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Happy Holidays

New Chamber Director



Steve Greenstein, past chair of the Sanibel Planning Commission and long-time Island personality, has been appointed executive director of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce. The action was announced this week by the Chamber's Board of Directors.✪

Press Conference Held At Tarpon Bay

by Brian Johnson

Leading figures in environmental conservation gathered on Monday morning at Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to urge the federal government to increase funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

With high profile speakers such as Nathaniel P. Reed, the former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the press conference drew reporters from Fort Myers and Naples as well as an NBC-2 news crew.

Jim Sprankle, the resident of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, introduced the speakers, who stood in a row on a wooden platform looking out over Tarpon Bay.

Reed, who Sprankle described as the "clean-up hitter" among the guests, spoke last. "Ding' Darling is one of the major attractions in Germany and other European countries," said Reed. "They come here by the thousands because there is nothing like the scene behind me in their countries."

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Budget Cuts To Impact The Sanibel School

by Brian Johnson

In 2002 the budget of the State of Florida will be slashed by \$1.3 billion. As a result, Lee County schools will lose \$8.9 million.

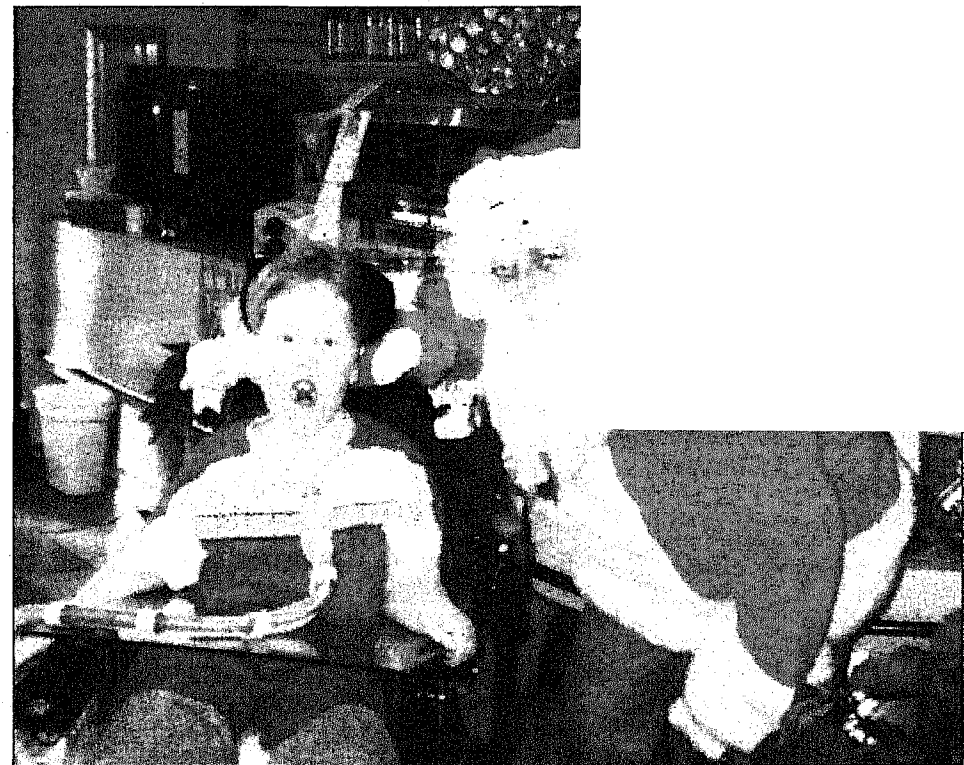
Rumors of a four-day week and loss of jobs have had a number of area parents angry. The front page headline of *The News-Press* on December 13 read: *Parents: Fund schools or else.*

Barbara Von Harten, the principal of The Sanibel School, is awaiting a report by the school district. She was told that she would have the exact figures on the revenue loss for The Sanibel School before winter break on Friday, December 21.

"The budget cuts will definitely have an impact on our programs and services,"

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Santa And Addison



Eight-year-old Addison Beach Cutler of Captiva was a young man on a mission as he maneuvered his motorized wheelchair right up to Santa in Bailey's General Store last week. "I want to be Santa when I grow up!" he told the jolly old man. "And I want lots of action games for Christmas."✪

Santa Run

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club will sponsor a Santa Run on December 23 at 5:30 p.m. for those wishing Santa to deliver a present to anybody, young or old.

Your present must be taken to the main Fire Station at 2351 Palm Ridge Road no later than 5 p.m. on December

23. Place the gift in a bag with instructions attached. Please include the name, address, phone number and a brief note about the person. For those living in condominiums, detailed instructions, preferably a map, are requested.

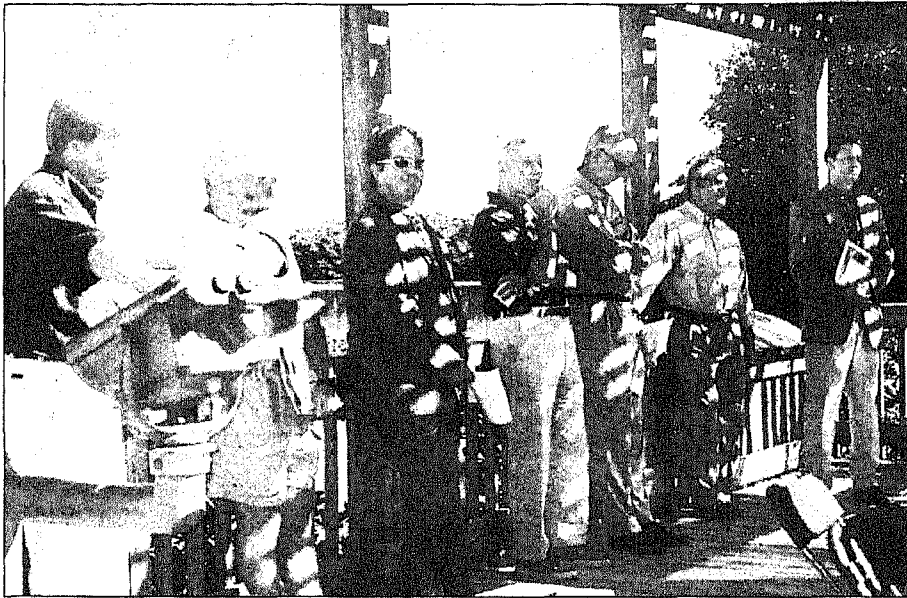
Santa will arrive between 6 and 8 p.m. Have your cameras ready.

Call Dick Muench at 472-2812 with any questions.✪

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society Connection

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Press Conference



Panel of speakers

Reed said it will take work by people in each Congressional district to bring about an increase in funding for the refuges around America. He encouraged citizens supporting wildlife refuges to make their views known to the members of Congress.

Reed said he had received calls from Congressman Porter Goss and Florida Senator Bob Graham supporting the appeal for more federal funds.

Many of the familiar faces in conservation on Sanibel Island were on hand to speak about the funding issue. Erick Lindblad, the executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, spoke about the irreplaceable value of the Florida ecosystem.

Paul Andrews, of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, ended his talk by saying: "Let's fight the good fight."

Chip Hoffman, president of Tarpon Bay Recreation, reported the collapse of a dock on the grounds. He called on the federal government to help him fund repair of the facilities at Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

Hoffman said 180,000 visitors passed through Tarpon Bay Recreation Area last year, yet only two bathrooms stand on the premises. Neither can accommodate physically challenged visitors. "I saw a young man in a wheel chair who left the facility the other day because he couldn't use the bathroom," said Hoffman.

Steve Brown, a city councilman and past president of CROW, told a story about a bobcat rescued between Gladiolus and Route 41. The bobcat was successfully treated at CROW, but when staff went back to the original site to release the animal they found that his habitat had been eliminated and a commercial building put in its place.

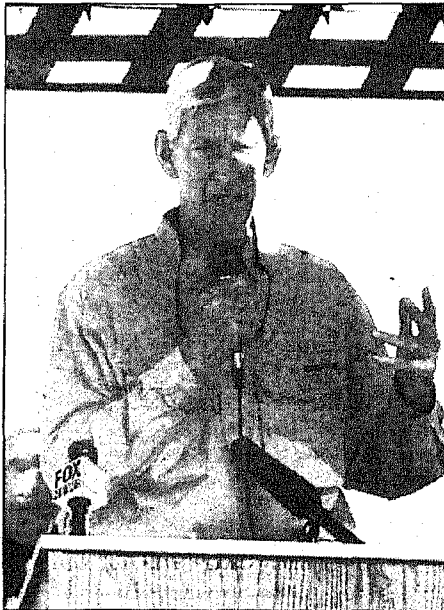
Evan Hirsche, the president of the National Wildlife Refuge Association, represented a coalition of twenty conservation and recreation organizations known as CARE - the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement.

CARE has issued a report, *Shortchanging America's Wildlife*, which highlights the funding deficits at refuges around the U.S. "Ding" Darling is one of 12 refuges cited in the report. "Without adequate funding, this magnificent legacy started by President Theodore Roosevelt nearly 100 years ago faces an uncertain future," said Hirsche.

CARE is asking President Bush and Congress to increase the budget of the National Wildlife Refuge System from 300 million to 700 million annually.

"I think the press conference did a great job highlighting our needs," said Layne Hamilton, the acting refuge manager at "Ding" Darling, who attended the conference along with Refuge Ranger, Kevin Godsea.

Hamilton said "Ding" Darling requires roughly \$500,000 for maintenance operations at the refuge. Among other expenses, it costs \$40,000 per year to run the Center for Education. Hamilton has been short on staff since taking over for Lou Hinds this summer.*



Nathaniel P. Reed

One Can't Be Too Careful Now That
The Reds Have Taken To Sending Bombs
Done Up Like Christmas Packages



Courtesy of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Foundation

There is a tendency for us all to think that the threats of our day are unique to our time. "Ding" Darling drew this cartoon in 1919.*

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J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge,
One Wildlife Drive (off San-Cap Road) Sanibel, FL

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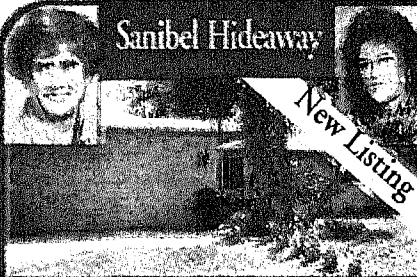
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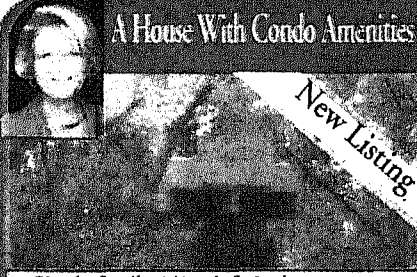
- Elegance and style - open plan
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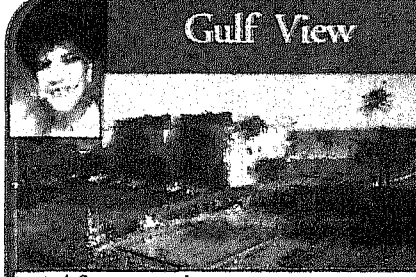
- Vaulted ceilings, room for pool
- Great house for entertaining
- Office overlooks river
- Large enclosed porch
- \$449,000 (101488)

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A House With Condo Amenities

New Listing


- Single family 2/2 + loft & den
- Pool, tennis, beach access
- Charming décor & furnishings
- Recently updated
- \$599,000 (101475)

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Gulf View


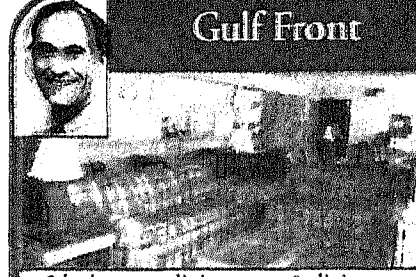
- 3rd floor, near elevator
- White & bright
- New tile & cabinets
- 2 bedroom with income!
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Best Buy On Sanibel


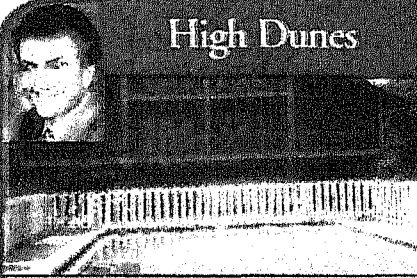
- Captain's Walk
- 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath
- Complex on canal
- Near beach & marina
- \$229,500 (001093)

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Gulf Front



- 2 bedroom + dining room & living room
- Guaranteed income - \$33,000
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High Dunes



- 3 bedroom, 3 bath complex
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Steps To The Gulf



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- Room for pool
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- Very private
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- Check out the Gulf from your front porch
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- \$695,000 (101441)

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 Centrally Located

- Large interior lot
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INSIDE CITY HALL

City Ponders Solutions To Island Traffic

by Camille Kucaba

As "high season" on Sanibel rapidly approaches, the perennial question remains: is there a solution to the island's traffic problems?

The City's Traffic Committee has suggested several possibilities, all of which were outlined in a report presented to City Council Tuesday.

Council members agreed that an up-to-date origin/destination survey is needed, and the traffic consulting firm of Kittelson & Associates of Orlando, already under contract to the City, should be the one to conduct it. The Traffic Committee estimated the cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and was adamant the survey be done in February and/or March at the peak of the 2002 season.

Prior traffic studies, one done in 1988 and another in 1999, do not provide the information the Committee believes is needed to design adequate solutions.

Council stopped short of authorizing the project Tuesday, opting instead to have the City manager look into the particulars and report back on January 15, the first regularly scheduled meeting of the New Year.

Noting that the most serious result of traffic congestion is the "highly negative effect on Sanibel residents' quality of life," the Committee report concluded that "vehicular traffic must be reduced."

Decreasing vehicles, not increasing capacity, is a solution, the report stated; "but, the volume must be decreased in a way that will not preclude visitation rights of those persons responding to legitimate business and tourism goals."

According to the Committee, chaired by Paul Emilius, business and tourism interests, numerous government bodies and, most importantly, Sanibel's residents

must be involved in the development of solutions.

For the short term, the Committee recommends

- conducting a traffic engineering study to include an origin/destination traffic survey, machine counts and transponder usage

- placing a traffic advisory sign on Summerlin Road prior to the toll plaza, a sign which would describe traffic and parking conditions on Sanibel

- giving consideration to significantly raising beach parking prices

- prohibiting on-island events that have little relationship to Sanibel residents but draw vehicles from off-island

- scheduling island events at off-peak travel periods

- encouraging tourism advocates to consider traffic consequences and actively help develop solutions with their resources

- continuing to review Sanibel's traffic management policies and procedures and taking another look at "traffic calming" or other ideas, the intent being to improve internal flow of traffic on Sanibel streets.

An example of a "traffic calming" technique is uneven road pavement which causes vibration in vehicles, thus alerting drivers to watch their speed.

The Committee also listed two possible ways to speed up the flow of existing island traffic: raise the speed limit at the toll plaza exit from 25 to 30 mph and on the drawbridge from 20 to 30 mph; and have the drawbridge open only on the hour between 3 and 6 p.m., identified as a peak time frame for traffic congestion during the months of December through April.

Long term the committee recommends

- developing "alternate tourist attractions" such as the new opportunity at Bunche Beach to divert traffic from Sanibel

- coordinating with Fort Myers Beach and its current traffic studies, perhaps jointly developing off-island parking

facilities so that private industry could provide some form of transit to lure people out of their autos

- buying the Causeway if it's determined to be possible

Council Member Steve Brown said that if the City had control of the Causeway, "we'd certainly have a much better handle" on the traffic problem.

More long term recommendations

- sharply restricting institutional, commercial and residential development that will attract off-island traffic and increase on-island traffic

- encouraging car-pooling and/or bus service for employees of major employers such as South Seas Resort

- considering a variable pricing structure for the Causeway and a revised toll rate structure, including transponder pricing, to achieve a reduction in traffic

- looking into Federal grants for communities that try to find alternative transportation modes that decrease dependence on automobiles.

Statistics cited in the Committee report show that the volume of traffic coming onto the island has increased dramatically between 1975 and 2001. Based on the LeeWay count at the toll plaza, the monthly volume during March, for example, increased from 92,725 vehicles in 1975 to 373,881 in 2001.

The report also cited misconceptions about the toll paid by people coming across the Causeway. Half the vehicles pass through the booth for "the modest toll of 50 cents," and "for that privilege, many of the vehicle owners have paid as little as \$15."

Sanibel and Captiva residents owning transponders for the Sanibel bridge only total 1,700, while Cape Coral residents in the same category total 7,800 and Fort Myers residents total 5,800.

Vice Mayor Dick Walsh called the numbers "startling."

The Traffic Committee suggested that the pricing structure "may be unbalanced in a way that unduly encourages more

Causeway traffic." The entire matter of transponder pricing should be explored in detail, Committee members noted.

They also developed a hypothetical scenario which attempts a 28 percent reduction in traffic for the future.

The scenario is based on actual traffic volume on Periwinkle Way in June and October of 2000 — approximately 270,000 vehicles per month — characterized as a level that Sanibel residents seemed to be willing to tolerate.

The question is how to reduce the monthly volume from 374,000 vehicles (March, 2001) to the 270,000 "tolerable" level, according to the report. The number of residents traveling "home" to Sanibel and the people who visit to shop, eat, lodge or socialize on the island were listed in the "cannot-be-reduced" category. Thus the categories of work, beach, recreation and sightseeing combined were targeted for reductions.

"This is a formidable challenge to be addressed after new traffic survey data are received," the Committee wrote. "It highlights categories of vehicular traffic which probably must ultimately be reduced."

The group also said that an efficient electronic traffic information system could be developed and have a positive effect in controlling traffic coming on island. The installation of changeable message sign/signs prior to the toll plaza and located on Summerlin would be a viable traveler information system, capturing the attention of inbound motorists and informing them of current traffic and parking conditions on island in real time.

The report identified three major road systems for sign notification: the Causeway, Periwinkle and San-Cap. Signs also would give parking conditions at the five major public parking areas and at "Ding" Darling and the Shell Museum.

Safety at Sanibel crosswalks also was listed as a concern, and the Committee recommended the City monitor results of experimental flashing lights now being tried on Fort Myers Beach.*

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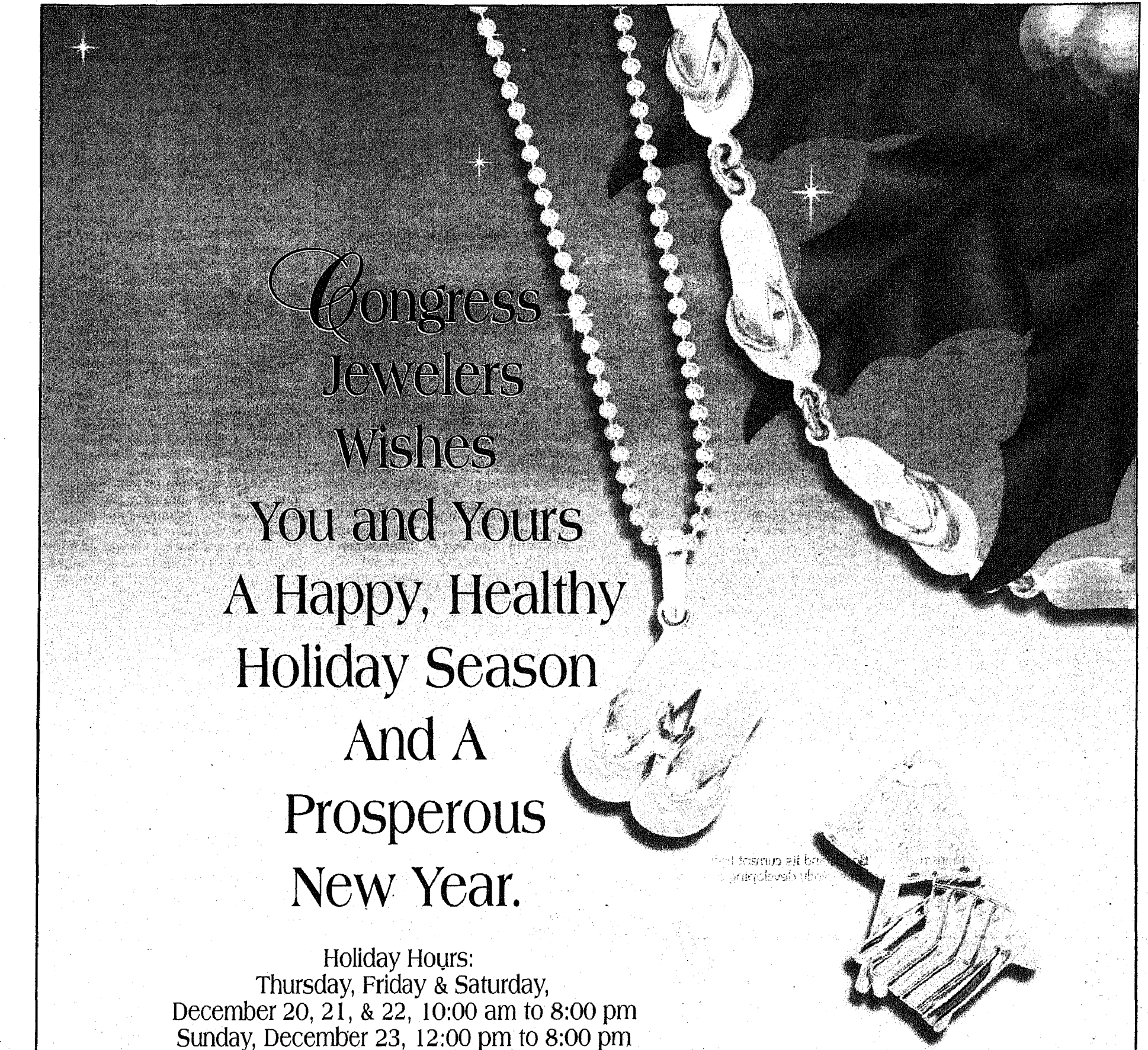
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its view of itself as an environmentally sensitive community.

Sanibel is only recycling 10 percent of its waste — two-thirds below national, state, and county performance. Participation in recycling by segments of Sanibel community (residential, condos, businesses, etc.) lags behind participation in Lee County, especially for all commercial customers.

A major culprit in Sanibel's poor recycling performance is the structure of the current waste hauling contract with Florida Recycling, Inc., which makes recycling by condos and all businesses optional and charges an extra fee.

The Workgroup has developed a long-term and multi-pronged recycling strategy for Sanibel, and initial steps have been taken to implement the strategy.

Workgroup accomplishments in 2001 include activities in the following areas:

Problem Identification: Research and Analysis on Sanibel Recycling Performance

Public Education about Sanibel Recycling Facts and Efforts to Improve Realtors Association Initiative to Adopt Office Recycling

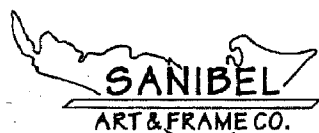
Recycling Initiated at Sanibel Community House

Outreach to New Residents Through Chamber of Commerce Program

Initiated Special Events Recycling Program

Laid Groundwork for Increasing Condo and Business Participation
 Priorities for 2002:

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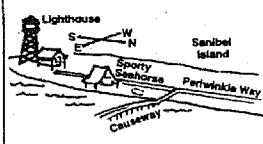
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Top priority: work with City on design of RFP for new waste hauling contract that facilitates more recycling
 Implement Special Events recycling program

Obtain commitments from more businesses and non-residential offices to implement recycling

Sign up more condos to participate in recycling

Expand Outreach and public education efforts

Recommendations to City of Sanibel:

All recommendations focus on how the City can maximize its return on investment from the Recycling Fund — revenues received by the City based on the volume (tonnage) of materials recycled by Sanibel. The following suggestions have the potential of increasing the volume of wastes recycled; and therefore, the revenues coming into the City. These initiatives should be self-financing, using the Recycling Fund.

Adopt three to five year plan with annual goals for increasing recycling rates (participation and tonnage) for all segments of Sanibel.

Redesign reporting system and data collected from contractor to track performance against goals and reports annually to citizens.

Redesign RFP for waste hauling & recycling contract to promote greater participation in recycling and increase percentage of wastes that are recycled.

Closely monitor and enforce both existing and any new waste hauling contract.

Expand and improve recycling (and trash) bins in public places (beaches, parks and bike paths).

Designate a City Recycling Coordinator to be the advocate for the City's improved recycling efforts, and to coordinate with the Recycling Workgroup.

Purchase additional residential recycling bins and make them available to residents that request them, to hold the additional recyclable paper items.

Modify the Special Events permit application form to encourage sponsors to recycle and to make them aware of free recycling totes for loan from the Public Works Department.

Promote recycling in the community through infusing the message in its various publications and communications (e.g., use tag lines such as "Sanibel Recycles").

Adopt various internal policies and procedures that promote greater recycling by city employees and organizations.

Future of Recycling Workgroup:
 2002 will be active year for workgroup.

2003 and beyond role of workgroup depends on actions taken by City to adopt recycling goals and change the waste hauling contract.

If City assumes greater role, then workgroup will shift to supportive role, especially in working with special events and commercial establishments.

Recommend that the workgroup be re-examined in 2003, after the City has put in place its new waste/recycling hauling contract.*

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Miniatures On Display



This 1920 doll house with its period furnishings is part of the Antique Toy Show at Sanibel's Historical Village

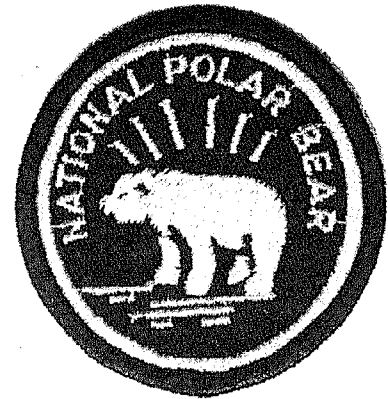
The annual Antique Toy Show, *Christmas in Miniature*, currently in place at Sanibel's Historical Village has just two more weeks before it is replaced by myriads of quilts on January 9.

All five buildings in the Village display vintage playthings to satisfy any and all interests, but the specialty of the year is

miniatures. Doll houses and room boxes, furnished in minute detail include a 1920 English product, an artist's studio, a greenhouse and an intriguing fairy garden.

The Historical Village, 950 Dunlop Road, is open Wednesday through Saturday each week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last day of the toy show is January 5.*

Dive Right In



The National Polar Bear Club, Sanibel-Captiva Chapter, will hold its 2nd annual meeting at the crack of noon, New Year's Day, at Tarpon Bay Beach, Sanibel (corner of West Gulf Drive and Tarpon Bay Road).

Last year 46 charter members took part, with 75 chicken onlookers cheering them on. The word this year is that many, many, many islanders regretted their lost opportunity to become charter members and have vowed to take the plunge and become regular members.

New full-size membership certificates have been designed for this year. Also new for 2002 are our own islands wallet size cards.

Bring your suit, chair, cooler, etc. Special memorial toast to Mama Bear. Don't forget to pay for your parking.*

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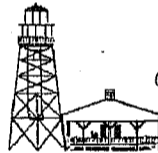
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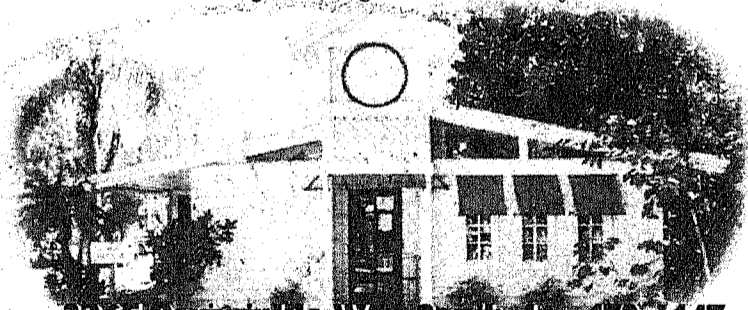
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OBITUARY

ROBERT E. SLAYTON

Dr. Robert Slayton died Sunday, December 16 of pneumonia. Shakespeare described him best, "His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world 'This was a man!'"

He was born April 20, 1926 in Chicago where he spent most of his life. His graduation from New Trier High School was followed by a BS from the University of Chicago and an MD from the University of Chicago School of Medicine in 1948. A distinguished medical career in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center culminated in his promotion to full Professor in the Department of Medicine at Rush Medical College in 1986.

He and Edith Birdsall Kidney were married in 1961. Their family gave him great pleasure and pride; James, a psychiatrist and training director at Boston Medical Center, William, a pediatric hematologist-oncologist and research fellow at the University of Utah Medical Center and Alice, a trade analyst in Washington, DC. Five grandchildren were an added bonus.

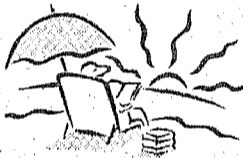
After retiring from River Forest, Illinois to Sanibel in 1986, he became a latter-day Luther Burbank delving into the flora and fauna on Sanibel. As trail guide coordinator at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, he formed the "Weeds and Seeds" Committee, a group of budding botanists committed to native plant identification. He chaired the Foundation's Environmental Committee and wrote a

monthly Environmental Update that covered local, state and national environmental news. It was often used as the basis for a column in a local newspaper. An enthusiastic member of the Audubon Society, he was president of the local chapter and was a Chapter Representative to the board of the Florida Audubon Society. In 1993 he was chosen Florida's Outstanding Chapter President. He served the City of Sanibel as chairman of its Vegetation Committee and in 1995 the Committee of the Islands rewarded him with its Outstanding Citizen Award for long and distinguished service to Sanibel. At the time of his death he was Secretary of the Responsible Growth Management Coalition promoting responsible growth management in Lee County.

Environmental activities did not totally displace his life's work as a doctor. He continued to help people in need via Friends in Service Here (FISH) of Sanibel. He was a member of the Institutional Review Board reviewing clinical trials, new devices and medicines and faithfully attended weekly Tumor Boards at Southwest Regional Medical Center in Fort Myers. He also chaired the Environmental Committee at Cypress Cove where he lived for the past two years.

No services are planned. The family will bury his ashes in the Algoma, Wisconsin cemetery this summer. Memorial gifts can be made to the SCCF, Audubon or the Responsible Growth Management Coalition, P.O. Box 1046, Estero, Florida 33928.*

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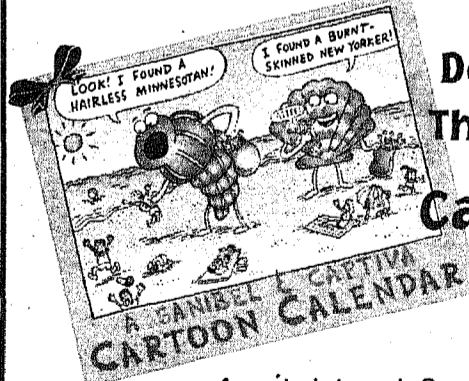
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Open House

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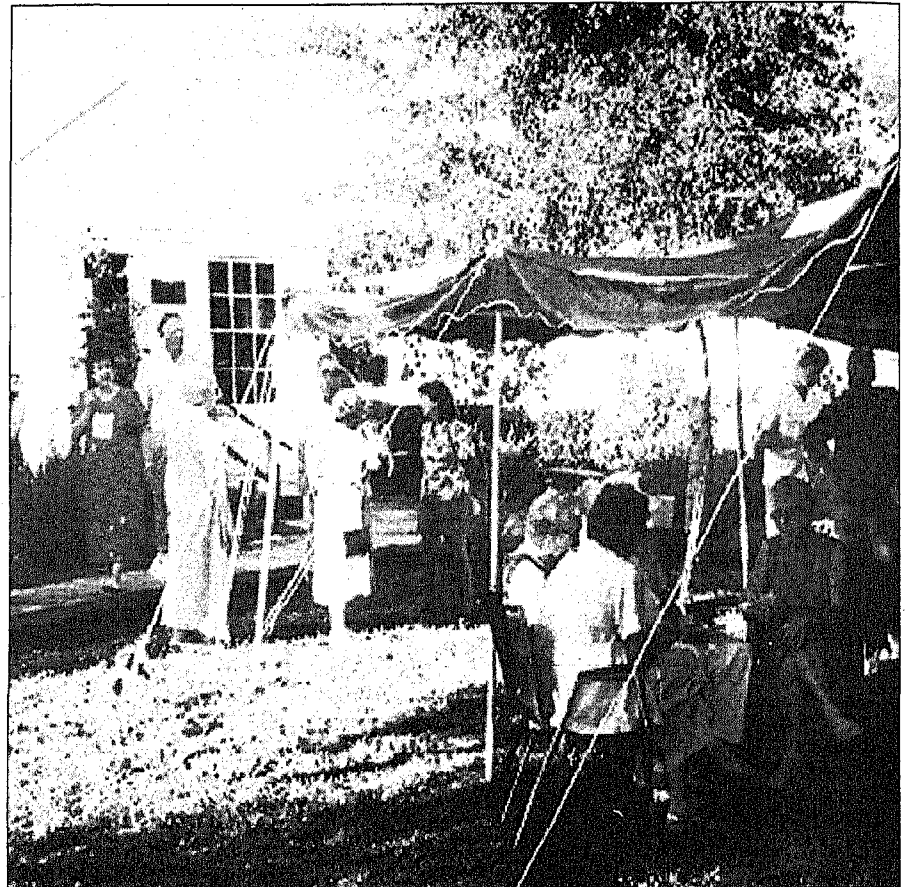


Cherie Pierce and Louise Danforth

The Sanibel Historical Village & Museum held their annual Open House on Sunday, December 9.

