recently performed in England in 1997 and 98, where he played Shakespeare's *Falstaff*, as well as Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing*. His regional theatre credits include the Old Globe Theatre, Arena Stage, the San Diego Rep, the Indiana Rep and several productions in New York. At San Diego's Blackfriars Theatre, where he was artistic director, Ralph played Algernon in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and Bobby Gould in David Mamet's *Speed-the-Plow* as well as playing Dr. Prentice in a 1989 production of *What the Butler Saw*.

Playing Dr. Prentice's wife is Ralph's real-life wife, Allison Brennan, who returns to the role having played it in the Blackfriars production. She received San Diego Critics Circle and Drama-Logue awards for Lady Bracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, the Villager Award for *The Doctor and the Devils* at New York's SoHo Rep, and was nominated for an Off Broadway Obie Award for *The Spring Offensive* at Playwrights

Horizons. At the Pirate Playhouse, she played Bess in *Abundance* last season, and has appeared in several Congress Jewelers Playreading Series presentations.

The clinic inspector, Dr. Rance, is played by Joel Leffert, seen on Broadway last season in the world premiere of Tennessee Williams' *Not About Nightingales*, directed by Trevor Nunn, a part Joel originated at the Royal National Theatre in London. His New York credits include *Hard Times* at the Pearl Theatre Company and the title role in *Richard III* for Salamander Rep. He has worked with numerous companies across the U.S., including Trinity Rep, Yale Rep, Nassau Rep and the American Shakespeare Theatre.

Marti Jo Pennisi plays the innocent secretary, Geraldine, who becomes enmeshed in an ordeal of confusion. Marti Jo worked for four seasons on California's central coast, mostly at PCPA Theaterfest. Her numerous San Diego theatre credits include *A Chorus Line*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Blackfriars Theatre, for which she won Drama-Logue and San Diego Critics Circle awards.

The cheeky hotel page who has been carrying on with Mrs. Prentice is played by Jamie Forehand, returning to the J. Howard Wood Theatre after portraying the Gentleman Caller in *The Glass Menagerie*. Jamie has performed in Sarasota, Pasadena, Denver, West Virginia, Cape Cod, and in New



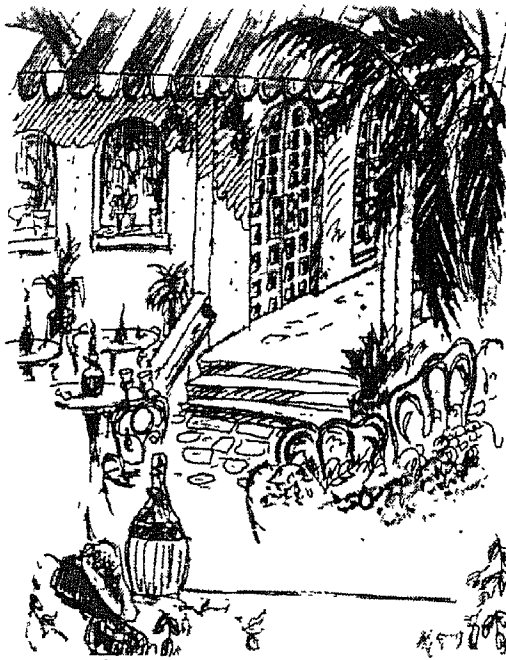
What The Butler Saw

York, where he now resides. Todd Blakesley plays Sergeant Match, a London bobby attempting to restore order at the loony bin. Todd appeared last season as the psychiatrist in *Private Eyes* and as Professor Crome in *Abundance*, and has numerous theatre credits in his native San Diego.

The Pirate Playhouse production of *What the Butler Saw* has been generously underwritten by Mrs. Elisabeth Smith.

The performance schedule for *What The Butler Saw* will be Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with matinees on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through March 26.

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Tour-de-Force Performance

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Baby Redboots won the Best in the Fringe Award at the first New York International Fringe Festival, L.A. Weekly and Drama-Logue Awards, and was chosen Critics Choice and Pick of the Week by the *Los Angeles Times* and the *L.A. Weekly*. *Redboots* has garnered critical and popular acclaim everywhere it has been performed, from its world premiere in Hollywood and subsequent run at the Old Globe Theatre, to its extended engagement in Toronto Canada, followed by a tour to Poland and the Czech Republic, and finally in New York City, at both the New York Fringe and at the renowned alternative theatre space, P.S. 122.

Baby Redboots Revenge is the darkly comic tale of a former child-star, now doomed to life in a polka band, playing stand-up bass for eternity. A solo frenzy of machine-gun pacing, vaudeville schtick, ranting monologue and manic physical intensity, the piece

was described by the Los Angeles Times as "A fifty-five minute joy-ride to oblivion!"

Sean Sullivan, currently directing the Playhouse production of *What the Butler Saw*, appeared in last season's *Abundance*, and played Tom in the recent staging of *The Glass Menagerie* at the J. Howard Wood Theatre. He has acted in twelve plays at the Old Globe Theatre, as well as appearing at such distinguished theatres as the South Coast Repertory in Costa Mesa, and the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. His numerous film appearances include *Wayne's World*, *Back to the Future III* and *The Howling*.

Of his performance in *Baby Redboots Revenge*, The New York Times said "Sean Sullivan is a virtual Nijinsky of performance art," and the *Village Voice* praised his "breathtaking agility, magnificent diction, and flair for the bizarre." In its review of the performance at the New York Fringe Festival, *The Resident* called *Redboots* "One of the most bravura performances that alternative theater can offer."

Tickets may be reserved for this extraordinary single-performance event in person or by telephone at the Pirate Playhouse box office: 472-0006.

The popular Conversations Series performance, which includes post-show refreshments and a lively discussion with the cast, will be Tuesday, March 7. Single tickets for all regular performances are \$25, and \$15 for students. The February 24 preview tickets are \$20, and \$10 for students. For further information and ticket reservations, please call the box office at 472-0006.✱

Classics From The Silver Screen

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The concert will introduce nineteen year old Russian piano prodigy Natalia Lavrova playing the stunningly melodic and rapturous Rachmininoff Second Piano Concerto. Educated at the Moscow conservatory, this talented and beautiful young pianist has won com-

petitions in Europe, South America, and the United States. Currently a student at the Juilliard School, Lavrova recently made her New York City Alice Tully Hall and Steinway Concert Hall debuts.

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The Gulf Coast Symphony is led by

founding Music Director Andrew Kurtz. Kurtz is also Artistic Director of the Opera Theater of Philadelphia. Kurtz is a well known music educator and oversees the Gulf Coast Symphony's *Musical Gateways* education initiative, which this season sponsored the orchestra's first *Magic Carpet* family concert on Sanibel. Kurtz made his international opera conducting debut August 1995 in Tel Aviv. Past conducting posts to his credit include work with The Pennsylvania Opera Theater, the Metropolitan Opera Guild, the Pennsylvania Ballet, the Southwest Florida Symphony, and the Ocean City Pops Orchestra.✱



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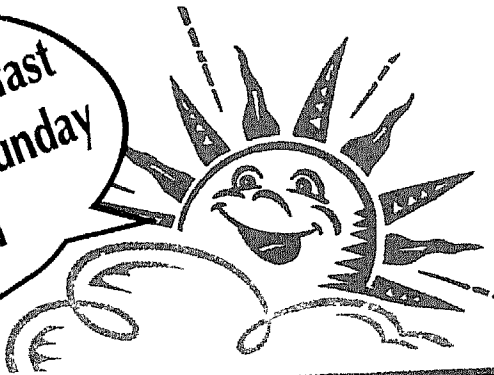
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The Lazy Flamingo... Life In The Raw

by Jim George

Raw bar, that is. That's the vision that owner Larry Thompson had twelve years ago when the Lazy Flamingo was conceived. His vision was a restaurant on Sanibel similar to those found in Key West that would be a casual family place, with a nautical theme, that offered a raw bar and other menu items that would appeal to the residents and visitors of this island paradise.

Given the popularity of the restaurant today and the fact that there are now four locations, two on Sanibel, one in Cape Coral and one in Bokeelia, it would seem that Thompson's vision was right on the money. He went on to say that they used the name "Flamingo" because the state was using the bird as a logo for the new lottery and therefore it was a recognizable symbol. Then since the first location at Blind Pass didn't have table service, it was decided to add the word "Lazy" to the name. It would certainly be safe to say that now more people in this area associate the Flamingo with his restaurants than they do with the lottery. And the hustle and bustle of the wait staff at each location suggests anything but lazy.

The trademarked logo of the

Flamingo wearing sunglasses has become so popular that both locations have a line of Flamingo souvenirs...tank tops, T-shirts, sweat-shirts, golf shirts, cups and caps.

The original location at 6520 Pine Avenue near Blind Pass faces the Gulf of Mexico across the street and is a special attraction to beach goers and visitors staying at the upper end of Sanibel and Captiva. It has become almost a landmark since its opening because of its popularity as a casual restaurant and also for its take-out business that is so attractive to the tourists staying in the up-island motels.

The second location added eight years ago at the east end of the island at 1036 Periwinkle Way is one of the first restaurants a visitor sees when coming on the island. According to Ron Rich, general manager of that location, "consistency of food quality, friendly atmosphere and 'come as you are' dining makes it a fun place to eat." There's something about a nautical theme that makes a person relax. It begins at the front door with the gang-plank-like entrance and heavy porthole windowed door. The interior is all pine and teak from floor to ceiling with booths large enough to accommodate eight people. The high wooden stools, the polished wood bar and the large and small tables scattered around the restaurant to accommodate different sized parties were all made by employees. This is the kind of place to have fun. The casual atmosphere lends itself to spending time there.



Michelle, Jessica, Gomer, Patty, Lisa and Aimee

Although the Lazy Flamingo is not a sports bar there are television sets, seven or eight of them, spotted throughout the restaurant for viewing major sporting events. Rich commented that hockey has become a growing spectator sport here and Flamingo has a hockey TV package that has become very popular with customers.

The menu abounds with the kind of food that attracts people to a family type restaurant. The raw bar offers ice cold oysters and clams on the half shell, peel and eat shrimp, smoked fish and three varieties of Conch (they remind us it's pronounced Konk), salad, chowder and fritters, reasonably priced at \$5.25 to \$7.95. For the raw bar aficionado there's "The Pot," two dozen oysters, clams or a combination of the two, steamed in beer with special spices for \$15.95.

According to Rich one of the items considered a house specialty of Lazy Flamingo is the Mesquite grilled Grouper sandwich or platter, two of the most requested items. The Flamingo is also noted for its Caesar salad and garlic bread, both favorites of regulars to the restaurant. The Caesar salad, garlic bread and French fries can be ordered in half portions for those with smaller appetites. Standard menu fare includes Mussels and Clams Marinara, Fried Shrimp, Prime Rib Sandwich, Steak Sandwich and a variety of chicken wings. For the avid fisherman who likes to catch fish but not cook them, the Lazy Flamingo will even cook the fish you catch and prepare it in a sandwich or platter with all the trimmings for \$7.95.

Luncheon and dinner specials are offered each day to complement the regular menu and include items such as hot or cold Stone Crab claws, crab cakes, fried oysters, baby back ribs along with soup and appetizers. What Lazy Flamingo refers to as its Liquid Assets is in reality its full selection of wines and ample selection of bottled and "on tap" beers. All wines are offered by the bottle or glass.

The little grownups have a kid's menu of hamburger, chicken fingers, pasta, hot dog or grilled cheese for \$3.95 and they get a complimentary cup as well. Another Lazy Flamingo is in the early planning stages for opening in about a year at Gasparilla Marina, near Gasparilla Island.

Lazy Flamingo has two locations on Sanibel, 6520 C Pine Avenue, near Blind Pass. Phone 472-5353, and 1036 Periwinkle Way, Phone 472-6939. Reservations are not required. All seating is open. The restaurants are open seven days a week. Operating hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. ☆

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Three Days Of Rain

by Pamela Gilbert Wortzel

What can be the meaning of three brief words a son finds in his father's sparsely written journal? *Three Days of Rain*, a story of inter-generational conflict, centers around the lives of two renowned architects and the attempt of their children to deal with the complex legacy they have inherited. The lives of both generations are more intricately intertwined than anyone realizes, and the powerful ways they have affected one another forms the crux of this moving play.

Three Days of Rain, by Richard Greenberg, was a 1998 runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It's a highly literate, carefully crafted work which presents many challenges for actors, director and set designer. In this Theater Conspiracy production, the three actors play the grown children of the two architects in the first act and then assume the roles of their parents in the second act. It's difficult to carry off, but for the most part, these performers are able to make it work.

The other striking thing about this production is that the three days of rain when the seminal events of this drama take place are not merely suggested by sound effects. Through a clever bit of set construction, it is actually raining in the theater (although

not on the audience, fortunately). The sheet of rain which falls steadily on a corner of the stage throughout the second act adds a startling sense of reality and immediacy to the play. It's an inspired theatrical device which highlights the dramatic intensity of the story.

Three Days of Rain opens in 1995 in a dilapidated New York apartment with dirty walls and a minimum of furniture. Walker, the son of a famous architect, Edwin Janeway, has discovered his father's hideaway and is trying to make sense of his father's journal, trying to understand the life of a man he feels he never really knew. His father has just died and it is evident that he remains a disturbing enigma to his troubled, itinerant son. Walker, who is played with passionate intensity by Bill Taylor, is soon joined by his sister Nan, a Boston matron whose neat, conventional appearance contrasts with Walker's disheveled looks. Nan is played by Lauren Drexler, who infuses her performance with a cool, restrained intelligence.

Joining Walker and Nan for the reading of their father's will is Pip, the son of Edwin Janeway's architectural partner, Theo, who died many years ago at the peak of a brilliant career. Pip, played by Gary Obeldobel, is a soap opera star whose life has gone much more smoothly than Walker's. The three have been friends since childhood, but the many reasons why there are conflicts between them are soon revealed when an unexpected

bequest from Edwin Janeway stirs up the inevitable undercurrent of rivalries and secret passions.

The second act goes back in time to 1960, where we see the parents of the three characters in the same apartment. Ned (the young Edwin Janeway played by Bill Taylor and Theo (played by Gary Obeldobel) are on the verge of making a name for themselves with the famous Janeway House they are designing for Ned's parents. Lina, (the mother of Walker and Nan, played by Lauren Drexler) is about to make a shift in her affections that will radically alter the lives of all the characters. The second act is all the more poignant because of what we have already learned in the first act about the fate of these three characters and their children.

Director Stephen Hooper does a fine job with this complex material. Taylor and Drexler do a superb job of bringing these characters to life; Gary Obeldobel rises to the challenge in the first act, but falters somewhat in the second. Scenic design by Bill Taylor and lighting by Josh Walker serve the play well.

Three Days of Rain is a powerful drama that grabs hold of your heart and doesn't let go until the rain stops falling. This play reminds us how intricate and delicate the connections between us are and how our actions affect subsequent generations in ways we may not imagine.

Three Days of Rain will be playing at the Foulds Theater at the Alliance of

the Arts in Fort Myers through March 5. Call 936-3239 for show times and ticket reservations.*

Jack Lewis Jazz Diva's Coming March 12

Back in the days of yore, the 1920s there was a fine "all girl" orchestra by the name of Phil Spitalney which featured Evelyn and her magic violin. Then in the 30s, when vaudeville was at its height with the figure of Venus, the voice of an angel and the flying feet of a Fred Astaire came along Ina Ray Hutton and her swinging "all girl" orchestra. Both these bands were successfully swinging Big Bands and or jazz ensembles.

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Changing the subject, for just a moment, to make a valid point a bit later.

In the late 60s I had the privilege to stand at the bar (there were no seats unoccupied) to watch Buddy Rich, known as the world's greatest drummer, by his musical peers as well as the general public, as he unleashed his new big band, financed by Johnny Carson, as they were set to record their first album. The happening was in the Chez

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Miami City Ballet's Season Finale

The Miami City Ballet's final program of the 1999-2000 season at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts promises to be a special treat - featuring a world premiere, a George Balanchine classic and a glimpse at a work-in-progress by MCB Artistic Director Edward Villella. The program will be performed at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. A Dance Preview by Villella will be presented one hour before the performance.

Jimmy Gamonet's untitled world premiere ballet was inspired by the music of Sergei Prokofiev. Also on the program will be Tchaikovsky's moving and graceful *Elegie* - a dance of nocturnal fantasy; the popular Balanchine piece *Western Symphony*, set to music by Hershy Kay; and an excerpt from *Ballroom Ballet*, the work-in-progress by Villella.

Tickets to the Miami City Ballet No. 3 Prokofiev Premiere are \$42 and \$21 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 in the Naples area or (800) 597-1900 in the Fort Myers area. Tickets are also available at the Philharmonic Ticket Outlet at Coastland Center Mall. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard in Naples.✱

Newport Jazz

Some of the leading names in the world of jazz have joined forces for the Newport Jazz Millennium Celebration tour, which will make a stop at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 2.

The tour celebrates a century of jazz and salutes the masters of the form - Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, Duke

Ellington, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie and more. The featured performers include Randy Brecker, Cedar Walton, Lew Tabackin, Howard Alden, Joel Helleney and the Nicholas Payton Quintet.

Tickets for the Newport Jazz Millennium Celebration are \$32 and \$16 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 in the Naples area or (800) 597-1900 in the Fort Myers area. Tickets are also available at the Philharmonic ticket Outlet at Coastland Center Mall. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard in Naples.✱

Czech Philharmonic

The internationally renowned Czech Philharmonic Orchestra will make its Naples debut with one concert at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Wednesday, March 15 at 8 p.m.

First conducted by Antonin Dvorak more than 100 years ago, the Czech Philharmonic has been refined under the batons of Europe's top conductors - including current chief conductor Vladomir Ashkenazy and is today widely hailed as one of the world's leading orchestras.

Tickets for the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra are \$89 for adults and \$45 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 in the Naples area or (800) 597-1900 in the Fort Myers area. Tickets are also available at the Philharmonic Ticket Outlet at Coastland Center Mall. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard in Naples.✱

Renowned Art Festival

The city of Naples has become known for its plush beaches, world-class resorts, abundant golf courses, vital cultural scene, top-notch restaurants and unique shopping. It also has a reputation for its many outdoor recreational activities. Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, one such activity will be held, attracting more than 75,000 visitors. The 12th Annual Naples Downtown Festival of the Arts offers the talent and creativity of over three hundred accomplished artists displaying acrylic and oil paintings, life-size sculptures, stained glass, porcelain, jewelry, photography and much, much more!

Attending a juried fine art show like this one has many unique advantages over ordinary art galleries. Being outside in the open air is certainly one advantage, but more importantly, there's the opportunity to personally meet and speak to the creating artists. Festival-goers can learn more about the inspirations and techniques behind their favorite pieces. Meeting the artist also allows for custom work to be commissioned. Prices at these outdoor festivals are much more affordable, too. Without gallery commissions to pay, pieces can be sold at a significantly lower cost.

In addition to fabulous art exhibits, the festival offers live musical entertainment as well. Spectators can enjoy the sound of Mark Maxwell's sweet saxophone, Doug Walker's steel drums and Steve Mikes Indian sitar.

Keyboardist/vocalist Kayte Wolf and guitarist Pat Surface will perform. International food pavilions serving both local and exotic cuisine will also be provided.

The 12th Annual Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The festival benefits the 5th Avenue South Association and is the chief supporter

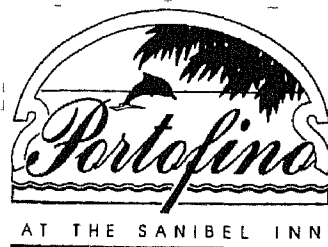
of the Mainstreet Program in downtown Naples. The show is located on 5th Avenue South between 9th Street South (U.S. 41 and 3rd Street South). For more information call the 5th Avenue South Association at (941) 435-3742 or Howard Alan Events at (954) 472-3755. Preview the festival at www.ArtFestival.com.✱

2D/3D All Florida State Fine Art Exhibition

The Alliance for the Arts invites you to their opening reception on Friday, March 3 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for their annual 2D/3D All Florida State Exhibition sponsored by NationsBank. Over one hundred twenty artists throughout Florida submitted over three hundred fifty slides to compete for the opportunity to exhibit in this annual show which has developed into a powerful exhibition. The following mediums were eligible for entry: sculpture, painting, photography, printmaking and drawing.

Bonnie Clearwater, director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami, was the juror for this show. Her bold agenda has positioned her institution at the forefront of the Miami arts scene. In focusing on the artists and their body of work, Ms. Clearwater gives the opportunity to judge an artist's consistency. Seeing more than just one work reveals whether the artist is focused on a particular theme or whether the image holds some kind of relationship with the others. The juror is sensitive to each artist's pictorial vocabulary.

Join them on Friday, March 3 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for a truly inspiring and stimulating showcase of artists from the great state of Florida. Exhibition runs through March 31. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the Alliance for the Arts at 939-2787.✱



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Young Actors Sought

Kids Conspiracy is still casting the lead role in its production, *Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp* adapted by Jack Neary. Boys age 13 to 17 with some acting experience are encouraged to attend the next audition at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers on Saturday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. No preparation is needed, pictures and resumes are not required but will be accepted.

Theatre Conspiracy is also having an audition on the same day, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Foulds Theatre. There are roles for two boys, age 15 to 18, and one girl age 15 to 18. The roles are for the upcoming Irish comedy *The Cripple of Inishmaan* by Martin McDonagh, a funny and touching tale about fame, prejudice and breaking away. It will be presented April 13 to 30, at the Foulds Theatre at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14.

Kids Conspiracy will present *Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp* on May 6 and 13, at 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the Foulds Theatre, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, at the corner of McGregor and Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$5 with group rates available. Kids Conspiracy is the children's theater division of Theatre Conspiracy Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit theater company and the residents the-

ater company of the Foulds Theatre. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 936-3239 ✱

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Tickets for Titanic- A New Musical are \$72 for adults and \$36 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service 800 597-1900. Tickets are also available at the Philharmonic Ticket Outlet at Coastland Center Mall. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard in Naples.

