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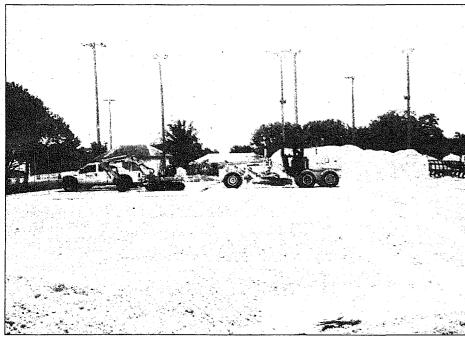
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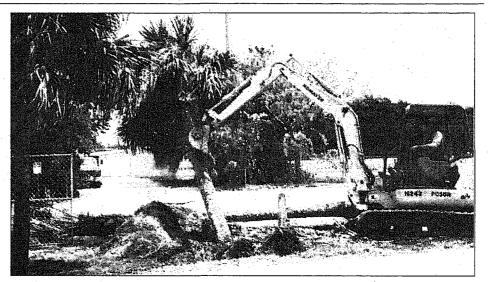
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Construction Crews Start Work At The Sanibel School



Construction crews removed the tennis courts at The Sanibel School



Taking down a palm tree

by Brian Johnson

If you've driven down Sanibel-Captiva Road in the past 10 days, you have probably noticed a grid of dirt where a set of four tennis courts used to be.

After years of planning and last minute adjustments, construction is now underway at The Sanibel School.

On Monday, April 21 construction crews started to break up the tennis courts, remove fences and relocate palm trees. Large piles of fill have been transported in; the fill will bring the new buildings into conformity with hurricane flood laws.

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Marine Lab Reaches Goal

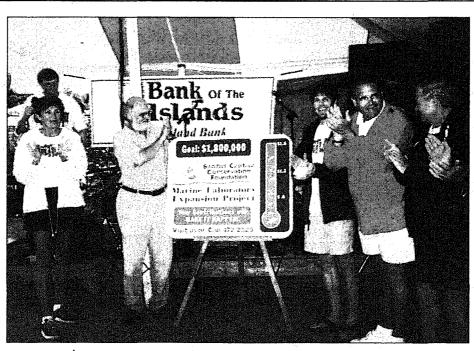
The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation chose its Earth Day celebration to announce it has surpassed the fundraising goal for the organization's Marine Laboratory.

"We set a goal of securing five full years' funding for the Marine Lab's core operational expenses," said Trustee Bill Hillebrandt who chaired the fundraising effort. "That target was \$1.8 million. Thanks to an incredible act of generosity last week, we now have \$2 million in cash and pledges for the lab."

Hillebrandt was joined by other committee members in recognizing Gretchen Valade. Valade's unexpected gift of \$500,000 took the campaign over the ton

top.

"Gretchen gave a boost to our early fundraising efforts by giving us a gift of \$900,000," said Erick Lindblad, the Conservation Foundation's executive director. "She visited the lab last week for a progress report on its research activities continued on page 28



Meeting the \$1.8 million goal: Erick Lindblad, Marge Meek, Dr. Stephen Bortone, Eric Millbrandt, Bill Hillebrandt and Bob Wigley

Corp of Engineers Reviewing Church Project

by Jim George

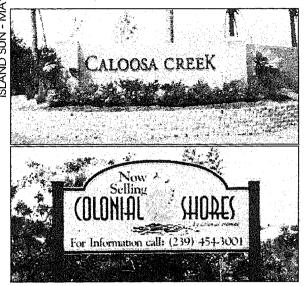
The Sanibel Community Church project at the corner of Bailey Road and Periwinkle Way has been fraught with controversy ever since it was first announced. The church's plan to build a new sanctuary and church complex has been on hold and it faces yet another roadblock. The Corp of Engineers is reviewing an application for wetlands impact as a result of a revised site plan for the project.

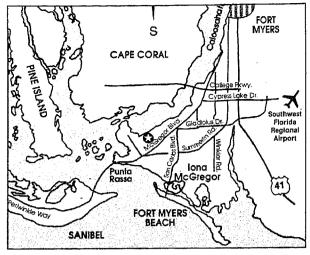
A pair of eagles taking up residence very close to the center point of the 36-acre site brought the project to a halt months ago. The birds are protected under federal law and the existence of a nest means that Federal guidelines to protect the birds must be met. The city will not process the application without the necessary federal permits. Mariner

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²Sentinel: Eye On Area Growth Gateway To Sanibel

Lee County is the final frontier for growth in Florida. Development in residential, commercial and retail space has been booming for the past 10 years. The Island Sun will monitor that growth and its impact on our readers as development continues in the southern Lee County area, and report on a regular basis in this column.







by Jim George

ona Road was a sleepy back corner of Lee County just a few years ago. Several new housing developments going in along the western end of Iona represent the backdraft of construction of large developments like Gulf Harbor that line the eastern end of Iona Road and sweep north on McGregor Boulevard. The development along McGregor was the precursor to new construction on many of the feeder roads. Miners Corner which is now the hub of commercial activity in that area continues to add businesses and services to support the growing community. The west-ern end of Iona still offers a lot of open space for future development

Caloosa Creek will eventually have almost a hundred homes. With a community

park and tennis courts the community will be a part of the modern trend in homebuilding so prevalent in Lee County today. Situated on the intersection of Iona Road and John Morris Road, the development is planning completion in about a year.

Colonial Shores is a gated, single-family home community that will number 171 homes when the project is completed. Amenities at Colonial Shores include a clubhouse with a fitness center, a sun deck and a 40-foot lap pool. Most homes will offer a lakefront view.

Appealing to horse owners, Shenandoah Homes at the comer of Iona and Cook will offer 21 one-acre home sites at prices up to \$1 million. The property will include a riding arena and horse trails. Lot sizes will accommodate individual stables.

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Children's Hospital Receives Major Grant

he Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, part of Lee Memorial Health System, has received a \$1 million grant from the Yawkey Foundation to establish the Yawkey Children's Counseling Center. The center will provide counseling and support to The Children's Hospital's chronically ill pediatric patients and their

The foundation's grant will enable the hospital to hire a full-time psychologist and a part-time social worker trained in counseling. The Children's Hospital also plans to add a part-time neuro-psycholo-

gist to the staff. "We are extremely grateful to the Yawkey Foundation," says Emad Salman, M.D., medical director, pediatric hematol-

ogy/oncology, The Children's Hospital. Their generous gift means that the children in our hospital with chronic illnesses or diseases will have the support needed at the time of diagnosis and during ongoing treatment.

Chronic illnesses, such as cancer, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, cystic fibrosis and diabetes, require multiple hospitalizations or prolonged hospital stays. As a result, many young patients have complications or problems long after treatment ends. The Yawkey Children's Counseling Center will arrange for tests in order to

diagnose late effects. The center's staff will then develop an intervention program with each patient's school and parents to help him or her overcome or adapt to some of these effects.

The Yawkey Foundation's donation is the largest single gift ever presented to Lee Memorial Health System, according to Sharon MacDonald, executive director of the Lee Memorial Health System Jeff Rice, a partner at Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz and an NFL referee on weekends, will have his own booth where he will answer questions about officiating games and his many experiences over the years, including that of being a referee at a recent Super Bowl.

Also invited to attend are Philip Buchanon, a Lehigh High School graduate, who will be playing for the Oakland Raiders and Greg Spires who graduated Mariner High and will be on Tampa's ros-

The plans for the event include: special football clinics by high school coaches and referees; opportunities for autographs; open discussions about football as well as

refreshments, prizes and gifts.
For more information about the event contact Chris Berry at the offices of Lee County Commissioner John Albion, District 5 at 335-2225.☆

March For Music... And Help Keep It Playing

he Southwest Florida Symphony spends over \$100k annually on musical education programs for schools and kids. May 10 marks the launch of the first annual 'March For Music' - a major fundraiser for The Symphony and Symphony Cup Competition for area schools. (over 250 kids will play!)

The event will be held at Lakes Park May 10, 7:00 - 12:30. It includes: Two 'Fun Runs' (7:30 and 8:30), Fitness Challenge in the great field (8:30), walkathon (9:00) and the Symphony Cup competition (10:20 - 12:30).