A large number of island residents and visitors flowed in and out of the houses dotting the grounds. Under the tent, Jody Brown ladled out punch while Jackie Rauschert and Muriel Veenschoten handed out sandwiches and brownies.

The day gave people a chance to walk through the historic island homes that have been preserved. It was also a time for island residents to gather together to socialize. The event ran from 3 to 5 p.m. There were blue skies and temperatures in the mid-80s. ✪



Tent At Open House

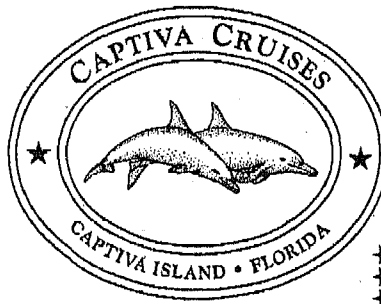
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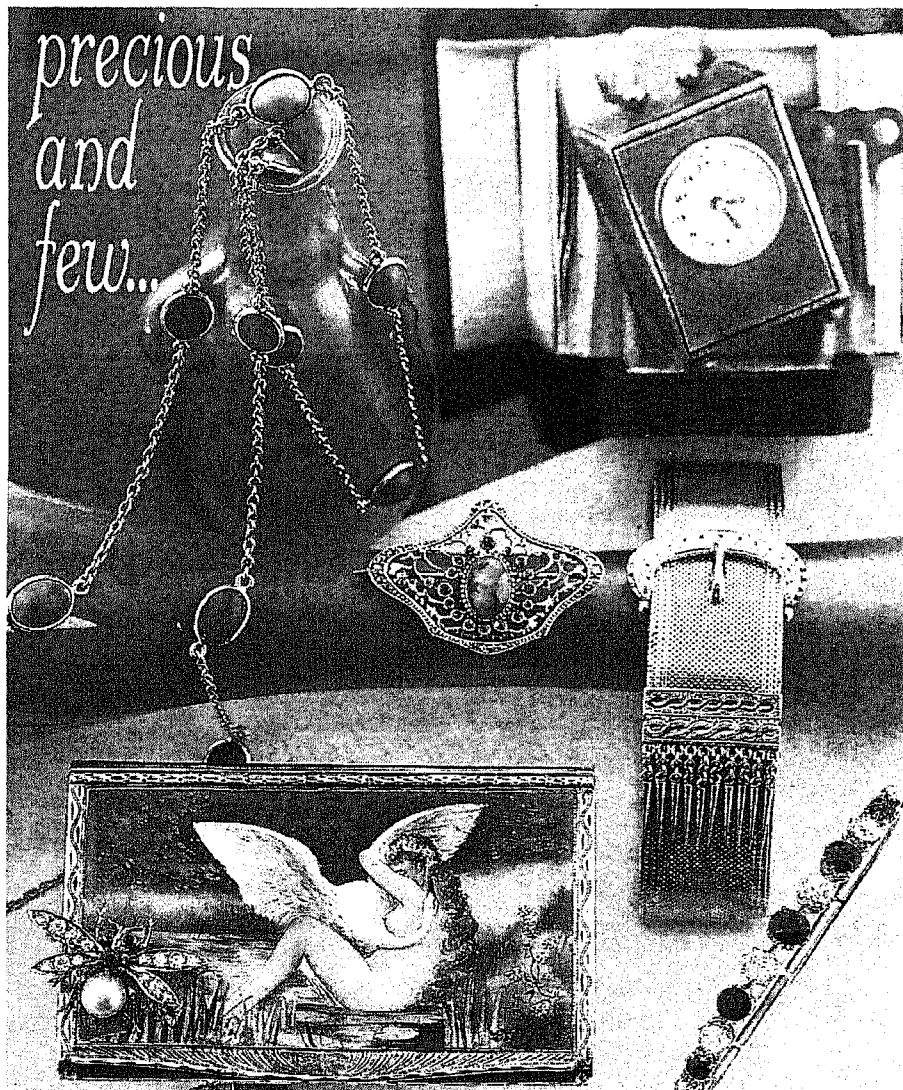
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Ryan Robinson



Libby O'Conner

Class Schedules

The Sanibel Community Association announce their schedule of continuous classes.

Belly Dancing: A fun class for toning muscles. Learn to use veils and dance to great music. Join Sherry on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Wear comfortable clothes. \$10 per class, \$9 members.

Mah Jongg: Learn to play this Asian game with colorful tiles every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Beginner classes are available. \$3 per session. Light refreshments.

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7th Annual Holiday Mini Golf Tournament

The Sanibel Community Association presents the 7th Annual Mini Golf Tournament of the Islands at your Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way! Rain or shine, Wednesday, December 26th through Saturday, December 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$3 per player per round, \$2 children 12 and under. Hot dogs, pizza, and refreshments. Bring the whole family; all ages are welcome and will enjoy the fun. Prizes donated by the Sanctuary, Dunes Golf and Tennis Club, Beachview Golf Club, South

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Fitness with Carla, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at your Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. For information call 472-2155.

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Fees: Adults \$3.00

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 & Bookstore Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Native Plant M-F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Sanibel Caregivers Support Group will meet the fourth Tuesday of January, January 22, at 10 a.m. at the home of Ruth Hamann, 1515 Bunting Lane, Sanibel. For further information please call Ruth Hamann, 472-9035, or Topper Schram, 454-8372.*

Christmas Eve Services

Four services will be offered on Christmas Eve at The Sanibel Community Church.

Two identical services will be presented at 5 and 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Features include music by The Praise Band and a dramatic monologue by Senior Pastor Daryl Donovan.

A traditional candlelight service will take place at 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Music will be provided by The Chancel Choir. The service will conclude with the Passing of the Light.

A service of candlelight communion will begin at 11 p.m. and end at midnight. Again, the Chancel Choir will participate. Guests are welcome at all services with priority parking for all first-time visitors.

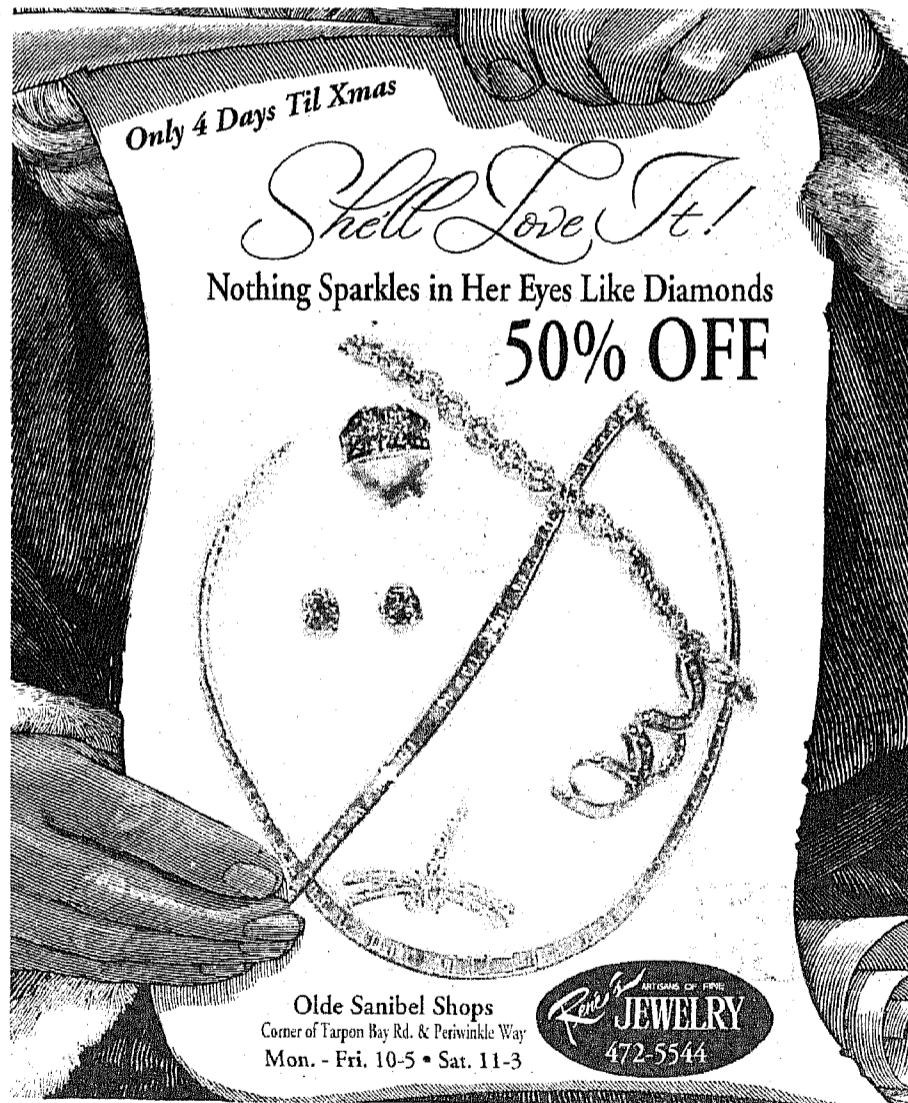
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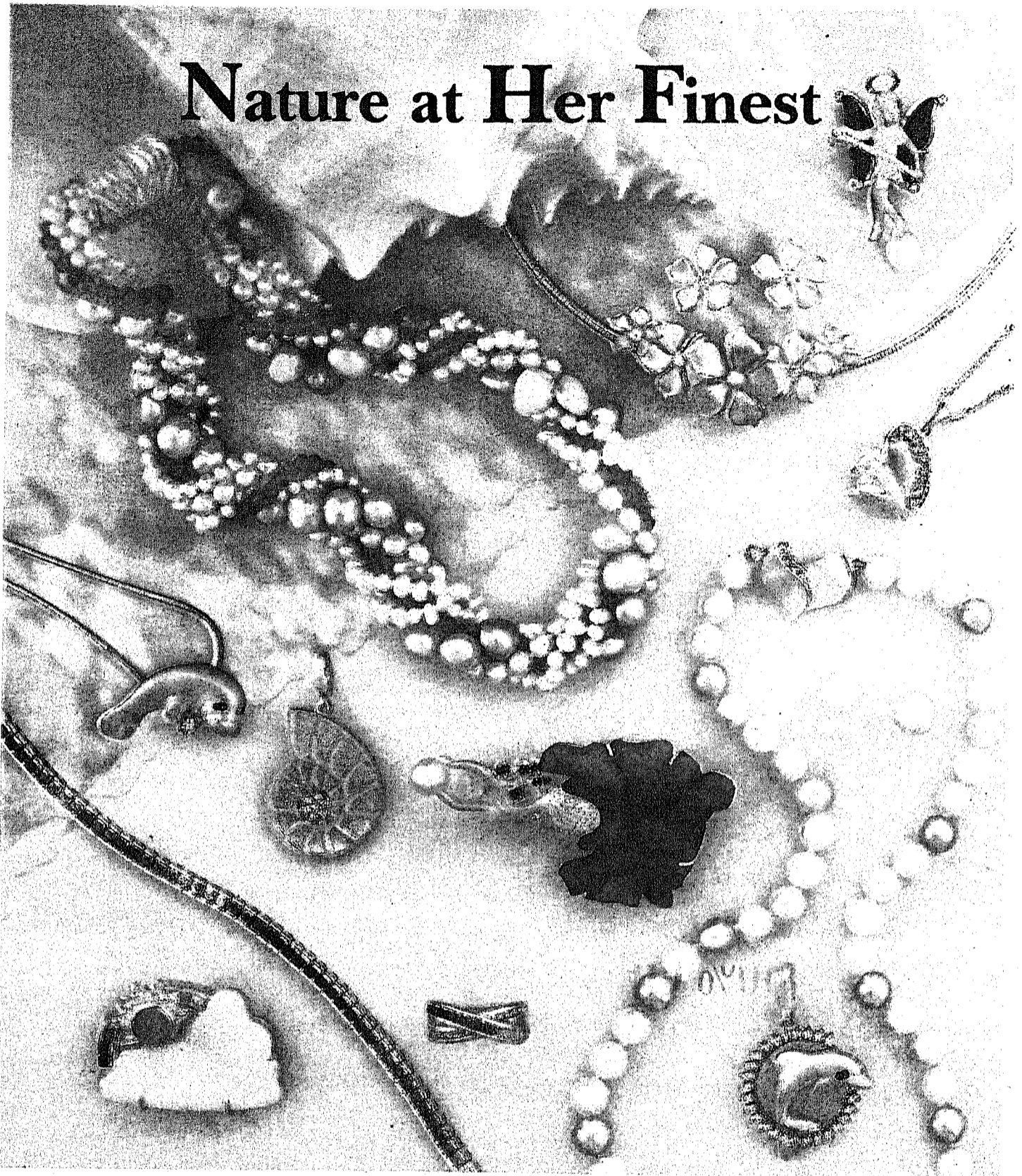
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other decorations when you retire or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a fire.

General Rules For Christmas Safety

Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.

Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.

Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes, especially long, open sleeves, near the open flames of a fireplace, stove, or candle-lit table.

Never burn candles near evergreens on a mantelpiece or table. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can be hazardous. When dry, evergreens burn like tinder. Flames can burn out of control, sending sparks flying about the room.

Plan for safety. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and electrical connections.

Inform guests and relatives who may be staying with you in your home for the holidays of your fire escape plan and a safe meeting place.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday.*

Christmas Trees

Always choose a fresh cut tree.

Before you place the tree in a stand, cut a few inches off the trunk. This helps the tree draw up water.

Always keep the tree well watered.

Check and refill often.

Place tree away from any heat sources.

Use only noncombustible decorations.

Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Inspect for any worn and damaged light sets.

Do not leave lights unattended.

Outside Light Decorations

Use only outdoor lights outside your home.

Examine light strings each year; discard worn ones.

Never use indoor extension cords outside.

Avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords.

Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles.

Make sure trees hung with Christmas lights are not touching power lines.

Always turn off lights on trees and

Tram Resumes Operation

With the reopening of the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge the naturalist led tram tours offered by Tarpon Bay Recreation will resume operation.

The naturalist gives an ongoing narration including the actual purpose of Wildlife Drive, how the rich backbay estuary it travels through functions and how the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service works to maintain and preserve this highly productive ecosystem. Special attention is given to pointing out and identifying the various birds and other species of wildlife seen along the way while discussing the roles these creatures play in the ecosystem.

The tram tours will be leaving from the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area located at the bay end of Tarpon Bay Road. Tours are offered every day, except Friday, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and there will be sunset tours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Sunset Tours are currently leaving at 4 p.m.

For further information and recommended reservations please call Tarpon Bay at 472-8900. Tarpon Bay Recreation is the concession to the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and operates in cooperation with, and the approval, of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.*

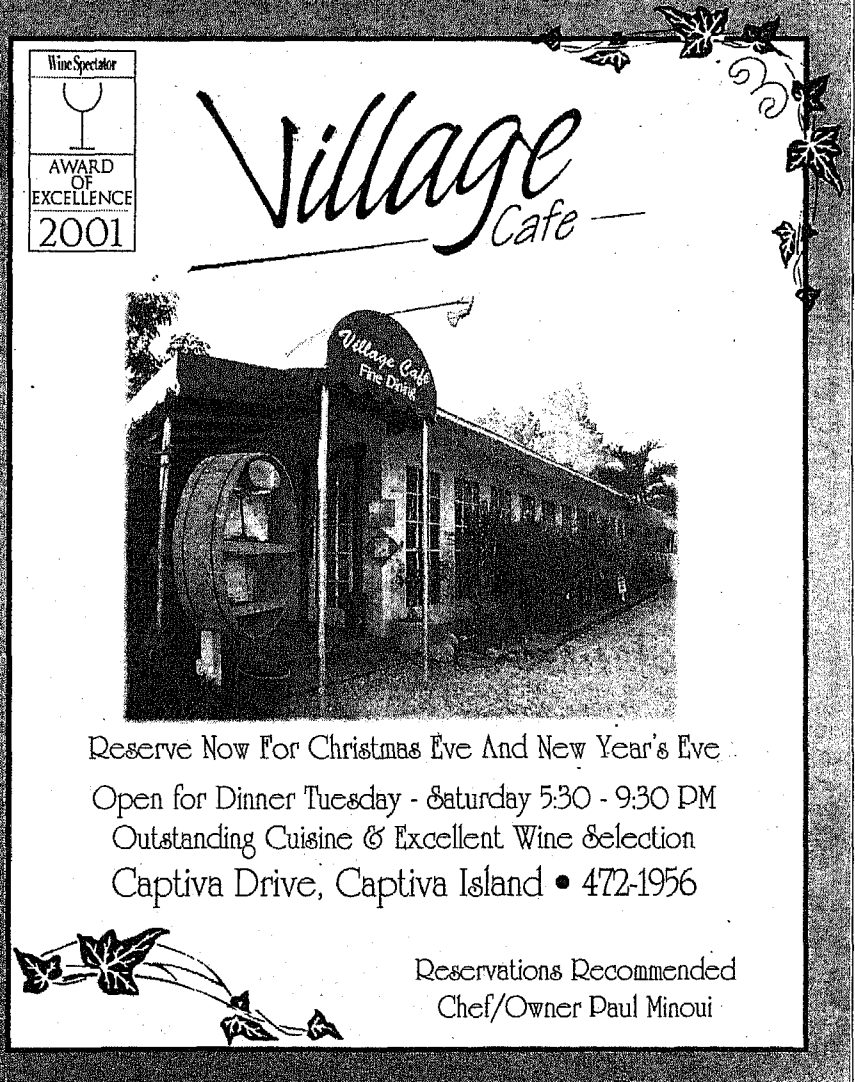
Some Vacation

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Study Tour Group to the phosphate-rich area of the State learned more than just how the mineral is mined. They learned first hand from DEP staff and IMC-Agrico the difference in their definition of restoration and the reclamation. One of the funniest moments was when the group stood behind the eight-foot thick concrete wall at the food irradiation plant. One woman leaned over to her husband and was heard to say, "and our friends go to Las Vegas for vacation." Another was watching Rita Stauss trying out the miniature front-end loader while others looked for fossilized shark's teeth at the Mulberry Fossil Museum.

Lakeland was a beautiful city! The travel crew entered the city just as all the holiday lights lit up around Mirror Lake and throughout the downtown. A side trip was made to a small college located there, which is the home to the largest array of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings in the nation. A green flash greeted the group just as they crossed back over the causeway for those who were watching closely.

All went away with a greater appreciation of the Peace River watershed and all of the activity going on upstream from us all. "I learned a lot," were the finest four words a study leader could ever hear.

The next teaming travel trip of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will be to the Everglades and Kissimmee River in April.*



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CROW Case Of The Week: Great Blue Heron



by Brian Johnson

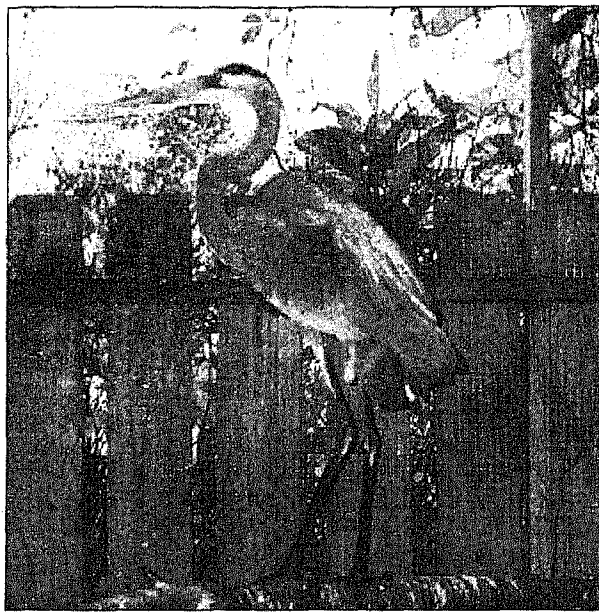
Mildred Rorke, a Cape Coral resident, saw the same great blue heron behind her house so many times that she gave him a nickname: Bigbird. In the mornings she liked to watch him walk

along the sea wall of her freshwater canal, hunting for fish.

"I'm fond of him, he's a character," said Rorke. "He's been here for years. He knows not to go in my backyard because of the dog. He knows the dog can't get him through the fence so he stands there while he barks. He's a teaser. When he flies over my yard he squawks at the dog as if to say, 'ha, ha, you can't catch me.'"

On the morning of December 5 Rorke noticed there was something wrong with her blue friend. "He was bending over and yanking," she said. "I instantly knew it was a fishing line because the people a couple of homes over fish '24-7'."

She grabbed a blanket from her house and headed for the canal. As she approached the heron, she saw that her suspicion had been correct: the great blue

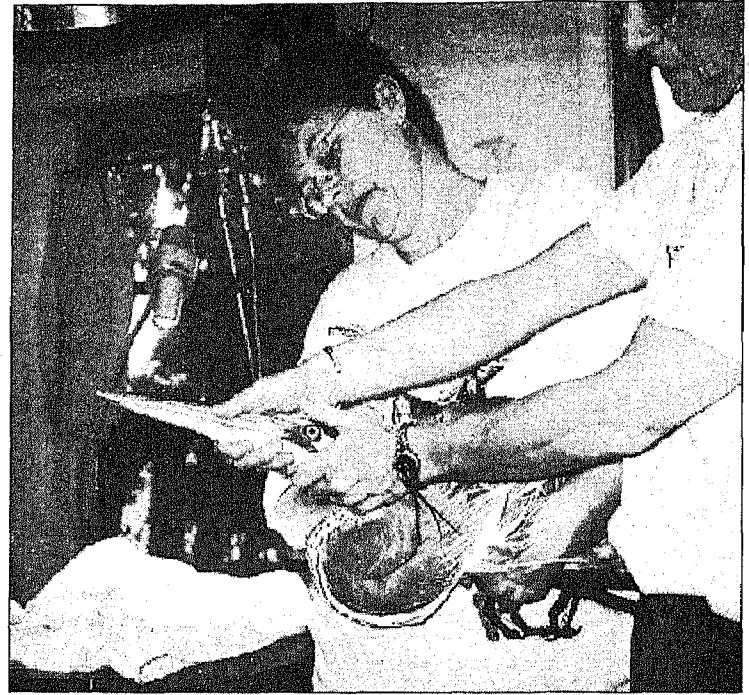


had swallowed a fishing hook, and was now dragging a fishing rod in his wake.

"I went over and talked to him and tried to calm him down, but it didn't make a difference," she said. "I thought, 'Oh my God, what's the hook doing to his insides!'"

Realizing the rescue was beyond her scope, she went to her neighbor's house to ask for help. Jason Fournier, 21, a friend of the family who had grown up with her son, was on his way to work. Fournier readily agreed to help.

Back at the canal Fournier stepped on the line to keep the heron from flying



away while Rorke tossed the blanket around the bird's back. Fournier cut the fishing line. "He didn't put up that much of a fight," said Rorke. "It was almost as if he knew we were helping him."

Rorke carried the great blue to her garage and put him in a cooler. She called CROW and told them, as she had a doctor's appointment in Cape Coral that morning, she would drop the animal off at the Viscaya Prado Vet Clinic.

When she returned to the garage she found she had a new problem: the heron had escaped from the cooler. "Here's Bigbird standing on the top of my husband's antique Camaro in all his glory!" said Rorke.

Fournier had already left for work so Rorke enlisted another young man in the neighborhood who she knew as "Matt." The rescue turned into a community project, she said.

When they entered the garage, the heron made a dash for freedom by flying at what looked like daylight. But daylight turned out to be a glass window pane. The bird tried to hang onto the screen with his nails, but fell to the garage floor. Rorke covered him with the blanket.

With the great blue secured, she drove him to the vet clinic and went on to her doctor's appointment. A great blue heron can puncture the skull of an alligator with his beak, but Rorke said she was never worried about getting injured. "I wasn't afraid of him. When you think of rescuing you don't think of anything else, you know what I mean."

The vet clinic, not prepared for a great blue, found the largest box they had on the premises - which was not very large.

CROW volunteer Fred Whitehouse picked up the bird and brought him back to Sanibel Island. Veterinarian PJ Deitschel was "amazed" when she saw the creature's transport accommodations.

"I couldn't imagine how they managed to fit a heron in such a small box - they're strong birds," she said. "But we opened it up and out came this absolutely beautiful bird!"

She took a radiograph, which revealed a fish hook in the bird's stomach. "Needless to say, it wasn't going to be regurgitated or pass through without doing severe damage," said Deitschel.

CROW staff gave him pain medications, antibiotics and herbs. In the afternoon they put him under anesthesia and prepped him for surgery.

Deitschel made an incision in his stomach and began what would become a complicated search for the hook. She slipped her finger into the opening - "that's all you can fit" - and hunted in the dark. She moved her finger around gingerly in the abdominal cavity so as not to rupture the heron's air sacs.

But she couldn't find the hook anywhere. With time running short - the bird had been on the table for an hour - she had no choice but to stitch up the opening.

"We feared that the hook had migrated back up," she said.

CROW took a second radiograph, which revealed that the hook had indeed traveled out of his stomach. It now sat in his esophagus, next to his heart - an area almost impossible to reach.

The following day Deitschel inserted a PVC tube down the heron's throat, and took a third radiograph. This time CROW got the picture they wanted: the hook was back in the stomach and the PVC tube blocked its escape.

Using a hemostat, an instrument that looks like a pair of scissors, she quickly found and removed the hook. The great blue recovered from the second surgery in about 20 minutes.

On Wednesday, December 12, CROW placed the heron in the small flight cage, one of the deluxe cages in the outdoor compound. He began to fly at once and ate the food left for him.

On Friday, December 14 CROW got a call about a flock of white pelicans who were dying as a result of the recent outbreak of red tide. Three were to be shipped to CROW that afternoon for supportive care.

With the great blue looking so vigorous - and not benefitting from crashing into the walls of his cage - Deitschel ordered his release back to Cape Coral on Friday afternoon to free up the small flight cage.

Bigbird and Rorke are now reunited along the canal. Deitschel was impressed by Rorke's courage in catching him. "She's got guts," said the veterinarian. ✨

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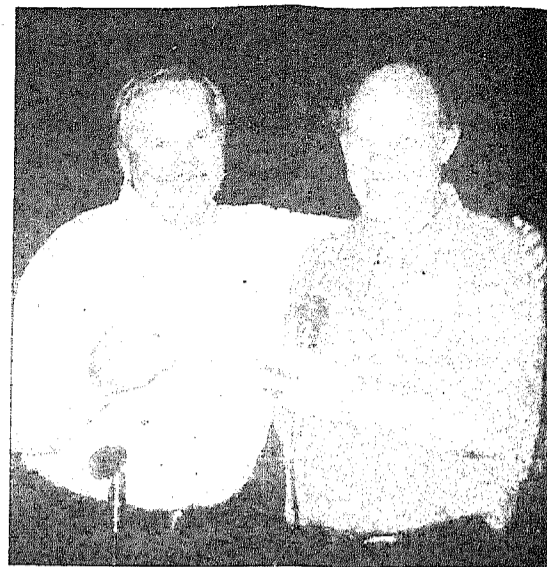
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Fundraiser For Lee Reefs

At the Sanibel Island Fishing Club's annual Christmas Banquet and Raffle fundraiser, a special presentation was made to Lee Reefs Inc. Last year the SIFC donated \$750 to provide seed money for the establishment of a 501-C3, nonprofit tax-exempt corporation called Lee Reefs Inc. At about the same time the SIFC made a challenge to other clubs and individuals in the area, to match their contributions up to \$1,000. Charlie Sobczak president of the Lee Reefs, Inc., announced last week that his organization had met this first big hurdle in the growth of this important off shore fish habitans providing organization. The SIFC is proud to be able to contribute to the efforts of the Lee Reef association's goals of promoting sport fishing to local anglers as well as Scuba Divers by establishing easily accessible reefs off the coast of Sanibel. If you are interested in finding out more about how to contribute to the Lee Reefs Inc., please call Charlie Sobczak at 472-0491.✳



Chet Sadler (right) presenting a check to Charlie Sobczak

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Audubon Winter Program

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society has announced its winter program series line-up, which begins Thursday, January 3 at the Sanibel Community House at 8 p.m. The popular slide lecture series is open to all and continues weekly through March 21 with the exception of February 28 during Shell Fair week.

"We are very pleased to have such a diverse collection of programs by professional photographers, wildlife biologists, and researchers who will give us a glimpse into the natural world, reveal its beauty, and address the perils it faces," said Audubon's program chairman David Meardon.

Birds, bugs, rain forests, Everglades restoration, and African expeditions are some of the topics explored in this series. A few programs include: noted bird authors and PBS television series producers Don and Lillian Stokes, who will present *Sanibel's Beautiful Birds* on February 14. Biologist Mark Deyrup, with his engaging sense of humor, presents *Bugs in Trouble* January 17. On January 24, Audubon Florida's president Stuart Strahl takes his audience to Venezuela for an intimate portrait of the environment and its people, and brings it back to Florida for an update on the massive Everglades restoration project.

In addition to the main speakers, the 8 p.m. programs include an environmen-

tal update by SanibelCaptiva Audubon President Paul Andrews, announcements of local field excursions open to all, and recent bird sightings by Bev Postmus with audience input. A question and answer period follows the main speaker. The total program usually lasts one to one and one half hours.

The public is welcome to attend any or all of the programs, held at the Sanibel Community House, 2337 Periwinkle Way, directly across the street from the J. Howard Wood Theater. Suggested donation is \$3. There is plenty of parking on both sides of Periwinkle Way. For further information, contact David Meardon at 472-2346.

January 3—Steve Tatka-Babcock, Wilderness Ranch. A wildlife, eco-heritage, and agricultural program all rolled into one. Tutko, director of this 153-square mile wilderness ranch in eastern Lee and Hendry counties, talks about the history of the ranch, its stewardship of the land, and its great wildlife diversity.

January 10—Alvah Sanborn, Intimate Glimpses Into The Lives of Birds. Photographer and naturalist Alvah Sanborn, a Sanibel winter resident, examines courtship, nesting and other bird behaviors of raptors, seabirds, flycatchers and woodpeckers and talks about the methods used in pursuit of these images.

January 17—Mark Deyrup, Bugs In Trouble, Deyrup, a biologist at the Archbold Biological Research Station in Lake Placid, Florida, takes a look at endangered insects in Florida, and with his wry humor, tells us why we should care.

January 24—Stuart Stuart Strahl,

Venezuela-Rain Forests, Birds, and Native Peoples, Strahl, president and CEO of Audubon Florida, presents images of this South American country and gives an update on the huge Everglades restoration project now underway.

January 31—Ted Below, Sundown Roosts at Rookery Bay. Below, who for 30 years has studied and monitored the daily comings and goings of 45 bird species in this 15,000 acre reserve south-east of Marco Island, talks about the importance of protecting night roosting locations for birds.

February 7—Jack S. Grove, Sanctuaries In Nature. Marine biologist, author, and photographer Grove presents both marine and terrestrial images of wilderness areas including the Arctic, the Antarctic, the Florida Keys, the Galapagos, the Red Sea and the Seychelles.

February 14—Don and Lillian Stoke, Sanibel's Beautiful Birds. America's first couple of birding will help us identify and enjoy Sanibel's avian beauties.

February 21—Bea and Alma Goldstein, Bird Tails and Other Nature Stories. A visual and poetic journey examining the lives of birds.

February 28—No program during Shell Fair week.

March 7—Chalres Sleichner, Botswans and Namibia — A Birding And Wildlife Exploration. Washington state-based photographer Sleichner, whose work has appeared in Audubon and National Geographic magazines, shows images from a recent African expedition.

March 14—Roger Bajorek, Belize Has It All. Bajorek, supervising interpreter of

the Stoney Creek Nature Center in Michigan, leads us on a Belize adventure filled with mystery, culture, flora and fauna.