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Titanic is also the recipient of the Drama Desk Award for Best Orchestration (Jonathan Tunick) and the Outer Critics Circle Awards for Outstanding Scenic Design (Stewart Laing) and Outstanding Lighting (Paul Gallo).

Eighty-five years after the Titanic first sailed into history, the story behind the legendary maiden voyage opened on Broadway on Wednesday, April 23, 1997 at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 205 West 46th Street.

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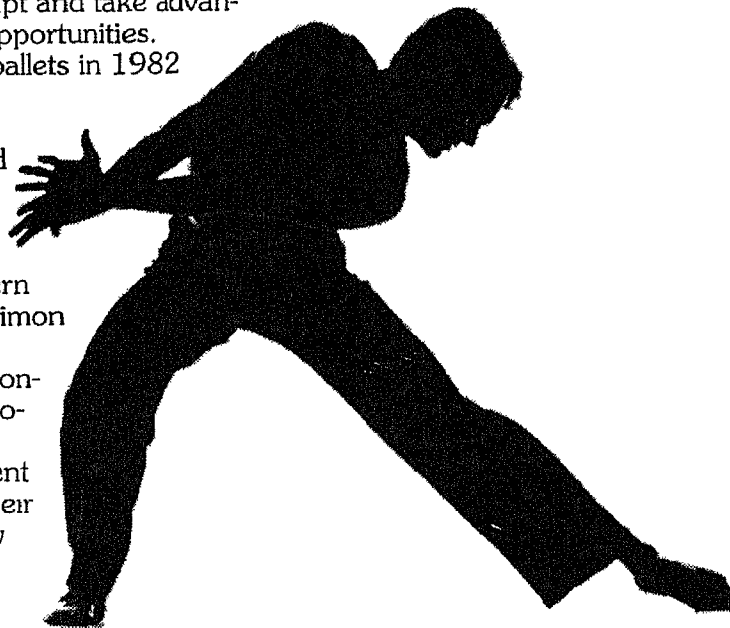
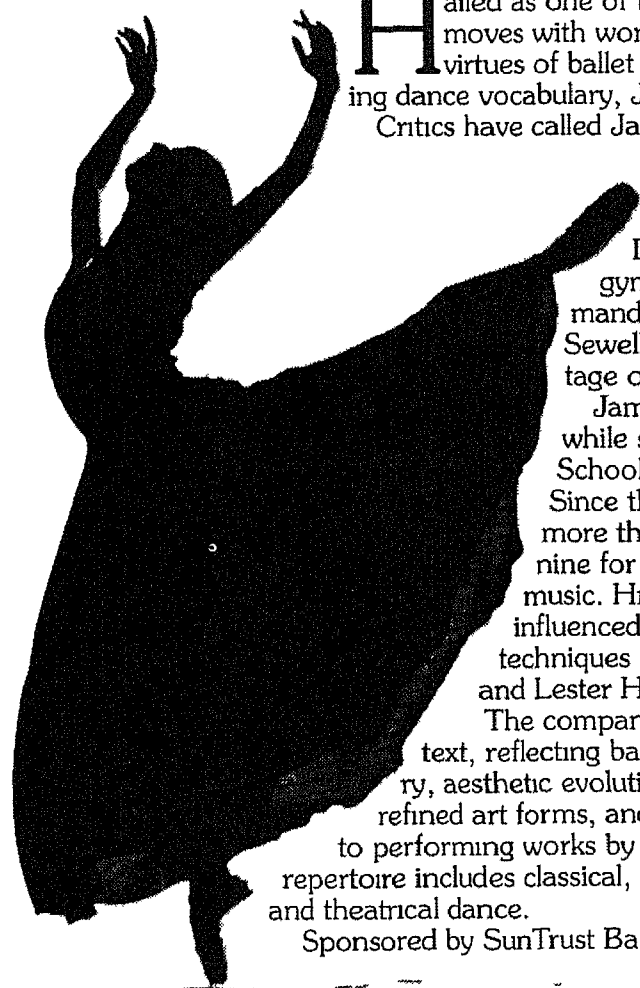
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Critics have called James Sewell Ballet "a complex tapestry weaving together intellectual content, technical expertise and a poetic vision." Established in New York, its home from 1990 to 1993, the company has enjoyed a strong and growing audience since its move to the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Central to the company's work is the choreography of Artistic Director James Sewell. His eclectic background as a dancer, actor, composer, champion gymnast, magician and principal dancer with Feld Ballets/NY has given him a unique command of the human body. With a small mobile and highly trained company of dancers, James Sewell Ballet is positioned to adapt and take advantage of a wide range of artistic opportunities.

James Sewell began creating ballets in 1982 while studying at the American School of Ballet in New York. Since then, he has choreographed more than 45 ballets, including nine for which he composed the music. His work has been strongly influenced by his studies of the modern techniques of Martha Graham, Jose Limon and Lester Horton.

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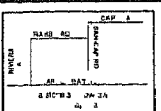
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Skyliner

time, the 1957 skyliner sold for \$2945. At only \$340 more than the conventional Convertible the public felt it was too expensive. During the three-year production run 49,323 were sold. Gordon Harbuck and Bob McIntyre, owners of the two display cars, live in the Naples area. The owners and project manager will be with the cars to talk about them and answer questions. The show will benefit local high

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Besides the cars, local high school bands will play, and there will be other entertainment all day long.

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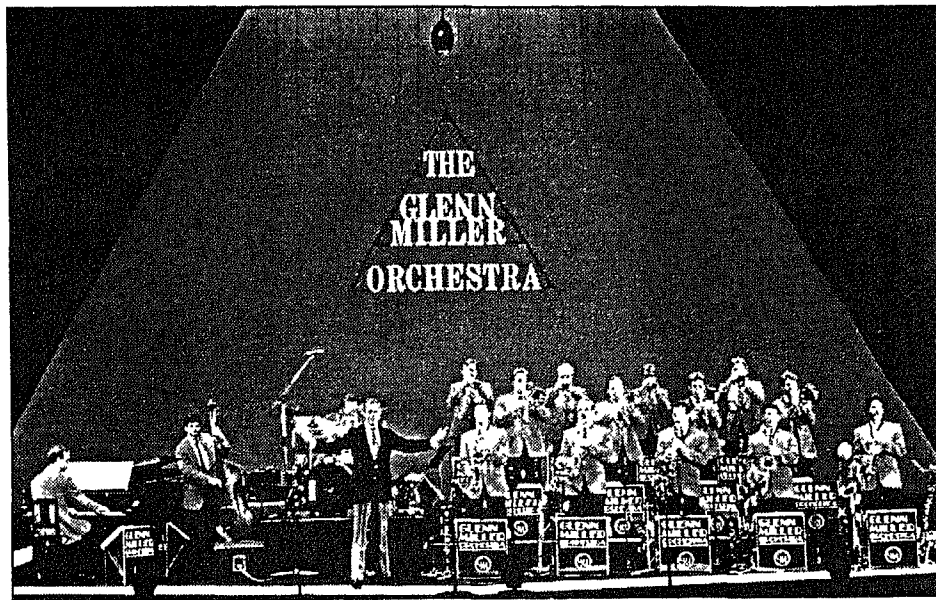
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**Glenn Miller
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Monday, February
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The legendary sound of the Glenn Miller Orchestra lives on! Dance to the music you love on the Schein Hall Verandah as the band sets the mood on the BIG ARTS auditorium stage. Led by musical director Larry O'Brien, the 19 member band continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements like "Moonlight Serenade" and "In the Mood," as well as modern selections in the big band style.

Back in the 1930's and 40's, Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all the Swing Era band leaders. At the height of his popularity, he volunteered for the army and organized the famous Glenn Miller Air Force Army Band. He disappeared mysteriously when his plane went down in December of 1944. Because of his tremendous popularity, the Miller Estate authorized the formation of the present Glenn Miller Band in 1956 under the direction of Ray McKinley.



Larry O'Brien became leader of the Glenn Miller Orchestra in 1988. He first performed with the Miller band as a trombonist in the 1960's when Ray McKinley was the leader. He is dedicated to maintaining the legacy of the original band while keeping the Miller sound and style fresh.

In addition to the musical director, the band includes five saxophone players, four trumpeters, four trombonists, and three rhythm musicians (piano, bass and drums). Also there are two vocalists, male and female, who perform individually and as part of the Moonlight Serenaders' vocal group.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1996. They have performed all over the world, playing an average of 300 live dates a year to millions of fans of all ages. The orchestra has performed in all 50 United States, as well as throughout Europe, Australia, Iceland, New Zealand, Guam, the Philippines and South and Central America.

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On Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., The Virtuoso Violin will feature Romanian guest violinist Gabriel Croitoru in a program featuring Sibelius' *Symphony No. 6*, Mendelssohn's *Concerto in E minor* and Torke's *Bright Blue Music*. Croitoru is permanent soloist with Romania's Ploiesti Philharmonic and a Distinguished Professor of Violin at the Music Academy of Bucharest. He has performed worldwide with the Nice Philharmonic, the Malaga Symphony and the London Royal Philharmonic, among others. As with all The Symphony's Classical Concerts, the performance will be held at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, and preceded at 7 p.m. by a free concert lecture presented by Dr. Elwood Smith. Tickets, from \$15, are available by calling The Symphony at 433-3040, or the Mann Box Office at 481-4849.

On Sunday, February 20 at 7 p.m., lovers of chamber orchestra music will delight to A Spring for Strings. Guest violinist Lev Polyakin will join The



Gabriel Croitoru

Symphony's Chamber Orchestra in a performance of Bach's infamous *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major*, Haydn's *Symphony No. 82* and Mendelssohn's *Octet*. Born in Russia, and educated at the Moscow Conservatory, Polyakin has appeared with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, London Royal Philharmonic and the Cleveland Orchestra. The concert will be held at BIG ARTS, Schein Hall on Sanibel. Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling The Symphony, 433-3040, or BIG ARTS 395-0900.✱

Musicale Italiana

The UU Performing Arts Society presents *Musicale Italiana*, a program of familiar Italian music, Sunday, March 26 at 3 p.m. at 13411 Shire Lane in Fort Myers. Advance tickets are \$10, tickets for students are \$8, and admission at the door will be \$12. For tickets or more information, please call 275-2640.

Italian music, from classical to popular classics, will be performed by soprano Helen Bovbjerg Niedung, tenor David Swedberg, William Larsen on flute and Mary Seal on piano. The program will range from selections by Puccini and Donizetti to *O Sole Mio*, performed by the ensemble as the finale.

Bovbjerg Niedung trained at the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore, the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and the Music Conservatory in Stuttgart, Germany. She has sung almost 500 performances of 35 roles in opera houses, concerts and recitals in Europe and the United States. She is on the voice faculty of Edison Community College, is a member of the national honorary music sorority Mu Phi Epsilon, serves as director of music for the Edison Congregational Church, and travels from her home in Cape Coral to perform in Europe as her schedule permits.

Tenor Swedberg majored in music

at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was a featured soloist with the Minnesota Symphony Chorale, the San Antonio Chorale and the Trinity University Chorale, and has performed with the Houston Symphony, the Texas Bach Choir and the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorale and Chamber Choir. He is music director at St. Hilary's Episcopal Church.

Larsen has been the principal flute of the Southwest Florida Symphony for the last 10 years. Educated at Arizona State University and the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, he has performed with the Phoenix Symphony, Florida West Coast Symphony and the Palm Beach Opera. Seal studied at Hartt College of Music and Boston University School for the Arts and is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society. She has performed with the Charlotte Symphony and the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus, and is a member of the music faculty at Edison Community College.

The UU Performing Arts Society was organized in 1999 to promote the fine performing arts in Lee County. Its second performance, *Musicale Italiana*, will be presented on Shire Lane, north of Daniels Parkway, just east of Cross Creek. From I-75, take exit 21.✱

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From a rustic environment in the backcountry of Vermont, Musicians from Marlboro will present a repertoire of chamber music for the first Saturday evening of the Sanibel Music Festival 2000. Nine Marlboro wind musicians will be accompanied by pianist Jonathan Biss for the March 4 concert.

The ensemble has performed for audiences at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, Cincinnati Chamber Music Society, and the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society. Their appearance with SMF culminates their 2000 itinerary.

Every summer for seven weeks in Marlboro, Vt., young professional artists rehearse and perform side-by-side as equals with master musicians from around the world. The obscure setting and unpretentious trappings belie the depth of musical experience these artists enjoy.

Marlboro auditions take place every January in New York, on the West coast, and in Europe for young artists who propose works they would like to explore. By the time the privileged participants are announced, a scheduling committee has made up an exhaustive list of works to be studied, aiming to have all of the performers involved in at least two works of their own choice.



In any given week of the summer session, between 60 and 80 of those pieces are in intensive rehearsal. Some are chosen for weekly public performances. Often not made up until the night before, these "potluck" concerts consistently sell out to audiences who are as delighted with Bach as they are with Berg.

After their summer in Vermont, various ensembles of Musicians from Marlboro tour the world with traditional and contemporary chamber music repertoire. Year after year, their performances are highly acclaimed:

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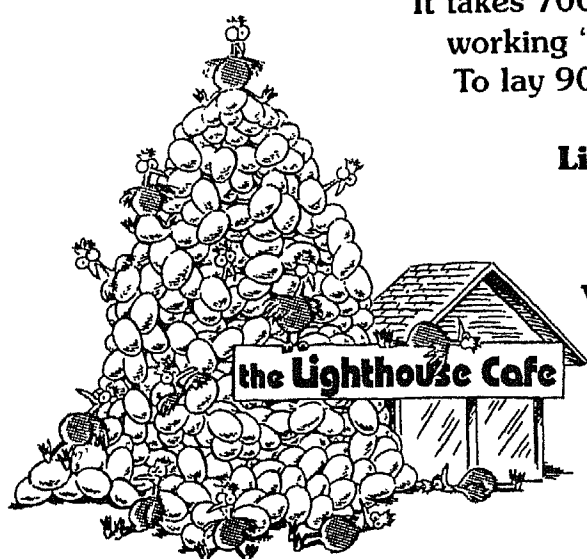
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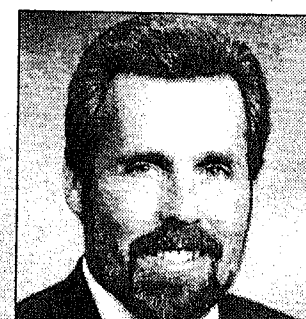
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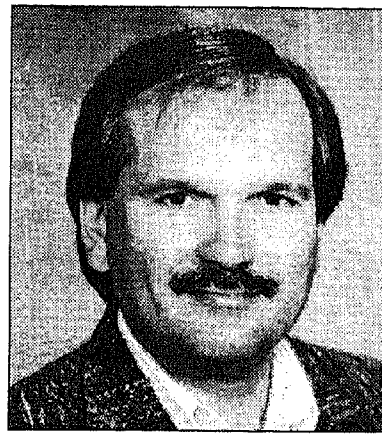
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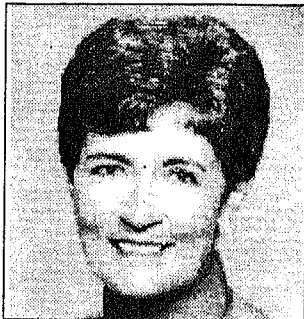
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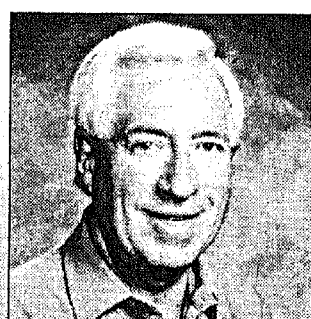
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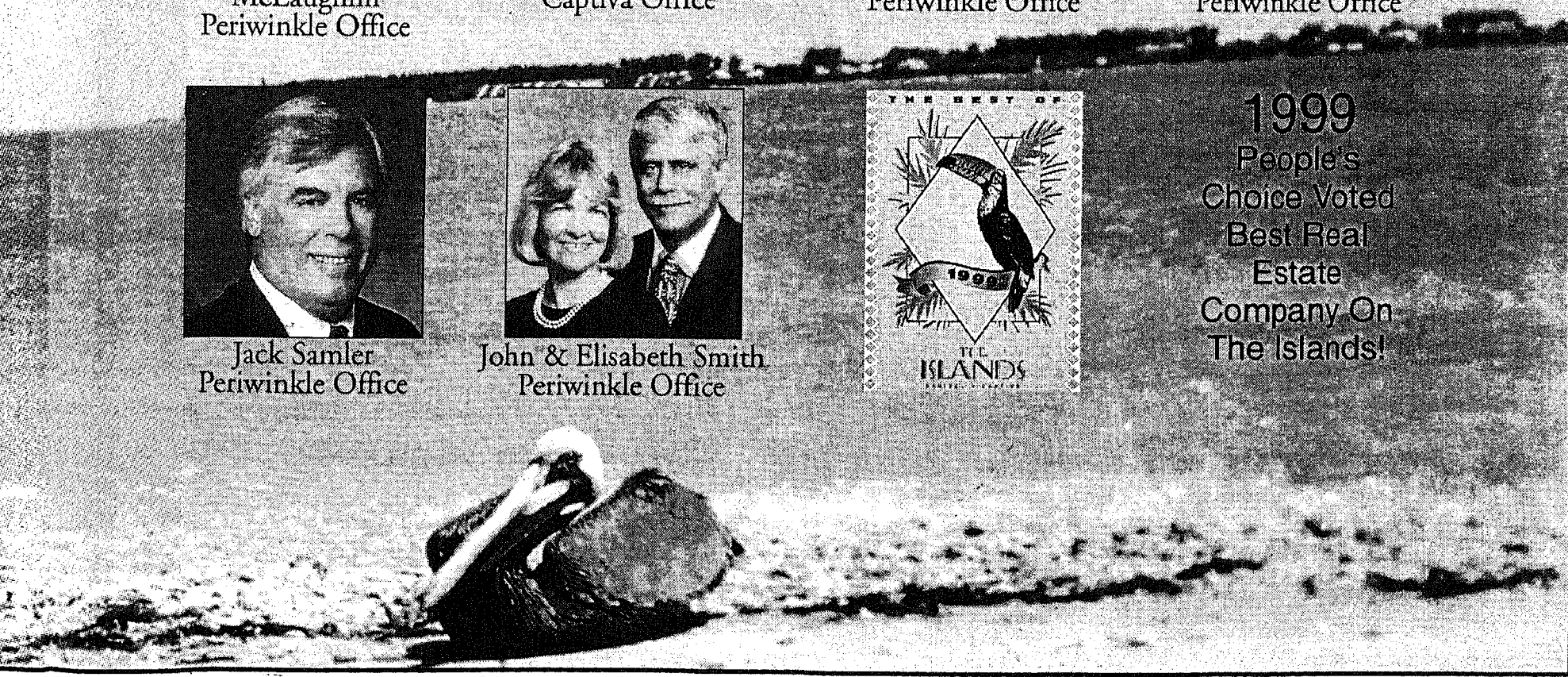
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4. TELEVISION: On the spinoff series "Maude," what was Maude's relationship to Edith Bunker of "All in the Family"?
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Get up. Get out. Get going. This is the time you've been waiting for to put some of your plans in motion. Positive action also benefits your sometimes-neglected relationships with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A piece of property becomes the center of a distressing dispute with a loved

one. An outsider offers advice on a compromise that could prevent a painful breakup. Be flexible in making your decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have to choose between repaying a loan that's long-overdue or losing a friend who's been close to you for many years. Someone else is watching to see what you decide to do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22). A longtime relationship will wind up on the endangered species list unless you're willing to work hard to save it. Those who insist it's not worth your time have their own agendas in mind.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A change in your work status leaves you feeling unappreciated. Your inclination is to exit rather than

accept it. But it would be wiser to see how things develop before taking drastic action.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop hibernating and get out more if you hope to shed those late-winter blues. Being with people you like brings light and warmth back into your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Playing games with someone else's emotions isn't appreciated. What you see as playful teasing is perceived as painful evasion.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone brings painful reminders of a tragic loss. It'll be difficult, but you need to face him to help yourself come to terms with still-unresolved questions about the past.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18). The time is favorable for doing things that you've put off for too long. A message carries the promise of new or renewed romance. A health report brings good news about a loved one.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's a tendency to spread yourself too thin when trying to meet all the demands on your good nature. Focus on a few worthy efforts instead of dissipating your energy on trying to please everyone.★

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On Feb. 23, 1836, Mexican President General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, leading some 4,000 Mexican troops, begins a siege of the

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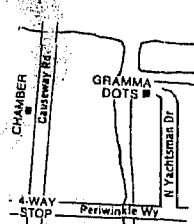
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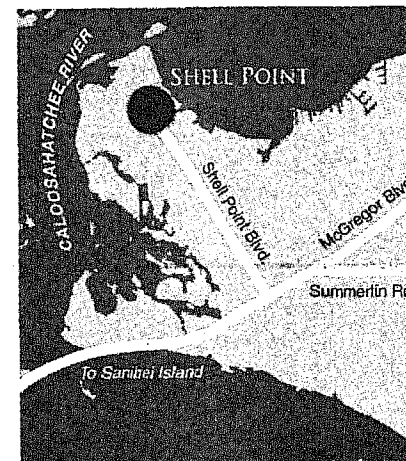


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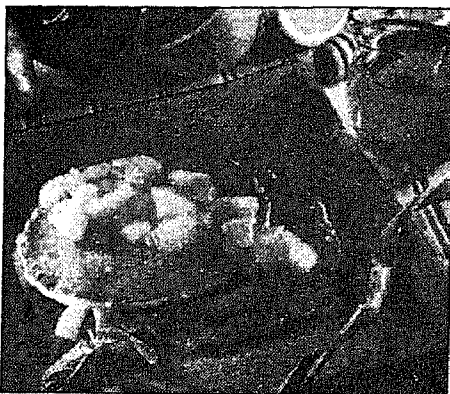
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CORNMEAL PANCAKES

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons melted butter

In a medium bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt; mix well; set aside. In a small bowl, combine milk, egg, honey and melted butter; mix well. Pour milk mixture into flour mixture; stir only until moistened (batter will be lumpy). Pour about 1/4 cup batter for each pancake into a hot skillet or on a griddle, over medium-low heat; cook until bubbles form on surface and break, and the edges become dry. Turn pancake and cook 2 minutes longer or until golden. Makes 8 pancakes.