Six schools are participating this first ear. Cypress Lake High, Cypress Middle, Riverdale, Evangelical, Edgewood, Diplomat Middle. The group includes honor strings, orchestras, choral groups and concert bands. The competition will be judged by Maestros and musicians from The Symphony Orchestra.

The goal is to have 300 Marchers for Music, each doing their best to raise \$100 in pledges to help support our educational programs. Paul Nadler will lead the walk and there will be plenty of music to greet you along the path!

The symphony is partnering with The Lee Foundation for Public Schools and their Instrument Drive. Donate a gently used instrument and make a real difference in a child's life through music.

To join the March or sponsor a Musical Marching Youth call The Symphony at 418-0996.

Attention 2003 Graduates

The Island Sun is looking for photos and information from local 2003 gradu-ates to appear in

the newspaper. If you are graduating or know a local grad, we need your help in obtaining the following information:

Student's name, school, plans for school or college in the fall, parents

names and city of residence.

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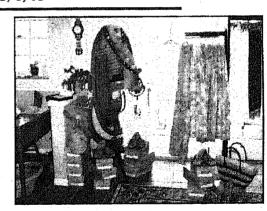


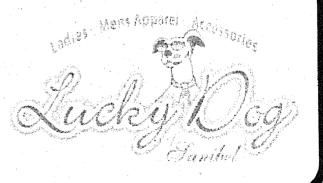
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g Reviewing Church Project

Properties, the developer, then modified its site plan to attempt to accommodate the project to the nest which meant that some of the wetlands within the boundary of the property would need to be filled. Mariner also said in its application to the Corp of Engineers that they would mitigate the impact on the wetlands by enhancing a like amount of

land on the property. Mariner had submitted their development application to the city in November of 2001 just before the nest was discovered. Mariner had to apply to the federal government for permits to continue. Federal guidelines call for a 750-foot primary buffer perimeter around the nest where no construction can take place and another 750-foot secondary perimeter where construction is allowed only between April and November. Under its revised plan Mariner is requesting a 425-foot buffer, which, according to the company, has been approved in other projects. "We can coexist with the eagles under our revised site plan," said Ray Pavelka, Mariner president, "even with the reduced buffer." He said the eagles have built their nests only 425 feet from the homes on Sand Castle Road and. according to their environmentalist, 75

populated Dunes area. Pavelka, said they had received a response from the Corp of Engineers asking for clarification of their application. The Corp has requested answers to 13 questions ranging from alternative sites for the project to the height of trees to be used in the mitigation area. Pavelka went on to say that all of the answers to the questions by the Corp are already in the application. "If we answer the questions separately it affirms the information in our application. We will be responsive to the

percent of their flight patterns are over the

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Corp," Pavelka said.
"The eagles have returned and built a new nest," Dunes resident Bernie Katchen said. He continued saying the old nest had fallen but the eagles remained in the area. Pavelka's response was that the new nest has fallen apart according to their environmental consultant who visits the site weekly to monitor the nest. "According to our consultant the birds are not in an incubation posture," Pavelka said, "which means the egg(s) have probably fallen out of the nest." Katchen was one of several Sanibel residents to write a letter to the Corp of Engineers in opposition to the project. The City of Sanibel enacted a resolution opposing the wetlands destruction and the effect on the eagles and has requested a public hearing by the Corp on the Mariner application.

The city is walking a fine line. By enacting the resolution, the city has signaled its opposition to the wetlands impact and the alleged adverse effect on the eagles. At the same time it must remain impartial and objective with respect to applications for land use of the site. Since Mariner has an active application in front of the planning department that will at some point come before the council they (the council) must consider the application impartially.

The church recently completed modifications to the existing church complex to accommodate their expanding membership while the new project is on hold. Church officials had estimated that the latest issue with the eagles could delay the project two years and have indicated that they remain committed to the new project. The developer, however, must obtain the necessary permits or the church has the option to pull out of the project under a contingency in the contract.

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Construction Crews Start Work

Barbara Von Harten, the principal of The Sanibel School, said there is enthusiasm about the construction. In the past, when she discussed it with the students, they seemed a little bored by the topic. With the heavy machinery moving tons of dirt not far from their windows, the project has suddenly gotten their attention in a big way

Von Harten said she recently met with the 6th graders to give them an update and answer questions. "Now when I talk about it they want every detail!" she said. There's a lot of excitement about it.

The area cleared by the construction crews will become the site of the new buildings as well as a parking lot. The bus loop will also be converted to a new building site once school is let out for the summer

The new buildings will span 25,000 square feet and accommodate the middle school, a media center, music and art rooms and a multi-purpose room. "It will have our first ever kitchen - we're very thrilled about that," said Von Harten. The existing 25,000 square feet on the

present campus will be renovated. Some areas, such as the 1st grade room, will receive minor alterations; the older rooms will be completely gutted and redone. They will have new flooring, light fixtures, air conditioning, plumbing, bathrooms, wiring and alarms. The renovations are expected to be finished when the students and faculty return to The Sanibel School in August of 2003.

The students will continue to use the portables until the new buildings are completed. Von Harten said plans call for the whole project to be finished by approximately May or June of 2004.

The construction is not expected to change daily life at the school. "We envi-

sion business as usual," said Von Harten We're fortunate that it will be phased in that way.

She and the teachers have made it clear to the students that the construction area is off limits. "The safety of the children is our foremost concern as well as the contractors," said Von Harten. "There will be a safety coordinator on site.

A walkway to the two existing ballfields has been created so the students can get to their sports events without coming into contact with the construction.

The relocation of the tennis courts will be the responsibility of the City of Sanibel. Land has been set aside near the Recreation Complex for tennis

At recess this past week the kindergarten students forgot about swings and playground games. Instead they stared at the giant trucks in wonder. It's a sight unlike anything most of them have ever

seen.
"They're fascinated," said Von Harten. "It's just adorable to see them lining the fence."芯

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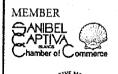
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ee County's Department of Transportation has started this week on the longplanned widenings of three major roadways. They are Alico Road from U.S 41 to I-75; Pondella Road from Orange Grove Boulevard to Pine Island Road; and Cypress Lake Drive from Summerlin Road to U.S. 41. The county contact person for these three projects is Randy Cerchie, 479-8573.

Alico Road Widening
This project will widen Alico Road from two to six lanes between U.S. 41 to Interstate 75 (2.85 miles).

Location: San Carlos Park/Three Oaks area

Cost: \$12.6 million

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Contractor: Phoenix Construction Services Inc.

Expected Project Duration: 22 months

Other Information: Also, improve 1.24 miles of conveyance ditch along the north side of Alico Road, construct 0.70 miles of connector ditch between Alico Road and Briarcliff/Fiddlesticks Ditch, improvements to roadside ditch along Old U.S. 41 for approximately 2,700 feet, improvements to Briarcliff/Fiddlesticks Ditch including additional culverts and a water control structure, installation of 15,800 linear feet of 36" water main, installation of 3,100 linear feet of 12" to 24" water main and new forcemain and/or watermain crossings at Phlox Drive, Capri Drive, Lee Road, Oriole Road and Three Oaks Parkway.

Pondella Road Widening

This 1.2-mile road project will add three lanes to the existing two-lane road from Orange Grove Boulevard to Pine Island Road.

Location: North Fort Myers

Cost: \$3.2 Million

Contractor: Better Roads Inc.

Expected Project Duration: 8 months

Other Information: The construction will begin at the west end of the project and progress in phases to Orange Grove Boulevard at the east end. Contractors will begin drainage work and widen the north side of the roadway. Once the north side of the roadway is complete, widening will begin on the south side. New pavement is scheduled for late fall 2003 with completion of the project expected in December 2003.

Cypress Lake Drive Widening

The road project will widen 0.9 miles of Cypress Lake Drive from four lanes to six lanes, from Summerlin Road to U.S. 41. Utilities will be relocated and a new traffic sig-

nal installed at Reflection Lakes Parkway.

Location: South Fort Myers.