March 21—Sharon Cummings, Nature Photography. Ohio-based photographer Cummings presents compelling bird, scenic, and macro flower images and explains her techniques. Digital imaging will also be covered.*

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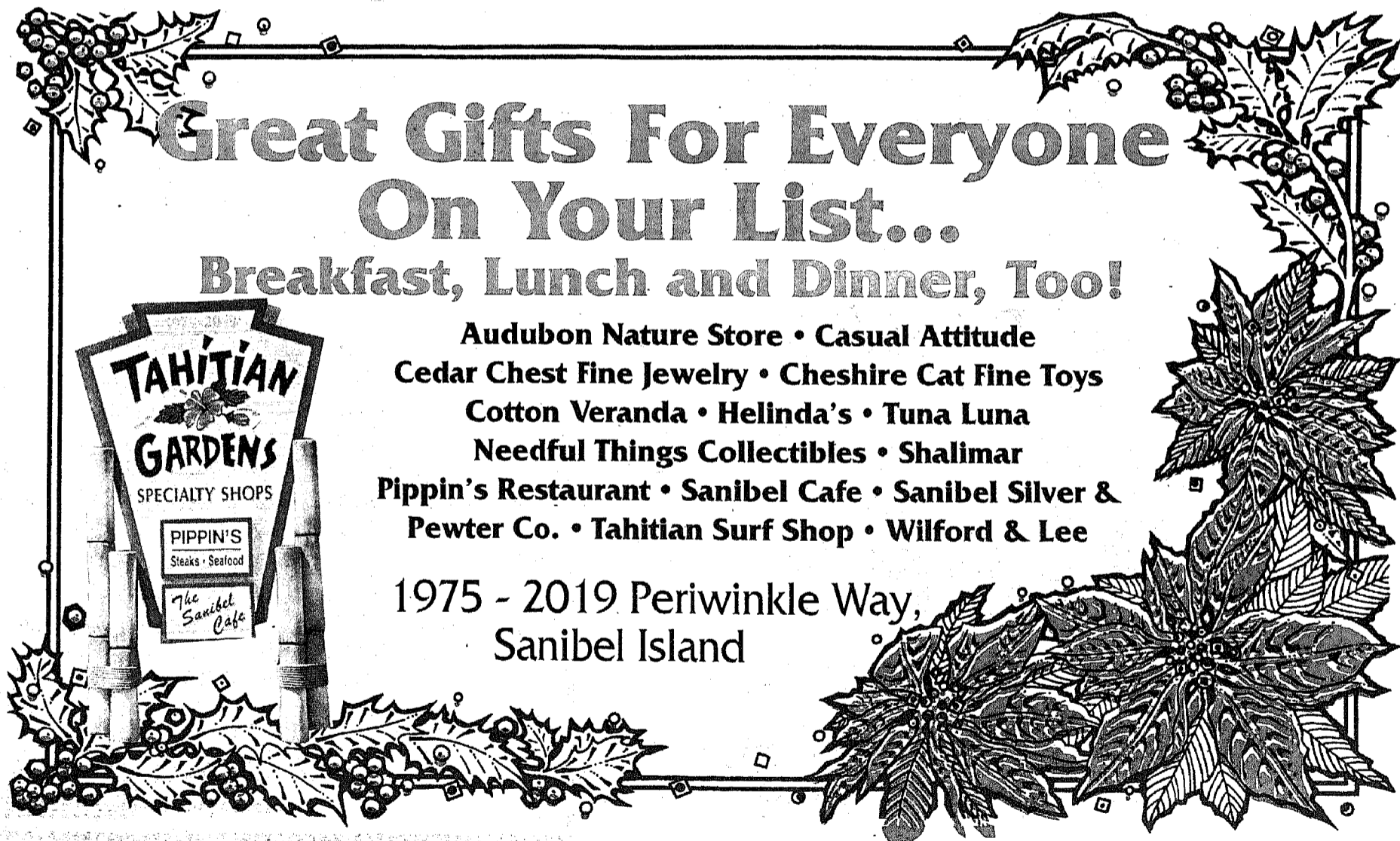
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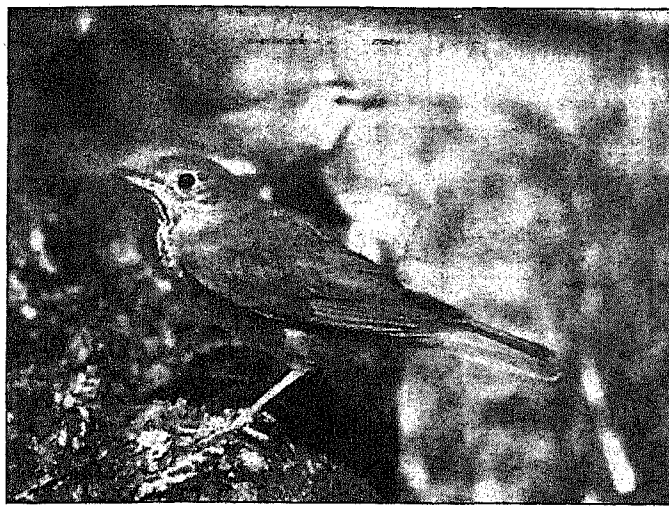
by Jim Stevenson, Ph.D.

Have you ever noticed what those odd names were beside the bird's English name in the field guide? Most people just ignore these names, and see little value to them. But taxonomy is an important science, and shows us why birds and other organisms are classified the way they are.

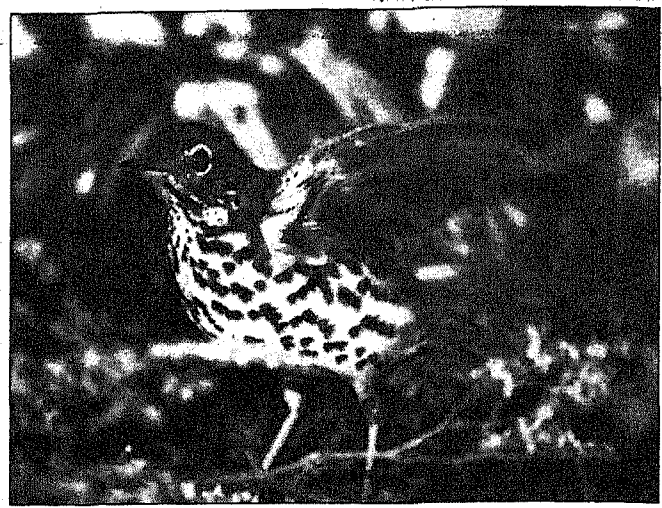
Thousands of years ago, Aristotle began classifying living things, and did so with plants by using their structure. So he organized plants according to their petals, stems, roots, stamens and ovaries. This was a great system, and is similar to what we use today. But he classified animals like birds by their habitat. Huge mistake.

Millennia later, a Swedish biologist named Linnaeus came along and classified animals according to their morphology (structure), and created seven major levels of classification. The two we use the most are the genus and species, which appear right beside the bird names in the guide. A genus (capitalized) is a group of closely-related species. Examples might be *Mimus* (mockingbirds in the New World), *Melanerpes* (medium-sized woodpeckers with ladder-backs), or *Corvus* (the crows). A genus may have just one member (Wood Thrush) or many, like the peeps.

The second name denotes the species, and is not capitalized. Our mockingbird is *M. polyglottus*, which naturally means



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Wood Thrush

"many-tongued." Therefore, the scientific name is an adjective, which, when put together, means "many-tongued mimicker." The more Latin (and sometimes Greek) we know, the more scientific names might make sense to us. But these "binomial" names are how many people from around the world, such as scientists, identify the birds of which they speak.

Sometimes a species is divided into geographic divisions, and each is given a third name. These divisions are called "subspecies" or "races," but they all interbreed where and if their ranges come together. A good example is the Northern and Western Palm Warblers. A quick look in the field guide will show them to be the same species, *Dendroica palmarum*, but

the Northern is yellower as the whiter Western is from a different habitat in Canada.

Several closely-related genera (plural of genus) make up a family, such as the true hawks. Buteos, eagles and accipiters therefore make up *Accipiteridae*. And these, plus two similar families (the falcons and ospreys) make up an order, *Falconiformes* the birds of prey. Families end in ...idae, and orders end in ...iformes. So, let's look at an entire scientific name for a bird:

Our fairly common Red-shouldered Hawk, would be *Animalia* (an animal), *Chordata* (it has a spinal chord), *Aves* (it's a bird), *Falconiformes* (bird of prey), *Accipiteridae* (a true hawk), *Buteo* (genus of hawks with wide wings and tail), *linea-*

tus (having lines on its body).

Using scientific names, we can tell who is related to whom, and we can make assumption about birds with whom we have little experience. The Veery has the genus name *Catharus*, and that tells me it is very closely related to Swainson's Thrushes. And that tells me a lot about a Veery, even if I didn't know what one was like. It also shows that Veeries and Swainson's Thrushes may well have come from a common ancestor, along with other *Catharus*. So don't ignore these neat names — there may be a lot of meaning here for those who look! ✨

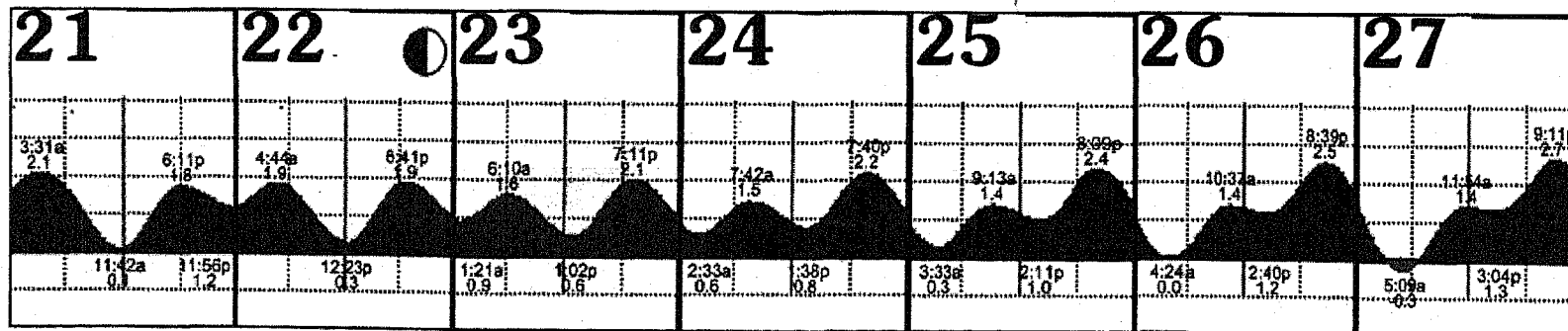
Jim Stevenson is director of the Galveston Bird Club, Galveston, Texas. He can be reached at 409-737-4081.

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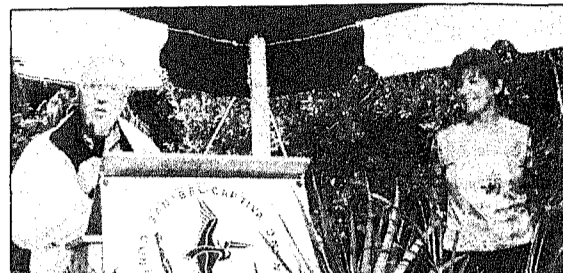
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Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Annual Meeting

Celebrating the beginning of its 35th year, the SCCF annual meeting was held Friday night, December 7, under a large tent in front of the Nature Center. The short business meeting covered the many accomplishments of the Conservation Foundation over the last year, which included: the acquisition of the Periwinkle Preserve, the creation of a new five year long range plan, great success in the program areas, record membership and a sound financial outlook.

Part of the annual meeting was dedicated to expressing thanks to the three outgoing board members, who

Marge Meek, SCCF board president, introduces SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad.



Bob Hanger, longtime member of the Conservation Foundation, describes the accomplishments of SCCF while current Board President Marge Meek looks on.



New, former and current board members gather to select their slate of officers.



Erick Lindblad, executive director, presents outgoing Board member, Rene Affourtit, with a gift for his service to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.



Craig Albert, treasurer of the board, introduces new Board member Linda Logan, manager of the Sanibel Inn.



Erick Lindblad, executive director, presents outgoing Board member, Dick Curtin, with a gift for his service to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.



Erick Lindblad, executive director, presents outgoing Board member, Caroline Legette, with a gift for her service to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

have completed their four year term: Rene Affourtit was thanked for his business acumen and support from the West Wind Inn; Dick Curtin has focused on environmental affairs and Caroline LeGette was lauded for her volunteering in so many areas, plus her excellent contribution as board secretary. The membership then unanimously voted in the three new board members presented by the nominating committee: Mike Kelly, a Captiva resident, who has been active in fund raising and serves on the Resource Committee; Linda Logan, manager of the Sanibel Inn, whose efforts to create an environmentally friendly business stand out in our community, as well as her involvement with the turtle program; and Dean Skaugstad, well regarded leader of the Hammerheads and past president of the SCCF. The new board then retired to hold a brief meeting to vote on new officers for the next year. By unanimous vote the officers are: Marge Meek, president, Ron Gibson, vice president, Trish Herman, secretary, and Craig Albert, treasurer.

While updating the membership on program area accomplishments, Erick Lindblad, executive director, asked all the staff to join him, while the audience gave them a standing ovation for their exceptional contributions. Additionally, Erick gave recognition and heartfelt thanks to all the members of the audience who have served in our armed forces. In thanking all the membership for its continuing support of the Conservation Foundation's goals, Marge Meek said, "although we are in the early stages of this year's membership campaign, it's wonderful to see that con-

servation is a part of patriotism, based on the generous outpouring of special gifts and membership renewals."

Following the business meeting the crowd of over 100 people scurried up to the porch for the traditional dinner of ribs and chicken accompanied by homemade dishes brought by the attendees. With an open bar providing additional motivation, the bids on the snow board auction items kept getting better and better, until finally, the winners were declared. As people left many members were asking, "when is the next party?!"*

Kayak Trips

Come kayaking with SCCF The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, in cooperation with Captiva Kayak Company will be offering naturalist led kayaking outings in our local estuarine waters. These kayak trips will help fund the Conservation Foundations Environmental Education programs while educating participants about the natural and cultural history of Pine Island Sound. No kayaking experience is necessary for these excursions, just a sense of adventure and a willing spirit. We will be using very stable kayaks and paddling instruction will be provided.

Buck Key Kayaking Adventure: Friday December 21 at 9 a.m., \$35 per person. While paddling in and around Buck Key, we will discuss the ecology of our Back Bay estuary and the cultural history of the area.

Evening Paddle to Chadwick's Bayou: Friday, December 21 (Winter Solstice Trip) \$45 per person.

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For additional information or to make a reservation (space is limited so reservations are required) contact the Nature Center at 472-2329.*

Take Me To The River

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will be offering an Environmental Education program for children entitled *Take Me to the River*. They will have the opportunity to learn about the fascinating aspects of wetlands by exploring and investigating Sanibel's Interior wetlands. This interpretive program will be geared for ages 5 through 12 and will take place throughout the winter months with the first scheduled program set for Friday, December 28 at 10 a.m. This is an ideal opportunity to bring those vacationing children to the Conservation Foundation to discover the wonders of wetlands. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents and grandparents, please come to the Conservation Foundation's Nature Center and *Take Me to the River*. Space will be limited so reservations are required. The program will be free for children and \$3 for adults. For reservations or additional information call the SCCF Nature Center at 472-2329.*

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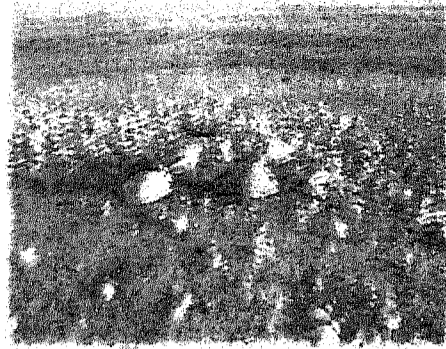
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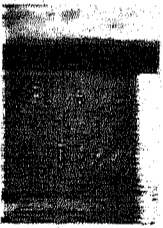
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Birding Tour

Designed for the more serious bird-watcher, this 2 to 2 1/2 hour more advanced Early Bird Special is led by volunteer interpreters Bev Postmus and Harold Johnstone. Leaves from the flagpole at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays & Saturdays. *

Shell Mound Walk

Meet volunteers Ann and Bill Wolschlagel on a guided tour along Shell Mound Trail. Learn about the ancient Calusa Indian culture and discover Florida's native plant life on this enchanting boardwalk trail. Meet at Shell Mound Trail near the end of Wildlife Drive at 11 a.m. Wednesdays. *

Exploring the Bailey Tract

Join volunteer interpreters Bill Saunders and Bill Wolschlagel as they lead you through this special spartina ecosystem. Learn from these veteran naturalists about the flora and fauna of this unique freshwater environment. Meet at the Bailey Tract parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Thursdays. *

Crocodylians

What's the difference between an alligator and a crocodile? Join a refuge ranger and find out during a discussion of this amazing group of animals we call crocodylians — particularly the alligator and the endangered American crocodile. Fun for adults & children alike. 1 p.m. on Thursdays & Sundays at the Cross Dike Education Pavilion.

Birds of the Refuge

What kind of bird was that? Learn how to identify the most common birds found in the refuge during this 30-minute program in the Center for Education at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Sea Turtles

Hunted for its meat, captured and killed to make jewelry, and now increasingly deprived of its habitat, most sea turtle populations throughout the world have been drastically reduced. Join a refuge ranger and learn what the people of Sanibel are doing to protect one of the world's largest reptiles. Meet in the Center for Education at 1 p.m. Mondays.

Manatees

Join a refuge ranger and learn about Florida's gentle giant. One of America's most endangered species, the West Indian manatee faces a challenging future. See what you can do to save this most unusual creature. Meet at the education pavilion on the cross dike on Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

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On Friday mornings when Wildlife Drive is closed, explore the Bailey Tract's freshwater spartina ecosystem on your own. A volunteer interpreter is usually available to answer questions.

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Materials:
Quart- (liter-) sized glass jar, metal pie tin, hot water; ice cubes

Objective:
To learn how a solid turns into a gas and to learn the concept of condensation in relation to the water cycle.

Vocabulary word:
Condensation: the process of changing gas (such as steam) to a liquid (such as water).

- Instructions:**
1. Pour a cup of hot water into a quart (liter) sized glass jar.
 2. Pour some ice cubes in a pie tin and place the tin on top of the jar.
 3. Observe for several minutes. What happened?

How does it work?
The hot water heats the air in the jar and adds moisture to it. The moisture-laden hot air rises. As it nears the cold pie tin, the air cools and condenses. In time, it may actually "rain" outside the jar, as water drops form on and fall from the area of the tin overhanging the jar.*

Horticulture Symposium

Kaye Cude, a well known herb hobbyist, lecturer, writer and master gardener will be at the Sanibel Community Association, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Monday, January 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. She works for Educational Concerns For Hunger Organization (ECHO). Kaye will also answer questions about tropical fruits, herbs and vegetables that can grow on Sanibel. Various species will be shown.

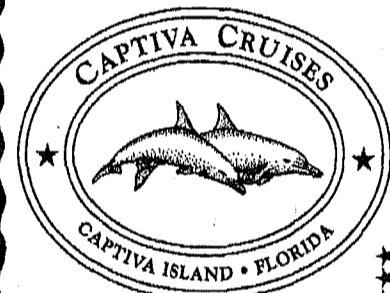
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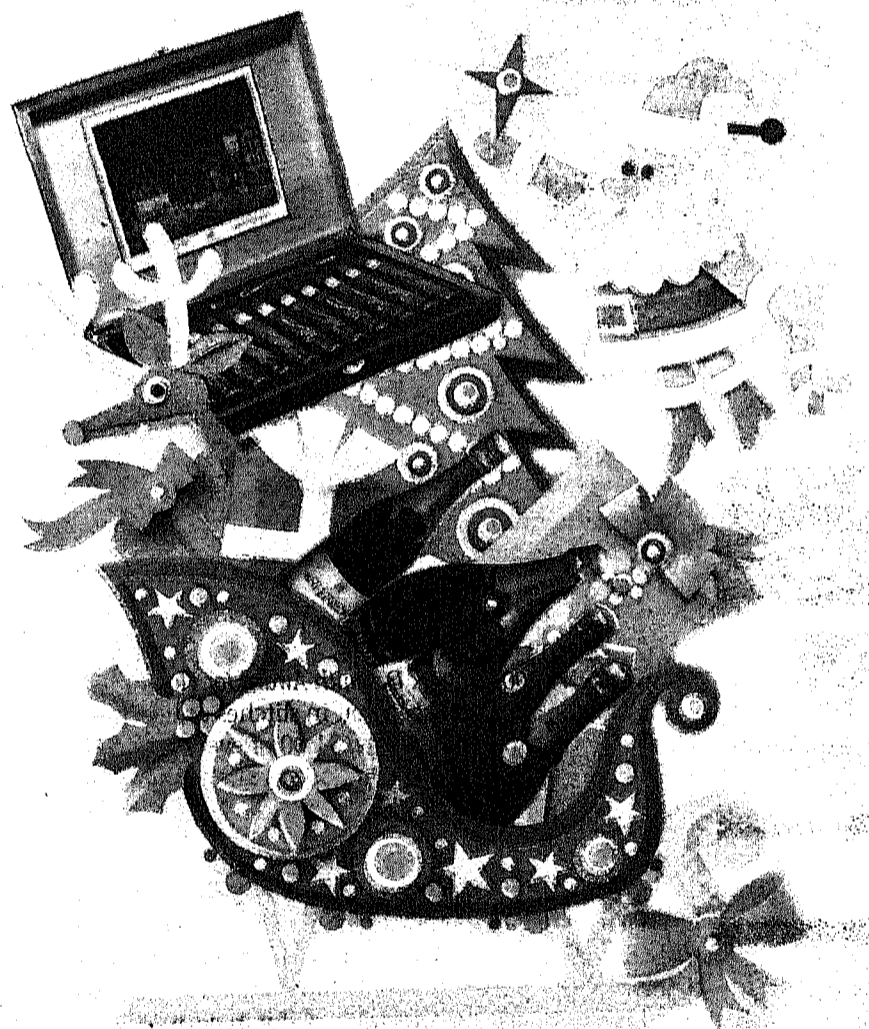
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The Simple Language Of Orchids

Cymbidiums — Terrestrial — Here?

by Dr. Faye Laurent Granberry



Many of us, unfortunately, own Cymbidium orchids. We have bought them as they have capacious (well, most do) arching sprays of waxy, delicate various colored flowers, with most attractive strap like leaves that look like grass. I admit I have bought some, but many came with orchid collections I have purchased from others that must have had a weakness for their beauty.

Soon, we will be off to major orchid shows and, yes, there will be Cymbidiums for sale, in their exceptional colors swaying in the breeze and temptation may consume me.

So, what is the problem? They will be in bloom and the blooms will last for a short period of time and if nature takes the regular course of action, they will never bloom again in the orchid pot. Year after year I will baby them, give them love, but they will never bloom again. The first question at lectures will be why doesn't my Cymbidium bloom?

Simple answer — they are cool growing orchids, except for a few special ones,

mostly species, that are not so attractive in bloom. Somehow, over the years, we became caught — up in trying to grow Cymbidiums. We never thought about planting them in the ground, even though we knew they were also terrestrials. If we planted them, would they survive, and, if they survive, would they ever bloom again?

Marilyn of Marilyn's Orchids in Fort Myers, a reliable source, has planted them in the ground and she reports they have developed into big healthy plant like bushes. I am not so sure about the quality or quantity of blooms.

After the holidays, I will fill my selected shady area, that has shifting shade, with a layer of charcoal, a little potting mixes with soil, and my homemade compost. My Cymbidiums will have a new home.

The cool growing ones like temperatures below 80 degree's day, nights to 30 degrees or so — with no frost. It appears the high temperatures weaken the plants. The shade, cool breezes and the soil will keep them cooler in the ground than in a pot.

There are a few warm growing Cymbidiums that need temperatures below 80 degrees. Warm growing space saving miniatures may prove of interest. Orchids do make an attempt to adjust to imperfect circumstances but the tempera-

ture spread on the cool growing may be too great. Grown in mountain areas at 10,000 feet elevation with the temperature average below 80 degrees is quite a contrast to us.

After removing the plant from the pot it is possible to have a fungus infection that should be treated with a fungicide. This problem is not usually visible without taking the plant out of the pot.

Cymbidium Grammatophyllum speciosum of South East Asia, is the largest orchid in the world. It grows in trees near rivers or streams with greenish or yellowish flowers.

Cymbidium ensifolium, Chinese species, will grow in tropical conditions. It has small fragrant flowers. Be aware of conditions too wet in the tropical lowlands.

Rebecca Tyson Northen, Home Orchid Growing, has an extended chapter on Cymbidiums that I would suggest for reading before buying or planting this orchid. It is not wise to buy any orchid plant



Cymbidium

out of bloom and without an orchid tag. For Cymbidiums the tag will only have the letter C.

I wish you happy orchid holidays. 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.✱

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Seabeach Amaranth Making A Comeback

For the past 10 years, the threatened seabeach amaranth has been making a comeback, reappearing on east coast shorelines from Massachusetts to South Carolina.

Looking much like a weed you might pull out of a garden, the seabeach amaranth, *Amaranthus pumilus* Raf., sometimes referred to as seabeach pigweed, is currently on the federal roster of threatened species. It grows where other plants won't and tends to disappear if other plants move in on it.

Far away from the eastern beaches, samples of *A. pumilus* are being conserved as part of a comprehensive collection of amaranth germplasm maintained in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Plant Germplasm System.

The amaranth collection, located at the North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station (NCRPIS) in Ames, Iowa, comprises about 3,500 accessions. The entire germplasm collection at Ames comprises 47,000 accessions with more than 340 genera representing 1,900 species. It includes cultivated grain and vegetable types, ornamental and wild species from many parts of the world. The North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station is operated by USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

David M. Brenner, curator of the *Amaranthus* germplasm at NCRPIS, collected six distinct populations with large seed samples representing many individual plants on ocean beaches along the North and South Carolina coastlines. Then, he tested the seeds to develop methods to regenerate the species. By keeping the seeds for three months in cool, moist surroundings, Brenner obtained about 90 percent synchronized germination.

The seabeach amaranth is of special interest to agriculture because it has atypically large seeds for the genus and could perhaps be the source of crop-improving genes for cultivated amaranths. Consumers in many countries enjoy amaranths as both a leafy vegetable and as a "pseudo" cereal. They are an extremely good source of bioavailable iron — more so than spinach — and have a rare, high-quality plant protein that can be used to enrich grain products. Approximately 1,000 to 5,000 acres of amaranths are grown annually in the United States for grain that is incorporated into health foods.

ARS is the chief scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency's plant introduction station in Ames can be found on the web at: <http://www.ars-grin.gov/ars/MidWest/Ames>.

Home Tour Rescheduled

Dean Park Historic District, Incorporated has rescheduled its third Home & Garden Tour for March 9. The theme is *A Front Porch Celebration* celebrating front porches of the early 20th century. Proceeds will benefit the Historic District and the Langford Kingston Home project. The tour was postponed from December 2001 because of the September 11 tragedies and a neighborhood flood on September 14.

Dean Park is a 9-square block area just east of downtown Fort Myers built during the Florida land boom of the 1920s. It is named for its developer John Morgan Dean, who was also responsible for the Dean Hotel, the Edgewood development and the downtown Kress Building. Dean was also partner in the Lee County Packing Plant, which in the 1910s was said to be the largest plant in the world used exclusively for packing citrus fruit.

The Dean Construction Company insisted on deed restrictions. Homes were required to be built 35 feet from the street and be used for residential purposes only. They cost not less than \$4,000 to build, and any secondary structure was required to be 100 feet from the street. Service lanes allowed residents to enter their homes from the rear rather than park their cars on the street. Dean hired 35 men to construct the city's finest development of the period, complete with paved streets, sidewalks, sewers, underground

utilities and lush palms and shrubs. The upscale neighborhood attracted early Fort Myers notables such as retailer Flossie Hill, both the Robb and Stucky families of the furniture store, Mayor and businessman Vernon Widerquist, and members of the Evans, Curtwright and Hendry families.

Dean Park is varied in architectural styles with Spanish, Moorish, English Tudor and Dutch Colonial side by side with the American Bungalow. The neighborhood has had its rough times with homes being subdivided into apartments, absentee landlords and a general decline of the surrounding area. In the mid-1980s, a group of concerned residents made an attempt to have Dean Park made a local historic district. However, there was much opposition from residents at that time, putting off the historic designation until 1997.

Since that time, the residents of Dean Park have organized and now produce a monthly neighborhood newsletter, have an active neighborhood watch program and in 1999 presented a Home and Garden Tour.

DPHD Inc. is a not-for-profit Florida corporation organized to protect, preserve and enhance the Dean Park Historic District. Earnings will be used to help run the day-to-day expenses of DPHD Inc. and possibly for larger projects such as historic street signs. DPHD hopes to attract new sponsors, recognize homeowner's preservation efforts, bring awareness to the area and promote community renewal.

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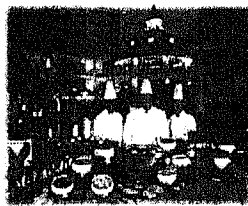
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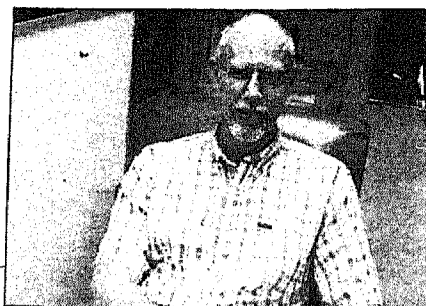
Our friend Tony Lapi, co-chair with Kiwanian Bob Wigley of this year's United Way Campaign, was so well received the entire club sang *Happy Birthday*. Of course his birthday was last June, and the song cost him \$5, but it's the sentiment that counts. This year's Island goal is \$123,000. Last year UW raised over \$117,000 here. Thirty Islanders gave \$10,000 or more; six gave \$10,000 or more.

Every Islander is invited to contribute raffle prizes for February's Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner. Call Bill Traum at 472-1761. Contributions are tax deductible. This is a good deal even if you don't like what we do for kids on the Islands.

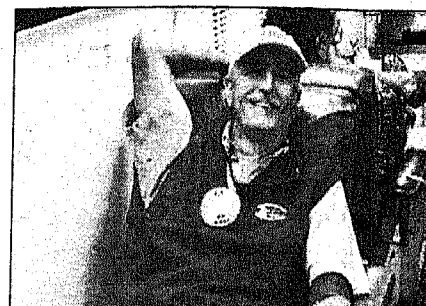
December 5 was blood day, and several Islanders proud not to be Kiwanians boistered both quantity and quality. Chip Hoffman "saw the bus coming on-Island and followed it to the Island House." Simple system you all should try.



Bill Boswell



John Friedlund



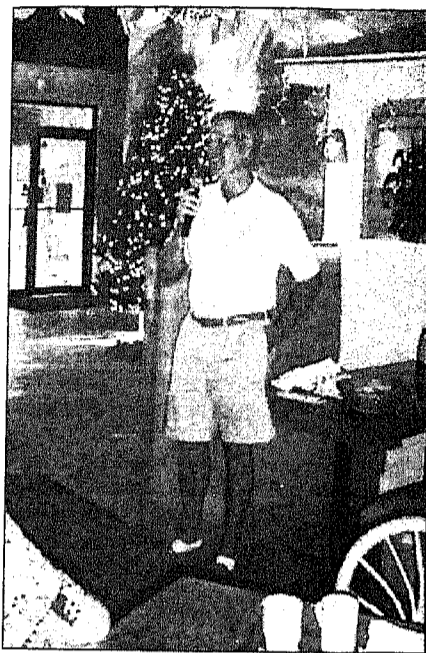
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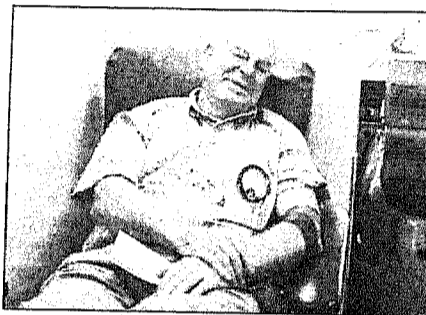
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Danny Morgan

Coming from Cincinnati is world-class harmonica player, Bob "Sugar-Lips" Lotz, along with his collection of 67 harmonicas from around the world. Bob performs both internationally and throughout the U.S.

Tod Edmondson, from Miami, wears many hats with the group; you will hear him on keyboard, vibraphone, flute, clarinet, as well as soprano, alto and tenor sax. Drummer, Jason Lofgren, son of famed trumpeter Al Lofgren will keep the beat. And of course Danny himself will handle guitar and vocals.

It promises to be a great evening of music for dancing and listening. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Phillips Gallery at 8 p.m.. Guests will move in Shein Hall at 9 p.m. for a served dinner including salad, stuffed shrimp and filet mignon followed by chocolate torte for dessert. French wines will accompany the dinner. Open bar, champagne, hats and favors are included at \$125 per person. Please join your friends at BIG ARTS for a spectacular evening. Seating still available. Call BIG ARTS now 395-0900.*

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One resolution that could be made this year and easily kept is to attend the Downtown Naples New Year's Weekend Art Fair. This much anticipated event will feature artists from across the country with a variety of artwork to satisfy all art enthusiasts. The show has been rated in the top 100 art festivals in the country by *Sunshine Artist*, the art industry's leading publication. This year's festival will be held on New Year's Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, December 29 and 30. 5th Avenue South will play host to this magnificent affair. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and admission is free.

While strolling down 5th Avenue South, an eclectic array of hand-crafted artwork may be seen; life-size metal sculptures, scenic photographs, uniquely designed jewelry, charming pastel paintings and porcelain dolls. Many of the artists showcasing are award-winning pioneers in their field. All artists will be at the show to discuss their artwork and answer any questions.

This year, the art festival will be accompanied by live music and great food. Food varieties will include ice cream, arepas, Greek food, and kettle corn. Live musical

entertainment will be provided by guitarist, Pat Surface, keyboardist, Kayte Wolf, steel drummer, Doug Walker and sitarist, Stephen Mikes.

The Downtown Naples New Year's Weekend Art Fair is held outdoors on 5th Avenue South, between 3rd Street and Tamiami Trail on December 29 and 30. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information, please call Howard Alan Events, Ltd. at 954-472-3755. You can also visit www.artfestival.com.

Tommy Tune Coming To The Phil

Singer, dancer and choreographer Tommy Tune will bring the magic of Broadway to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts for one performance on Thursday, January 3, at 8 p.m. The show is now sold out.

A nine-time Tony Award-winner, Tommy Tune is the only person in theatrical history to win Tonys in four different categories and to win the same two Tonys two years in a row. Performing with Tune will be the acclaimed Manhattan Rhythm Kings.

For more information, contact Customer Service at 941-597-1900 or toll-free 800-597-1900.

Here Comes Ho! Ho! Ho!