HONEY FRUIT SAUCE

- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 pear, peeled, cored and diced
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel

- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water

Combine orange juice, apple, pear, honey and orange peel in medium saucepan. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer to 10 minutes or until fruits are tender. Dissolve cornstarch in water. Stir into hot mixture; cook and stir until mixture comes to boil; simmer 1 minute. Makes about 2 1/3 cups.

APPLE WALNUT SYRUP

- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 large apple, peeled and thinly sliced (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- Dash of salt
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- Squeeze of lemon juice

In saucepan combine syrup, apple, butter, cinnamon and salt. Slowly bring to boil, stirring. Reduce heat; simmer 8 minutes. Stir in nuts and lemon juice. Serve hot over pancakes. Syrup may be stored in covered container in refrigerator for several days. Reheat over low heat. Makes about 2 cups.

BERRY SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 (17-ounce) can blackberries or raspberries OR 1 (16 1/2-ounce) can boysenberries
- Water
- 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon or lime peel
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

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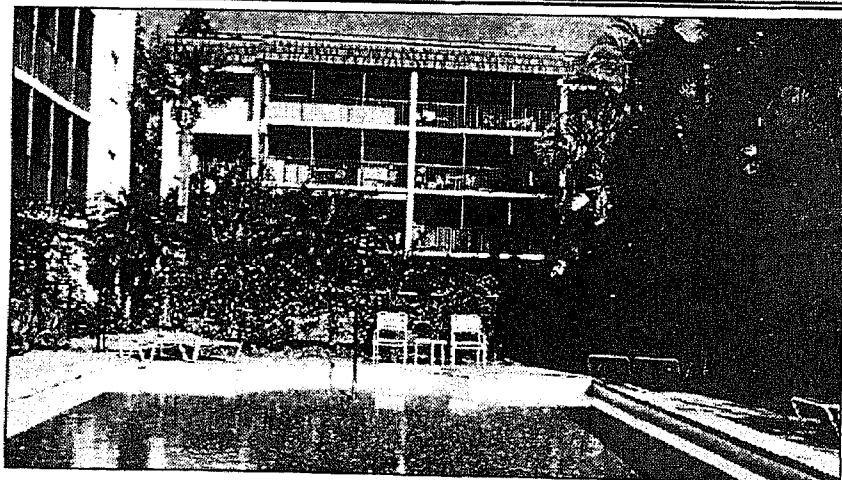
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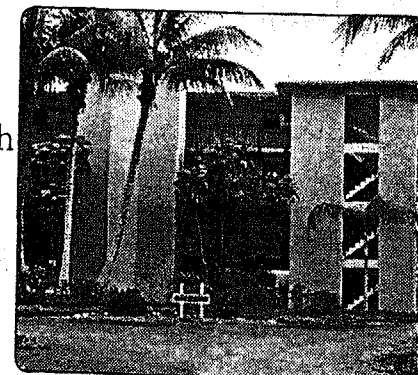


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Hill Station

by Elspeth M. Cox

It was the time of the cheetah. The sun was slipping behind the Kashmir hills in a tangerine glow and the chattering of the nightly squadron of parakeets was silenced. Everything was quiet and still. I wondered, as my husband Archie and I climbed our 87 steps from the house to the jeep track, if the cheetah was watching and waiting. Dangling his legs over some tree branch, relaxed yet alert.

It was the month of May. The evenings were longer and filled with the perfume of the wild rose. In our isolated hill station a get-together of the Canadians has been planned. A big occasion which we looked forward to, even if it meant a long walk on a dark mountain track. As the sun set, the mountain wind sprang up and we shivered inside sweaters and jackets.

Dinner was to be served in the old hotel, its green and brown timbered front, neo-gothic windows facing a

deep shadowy valley climbing up to the snow-covered Inner Himalaya. The hotel had been built in 1800, used as an officer's mess at the time of the Raj and called "The Bull's Head." Now it was renamed "The Grand View," the view being the only grand thing about it.

About 25 Canadians were gathered, enjoying the usual hors d'oeuvres, French fries, which we thought the only really safe thing to eat at that time. We anticipated a Western dinner of local roast lamb, mint sauce, fresh Kashmiri peas and roast potatoes from the Punjab. This to be followed by the highlight—a bread pudding. This nursery type dessert was part of the British heritage and very desirable. The cavernous dining room, with dark Victorian furniture and a single fireplace, echoed the English voices.

And then, suddenly, two of the engineers rushed in saying their wives had not returned from their morning walk. There was immediate silence and fear on everyone's faces. We had only our own resources and Archie quickly organized a search team with the one jeep and a driver. Within a few hours, a voice called from far below the track. The recovery began.

The Canadians took all night to bring up the injured wife with no pain killers and only ropes. But it was dawn before the other, Muriel, who had been dead for many hours, was brought up. The vultures had been circling the cheetah kill all day.

The hospital was an old stone build-

ing with ancient x-ray and some beds without any sheets or pillows. The Police Chief who spoke no English was very concerned about having the death of a foreigner. One of the Canadians brought a blue floral sheet to cover the body and I did notice the soles of Muriel's shoes were very worn. In the hills, good soles on one's shoes are life savers.

There was no morgue, no ice. Indians cremate the day of death so we had to make quick decisions. We were fortunate to have a convent in town run by a European order who offered their cemetery. Archie and I climbed up to the convent and sat in the parlour in straight-backed chairs, sipping tea and calmly discussing the details of a coffin, grave, and service. It was almost dream-like. I noticed the fringe on the rug was combed and every strand was parallel.

An old Indian carpenter knew how to make a coffin and the visiting priest promised an interdenominational service for the Protestant Muriel. Our final detail was to climb further up the hill to the cemetery and map out what



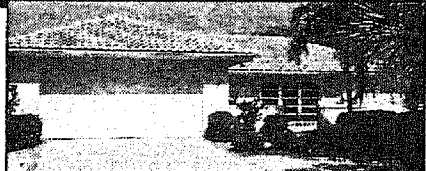
Cheetah by Mary Keogh Stringer

we thought would be the right size for a grave. Our cook would find two brave Indians who for a sum of money would dig the grave during the night.

Our first thought very early next morning was "we forgot about ropes." We found some thin, yellow nylon rope which had to do. Outside the chapel, the Canadian families shivering in the thin mountain air, frightened and disturbed, waiting for the coffin. My friend, Joyce, had on a black suit and a strange thought crossed my mind about why she would bring that to our hill location where we lived in expedition clothes. A strong smell of whiskey accompanied the thought.

The nuns had covered the coffin with thin black cotton, decorated with white rickrack braid and wreaths of wild daisies. Father Hyacinth, bearded, in gold and purple robes, big brown

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feet in sandals, had never had such a large congregation and rather forgot himself. He proceeded with the full funeral mass, complete with holy water on the Protestant Muriel and her widowed Church of England husband.

Carrying the coffin up the steep steps to the cemetery was a struggle and Archie put on two extra men as he saw the coffin slipping. At the grave side, the Protestant minister said a prayer as we joined the nuns in singing *Abide With Me* and we buried Muriel.

The mountain wind breathed through the pines and around the valleys and I could hear the fife band of the Kashmir Light Infantry practicing the song *Over the Sea to Sky*, a touching farewell to a Scot far from her birthplace. I clutched Joyce as she nearly fell into the grave scattering her roses. The nuns took us all back to the convent for tea and cookies, calmly helping everyone back to normal and trying to help us accept the Indian thought that Muriel was meant to die there, at that time, and in that place. It was, as the Hindus say "Om..."—welcome to the Gods.

Elspeth Cox is the wife of a Canadian Engineer and formerly a resident in India on hydro-electric project

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Cissie Griffin

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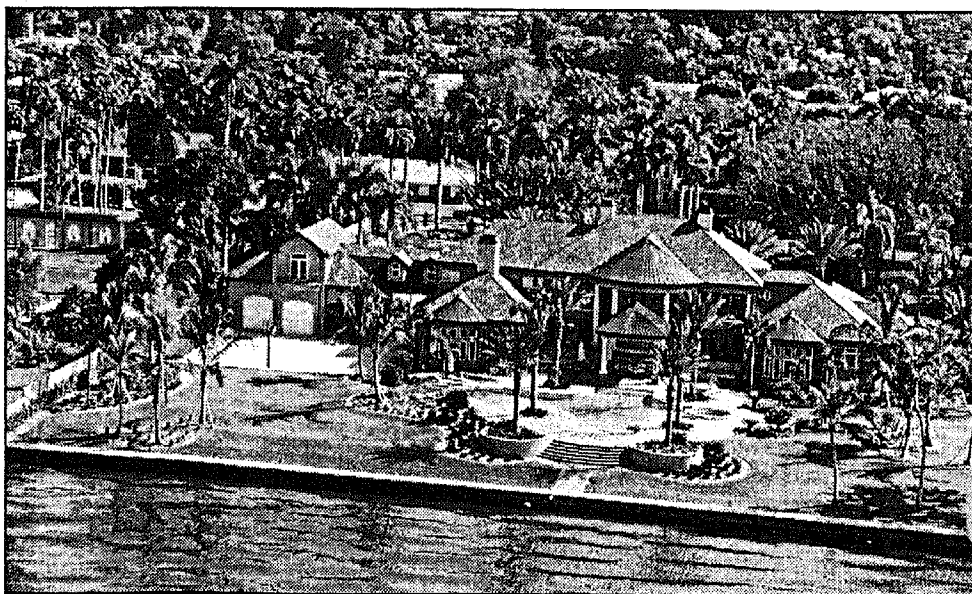
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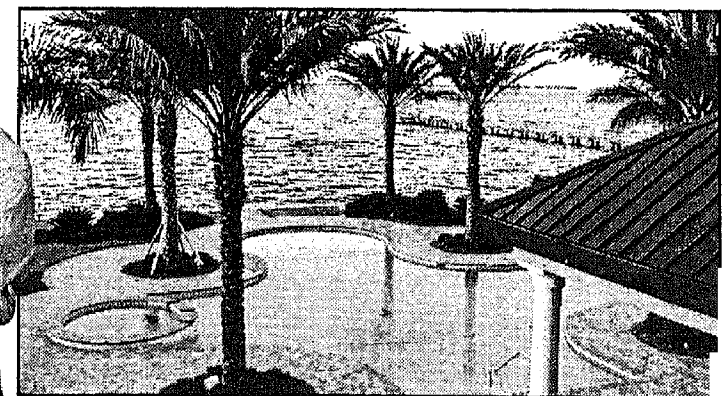
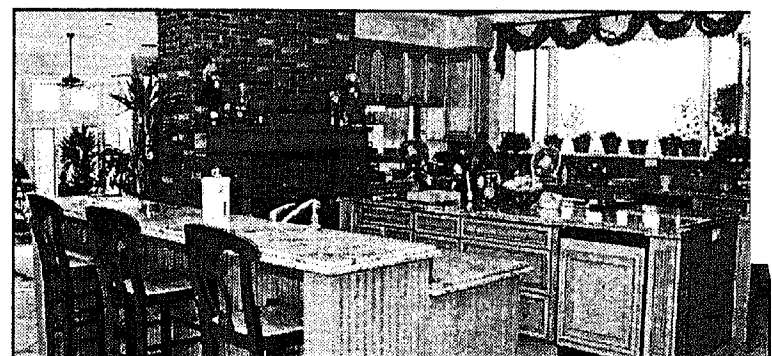
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Book Review

The Orchid Thief

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

Susan Orleans wrote an article for the *New Yorker* magazine and then became so fascinated by the subject and the lore of south Florida that she took a leave of absence from the magazine and enlarged the material into the book *The Orchid Thief*.

Orleans begins her narration, "John Laroche is a tall guy, skinny as a stick, pale-eyed, slouch-shouldered, and sharply handsome, in spite of the fact that he is missing all his front teeth."

Laroche, a thirty-six year old eccentric has been employed by the Seminole Tribe in Hollywood, Florida to set up an orchid propagation laboratory. Orleans writes, "When I first met him he lusted only for orchids, especially the wild orchids growing in Florida's Fakahatchee Strand. Orleans devotes two years to researching her book, most of it with the strange man, John Laroche."

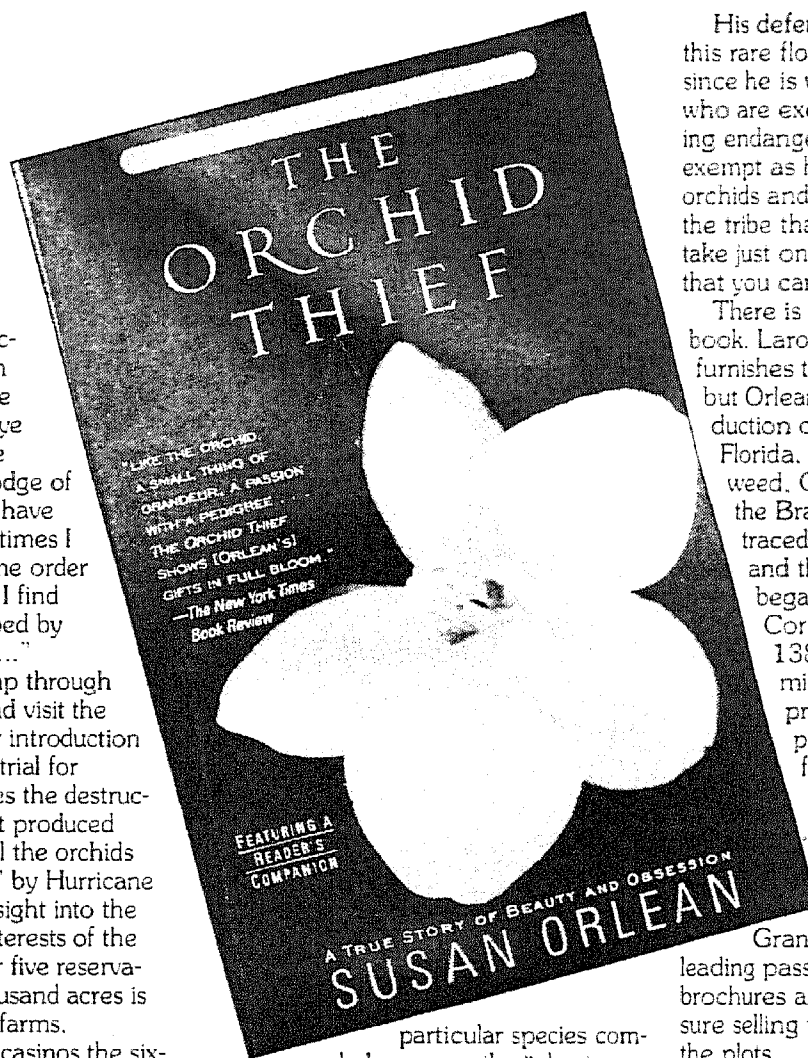
Orleans first meets him in a courthouse in Naples. "He was wearing wrap-around Mylar sunglasses a Miami Hurricanes baseball cap, and worn-out grayish trousers that sagged around his rear ... He looked as if he wanted a cigarette." He has been charged along with his Seminole assistants for removing two hundred rare orchids and bromeliad plants from the Fakahatchee, a protected area.

This book is beautifully written.

Orleans describes our area of Florida in a way that affirms its appeal to those of us who live here. "I do not consider myself a Florida person. But there is something about Florida more seductive and inescapable than almost anywhere else I've ever been." Her clever eye and quick mind catch the nuances of the hodge-podge of people and ecology that have shaped the state. "Sometimes I think I've figured out some order in the universe, but then I find myself in Florida, swamped by incongruity and paradox..."

She and Laroche tramp through the swampy preserves and visit the Indian reservations in her introduction to the background of his trial for orchid theft. She describes the destruction to the nurseries "that produced more than a quarter of all the orchids sold in the United States" by Hurricane Andrew in 1992. The insight into the workings and business interests of the Seminole Tribe with their five reservations covering ninety thousand acres is eye-opening. From their farms, orchards, beef cattle and casinos the sixteen hundred members of the tribe earn a phenomenal income.

Laroche has become obsessed by a



particular species commonly known as the "ghost orchid." "It only grows wild in the Fakahatchee with other varieties "that either live wild or die."

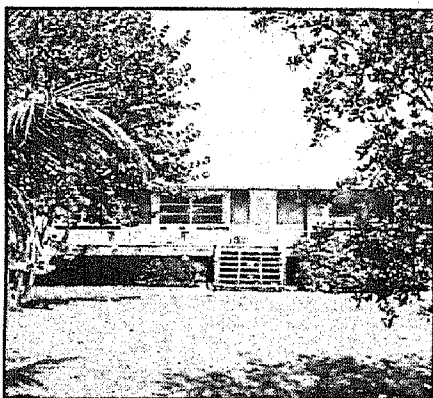
His defense in attempting to collect this rare flower rests on his belief that since he is working for the Seminoles who are exempt from the laws protecting endangered species, he will also be exempt as he sets up a lab to clone the orchids and sell them. "I explained to the tribe that if you have a lab you can take just one or two plants and from that you can grow billions."

There is not a boring passage in this book. Laroche and his eccentricities furnish the humor and the theme but Orleans has researched the introduction of the "deathless plants" of Florida, the melaleuca, alligator weed, Chinese water-spinach and the Brazilian pepper. She has traced the history of Cape Coral and the Rosen brothers who began the Gulf American Corporation. "They platted 138,000 lots and paved 1,700 miles of roads but made no provision for schools, shopping, water, sewer, or landfills..." In addition they drained the swamp to form the Lee Tidewater property and "named one section... Golden Gate Estates and another Bermuda Ranch Grants."

She includes the misleading passages from the sales brochures and describes the high pressure selling techniques used to market the plots.

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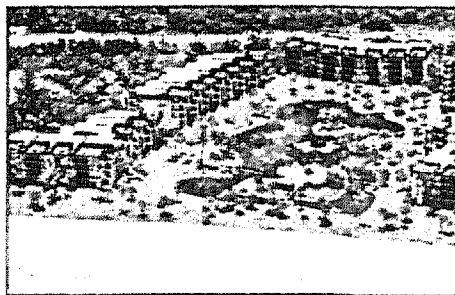


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Film Notes

Angela's Ashes

By Priscilla Friedersdorf



The film, *Angela's Ashes* is a faithful representation of the memoir written by Frank McCourt about his childhood in Ireland. McCourt wrote, "More miserable than the ordinary childhood is the miserable Irish childhood and worst yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood." So begins this beautiful but disturbing remembrance of a man who waited until his sixties to write of his journey through life. McCourt had the unique experience of being born in the United States and then returning to Limerick, Ireland with his family. Being the eldest he remembered an America, "Where no one has bad teeth and everyone has an inside lavatory."

The film portrays the family's struggles to survive in poverty. The father, Malachy (Robert Carlyle), is a good-hearted, intelligent man who is afflicted by the 'Irish disease' of drinking. The mother, Angela (Emily Watson) is sharp tongued but forgiving, worn out by childbearing and despairing from the deaths of her children through near starvation, sickness and destitution. The father's humor and unfailing though immature, optimism in spite of their plight make his son's love and

affection for the irresponsible man understandable. Young Frank is played by Joseph Breen, his is the stellar performance among the many exceptional actors.

The family must accept the shame of appearing before the local council to obtain used furniture and bedding for their shabby water-logged hovel at the end of a lane. In a reference to the father's drinking habits a council member says, "We're not handing out money to support the Guinness family." The little boy Frank, appeals to the Virgin Mary, "Will you tell Jesus that we're hungry."

The film does not present the Catholic Church in a favorable light, which is a gross understatement. The hypocrisy of religion is the underlying theme. Frank's father goes with him to seek a place as an altar boy for the intelligent little boy but they are curtly rebuffed by the priest. Malachy tells the disheartened little boy, "It's class distinction. They don't want the boys from 'the lane' as altar boys." The boy is shamed as his mother begs at the door of the priests' home for the leftovers from their table.

In spite of the poverty and deprivation the film is not maudlin but life affirming. The wonderful Irish humor permeates the dialogue and you will find yourself laughing at the ironies, dogmatism and prejudices the boy encounters in his struggles. Particularly humorous are the scenes from his First Communion; the first confession of the earnest boy and the priest's use of slips of the newspaper placed on the boys'



Angela's Ashes

tongues in a dress rehearsal of the ceremony. The sharp opinions of the relatives as they tell the boy he has "Presbyterian hair, no doubt inherited from his Northern Ireland father" is familiar chastisement to those who have descended from Irish immigrants.

The roles of Malachy and Angela while played faithfully and well did not seem to match my image of them from the book. Angela was more lusty and Malachy more forceful as the man who is strong in character but weak in his resolve.

Is this an important film and a true portrayal of the experience of our immigrant population? 'Tis.

Video Note: The film *The Muse* starring Sharon Stone is now available to rent for home viewing at The Video Scene.✱

Reading Festival 2000

The News-Press and the Foundation for the Lee County Library System are pleased to announce the first Lee County Library System Reading Festival 2000. The event to be held March 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Centennial Park in Fort Myers will celebrate the power of reading.

Dozens of national, regional and local authors will be there, so here is your chance to meet the mind behind the mystery, the brain behind your favorite book, and the character behind your favorite literary character.