Cost: \$1.9 million

Contractor: Florida State Underground Expected Project Duration: 10 months

Lee County's Transportation Department plans, builds, expands and maintains county roads, bridges, ditches and landscaping in the unincorporated areas of Lee County. It also maintains the county traffic signal system and operates the toll facilities on the Midpoint Memorial, Cape Coral and Sanibel Causeway bridges. It employs 374 and has an annual operating budget of \$37.2 million.☆

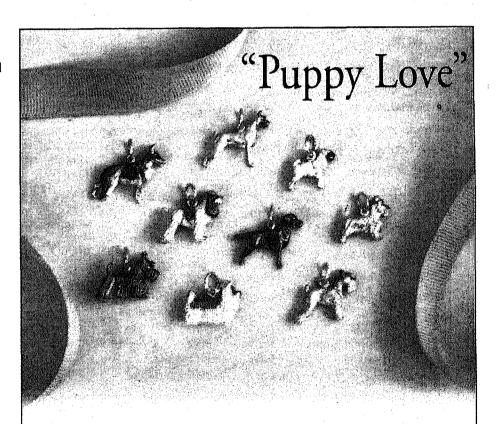
Sanibel-Captiva Republican Club

ommissioner Andy Coy is scheduled to speak at the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Club's (SCRC) May meeting. On Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. the SCRC will meet at the Sanibel Library, 770 Dunlop Road, in the first floor meeting room. Mr. Coy will speak on Sanibel concerns and upcoming county plans. This will be a good opportunity to see the great partnership that Lee County and the City of

Sanibel has developed. Mr. Coy is a good friend to Sanibel. Mark your calendars for May 8, at 7:30 p.m. All interest-

The Lee County Republican Executive Committee has openings in Sanibel's precincts 117 and 118 for committeemen and committeewomen and Captiva's precinct 17 for a committeewoman. If interested call Jim Jennings at 395-1208 or visit www.leerepublican.org.

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Sanibel City Council Invites You To Attend The City's Military Appreciation Month Ceremony Honoring The Dedication And Faithful Service Of All Who Have Served In The Armed Forces Tuesday, May 06, 2003, 9:00 A.M. City Hall.

Country Club 'Idol'

n Good Friday, April 18, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club opened their second Dunes Karaoke Night to a full house. The evening started with an inclusive buffet of tasty seafood specialties from Chef RoRo Garat. Friends continued to arrive for the fun until the place was jumpin' with eager per formers — one lined up right after the other. General Manager Kevin McCune kept the night rolling with his witty segways between entertainers. Kevin's wife, Sherrin, kick-started the evening with her smoky casual stylings of some Cheryl Crow and Evelyn Champagne King. Thank you, Sherrin for making it look so easy... You gave many the courage to get up



Tracy Walters and David Wright were gettin' into it

there and give it a try, which is what makes for a successful Karaoke night. Island locals were plentiful — some came out just to hang and dance a bit, others put their inhibitions aside and braved the stage with microphone in hand. It's always an eclectic mix — everyone's welcome. Another special thanks to Tracy and Connie Walters whose collection of Karaoke equipment and music selections make the whole night possible. Look for another Dunes Karaoke Night in late August.



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Happy Birthday



Pictured are Book Group founders, Library Director Pat Allen (I) and Jeanne Fuchs (r) cutting the cake.

The Sanibel Public Library held a birthday party for their Book Discussion Group on April 23. For more information about the Book Discussion Group contact the Sanibel Public Library at 472-2493.

Zonta Funds Available

onta Club of Sanibel Captiva reminds everyone it will be awarding grants to local non-profit organizations that serve women. Grant applications are available by calling Linda Robison at 472-8199 or on the Zonta Web site, www.zontasancap.com. Completed applications are due by May 15 and should be mailed to Robison at 6450 Pine Avenue, Sanibel.

CASI News

submitted by Sonja Smith, CASI Coordinator

ast week you received a position paper on proposed vegetative ordinances. At its April 22 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed points raised in that paper and invited condominiums to prepare suggested language to exempt routine repairs and replacements from the ordinance. That evening CASI distributed proposed language to interested members. Two days later we met with representatives from Pointe Santo, who had attended the Commission meeting, and refined the exemption language. Later that afternoon the CASI board agreed with Pointe Santo's changes. The proposed language is as follows:

The vegetation ordinance will not apply to repairs and replacements in like kind or equivalent of existing amenities and building components.

The vegetation ordinance will not apply to alterations and equipment that are a result of City, County, State or Federal ordinances; and will not apply to property's willingness to conform to city-recommended practices such as recycling.

recycling.

On April 25 the Planning Department called to receive this recommendation.

From this point the planning staff and city attorney will work to incorporate exemption language into a revised draft of the ordinance. The Planning Commission will review the entire ordinance again before forwarding it to City Council.

In the course of the April 22 meeting,

In the course of the April 22 meeting, Natural Resources Officer James Evans reported that some of the other objections raised have actually been mandated by the State. For instance, the State no longer allows the planting of Australian pines. The State no longer allows planting of anything other than native vegetation forward of the Coastal Construction Control

Habitat 101 Informational Sessions

n Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity of Lee County is offering a free, one-hour informational session called Habitat

101 for everyone interested in getting involved in the mission. Habitat is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in Lee County. Through the use of volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, it builds simple, decent housing for struggling families.

The sessions will be held at Habitat for Humanity of Lee County's North Fort Myers office, 1288 North Tamiami

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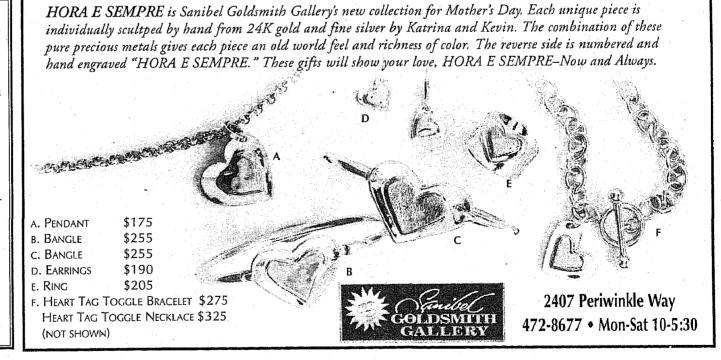


Sanibel Recycles Recycling Tip: Phone Books

The new "Blue Book" phone directories have just arrived.
Remember that phone books are now recyclable, so please put the old ones out in your paper recycling bin.
If all the old "Blue Books" are recycled, Sanibel will remove approximately 36,000 pounds of waste from its trash.

Rather than ending up in the incinerator, these recycled books will be turned into material used for building houses.

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Local Clubs Unite? Representation Process Representation State R

The Zonta Club is grateful to local Kiwanette, Bob Wimbush for his gracious invitation: "Kiwanis meets every Wednesday...but our standards are so low, even members of other service clubs, including timorous Zontettes who may be so proper and lady-like they are waiting for an invitation, are welcome." Invitation accepted. On Wednesday April 23, 11 Zontians descended upon the Island House. Dressed in their Sunday best: lovely floral dress, straw hats, white gloves, the ladies marched to the Island House in their white sox and sneakers car-



from left: Caroline Hoisington, Sheila Hoen, Doris Trowbridge, Susan Dunn (hat only), Esther Saltzman, Barbara Traum, Linda Robison, Ginger Parker and assorted, anonymous Kiwanians enjoying the presentation



left to right: Ginger Parker and Linda



Staging for the Event: from left: Back Row: Esther Saltzman, Karen Pati, Darla Letourneau, Barbara Traum, Caroline Hoisington, Susan Dunn, Linda Robison and Ginger Parker. Front row from left: Sheila Hoen, Dorls Trowbridge, and Barbara Cooley

rying banners stating "I am Woman Hear me Roar" and "Vote Yes for ERA." At first sight proprietor Marty Harrity considered locking the door, however he thought better of it, stepped aside and welcomed them inside.