JT Smith's 12th Annual *HO! HO! HO! The Christmas Show* opens at The Old Schoolhouse Theater on Sunday, December 23 at 8 p.m. for one week only. *HO! HO! HO!* has been playing to enthusiastic audiences at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre for three weeks and has received standing ovations nightly. *HO! HO! HO!* features Victor Legaretta, Erik Hogan, Seth Golay, Angela Sapolis and JT at the piano. Don't miss this madcap, high energy song and dance Christmas tradition. It wouldn't be Christmas without *HO! HO! HO!*. The show is nearly sold out so call now to reserve your seats. *HO! HO! HO!* plays through New Year's Eve. The box office number is 472-6862 and is located at 1905 Periwinkle Way. MC/Visa accepted.

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Symphony Season Opens

The Gulf Coast Symphony opens its 2001-2002 Symphonic Sensations season at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers on Saturday, December 29 at 8 p.m. with a U.S.O. Holiday Show: Big Band Extravaganza. Swing to the music of Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Glenn Miller, along with other great classic hits from the 1940s, as the Symphony takes a walk down memory lane with the best tunes from the Swing and Big Band Eras. A full big band will enlarge the symphony, as the Barbara B. Mann stage swells to its capacity. The concert features the lovely and vivacious soprano, Maci Miller, who has delighted audiences from New York to Atlantic City. Her album, *A Very Good Night*, has rocketed to the top of the swing charts. The Fort Myers Chorale and dancers from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio add to the evening's fun. This concert will be a true tribute to Bob Hope's great U.S.O. shows of yesterday. If you like Big Band music, this is one concert to be sure not to miss.

Season subscriptions for *Symphonic Sensations* are still available and range in price from \$25 to \$65, with single tickets \$5 to \$25. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall Box Office, or call 481-4849 or 800-440-7469. Remaining concerts in the *Symphonic Sensations*

series are on Saturday, February 23 at 8 p.m. with *The Best of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Richard Rodgers* and *A Patriotic Salute to America* on Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. For more information about *Symphonic Sensations* or any other of the Symphony's music and education programs call the Gulf Coast Symphony office at 472-6197.

The Gulf Coast Symphony's 2001-2002 *Symphonic Sensations* sponsors include *Times of the Islands*, the Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center, SunTrust Bank, Fernando's of Martha's Vineyards, Designers' Rug Center, and Island Pursuits.

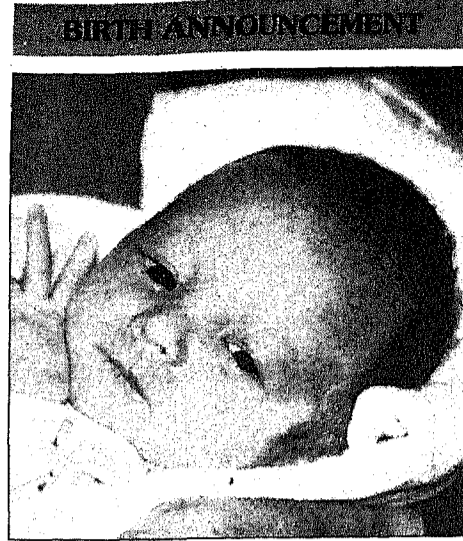
The Gulf Coast Symphony's Music Director and founder is Andrew Kurtz. Kurtz is also the artistic director of the Opera Theater of Philadelphia. In September Kurtz won the First Prize in the Accademia Dell'Arte International Conducting Competition and made his European debut in Florence, Italy. His International operatic conducting debut took place August 1995 in Tel Aviv. Kurtz will return to Italy this summer as artistic director of a new summer opera institute. Past conducting posts to his credit include work with The Pennsylvania Opera Theater, The Pennsylvania Ballet, and the Ocean City Pops Orchestra. Kurtz is also a respected and talented arts educator, and received his Doctorate from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore.

The Gulf Coast Symphony is Southwest Florida's only non-professional community orchestra. Its season features its highly popular *Symphonic Sensations*

Concert Series at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall and its *Magic Carpet Family Concert Series* at the Unitarian Universalist Church. It also sponsors a comprehensive arts education program dedicated to providing ongoing educational opportunities for adults and youth alike.

The Gulf Coast Symphony's *Magic Carpet Family Concert Series* is designed specifically for families with children ages five to 13. These one hour concerts are the perfect introduction to the symphony orchestra. Interactive demonstrations, explanations, and one-on-one interaction with orchestra members are all elements of these exciting and captivating concerts. Held on Saturday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 13411 Shire Lane, off Daniels Parkway, these concerts are appropriate for the entire family. The 2001-2002 *Magic Carpet Family Concert* focuses on music that tell stories, and is called *Symphony Tales*. Performances includes *Tubby the Tuba* and *Carnival of the Animals* on January 26, *Music from the Ballet* on February 9 and the timeless classic, *Peter and the Wolf* on April 13. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased via mail by sending a check to the Gulf Coast Symphony, P.O. Box 1759, Sanibel, Florida 33957, or at the door one hour prior to the concert.

For more information on orchestra membership, or the current concert season, call the Gulf Coast Symphony office at 472-6197 or email GCSymphony@aol.com.



Geoffrey Brandon Kohlbrenner

George and Amy Kohlbrenner are proud to announce the birth of their son, Geoffrey Brandon, on November 21 at 1:02 p.m. He weighed in at six pounds, nine ounces and measured 19 inches.*



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Auditions At Children's Theatre

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The Pirate Players Children's Theatre will be holding auditions for *Nobody Loves a Dragon* on Sunday, December 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at the J. Howard Wood Theatre, 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island. Children from all over Lee County are invited to the audition.

This will be the second production presented by the Pirate Players Children's Theatre this 2001-2002 season under the direction of Jennifer Robinson. *Nobody Loves a Dragon* is a charming tale, taking place during medieval times, with a simple message — don't exclude someone because they are different.

Rehearsals will be conducted on Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons six weeks prior to the performance. The performance of *Nobody Loves a Dragon* will be on Saturday, February 16, 23 and March 2 at 10 and 11:30 am.

This is a great opportunity for children to participate in a production and learn the various aspects of theatre while discovering and developing their skills and talents. Being part of a performance that is meant to entertain and educate can be self-rewarding, build confidence and create memories and relationships that will last forever.

For more information, please call the J. Howard Wood Theatre at 472-4109.*

The Osmond Brothers

As one of the world's most well-known entertainment families, Wayne, Merrill and Jay of the The Osmond Brothers have been delighting audiences for over 40 years and will delight you and your family as they perform traditional holiday music, as well as their standards at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Sunday, December 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Aside from their pop music fame, which brought the Osmond Family 47 gold and platinum records collectively, The Osmond Brothers have had several country music hits during the 1980s and were honored with a Country Music-Award for best new country music group. The Osmond Brothers' success demonstrates a versatility in musical genres ranging from their early years with Barbershop, on to Pop, Rock and Roll, Country and Gospel. Their latest release is entitled *Gospel Favorites By The Osmonds*.

Each individual's unique blend of style and talent has combined to create the diversity that sets them apart from other entertainment groups. Their audiences have grown with them, many of whom stem back to the days fondly remembered as "Osmondmania." That hysteria caused by those teenaged boys has evolved into a genuine love and respect, deserving of

"entertainment icons" who have stayed true to themselves, their religion, their audience and the talents they still share with us today.

Tickets for The Osmond Brothers Holiday Show may be purchased at the Mann Hall Box Office, by phone at 481-4849 or Ticketmaster at 344-3309. For groups please contact Lana Waltzer at 489-3033 ext. 3122. Tickets are \$32, \$26, and \$20.*

Guest Conductor Daniel Hege

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra will perform *Heroism and Beauty* at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts beginning on Thursday, January 10, running through Saturday, January 12 at 8 p.m., under the baton of acclaimed guest conductor Daniel Hege.

Featured selections for this program, the third in the orchestra's Classical Series: Shostakovich's heroic *Symphony No. 5*, his best-loved symphonic work; Samuel Barber's riveting *Adagio for Strings*, heard in the films *Platoon* and *The Elephant Man*; and Haydn's buoyant *Symphony No. 85*.

Tickets for *Heroism and Beauty* are \$44 for adults and \$18 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact Customer Service at (941) 597-1900 or toll-free (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 Blvd. in Naples.*



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The Sunshine Boys

Dick Van Patten and Frank Gorshin star in the critically hailed revival of Neil Simon's *The Sunshine Boys* at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Monday and Tuesday, January 7 and 8, at 8 p.m.

Television, stage and film actors Van Patten and Gorshin portray the grumpy, long-estranged vaudeville team of Lewis

and Clark in this touching, affectionate and often hilarious play.

In Simon's classic play, the once nationally famous duo — who performed as the Sunshine Boys — have refused to speak to each other in 11 years. Willie Clark sits in his lonely New York hotel room watching soap operas and reading the death notices of old show-biz cronies in *Variety*. Al Lewis sits on the porch of his married daughter's house listening to the "quiet noise" of shrubs growing in the

suburbs. The hilarity kicks in when Clark's talent agent nephew convinces them to come together for a final TV appearance.

Comedian, actor and impressionist Gorshin portrays Clark, the fretful, fidgety half of the pair. Gorshin, most famous for his portrayal of the Riddler on the Batman series, also appeared on *Star Trek* in the classic *Let That Be Your Last Battlefield*, as well as numerous other TV shows and films, more recently in *The Twelve Monkeys*.

Van Patten portrays the dapper half of the duo — Al Lewis. Van Patten's career spans more than 600 radio shows, 27 Broadway productions, 24 feature films and seven television series. He is still perhaps best-known for his starring role as Tom Bradford in the long-running hit *Eight is Enough*. His feature films include *High Anxiety*, *Spaceballs* and *Robin Hood in Tights*, as well as seven movies for Walt Disney in just over three years.

Tickets for *The Sunshine Boys* are \$35. For more information or to order tickets, contact Customer Service at (941) 597-1900 or toll-free (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 Blvd. in Naples.✱

choreography, elaborate costumes and sets have made this show a long-running hit in Paris.

Tickets for Can-Can de Paris are \$56 for adults and \$28 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact Customer Service at 597-1900 or toll-free (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 Blvd. in Naples.✱

New Year's Eve Gala At The Phil

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra will usher in the New Year in high style with a program titled, *The Glorious Musicals of MGM* at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Monday, December 31, at 10 p.m. The festivities include champagne and a dessert reception after Midnight. Principal Pops Conductor Erich Kunzel and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra will be joined by the Philharmonic Center Chorale and a world-class selection of dancers and singers in a celebration of the grand and glorious musicals of MGM. Featured will be music from *Singin' in the Rain*, *Easter Parade*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *That's Entertainment*, *Gay Divorcee*, *Wizard of Oz* and selected songs by Cole Porter.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve Gala, *The Glorious Musicals of MGM*, are \$150. For more information or to order tickets, contact Customer Service at (941) 597-1900 or toll-free (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 Blvd. in Naples.✱

Fort Myers Art League And Gallery Classes

A great Christmas gift for a creative child, Children's Basic Drawing Class with teacher, Pat Herzberg. All materials are included for \$60 held at the Art League of Fort Myers on Saturdays, 1 to 2:30 from January 12 through February 16. Children will study depth perception, shading, cast shadows, portraits and figure drawing. Check out some of her art work on the Art League web site: www.cyberstreet.com/artleagueofftmyer. Call 936-4772.

Bob Fagan is teaching intermediate and advanced watercolors at the Art League of Fort Myers starting January 9, 2002 for 6 weeks. Members fee is \$115 and non-members of the Art League is \$130. This television personality is a philosopher and humorist who teaches watercolor techniques on a local station. His style is loose and vibrant with sharp contrast, based on negative painting. Call 267-7330 to sign up now, before the limited seating has closed.✱

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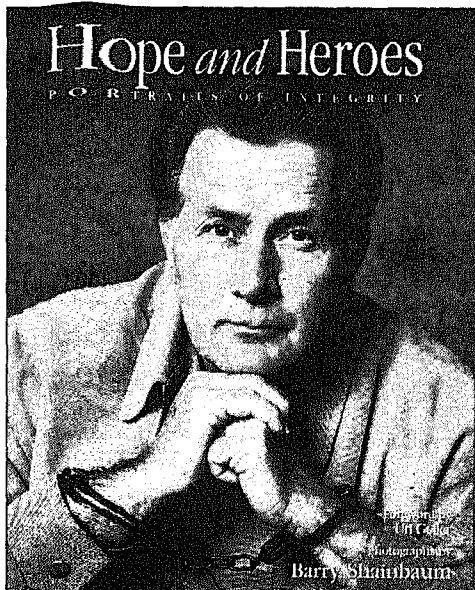
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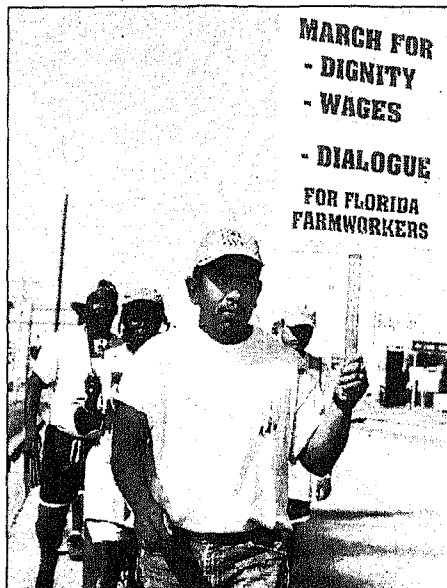


were given their first wage increase in twenty years. In addition, they collected more than \$100,000 in unpaid back wages for those in two slave labor operations. Benitez says, "Integrity is being sincere. It's committing yourself to something, not just words, but through actions."

Another of those honored in the book is Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. He has devoted his life to the low-caste Indians, who are labeled 'untouchables'. Gandhi is helping these people build self-respect and self-confidence.

The famous photograph which captured the horror of the Vietnam War for most of us was of nine-year-old Kim Phuc. She was filmed by Nick Ut in 1972 as she

ran naked and screaming in pain from the burns of napalm. Now thirty years later, this remarkable woman has a foundation, The Kim Foundation, which provides aid to children in war ravaged countries. Kim's



message is "...We don't need war. We don't need hatred. We don't need violence. These things destroy us, generation after generation."

These two books are available locally at MacIntosh Book Shop and Hollie Smith's Island Bookshop both on Sanibel.*

C-SPAN's Lamb Speaks At BIG ARTS



Brian Lamb (right), C-SPAN CEO and host of the popular *Booknotes* author interview program, signs copies of his latest collection of edited essays following a presentation at BIG ARTS December 13. Renee Lynch (left), City finance director, has known Lamb for the past four years and was among those lined up to get his autograph. At center is Henry Rosenthal of Naples, "the man who gave me my first job at age 17," Lamb told his audience. *Booknotes: Stories from American History* is the third work to evolve from the cable series. It focuses on three centuries of stories from America's history and is available on the islands at a MacIntosh Book Shop and other locations.*



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A Time For Heroes

By Priscilla Friedersdorf

Two new and very different books have been written about heroes. John P. Butler, Sanibel's first Chief of Police, has recently issued a collection of stories entitled *The Best Suit in Town*. The book, co-authored with Peter Mars, recounts Butler's experiences and those of his fellow officers on the police force in Mansfield, Ohio. Another spotlight on exceptional people is the book by Barry Shainbaum. He has photographed 48 individuals for his collection *Hope and Heroes, Portraits of Integrity*.

In a manner of writing similar to the staccato cadences of Joe Friday on *Dragnet*, John Butler remembers the cases he worked on in Mansfield. Butler prefaces his book with a poem by Police Captain Dan P. Brant and the sentiments reflect those most of us feel after September 11. The last stanza reads;

"Now when I walk a city street with memories both vile and sweet, I thank the Lord for knights in blue who take the torch for me ... an you."

Butler describes the era after World War II in which the stories take place, "It was a time of change and turmoil that included the civil rights movement and society's general rebellion against authority." In the chapter *Black and White* Butler remembers the first black man on the Mansfield force, "Training was done on the street. When one began the job, he

was issued a gun and a badge..." The night captain is to show the new recruit around town and he is surprised the young man does not want to drive. "What the captain did not understand was that Harper did not have a driver's license. In fact, he did not even know how to drive a car." One evening Harper is called to the scene of a fight and must subdue and arrest his uncle. Lawrence Harper would later become the Chief of Police.

In Butler's opinion domestic violence incidents are the worst a police officer will confront. "People who are connected to one another ... and are fighting or arguing physically, can forget their battle and, instead, take on a policeman if he tries to interfere." You laugh at the scene where the officers in hot pursuit of a man who has held-up a market begin beating on their car, "Both of us are pounding on the car. Hildie on the dash and me on the steering wheel, trying to make the car go faster ... [it] has turned the 100,000 mile mark and has

holes in the floorboard and, in general, is just worn out."

Butler spins tales of suspense as he describes the various cases he has investigated. In *Getting Away With Murder* he and his partner discover a notched shoeprint at the scene of the assault and murder of a young girl.

They find the notched Army shoes

in a suspect's apartment, a trial is held and the man is sentenced to die in the electric chair. But to the despair of Butler, "Some educated idiot, or idiots, had put in place at the penitentiary a policy to allow the poor misguided prisoners to go shopping." The man goes Christmas shopping and "... he has never been seen or heard since."

Contact with criminals has not softened Butler's opinion of them. In *Man Shot* he remembers with some exasperation a case where some girls of shady reputations shoot a 'client' and land in jail. "Now they want to make a deal.

They say, "To tell you the truth (police always like that saying) "What the hell have you been telling me ... They all want to play Monte Hall let's make a deal."

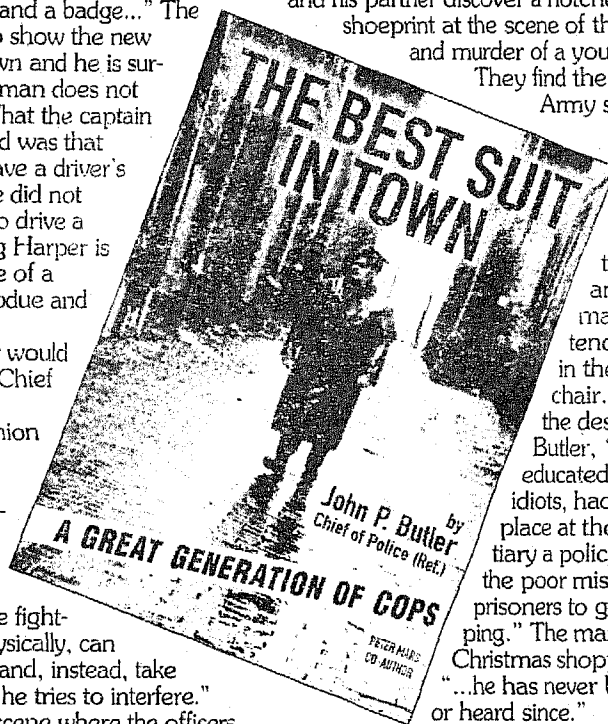
One of the last chapters, *Good Cop/Bad Cop* cites the difficulties of working with criminals and not turning against the laws, "If you work in a sewer, it's hard to keep a spit shine on your shoes." Butler remembers in years past that the position of police officer was one of the most respected professions. "All young men wanted to wear the best suit in town."

Butler's book pulls no punches; he presents the cases, the criminals and the police officers with warts and all. The language is often rough and earthy but delightfully realistic. A great stocking stuffer for the man of the house.

Barry Shainbaum's book, *Hope and Heroes* contains photographs of various exceptional individuals and essays about the challenges they have undertaken to better the conditions of their fellow man.

Local resident Lucas Benitez is one of those honored. He is a farmworker in Immokalee, Florida, and has devoted himself to bettering the lot of his fellow workers. Benitez is quoted as saying, "Us poor people, we're standing up and claiming just a part of what really belongs to us, because we work hard and it's honest work. The only thing that we are asking for is better treatment. We, as immigrants in this country, and as Americans as well, are struggling for that."

Six years ago, through the efforts of Benitez and 3,500 other farmworkers in organizing a work stoppage, the workers



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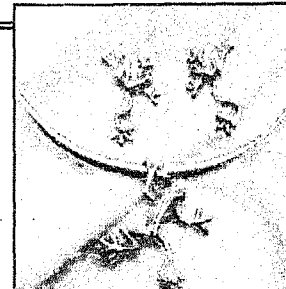
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The evening performance on Friday, December 28, is a benefit performance for Candlelighters of Southwest Florida. Candlelighters is a non-profit organization that provides support, education and assistance to families of children diagnosed with cancer. A portion of the night's proceeds will go towards the organization.

Singin' in the Rain is set in the era of Movieland in the late 20s, when the arrival of talking pictures is striking terror in every silent film star. It tells the story of the wild and often wacky world of Hollywood where silent pictures are coming to an end. Don Lockwood, Hollywood's top leading man, and Lina Lamont, the queen of the silver screen, are forced to appear in a talking picture during the frantic transition from silent films. *Singin' in the Rain* includes some of America's best-loved comedy



Singin' In The Rain

routines, dance numbers and love ballads. *Singin' in the Rain* plays December 28 through February 16 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Performances are

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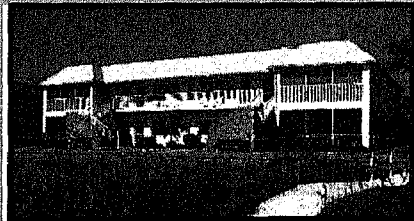
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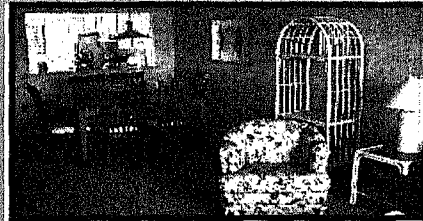
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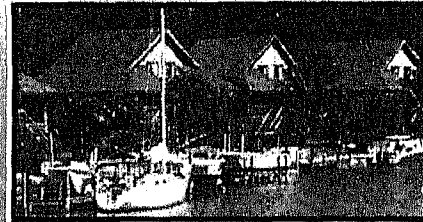
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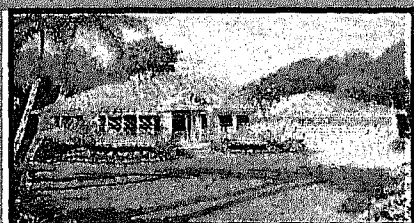
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I can't tell her that one of the things I like about my dry cleaner is that I can ogle the teenage girls who work there. They smile politely at my stupid jokes. I look down the v's of their sweaters.

I wonder if they get a discount on their own cleaning. Maybe they get two sweaters cleaned for the price of one. That seems fair. I think about sweaters a lot when I'm at my dry cleaners.

Sidney B. Simon, Professor Emeritus of the U. of Massachusetts, has written several books, one of which is the classic *Values Clarification*. He hopes his collection, *Condo Poems*, will become another classic. ✪

Recognized As Top Ten

For the second consecutive year, the Lee Island Coast (identified as the Fort Myers area) in southwest Florida, has earned a spot on the Top-10 list of U.S. destinations, according to the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA)/Fodor's Annual Hot Spots Survey for Winter 2002.

When ASTA agents were asked to name their top bookings for the winter, they cited Fort Myers (tied with Denver) among other popular destinations such as Las Vegas, Orlando, Hawaii, New York City, Phoenix, Los Angeles, and Miami. The results placed Fort Myers above New Orleans and San Francisco.

ASTA is the world's largest and most influential travel trade association with over 26,000 members in more than 170 countries.

"It's quite gratifying to see that for the second year, these prominent organizations have recognized the Lee Island Coast as one of the country's most popular vacation destinations," said D.T. Minich, CDME, executive director of the Lee Island Coast Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB). "Building strong relationships with travel agents has always been a priority to the VCB." The bureau's dedicated Travel Agent Help Desk initiates direct sales efforts through various outreach programs, including travel agent fairs, as well as offering personalized, customized information to assist their clients. The Travel Agent Help Desk also provides information on special hotel rates and packages to qualified agents.

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Apply early for admission and financial aid.

Check with your college to determine if other financial aid forms are required.

Apply for scholarships and grants.

Look into Work Study programs.

Surf the web for financial aid information. Try these websites:

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Free college scholarship search at www.collegenet.com

The Financial Aid Information Page at www.finaid.org

The Federal Government Financial Aid Page at www.ed.gov/finaid.html

Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov

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For more financial aid specifics, please visit with your counselor or visit www.act.org. ✪

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, January 8 starting at 5:30 p.m. A chicken cordon bleu dinner will be served followed by dancing. Attendees are encouraged to wear either Badger red and white or Green Bay green and gold. Reservations close Friday, January 4. The club is open to former Wisconsin residents living in the area and guests. Call 945-2394 or 574-8665 for reservations and further information. ✪

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Fall Island Writers Read A Success

On Thursday evening, December 6, I had the pleasure of being one of the presenters at the 2001 Island Writers Read. The enthusiasm and appreciation of the crowd were a wonderful reward for the writers who submitted their work to a panel so that it could be shared with a live audience. Island Writers Reads have become one of our most popular and valuable island traditions. Excerpts from the Fall 2001 Read will be printed in this and subsequent columns.

Lana Smith read a suite of four poignant poems tracing her family's journey to freedom in the United States during and after World War II. Bob Maxeiner read a riveting excerpt from his recently published novel, *Transplant*. I read my *Doomsday Edition* poem and *Poet-in-Waiting*, a poem about the frustrations of waiting in a doctor's office which was followed by Claudia Burns' humorous account of finding love and marriage on the tennis court. Steve Overbeck was witty and eloquent in his two poems and Bill Hallstead concluded the first half of the program with an essay from his recently published collection, *Cornflakes With Welk, Murder With Burr*.

The second half of the program began with Peter Hilger's account of male friendship and premature death, and Carol Ehrlich's moving reading of three of her poems from her co-authored book, *All Kinds Of Love: Experiencing Hospice*. Chuck Higgins' charming *Humor In The Mangroves* was followed by two condo poems from Sid Simon's *A View From The Gulf*. Vivian Pyke, recalling an unforgettable *Christmas Past* and Don Brown's unique rendition of four poems from his *Florida Scrub Country* provided an entertaining close to a memorable island evening.



Lana Smith

There's Nothing Wrong With Him

by Sidney B. Simon

There's nothing wrong with him.
He walks without a cane,
knows a few jokes. He has a car.

It's a dented Buick.
His driving isn't great.
He never uses turn signals,
and he ignores stop signs.
Oh, he claims he looks.

But, that car has helped me.
He takes me to doctors' appointments.
We motor to early bird dinners
and an occasional movie.
He can still drive at night.

I help him see. I scream
when we approach stop signs.
Without me he'd go right on through.
I pound on the dashboard when a red light
looms out of the darkness.

What gets me is that there is nothing
fundamentally wrong with him, except—
he bores me. He is just so uninteresting.
He never comes up with an idea of his own.
Sam does what I ask him to do.

Duller than a #4 pencil, he's
a man without passion or lust.
Not that I'm ready to bounce into bed
with him or anyone else, but somehow,
I carry the vain hope for a flicker of fire.

OH, there's really nothing wrong with him.
But get this picture I have to play in.
He tells me there are only
two things he really enjoys:

He likes to play bingo.
O.K., so who doesn't like bingo?
But guess what the second thing is?
Are you ready for this?

His second favorite thing among
the rainbows of life?
Sam likes to go to the dry cleaners.
It's the highpoint of his week,
bringing in stuff to the dry cleaners.
He's just so damn uninteresting.
And Bingo? Bingo comes in second.

He Likes The Dry Cleaners

by Sidney B. Simon

I don't know what's so wrong about
liking to go to the dry cleaners.
What does she know?
Doctors, shopping, and complaining?

I know what I like.
The dry cleaners, for one thing,
is clean. I like it clean.
I like life clean.

They're not afraid to touch
my dirty clothes. Now her?
She's afraid to touch anything
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Historic Cottages Renovated At 'Tween Waters

by Camille Kucaba

'T'ween Waters Inn held an open house December 10 to celebrate the renovation of six historic cottages overlooking the Gulf on Captiva Island.

Well-wishers gathered in front of the Old Captiva House to sip champagne and



Jeff Shuff, 'Tween Waters general manager, chats with Linda Ebersberger, designer and consultant, during the December 10 open house celebrating completion of the historic cottage renovations.



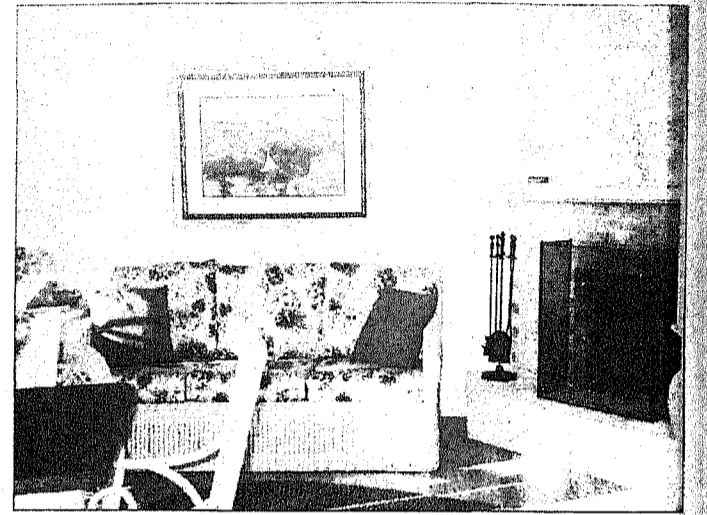
The Teddy Roosevelt cottage features the original working fireplace and hard pine floors.

tour the beautifully refurbished buildings named in honor of famous guests who once stayed at 'Tween Waters.

The Lindbergh cottages (one for Anne, another for Charles), the Roosevelt Cottage, the Roger Tory Peterson and the "Ding" Darling opened to the public Thanksgiving weekend following nearly



Angie and Tony Lapi outside the Anne Morrow Lindbergh cottage.



Inside the Anne Morrow Lindbergh cottage, furnishings reflect the charm of a bygone era.

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\$400,000 worth of remodeling. Renovation of Darling's studio is scheduled for completion in January, and five additional cottages on the Bay side of the property are to be renovated next year. In all, 11 buildings and the dining room of the Old Captiva House restaurant have received historic status. Externally, the cottages maintain their original 1920s and

'30s style. Inside, modern amenities combine with "revival" furnishings that reflect the charm of a bygone era. The original working fireplaces and hard pine floors have been preserved, but the kitchens and baths have been completely redone, according to General Manager Jeff Shuff. ✪



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Tammerlin

many continents. Their performance is seasoned with background, folklore and humor. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for children. Call for tickets 395-0900.*



Life Drawing At BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS will offer a Life Drawing workshop with Carol Rosenberg starting January 7 on Mondays, 1 to 4 p.m.. The class is appropriate for both new comers and those experienced in drawing the human form. The first hour of the class will cover gesture and contour drawing with poses from one minute to 20 minutes in length. The second part of the class will be a sustained pose allowing participants time for a longer study or to work on a more detailed drawing or painting. Anyone may work independently.

Carol Rosenberg holds a BA in Studio Art from Balwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio and has also worked as an illustrator. Her work has shown in galleries in Southwest Florida and Ohio with many pieces being awarded prizes in juried shows.