This is a family event. There will be book signings, a storybook parade, puppet shows, street theatre, writing seminars and so much more.

Children can snuggle up to Nate the Great, Winnie the Pooh and Mother Goose.

There will also be live performances from Spilt Milk and the Symphony of Southwest Florida.

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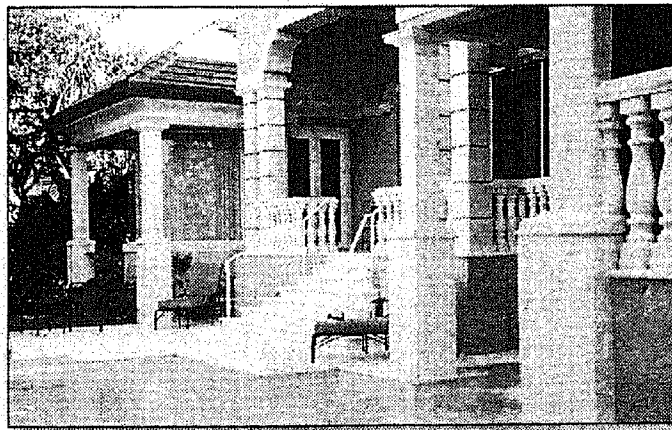
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School News

Congratulations to the citizens of the week: Lexie Dekker, Anastasiya Snetkova, Matthew Gergen, Nick Scavone, Grady Scott, Travis Kridle, Johnathon Cain, Daniel Luc, Nick Rinaldi, Alex McDaniel, Dylan Faraone, Meaghan Grinstead.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Sitton for perfect attendance in the second quarter. Elizabeth is a kindergartner in Mrs. Simmons' class.

The office has an opening for a volunteer receptionist Thursday mornings from 9:15 a.m. until noon. If you would like to volunteer please call Mary Bondurant, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 472-2616 or the school office.

The Jr. Optimist Club will be sponsoring a trip to the Everblades game this Friday, February 25. We will be taking a charter bus to Teco arena to see the Everblades Hockey game! The cost is \$20, which includes the ticket and the bus. Please call Lisa Bilske at 395-0788 or 418-1229 to reserve your spot.

The Girl Scouts will be sponsoring camps the week of Spring Break (April 17-April 21). One camp will be at the Calusa Nature Center and the other will be at Cape Coral Yacht Club. The hours of camp are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. until noon. The fee for the five-day session is \$50 for Girl Scouts and \$60 for non-Girl Scouts. Registration must be received by March 17. Any parent wishing to learn more about

these camps can contact the Girl Scout Service Center at 561-1800.

Lee County Library Reading Festival will be held on Saturday, March 11 at Centennial Park in Fort Myers. Many nationally known authors will be present. There will be activities specifically designed for elementary school children including a children's activity tent, story telling, puppet shows, a children's book character parade and a free book giveaway. If you would like more information you can contact the Library System's website at www.leegov.com/library/progserv/readfest.htm or 479-4636.

Just a reminder that yearbook ads are due this Friday, February 25. This is a great way to show support for your child and/or promote your business. All money collected goes directly to your child's classroom.

We would like to request that the "buses only" sign for the circle drive be honored. We are concerned that the students who are walking to or from the buses or PE are not expecting cars to be there and subsequently are not watching for cars. For these reasons we request that you refrain from driving in the circle drive. Please use the front of the school for student drop off and pick up. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Media Center needs guides to help children explore new adventures. Times available are as follows: Tuesdays 12:30 to 3:15 p.m. Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If your schedule allows, please join

the Media Center volunteers. Please call Mrs. Bev Pierce our Media Specialist, at the school (472-1617) or Mary Bondurant, our Volunteer Coordinator, at (472-2616). Your help would be tremendously appreciated!

The long awaited T-ball and baseball games will begin this weekend. Opening day for Minor League will be Friday, February 25 at 6 p.m. T-Ball will begin Saturday, February 26 at 9 a.m. and Major League will begin at 10 a.m.

The Basketball Camp flyer that was recently sent home contained an error. The Camp is open to all students who will be entering 1st through 8th grade in the fall.

Congratulations to Grandma, Maureen Harrigan, Secretary to the Principal, and Mom, Patricia Knapp, on the birth of Jacqueline Nicole. She arrived on February 12 at 5:07 p.m. Her vital statistics are 7 pounds 10 ounces and 21 inches long. Our proud first time Grandma is doing fine.

We are still seeking donations for the silent auction to be held at the Seahorse Festival on March 19. We are happy to accept services such as baby-sitting, plumbing etcetera, as well as gift certificates, vacation accommodations, and works of art. Please contact Spring Rosen at 472-4347 or Susie Holly at 472-4042 for information and ideas on how you can contribute to this very important fund-raiser. Every penny raised goes directly toward enhancing the quality of our children's education.

The Sanibel School is currently accepting applications for a part-time assistant position and a part-time, custodial position available for second semester. If you are interested please call the school office at 472-1617. Tolls are paid!

The Sanibel School fund's first major fundraiser is on cruise control. Look for updates in the local Sanibel papers. *

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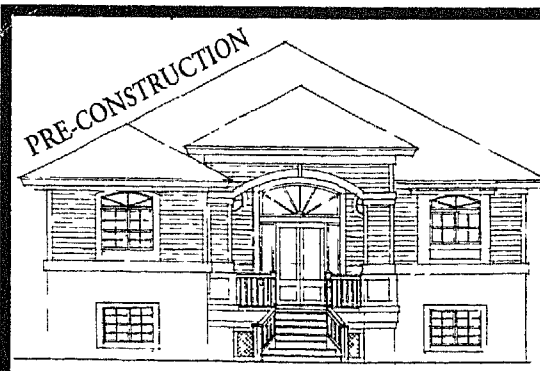
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BIG ARTS Scholarship Deadline Extended

The deadline for applications for the BIG ARTS/ Robert Rauschenberg/Ida Lalor scholarships has been extended to March 15.

Scholarships are awarded writers, artists, photographers, film makers or anyone involved in creative studies or projects.

Three scholarships of up to \$1,000 are provided by artist Robert Rauschenberg, the Barrier Island Group for the Arts in the name of Ida Lalor who helped develop the BIG ARTS Center and by the BIG ARTS board.

Scholarships and grants awarded by the BIG Arts Scholarship Committee can be used to acquire new skills or for books, art supplies or technical materials needed to accomplish an artistic project.

In order to be eligible for a BIG ARTS/Robert Rauschenberg/Ida Lalor Scholarship or Grant, applicants must have one of the following: 1) been a resident of Sanibel or Captiva during the past two years, 2) been employed on Sanibel or Captiva during the past two years, 3) been a member of BIG ARTS for the past two years.

Candidates must also have a financial need for assistance and have maintained a 3.0 or above grade point aver-

age in any course of study relating to the application

Application forms are available at the BIG ARTS Center at 900 Dunlop Way near City Hall on Sanibel

For more information call Scholarship Chairmen Syril Rubin at 472-4855 or Wendy Humphrey at 472-6632 or BIG ARTS at 395-0900 *

Children's Day Celebration

More than 300 preschool children will gather on the steps of the Old Lee County Courthouse Tuesday, March 7 from 10 to 10 30 a.m. in celebration of the 13th Annual Children's Day as proclaimed by the Lee County Commission

In celebration of their special day, children from throughout Florida prepared artwork of their handprints. More than 5,000 handprints were created in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.

"We'll be displaying many of those handprints in the Lee County Commission chambers," said Rhea Mike, executive director of Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc., which coordinates local involvement in the statewide celebration along with the School District of Lee County's Early Intervention Program. "The local celebration will coincide with similar ceremonies going on around the state."

Caring hands will join together as individuals sing, *We've Got The Whole*

World In Our Hands, while Commissioner John Albion reads the proclamation passed by the Lee County Commission.

Special entertainment also will be provided by Marie Morales and Evelyn Butler, who will lead the children in a sing-a-long prior to the ceremony.

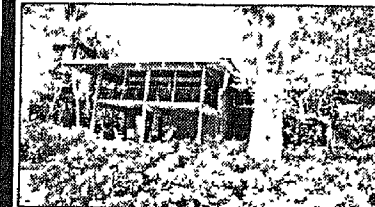
This year's theme, Child Care Keeps Florida Working, addresses the importance of continued funding for subsidized child care, in addition to children's concerns and issues.

"Children deserve to have a good quality of life from the beginning. Through a non-profit organization like Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc., and the support of the community and parents, children of all socio-economic backgrounds have an opportunity to be successful," said Kerry Pratt Home, chairman of the Board of Directors of Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc.

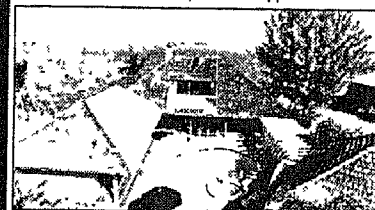
Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc., is a non-profit organization that has provided high quality child care services throughout Southwest Florida since 1967. The agency provides child care for children from infancy through age 16 at its 13 directly-operated and 40 contracted centers. In addition, it offers referral services for families seeking child care, conducts and coordinates training for child care workers, and administers the federal child care subsidy program for parents who cannot afford child care.

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Applying For Student Financial Aid

Millions of students applying for federal student financial aid this year will find the process easier and faster than ever before, according to the U.S. Department of Education, the nation's largest source of college student aid. In addition, tax credits of up to \$1,500 per student for tuition expenses paid last year are available for 1999 federal income tax files.

Streamlined forms have cut paperwork significantly, said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, and with electronic filing a student's aid application can be processed in a matter of hours. Furthermore, tax credits can make college or training courses more affordable and reduce the amount of income tax families owe.

This year an estimated \$51.4 billion

in federal grants, loans, and work-study opportunities will be awarded to some 8.4 million students out of 10 million applicants. Even students who are not financially needy enough to qualify for grants or federally subsidized loans are eligible for loans at interest rates lower than those offered by commercial lenders.

Following are some facts that potential applicants may find useful.

Applying for federal aid is free. Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in the process. Students can file electronically or on a paper application. Most state and institutional aid eligibility is determined by the FAFSA, so students should start there. Students are also encouraged to talk to the financial aid directors at the schools they hope to attend to learn about financial aid packages and other sources of assistance. Students can obtain an FAFSA at high school guidance offices, libraries, or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information

Center toll-free at 900-433-3243 (TDD 900-730-8913).

Electronic filing is faster, less error-prone. An estimated 12 to 14 percent of paper applications are returned for errors adding time to the application process. By filing electronically, students can avoid delays because the software immediately identifies errors and allows for on-the-spot corrections. FAFSA on the Web is now available to students to apply electronically through the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA on the Web can be accessed with many popular browsers, including Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Help is available by calling the customer service hotline at 1-800-801-0576 (TDD 800-511-5906).

Reapplying for aid simplified. Reapplying for aid is simpler than ever. Students simply add a minimal amount of new information on the 2000-2001 renewal form and update any information that has changed since 1999-2000 (family size, for example).

Students can also reapply electronically by using the renewal version of FAFSA on the Web. For renewal filing over the web, students are given an electronic access code or PIN that serves as the student's signature. Parents will still have to sign if the applicant is a dependent. Check with the school financial aid administrator for questions about the renewal paper or electronic FAFSA or contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center.

PIN numbers now available. The department will mail a PIN (personal identification number) to new students who apply for aid in the 2000-2001 award year. The PIN can be used to access the student's account information online, access renewal FAFSAs, and take the place of the student's signature for FAFSA on the Web applications in subsequent years. Beginning March 6, students can make corrections to an aid application through the Internet.

Other useful tips:

Print carefully and clearly using only blue or black ink or pencil, no other colored ink accepted.

Have the student's Social Security number ready.

Use W-2 forms and carefully estimate tax information if federal income taxes have not yet been completed.

Be aware of deadline dates for the schools to which you are applying. While students have an 18-month window to apply for federal aid, some schools have early filing dates for their own institutional aid that may be based on federal aid eligibility (a list of state deadlines in the FAFSA instructions).

Some schools use only the federal form. Others have a separate form for institutional aid, so be sure to check with the school.

Do not report parents when answering the question "how many students in the family are attending college?" but do report oneself even if attendance is less than half-time, and other family members who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program and who are enrolled at least half-time.

The forms are processed by computer, so do not attach additional materials and write only in the marked spaces on the application, never in the margins.

Be sure to sign the application or separate signature sheet for electronic files (except electronic renewal files which are independent) and have a parent sign if required.

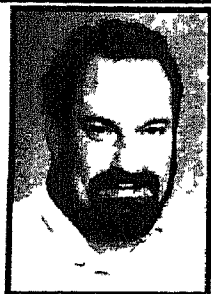
In addition to federal grants, loans and work-study, families can take advantage of education tax credits: up to \$1,500 for the HOPE tax credit for each student enrolled in the first two years of college or vocational school, and up to \$1,000 for the Lifetime Learning tax credit for those beyond the first two years of study for students enrolled in vocational, college, graduate and professional schools, or adults taking classes part-time to improve or upgrade their job. These credits can be claimed by eligible taxpayers when they file their 1999 tax returns. In 1998 4.7 million families received \$3.4 billion in education tax credits.

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The cars...the house...the cash
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And how we spend our dash.
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The way other people feel.
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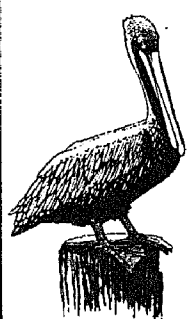
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Beachview Mens Golf Association

On Tuesday, February 15, 2 Best Balls; Back Nine.

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2nd place; Bob Ritchlin, John Moores, Jack Tukey, and a "Blind Draw" - 60.

3rd place; Don Ray, Dick Grant, Jack Brown, and Don Harris - 62.*

Beachview Mens Golf Association

On Saturday, February 19, 2 Best Balls; 18 Holes.

1st place; Don Hummel, Bill Pritchard, Bill Blankenship, and a "Blind Draw" - 109.

2nd place; Frank Klepacki, Tom Maggio, Joe Hoffman, and Marv Backus - 110.

3rd place; Rod Verblaaw, Dan Valentine, Jack Brown, and Stan Sheft - 115.*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which American League pitcher tossed two no-hitters in 1952, the only no-hitters of his career?
2. True or false: Pete Rose is in the top 10 in career batting average.
3. At how many colleges has Lou Holtz been the head football coach?
4. Since 1984, which was the lowest-seeded team to win an NBA championship?
5. When was the last time the winner of the NHL's Art Ross trophy for scoring had more goals than assists?
6. Entering this year, who was the last pole sitter other than Jeff Gordon to win the Daytona 500?
7. How many times did John McEnroe reach the men's singles final at the French Open?

ANSWERS

Detroit's Virgil Trucks no-hit Washington on 5/15/52 and New York on 8/25/52; 2. False. Although Rose is No. 1 in career hits, his .303 lifetime batting average does not rank in the top 25; 3. Six; William & Mary (1969-71), North Carolina State (1972-75), Arkansas (1977-83), Minnesota (1984-85), Notre Dame (1986-96) and South Carolina (1999-present); 4. The Houston Rockets won the title in 1995 despite being the 6th seed in the Western Conference; 5. 1966. Chicago's Bobby Hull had 54 goals and 43 assists; 6. Bill Elliott in 1987; 7. Once. McEnroe lost to Ivan Lendl in five sets in 1984.

Beachview Men's Golf

The Beachview Men's Golf association played a 2 Man Best Ball format on February 16. The winners were:

Flight A- 1st place: D. Sikkema, D. Weymouth, 60.

2nd place: T. August, K.K. Bigelow, 62.

3rd place: (3 way tie) Dick Jones, J. Ford, D. Hopkins. B. Noble, W. Allaire, S. Richards 63.

Flight B- 1st place: A. Larson, B. Davison, 58.

2nd place: (tie) D. Smith, E. Sawin, D. Wilhoit, R. Hanslmaier, 60.

Flight C- 1st place: O. Perrotte, B. McLaughlin, 57.

2nd place: (tie): E. Shults, G. Laursen, B. Currise, E. Fowler, 61.

Flight D- 1st place: B. Craig, M. Conroy, 55.

2nd place: J. Basher, J. Green, 63.

3rd place (tie): F. Broderson, B. Louwer, E. Bowie, R. Morgan, 64.*

Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Nifty Niners had a two person scramble on February 17. The winners were:

1st place; Syril Rubin, Bonnie Byrne - 18.

2nd place; Pat Coughlin, Jean Lindman - 22. (score card playoff)

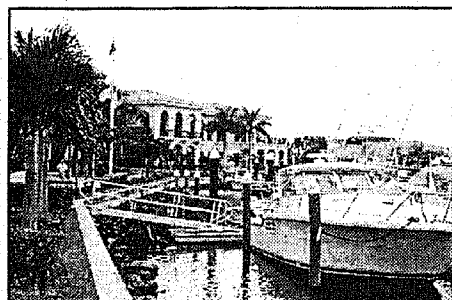
3rd place; Ruth Westheimer, Nancy Hopkins - 24.*

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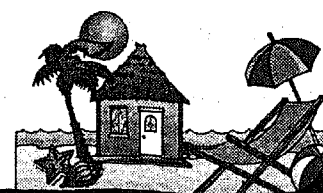
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Jack Lewis Jazz

night club, in Hollywood. The atmosphere in the club was electric, it was jammed with celebrities such as Stan Kenton, Gary Crosby, Milton Berle, Pete Condoli and Les Brown's Peerless drummer Don Lamond, etcetera. The stage was so small that the reed section had to set up on the postage size dance floor. After a couple of warm ups the band started to play their 11 minute arrangement of the *West Side Story* Medley featuring Jay Corre on tenor and Jim Trimbel on trombone and of course Buddy Rich on an extended drum solo. The Chez shook, thundered there was pandemonium in the club, Don Lamond turned to me, tears coursing down his face, and mumbled, "I'm glad I'm not a drummer, to compete with Buddy." Stan Kenton commented "Rich is serious, Buddy is playing better than ever and not only continues to be a phenomenon but now leads band worthy of his own artistic stature."

Now we go back to the reason for this interlude as we are setting the stage for Jazz Beyond Gender played by a band named, No Man's Band. Diva is a hard swinging big band grooving in the classic tradition of Woody Herman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Stan Kenton. Sherrie fields a line up packed with powerhouse soloists including altoist Sue Terry, Bassist, steely fingered Melissa Slocum, and Sherrie Maricle's demonic drumming, utilizing not only the drum kit with her drumsticks and feet but also her bare hands in a flag waving rendition of Duke Ellington's *Cottontail* plus her encore of Charlie Christian's *Air Mail Special* rechristianed *Female Special*.

The band's arrangements are by top drawer big band arrangers Tommy Newsome, Michael Abene (sounds a bit Kentonesque), John La Barbera and Jerry Dodgion, to name a few.

The band has appeared with and accompanied such musical stars as Skitch Henderson (who will appear at Big Arts on Sunday, April 9), Peter Nero, Joe Williams, and numerous jazz festivals, Hollywood Bowl, Berlin Jazz Festival, Switzerland's Bern Jazz Festival, Jazz Clubs Birdland, Blue Note, Tavern On The Green.

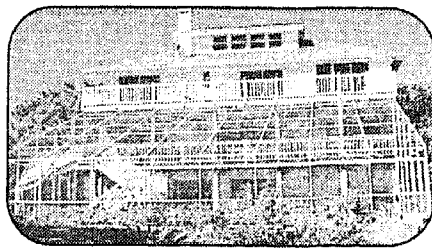
The musicians come from the bands of Doc Severinson, Thad Jones and Mel Lewis, Toshiko Akisoshi and in addition Diane Schuur, Rosemary Clooney, Clark Terry, Tommy Newsome, Terry Gibbs, Jack Jones and others.

Diva has appeared on CNN twice and on CBS Sunday Morning with Dr. Billy Taylor.

Buddy Rich's Former manager and relief drummer, inspired by Miracle's drumming Stanley Kay, after a nationwide search for female musical jazz talent, put it all together and we big band buffs and jazz aficionados should be grateful.

Diva will appear at Sanibel's Big Arts on March 12 at 8 p.m. Call 395-0900. You will be glad you did. ✱

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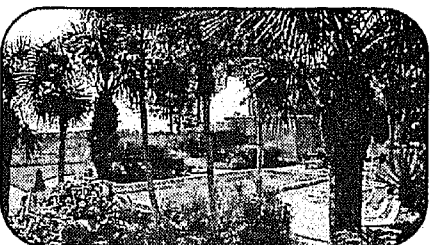
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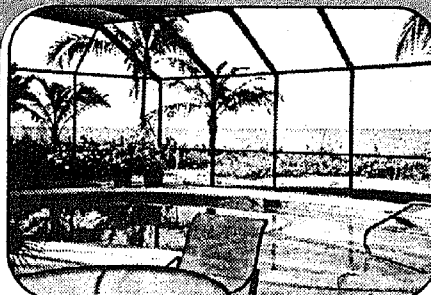
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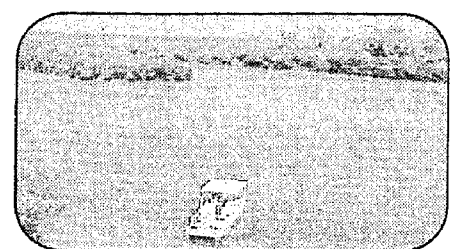
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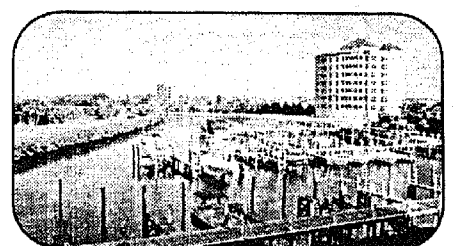
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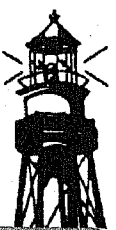
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Tiffany Willin Vaults Into Second Place

Tiffany Willin, a freshman and honor student at Bishop Verot High School, took second place at the St. Louis Classic Gymnastic invitational meet held February 2 through 4. Tiffany competed in the Level 10 Junior division against thirty-six fellow gymnasts from across the county. In the individual divisions, Tiffany placed 2nd on vault, 4th on beam and floor and 5th on bars, earning her a 2nd place all around.