The Zontians came in touting rally cries reminiscent of the 1960's Equal Rights movement. Led by Ginger Parker they chanted: "What do we want? ERA. When do we want it? NOW." Zontians came prepared to educate Kiwanians about Equal Rights for Women. PreZident Doris Trowbridge greeted the group with the following plea: "We timorous, proper and ladylike Zontettes, are present in this sacred male domain by

PreZident Doris Trowbridge greeted the group with the following plea: "We timorous, proper and ladylike Zontettes, are present in this sacred male domain by your most generous invitation. With all humility we present ourselves. We are women in all our finery, who stand with you, behind you, beside you and in front of you. We beseech your favor on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment. Lend us your support. Hearken to



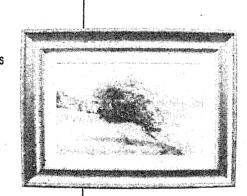
The official trading of the Hats: from left: front row Kiwanis President Stan Kucaba, Zonta PreZident Doris Trowbridge and PreZident Elect Susan Dunn back row: Barbara Cooley, Caroline Hoisington, Karen Pati



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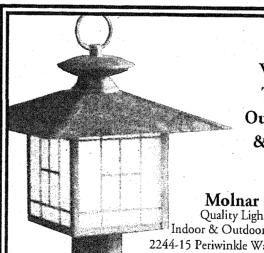
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Zontians then distributed sign-up forms for the bus trip to Tallahassee and the "Rally on Tally" supporting women's rights. Kiwanis President Stan Kucaba graciously acknowledged the club by offering Zonta PreZ Doris Trowbridge a Kiwanis cap, Doris reciprocated by trading in her floral/straw hat. In our opinion Stan has never looked better. Satisfied, the Zontians left, now chanting "1-2-3-4 we're not doormats anymore!"

Islanders take note, a new period of inter-island club cooperation is on your doorstop. Be on the lookout for further fun, rivalry and cooperation. Bob Wimbush replied "Everyone I've talked to loved it!! We've voted to make an appearance by dancing girls a regular part of our meetings." Zontians are confused, have Kiwanians been deprived of female companionship for so long that they mistook a protest march for dancing girls? They do have a lot of work to do!

The Zonta club has therefore extended an invitation to the Kiwanians to join us for an education evening at the Vagina Monologues, May 7 at Barbara B. Mann. "The celebrated and provocative play that has become a cultural phenomenon worldwide," raises awareness and money to stop violence against women. The Vagina Monologues has raised millions of dollars to stop violence against women and girls. Zonta International is a world wide service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to advance and enhance the status of women. Locally, Zonta provides funds and hands-on service to assist women. Globally Zonta focuses on strategies to eradicate inequities and violence against women through education and advocacy. Additional information is available at www.zontasancap.com.

ABWA Meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association ABWA) is excited to present Sanibel resident and realtor, Ellie See, at its May meeting. See traveled to Qatar in June 2002 to visit her son, Chris Gentile, a graduate of Cypress Lake High School and the winner of the BIG ARTS Robert Rauschenberg/lda Lalor Scholarship in 1992

See arrived in Qatar in time to watch the first women's class graduate from the Shaqab College of Design Arts. She will discuss the customs and lives of these extraordinary Muslim women in this wealthy Middle Eastern country at the ABWA meeting.

The local chapter of ABWA, a networking and friendship association of business and professional women, will meet at the Sundial Resort on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge.

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If you would like to obtain membership information and would like to attend the May meeting, please call Lisa Cochrane

at 246-887.

Members of ABWA should call Trudie Kohlbrenner (472-4969) to make their reservationa which are required.

The Sambel-Captiva chapter of ABWA meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Church Continues Three Services

Listands has diminished, Sanibel Islands has diminished, Sanibel Community Church will continue having three opportunities for worship each Sunday morning. At 8 a.m. a traditional service with The Lord's Supper will be offered. The 9a.m. service is contemporary, with a full praise band and

children's ministry. At 10:30 a.m. a second traditional service will be held, with chancel choir. Dr. Daryl Donovan, senior pastor, will preach an encouraging message at all three services.

Are you stressed and feeling a bit frantic about life? Sunday, May 4, Pastor Donovan will preach a practical and helpful message entitled: "Real Rest From the Rigorous Rat Race." Feel free to come dressed casually... and be built up in the Lord Jesus Christ!

For more information about services call 472-2684.

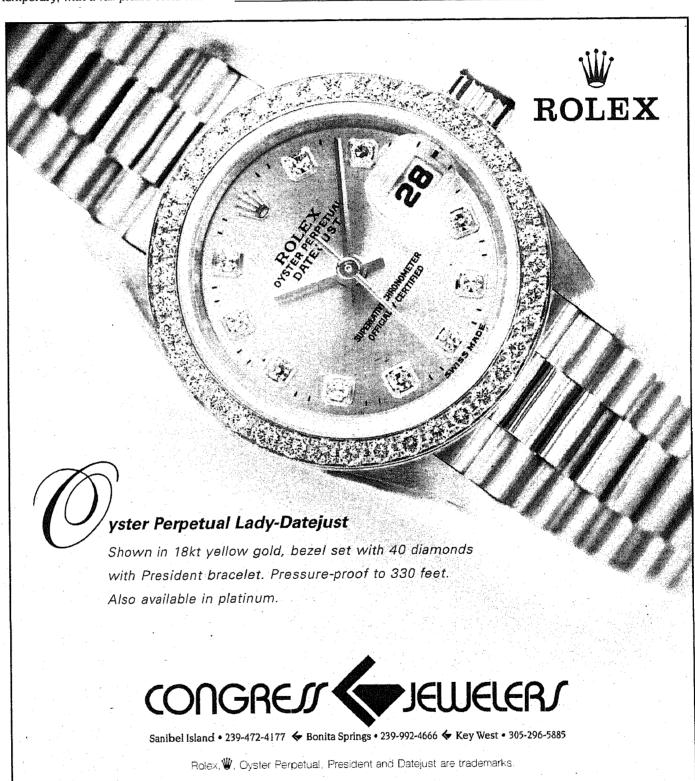
Chamber Names New Officers

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- MAY 2, 2003

The board of directors of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday to elect officers for the 2003-2004 year. They are Anne Joffe, president; Ron Urkovich, vice president; Ellen Lai, secretary; and Tony Lapi, treasurer.☆

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Religious School, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
The Drop Zone, Sundays, 10 a.m.
Jewish Identity Enrichment, Learning Tree
Pre-school, Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
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5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Grades 4-7,
Thursday 5:30 to 7 p.m.
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Friendly Faces

The Friendly Faces Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at noon. If you are new to the islands or just visiting, please join us for lunch. It is a great way to meet new people. Please call Charlene Timothy for reservations at 472-5187 ext. 222.

The Caregivers Support Group will be meeting in Tuesday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at 1515 Bunting Lane. If you are struggling with being a new caregiver or adjusting to the demands of being a caregiver, this support group can help you by giving you support and answering your questions. This understanding is based on actual experience and they are there to help you work through the process. Please call FISH for a volunteer to come to your home so you can attend the meeting, 472-0404. For more information and directions, please call Ruth Hamann at 472-9035 or Topper Schramm at 454-8372.

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Christian Women's Luncheon

he Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club cordially invites all women to their luncheon on Thursday, May 8 at the Sundial Beach Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel

Island, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The luncheon will feature "Color and Imaging" by Janet Woodford. Ginger Webster will speak on "Florida Pioneer Nonfirms: Mosquitos are not Florida's State Bird." Music will be by Mary

Cost of the luncheon is \$15 inclusive. Reservations are required. Call Eva Barbour at 454-6948 or Jean Wilson at 472-2017. Reservations made but not honored must be paid for.

OBITUARY

DR. JOHN S. SPRAGUE ohn S. Sprague, M.D., died April

27 at his winter home on Sanibel. He was 92.

Dr. Sprague and his wife, Nan Beanland Sprague, were Sanibel home-owners and winter residents since 1999. They first came to Sanibel in 1992.

Dr. Sprague was in the private practice of general surgery in Lexington, Kentucky from 1946-1967, during which time he also served as Surgeon and Chief of Surgery at the University of Kentucky Health Service. He retired from private practice in 1967, joining the University of Kentucky Medical School and serving full-time as Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery until 1976, then continuing in a postretirement status until 1981. He was a member of the search committee for the first Dean of the University of Kentucky Medical School. In 1982, he joined the staff of Appalachian Regional Hospitals as a consultant and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1984.

John Stabler Sprague was born on March 20, 1911 at Old High Oaks, the sanatorium operated by his father and mother, Dr. George Percy Sprague and Marion Brooke Sprague. His older brother George was a noted psychiatrist in Philadelphia. His sister Marion served as the first public health nurse for Fayette County, Kentucky. His other sister Anna was active as a Red Cross Gray Lady" for many years during and

after World War II.