The cost for a six-week series is \$60. Be sure to sign up early as class size is limited. Call BIG ARTS 395-0900.*

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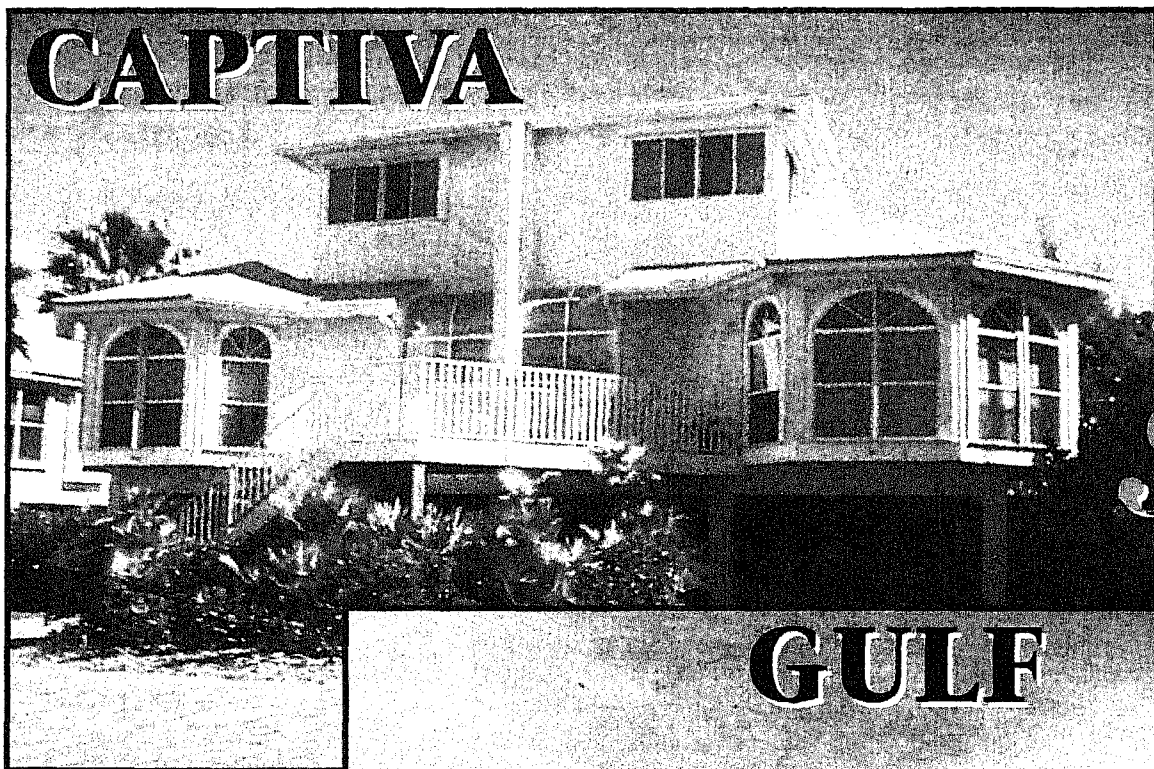
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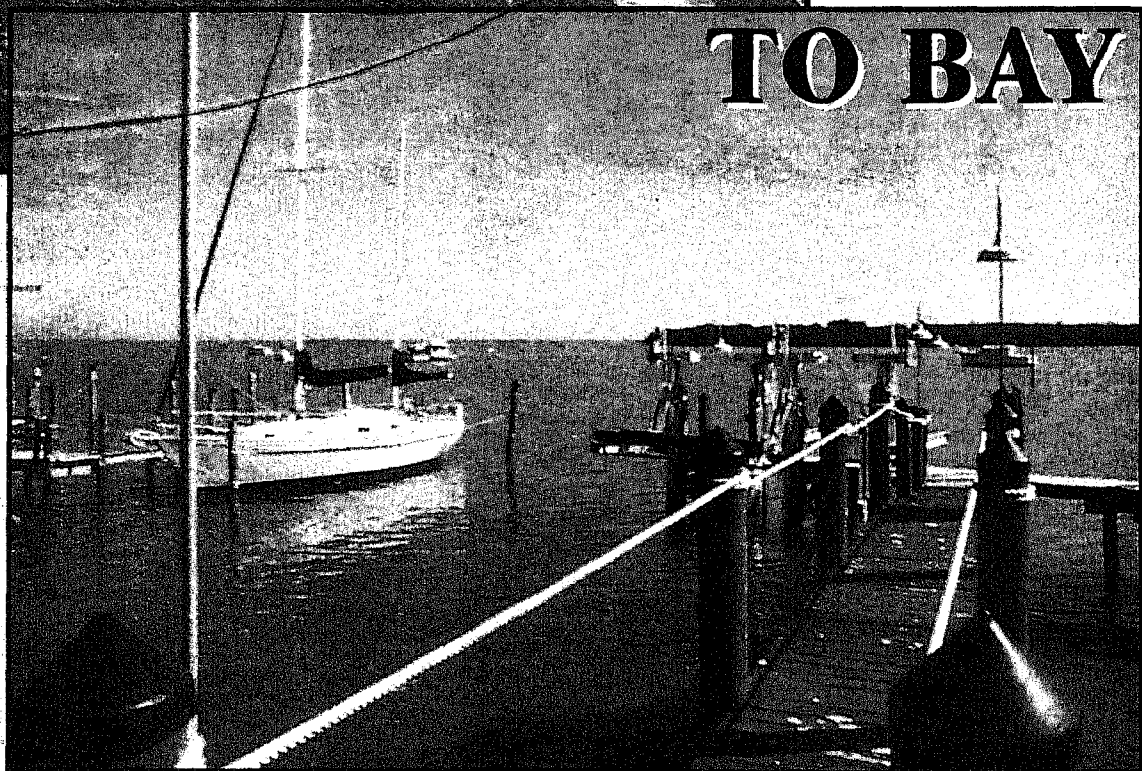
Historical Captiva Village
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Sunrises and sunsets abound from this quality built, decorator furnished 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condominium. Lots of built-ins and detailed work throughout, including; elevator, 2 zone air conditioning with micro-filter and UV cleanser, Screened porch, open deck, gourmet kitchen with Corian counter tops, separate laundry room, tray ceiling in living, dining and den areas. Amenities include: boat dock with hydraulic remote control 10,000 LB. lift, pool, ground level elevator entrance, spacious storage and under building parking. All this, and "Spectacular Direct Water Views"! Offered fully furnished for \$2,349,000.



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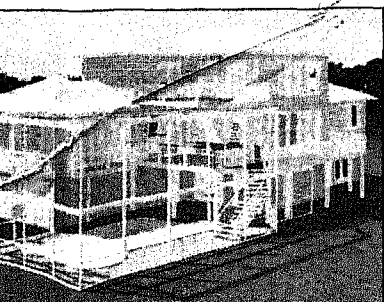
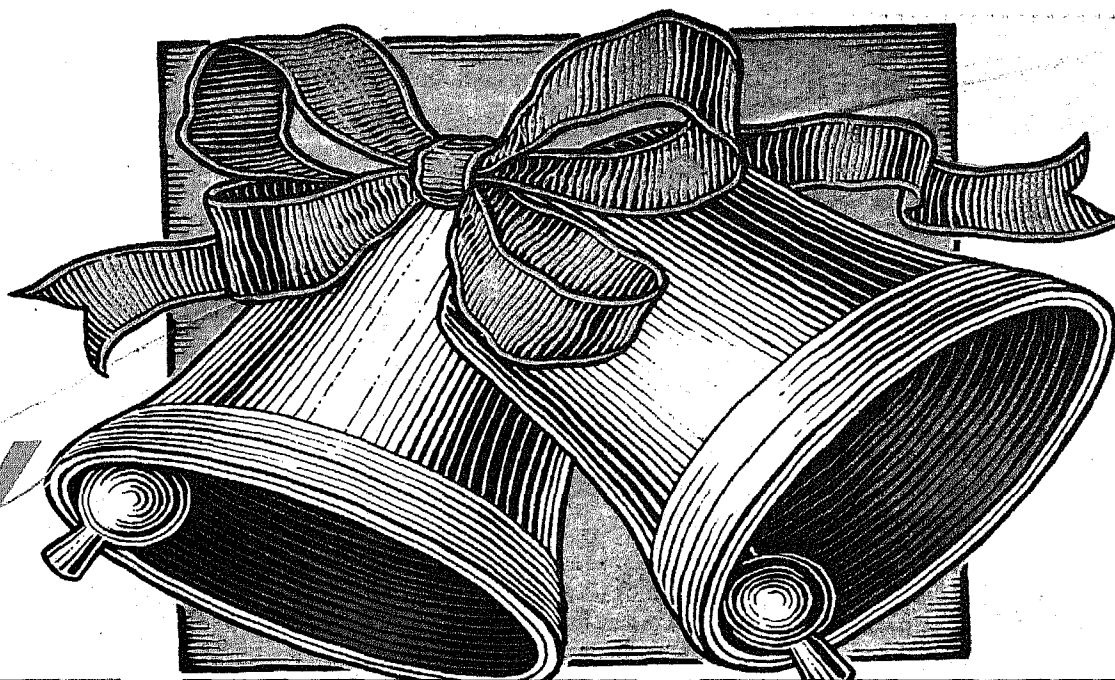


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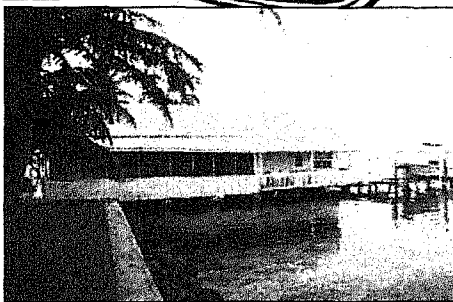
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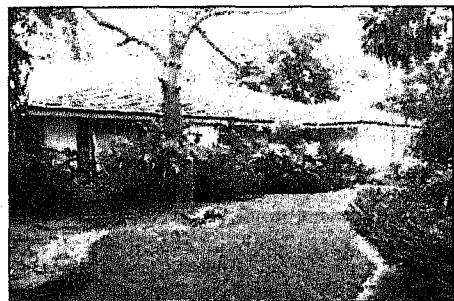
OVER-THE-WATER HOME ON THE BAY
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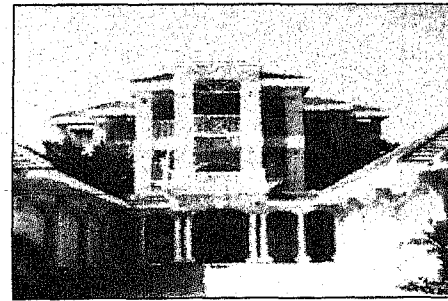
VILLAGE BY THE SEA
Most new old Florida home just one lot from Captiva's Gulf of Mexico. Quality materials and detail-work throughout this 4 BR, 4BA home with elevator, fireplace, Gulf views, rooftop sunset deck, screen enclosed pool and spa. \$2,195,000.



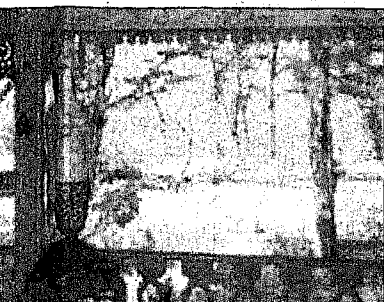
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4. NATURAL WORLD: Which of Earth's oceans is the deepest?
5. GOVERNMENT: When was the U.S. Constitution ratified and put into effect?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for July?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the principality of Liechtenstein?
8. HISTORY: When did Elizabeth I's reign end in England?
9. RELIGION: Where do most followers of Shintoism live?
10. TELEVISION: What was the name of the dad on the TV series "The Donna Reed Show"?

ANSWERS

1. Jealousy. 2. Tennessee Williams. 3. Sirius. 4. Pacific (36,198 feet). 5. 1788. 6. Ruby. 7. Europe. 8. 1603. 9. Japan. 10. Dr. Alex Stone.

My Stars ★★★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you

need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• **On Dec. 23, 1620**, one week after the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth harbor in present-day Massachusetts, construction begins on the first permanent European settlement in New England.

• **On Dec. 22, 1849**, writer Fyodor Dostoevsky is led before a firing squad and prepared for execution. However, at the last moment he was reprieved and sent into exile.

In 1866, he published "Crime and Punishment," one of his most popular works.

• **On Dec. 18, 1898**, Count Gaston de Chasseloup-Laubat set the world's first official land speed record in Acheres Park near Paris: 39.245 miles per hour in his Jeantaud automobile, powered by an electric motor and alkaline batteries.

• **On Dec. 17, 1971**, two weeks after the Indian invasion of East Pakistan, some 90,000 Pakistani troops surrender to the Indian forces, and East Pakistan is subsequently declared the independent nation of Bangladesh.

• **On Dec. 20, 1980**, wealthy socialite Martha "Sunny" Crawford von Bulow is found in a coma — the result of what appeared to be an insulin overdose. Her husband, Claus von Bulow, was charged with two counts of attempted murder and was convicted in a sensational trial in 1982, but the conviction was later overturned.

• **On Dec. 21, 1988**, Pan Am Flight 103 from London to New York explodes in midair over Lockerbie, Scotland, an hour after departure. All 259 passengers, including 38 Syracuse University students returning home for the holidays, were killed in the explosion.

• **On Dec. 19, 1998**, after 13 1/2 hours of debate, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment, charging President Clinton with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. ✪

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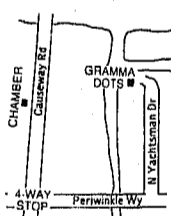
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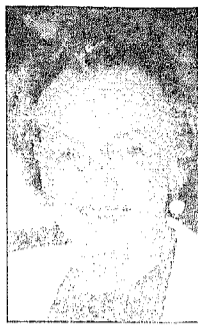
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Gardening On Sanibel



by Hulda Walters

"The trouble with gardening is that it does not remain an avocation, but rather it becomes an obsession" (anon).

Everyone who knows me knows this is

quite true. I love working outside and spend most of my time in my garden.

Yesterday our Garden Club made a trip to the Caribbean Gardens just north of Naples and it was quite a delightful day. This garden was started by Dr. Henry Nehrling who had spent his life roaming the tropical forests for rare plants, and among the many other plants he introduced to the United States was an array of bulbs we just take for granted. Among these was the Crinum Lily, Amaryllis and Caladium bulbs. If it had not been for the pioneering of Dr. Nehrling these might have never been known. Dr. Nehrling had worked for The U.S. Government in securing tropical plants for us, much like his counterpart, Dr. Fairchild. These two men were friends and took interest in each other's botanical gardens.

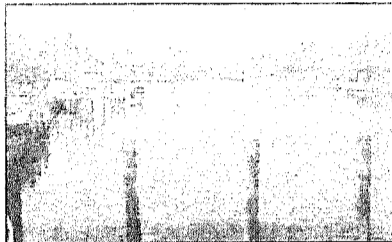
Dr. Nehrling started the garden in Collier County in 1919 after his mid-Florida garden was devastated by a severe freeze in 1917. In walking along the paths one could see huge old trees of many varieties most of which one would only see in such a garden. He was often visited and encouraged by such important people as Thomas Edison, Teddy Roosevelt and David Fairchild. With the help of famous entrepreneurs he was able to build this fabulous garden. Like Dr. Fairchild, after having spent the best part of his life exploring for these rare plants, he said it was time for him to view this for himself. This was the beginning of his gardens.

Both of these men were environmentalists and it was their desire to see that these rare plants would not be lost to civilization. We have many native species here in the backwoods of Sanibel and surrounding small islands. One of these is commonly called the "Stopper" tree. In checking this out I found that it is of the myrtle family (*Eugenia axillaris*) commonly called Stopper tree due to the fact that early natives found that by making a tea of the leaves it would combat diarrhea, thus the name. This is not usually a good landscape tree due to the fact that the white blossoms exude the odor of a polecat. HAPPY GARDENING! ✨

GULF FRONT ESTATE

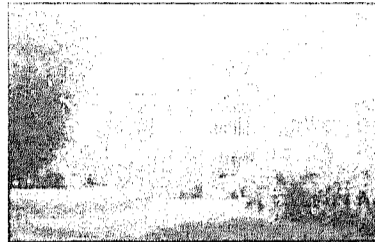


Incredible Gulf front home in prestigious Gulf Ridge subdivision. Winding driveway outlined with royal palms, over 4,000 sf of living space, 3 bedrooms plus den, 4 1/2 baths, large deck overlooking gulf with sunsets every night, elevator, wood floors, and high ceilings. The quality and detail of this home is unsurpassed. Built in 1997.



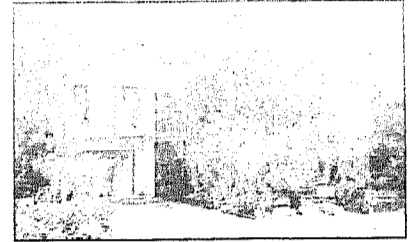
DIRECT BOATING ACCESS

3BR, 2 1/2 BA home on a corner lot with seawall & dock. Home is in excellent condition & is offered furnished. New roof & kitchen. Maintenance free yard, conservation land across the street. Priced to sell quickly! For only \$549,000.



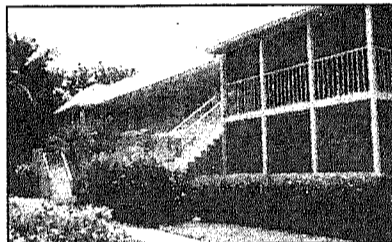
ON THE BEACH

Beautiful 2BR, 2BA condo on West Gulf Drive. Best rental income for this price range on the Islands. Large bedrooms, laundry room, excellent condition, beautifully decorated in "Sanibel Style". Just steps from the beach, asking \$465,000.



NEAR THE BEACH

Perfect condition 3BR, 2BA home in the Ridge (Sanibel Bayous). Vaulted ceiling great room with stone fireplace, large screened deck with beautiful private views, large master suite and bath, two car enclosed garage, community pool and tennis near the beach access. All of this for only \$559,000!



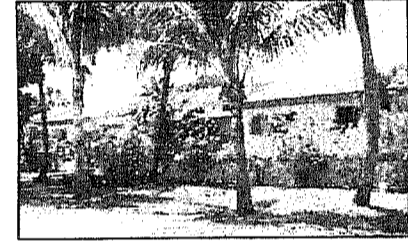
EAST END CONDO

One bedroom ground floor condo in perfect condition. Most furnishings stay. Ideal starter condo. Only \$169,900.



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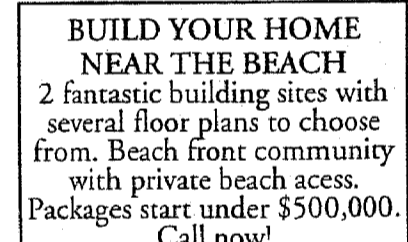
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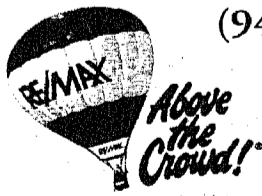
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Shopping With Camille

Last Minute Suggestions... And Sincere Holiday Wishes To All!

ISLAND SUN - DECEMBER 21, 2001



by Camille Kucaba

Here it is...December 21. And Stan turns to me and asks, "So what do you want for Christmas?"

I stare incredulously (was he hiding in

Antarctica?) "Honey, I've been dropping not-so-subtle hints in my column for weeks!"

Besides, I can always resort to the old trick learned from another "professional shopper" — buy yourself the present of your dreams, wrap it, tag it "From Santa" and tuck it under the tree early Christmas morning. Works every time!

Anyway, here goes. I want

— a bright red "Christmas" shirt. Visit **Why Knot in The Village** (I think I spied some there a week ago).

— Lucky Stars jewelry from the Lion's Paw (necklace, earrings — surprise me!).

— a fascinating bit of whimsy from **The Secret Garden** or the **Seaweed Gallery**.

— a romantic dinner for two at **Riviera** (now or later, makes no difference). And by the way, for everyone out there making reservations for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, both **Riviera** and **Dolce**

Vita are open!

Furthermore (what perfect timing) **The Sporty Seahorse** is having a pre-Christmas sale — clearance items in all departments. Go for it, Stan!

In case you didn't notice...**Friday's Diamonds** also is holding a colossal sale — up to 70 percent off on diamond rings, earrings, bracelets, pendants, gemstone jewelry and much more. There's a terrific selection...and savvy shoppers who bring in the ad from their *Island Sun* receive an **additional 15 percent off**. Wow!

More good news: Alice is back from her sabbatical! This popular nail "expert" has joined the staff at **Island Winds Coiffures**. (A gift certificate would be so-o welcome, honey.)

I promise to reciprocate. Randy Wayne White (one of your favorite authors) signs his books this Sunday, December 23, at **Sanibel Island Bookshop**. Which ones don't you have, Stan? Hollie also presents a tantalizing tasting of Randy's exclusive hot sauces. Drop by between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

How about the new **Gift Box Set** featuring autographed copies of each work by Charles Sobczak: *Six Mornings on Sanibel* (still the islands' #1 best seller), *Way Under Contract* and *Rhythm of the Tides*. This special island edition is available at MacIntosh Book Shop on Sanibel, **H2O Outfitters** in **Chadwick's Square** on Captiva and other locations.

Perhaps a round of golf? The new **Shell Point Golf Club** just across the Causeway is offering dynamite rates for December. Nine holes for \$18, 18 for \$30 to \$36...and that includes cart fee and tax. Such a deal! I'll reserve a tee time for you and the boys by calling 433-9790.

Still searching for New Year's Eve glitz and glamour? Head straight to **Maggie Elliott** in **Periwinkle Place**. Of course sophisticated simplicity is available here, too.

Arundel's Hallmark is loaded with last-minute gift ideas...you *must* stop in to browse — and snack on free popcorn. You'll discover plenty of holiday plush, including cuddly "kiss-kiss" bears. Holiday decorations abound, along with holiday serving pieces sure to made a festive statement on your table. And who can resist those cute Coca Cola Santa snow globes...or the exclusive Keepsake ornaments?

Clever gift wrap takes the form of a circle of fabric perfect for tying up candy, candles, jewelry or a jar of wonderful homemade goodies.

Oh, and selected holiday items already are on sale at **The Shell Net**.

Did I tell you about the "permanent" lipstick available at **Cape Nails**? Just the thing for smooching under the mistletoe.

Holiday Gems spotlights the exquisite jewelry of the finest Native American artisans, including award-winning Michael

Kirk and the late Andy Lee Kirk of the Isleta pueblo. See it all during December at **Aboriginals: Art of the First Person in The Village**.

Don't know quite what you're looking for? Pop in at **Designer Consigner** to see what catches your fancy.

A fun idea: call **Impact U.K. Photography** for a family beach portrait, then send all your northern friends and relatives a sunny reminder of what they're missing! The number is 395-7671.

Another delightful holiday treat: afternoon tea in the main lobby of the beautiful **Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa** just off island. This charming tradition begins Saturday, December 22, and continues daily from 3 to 4 p.m. until January 2.

Now for some delicious holiday dining: **The Timbers** will be open for dinner both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from 4:30 to 9 p.m. (call for reservations pronto). And **The Sanibel Grill** next door starts serving lunch again beginning December 22. This is a *great* spot to stop as you wend your way around the island Christmas shopping.

A reminder: the **Lighthouse Cafe**, a favorite for breakfast and lunch, now is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday, 5 to 9 p.m. — and reservations are accepted (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

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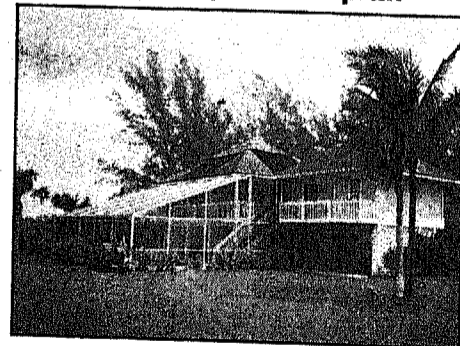
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at **Keylime Bistro** on Captiva, and be sure to see the complete wrap-up on where to celebrate the glorious holiday season in this issue of your *Island Sun*.

In closing, I'll echo the sentiments expressed by **Bailey's Center**: "May you and those you love share all the joys of the holiday season, and may you have a New Year filled with blessings and happiness!"

P.S. And may Santa treat you extra special this year! ✨

(Camille loves to hear from readers. Call her at the Island Sun office, 395-1213, or send email to IslandSunSanibel@aol.com.)

Special Performance Added

Looking for something exciting to do while waiting for the New Year to ring in? The J. Howard Wood has the perfect answer. By popular demand they have added a special performance of *The Lion In Winter* on Monday, December 31 at 8 p.m. This highly acclaimed play features award-winning actors Steve Wise and Elizabeth Diman, who have audiences up on their feet. The Wood offers dinner and show packages with several lovely Sanibel restaurants in which pre-theatre and after-theatre menus are offered. Gift certificates for last minute holiday shoppers are also available. For more information and reservations call 472-0006. ✨

Problems Upon Your Return



by Bryan Hayes

You're unpacked, settled in and just ate dinner. You load up your dishwasher, put the soap in and set it to run. As you're sitting down to finally relax, you notice something is wrong.

You're not sure what it is but something sounds different. You go into the kitchen and realize the dishwasher is not washing. It hums, but nothing else. This is a problem that we receive a tremendous amount of calls about. What has happened in your absence is the seal on the impeller is stuck. This seal requires water to keep it lubricated. The water that is normally in the bottom of your dishwasher has evaporated due to your air conditioning doing its job of dehumidification. If this happens let the dishwasher sit overnight. This is usually enough to dislodge the stuck impeller. If this does not rectify the situation, call for service. The service person will need to physically persuade the impeller to move. This is also true of your clothes washer. Do exactly the same thing as with your dishwasher: leave it overnight. The water in the machine is usually enough to dislodge the stuck parts, if it does not call for service. It is usually unnecessary to take the clothes out for a repair to be made.

These problems can usually be avoided by having your house watch person run your appliances once a month in your absence.

Thanks for reading, Bryan. ✨

Bryan Hayes is a state certified Sanibel air conditioning contractor

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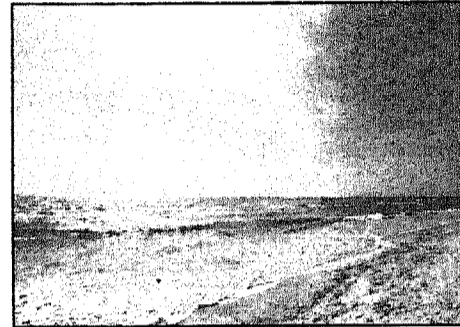
Duplicate Bridge

Winners in the SCA Duplicate Bridge session Monday, December 17, were Barbara Hickey and Lois Levin tied with Erica Amsterdam and Belle Lipsky.

Duplicate Bridge meets at the SCA every Monday at 7:30 p.m. Because of the holidays, there will be no bridge on December 24 and 31. Bridge will resume on January 6. Players of all levels of expertise are welcomed and partners are provided if necessary. ✨

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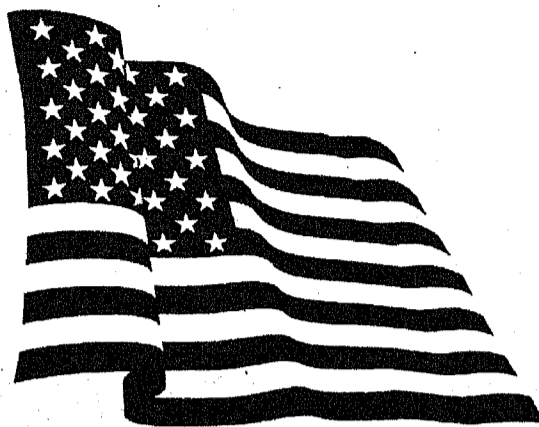
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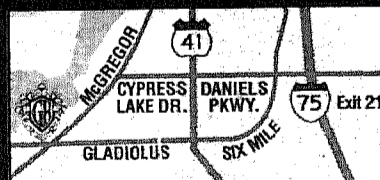
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52 **Shell Coast Poetry Festival**

The Anne Morrow Lindbergh Shell Coast Poetry Festival is accepting poetry submissions from Lee County public, private and home-schooled students, grades K through 12 now through Wednesday, February 27. Conceived in 1999, the Festival celebrates young people's poetry by emphasizing the joy and creativity that comes from writing. Selected submissions are published in an annual anthology which is available in local bookstores and libraries, as well as The Lindbergh Foundation booklist. The Festival culminates in a poetry reading to be held on Saturday, April 27, where the selected

young poets will showcase their talents. 2002 marks a very special year for the Festival as it is the 75th anniversary of Charles A. Lindbergh's historic flight to Paris and the 100th anniversary of his birth. In one of their last appearances together, Anne Morrow Lindbergh said that her famous husband brought "new horizons" into her life. In keeping with that sentiment, the theme of this year's festival will be "New Horizons". In addition, 2002 marks the introduction of The Unicorn Grants which will help fund innovative projects designed to promote and sustain the arts and specifically poetry in Lee County Schools. Projects selected for funding will take the writing of poetry beyond the traditional confines of the pen, paper and desk of the classroom to demonstrate and explore

"the balance of nature and technology". Public, private and home school Lee County teachers may apply. Grant awards will be announced at the Poetry Festival Reading on April 27. Grant applications and guidelines may be obtained by e-mailing Margaret E. Morgan at mcemorgan@email.msn.com. The Festival is sponsored in part by The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation, Florida Gulf Coast University and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Poetry submissions should be mailed to: Anne Morrow Lindbergh Shell Coast Poetry Festival, c/o Margaret E. Morgan, 7000 Estero Boulevard, #301, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931. Please contact Ms. Morgan with questions regarding the Festival or the Unicorn Grants.*

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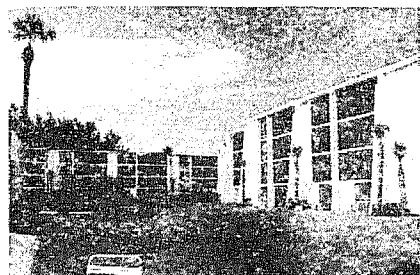
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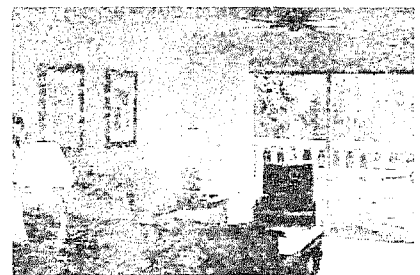
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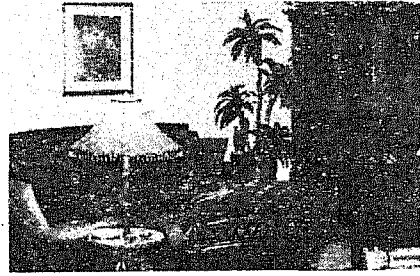
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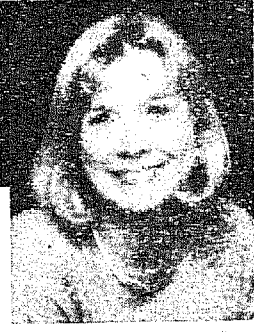


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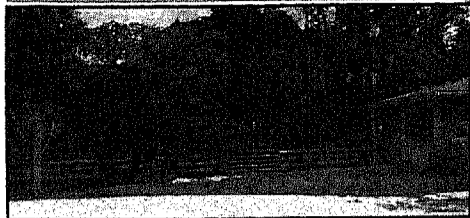
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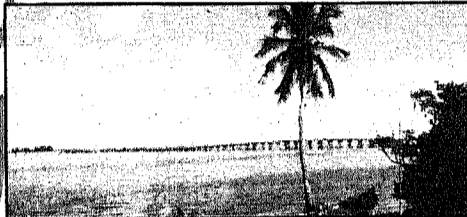
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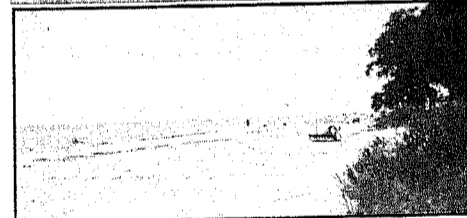
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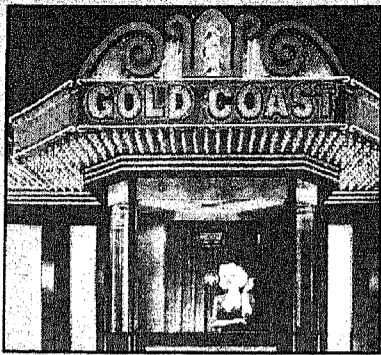
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This is a reprint of an article run at the end of last year. It remains pertinent and has been updated to current law.

A philanthropist once summarized life as consisting of three stages, "learn, earn and return." Today,

I'm focusing on charitable giving, the "return" portion of the philanthropist's equation.

A plethora of charitable needs exist on Sanibel and Captiva. The list stretches from the arts to environmental and land preservation and even includes a shell museum. You may have other charities that deserve your attention. As year end approaches you question "what" you want to give to those charitable causes. I suggest you first consider "how" you give.

The simplest means to achieve a charitable gift is by an outright donation of cash. This becomes an itemized deduction on your income tax return. To the extent that the amount gifted exceeds fifty percent (50%) of your adjusted gross income, such excess is "carried forward" as a deduction on future income tax returns with a five year carry forward limit.

Giving appreciated stock is a bit more complex. The value of the gift for your income tax return is the fair market value of the stock at the time of the transfer. A deduction for the gift of appreciated stock is generally limited to thirty percent (30%) of your adjusted gross income that year, however.

Charitable remainder trusts are becoming a popular means to gift. Here you create a trust that pays you an "annuity" or "unitrust" amount. An "annuity amount" pays a fixed sum from the date of the creation of the trust. A "unitrust amount" pays a fixed percentage of the value of the trust calculated each year.

With a charitable remainder trust, you may contribute appreciated assets, have the trust sell those assets at no capital gain cost to you and then the trust pays you the annuity or unitrust amount for the remainder of your life. This is a convenient way to diversify a portfolio that has become heavy in a particular asset without subjecting you to capital gains.

Another benefit to a charitable remainder trust rests in the income tax deduction you receive at the time you contribute assets to the trust. The deduction is based on an actuarial formula.

There are other techniques such as charitable lead trusts and annuity gifts to

name just two. Charities and investment houses come up with new and different ways to achieve charitable gifting all the time. Each technique, please remember, has both advantages and disadvantages, and should be reviewed with your advisors before implementing.

I hope you are able to achieve your charitable intent in the fashion most favorable for you and your family. Best of all, that good feeling you get from charitable giving is compounded by the good deeds achieved with your contributions that otherwise would go unrealized.*

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John Naumann & Associates Is Pleased To Welcome Kathleen Campbell Realtor



Kathleen is a native of Tennessee and has lived on Sanibel for several years. She graduated from Agness Scott College in Georgia with degree in Economics. Kathleen is proud to go that extra mile for both Buyers and Sellers and is known for her honesty, and attention to even the smallest details. She is particularly good at identifying the property that best suits the Buyers needs, whether for their primary residence, vacation home or investment. For Sellers, she aggressively promotes her listings and carefully protects the Seller's interests from contract to closing.

Kathleen is very involved in the Community. She on the Board of Directors for the Sanibel Public Library, is a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation(SCCF), the International Osprey Foundation. She has been a volunteer with Sea Turtle Program through SCCF and the wildlife hospital through Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW).

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Budget Cuts

said Von Harten. "The budget has been decreased for the past three years. This time it's hitting hard."