Tiffany has been in gymnastics since she was 4 years old. She has performed in the local *Nutcracker* ballet and in exhibitions with the Lee County All Star Cheerleaders. She currently trains at Gymnastics World, Fort Myers under coach Sean O'Lone, a 20 year coaching veteran. Tiffany has placed in the top 10 in her four previous meets this season. She currently is the Region 8 champion on vault. Region 8 consists of the lower eight southeastern states of the U.S.. Tiffany trains over twenty hours a week to maintain her Level 10 ranking. Her next step is the Elite level which is where her opportunity to try for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team exists.

Tiffany's goal now is to do well at the state meets and qualify for nationals. Once at nationals she must be one of the top seven gymnasts in order to



Tiffany Willin

be invited to train at the Olympic training center in Colorado. Tiffany's parents, Greg and Anna Willin, have dedicated themselves to Tiffany's dream. "We are very proud of Tiffany and her determination and courage to master difficult skills," says Anna Willin. Tiffany's coach says, "Tiffany has the talent to take her places. She is always one of the top contenders at the meets."

Gymnastic World has a sponsorship program for individuals or businesses interested in helping to support their athletes. For more information contact Greg Willin at 574-3868.

Tiffany's next meet is the AT&T Buckeye Classic, held February 18 through 20 in Columbus, Ohio. The Buckeye Classic has seen such Olympic stars as Kerri Strug and Dominique Dawes compete. Best of Luck Tiffany!!

Reservations Open For Green Scene Benefit

Reservations are now being accepting for the "Green Scene," a benefit for the Green Building Project at Florida Gulf Coast University. The fund-raiser is a 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23 cocktail reception at The Club at The Strand in Naples.

In appreciation for their \$1,000-per-couple-donation to the project, each couple will receive a signed, numbered and matted photograph by Clyde Butcher, a noted Everglades photographer. The 20-by-24-inch photograph, limited to 200 prints, features a majestic live oak hammock on the property of Grande Oak, a future Estero country club community to be built by the, Florida Development Partners. Butcher made the photograph December 29 during an event to announce the "Green Scene" benefit.

The March 23 reception includes hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and entertainment by the Silver Strings. Dr. John Fitch and Roy Bonnell, of FGCU, will explain the Green Building Project and its mission to educate Southwest Floridians in building and landscaping techniques appropriate to the area's unique climate and environment. FGCU President William Merwin is scheduled to attend the reception.

"The vision of the FGCU Green Building Project is to be a catalyst in the transition to more environmentally sustainable and healthy buildings and landscaping practices in our area," added Fitch, FGCU Green Building Project director.

Admission to the "Green Scene" is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Donations will help fund the construction of a new Green Building Learning Center on the FGCU campus.

Please make reservations early, as the Clyde Butcher prints will be reserved in the order the reservations are received. To RSVP, call 592-7344; for more information, call 481 5511.

The "Green Scene" is sponsored by Green Scene Team founders Clyde Butcher, Florida Development Partners, Florida Gulf Coast University, Naples Graphics and Spiro & Waites Advertising, Marketing & Public Relations.*

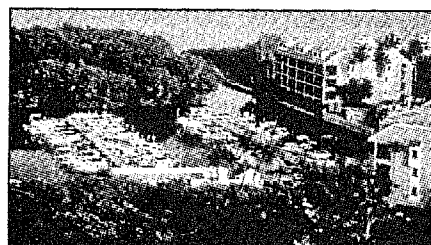
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Student Financial Aid

To take advantage of the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits, taxpayers must complete and submit IRS form 8963 with their federal tax return. For more information call the IRS help line at 1-900-829-1040, read IRS publication 970 or visit the U.S. Treasury Department's website at www.irs.gov.*

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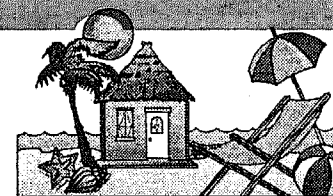
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Little Leaguers Break Out Bats

by Brian Johnson

Winter is officially over - baseball season is here. Friday, February 25 at 6 p.m., on the playing fields beside The Sanibel School, the umpire will throw out the first ball. The minor leaguers will get things going: the Angels square off with the Cubs while the Indians play the Pirates. The Tigers have a bye.

"The kids are real excited," said Cubs coach Mary Bondurant. "They got their uniforms (last) Thursday and they've been wearing their caps to practice. They can't wait to have their moms and dads in the stands so they can see what we've been working on. They keep asking me, 'is the game tomorrow night, Mary?'"

The girls softball league also gets underway Friday night. The Dodgers and Blue Jays meet at 6 p.m. while the Phillies and Cardinals play at 7:15 p.m.

The major leaguers suit up Saturday morning (February 26) at 10 a.m. The Astros take on the Diamondbacks while the Giants play the Rockies. The Yankees and Marlins will take the field for the first time on Tuesday night (February 29) at 6 p.m. Youth baseball, thanks to commissioner Dick Muench and others like him, is entering its 27th year on Sanibel.

If year 27 is anything like year 26, fans and players are in for an exciting time. Last year the pennant races went

down to the wire. There was drama to the end as the Giants, Marlins and Rockies vied for the title. The Mets pulled off a big win, knocking the Giants out of contention, and the championship came down to a battle between the Marlins and the Rockies. When the dust settled, the Rockies stood tall as league champions.

Marty Harrity, who coaches both the Giants and the Tigers, said island baseball is special because all the kids already know each other. They develop rivalries and have fun seeing each other on the ball field.

"One nice thing is that they all go to school together," said Harrity. "They're competitive on the field, but after the game it's 'how ya doing.' And there are lots of battles with the coaches. We tease each other, but we're all buddies."

Harrity said another reason youth baseball on the island is such a hit is Dick Muench, who organizes the league. "My hat is off to Dick Muench," said Harrity. "He's the one who has everything done so, boom, you walk out onto the field and you're ready to go...and the cost is only twenty dollars. That's unheard of. Most leagues are over a hundred bucks."

The talent on the island is remarkable for its small size. "An all-star team could play with any team in the country," said Harrity. "That's how good they are."



Sluggo Joey Harrity of the Giants stands with Evan Bogdon, an ace pitcher with the Astros at last year's all-star game

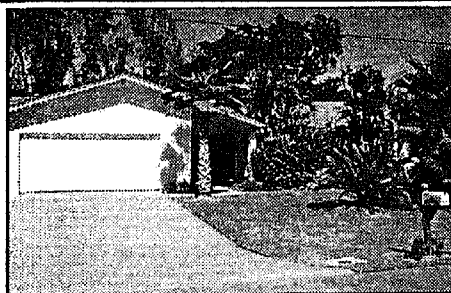
All the players and coaches play to win, but the desire for victory hasn't affected sportsmanship. Coaches have been very good about telling the kids they're playing in the league to learn the game and to have fun. Mary

Bondurant, who is in her first year, has already picked up the spirit of the league. She said, "When the kids ask, 'Mary, do you think we're going to hit the ball?', I say, 'You betcha, but if you don't that's okay too.'"

Basketball Camp

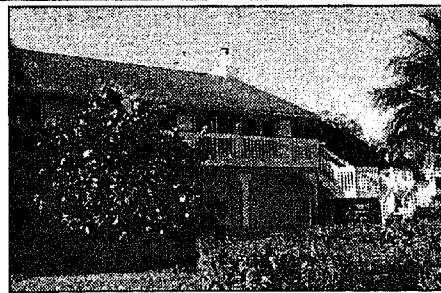
Applications are now being evaluated by The Ten Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7 to 19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include Babson Park, Florida, Riverside, California, Atlanta, Georgia, Champaign, Illinois, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Atchison, Kansas, Georgetown, Kentucky, Northfield, Minnesota, Raleigh, North Carolina, Boiling Springs, North Carolina, Rochester, New York, North Canton, Ohio, Commerce, Texas, and Farmville, Virginia. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form call 704-372-8610 anytime.

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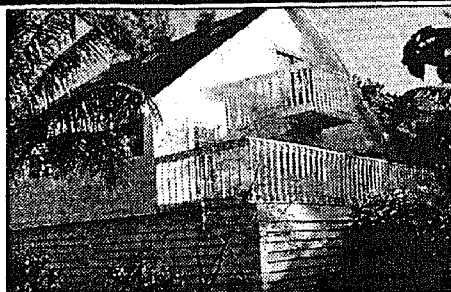
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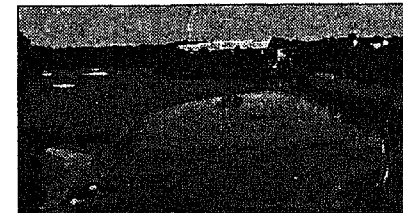
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Newest Associate

Mitch Moore, Director of Real Estate Sales announces with great pleasure the return of



Leane Suarez

Leane Taylor Suarez to South Seas Resort in the capacity as a Resort Real Estate Sales Associate in their Kings Crown Office.

Mitch is noted for commenting on Leane's outgoing and enthusiastic personali-

ty. Professionally, Leane received her Real Estate License in 1992 during her five and a half year tenure at South Seas Resort as a Rental Program Manager in the Owner Services Department.

During the past four years since her departure from the resort she has had extensive experience in Florida Community Association Management, Sales and working closely with owners. Leane left her Director of Association Management position at Lexington Country Club, Fort Myers to return to South Seas Resort. "Leane is familiar with the Resort, Accommodations, Owners, Membership and Rental Programs and along with her experience with Contracts, Florida Statutes, Associations and general service oriented attitude she will be an asset to our team of Resort Real Estate Sales Professionals" indicates Mitch.

Welcome aboard Leane!*

Top Producers For 1999

Celebrating its annual awards ceremony, Priscilla Murphy Realty-A Resort Quest Company, takes great pride in announcing that Mary Lou Bailey of the Island Sales Division has been named Priscilla Murphy Realty's overall Corporate Top Producer for 1999. Mary Lou Bailey's

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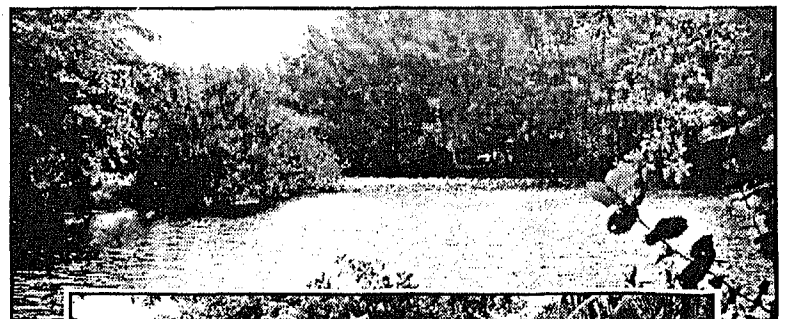
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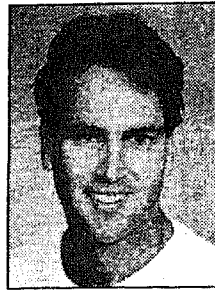
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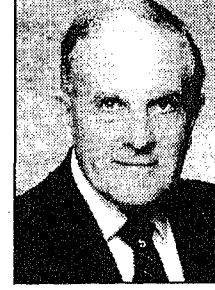
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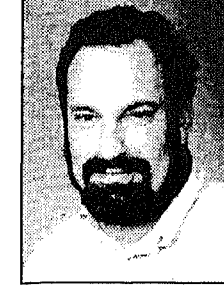
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Awards Top Producers

On Wednesday, February 16 John Naumann and Jay Richter presented awards to the company's top producing sales associates. This year Top 10 honors went to Lynda Traverso, Fred Spring, Ralph and Cathy Calietti, Glenn Carretta, Trevor Nette, Tracy Walters, Steve Harrell, Toby Tolp, Dan Cohn and Rich Garcia. Twenty other associates also received awards for their contribution to another record setting year.

"We are very proud of the job these people do," said John Naumann. "They are very dedicated real estate professionals. Real estate is a very competitive business. You have to keep up to stay on top and these individuals do it, year after year."

"These people are the reason we are once again the number one real estate company on the islands. They do an exceptional job of servicing their customers and this is the result," said Jay Richter.✱



Tracy Walters



Lynda Traverso

Top Producing Sales Associate

John Naumann & Associates is pleased to announce that Lynda Traverso has once again been named as the top producing sales associate for the year. According to Jay Richter, sales manager "Lynda was the Island's top producer for 1998 and has achieved that honor in 1999 for John Naumann & Associates."

Lynda was recently featured in several national real estate publications for her outstanding achievements.

"What can you say? We are running out of adjectives to describe her incredible accomplishments. Lynda has been the top producer at John Naumann & Associates for the last six years. She has an excellent marketing campaign and is highly respected by her customers and fellow Realtors. She knows what it takes to get the job done. Her customers benefit greatly from her knowledge and abilities. We are very proud of Lynda and her success" said John Naumann.✱

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Top Producers

1999 sales performance totaled over \$27 million in sales. Mary Lou Bailey has been a sales associate with PMR for over 16 years and has consistently been a PMR Top Producer in listings and sales production as well as a Sanibel and Captiva top producer for many years.

In addition to the top producer award presentation, PMR also announced its President's Club members. President's Club membership is earned by outstanding sales and service performance in important, specific areas of the real estate profession. The Island Sales Division 1999 President's



Mary Lou Bailey



Charles Sobczak

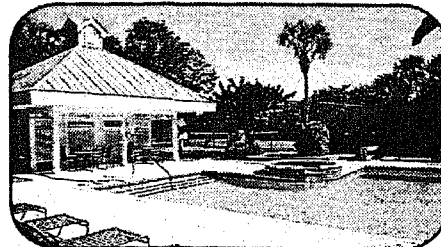
Club recipients and awards are as follows: Mary Lou Bailey - Highest Dollar Volume (Corporate Top Producer) and Greatest Number of Sales; Charles Sobczak - Island Sales Division - Most Listings Sold. In another special category of recognition, Sheila Hoen, of the Island Sales Division was presented with PMR's Rookie of the Year Award.

Al Williams, President of Priscilla Murphy Realty, noted his overwhelming satisfaction with their individual performance levels and outstanding achievements. "PMR has again had its best sales year ever in the 44 year history of our company. No finer more professional service-oriented group of sales professionals has ever been assembled under one company name in Southwest Florida. Your ability to get the job done is unsurpassed by anyone on the Islands. Individuals who want to buy or sell real estate certainly know who you are and have obviously benefited from your dependability. We are all proud of your outstanding professional achievements and I wish you all continued success in 2000."✱



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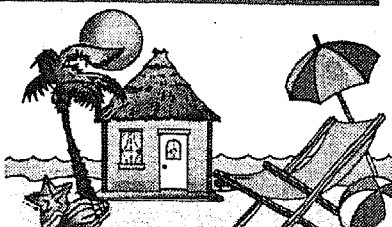


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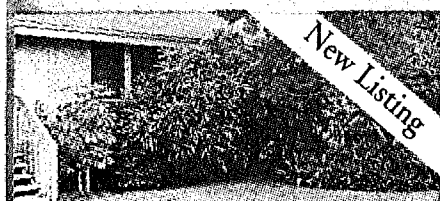
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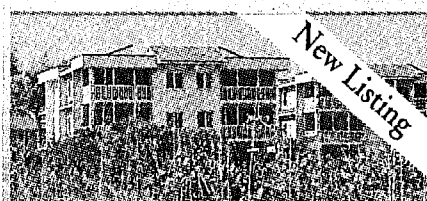
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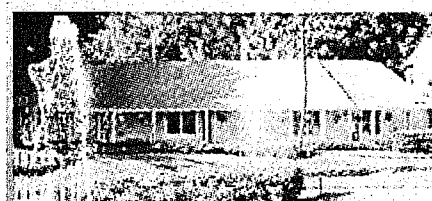
- Very near beach
- Pool & tennis
- Golf nearby
- Two bedrooms plus loft
- \$254,900 (000213)

Mike McMurray • 472-5187 x250



- 2 bedroom, 2 bath
- Direct Gulf views!!!
- Corner unit
- Beautifully furnished
- Asking \$839,000 (000195)

Rose Gibney-Dakos • 472-5187 x233



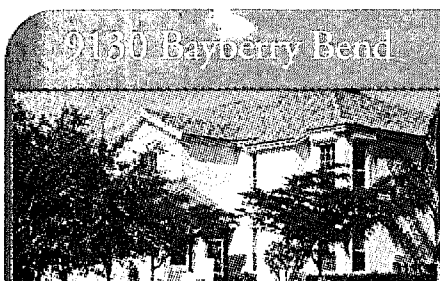
- Upper bracket
- Wearable art
- Jewelry
- Art & antiques
- \$125,000 (981031)

James or Penny Hetmanek • 472-5187 x219/202



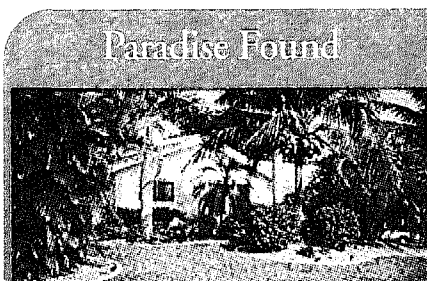
- Canal front 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus den
- Pella windows, wood floors & more
- Double size lot, room for pool
- Private West end locale
- \$499,000 (980537)

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- "Nottingham" end unit
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- \$204,900 (000010)

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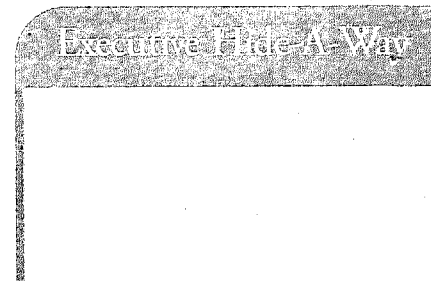
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Susan Andrews • 472-5187 x251



- Great fishing and boating!
- Private, quiet neighborhood
- Caged pool with southern exposure
- Acre lot
- Asking \$599,000! (990139)

Hap Connelly • 472-5187 x216



- Little Lake Murex subdivision - on lake
- Redone in 1998 - carpet-tile-pool-paint
- Great southern exposure
- Wildlife is abundant on lake
- \$439,000 (000131)

John Buskirk • 472-5187 x253



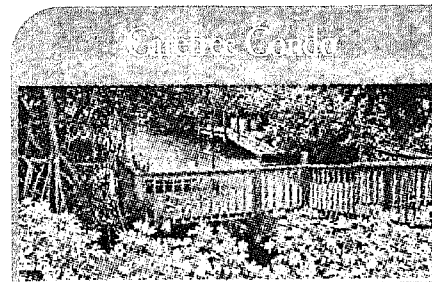
- 3 bedroom, 3 bath ground level home on double lot
- On canal to Dinkins Bayou w/boat dock, caged pool & spa
- Well kept terrazzo tile floors
- Completely furnished \$410,000 (990899)

Ruth Hamann or Cathy Gerasin • 472-5187 x235/236



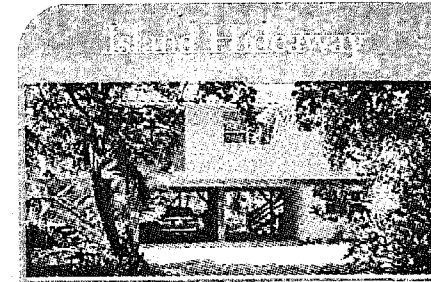
- Light and bright with large rooms
- Ample storage, large porches
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath...pretty home
- Not far from beach
- \$285,000 (990854)

Kathryn or Anthony Gaeta • 472-5187 x231



- East-end, ground floor
- 1 bedroom, 1 bath - water view
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- Beautifully furnished
- \$174,900 (000166)

Rosanne Ondarcho • 472-5187 x218



- Near beach cottage
- 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 porches
- Shell road
- Vegetated deep lot
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Mom And Me

by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce will answer your questions and give you advice about aging concerns from a two generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie a retired R.N. and health educator and Pryce a social worker who works actively as a director of a geriatric health center.

Dear Mom and Me:

My parents are beginning to develop some serious health problems. We live two hours from a major city, and close to a popular retirement area. We thought it would be ideal for them to move closer to us. I made contact with local doctors, but found they either were not accepting new patients, or did not accept Medicare. I talked to a retired physician, who has also recently moved here. I asked her what advice she would have for me. To my dismay she said that when she moved here no one would accept her either, and finally she asked one group, "Do you recall that you referred your patients to me in Boston, and now you cannot find a place for me?" Two days later she was called to say that they would accept her. How is an average person without contacts going to find a physician?

Mad and Disgusted

Dear Mad,

Finding a new doctor at any age can be difficult. Being a Medicare patient makes finding a new doctor all the more difficult for a variety of reasons. Call your local hospital and ask to talk

with physician referral services. Most if not all hospitals have a physician referral programs to help individuals find physicians. Call the retirement community and inquire what physicians they use. After you identify some physicians, find out as much as you can about the doctors, see if the physicians are in good standing with the medical board. Talk to the practice manager to determine the physicians training and board certification. Drop by the office and observe how the staff talk with patients. Talk to staff members to get a sense of whether you would be comfortable as a patient in that office. Mom, I remember when you moved you had a difficult time finding a physician. ..

Pryce

Dear Mad,

Yes, I did have problems and this is a very real, national problem. From the best sources it is only going to get worse, much worse unless there are drastic changes. There are many reasons for our present health care problems. As soon as one problem gets solved it seems two or three more problems arise. Along with tighter budgets, and a growing aging population something must be done. See if your parents present doctor has any contacts in the new area, sometimes this works or at least you might get on a waiting list. Make sure all their records are up to date.