Dr. Sprague attended Massie School for Boys in Versailles, Kentucky. He received his B.S. in Industrial Chemistry with honors from the University of Kentucky in 1931 and his M.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1936. His internships were served at Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals in 1936-1940, followed by two years of private practice in Boston. Dr. Sprague served in the Army during World War II from 1942-1946, with posts in England, Africa, Italy and New Orleans as, among other things, Chief of Surgical Service and Chief of Plastic Surgery. He continued from 1945-1967 as the Commanding Officer of the 810 Convalescent Center of the U.S. Army Reserves in Lexington,

Kentucky.

His private practice sub-specialty interests included Pediatric Surgery, Peripheral Vascular Disease, and Surgical Gynecology. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Sprague served as President for the Fayette County (Kentucky) Medical Society and the Kentucky Surgical Society. He was a member of the Kentucky and American Medical Associations.

An active member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Kentucky, he served as an Elder.

Dr. Sprague was preceded in death by his first wife, Louise, and his eldest son, John P. Sprague. He is survived by his wife Nan Beanland Sprague of Sanibel and Lexington, Kentucky; two sons, William G. Sprague of Sacramento, California and Robert A. Sprague and his wife Nouby of Columbus, Indiana; his daughter-in-law Margaret Sprague of Arlington, Virginia; four grandchildren, Kelly Sprague of Falls Church, Virginia, Leslie Withrow and her husband James of Louisville, Kentucky, John Sprague of Springfield, Virginia, and Jennifer Sprague of Bringhurst, Indiana; two stepdaughters, Nancy Beanland of Lexington, Kentucky and LeAnn Beanland of Tom's Brook, Virginia; and two step-grandchildren, Jessica and LeAnn Richardson of Lexington, Kentucky.

The family suggests remembrances in the form of donations to Hope Hospice of Fort Myers, Florida, Hospice of the Bluegrass, or Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Kentucky.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. at Second Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Kentucky.

OBITUARY

E. HAZEL HUGHES

. Hazel Hughes, 76, a longtime resident of Captiva Island and recently of Fort Myers, passed away Wednesday, April 23. She and her family moved to Captiva in 1969 from

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law; Donald and Susan of Fort Myers: Bill and Sherry of Sanibel: and her sister Nora Lee Fisher of Rome, Georgia. Also surviving are her grand-children Stephanie, John, and Charles

Hughes. She was predeceased by her husband

CB - Bill in 1981.

The family received friends on Monday, April 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kiser Funeral Home 9231 Cypress Lake Drive. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. with a private family burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to FISH of Sanibel Island, PO Box 854, Sanibel, FL 33957 or Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, 9470 HealthPark Circle Fort Myers, FL



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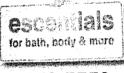
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Scribantes Bring Air Force Hero To Sanibel Island

by Brian Johnson

uring her years working in the corridors of power in Washington, DC, Sunny Scribante met many interesting and influential

Americans.
Since setting up a winter residence on Sanibel, she and her husband AJ have shared these friendships with the Island community. Several years ago former vicepresident Dan Qualye gave a speech during the course of his 2000



Steve Ritchie

presidential campaign.

More recently, Dave Owens, the Governor of Colorado, gave a talk.

This past Friday, at a lunch held at The Sanctuary, the Scribantes presented one of the legends of the America's military, Brigadier-General Steve Ritchie. During the war in Vietnam Ritchie downed five MiG 21 planes. He is known as America's last fighter

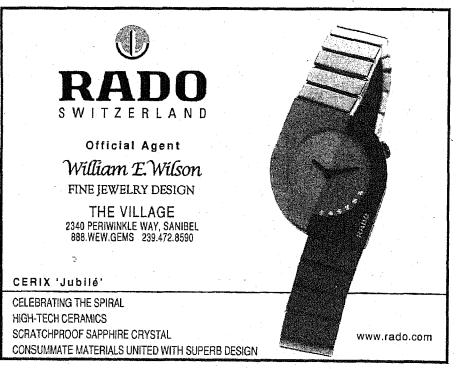
pilot ace.

Sunny met Ritchie while serving on the Air Force Academy board. They have known each other for about 20 years, and have collaborated on a number of projects, including a trip to Poland shortly after its independence.
"He's one of our great leaders," said Sunny. "He inspires a desire to achieve and be

the best we can.

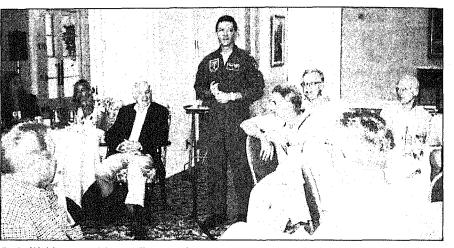
"Our feeling was that the people on the Island would enjoy his message," said AJ "There is a brotherhood and a sisterhood in our military – they truly do take care of each other... All of us citizens can learn from their code of honor."







AJ Scribante, Craig Weideman, Sunny Scribante and Steve Ritchie



Craig Weldeman addresses the crowd

Ritchie, who now speaks all around the country, flew into Sanibel on April 24 and spent the evening on Captiva with the Scribantes, eating at Chadwick's and watching the sunset by The Mucky Duck. "Like everyone else, he likes watching the waves come

in and seeing the dolphins," said AJ
"He really enjoyed meeting the people at the lunch, and he enjoyed the serenity of the Island," added Sunny.

Before Ritchie spoke at The Sanctuary, AJ introduced another distinguished military figure, Craig Weideman, to the 75 people sitting at oval tables in the dining room. Weideman is the commanding officer at Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola. As a pilot he logged over 6,400 violation-free hours in 25 different aircraft models. It was a thrill for him to join Ritchie at the lunch.

"What a great honor it is to share a few hours with an icon of aviation," said Weideman at the start of his talk. "General, you've been a hero of mine."

Ritchie took the floor after Weideman. A dynamic speaker, Ritchie told a few humor-cure stories about his last stall as a feethall as well as feethall as well as the floor after weigen.

ous stories about his last college football game before talking about his experiences as a pilot. He spoke about the importance of setting goals, working hard, and believing they can be accomplished.

"The absolutely impossible is sometimes possible," said Ritchie.

He made an impression on many members of the audience. "I think all Americans should be grateful for people like him who have the courage and fortitude to defend our country and basically put their lives on the line," said island resident Roy Silvers. "Unquestionably, he is a modern day hero and an example to young people. You can do anything and become anything - put in

the effort and it will happen."

City employee Debbie Almeida took her son Michael Zanoli to hear Ritchie speak.

Michael is interested in national security

"He was fascinated by the talk – it reinforced that national security is the field for him," said Debbie. "I enjoyed it too. I was impressed by the patriotism of the Scribantes and it was an honor to meet someone like General Ritchie."



Debbie Almeida and Michael Zanoli

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Island Faces Bud Slawson: The Am0co Man

Íhis is a series highlighting the friendly faces of the islands. These are the people you see day to day, the people who make you smile, the people who make our islands unique. We hope you enjoy getting to know them, face to face.

by Brian Johnson

ud Slawson didn't start work at the Amoco station on Sanibel because of an ad in the paper. Nor did he drive by and see a "Help Wanted" sign. In fact,

he wasn't really looking for a job.

"Believe it or not, I didn't even want to work here," said Bud. "A fellow I went fishing with, Charlie Brewer,

talked me into it.

That was 25 years ago. Bud is still working at Amoco, and shows no sign of wanting to leave. He celebrated his 74th birthday this past Friday, April 25, and is working

four days a week at the station, including Saturdays. His daughter, LuAnn, was born on April 24th and so they had a joint birthday party over the weekend in Bonita

Bud was born in North Dakota and grew up in northern Indiana. Over time members of his family moved to Florida; his parents took up residence in Lehigh Acres while his nephew and niece, Bob and Judy Pitts, started a charter boat business at Getaway Marina.

In 1976 Bud came to visit them and figured he might as well stay. "I was tired of shoveling snow," he said. "So I rented a place in Getaway Marina and opened a bait and tackle shop there.

In 1978 he started at Amoco, only then it was called Chevron and was owned by Bob Lowers. As a high school kid in Indiana Bud had worked at a gas station so he knew how to handle the job.

Bud pumps gas, runs the cash register, takes care of oil changes and tire repairs, and handles the paper work, among other things. His 25 years at one job gives him one of



the longest runs on the island. These days he works for Terry Spillane, the owner of Amoco

"I like talking with customers, and tourists will wave and talk to you," he said. "Once in a while someone will raise hell about the gasoline prices, but that's a common thing."