However, The Sanibel School has been preparing itself for the cuts. Von Harten, anticipating the revenue loss, has implemented a number of cost-saving measures this year. There are less teacher assistants this year; the program for gifted children has been reduced from five days to four; supplies have been reduced. In addition, Von Harten has saved money by not filling the building supervisor position.

"We're fortunate that we have taken preventive measures," said Von Harten. "My priority is to preserve the classroom."

On Tuesday, December 18 the Lee County School Board voted to cancel summer school and draw on \$3 million of reserves.

Von Harten doesn't expect the budget cuts to mean the loss of any teaching positions. Extracurricular programs and activities will be affected first.

The Sanibel School will be better prepared than other schools around the County due to the exceptional generosity of parents and the island community.

"The mission of The Sanibel School Fund is to provide enhancements to the school programs," said Von Harten. "Their efforts will be that much more important now."

The new President of The Sanibel School Fund, Sandy Zahorchak, said the team is committed to maintaining the high level of educational services at The



Laura Lipman enjoys a sunny morning during Physical Education at The Sanibel School.

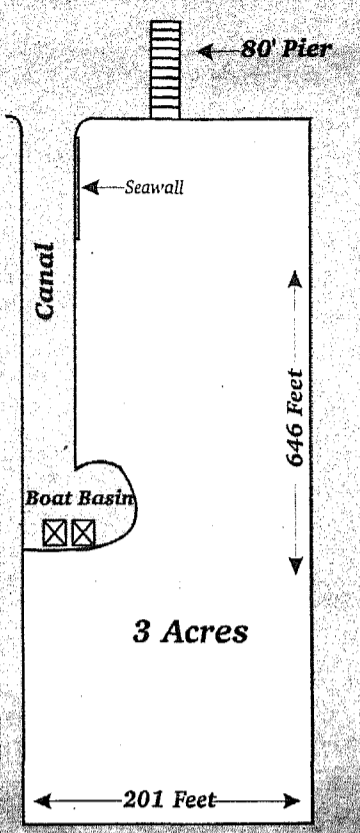
Sanibel School. They plan to double their fundraising efforts.

Zahorchak, like other parents on Sanibel, is angry about the cuts. She doesn't want to see the educational development of the children on the island - and around the State - compromised. Zahorchak has written Congress to express her concerns.

At the same time, she is confident that The Sanibel School will find a way to raise additional funds and is confident in the leadership of Von Harten. "I have faith in her ability to juggle (these issues)," she said. ✪

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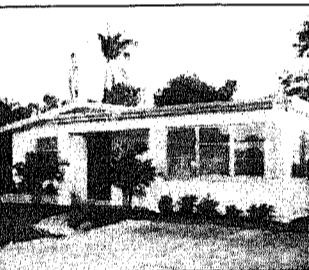
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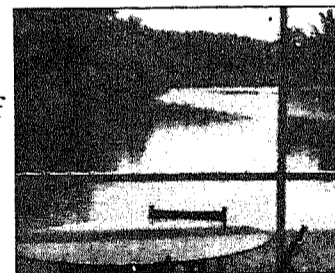
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One Of Sanibel's Favorite Restaurants Returns

by Camille Kucaba

A popular Sanibel restaurant is back! Pippin's - partially destroyed by fire last March - is reopening in early January, much to the delight of islanders and visitors who place this dining spot at the top of their list. And while the look may be new, familiar faces are here to serve up your favorite menu selections again this season. "It's how food and service come together," says General Manager Robert Saunders.

He's happy to be back in the swing of things - Pippin's famous "almost endless" salad bar, incredibly fresh fish and seafood, great beef, chicken and pasta dishes - as Saunders says: "awesome food at awesome prices."

And the décor is a showstopper, too. More open, more tropical in "flavor," Pippin's has added more color to the walls and ceiling. The beautiful tropical fish tanks and the dramatic domed ceiling continue to be focal points of the dining room. At night a kaleidoscope of hues and vivid paintings reverberate the Sanibel experience to all who venture in to Tahitian Gardens.

"We're excited to see all our local friends, as well as the smiling faces of out-

of-towners who always dine with us more than once while staying on the islands," he says.

Saunders has launched spectacular "early bird" specials available from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - complete dinners for only \$9.95, the price of the salad bar alone! "We'll keep this going as long as people keep coming in," he smiles. Happy hour in the lounge is another big draw - half-price drinks from 4:30 to 6 nightly.

Now heading into its eighth season, Pippin's continues to build on its reputation for delights from the sea: red snapper, swordfish, grouper, catfish, mahi-mahi, salmon and orange roughy, served nightly and prepared just the way you like it - grilled, broiled or blackened.

Flame broiled steaks are another specialty: New York strip, filet mignon, the "baseball sirloin," teriyaki steak, surf and turf, of course, plus tasty, tender slow-roasted prime rib.

And maybe a few menu surprises, too!

The Pippin's combos are irresistible. Blackened scallops and steak, steamed shrimp and prime rib, perhaps succulent stone crab claws or lobster tail paired with hickory smoked baby back ribs or teriyaki beef on a skewer. You choose!

All these temptations come to you courtesy of Pippin's state-of-the-art kitchen rebuilt from the ground up -

everything from the floor to the roof is brand new...but the hospitality and service is just as you remember.

Large groups are easily accommodated. Rest assured the staff will work with you to custom design a memorable event.

Pippin's, located at 1975 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, is one of five fine restaurants owned by DMP Associates. Dinner

is served nightly from 4:30 to closing, and reservations are accepted but not required; phone 395-2255.

You're also invited to visit Pippin's in Naples, Charley Brown's on Fort Myers Beach, South Bay Bistro at the Promenade in Bonita Springs and Charley's South Beach Grille in Vero Beach.*



Robert Saunders, general manager, is excited to welcome everyone back to the tropical ambience of Pippin's on Sanibel.

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Ada Shissler Sells... Homes For The Holidays

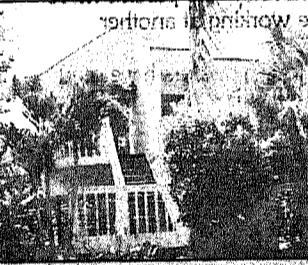
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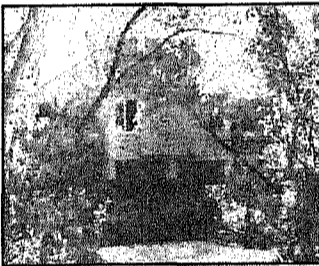
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Three Steps To Weight Loss

by Joan Hooper



Many of you chose a New Year's resolution to lose weight. Since this is the single most popular resolution, it's not surprising that there's a newly-released cookbook

out to help you. Even if you have seen a nutritionist to help with your weight loss program, the new *Better Homes and Gardens 3 Steps to Weight Loss* will prove to be a handy crutch to help you take off those unwanted pounds.

Fad diets can be confusing, especially if you have been on a few of them. From high-carb and low-carb, to no-carb and no-sugar, it's a dilemma for anyone struggling to lose weight.

What is the most effective, sustainable approach to take? In the new book, *The Better Homes & Gardens 3 Steps to Weight Loss*; Lawrence Cheskin, M.D., of the Weight Management Center at Johns Hopkins University, provides realistic solutions for losing weight, keeping it off, and maintaining a healthful, satisfying lifestyle.

This book uses the following three-step plan to help the reader make informed decisions about food, exercise, and behavioral changes.

Step One: Identify a healthy, desirable weight for your height and build. To do this, Dr. Cheskin has included easy-to-understand charts that finally make medically accurate information available to a lay audience.

Step Two: Determine how many calories you need to lose weight. Again, simple charts aid the reader and make this information, which is generally only available in hard-to-understand language, accessible to everyone.

Step Three: Follow a healthy eating plan based on your caloric needs. 110 creative, flavorful recipes make this change easy and delicious. Each recipe includes exchanges based on the USDA Food Guide Pyramid so you know how each dish fits into Dr. Cheskin's plan.

There is an excellent section on behavior modification which helps you understand what triggers the signal that makes you want to eat. External reasons might be the sight or smell of food, television commercials, food ads, or grocery shopping while you are hungry. And the book includes tips to change your behavior to promote weight loss and weight maintenance.

Neither a traditional diet book nor a traditional cookbook, *3 Steps to Weight Loss* is a simple tool to help people achieve and maintain realistic goals. The key to this plan is to stick with it, and Dr. Cheskin includes a wealth of suggestions to help the average person change his or

her long-term eating habits, realistically, and without the guilt and deprivation that accompanies many fad diets.

Chapters such as Breakfast and Brunch; Salads; Beef, Pork, and Lamb; Meatless Main Dishes, and yes, Delectable Desserts, make eating healthfully and losing weight part of a satisfying lifestyle that you'll want to stay with even after the weight has come off.

A few of the choices include Grilled Peanut Shrimp Skewers, Sesame Chicken, Baked Brie Strata, Cheddar-Polenta Puff, No Fry French Toast, Orange-Ginger Carrots, and so many more enticing recipes fill this guide to losing weight. Each recipe includes full nutritional exchanges and nutrition facts. The following recipe for Baked Brie Strata

makes a great brunch casserole, is 198 calories per serving, and also makes a great vegetarian side dish when you are serving a dinner for meat lovers, and a vegetarian son loves it, and so do I.

BAKED BRIE STRATA

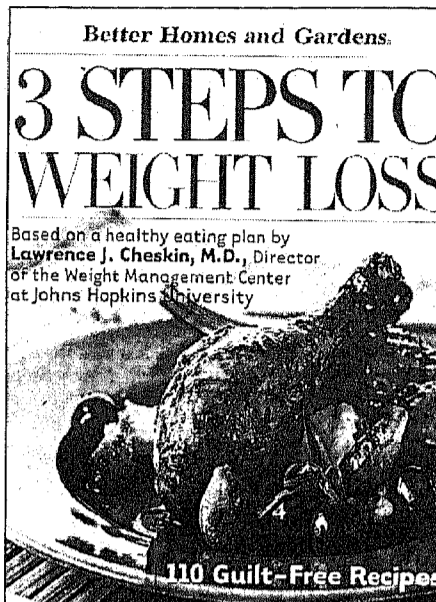
Buttery-soft Brie cheese oozes between the layers of tender zucchini and crusty bread for a sure-to-please brunch casserole. Garnish the plates with fresh melon wedges and tiny bunches of grapes.

Makes 8 servings:

- 2 small zucchini, cut crosswise into 1/4 inch slices (about 2 cups)
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 6 1/2-inch slices crusty sourdough bread
- 8 ounces Brie cheese, rind removed, and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 plum tomatoes, cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch slices
- 6 to 8 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup refrigerated or frozen egg product, thawed
- 2/3 cup evaporated fat-free milk
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons snipped fresh dill
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

ONE: In a covered small saucepan cook zucchini in a small amount of boiling, lightly salted water for 2 to 3 minutes or just until tender. Drain zucchini and set aside.

TWO: Coat a 2-quart rectangular baking dish with cooking spray. Arrange bread slices in the bottom of prepared baking dish, cutting as necessary to fit. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. Arrange



John Naumann & Associates Is Pleased To Welcome Carole Papson Realtor



Carole, originally from Oakland County, Michigan, has been a SW Florida resident for the last 6-1/2 years. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in communications and went on to obtain her Masters in Counseling from Wayne State University. She took her education another step further by attending Oakland University and University of Michigan where she obtained her Administration credentials. Carole's extensive background in business and education provides an excellent foundation for real estate. Her attention to organization and details assures a smooth transaction.

Carole enjoys all that Southwest Florida has to offer. She is an avid cyclist and enjoys fishing, boating, photography and public speaking. Lifestyle is what it is all about. Here in SW Florida, we enjoy a lifestyle beyond compare. The area offers a wide variety of activities from outdoor interests to the Symphony, the Theater and other Arts.

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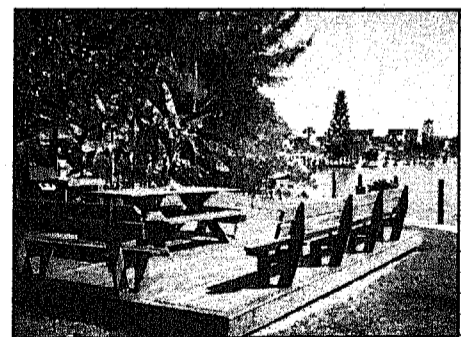
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zucchini and tomatoes on top of cheese. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese.

THREE: In a medium bowl combine egg product, evaporated milk, onion, dill, salt, and pepper. Pour evenly over vegetables and cheese. Press lightly with the back of a spoon to thoroughly moisten ingredients. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 4 to 24 hours.

FOUR: Remove plastic wrap from strata; cover with foil. Bake in a 325 degree oven for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake for 25 to 30 minutes more or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

This strata is a great make-ahead dish for an up-coming family or company brunch. Bon appetit!*

The Australian Cattle Dog



by Marlon Smith

The Australian Cattle Dog, as you might suspect from his name, is really not a breed a person would choose for a family pet, as he is first and foremost a "working dog," and as

we look further into his background, we will understand more about his characteristics.

When we investigate his past, which dates back well over three thousand years to the time of the Aborigines who tried many times to domesticate the wild feral

dogs, they would always escape and return to the wilds. They were known as Dingos, often referred to as a killer of livestock, and were abhorred by the farmers. As a matter of interest, the Dingo would mate for life and mourn the passing of its counterpart. Also the female made an absolutely wonderful mother protecting her young against snakes and other predators.

After many matings with other breeds finally came the Australian Cattle dog who has a "wolf like" appearance and is very smart looking. Colors can be white, fawn, spotted or black and tan, with height being around 22 inches and around 45 pounds in weight. Probably used was the Dalmatian which had an inherent rapport with horses and of course the Dingo who had lightning speed and courage along with sense of smell. Undoubtedly other breeds were tried who unfortunately would not be successful in herding sheep and would either "run the meat off the sheep" in going to market or in "spooking the sheep." Finally after much experimentation basically using the Dingo, the Australian Cattle Dog arrived, who in sparsely populated Australia replaced human hands and was worth his weight in gold getting the livestock to market.

Needless to say this is not a breed one would probably buy to have as a pet, but his herding attributes heed him as a wonderful addition to the canine population.

Interestingly enough the Dingo proves that with many years and patience, a wild dog can certainly be domesticated when bred with other dogs.*

Marlon Smith is a professional pet groomer on Sanibel.

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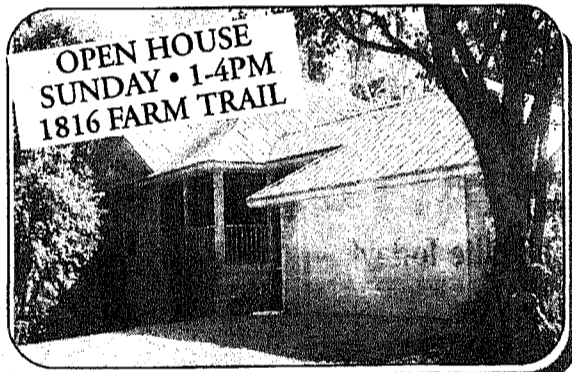
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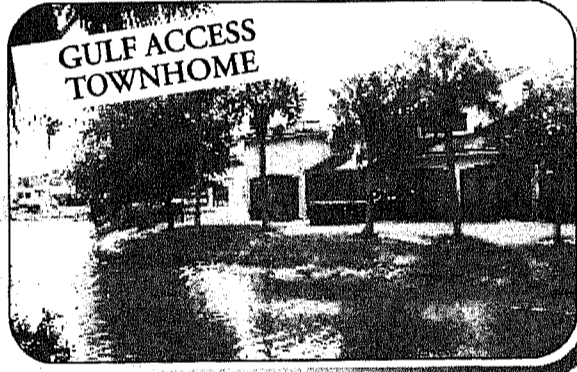


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Lee County Department Head Appointed To State Oversight Board

Governor Jeb Bush has appointed Lee County Economic Development Director Janet Watermeier to a two-year term on the Florida Transportation Commission — giving Southwest Florida and Lee County an important voice in statewide transportation matters. Her appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

The Florida Transportation Commission was created by the 1987 Legislature to serve as a citizen's oversight board for the Florida Department of Transportation. The Commission is independent of the department.

Composed of nine commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, the Commission meets monthly. While the usual meeting location is Tallahassee, the Commission meets two or three times a year in the districts to receive local input.

The law requires that membership "equitably represent all geographic areas." Historical precedent is one commissioner from each FDOT district and two "at-large" commissioners — one with rail and one with ports expertise.

The Commission's primary functions are to:

1. Review major transportation policy initiatives or revisions submitted by the department pursuant to law.
2. Recommend major transportation policy to the Governor and Legislature (Commission has recommended policies related to public transit, funding, road jurisdiction, truck weights, and penalties, etc.).
3. Serve as an oversight body for the FDOT (Commission assesses performance, monitors financial status, and reviews work program, budget requests and long-range plan).
4. Serve as nominating commission in the selection of the Secretary of Transportation (Governor appoints secretary from among three candidates nominated by the commission).

Watermeier has been director of the Economic Development Office of Lee County since 1995. The office is a county department and works to: retain and encourage the expansion of existing businesses; attract new and diversified employment to the area; and improve the business environment in Lee County. The office also acts as staff to the Horizon Council and Lee County Industrial Development Authority, both of which assist in the office's mission. The office has a staff of 16 and an annual operating budget of \$1.5 million.

Watermeier also is chair of Enterprise Florida's Marketing Committee, vice president of programs for the Florida Economic Development Council and is a member of the Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative and Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

Realtor Association Awards

On Sunday, December 16, the Sanibel-Captiva Association of REALTORS sponsored its annual Awards and Installation dinner party. Each year the Association of Realtors elects new officers and members to posts and positions and honors those who made outstanding contributions, performed special services or receive special categorical awards.

Priscilla Murphy Realty is proud to announce that Dave Eaton received the Special Presidential Award for Outstanding Achievement; Jay Branyon was awarded the Rookie of the Year award; and Jack Samler received the Community Service Award.

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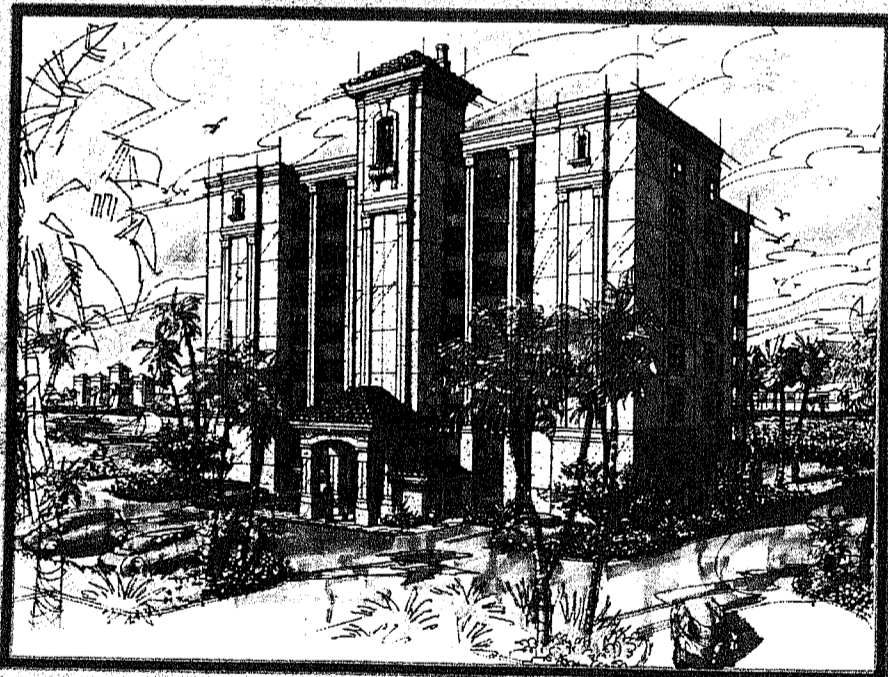


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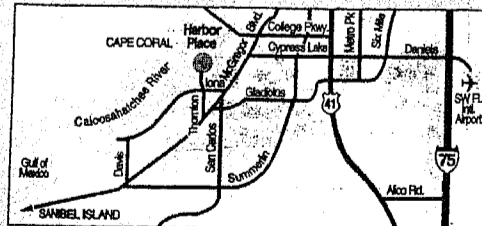
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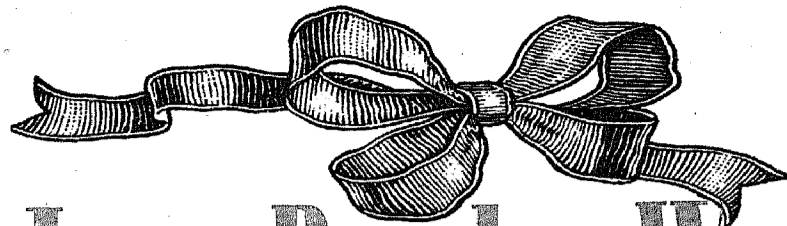
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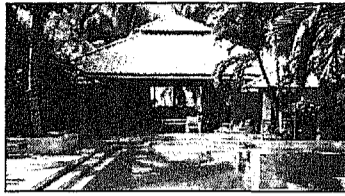
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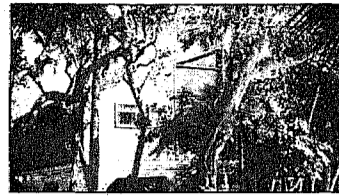


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Exquisite and elegant beach home. This 3 BR, 3.5 BA home is ground level with pocketing glass sliders, Japanese tile roof, copper gutters, beautiful crafted woodwork and much more. Deeded channel access. \$4,900,000.



CAPTIVA VILLAGE HOME

3 bedrooms, 2 baths + loft home in Captiva's Village. Open & airy with 2 porches and cathedral ceiling in living area. Offered furnished and ready. Light, bright island décor. Large lot with lush native vegetation. Only a short stroll to beach, \$1,200,000.



...AND A BOAT DOCK TOO...

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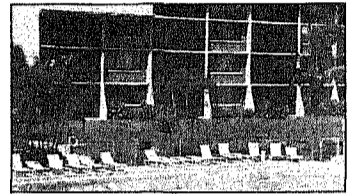
HIGH TIDE UNIT B-301

The views are spectacular from this top floor, corner, 2BR + den, 2BA unit. Renovated within the last year, featuring white on white kitchen, carpet, white tile, master and guest bath vanities, and more. Split floor plan offers your guest privacy plus own lanai. Furnished. \$1,870,000.



HARBOUR ISLE ESTATES

Free standing, single family home on lovely corner lot, only one lot back from the river. 3BR, 2BA Ibis floor plan built in 1999 is model quality and condition. Includes a fresh water boat slip with access to the river. \$295,000.

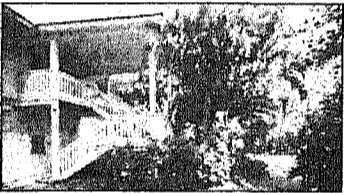


LOGGERHEAD CAY UNIT 542

Gulf front complex, this unit offers a very nice view of the Gulf from the tiled lanai. 2BR, 2BA, nicely furnished condominium. Great second home, corporate retreat or rental investment. Fully furnished and ready to go. \$589,000.



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SANIBEL WATERFRONT ESTATE

This stunning, newly renovated 3 bedroom home is well located overlooking the Gulf of Mexico within walking distance to Gulf Ridge community amenities. Private, heated & caged swimming pool and spa, plus so much more. \$2,250,000.



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Premiere unit at the Promenades, the front corner! The only central Accommodations Company on Sanibel catering exclusively to the tenant! Great opportunity to have an established Island business plus an appreciating real estate asset!

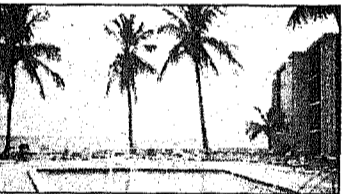


ABSOLUTELY AFFORDABLE!

A tranquil and active Island community, Gumbo Limbo is an integral part of Sanibel Island. The home was quality constructed by Michigan Homes in 1974, 3BR, 2BA, Saville model. Caged fiberglass swimming pool constructed in 1993. Priced to the market at \$379,000.



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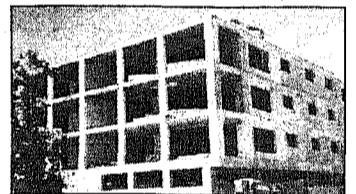
RARE ONE BEDROOM SUNDIAL UNIT

Enjoy guaranteed rental income and "hands off" ownership in this completely refurbished building. The condominium has been completely updated with new kitchen and bath and tile floors. Tennis, swimming pools, beach bar and restaurants - a world class resort. Only \$409,900 fully equipped.



AMAZINGLY SPACIOUS...

Is this 3BR, 2 1/2 BA Dunes duplex. The home has been completely refurbished, including new kitchen and baths, new flooring and paint. Ready to move in. Offered unfurnished at \$309,000, with easy access to the Gulf and Bay beaches and all the Dunes amenities.



THE ULTIMATE BRAND NEW WEST PENTHOUSE

Now under construction with completion anticipated for April 2002. This direct Gulf front 3BR, den, 3 1/2 BA could be yours for \$3.5 million. Make all your color selections and get your decorator to work today. SANIBEL'S ONLY NEW CONDOMINIUM.



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GULF FRONT

Custom built by owner. 3BR, 4BA, 2 offices and den. Master suite with private deck and breakfast kitchen, rooftop sundeck. Woodburning fireplace & screened pool. Spectacular landscaping and beautifully furnished. On Sanibel's very best stretch of beach. \$4,990,000.



GUMBO LIMBO LAKEFRONT HOME

This 2 story Gumbo Limbo pool home has wood floors & fireplace in the great room. Master suite has a walk in closet, large bathroom and private study. Guest bedroom and bath on first floor, loft and bath on second floor. \$498,000.



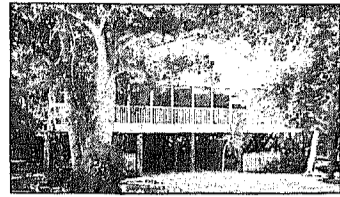
SANIBEL ARMS WEST

East end condo for personal use or rental income. Nice second floor location. Two bedrooms, two baths. Community pool, tennis courts, boat dock, and club house. \$510,000.

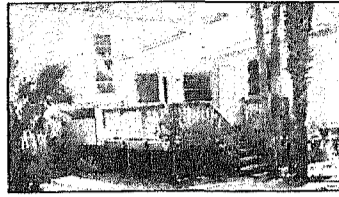
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CAPTIVA'S ROOSEVELT CHANNEL
Old Florida style home on Captiva's Roosevelt channel. Great water views and boat dock with lift. 3 bedrooms & 3 baths, pool, plus a separate guest apartment. Lush tropical vegetation and abundant wildlife. \$1,900,000.



CAPTIVA VILLAGE DUPLEX
Rare Find - Captiva Village duplex with 2BR & 1BA on each side. Great corner lot location. Easy walk to the beach, bay and Captiva shops and restaurants. New hot tub just installed. Currently doing vacation rentals. Many possibilities. \$1,190,000.



NEAR BEACH COTTAGE
Very near beach on private tree lined lane. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath cottage with caged heated pool and spa. Furnished in Island style. Enjoy serene privacy and tropical vegetation. \$1,499,000.



OLD FLORIDA STYLE ON CAPTIVA ISLAND
New 4BR, 4BA home in Captiva's desirable "Village" area. Open and airy floor plan, gourmet kitchen, separate laundry room. Pool & spa with spacious lanai. Roof top sun deck. Close to beach, shops, and restaurants. Construction begins summer 2001. \$2,075,000.



TAMARIND CAY CONDO IN GULF HARBOUR
Large lakefront villa/townhouse with private garage in a wonderful riverfront boating and golfing community. Only minutes from the airport and close to Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers Beach. White Berber carpets and white tile. Ready for your furniture. \$184,900.



SUNDIAL O-204 WITH GULF VIEW
Second floor unit that has been beautifully renovated, which is reflected in the outstanding rental income. 2 bedrooms plus den, 2 baths, sleeps 6, third unit from the Gulf. Offered fully furnished for \$879,000.



SEA OATS DRIVE, SANIBEL
3BR + den (w/ queen sleeper sofa), 3BA, pool and spa in tropical setting. Continuous 8 foot french doors open to the wrap around screened deck. Wonderful kitchen, integrated into spacious living and deck area, has multiple granite surfaces, breakfast bar and island seating, 2 zone A/C, solar hot water, beautiful Xerescaping. A new home, short walk to the beach, this home is a treasure. Offered for \$798,000.



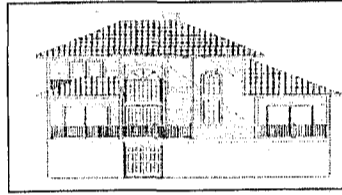
KINGS CROWN CONDOMINIUM #215
Second floor, 2BR, 2BA, corner unit with beautiful view of the beach and the Gulf of Mexico. Remodeled in 1999. Jacuzzi tub in guest bath, tile floors, glass enclosed lanai. Offered fully furnished. \$950,000.



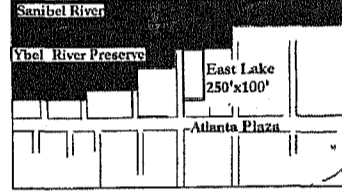
GREAT GULF VIEWS!
Weekly rentals in this newly decorated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium apartment. New white kitchen, ceramic tile flooring, screened porch overlooking the park-like grounds, swimming pool and Gulf of Mexico! \$559,000.



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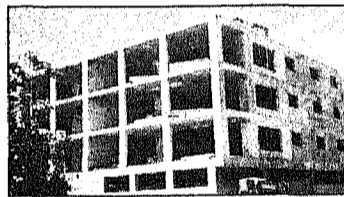
NEW CONSTRUCTION
Secluded site at end of cul de sac. Swimming pool, luxury bedroom suite 3,180 feet of living area. Completion January 2002. \$595,000.



DISCOVER YOUR NATURAL STATE
This peaceful, extra-large building site overlooks the new Casa Ybel River Preserve, comprising five lots at end of private road. Plenty of room for large house and pool. \$195,000.



STEPS TO BEACH
On private road close to beach access in prestigious West Gulf Drive area. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Separate studio/guest cottage. Separate double car garage. Large lot. \$489,000.



OR CHOOSE THIS FIRST FLOOR DIRECT GULF FRONT
Brand new unit at Sedgemoor of Sanibel for only \$2,299,000. 3BR, 3 1/2 BA, den, beautiful views, completion anticipated in April 2002. Make your own color selections and decorate to your own taste.



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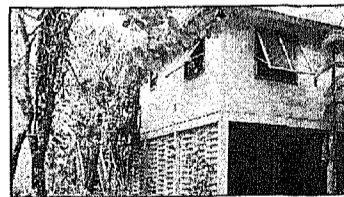
JUST LISTED
View this elegant 3BR, 3BA elevated Dunes home featuring a split bedroom floorplan, caged and heated pool and spa, enclosed lower level, screened porch, open decks, elevator, hardwood, Mexican tile and carpeted flooring and located on Horeshoe Lake. \$749,900.



INCOME PRODUCER
Priced to sell at \$425,000. This fully furnished 2BR, 2BA ground level condo is just steps to the Gulf of Mexico, sparkling heated pool and well-maintained tennis courts. Whether using as a second home or income generating, this condo offers a convenient location for shopping, entertainment or the Causeway. 1-800-527-8314, Code 2122

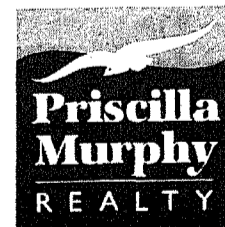


NOT JUST ANOTHER PRETTY FACE
Take a look at what lies within this elevated 3BR, 2BA Island Woods home. Built in 2001 this home offers a convenient location, numerous upgrades, 2-car garage, enclosed lower level with interior stairs and a light bright interior. \$495,000. 1-800-527-8314, Code 2212



CLOSE TO THE BEACH
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is near the beach, golf and causeway. Wood floors upstairs, storage area and outside shower downstairs. Very private and comfortable. \$465,000.

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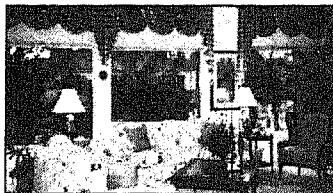
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TOP NOTCH

This courtyard home decorated by Ethan Allen is a showstopper. The 3rd bedroom has a private entrance off pool area with private bath and mini bar. Bahama fans, hand painted mural, California closet, Corian counters are only a few of the many upgrades. Canal location with wide views and dock. \$399,999.



GOLFER'S DELIGHT

Located in the Dunes Subdivision, this 3BR, 2BA home has gorgeous views of the golf course, lake, and wildlife. The low maintenance, tropical landscaping is a beautiful setting for this "open & airy" island home. Owner is licensed Florida real estate agent. \$439,000.



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NEW CAPTIVA GULF TO BAY ESTATE
5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home with separate guest suite enjoys the Gulf of Mexico for sunsets and Pine Island Sound for sunrises. The property includes 135 feet of beach front property, a private dock, pool, spa and beach boardwalk.



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FOUR BEDROOM CONDO-HOME
Rare Offering! Free standing home that's part of a Gulf front complex with all the condo amenities and the privacy of a home. Nicely furnished with large rooms, volume ceilings, fireplace, oversize porch, and lots of storage. \$695,000.