In the meantime if an emergency develops go to the local hospital emergency department.

*Lizzie**

Lifestyles Of The Not So Rich And Famous

by Cindy Malszycki



You don't have to be a celebrity or have a lot of money to enjoy a home that looks "rich." There are plenty of ways to create drama and/or luxury with today's choices of home furnishings.

What's the first thing a guest sees when entering your home? Many times it is the foyer. As room allows, place a substantial floral arrangement bursting with silk flowers on a table or console for the all-important first impression.

Proceeding into the living room, you might want to consider painting or papering the walls in a deep, rich jewel tone. Dark colors don't necessarily close in a room instead, they can make the walls seem to melt away, giving a feeling of infinite space. Try dark-green or navy walls if you use the room mostly in the evening.

If dark walls aren't for you, use the same jewel tones in fabrics, on trim and moldings, mirrors and accent lighting. An accent lamp with a black shade makes a statement and contributes to the affluent atmosphere. And speaking

of lamps, make sure the lighting in the room is adequate. The richest looking fabrics in the world, won't appear so in a room without enough light. On the other hand, a candle-lit room makes everything look better, casting a warm golden glow on everything in its radius.

Very full draperies that puddle on the floor look rich, even if the fabric is inexpensive. Tie or hang them on a rod that has a gold finish to complete the opulent appearance and hang them at, or close to, the ceiling to give the effect of a room with high-ceilings. Use gold tones on frames or matting and on additional accessories for a Midas touch.

Add down-filled throw pillows in beautiful fabrics to your sofa, using tassels, fringe, braid and cording that say "I'm expensive." The trims can be laced with gold or made from coordinating fabrics.

So who needs their picture on the cover of a magazine to feel rich and important? All you need is a little imagination to turn your home into a palace fit for a king or queen.*

Cindy Malszycki is a Sanibel Island interior decorator

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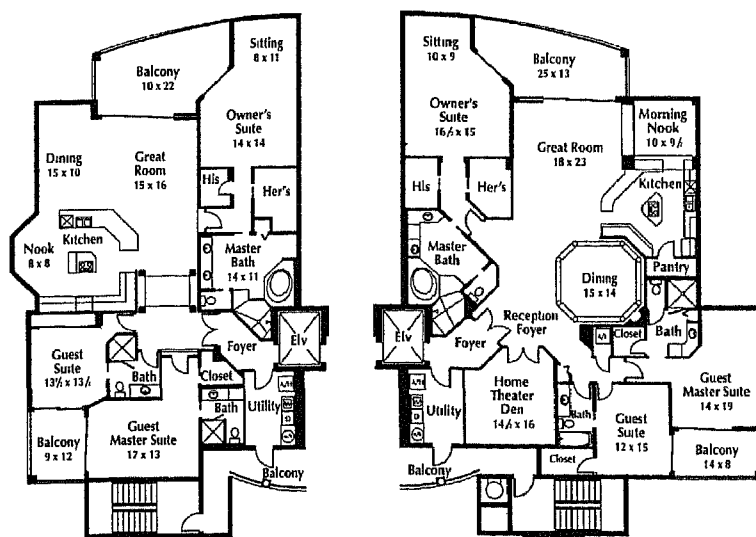
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The Metastatic Wife

by Lisa Pierot



"The easiest period in a crisis situation is actually the battle itself. The most difficult is the period of indecision-whether to fight or run away.

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Richard M. Nixon

I came home from my transplant having been gone for almost seven-weeks. My treatment was completed and my only job now was to regain my strength and resume my life. "Oh and, by the way, we'll let you know in a few months if the treatment worked." Thus it was that I stepped out of one journey and into another. Much like Mary Poppins jumping into the chalk drawings on the sidewalk only to leave when the rain came to wash them away, I jumped out of the now familiar and strangely safe existence of a cancer patient in treatment and into the tentative and unfamiliar domain of a cancer "survivor". As horrible as my treatment had been, there was a certain knowledge that accompanied the months I

endured it. It was an understanding that my cancer was being treated, eradicated and battled on a daily basis. I had formed an alliance with the chemicals that, in spite of the horrors they brought to my life, I would endure it all for the promise of a cure. I had kept my part of the bargain. I had done the thing I could not imagine doing, survived what I thought was impossible.

It is the hardest thing to wait and see. Life does not stand still in anticipation of your outcome. My children were still looking for their shoes in the morning, asking what was for dinner at night. The laundry needed to be done and the dog needed to be fed. I began to reclaim lost pieces of myself though they did not fit into the same puzzle anymore. Every interaction with my children, every plan beyond the day, every feeling was altered, however slightly, by the fear and uncertainty that lay ahead. And in this fear and uncertainty was housed the most difficult emotion of all which was grief. Deep within my soul I grieved and there were no words to express the losses there. No way to explain to another person what they were. While people around me celebrated in the victory of my survival and the optimism of a certain cure, I disciplined myself to bury my sadness and loss in the presence of others. I saved it for my shower in the morning, for after my family left the house and I was alone, for the middle of the night when everyone was asleep. It was then that I would allow the deepest of feelings to see the light of day. I would learn to listen and validate, to

soothe and calm, and to rejuvenate again and again the one emotion that would carry me from one day to the next and to the next and the day after that ... and it was this emotion we call Hope that provided me with sanctuary from what was otherwise unfathomable.... a life without it.. To be continued...*

Lisa Pierot was a resident of Sanibel for the last 20 years and owns a business on Sanibel. She now lives with her two daughters in Fort Myers. You can write her in care of Island Sun, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, Florida 33957.

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In!

by Constance S. Clancy, Ed.D.



Q. My daughter is in 8th grade and is a good student. I feel that she is under negative peer pressure to skip school or classes. She has not wanted to go to school lately and she is a loner. How can I help her?

A. Your daughter is at a critical age as she goes into the physical and emotional changes of adolescence. This is a time where she will need to be her own best friend as she examines her values and what is important to her.

I am wondering about her self-esteem and her desire to form friendships since you mentioned that she is a loner. Perhaps she is shy and not sure of herself in terms of belonging to peer groups. It can be helpful if your daughter participates in school activities (band, sports, clubs and organizations) while setting goals and learning to make her own decisions. If your daughter feels good about herself then she will be able to handle any peer pressure a lot easier. She can give her self-esteem a boost by taking pride in herself for her accomplishments, setting realistic goals, examining her values, and trusting her senses.

Dr. Clancy is a licensed mental health therapist and certified hypnotherapist.*

Venue Change For Hope Hospice

There has been a change of venue for Hope Hospice's Love and Courage Group. Starting Wednesday, March 8, the group will meet at the Ronald McDonald House on 16100 Roserush Court at HealthPark in Fort Myers. The venue has changed from the Hope Hospice home office at 9470 HealthPark Circle.

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call Dr. Wayne Leaver or Vicki Simpson in the Bereavement Department at Hope Hospice, at 489-9156 or 489-9149.*

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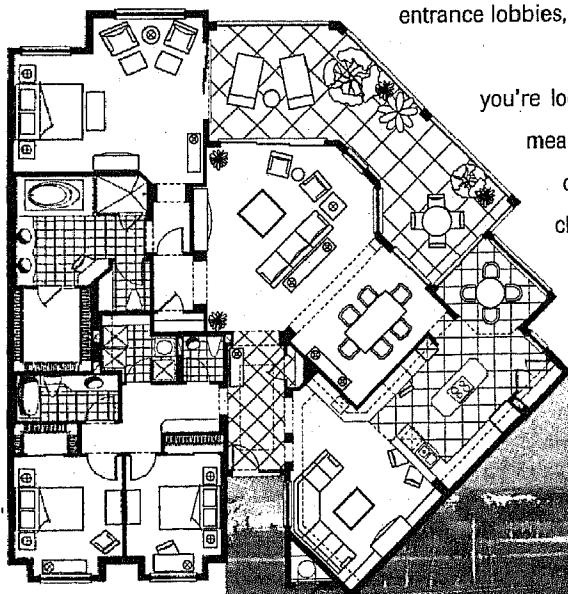
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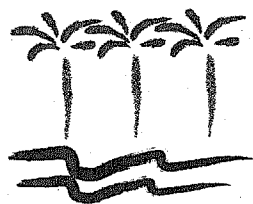
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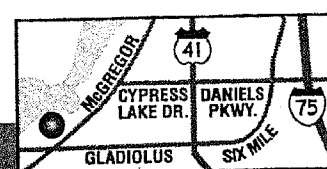
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dearRPharmacist

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Q. I just read my toothpaste tube and it says, "If you accidentally swallow more than used for brushing, seek professional help or contact a poison-control center immediately." What's so

dangerous?

ET Orlando

A. The FDA requires this statement on dental products containing fluoride. The Poison Control Center says a child has to ingest about a half tube of toothpaste before any problems would occur. But after ingestion, fluoride mixes with the chemicals in the stomach to form hydrofluoric acid and this substance is very corrosive. Young children don't control the swallowing reflex very well and typically swallow toothpaste. Oftentimes, they fail to spit out and rinse after brushing. Hence, the FDA has strengthened its warning regarding fluoride.

The American Dental Association feels this warning greatly overstates potential danger and may unnecessarily frighten parents. But there are published studies in the New England Journal of Medicine and JAMA that show accumulated exposure to fluoride weakens the bones and increases the incidence of hip fractures. There are fluoride-free toothpastes available at

health food stores. Consult your dentist to find out what is best for you and remember, it's not so much the toothpaste, but the additive exposure to fluoride through the public water system, mouthwash, dental treatments and fluoride supplements that could be a problem.

Q. I went to the pharmacy to buy some Dimetapp for my 5-month-old baby. The pharmacist refused to give me a dosage and I can't understand why. He told me to call our pediatrician. My wife gave him a half a teaspoon and he did just fine, but I still wonder, what's the big deal?

HY Apopka

A. There are vast differences in the way a baby responds to medication compared to an adult. Since the FDA does not specify infant dosages for many over-the-counter products, pharmacists are in a difficult situation because consumers usually come to them first. Should they make an educated guess based on your baby's age or should they tell you to call your baby's pediatrician?

Most pharmacists won't assume the liability associated with giving you a dose when a call to the physician would be more appropriate because some products can be dangerous if given to children. In many states, cough syrups that contain codeine are available without prescription but are not recommended for children since they are more susceptible to serious adverse reactions. Many allergy medicines are not recommended for children because of possible stimulation, rather than

expected drowsiness. And finally, some over-the-counter remedies might mask serious problems and delay a parent from seeking medical attention.

Q. What are good ways to increase fiber in my diet and what are the best fruits?

JB Crescent City

Basically, any food that is plant-derived is a source of fiber. Experts have shown that fiber is important to the prevention of some serious diseases, but diabetics beware...foods high in fiber are also high on the glycemic index. Bran flakes are an excellent source of fiber. Add some raisins or figs to your oatmeal and you've got a high fiber breakfast. Salads, fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains are all loaded. So are baked beans and yams.

Did You Know? Avocados are really fruits and they are a good source of B vitamins, potassium and iron. One medium avocado has about 30 grams of unsaturated fat, the most of any fruit.

If you have questions for Suzy Cohen, RPh, please submit them to the Island Sun, Attn: dearRPharmacist, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, Florida 33957 or E-mail schoen@atlantic.net

Soy Soothes The Circuits In Body Cells

Human body cells are constantly barraged with chemical signals that pester them to respond. Miraculously, they do a pretty good job of filtering out the "noise" and staying focused on their purpose. But some cells lose the ability to regulate these signals, and they react before they should. Researchers now believe this loss contributes to chronic diseases, such as cancer and heart disease.

Foods play an important role in filtering out this chemical noise. Test tube studies more than a decade ago show that a 4 in soy foodsgenistein dampens communication from the cell's surface to its interior. Now, an Agricultural Research Service study gives the first evidence of this dampening effect in an animal.

For four weeks, chemist Norberta Schoene, based at the ARS Nutrient Requirements and Functions Laboratory in Beltsville, Maryland, fed young rats diets containing soy protein with high or low levels of genistein. Then she measured how the animals' blood platelets responded. Platelets are quite sensitive to outside signals and so

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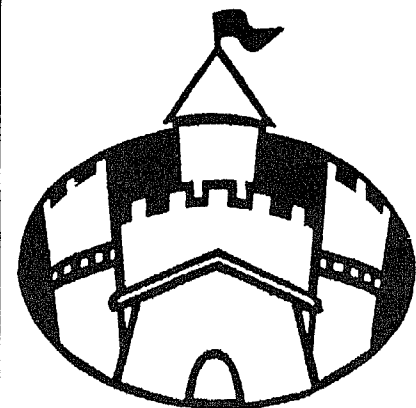
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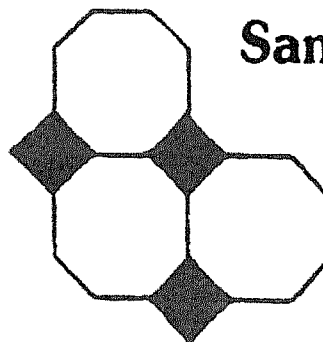
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are a good model for studying cell signaling. In three different tests, the platelets from the animals receiving the high-genistein diet showed less response to such signals.

Schoene's hypothesis- Isoflavones may reduce over-responsive signaling that produces chronic disease. For example, if an order to divide gets "heard" by too many cells, it could lead to unrestrained growth as in cancer or an overactive immune system.

Japanese diets on average contain about 10 times more soy than North American diets, and the Japanese have a lower incidence of cancer and heart disease. The genistein-rich diets in this study had the equivalent of twice the average Japanese genistein intake. The genistein-poor diet contained the equivalent of the U.S. intake of soy. Tofu, tempeh and miso are some soy foods rich in genistein and other isoflavones.

An article about this research is in the February issue of Agricultural Research magazine online at:☆

Dietary Guidelines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced in the latest Federal Register that the final Report of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is available for public comment.

The guidelines are updated every five years to incorporate the evolving scientific knowledge about how dietary intake affects human health.

The report, containing the proposed content of the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans as well as discussion on proposed changes and other recommendations is available on the Internet in PDF format at:

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/dgac>. It is also available for review at the Reference Section of the National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Boulevard, Beltsville Maryland. For directions, call 301-504-5755.

Those interested in commenting on the report may submit written comments on or before March 15 to the names and addresses below. The committee will also accept oral comments

at a public meeting March 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To give oral comments, presenters must preregister by 5 p.m. March 7, giving the name and affiliation (if applicable) of the presenter, source of funding and contact phone number.

Call Kathryn McMurry at 202-205-4872 or fax her a 202-205-0463 with the information. No registration is necessary to attend the meeting as an observer.

The meeting will be held in the Jefferson Auditorium of USDA's South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington D.C. The building is adjacent to the Smithsonian Metro station at the Independence Avenue exit.

For more information and to submit written comments, contact both: Shanthi Bowman, Ph.D., USDA-ARS, 1300 Baltimore Boulevard, Building 005, Room 125, BARC-W, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350. Call 301-504-0619. Or Kathryn McMurry, M.S., DHHS-ODPHP, Room 738-G, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20201. Call 202-205-4872.☆

Chiropractic Health News

by Dr. Michael Tolisano, B.A., M.A., D.C., Chiropractor



Correct Posture With Laptop Computers

Laptops may allow you to bring your work with you on the run, but their use can cause pain, such as a

daggerlike feeling between the shoulder blades. This is caused by hunching over the computers with poor body posture. After 30 minutes of use, the laptops increase neck, back, shoulder, wrist and eye strain.

Instead of hunching over, try to sit as you would at a desktop computer. Arms should hang relaxed from the shoulder with the forearms nearly parallel to the floor. The screen should be perpendicular to your line of sight. When possible use docking stations with full-size keyboards and monitors. Or, raise the laptop off your lap with

phone books, pillows, towels, etcetera. Change your position frequently and don't work reclining in bed because your head and neck are angled forward. Ask your chiropractor for more suggestions and, if necessary, have him or her provide gentle hands-on adjustments to restore spinal integrity and relieve pain.☆

Hope Hospice Gets The Green Light

The waiting is over for Hope Hospice. February 16, the agency's President and Chief Executive Officer, Samira K. Beckwith, announced that the Certificate of Need (CON) was granted - a legal document that gives the green light for the agency to continue its plans to build a second inpatient facility.

Hope Hospice was able to justify to the Agency for Health Care

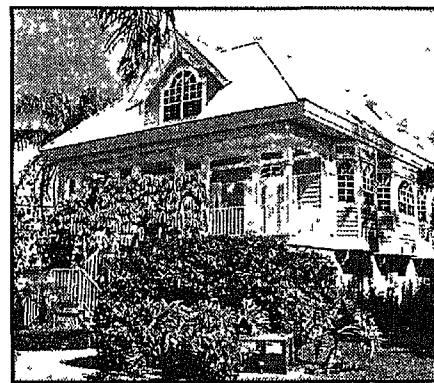
Administration in Tallahassee that a second, larger facility is needed — on any given day, there is an average of 12 patients waiting for beds to become available at Hope Hospice's present 16-bed inpatient facility, Hospice House.

High on the agency's list of priorities is its ongoing Capital Campaign to raise \$3 million in donations for the second Hospice House. The 24-bed inpatient facility, which will be built in the North Fort Myers/Cape Coral area, will also house administrative offices. When the new facility is completed, the agency's present office on Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral will be closed. Work is already in place with meetings being held with architects and contractors. Ground breaking is planned in the Spring of this year and completion is projected in 2001.☆

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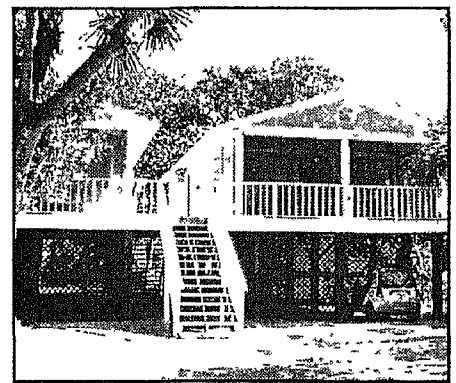
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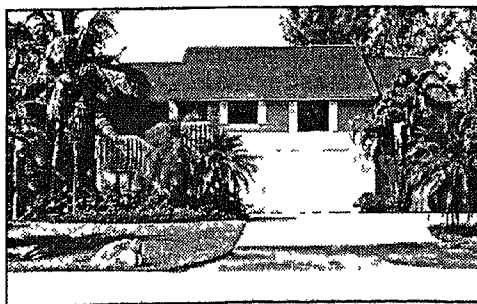
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Video Games May Improve Kids' Eating Habits

A fun, fast paced video game called *Squire's Quest!* might entice kids to eat more fruits and vegetables, according to the scientists who are creating and testing it. Researchers at the Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston, Texas, are trying out the action-packed computer game with 1,600 children in Houston elementary schools. The Nutrition Center is operated jointly by ARS, Baylor College of Medicine, and Texas Children's Hospital. ARS is the chief research agency of USDA.

Kids in the United States only eat about two to three-and-one-half servings of fruits and vegetables a day, instead of the five servings essential for optimal physical and mental growth and development, according to Tom Baranowski, a professor of behavioral nutrition at the research center and Baylor's Department of Pediatrics. Baranowski leads the team that is

developing and testing the video game as part of an innovative new nutrition education program.

Each child playing the video games starts as a squire and enters into training to become a knight. Knights help to protect an imaginary kingdom, called "Five-a-lot," from invaders bent on destroying its fruits and vegetables. As squires earn points towards various levels of knighthood, they learn about fruits, 100-percent fruit juices, and veggies. The video game is part of a series of ten, 25 minute-long classroom sessions in which kids make tasty virtual recipes with fruits and veggies. Then they set personal goals for making those recipes at home, and for eating at least one more serving of a fruit or vegetable at a specific meal or snack.

Baranowski developed the video game and kid-friendly, behavior-change curriculum in collaboration with Baylor assistant professors Janice Baranowski and Karen Cullen, along with health educator Lauren Honess Morreale and freelance writer Brenda Congdon. The scientists expect to finish analyzing the results of their education experiment by the end of summer 2000.✱

Debra George Featured

Ms. Debra George, ASID, will present an introduction to Feng Shui, the art and harmony of place at the March 14 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Feng Shui offers a philosophy and method of living life in a harmonious relationship with the Earth's environment and energy lines. It is the eternal art of finding one's place. Ms. George will speak specifically about uncluttering, the first step anyone would take to begin to tune one's environment with Feng Shui.

A member of the Feng Shui Guild, Ms. George utilizes her Feng Shui knowledge as an integral part of her interior design practice. In the twenty years she has been practicing interior design she has worked on a variety of commercial and residential projects. Her work includes projects for the NORAD Headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska, Stanford University Hospital, Princess Tours and Sunterra Resorts in Hawaii and Mexico. Ms. George received an award for Design Excellence from *Restaurant and Hotel* magazine for a project at the University of Washington Teaching Hospital. Currently she works on investment rental vacation condominiums and private residences and yachts on Sanibel and in Fort Myers.

The meeting will be held Tuesday,

March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Sundial on Sanibel. The social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is \$15 and reservations are required. Phone Trudie Kohlbrener at 472-4969 no later than Thursday, March 9 to make your reservations.

The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of ABWA meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Sundial.✱

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The Orchid Thief

annual tribal fair, the American Orchid Society gala and introduces you to characters you will never encounter in this strange tropical wilderness full of eccentrics and zealots. You get lost with her and Laroche in the swamp; every page is an adventure.

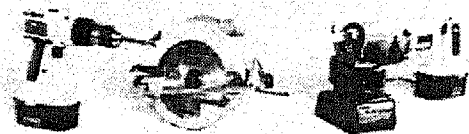
Orleans' photo shows a pale, wan young woman who resembles some variety of ghost orchid. The Reader's Companion to the paperback edition contains an interview with the author and suggestions for Reading Group Questions and Topics for Discussion.