Located at the interection near the Causeway on Periwinkle Way, the Amoco, like other gas stations, has its group of regulars. They include Islanders such as real estate broker John Naumann and restaurant owner Matt

Naumann often has his car repaired at the station and appreciates the attentive service. "Bud is absolutely friendly and very accomodating," said Naumann. "If I drop off my car, he asks if he can drop me off at my office and calls to give its status. He's pretty friendly and professional.

"He's a nice guy," said Amoco mechanic Gus Vacca. 'When I come in in the morning he's always here. He's a quiet guy and gets along with everybody. He belongs here he's worked here so many years.

Bud has seven children: LuAnn, Tina, Rhonda, Peggy, Susan and twin boys Terry and Jerry. Asked how he ever raised so many children, he smiled and said, "Easy.

Bud and his wife, Janice, often took the children on family vacations to a cottage in Michigan, where they enjoyed swimming and fishing. The kids liked sports and played basketball, football and softball in school.

Although he still visits the midwest, he has no thought of moving away from Southwest Florida. "We like it real good here, we wouldn't go back!" he said.森

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Kiwanis News

by Bob Wimbush

he Kiwanis regular speaker didn't show, so Dick Pyle, cohort of Al Hanser at Sanibel Captiva Trust and prospective new member was draft-ed. A recent transplant to Sanibel, Dick managed a \$33 billion portfolio before coming here. He didn't say if that was \$33 billion before or after September

According to Dick, "the glory days have turned into a typical business slowdown," and he expects market average performance will be unimpressive for the next few years. Supply has outstripped demand in many industries, and fundamentals need to catch up. He would be a stock picker not an averages player, and would be 60 percent in quality equities and 40 percent in fixed dollar assets. He suggests buying high quality corporate



Dick Pyle and Al Hanser.

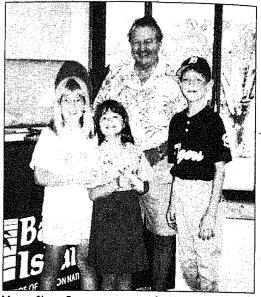
bonds and high yield stocks rather than long term treasuries

He feels recent MCI indiscretions have shaken investor confidence in the numbers, but that SEC regulations requiring CEOs and CFOs to personally certify numbers they file will help restore it. Boards will start to focus on shareholders rather than executive compensation.

Kiwanis holds a breakfast meeting on Wednesdays at the Island House.☆

School Fund Raffle Drawing

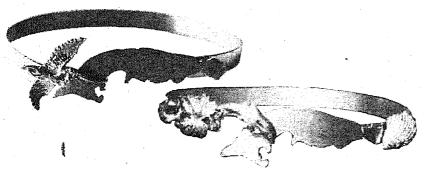
ayor Steve Brown drew the winning tickets for the Sanibel School Fund Raffle on Friday, April 25 at Bank of the Islands, Accompanied by Anna and Christina Aulino and Rudy Zahorchak, the first prize went to a group of employees of The Mucky Duck. The "Lucky Ducks' are Lindsay Sarceno, Carly Chaiken, Kathryn Yerke, Carla Jo Kenney, Jeff Treuheit, Lynn Biser, Pablo Alcala, Anita Steger and Lori Snow. They will share a \$30,000 cash prize. The second prize, a one week stay at a Captiva estate home, went to Steve Bortone of Sanibel, and third prize, a three-day/two-night stay at a waterfront condo, went to Penny LaMotta of Fort Myers. Vacation prizes were provided by Cottages To Castles. Congratulations to all!\$



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continued although the design Democrats To Hear About New Organizations In Lee County

wo fledgling organizations will be featured at the May 15 meeting of the Democratic Club of the Islands. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Library. Guest speakers are Moriah Leaver and



Moriah Leaver

Debbie Delahanty. Leaver will talk about her efforts to organize the Lee County Young Democrats. A graduate of Cypress Lake High School, Leaver moved with her family from Miami to Fort Myers in 1993. At a fundraiser for Janet Reno and at a recent Jefferson-Jackson dinner, she was inspired to start the Lee County Young Democrats to help ensure the future of the Democratic Party. The group has nearly a dozen members and is growing. The Young Democrats of America (YDA) is a nationwide grassroots organization with 42 chartered states and 780 local chapters. YDA is open to anyone under the age of 36 who affiliates with the Democratic Party. For more information about YDA, visit the Web site at www.yda.org.

Delahanty recently moved from

Orlando to Naples. She was surprised to learn that there was no local chapter of NOW — the National Organization for Women — in Southwest Florida. She then added the task of starting a local NOW group to her long list of volunteer activism. Originally from Minnesota, she received her MBA from Notre Dame. She now runs an internet company, CollectorMagic.com. Delahanty has been actively involved in the Florida ERA campaign committee, as well as reproductive rights and affirmative action efforts. The local NOW chapter she is organizing currently has about 10 dedicated members. More information about NOW can be

found on the web at www.now.org.

New Officers Elected

he Democratic Club of the Islands has elected officers for 2003has elected officers for 2003-2004. They are Charlotte Kowitch Wrivanek, co-chairs; Joseph and Robin Krivanek, co-chairs; Joseph Walzer, treasurer; and Judy Friedman, secretary. They welcome members, friends and visitors to the islands to the club's meetings.

For more information, call Charlotte Kowitch at 395-7637.



The Marine Lab Thomas You!

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is pleased to announce it has successfully completed its campaign to fund its Marine Laboratory's core operations for the next five years. With this initial funding in place, we will be able to establish an ongoing research program to promote the health of the marine nursery areas surrounding Sanibel and Captiva.

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Cardinals: Familiar Beauty

by Jim Stevenson, Ph.D.

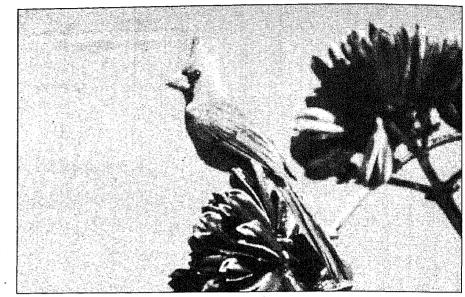
ne of our most well-known and attractive birds is the cardinal. The correct name is Northern Cardinal, because there are other species in the tropics. Of course, many people have dubbed them "red bird" for obvious reasons. And their scientific name, Cardinalis cardinalis ranks as one of the easiest to remember. The name cardinal comes from the red robes of the Catholic church, just like the golden Prothonotary

Male cardinals are unmistakable with their bright red coat and bill, regal crest and black face. In the South, some people might confuse one with a male Summer Tanager, but the latter is slimmer, has no crest, and stays high in the canopy. Female Cardinals are duller than males, and the young are like females, but have black pigment on the bill.

Red is a very dominant color in nature, although it is a high energy expense to maintain. Other birds are wary of bright red, and the crest adds to the threatening appearance. The thick red bill, used for cracking seeds, is quite a weapon, as anyone who has taken cardinals out of mist nets can attest. The subtle colors of the female are useful hiding on the nest. This delineation of color is called sexual dimorphism, and in many birds this is exhibited in males being brighter than females. Male cardinals do not lose their colors to look like the female in winter, as do so many of our migrant songbirds.