WONDERFUL BEACH HOME

Adjacent to beach path, one lot back from the Gulf, and a few steps to the water. Vaulted living room with fireplace and separate Florida Room. Heated pool/spa. Enclosed lower level. Very nicely furnished. \$795,000.



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CHARMING BEACH COTTAGE

Charming beach cottage on lovely tree lined private lane in Captiva's Village. Great location close to the beach, shops and restaurants. This 2BR, 1.5BA home has a large loft for extra beds or office space. Furnished and ready, owner or vacation rentals. \$1,295,000.



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OFFICE CONDOMINIUM

Professional office space in The Village on Periwinkle Way, 969 sq. ft. in excellent condition. Three offices, work room, large reception and meeting areas. \$199,000.



GULF FRONT PELICANS ROOST#301

Beautiful Gulf views from this top floor, corner condo. 2BR, 2BA. Outstanding on-site rental and property management. Pool, 2 lighted tennis courts, BBQ and more. \$925,000. And fully furnished.



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LELY BAREFOOT BEACH CONDO

Gorgeous 2BR, 2BA totally renovated Gulf front unit on the second floor. Wonderful use of mirrored walls enhance the magnificent direct Gulf views. Offered for \$999,000 fully furnished.



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CHARMING OLDE FLORIDA HOME

A charming olde Florida home tucked away amongst lush tropical vegetation. Specimen palms abound creating a secluded retreat. Superb construction with a state of the art security system. Hardwood floors and a large heated pool to relax in after a day at the beach. \$640,000.



PRIVATE OASIS

Large ground level home on approximately 1 acre of lush tropical vegetated grounds. Backs up to conservation land. Updated kitchen, white bright coffered ceilings and Pergo flooring, sparkling pool, spa, and sauna. Custom murals give the feeling of being on a tropical garden. Separate garage or studio on property. \$489,000.

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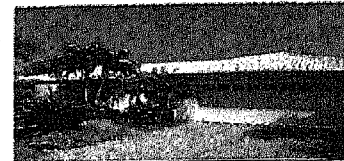
West Gulf Drive 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, Gulf Front Home. Includes Guest House, gourmet kitchen, 50 ft swimming pool and 26' on the Gulf. **\$4,400,000 Furnished**



Two Story Lake Front Home On Sanctuary's picturesque 12th hole. 4 bdrm, 4 bth home, pool & spa. Gourmet kitchen, granite counter, wine cooler, breakfast room and fireplace. Separate guest suite w/ pool bath. Equity golf club membership available. **\$1,150,000**



Bayfront Estate Home In The Sanctuary Magnificent views over fairway to Pine Island Sound. Over 5,700 sq. ft., 3 bdrm, 3 bth, elevator, 3 car garage, gigantic Florida room & pool. **\$1,950,000**



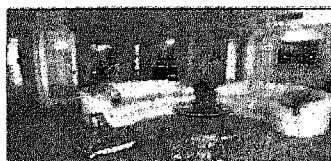
Shell Harbor Canal Front Taste-fully remodeled. Sea walled with over 2,600 sq. ft. of living area. 3 bdrm, 3 bth, formal living & dining rms, family rm & open kitchen with breakfast rm. Master bedrm opens to pool area, canal & private docks & boat lift. **\$895,000**



Somerset At The Reef Luxury front condominium features 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath plus den. Over 2,360 sq. ft. of living area. Glass enclosed lanai, remodeled kitchen & tile floors, laundry room, large pool & tennis court. **\$1,600,000 furnished**



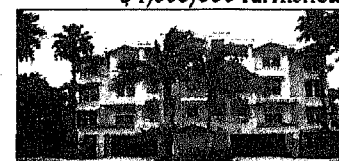
Fabulous Sunset Views At Sanctuary Golf Club. Beautiful furnished and designer decorated three bedroom, two and a half bath condo with 10 ft high ceilings. **\$499,000 Furnished**



Sanctuary's Largest Condo Over 2750 sq. ft., 3 bdrm, 3 bth, extra large family rm, wrap around porch, living rm, gourmet kitchen w/ Corian countertops & breakfast rm. Incredibly breathtaking views over the lake and 18th fairway. **\$625,000 Furnished**



Beautifully Decorated Furnished 2 bedrooms plus den, 2 1/2 baths, oversized porch offering great views of the 9th fairway and abundant wildlife. **\$539,000 Furnished**



Step Off Your Private Elevator When you enter this expansive 2,757 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, 3 bth Sanctuary condo. Hardwood floors, large family rm, eat-in kitchen, Master suite bathrm w/ spa, bidet & walk-in closets. Spectacular sunset views over the 18th fairway. **\$635,000 Furnished**



Top Floor Condo At Sanctuary Heron Condo. Two bedroom, two & a half bath plus den. Two skylights, Ten foot tray ceilings with crown molding. Golf membership available. **\$579,000**

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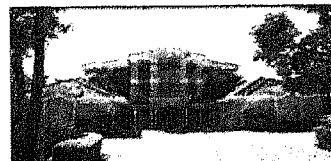
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Condominium at the Sanctuary Beautiful 3 bdrm, 3 1/2 bth. Over 2500 sq. ft. 10ft ceilings, marble master bath w/ Jacuzzi tub, Robb & Stucky furnished. Membership available for purchase. **\$595,000 Furnished**



Stunning Views Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit features 10 ft ceilings, marble master bath with spa tub, surround sound, enclosed porch adds extra living area. Beautiful lake views. **\$450,000 Furnished**



Golf Village Exquisitely furnished 2 bdr, 2.5 bth Sanctuary Golf Village unit. Top floor with expansive views of the 18th Fairway, lake & sunset skies. Private balcony, kitchen with marble counter tops, enter a private elevator into foyer. **\$579,000 Furnished**

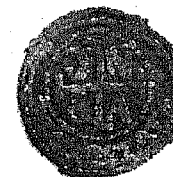


Golf Course, Wildlife & Sunset Views Beautifully furnished condo at Sanctuary with 10 ft. ceilings & marble bath. 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath, corian kitchen. Private ground level location. **\$475,000 Furnished**

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Celebrate The Holidays "Island Style" At Wonderful Resorts And Restaurants

by Camille Kucaba

The holidays are upon us. Mrs. Claus has been cooking and baking into the wee hours, and Santa's elves have decked the halls of every restaurant and resort in the area. Incredibly delicious dining awaits islanders and visitors alike.

So...where should you plan to celebrate Christmas and ring in the New Year? Read on.

Santa makes an appearance at **The Seafood Factory** today (Friday, December 21) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and kids under 12 are invited to dine free when they select from the children's menu. The restaurant will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

South Seas Resort on Captiva offers a full holiday schedule, and reservations are requested for all events; 472-7575.

Breakfast with the Clauses is a highlight at **Chadwick's** on Saturday, December 22, with 8 and 8:30 a.m. seatings (children under three complimentary). An Evening with Santa - and his elves - takes place Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m., and there's a Christmas Eve candlelight

service in Chadwick's Plaza at 8 p.m. December 24.

The Christmas Day buffet at Chadwick's features a lavish feast and fun for the whole family. Two seatings: 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and 4 to 8:30 p.m. No charge for children under four.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Chadwick's, either at the early buffet dinner seatings or later seatings that include party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. R&B Connection entertains in Chadwick's Lounge from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Windows on the Water at Sundial Beach Resort showcases its Christmas Day buffet from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (children three and under complimentary with an adult dinner).

New Year's Eve festivities are taking place at all three Sundial restaurants. Richie Bartolo and the Rockets entertain from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at **Beaches Bar and Grille**. A four-course dinner featuring a mixed grille entree is offered at **Noopie's**; dinner starts at 5 and continues through the final seating at 9:15 p.m.

Windows schedules early dinner seatings at 5:30, 6, 6:45 and 7:15 p.m., followed by final seatings at 8, 8:30, 9:15 and 9:45 p.m. The latter features a four-course meal with choice of entree, plus a complimentary bottle of champagne, party favors, musical entertainment and champagne at midnight.

Windows also offers a New Year's Day brunch from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Here's what's happening at **Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa** (just across the Causeway, 466-4000): beginning this Saturday, December 22, and continuing

daily, 3 to 4 p.m., until January 2, afternoon tea is featured in the main lobby. On Christmas Eve a Santa reading will be held in the lobby beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: holiday buffet from noon to 10 p.m. in the **Promenade Cafe** (children five and under complimentary); regular menu plus holiday specials for dinner at **Chez le Bear**, 2 to 9 p.m.; regular menu plus selected specials are offered from 5 to 10 p.m. in the **Courtside Steakhouse & Sports Bar**.

The beautiful **Sanibel Harbour Princess** sails off on a sunset cruise Christmas Eve from 5 to 7 p.m.; a special buffet dinner menu is featured. On Christmas Day the **Princess** offers two holiday cruises, 1 to 3 p.m. and again 5 to 7 p.m. A lavish dinner buffet menu is spotlighted. Children five and under are complimentary on all cruises.

New Year's Eve festivities include a special four-course dinner with party favors and complimentary glass of champagne in the Promenade Cafe, 5 to 10 p.m.; and a special a la carte menu, plus entertainment, at **Chez le Bear** from 6 to 10 p.m.

Courtside also offers a four-course menu with choice of entree from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; then at 9 p.m. there's dancing to the sounds of Loose Change. The evening climaxes with party favors and the countdown to a balloon drop at midnight.

Levi John performs in the **Islevista Lounge**; complimentary party favors and a champagne toast at midnight.

The **Princess** features two cruises on New Year's Eve: a buffet dinner cruise with live entertainment and complimentary glass of champagne from 7:15 to 10

p.m.; and a midnight cocktail cruise with live entertainment, light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Zoe's Southern Grille (also across the Causeway) is open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and new owners, the Iannellis and the Grays, welcome everyone to a holiday celebration at the restaurant. Zoe's is open for lunch and dinner, serving food to 1 a.m.; the bar remains open until 2 a.m. Phone 466-4144 for more details.

On Sanibel, **The Jacaranda** is serving dinner to 9 p.m. Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day. On New Year's Eve The Jac features a fixed menu with dinner seatings at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 p.m. The popular lounge remains open until 2 a.m. for those ringing in 2002 in style. Please call for reservations, 472-1771.

The Sanibel Steakhouse is open for dinner Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The regular menu, plus holiday selections, will be served Christmas Day from 4 to 9 p.m. On New Year's Eve, a special five-course meal is planned; reservations-only seatings are at 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. (the last seating continuing into the New Year). Phone 472-5700.

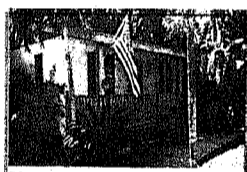
The Timbers is open for dinner both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from 4:30 to 9 p.m.; call 472-3128 for reservations.

Riviera and Dolce Vita are open for dinner Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Both restaurants feature reservations-only New Year's Eve parties with a six-course

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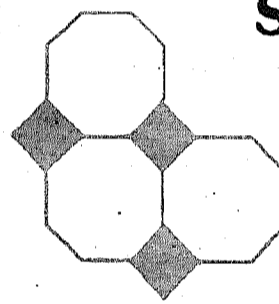


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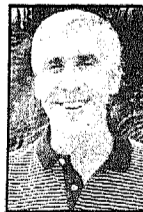
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Beachview Steakhouse & Seafood Restaurant offers a special New Year's Eve menu with reservations-only seatings at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.; the final one includes party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. Phone 472-4394.

The Island House is open through 8 p.m. Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day. On New Year's Eve, the restaurant serves dinner from 7 p.m. on into the New Year. The regular menu plus a holiday buffet is available, along with beer and drink specials and a complimentary champagne toast. Les Rio entertains with his mellow blues sounds throughout the evening, and TVs are being strategically positioned around the room for the midnight countdown. The popular island band, the Troublestarters, plays next door at **The Bungalow** on New Year's Eve.

The Hungry Heron closes early New Year's Eve and is open New Year's Day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Traders Cafe is open for lunch only until 3 p.m. on December 23 and 24; closed Christmas Day. On New Year's Eve, the restaurant hosts a reservations-only party with three dinner seatings: 6, 8 and 10 p.m.; closed New Year's Day.

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Keylime Bistro on Captiva is holding an hors d'oeuvres party New Year's Eve beginning at 11:30 p.m.; phone 395-4000.

Village Cafe is open for dinner both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and reservations are suggested; 472-1956.

Captiva Cruises features a moonlight excursion on New Year's Eve from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with live entertainment, open bar, champagne toast and party favors. Phone 472-5300 for reservations.

Sanibel-Captiva After Hours



by Damon Craig

It's coming down to crunch time and do you have all your gifts bought yet? If not let me make a suggestion for that special someone. If it's for your wife/husband or someone you've just been dating forever and can't make a commitment, give them a "Free Pass" for one night with just the boys/girls. (Certain rules and restriction may apply in some households) Think about it, they will spend their own money, they are out of your hair for a night, and you don't have to worry about him not liking it. It's a win-win for everybody! Trust me its worth its weight in beer. That's eight pounds per gallon if you were wondering. Now for the fun stuff!

Friday Seafood Factory — Last week was a blast and I want to thank all the people that came by and said hi. Bubba really had everybody all riled up, so come by this week and find out what all the talk is about. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday Sundial — Richie Bartolo will be singing at the pool by day and the upstairs lounge by night. Stop by and check him out. You will be glad you did. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m.

Sunday Timbers/Sanibel Grill — If football is something that shoots your rocket, prepare for take off. All day all night football, beer and more football. See you there at some point. Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m. and 10 to 12 a.m.

Monday: Bungalow — I have four words beer, darts, pool, TV. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Dolce Vita — I'm really starting to get warmed up to this place. By far the best piano bar in the area. Stop by and listen to Joe and Paul, and let me know what you think next time you see me.

Wednesday: Jacaranda — If this is your first time on Sanibel "The JAC" is a definite stopping place for a little fun after the sun. The music starts around 9:30 p.m. so get here early for a good table. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m.

Thursday: Hungry Heron — It's the craziest week around here so stop in and have a drink and take the edge off, if you know what I mean. What the heck two-for-ones from 6 p.m. to close on domestic

drafts.

Answer to last weeks clue: The only one I can think of is The Crows Nest at Tween Waters on Captiva.

This weeks clue: What bar (on Periwinkle) has a lagoon in the parking lot?

Drink of the week: Martini. Chill gin or vodka over ice, pour in a Martini glass (you can buy plastic ones at the liquor store), add a drop or two of vermouth with a olive and prepare to melt away the day. Enjoy! :

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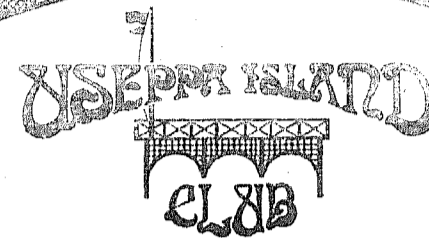
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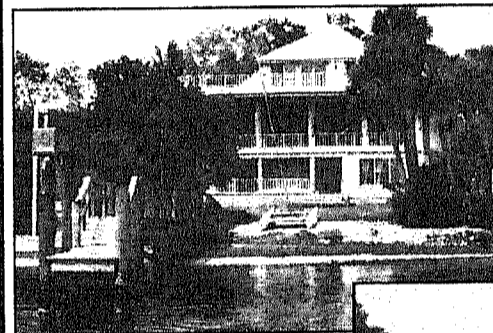


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SPORTS QUIZ

1. When was the last time before 2001 that a team sent eight players to baseball's All-Star game?
2. What team holds the major-league record for losses before the All-Star break?
3. Which player holds the record for being in the most Super Bowls?
4. Name the other two teams in the NCAA men's basketball Final Four in 1993, in which North Carolina beat Michigan in the final.
5. Who is the third-leading scorer in Pittsburgh Penguins history?
6. Name the two athletes who gave the "black power" salute after winning medals in the 200 meters race at the 1968 Olympics?
7. When was the last time Nancy Lopez finished in the top two at golf's U.S. Women's Open?

ANSWERS

1. It was 1960, when Pittsburgh did it. 2. The 1962 New York Mets lost 66 times before the All-Star break. 3. Mike Lodish played in six Super Bowls with Buffalo and Denver. 4. Kansas and Kentucky were the other two teams. 5. Current head coach Rick Kehoe is No. 3 on the Penguins' list. 6. Tommie Smith and John Carlos. 7. In 1997, Lopez finished second by one stroke to Alison Nicholas.

Dunes Women's Golf



Margaret Dwyer, Bonnie Byrne, Sherrie Calvano, Helen Craig

Sherrie Calvano; and Grethe Christensen, Carolyn Wood, Millie Hasselman and Claire Bowie.

The group coming in second had a team score of 119. They were: Donna Griesbaum, Nan Frymoyer, Jetta Currise and Jane Levene.

Chip-ins were scored by: Claire Bowie (2), Jane Werner



Grethe Christensen, Carolyn Wood, Claire Bowie, Millie Hasselman

Friday, December 14, broke new records for winter warmth, and the Dunes 18-Hole ladies enjoyed an equally warm and convivial day on the links. The format was a four-person team game, using one best ball on each of the par five holes, two best balls on the par four holes and three best balls on the par three holes. Each team was comprised of one player each from the A, B, C and D flights and results were scored using 95 percent handicap.

There was a tie for first place with two teams scoring 114. They were: Bonnie Byrne, Margaret Dwyer, Helen Craig and

and Lee Barnes-Bogan.

After golf, a holiday luncheon took place in the Dunes Pavilion featuring a zesty holiday gelatin salad with layers of red, white and green.*



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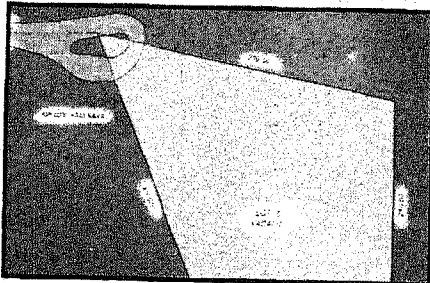
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A recent *In Concert With Nature* jazz benefit at The Estates at TwinEagles raised \$1,500 for two local environmental organizations, CREW Land & Water Trust and The Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

There was no admission charge for the concert, featuring Miami-based Dana Paul and The Nantucket Sound, but attendees were offered the opportunity to make a donation to the two environmental groups. Held on Veterans Day, the concert also featured a special patriotic tribute to the nation's veterans.

"We were pleased to offer people the opportunity to enjoy great jazz music at The Estates at TwinEagles and support two excellent environmental causes at the same time," said Susan Watts, vice president for The Bonita Bay Group and general manager of The Estates at TwinEagles.*

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Top Golfers Sign Up Early For Ace Group Classic

by Ed Frank



While the continuing wrangle about baseball contraction has placed spring training schedules and ticket sales on hold, another early-year sporting event in our area -- the Ace Group Classic Senior PGA golf tournament -- announced this week that many of the top names on the senior circuit have made commitments to play in the February 4 through 10 event.

Those signed up include Ray Floyd, Bruce Lietzke, Mark McCumber and Larry Nelson.

Others scheduled to play include five past tournament winners: Gary Player (1988), Bob Murphy (1995), Allen Doyle (1999), Lanny Wadkins, (2000) and defending champion Gil Morgan who also won here in 1998.

Other top commitments to the 2002 tournament, which will be played for the first time at The Club at TwinEagles in Naples, are seven winners from the 2001 season. They are:

- Mike McCullough (Audi Senior Classic and Emerald Coast Classic)
- Leonard Thompson (Enterprise Rent-A-Car Match Play Championship)
- John Schroeder (NFL Golf Classic)
- Sammy Rachels, (Bell South Senior Classic and the Transamerica)
- Walter Hall (AT&T Canada Senior Open Championship)
- Dana Quigley (SBC Senior Open)
- Jim Thorpe (Allianz Championship and Kroger Senior Classic)

These 16 golfers represent 21 victories out of a possible 38 from the official 2001 Senior Tour.

"We are thrilled to have commitments from such high profile players so early," said Bob Burris, tournament director.

As for baseball, both the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins who hold spring training in Fort Myers said schedules and ticket information will not be released until a decision is made whether baseball will drop two teams beginning next season.

The Twins, one of the teams expected to be folded if the contraction plan succeeds, usually play six to eight games against cross-town rival Boston. And both teams play several games against the Texas Rangers who are just up the road in Port Charlotte.

In years past, spring training schedules would have been released by now and

ticket sales would begin in early January.

Despite the spring training dilemma, the Red Sox made two significant moves this week to shore up their pitching.

The Sox obtained right-hander Dustin Hermanson from the St. Louis Cardinals for three minor leaguers. Hermanson, 28, had a 14-13 record with a 4.45 ERA for the Cards last season. He pitched six innings or more in 22 of his 33 starts.

The Red Sox also acquired lefty Darren Oliver from the Texas Rangers in a trade for troubled outfielder Carl Everett. Oliver was only 11-11 with a 6.02 ERA for the Rangers in 2001. But the Sox had it with Everett who was a constant source of turmoil in his two years with the team.

Great deal for former Twin Matt Lawton

Matt Lawton, who played here for the Fort Myers Miracle in 1994, and later became an All-Star with the Minnesota Twins, signed a four-year, \$27 million contract this week with the Cleveland Indians.

The 30-year-old Lawton was traded by the Twins to the New York Mets last season after hitting .305 in 2000 when he was named to the All-Star team. He was acquired by the Indians this week in an eight-player deal.

It didn't take long for Mr. Knight

Barely one month into the basketball season, Bob Knight, with a new lease on life as coach of Texas Tech, reportedly is back to his old ways stirring up trouble.

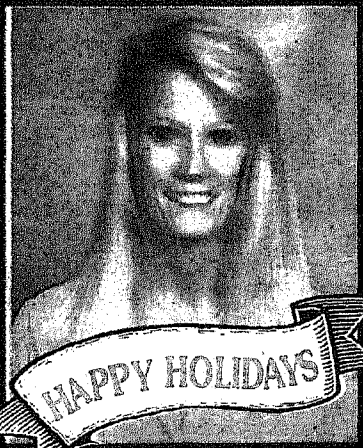
The manager of Houston's Compaq Arena, Jerry MacDonald, accused Knight of cursing him and challenging him to a fight in a confrontation that began after Knight criticized the size of the arena's locker room.

Guess some things -- and some people -- never change.*

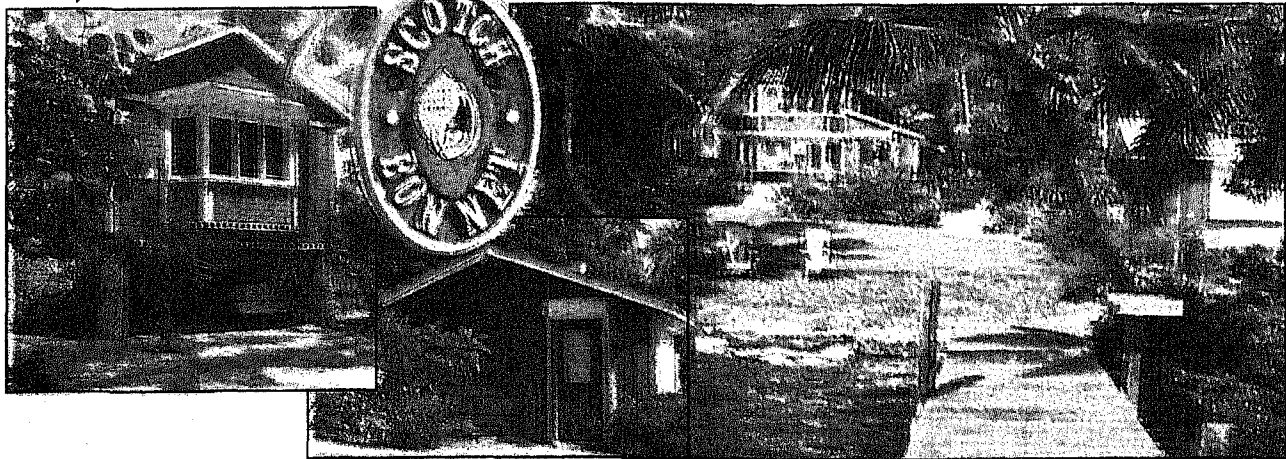
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Beachview Women's Golf



Peg Royse, Diane Metz, Barbara Dahlgren, Agnes McClintock



Nancy Ruedig, Ginny O'Neill, Kathy Krause and Robby Wilson



Agnes McClintock and Robby Wilson

On Wednesday, December 12 the Beachview Women's Golf Association played their annual Christmas 18-hole shotgun scramble. The winners were Barbara Dahlgren, Agnes McClintock, Diane Metz, Peg Royse. Second place was taken by the team of Tommy Jaeger, Kathy Krause and Kandi Sanger.

At the luncheon which followed, the members honored longtime and recently retired Beachview Golf Pro, Robby Wilson. Mrs. Agnes McClintock, a Beachview golfer thirty years ago when Robby first started there, presented him with an engraved decanter in gratitude for his many years of service.

At the end of the luncheon canned goods donated by the members were loaded onto Kandi Sanger's bus for delivery to the Fort Myers Soup Kitchen. ✪

Beachview Men's Golf

On Tuesday, December 11, the Beachview men played a modified stableford format. In first place was the team of Dick Grant, Jack Harrington, John Moores and Bob Myers with a score of 73. Second and third place was a tie with 69 points each for the teams of Sam Jaffe, Bob Ritchlin, Jack Turkey, Dorell Luce and Bud Ristow, Mel Bleiberg, Bill Blankenship, Frank Espisito.

On Saturday, December 15, the men's group played a game that was scored as three best balls net on par three holes, two best balls net on par four holes and two best ball net on par five. The winning team with a score of 120 was Bill Fellows, Dorell Luce, Bud Ristow and Pat McGuffin. The team of Tom Judson, Jack Harrington, Dick Grant and Bob Myers was in second place with a score of 121. Jack Tukey, Rob Cutler, Same Jaffe and Ken Gillet took third with a score of 125. ✪

The Dunes Nifty Niners

Results for the December 13 four-person scramble are: First place: Joan Crimmons, Pat Coughlin, Julie O'Neill and Joann McKelvey. Score — 31.

Second place: Jane Leman, Bonnie Reese, Carol Brodersen and Virginia Green. Score — 33.

Third place: Paula Wright, Joan Conroy, Nancy Hopkins and Marge York. Score — 35.

On Thursday, December 6, Bette Gadiant got a birdie on hole #2. Congratulations to the winners. ✪

Dunes Men's Golf Results

A four man scramble was held on December 12. Because three teams tied for first place with a score of 54, their ranking was determined by their score on the second nine holes.

First place: Gib Warren, Dick Wilhoit, Peter Perkins and Clem Warner.

Second place: Wilf Mannion, Ken Zeigler, Bob MacNaughton, John Green.

Third place: Jim George, Rich Meyer, Fred Brodersen, Denny Jones. ✪

Sundial Snowbirds Lose To The Landings

The Sundial Snowbirds Tennis Team lost 3 matches while winning only one against a strong Landings team that is now in first place in the 50 and over Lee County Tennis League. This leaves Sundial tied for second place with Del Tura. The results were as follows: Fulkerson-Brown(S) def Harvey-Campbell(LG) 6-2,6-3; Cady-Hutson(LG) def Pignotti-Streeter(S) 6-2,3-6,6-3; Nellis-Romaine(LG) def Parsons-Jones(S) 6-1,6-3; and Corn-Eason(LG) def Bonanno-McGougan(S) 6-4,6-4.

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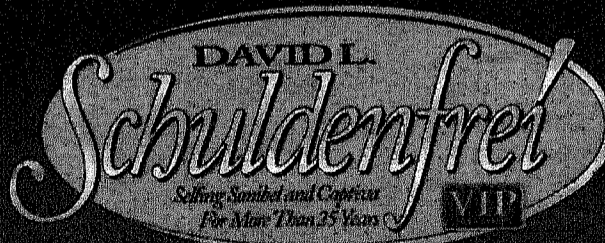


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Linda Elland and Jayne Lumley of Century 21 were on hand to congratulate Executive Title on its 20th anniversary.



Executive Title Insurance Services Inc. celebrated its 20th anniversary December 13 with a gala at Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa. Joe and Gilda Suarez and Jackie and Ron Martin (from left) were among the more than 300 employees and guests in attendance. Gilda is assistant vice president and manager of the Sanibel office, and Jackie serves as assistant office manager and closing officer.



A great time was had by all, including Linda Gornick, Susan Dunn, Marsha Paplham and Wendy Humphrey.

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Steve Fisher

Estate News

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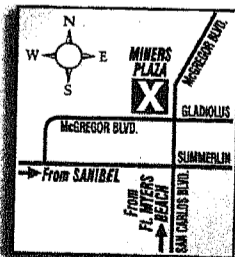
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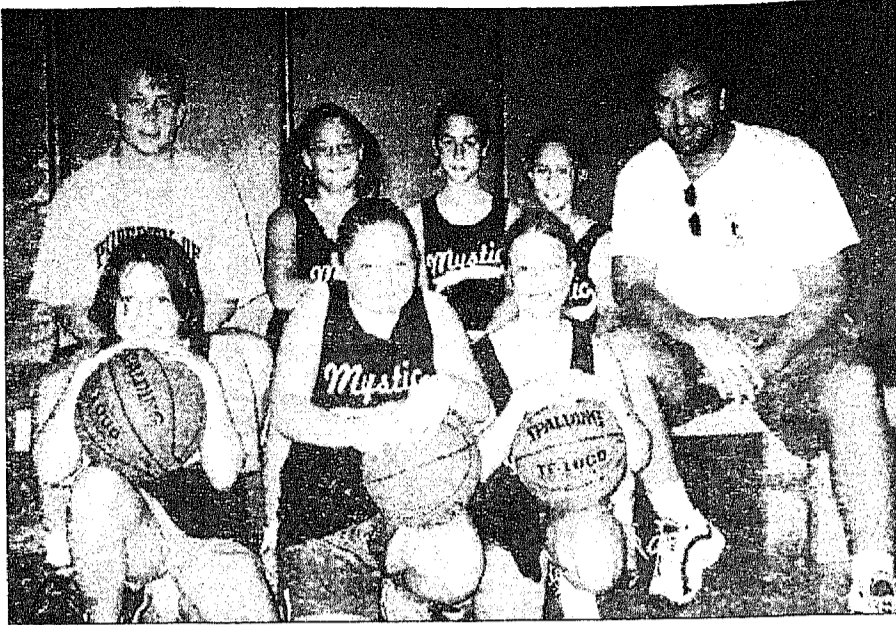
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The Mystics. Top: Coach Brandon Hall, Heather Degele, Jana Barone, Anna Degele, Coach Matt Fannon. Bottom: Sarah Hoffman, Hannah Mitchell, Samantha Martinez

Youth Basketball Season Underway

by Brian Johnson

With the departure of Tony Reid back to Maryland, there were some worries about the Sanibel Youth Basketball League. Reid spent countless hours at the Recreation Complex, working not only as the director, but as a coach and referee. He was popular with the kids, energetic and a great athlete.

Would anyone step in to take his place? Would the league continue to grow, or would it take a step backwards this winter?

The league got a boost when Scott Messenger volunteered to take over the substantial duties as director of youth basketball. He has organized the games and practice times, juggled rosters, handed out jerseys and been a hands-on presence at the Recreation Complex. There are 15 teams in the league this season; the players range in age from kindergarten to 8th grade.

"Scott gets special credit and praise for the job he has done," said Mystics coach Matt Fannon. "He has taken it on himself to run the league and put in a lot of effort. His wife and sons are also there at the games helping."

This past Saturday the Mystics squared off with the Comets at 11 a.m. for their second game of the season. The Mystics, led by Hannah Mitchell's game-high six points, won their opener over the Liberty, 10-8.

The Mystics took a 2-0 lead when Samantha Martinez made a beautiful rush down the court and a hit, a swish through the basket. A bucket by Meghan Phillips with just 15 seconds left in the half tied the score at 2-2.

The Comets went ahead 6-2 on a pair of scores by Katrina Zeigler. Jana Barone cut the lead to 6-4 with a score in the final two minutes; the Mystics almost tied the

game with a couple of nice shots at the basket, but just fell short.

Here are coach Fannon's comments about his players.

Jana Barone "takes the ball up the court and is good at driving at the basket."

Heather Degele "plays great defense and has a good shot."

Barone and Degele are the two veterans on the team from last year. "This year they have had the opportunity to be leaders and they're taking advantage of that. They are helping the younger girls who are in the league for the first time," said Fannon.

Samantha Martinez "is always around the ball and hustles a lot. She plays hard."

Anna Degele "has shown a willingness to learn. It is her first time in the league, and she plays hard and practices hard."

Hannah Mitchell "wants the ball and is not afraid to shoot. She is not intimidated by the taller players - she manages to get her shots over them. It's amazing."

Sarah Hoffman "plays great defense and is excited to be playing in this league."