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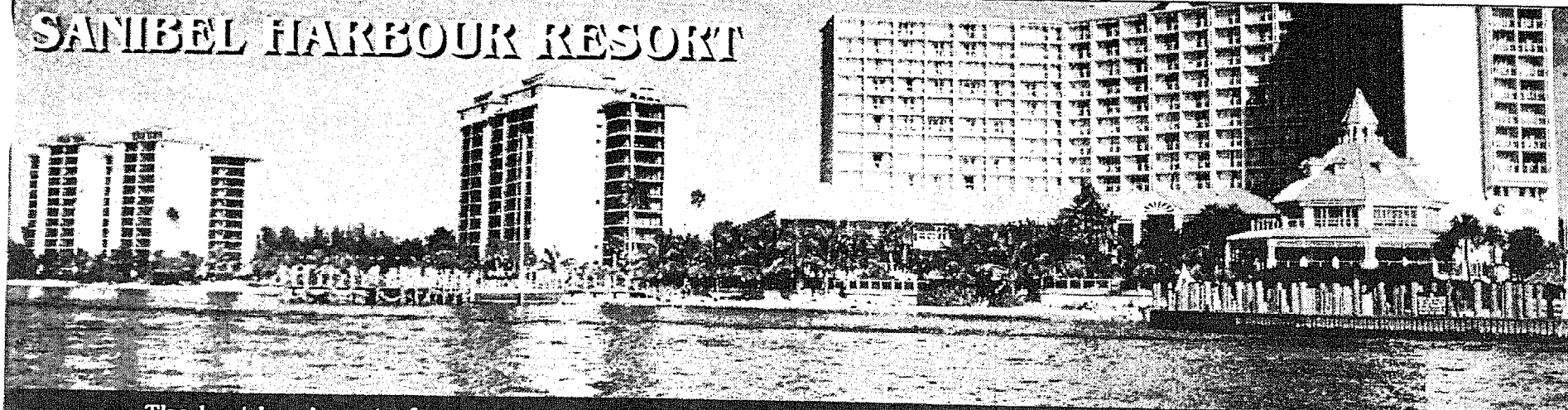
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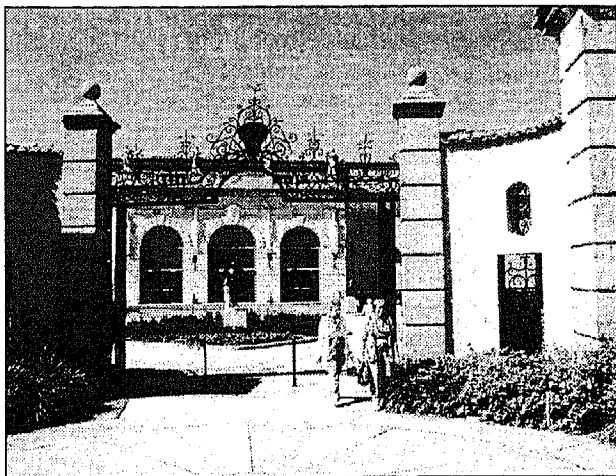
Sarasota Is A Great Florida Getaway

by Joan Hooper

Sarasota has long been known as the Gulf Coast's City of Culture, far outshining its original circus image. Today, its diversified attractions are the main event throughout the year, along with its upscale shopping and dining.

We had looked forward to our Sarasota getaway as we checked into the Holiday Inn Lido Beach for a spectacular long weekend. The choice of hotels in this fascinating city is many, from the imposing Hyatt downtown to the Hampton Inn, directly off of I-75 at Exit #38 (Bee Ridge Road). But if you would like to check into one of only two five diamond hotels on the Gulf Coast, it's definitely the lovely Colony Beach & Tennis Resort on Longboat Key. The Colony shares its five diamond distinction with the Ritz Carlton in Naples.

We had planned to stay on Longboat Key, with its many great restaurants and shops. For us, though, it was the photo of the Holiday Inn Lido Beach in the AAA Tour Book, that convinced us that we could enjoy the beach and the sunsets, and also be

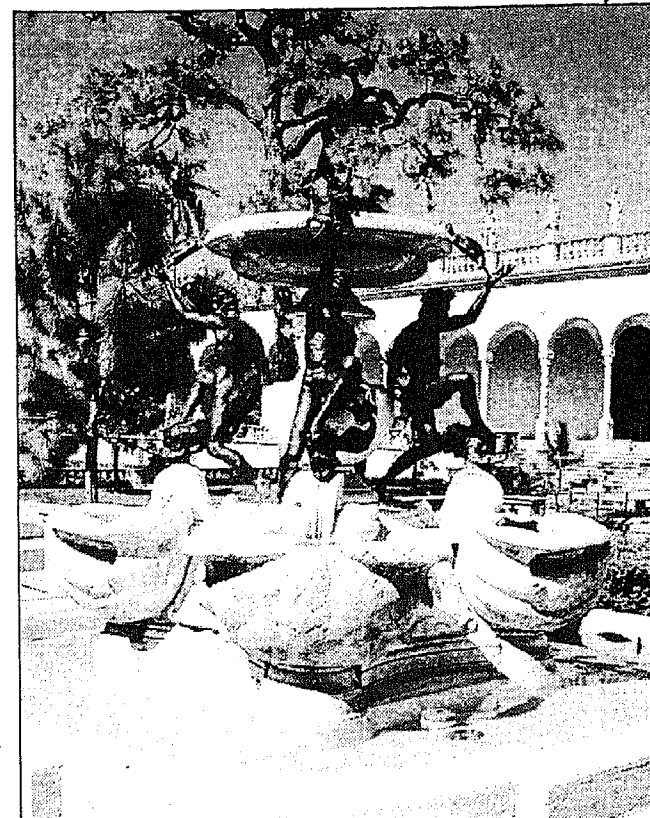


close to St. Armands Circle, which is on Lido Key, not Longboat Key. The seven-story Holiday Inn paralleled the wondrous white sands of Lido Beach and, from our balcony each evening, we marveled at the range of colors in the setting sun. Many area diners arrived at the hotel's seventh-floor restaurant in time to revel in the sun's spectacle from a window table, and everyone hoped to glimpse the elusive green flash as the great ball of fire made its final drop into the sea.

The main attraction at the end of the Ringling Causeway, linking the keys to downtown Sarasota, is St. Armands Circle. Judging from the hard-to-find parking places, the world comes to shop and dine on spectacular

St. Armands Circle. Although Sanibel Island is the home of Chico's, it is also on St. Armands and is, in fact, the only business with a shop on both sides of the circle. Jacobson's department store has a prime location as you come on to St. Armands Circle, and just beyond is our favorite restaurant-Cafe L'Europe. At night, the thousands of lights edging the buildings all around the Circle take one into a fantasy land. Although Jacobson's and most shops remain open in the evening, the restaurants are where it's at after sunset.

By day, though, the world-renowned center of upscale shops, restaurants and art galleries of St. Armands Circle is hard to resist. Built around a circular park filled with flowers and greenery, bricked walkways and benches, it is a favorite spot to enjoy a homemade ice cream cone, or simply people watch. The Sarasota Circus Ring of Fame-a series of bronze plaques edging the park-pays tribute to stars in the circus world. But there's much more than St. Armands Circle to visit during your Sarasota getaway. Here's a roundup of a few of the best of Sarasota:

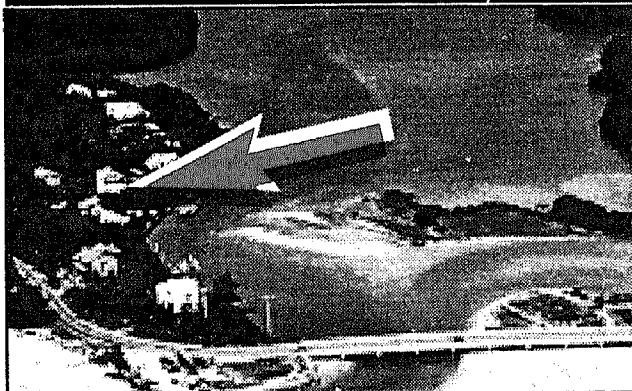


John and Mable Ringling Museum Complex

It boggles the mind to think of John Ringling's elephants providing the labor to build the Ringling Causeway as we cross back to downtown Sarasota. And I marvel at the art collection of Baraboo, Wisconsin-born John and Mabel Ringling when I visit the impressive Ringling Museum of Art. Circus magnate John Ringling left an indelible

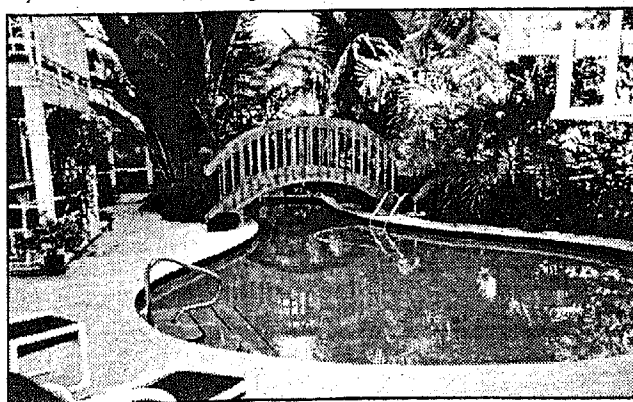
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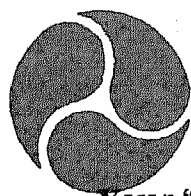
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Sarasota

mark on the community of Sarasota in so many ways. His profound influence transformed this sleepy fishing village into an arts capital in the 1920s, and this influence continues today with the John & Mable Ringling Museum Complex.

The classic architecture of the Museum of Art complements the unbelievable artwork inside, amassed during a lifetime of travels and collecting by Ringling. Most impressive are the giant works by Flemish master Peter Paul Reubens, seen as one begins the circle tour of the museum. A wall-sized *Triumph of the Eucharist* and *Triumph of Divine Love* in the first gallery prove overwhelming by their sheer size. But as we move on to the European Renaissance collection, we can't help but wonder at the deep, dark colors of the gallery walls, moving from deep purple to teal blue, and burgundy red, deep wine, and pumpkin. It contradicts all we have learned about hanging paintings on white walls so as not to detract from them.

The works of Jorge Manuel Theotokopoulos, son of El Greco, proved riveting in Gallery 14 the Spanish Gallery. Three of his impressive paintings, circa 1578 to 1631, proved riveting. I had seen El Greco's

Crucifixion in the Louvre Museum in Paris while on a college study tour, and marveled at his son's mastery of his father's skill—especially since one of Jorge's paintings was labeled *Crucifixion*.

Don't miss the West Gallery during your visit to the Ringling Museum of Art, where an all landscape collection is on loan from galleries throughout the U.S. and will be continuing until March 15.

Marie Selby botanical Gardens

Enjoy the wonders and beauty of nature at this nine-acre complex as you follow the walking paths through a hibiscus garden, wildflower garden, a banyan grove, a tropical fruit garden and much more. Best of all, you'll start your tour in the tropical display house amid its dazzling colors and unique shapes of lovingly cared for orchids, ferns, bromeliads and heliconias. Many varieties of plants, including orchids, are for sale in the gift shop at the end of your tour.

Historic Spanish Point

Inhabited for more than 4,000 years, Historic Spanish Point in Osprey, is a remarkable 30 acre peninsula overlooking Little Sarasota Bay. In this setting of native plants and wildlife once known as Osprey Point, one comes upon the most well preserved Indian village site in Florida and it's the only place in the nation where you can

actually enter a pre-historic shell mound. Reserve a tram for your tour in advance of your visit.

In 1910, the property was purchased as the winter estate of Mrs. Potter Palmer, widow of Chicago magnate Potter Palmer (real estate holdings and the Palmer House hotel). With the \$8 million inherited from her husband, Honore Palmer left her mark on Sarasota. Although her home no longer stands, having been vandalized through the years since the property had been left to Sarasota County, she had been visited many times by her friends, the Fields—a Marshall Field department store heir. It was Field's wife who came to love the area during these visits and persuaded her husband to purchase property in Sarasota. (More about the Field Club in next week's story.)

Myakka State Park

This remarkable land had been first purchased by Honore Palmer for her ranch, but has also been preserved through her generous foresight. Now Florida's largest state park, Myakka offers many ways to get in touch with nature by canoeing, bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, or even airboating on upper Myakka Lake.

These are the sites we made sure to visit during our weekend getaway to Sarasota, but there are so many more you might enjoy. One of Florida's oldest attractions is Sarasota Jungle Gardens, with its lush, tropical grounds, winding brick pathways, flamingos, peacocks, monkeys, alligators, and even a giant Aldabra tortoise named Roscoe.

While on Longboat Key, stop in at the Mote Marine Aquarium, a working marine laboratory with so much to offer the naturalist. And right next to Mote Marine you'll find many feathered friends at the Pelican Man's Bird Sanctuary. Like Sanibel Island's Crow facility, the Sanctuary is home to more than 39 avian species due to injuries that prohibit them from surviving in the wild.

Find the time to visit Sarasota for a long weekend, or on your way back up north. This Gulf Coast City of Culture is truly one of Florida's great getaways! Bon voyage!

Note: Read about Sarasota's wining and dining scene in next week's *Island Sun*, along with a fabulous yacht club destination if you prefer to visit Sarasota by boat.✱

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Walking Through A Scary Door

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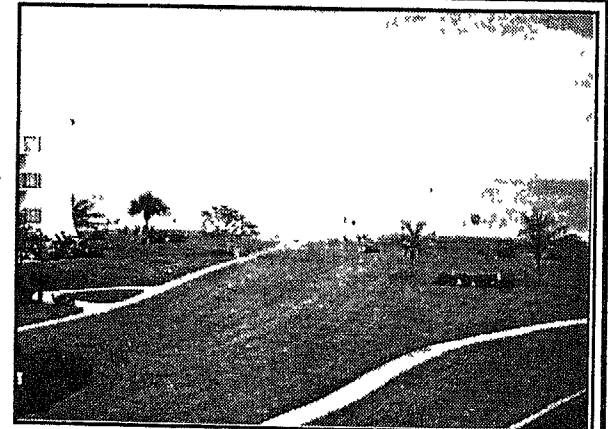
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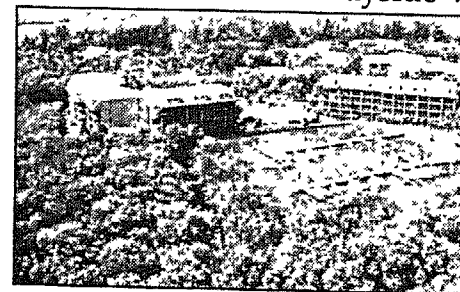


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Towers II Project

Plans have been unveiled for The Towers II, a two building, midrise project to be built in the Harbour Isle Yacht & Racquet Club in Fort Myers.

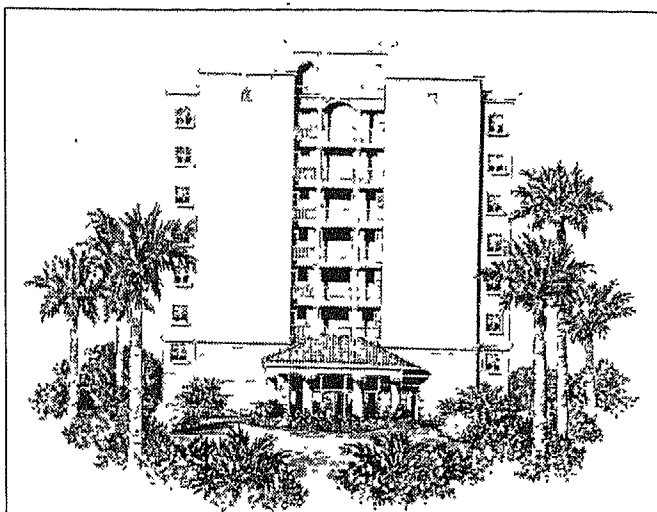
"This is the final phase of the Towers at Harbour Isle," said Mark Naumann, a developer of the project. "Residences in The Towers II will be very similar to those in the Towers, in that each of the 14 homes per building will have private elevator access and offer beautiful views of the Caloosahatchee River."

Construction of The Towers II is scheduled to begin in mid-March.

Although each Towers building will be eight stories tall, two homes will occupy each floor on stories two through eight. Under-building parking will be available at ground level.

Each 3,048-square-foot home in The Towers II features a screened lanai with access through either the master suite or living room, two bedroom suites, an open kitchen looking into the dining and living rooms, an entry area and foyer. A second balcony may be accessed through one of the bedroom suites. The home will have 2,601 square feet under air.

The Towers at Harbour Isle, which includes Towers II, will be a four-building community. Among the many interior features, all residences in The Towers at Harbour Isle include under-



An artist's rendering of The Towers II at Harbour Isle, to be built at the Harbour Isle Yacht and Racquet Club, in Fort Myers

building parking, optional private garage parking, designer ceramic tile, solid-surface kitchen countertops, cultured marble vanity tops in the baths and shower walls in the master bath, top-quality cabinetry, Kohler plumbing fixtures, upgraded eight foot doors and wood moulding details.

Harbour Isle is a 201-residence, water-oriented gated community which features a fully equipped fitness center, a Junior Olympic swimming pool, Har-Tru tennis courts, clubhouse, a private island beach and an 82-slip private deep-water marina, 150-foot fishing pier, in addition to a network of fresh-water canals offering dock space. The deepwater marina features boat slips available for purchase by Towers residents.

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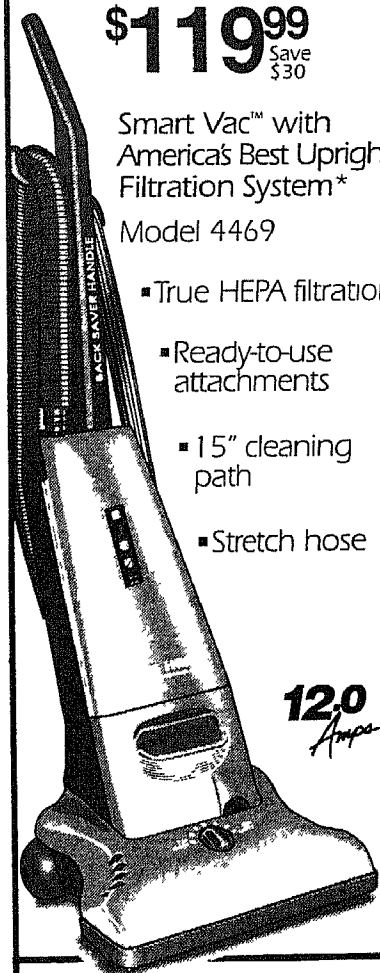
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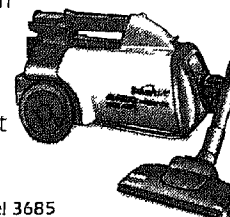
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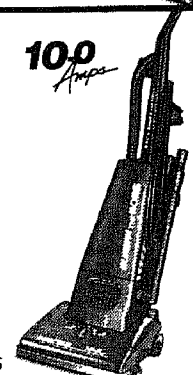
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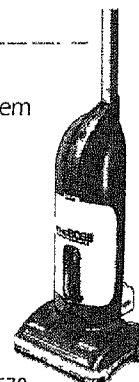
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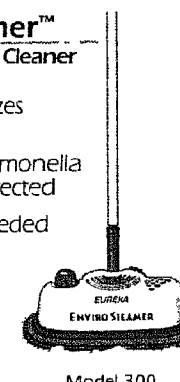