To usher in the breeding season, male cardinals begin singing in late winter, although they may sing anytime of the year. Their "cheer cheer cheer" has subtle variations like "purdy" and "kew", and even female cardinals sing occasionally. The winter fare of seeds soon turns to fruit in the spring, and in the warm days where food is needed for chicks, insects are offered the offspring due to their high protein content needed for growth. Nests are from about eye level up to 10 feet or so, and usually in thick bushes. Around four eggs will be laid, and in a few weeks the cardinals will be about the business of raising and protecting their hungry offspring. Their newest and most savage enemy, domestic cats, are discouraged by their aggressive flight and raspy calls. Once airborne, cardinals often fall victim to neighborhood

This century, cardinals have become among our most successful birds. This is due to their ability to co-exist with humans. They have expanded their range to Canada, and also well into the desert Southwest and throughout Mexico. In fact, one of my greatest shocks in birding was standing in a rain forest in the Yucatan and having a cardinal fly up in the midst of a flock of ant birds! They do not migrate much, but move around somewhat in search of the best feeding



Northern Cardinal

photo by Jim Stevenson

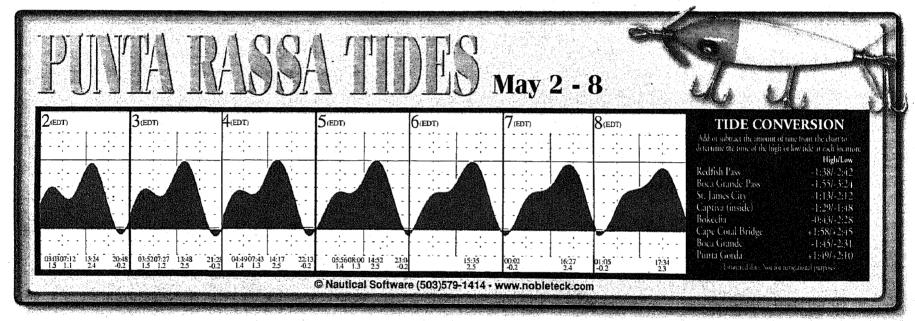
areas. They are one of the most faithful birds at feeders, but rely on seeds much less in the warm season.

Our Northern Cardinal has a counterpart in the deserts of Northern South America called the Vermillion Cardinal that rivals our bird for beauty. The Redcapped Cardinal of Amazonas is being introduced to overseas places such as Hawaii for their beauty and ability to live around people. But their closest relatives in our country are other finches like grosbeaks and buntings.

Most have bright colors they can afford

from their nutrient- and calorie-rich foods. But if cardinals are kept in captivity (illegal without permits), they often lose their bright colors due to diets that don't resemble their natural fare closely enough. They're best enjoyed at our feeders!

Jim Stevenson is director of the Galveston Bird Club, Galveston, Texas. He can be reached at 409-737-4081. Jim Stevenson's new book "Quest for 5000 Birds, a Birding Adventure" is available for \$19.95, soft cover at www.vanjus.com.





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10 percent discount for a second child or 10 percent discount for employees and contractors of KSC, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Patrick Air Force Base and retired KSC personnel (some restrictions apply). Sessions run weekly from June 2 to August 8. Reservations are required; please call 321-449-4400 to register, or for more information.

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Out 'n About Southwest Florida May — The Ideal Adventure Month

by Scott Martell

is always a treat to learn about Inew places to explore. While I ventured to Boca Grande 15 years ago, it was a very quick drive-through visit. Looking to return, I did some

search and discovered the Gasparilla Island State Park, and also learned about the Gasparilla Island-Boca Grande Trail. the first rail trail built in Florida and one that promises to be a particularly good biking tour. Boca Grande, on Gasparilla Island, is only about an hour away by boat, as boater friends recently pointed out. It is at least twice as long by car. (Once you get to Port Charlotte from U.S. Highway 41 or I-75, take SR 776 to SR 775 (Placida Avenue). Turn left (heading south) on SR 775 and follow this road, which eventually becomes CR 771, to enter the island via the Boca Grande Causeway. Follow this road until you reach the park on the south end of

The Florida Park Service is celebrating Florida State Park Month in May, so this is worthy May adventure.

First, the park — Located on the southern end of Gasparilla Island, this

park is known for its fishing, picnicking, scuba diving, shelling and swimming, with four parking areas along the Gulf.

Right now, Boca Grande Pass, which separates Gasparilla Island and Cayo Costa, is in the midst of the annual spring migration of silver kings, tarpon, which come to the deep water pass thereby making Boca Grande the "Tarpon Capital of the World," and the

home of the World's Richest Tarpon Tournament each July.

Located in the park is the Boca Grande Lighthouse Museum, open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The wooden lighthouse was first placed into use by the U.S. Lighthouse Service in 1890 as a guide to mariners seeking entrance to Port Boca Grande and Charlotte Harbor. In 1960, the Coast Guard closed the lighthouse down. In 1980 it was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places and is today part of the state park. Also located in the Lighthouse Parking Area is the restored Amory Memorial Chapel This chapel was built in the 1920s and served the residents of the dormitories that were located in what is now the Dunes Parking Area. The chapel is available to rent for meetings, weddings, receptions, etc.

The trail — According to promotional material, the 6.5 mile paved Gasparilla Island-Boca Grande Trail runs length of Gasparilla Island through the town of Boca Grande, past stately homes, retail shops, and swaying palms. The terrain is flat, the vegetation next to the trail is lush and there's always something interesting to see. In fact, you may even encounter an iguana crossing the trail. Descendants of released or escaped pets, iguanas have resided on the island for as many as 25 years. There are many areas to access the trail along the island's main road (CR 771), but a good starting point is Gasparilla Island State

Sounds like a great trip to me — See you on the trail!*

(Scott Martell covered the Florida environment for a variety of newspapers for 20 years and is currently the editor of the WGCU public broadcasting magazine, Expressions. He is completing a non-fiction book, Gulf Coast Nature Journeys, as well as an ecological and spiritual thriller that takes place on Ŝanibel.)

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Attention 2003 Graduates

The Island Sun is looking for photos and information from local 2003 graduates to appear in the newspaper. If you are graduating or know a local grad, we need your help in obtaining the following information:

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Please mail, drop off or email information along with a photo to: *Island* Sun, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, FL 33957; islandsunsanibel@aol.com. Please note on emails: "Class of 2003." Photos will

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Newly Patented Virus Could Help Control Disease-Carrying Mosquitoes

s surely as swallows return to Capistrano around mid-March each year, mosquitoes will arrive in force again this spring. Mosquitoes, however, have become more than just a nuisance. They can transmit diseases such as West Nile virus (WNV)

One mosquito genus, called Culex, has been found to transmit WNV and the closely related St. Louis encephalitis (SLE). Now Agricultural Research Service scientists have received a patent for a bac-ulovirus – a virus specific to arthropods – that kills Culex mosquitoes. The patent also includes a method for transmitting the baculovirus to them. The baculovirus infects only Culex mosquitoes - not other insects, plants, wildlife or people.

Most people who become infected with WNV or SLE have no symptoms, or only mild ones, but last year WNV killed 277 people and made more than 4,000 clinically ill, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The largest outbreak of SLE in 15 years occurred in 1990. On average, about 128 cases of SLE are reported annually.

Baculoviruses are extremely uncom-

mon in mosquitoes. However, James J. Becnel, an entomologist with the ARS Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology in Gainesville, Florida, discovered a novel baculovirus in 1997. Called CuniNPV, it is very stable and persistent and is a promising candidate to develop into a larvicide.

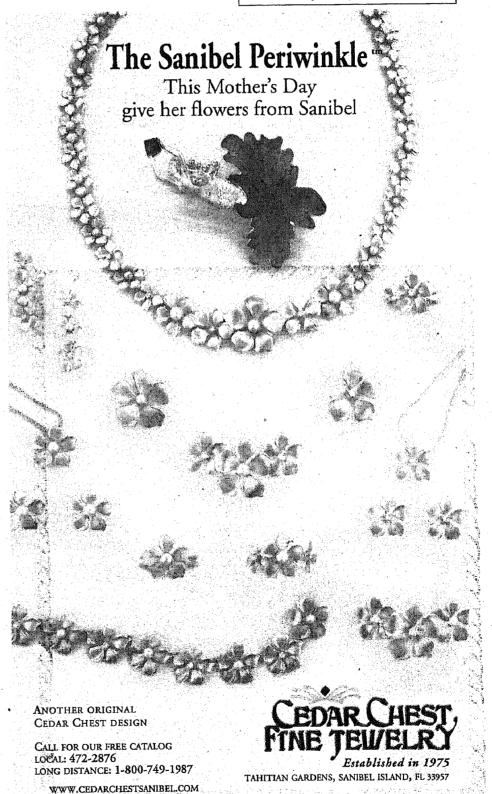
The baculovirus is activated when it's

mixed with magnesium. When the mixture is added into any body of water where mosquitoes breed, larvae ingest it. According to Beenel, the virus can kill 85 to 95 percent of mosquitoes in their natural habitat after two to three days. And the magnesium won't harm the water

ARS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency, is seeking partners to license the technology and bring it to the market. Interested parties should contact ARS Office of Technology Transfer at:http://ott.arsusda.gov.☆

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In celebration of Earth Week, April 28 through May 2, popular children's entertainer Rosie Emery brought her upbeat, interactive "We're All Interconnected" nature program to Heights Elementary School in south Fort Myers on Monday, April 28. The program was made possible through an educational grant from ECOSanibel.