The players will take a couple weeks off during winter break and resume action on Tuesday, January 8.**

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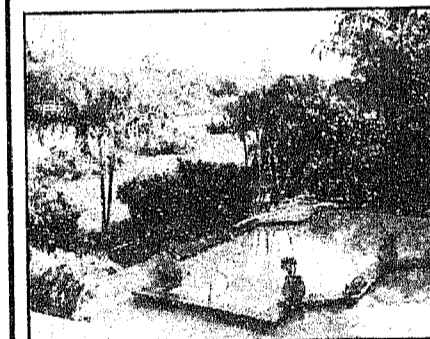
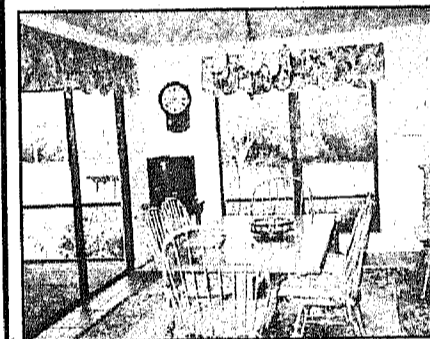
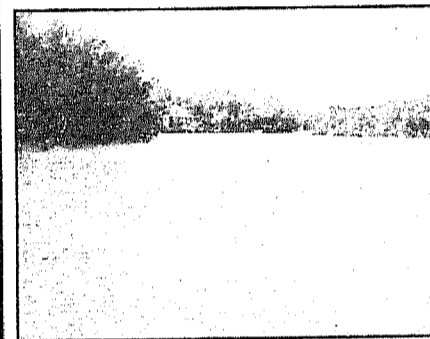
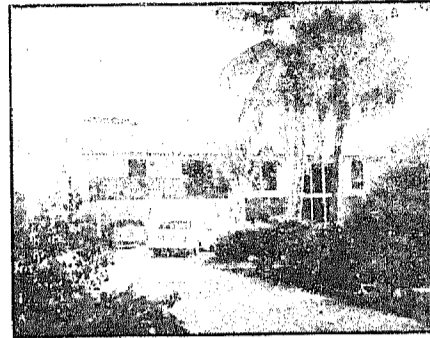
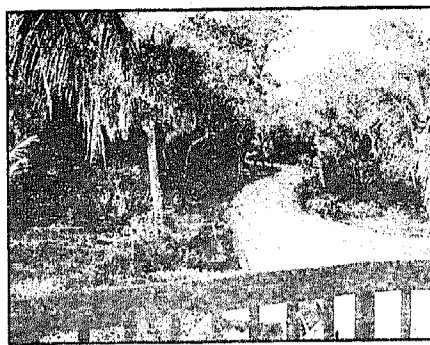
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76 Altruist Of The Year

The 2001 Altruist of the Year has been selected. T. Wayne Miller of Fort Myers, long-time civic and business leader, will receive his award January 17, at a testimonial dinner at Harborside Convention Center.

The Altruist of the Year award is given annually by Lee Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, nonprofit agency that helps hundreds of senior citizens remain in their homes and improve their quality of life.

The 2000 Altruist of the Year was Sam Galloway, Jr., who is co-chair of this year's event. The testimonial will benefit the Lee Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers.

T. Wainwright Miller, a native of Kissimmee, FL, was the director of Lee County Mosquito Control for more than 30 years before his retirement.

"We are recognizing Wayne for his many years of dedicated service to the people of Southwest Florida and his leadership in so many civic and charitable projects," said the Reverend Jon Zehnder, president of Lee Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers organization.

Reverend Zehnder noted that Miller has been a leader of numerous charitable activities, including being president of the Southwest Florida Boy Scout Council and the Fort Myers Rotary Club. He is on the boards of Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, and is active in the First Baptist Church in Fort Myers.

Miller was chair of a group of civic leaders that worked to get Interstate 75

finished from Tampa to Naples in the 1970s and was a leader in the group that convinced the state to place a four-year university in Fort Myers.

Miller is a graduate of Georgia Tech and a recipient of the university's distinguished graduate award. He and his wife, Mavis, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Tickets for the testimonial dinner will be \$150 and are available by calling Lee Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 936-4544.*

REAL ESTATE DEEDS RECORDED

Lee County Courthouse recorded the following real estate deeds:

- \$300,000: Michael W and Charlene S. Merrill, 4210 Bayside Villas.
- \$413,000: Kenneth P. and Laura T. Charest, 540 Coral Circle.
- \$200,000: Kenneth and Mary K. Zilka, 3113 Tennis Villas.
- \$200,000: Anthony and Barbara Santullo, 3225 Tennis Villas.
- \$430,000: Robyn F. and Melissa A. Burch, 5681 Baltusrol Court, #1.
- \$330,000: Anthony J. Rizzo, 1009 Dixie Beach Boulevard.
- \$525,000: Robert R. Chrisman, 830 East Gulf Drive, #4.
- \$365,000: Robert I. Reichle, 9417 Kava Court.
- \$435,000: Dan L. and Charlotte A. Bohlmeier, 1394 Middle Gulf Drive.
- \$750,000: Ajm+r Company Lp, 1401 Middle Gulf Drive, #201S.
- \$525,000: William C. and Jeanne B. Rugg, 1799 Middle Gulf Drive, #103.*

Computer Course Offered

Business & Industry Services will offer their popular Computer Training Package program normally offered only a few times a year, to the general public in January and February at the Lee County High Tech Center North. The class content includes nine hours of Windows, nine hours of MS Word and nine hours of Excel. This class is taught as a 27 hour Computer Training Package over nine afternoons.

The class has been scheduled from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays to accommodate both the general public as well as employees of small businesses in the area who wish to send their employees.

The nine afternoon sessions will be held on January 29, 31 and February 5 (Windows), February 7, 12 and February 14 (Word 2000), February 19, 21, and 26 (Excel 2000).

The cost is \$70 per person and includes all handouts.

These courses have been well received in the past and early registration is strongly recommended, as the class will be limited to fifteen participants. To register for this course, contact either Jim Kaserman or Shari Morton of Business & Industry Services at 574-7579.*

Home Improvement Safety Tips



by Tina Haisman

Southwest Florida's winters are a popular time to work outside on home improvements. The do-it-yourselfer needs to be aware that serious hazards exist around the home.

"There are basic, important rules that are sometimes tragically ignored," LCEC Environmental Health and Safety Supervisor Frank Cain said. "Every homeowner should know and follow these safety rules before beginning any outdoor project."

Be aware of the power lines connected to your home. Keep them clear of metal ladders and antennas.

Don't use power tools when standing in water and remember to turn them off when not in use.

Call 1-800-432-4770 for underground cable location before you dig.

Watch for power lines when trimming or climbing trees. Utility poles are not substitute ladders. Never climb one for any reason.

If you have questions about electrical hazards around your home or the dangers involved in your planned improvements, call LCEC at 997-SAVE or 1-800-201-SAVE.*



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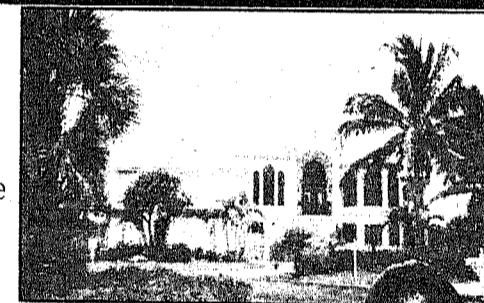
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Welcome To The Neighborhood

by Marcia Feeney



My husband and I will soon be moving into a brand new home, which will need new window coverings throughout. Where should I start?

C. Brown, Madison, Wisconsin

Given the number of window in any home, it's wise to develop a master plan.

Begin with the rooms in which privacy is a priority — most notable, bedrooms and baths. Any number of blinds or shades can serve the purpose, beautifully. Something as simple as match stick blinds are perfect for a casual sleeping spot while one or two inch wood blinds can be a beautiful addition to more formal quarters. Meanwhile, vinyl blinds or pleated shades can provide complete privacy in a bathroom. Once these "necessities" are in place, you can start thinking about soft treatments that will complement them — from short valances to full-length curtains. Then as your scheme develops throughout the rest of the house, the appropriate window treatments will fall in place, too.

We have enough bedrooms in our new house to designate one as the guest room. I don't, however, want to limit its use to visitors only. Any ideas?

G. Webb, Wichita, Kansas

Today, it seems, everyone needs at least a part-time home office and the guest room can be a great location for it! If you simply need a spot to pay bills or catch up on correspondence, consider incorporating a secretary desk into the space; the drawers below can hold all kinds of supplies. Or, on one side of the bed, use a pretty writing desk in lieu of a conventional bedside table. The accompanying chair can pull up to the desk or tuck into a quiet corner until it's needed.

If your needs are more high tech, think about adding an armoire that can house a computer — and its various components — behind closed doors. You'll find them in every imaginable style, sure to enhance the rest of your room's décor.

Our new home features a spacious foyer. What kinds of furnishings are appropriate for this space?

D. Calhoun, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Almost any foyer can accommodate a slim console table (a drop-off spot for keys and mail), a bench or settee (a place to sit while changing shoes or boots) and a wall mirror (for a last-minute check of your appearance). If you have the luxury of ample space, though, your options increase significantly. A round table placed in the center of the foyer can not only provide a place for keys and mail but also display a

beautiful arrangement of fresh, silk, or dried flowers. Or, in spaces with soaring cathedral ceilings, consider tall furnishings that are up to the task — highboy chests, armoires, even Welsh dressers. You'll not only make a dramatic statement but also gain storage space along the way!

*Marcia is an Interior Decorator on the Island.**

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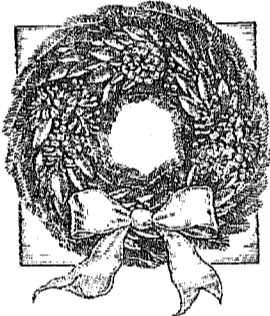
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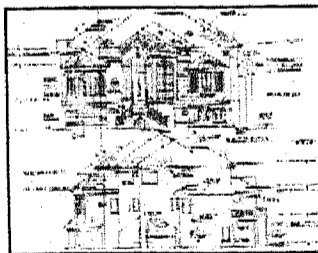
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78 An Open Letter
To Santa

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Dear Santa, Season's greetings! This year our wish list is short. We want you — and everyone else — to avoid heart disease and blood vessel diseases. In the United States, these diseases claim more lives than the next seven causes of death combined.

Santa, kids all over the world count on you, so don't neglect your health. If you haven't had a physical recently, GO and follow your doctor's advice. This goes for Mrs. Claus and the elves, too. Everyone should have yearly checkups.

Your doctor is your best source of medical advice, but here are some guidelines we suggest. Consider it a short course in self-defense:

Being male and getting older are two risk factors you can't control. But that means it's even more important to change risk factors you can control.

Let's start with smoking. Throw away your pipe. Tobacco in any form is bad for you. It's never too late to quit, and the health benefits will kick in almost immediately. Your heart attack risk will drop and your food will taste better. Getting tables at restaurants will be easier, too.

Next, lose some weight. Those extra pounds are hard on your heart (not to mention your reindeer). Balance the calories you take in with those you use up. Losing just 10 to 20 pounds can bring significant health benefits. Holiday dieting is

tough — too many temptations — so wait until New Year's to start. American Heart Association cookbooks can help, and they make great gifts.

Finally, get more exercise. Regular activity will help you manage your weight, lower your cholesterol and blood pressure and reduce stress. If you have diabetes, it can help with that, too. Try to accumulate 30 to 60 minutes of activity on most days of the week. Build up gradually; don't overdo it, and go easy on shoveling snow at the North Pole. To learn more about exercise, visit www.justmove.org.

Santa, we don't want to make you feel depressed, guilty or anxious. (Don't lose your "Ho, ho, ho's" laughter and a mellow attitude are good for your heart.) Make a few New Year's resolutions on diet and exercise, and then stick to them. And while you're at it, resolve to take a CPR course. Everyone should know CPR.

At the American Heart Association, we've got lots of information to help you improve your health. Just visit our Web site at www.americanheart.org, or call us toll-free at 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721). If you've had a stroke, ask for our Stroke Family Support Network. To try a free online personalized health management program, sign up for My Heart Watch at www.myheartwatch.com.

Finally, Santa, consider volunteering or making a donation to our organization or another worthy cause. Helping others is something you can do year-round, not just during the holidays. That'll surely do your heart some good.

Mixed Berry Tart With Apricot Glaze

You can enjoy this colorful tart any time of the year. If fresh berries aren't available, substitute kiwifruit and peaches or nectarines and canned mandarin orange sections.

Serves 8
Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Crust
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 to 3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons light stick margarine, and cut into 1/4-inch cubes
2 to 3 tablespoons cold water
Flour for rolling dough

Filling
1 3/4 cups fat-free milk
1 small package sugar-free, fat-free vanilla pudding mix
1 teaspoon vanilla or almond extract

Topping
1/2 cup fresh raspberries
1/2 cup fresh blueberries
1/2 to 3/4 cup sliced fresh strawberries
1 tablespoon all-fruit apricot spread, lightly beaten with a fork

For crust, in a large bowl or food processor, combine flour and sugar. Add margarine and combine with your fingers or process until mixture resembles coarse meal.

Add cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, and mix with your fingers or process until dough is manageable. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; roll dough into a 12-inch circle. Press dough on bottom and up sides of a 9-inch pie pan or a 9-inch tart pan with a removable bottom. Prick shell all over with a fork. If desired, cover shell with cooking parchment or aluminum foil and fill with pie weights. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove parchment and pie weights. Bake crust for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown. If edges of crust begin to brown too quickly, cover them with aluminum foil (leave center uncovered) Let cool completely on a cooling rack, about 20 minutes.

For filling, in a medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Whisk for 2 minutes. Pour mixture into cooled crust, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 5 minutes. Arrange berries on filling, alternating fruits to form decorative concentric circles. Brush top with apricot spread until berries are glazed and shiny.*

Nutritional Information

Calories	137
Protein	4 g
Carbohydrates	25g
Fiber	2g
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Dr. Dave

by David Hepburn, M.D.
Vancouver Island

This gift giving time of year means it is time for our annual look at some of the newer medical toys that have made their way to market this year.
First a couple of watches that will do everything but tell the time.

The Hem-630 Ultra Compact wrist blood pressure cuff is the smallest home blood pressure monitor on the market. Simply strapped onto the wrist like a watch, it takes 21 readings in a few seconds and then averages them out. It also stores the last 20 readings saving you the inconvenience of actually writing them down. Doctors' offices are amongst the least reliable places to have your blood pressure checked. Surrounded by wailing wee ones, petrified patients in pain and nurses nicknamed Nuke, blood pressure readings in a doctor's office may be 30 points higher than what you might normally have. I suggest that all patients who are on blood pressure medication consider a home monitor in order to determine what the pressure is like under normal circumstances. Many patients who are on BP medications actually don't need to be! (Conversely, there are also those who are not yet aware that they are seriously hypertensive and should be on medication.) Cost \$98.

The growing epidemic of diabetes in our society means a growing list of diabetes related problems, ranging from blindness to heart failure. The key to preventing the horrendous complications of diabetes is to keep blood sugar levels well controlled. This involves pricking a finger every day with a lancet, drawing a bead of blood and testing the serum for sweetness levels. Not to be outdone by hypertensives, diabetics also get a Christmas watch, the Gluconwatch Biographer. This nifty little wristwatch actually calculates blood sugar readings through the skin! This non-invasive glucose monitor also stores the results, charts your readings and will sound an alarm if it detects your sugars going too high or too low! Cost is \$700 plus the disposable autosensors.

Pill errors can lead to serious problems including overdose, underdose and overdose. Near misses include miscommunication from the doctor, misunderstanding from the pharmacist and misconceptions by the patient. En-Vision America's Scriptalk scanner can help straighten out those potential errors. For one dollar, a pill bottle can be smart-labeled. Instructions and warnings are then given verbally whenever the bottle is swept under a scanner at home. Not unlike your mother telling you

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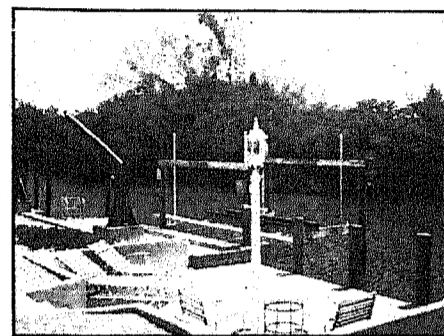
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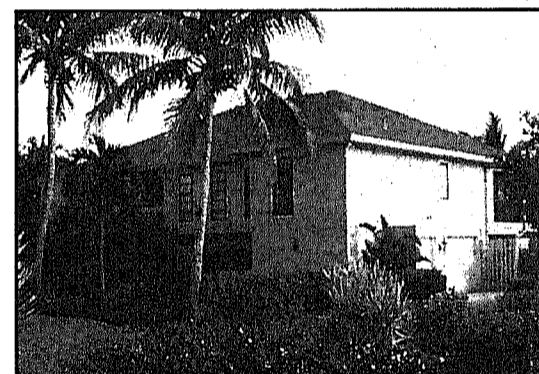
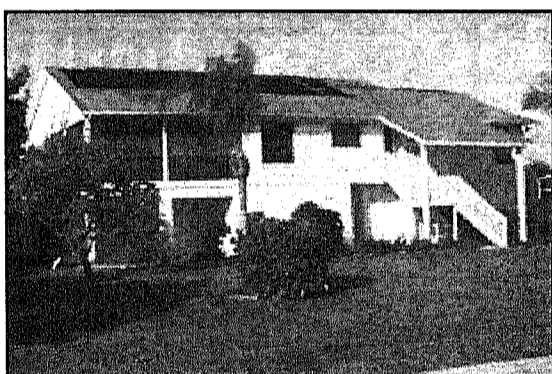


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Coping With Loss And Grief

Hope Hospice will be offering a number of seminars and support groups in the new year, 2002, which will deal specifically with loss and grief. The following is a list of these seminars and support groups, with a description of each, as well as their dates, times and venues.

Coping as Adults with the Death of a Parent: An ongoing support group, beginning January 2 at The Home Office, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers on the first and third Wednesday of each month, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Also at the Cape Coral Office, 2430 Diplomat Parkway, East, on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This support group is recommended for those who have lost one or both parents; are experiencing the feelings of being "orphaned;" have increased family conflict since the death of the parent(s); and are adjusting to becoming the "older generation" in the family. For more information, please call 489-9149; or to RSVP, please call 656-3260.

Male Grief Support Group: Six sessions, all of which will be held on Thursdays at The Home Office, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers on January 3 and 17; February 7 and 21 and March 7 and 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This series is recommended to any man who has lost a loved one. It is known that men grieve differently than women, and this series has been designed to address their needs and concerns. For more information, please call Ron Baier at 368-2040; or Wayne Leave at 489-9156. To RSVP, please call 656-3260.

Coping with Disasters: Helping Children, Teachers and Adults: A CEU seminar at The Home Office, HealthPark, Fort Myers on Friday, January 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This seminar will focus on the impact of man-made disasters on children, and how teachers and other adults can help them, as well as themselves, cope with the trauma, shock and grief resulting from the loss of lives and devastation of such disasters. The seminar will also seek to identify the different ways to address grief and anger, based on gender and age differences. The cost to attend this CEU seminar is \$20 if you register early or, you may pay \$25 at the door. For more information, or to register, please call 489-9156 or 489-9149.

Reinvesting in Life: at The Home Office, 9470 HealthPark Circle in Fort Myers on January 14, 21 and 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. Also at The Cape Coral office, 2430 Diplomat Parkway on January 15, 22 and 29 from 6 to 9 p.m.

This workshop is recommended for those who have lost a close family member or friend, and have moved through the early stages of the grief process. It is important that participants attend all three consecutive sessions for the workshop to be beneficial. Participants will learn, among other things, how to begin adapting to changed and redefined roles, relationships and skills. For more information, please call Michele Meyer, bereavement counselor at Hope Hospice, at 480-9184. To RSVP, please call 656-3260.

All of the seminars and support groups will be facilitated by experienced, trained and licensed mental health professionals and bereavement counselors at Hope Hospice.✱

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FISH maintains a list of medical and home-care people who are for hire. Client is responsible for making all arrangements with the person of their choice. FISH does not make any arrangements, but only provides a list of available personnel. To obtain additional information, please call 472-0404.✱

Money Raised For United Way

The results are in! LCEC employees continue their success in helping the community by raising more than \$50,000 for United Way of Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties. "We set an ambitious goal this year, and we knew it was vital to achieve it," LCEC Public Relations Manager, Karen Ryan, said.

LCEC management contributes their success to the company's 300 employees who strongly support United Way. "After taking a tour of a United Way agency, I got a glimpse of how critical the services of United Way are to the people in our community," LCEC Customer Information Services Representative, April Rees, said.

This year LCEC employees molded their United Way campaign theme after the newest television reality show, *Fear Factor*. Employees participated in dynamic events, such as the Intense Tennis Tournament, an Action Packed Auction and an Outrageous Craft Fair, in addition to making personal contributions to raise the \$50,000.

LCEC is one of Lee County's leading companies in raising funds for United Way. "We give so much focus to our annual United Way campaign because it's an opportunity to directly help people in Southwest Florida." Ryan said. ✱

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by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I was having a fabulously successful career, world wide travel, and continuous excitement. At 32 years of age, I married a man who was also enjoying a very successful career, very similar to mine. He was 16 years my senior. We lived a life-style most would envy.

When he was 65, he retired and I encouraged him to choose what he would like to do. I resigned my job, and we moved to a very beautiful, peaceful area. He sails, and he enjoys listening to the song birds.

Two years have passed, he is contented and enjoys his heaven on earth. I am very unhappy. I miss the excitement. I am tired of listening to the birds. I feel I am rusting away, and am just bored to tears.



Craving Excitement
Dear C.E.

You are only 50 years old, healthy and energized by activity and excitement, but your husband at 65 is tired of world travel, meeting deadlines, and a dog-eat-dog environment, and wants to

relax, enjoy his boat, enjoy your company, have tranquility and peace, and listen to the birds.

His life sounds perfect for him. You will just have to work at making your life as happy as his. The computer has opened many areas for people to express their creative talents. Try to find something in an area that you have never before tried. It may open a challenging new world for you, and your husband will be even happier if your happy too.

Lizzie



Dear C.E.

You seem to be a bright woman. I do not understand why you did not plan your retirement better. Retirement is a change of lifestyle, for the retiree and their spouse. This change of

life can be complicated by health problems, lack of interests and hobbies and significant age differences.

Make a list of your interest and research if you could turn an interest into a fulfilling venture. For many who enjoy good health, retirement is the time to work at a different job, perhaps a job you had thought of through the years. Some people have opened up unique boutiques, arts and crafts stores or bed and breakfasts.

It is important to find happiness in your life. Best of luck.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com. or P.O. Box 713, St. Michaels, MD 21663.*

dearPharmacist

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist,

My wife and I take many nutritional supplements and vitamins. Who makes sure that these are safe?
GB Estes Park, Colorado

The law allows the manufacturer to be in charge of their own formula. These products could, theoretically, be contaminated with dirt, bugs or toxins. Shockingly, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not have to evaluate what goes into natural products, which are sold by the millions each year. This is like putting your kids in charge of the cookie jar when nobody is watching.

The lack of FDA supervision also accounts for so many recalls, especially with imported products. Also, studies sometimes debunk popular vitamins or herbs with their well-controlled studies. Don't assume these findings are accurate just because you hear it in the media. Often, brands used for testing are poor and may not even contain the active ingredient stated on the label.

Even more frightening, there is no mechanism in place that requires manufacturers and distributors to report injuries or side effects from their product. The FDA never has to know. Neither does the consumer. Because billions are spent on natural substances, there is a shift within the FDA to institute regulation, so we are moving in the right direction. For now, be

very particular about choosing brands. Make sure the product line is well known, labeled, sealed and routinely stocked. If possible, by up-scale brands from holistic practitioners or alternative-minded doctors.

Dear Pharmacist:

I have severe arthritis and take a glucosamine product that I bought at the health food store. What side effects can I expect?

GE Chicago, Illinois

Most people tolerate glucosamine very well. Glucosamine is useful for all kinds of arthritic joint pain, including TMJ. It is nature's best way to put cushioning back into your joints. But there are a few minor side effects.

For example, glucosamine occasionally elevates insulin levels in diabetics, so a higher dose of diabetic medication may be required. There's also some speculation that glucosamine may increase cholesterol and blood pressure. This is unconfirmed, so keep taking your formula. Follow up with your doctor routinely.

Dear Pharmacist:

My child was given Adderall for Attention Deficit Disorder. What's the difference between this and Ritalin?

DP Ithaca, NY

Both drugs "speed" up adults, yet calm children who have this disorder.

Ritalin works faster than Adderall. But because Adderall takes a little longer to start working, it doesn't cause as many side effects when the drug eventually kicks in. And it lasts a little longer in the body. Basically, it creates a slower, smoother effect in the body with less ups and downs. This is an advantage for some people. Both drugs may cause dizziness, stomach cramps or blurred vision.

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This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Always consult your physician. Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist. You can contact her at: www.dearpharmacist.com.*

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In!

by Constance S. Clancy, Ed.D.



Q: I think my sister is suffering from the "Holiday Blues." Is there anything I can say or do to help her?

A: "Holiday Blues" is a common form of sadness and depression that occurs during the holiday season. The symptoms range from

feelings of isolation and wanting to withdraw to disturbances in sleep, appetite, mood, and overall fatigue. Perhaps you can talk with your sister about any events that might trigger her sad feelings and be a listening ear for her. It helps to talk and offer to be with her or suggest the two of you do something that could lift her spirits. She needs to know she is not alone and this will pass. Music can be very uplifting as well as a funny movie or play. Being there for her is very important now and offering the gift of your presence can be most helpful.*

For additional information on counseling, consulting, seminars and engagements, please contact Dr. Constance Clancy at 472-3797, 970-376-4163, 800-908-9463 or visit her website at www.drconstance.com. E-mail: tobiasbts@aol.com.

Chiropractic Health News

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



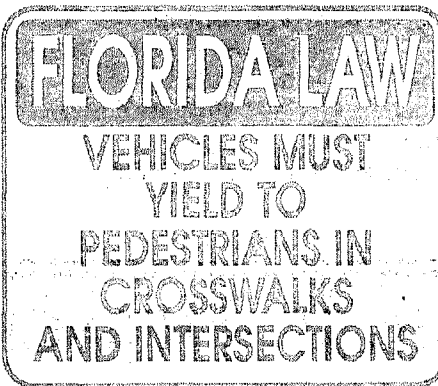
Be Careful When Snowboarding

Every year snowboarding is becoming more popular. Visits to the chiropractor show a similar growth pattern. The two main causes of injuries are falls

and collisions. Snowboarders get almost three times the amount of upper extremity fractures as skiers do. They also suffer more ankle injuries. Snowboarders often hurt their lowest part of the spine or the tailbone. The way to avoid injury is to do pre-season, dry-land training exercises.



Before hitting the slopes, snowboarders should strengthen their shoulders and arms through exercise. When parts of the body get tired, more stress is placed on the spine. This can cause problems when coming down the slopes. Exercising will give the spine extra strength and flexibility. Stretching exercises are just as important before snowboarding as they are prior to any other sport. Ask your chiropractor what exercises he/she suggests to keep fit. Also remember to go down the easier

slopes at the end of the day when your body is tired. Most accidents occur from fatigue or trying to do more than the body can handle.*



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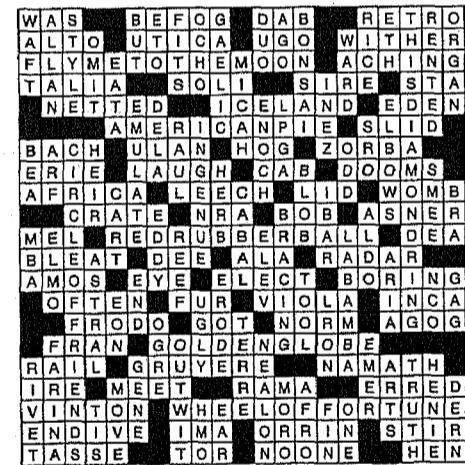
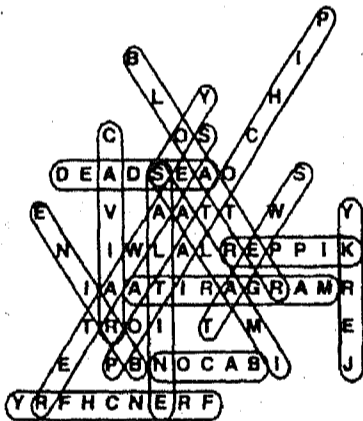
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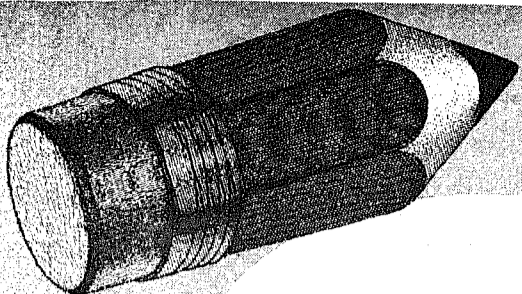
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- 12 Start of a Latin 101 trio
- 13 Doggie
- 14 "What can - for you?"
- 15 Bribing
- 17 Old Olds
- 18 Wield a shovel
- 19 Treasury-related
- 21 Debonair
- 24 Adam's third son
- 25 Mont-martre monarch
- 26 Work unit
- 28 Exclude
- 31 Blunder
- 33 Potential syrup
- 35 Carry on
- 36 Whodunit writer's award
- 38 Kitten's comment
- 40 Verily
- 41 Laugh-a-minute type
- 43 Newsmen Dan
- 45 "Heavens!"
- 47 E.T.'s craft
- 48 Matter-horn, e.g.
- 49 Folks on the sidewalk
- 54 Jongg preceder
- 55 Carbon compound
- 56 Detergent brand
- 57 Thickness library
- 58 Patronizes the hat
- 59 Highlander's
- DOWN
- 1 Poke
- 2 Ostrich's cousin
- 3 Stocking stuffer
- 4 Pooch
- 5 Affectionate ones, maybe
- 6 Past
- 7 Melodic phrases
- 8 Stood up to
- 9 Noted Indiana senator
- 10 Thought
- 11 Implement
- 16 Mrs. William McKinley
- 20 Hearty entree
- 21 Desire
- 22 Crucifix
- 23 Life story
- 27 Group of whales
- 29 Film critic James
- 30 Bring up
- 32 Equitable
- 34 Examined texts
- 37 Child's garment
- 39 Crisp cookies
- 42 Rib
- 44 Anderson's "High -"
- 45 Moist
- 46 Mideast airline
- 50 Depot (Abbr.)
- 51 Prepared
- 52 Lingerie item
- 53 Sweet potato

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

Bacon	Dead Sea	Margarita	Sea water
Bloater	French fry	Potato chip	Soy
Brine	Jerky	Salami	Sweat
Caviar	Kipper	Saltine	

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 • Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
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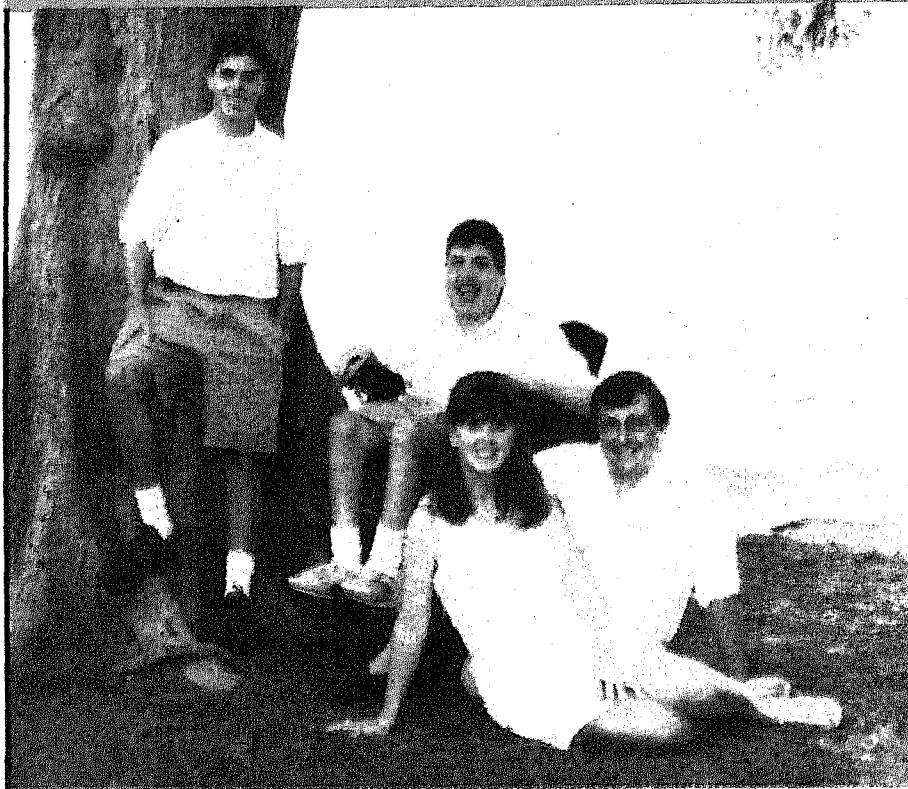
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 Time **7** Minutes
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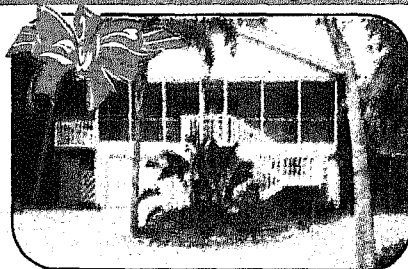


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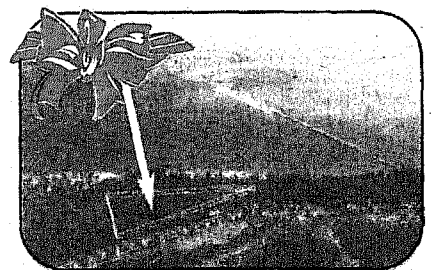


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