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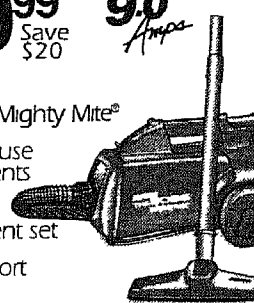
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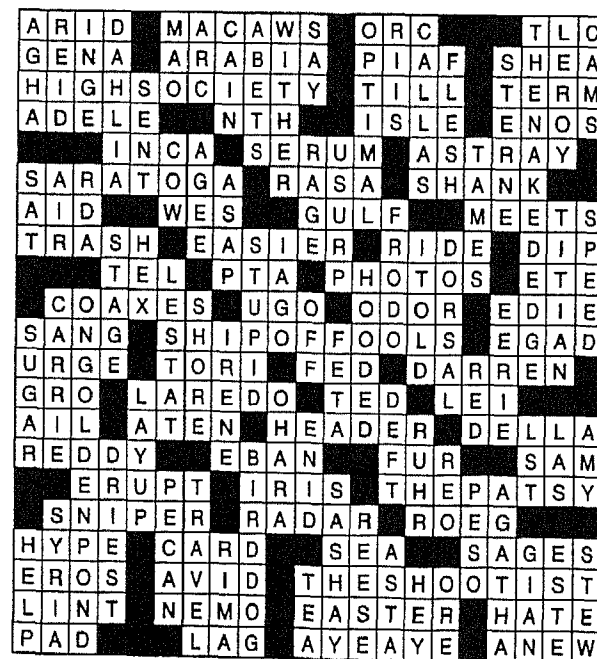
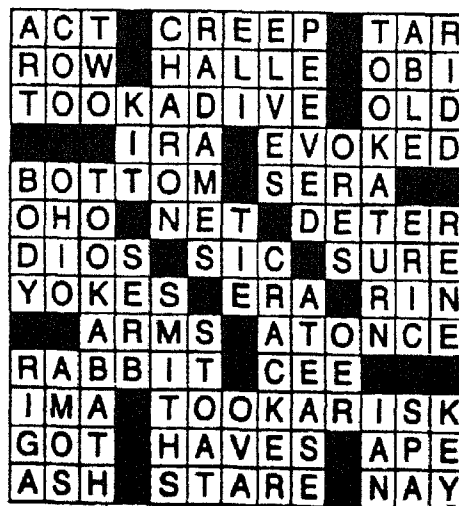
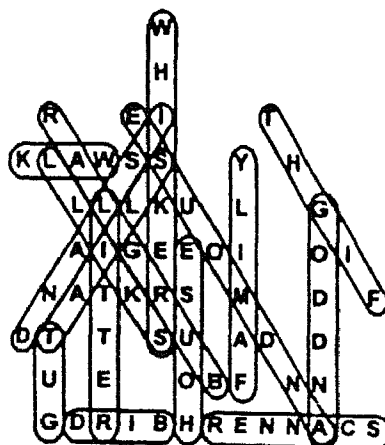
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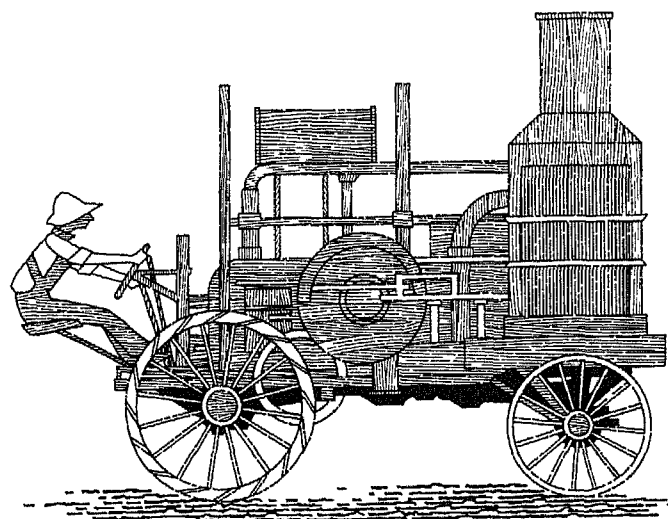
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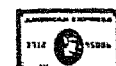
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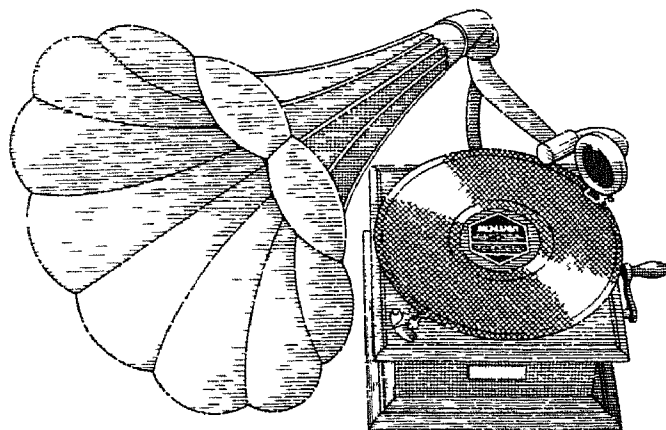
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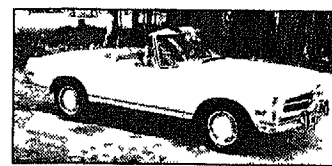
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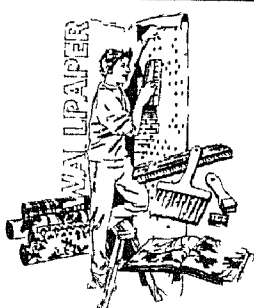
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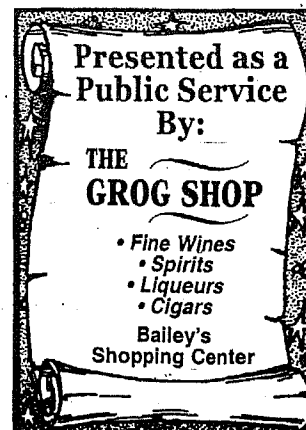
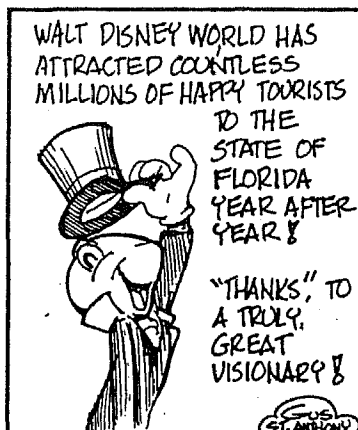
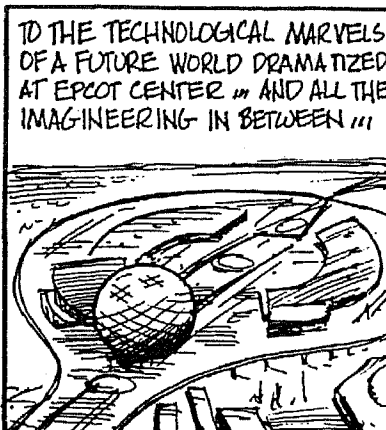
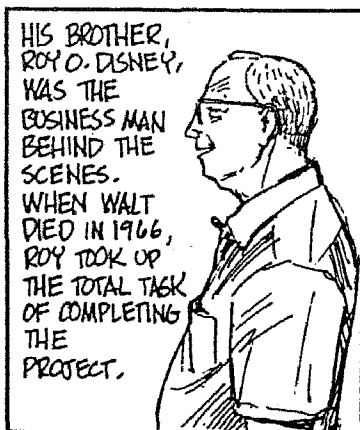
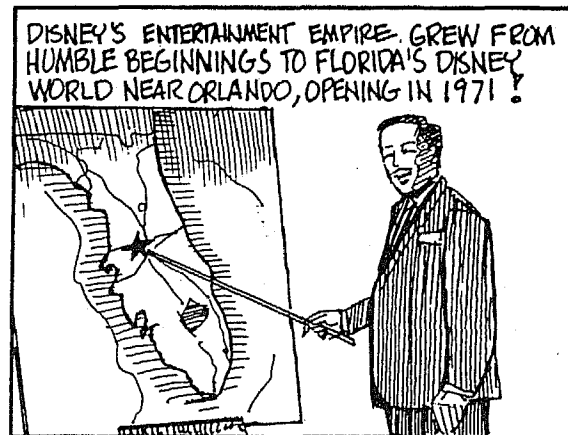
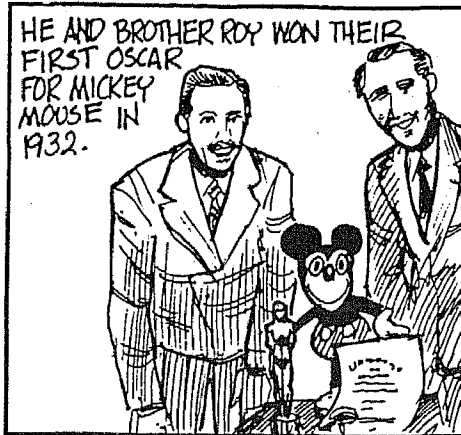
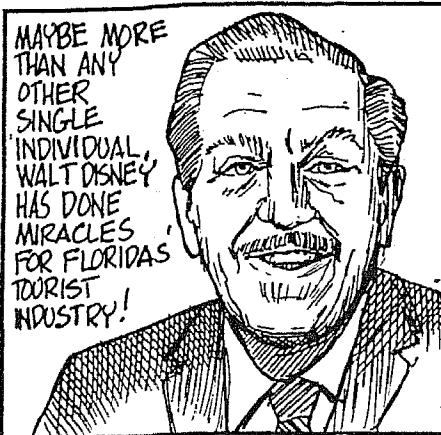
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Pancakes

Combine sugar and cornstarch. Drain berries, reserving syrup. Add water to reserved syrup to equal 1 cup; add to sugar mixture with lemon peel. Cook and stir until thickened; boil 1 minute longer. Add almond extract and berries. Makes about 2 cups. Serve hot or warm over pancakes.*

Outdoor Painting

The Outdoor Painting group will start off March by meeting Wednesday, March 1 at the Bay Beach Golf Club at 7401 Estero Boulevard. These sessions begin at 9 a.m. and at noon the artists gather for a critique over a brown-bag lunch. They invite visiting artists to join them

in the great outdoors of Southwest Florida. The remaining Wednesdays in March they will meet at the following locations:

March 8, Shell Point Village, off Summerlin just beyond the Summerlin/McGregor stoplight.

March 15, Wiggins Pass Beach, West on Wiggins Pass Road off US 41 or Vanderbilt Beach Road, to last parking lot on left.

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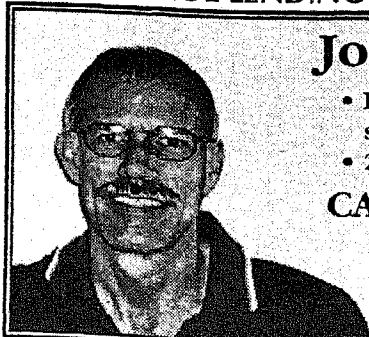
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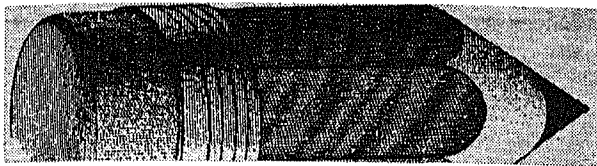
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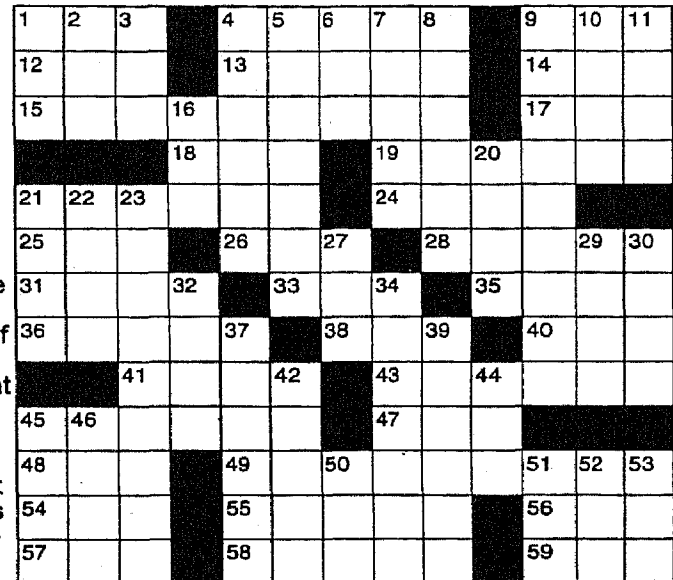
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5 Jungle birds
11 Mythical monster
14 RN's specialty
17 Actress Rowlands
18 Lawrence's locale
19 Chanteuse Edith
21 Queens stadium
22 Grace Kelly's final film
24 Money drawer
25 Semester
26 Fred's sister
27 Ultimate
28 Capri, for one
29 Cabell or Slaughter
30 Native Peruvian
33 Blood
36 Off course
38 Jean Harlow's final film
42 Tabula —
43 Button part
44 Assist
45 Director Craven
46 Chasm
48 TV's "Boy — World"
51 Rubbish
- 54 Less demanding
57 Take a taxi
60 Short swim
61 — Aviv
63 School grp.
64 Yearbook features
66 When Strasbourg sizzles
67 Nags subtly
70 Actor Tognazzi
72 Redolence
73 Adams or McClurg
74 Vocalized
75 Vivien Leigh's final film
78 Mild oath
79 Press
80 Amos or Spelling
81 Nourished
82 Actor McGavin
84 12 doz.
85 Texas city
87 Mack or Knight
89 Wahine's neckwear
90 Sneeze and wheeze
91 "— o'clock scholar"
92 Soccer shot
95 With 116 Down, "Touched by an Angel" star
- 99 Singer Helen
101 Israeli diplomat
103 Mink's coat
105 Waterston or Wanamaker
106 Let out the lava
109 Eye part
111 Peter Lorre's final film
114 Ambush man
115 Cpl. Walter O'Reilly
117 Director Nicolas
118 Ballyhoo
119 "Green —" ('90 film)
121 Swell
123 Wise guys
127 Piccadilly figure
128 Eager
129 John Wayne's final film.
132 Navel store?
133 Verne captain
134 Spring holiday
135 Loathe
136 Paw part
137 Fall behind
138 Answer for an admiral
139 From the top

DOWN

- 1 Turkish title
2 Tim of "Simon & Simon"
3 "Picnic" playwright
4 Showy flower
5 — jacket
6 Geometry term
7 First base man?
8 Helps a hood
9 Shriveled up
10 Utter
11 Best
12 Journalist
13 "La Divina"
14 Gary Cooper's final film
15 Artist Neiman
16 Machine parts
20 Meat on the bones
21 "Tristram Shandy" author
23 Dispatched
31 Bull's beloved
32 '58 Pulitzer winner
34 Fury
35 Seize
37 Subdues Simba
38 HS exam
- 39 Word on a pump
40 Nutritional abbr.
41 PDQ, politely
47 Tolkien character
49 Renaissance painter
50 Velocity
52 Play ground?
53 Spell
55 "— Cupid" ('58 hit)
56 Othello's ensign
58 "— you so!"
59 — fin
62 Rice's vampire
65 Like a cobra
67 Dreiser's "Sister —"
68 Henry Ford's final film
69 Musical Dinah
71 Wrong
73 Mysterious
74 It makes candy dandy
76 Worth or Papas
77 Greek cheese
83 Chianti color
85 Store
86 "Pal Joey" author
88 Adroit
- 93 Geraint's lady
94 German valley
96 D-Day craft
97 — Cruces, NM
98 Golfer Alcott
100 Least humid
102 '58 Everly Brothers hit
104 Antique auto
107 Pie nut
108 Do Europe
110 Strut
112 Cuban currency
113 Erle's colleague
114 Neighbor of Jordan
116 See 95 Across
118 Employees
120 "Green Mansions" girl
122 Actress Nielsen
124 — Carlo Menotti
125 Punta del —
126 Prepare prunes
129 Darjeeling export
130 "Yo!"
131 Metallurgist's concern

ACROSS

- 1 Perform
4 Obnoxious person
9 Pitch
12 Squabble
13 Actress Berry
14 Kimono closer
15 Threw the fight
17 In need of repair
18 Playwright Levin
19 Brought forth
21 Low point
24 Antitoxins
25 Discoverer's cry
26 Trawler equipment
28 Dissuade
31 "Vaya con —"
33 Bracketed word
35 Doubtless
36 Symbols of servitude
38 Epoch
40 Part of a canine name
41 Weaponry
43 Now
45 Magician's hatful?
47 Second consonant
48 "— Little Teapot"
49 Dared



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55 The wealthy
56 Copycat
57 Fireplace residue
58 Don't blink
59 Aye canceler

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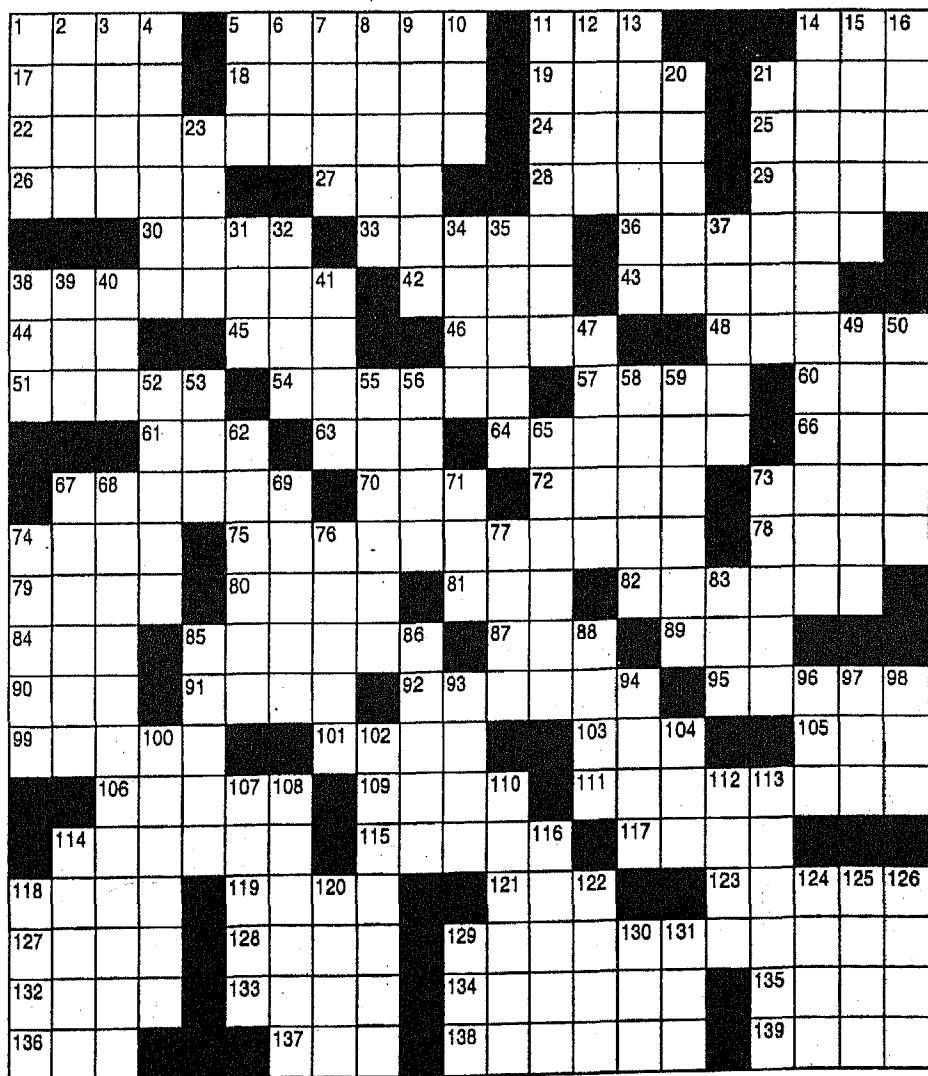
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7 Santa's staff
- 8 Irate
9 Became different
10 Competent
11 Lorna Doone hero
16 Do-it-yourself collection
20 Raw minerals
21 Bit part in a whodunit?
22 Buckeyes' home
23 Went broke
27 Reason for overtime
29 Leif's dad
30 Actress Russo

- 32 Belgrade denizen
34 Treat for Polly
37 Good chunk of the phone book?
39 Relaxed
42 Summer ermine
44 "— the ramparts ..."
45 Latvia's capital
46 Old Testament book
50 Eggs
51 Ziering of "90210"
52 Hot tub
53 Crucial

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• Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

By L. J. MAUREL
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MAGIC MAZE

CAT —

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

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

And dog
And mouse
Bird
Burglar

Family
Fight
Gut
House

Island
Litter
Scanner
Skill

Tails
Walk
Whiskers

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THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge

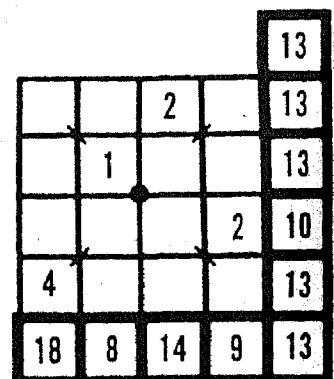
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Time Minutes

Seconds



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GORGEOUS!

- 2 bedroom, 2 bath at South Seas!
- Super golf course, lake views!
- "A" rated unit!
- Nicely furnished!
- Priced to sell at \$949,000!
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OFTEN SOUGHT, SELDOM FOUND!

- Incredibly private Captiva estate home!
- Almost new main home + remodeled guest home!
- 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath in total, gorgeous kitchen!
- Soaring ceilings, beautiful moldings, bay views!
- Boat dock, formal living and dining rooms!
- Realistically priced at \$2,850,000!
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SPECTACULAR VIEWS!

- Overlooking lake!
- 3 bedroom with pool!
- Office with cherrywood built-ins!
- Crown moldings, gourmet kitchen!
- Security plus, plus, plus!
- In Ft Myers for \$549,500!
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CANAL FRONT!

- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths!
- Glass enclosed lanai!
- Skylights, super kitchen!
- Top floor is large master suite!
- Screen enclosed pool, spa!
- Boat dock! \$599,900!
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Listen

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Look

Don't
Talk

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before you call our Dad!

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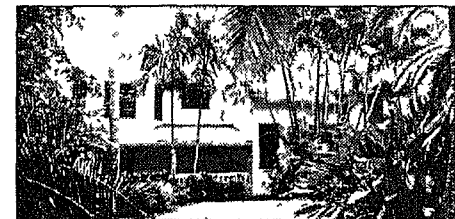
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- All new carpet, paint, exceptional storage!
- Pool, great room, fireplace, wood floors!
- \$479,000!
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OLDE FLORIDA FLAIR!

- Awesome lake views!
- Large family room, living & dining rooms!
- Lots of storage, open porch, glass enclosed lanai!
- 2 bedroom, 2 bath!
- So much for so little! \$379,000!
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IT'S A GREAT VALUE!

- Beautiful lake & golf course views!
- Beachview Country Club!
- One of the best lots available!
- Owner will finance!
- Reduced to \$229,000!
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RIVER FRONT!

- 5 bedroom, 4 bath home with awesome views!
- Protected boat dock, cul de sac!
- Totally remodeled, lots of storage!
- 2 master suites, fenced back yard, pool!
- Unbeatable at \$699,000 in Ft. Myers!
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MAGNIFICENT

- Gorgeous bay and golf course views!
- Understated elegance throughout!
- Custom crafted piling home!
- Every amenity one would expect!
- Private guest area, huge pool and spa area!
- \$2,395,000!
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CAPTIVA COTTAGE

- 3 bedroom, 3 bath ground level!
- Olde Captiva charm abounds!
- Fireplace, cypress ceiling, eat-in kitchen!
- Boat dockage, enclosed pool!
- Deeded beach access!
- Ask for JIM HALL at 472-5187 x 215! (219)



SHELL HARBOR!

- Sought after locale!
- Impeccable inside and out!
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath ground level!
- Boat dock, lift, gorgeous pool!
- Steps to beach!
- Won't be available long at \$629,000!
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