This was the second visit to Heights Elementary School for Rosie Emery. Last year during EarthWeek, several community organizations including ECOSanibel sponsored "Rosie's Rainbow Road Show" at Heights and Sanibel Elementary Schools, and a community Earth Day performance at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Actually born in legendary Sherwood Forest, England, and now based in Montreal, Rosie Emery has been featured in numerous television programs and concerts in Canada, the U.S. and Latin America. In 1995, she co-hosted "Celebrate the Earth," a network TV special commemorating the 25th anniversary of Earth Day. She has released several musical recordings including The Rainbow Road, Dolphins Teach Us to Play, and We're All Interconnected.

Many thousands of children across North America have participated in Rosie's programs over the past decade. A



Rosie Emery

singer/songwriter for many years, she began in 1990 to combine her varied and lively must at tyles with education for children about the environment, animals and nature. Recognized as a Woman of Distinction by the Montreal YWCA, Rosie is also a recipient of the international Helen Prize, awarded to women who have contributed significantly to their com-

ECOSanibel is a non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization dedicated to promoting and upholding those principles of the Earth Charter that are appropriate

for the sanctuary Island of Sanibel, through discussion, publications, programs, advocacy and public events. ECOSanibel also seeks to forge links with the wider community to enhance understanding of global interdependence, sustainability, and the importance of shared responsibility.

For further information, contact Donna Roberts at 472-8998 or donnaroberts@zebis.com.☆

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Come explore the wonders living below the surface of San Carlos Bay with a naturalist from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and see the critters up close. You will learn about the ecology of seagrass habitats and find out what is being done to protect these valuable nurseries of the sea. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to explore the world below the surface of an estuary.

The trips will be on Wednesdays, May 7 and 14 at 9 a.m. at San Carlos Bay meet in the parking lot on the mainland side of the causeway adjacent to the tollbooth. The trips are free to members and \$3 for nonmembers. Reservations are required, call 472-2329. There is a limit of 16 people.

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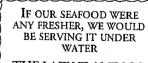
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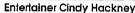
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Earth Day Celebration







by Brian Johnson

rainstorm pounding the island on Friday night and Saturday morning kept many islanders and visitors away from the Earth Day celebrations at "Ding" Darling and the Conservation Foundation, but in the afternoon, as the skies

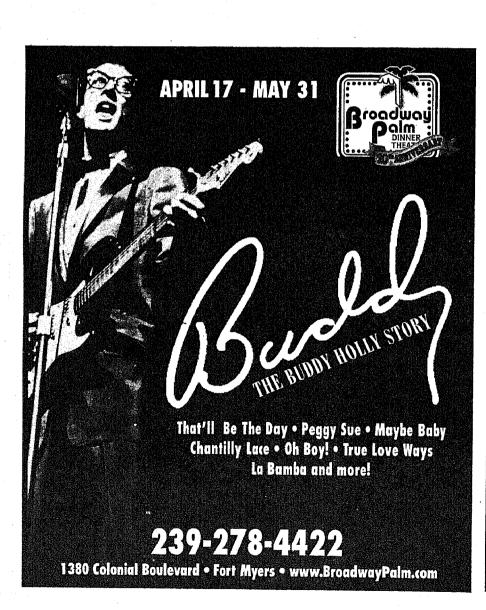
cleared, enough people showed up to create a community atmosphere.

There were booths from local organizations such as CROW and BIG ARTS, live music with conservation themes and free hot dogs and beverages. The kids got a chance to handle live snakes.

At the "Ding" Darling booth visitors drew pictures of wildlife and environmental slogans on brown shopping bags from Jerry's Supermarket. The bags were returned to Jerry's to be used by shoppers carrying out their groceries.*



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Boat Safety Is No Accident

by Tom Lagan, Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron Safety Officer

et's say you are underway midweek and the sky is clear, the temperature is in the mid 80s and there is only a light chop in the Gulf. In addition, your boat is safely equipped with all Coast Guard approved safety equiment... "a perfect day."



Then suddenly one of your crew/passengers is in need of CPR. Someone aboard, maybe you, knows CPR. Chances are, then it is still "a perfect day." (To learn CPR, see below)*

National Safe Boating Week is May 17 through May 23. However, I will be writing and talking about boat safety throughout 2003 and beyond. As a way of highlighting Safe Boating Week, The Sanibel-Captiva Sail and Power Squadron will be sponsoring a Safe Boat Day May 14 at the Sanibel Community House from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2173 Periwinkle Way.

Scheduled events include discussions and examples on the following topics:

*CPR - Come and listen to Colleen

*CPR - Come and listen to Colleen Capparelli, a certified instructor for the American Heart Association as she explains an overview of CPR's Chain of Survival

Fire Extinguishers - Come and ask Mike Counts of Advance Fire Systems in Fort Myers which is the right fire extinguisher for your boat, where it should be mounted, and when you should seek recertification and regharging.

Fire Safety - Come and listen to Mark Wells of the Captiva Fire Department as he explains the proper care, use and handling of your fire extinguisher.

Man Overboard Drill - Carol Robinson of the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron will explain the proper way to conduct a "Man Overboard Drill."

Boat safety brochures will also be available as well as the chance to sign up for a vessel safety check, something every boat owner should do each year, and sign up for Boat Smart Courses which are available through your Power Squadron.

In an effort to further raise the aware-

In an effort to further raise the awareness of boat safety, the Sanibel-Captiva Sail and Power Squadron is attempting to develop a safe boating poster contest at The Sanibel School. All during May there will be a Power Squadron member on Sanibel, sending out boat safety brochures at key spots on the island, including the Sanibel Library, Bailey's and Jerry's.

Safe Boat Day May 14 Schedule:

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10:30 to 11 a.m. Mike Counts, The Right Fire Extinguisher for your Boat 11 to 11:30 p.m. Carol Robinson, Man Overboard Drill

11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mark Wells, Handling Your Fire Extinguisher the Right Way \$\frac{1}{2}\$

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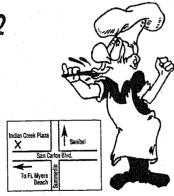
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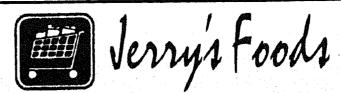
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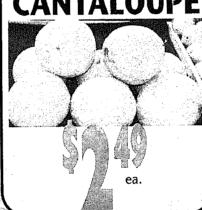
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22 Chill Out

submitted by Les Boyle

rior to moving to Sanibel I commuted for a year-and-a-half back and forth to the Midwest. We had moved my wife to the island permanent-ಪ ly, but the sale of my business required me to continue to spend time at the company up north

Each time I would come to the island it would take me several days to acclimate to the pace, especially when it came to driving. I don't know how many times my wife would say "chill out!" as I fumed at some idiot driver. Now that I'm living permanently on Sanibel I am probably one of those "idiot drivers" who gets yelled at by the tourists or people who have not got-

ten used to the slower pace.

I have also learned that the slower pace is not only important for the safety of other motorists and people who use the island's bike paths but it's also vital for the health and welfare of the animals with

whom we cohabit this beautiful island. Unfortunately way too many of these wonderful creatures end up being roadkill.

When the island's roads were constructed they crossed many natural trails used by the island's wildlife for hundred's of years. In the animal kingdom habits are hard to break. in many cases the animals continue to travel those same paths even though they may intersect with busy streets. Early morning and early evening are prime travel times for these animals which is also the time that they are hardest for drivers to see.

According to studies and records provided by The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and the City's Public Works department the Periwinkle and San Cap corridors in particular produce a great deal of roadkill and animal injuries. Some zones on these roads have produced as many as 100 animal deaths in one year. The deaths and injuries cover the gamut of species including turtles, tortoises, rabbits, armadillos,

alligators, raccoons and many types of birds. "Chilling out" can help reduce these numbers. By driving the posted speed limit a driver has in most cases enough reaction time to avoid hitting a wild creature that has ventured onto the road.

While intuitively speed seems to be a . major cause of animal road deaths there are other contributing factors. Food thrown from cars can attract animals to the roadway increasing the possibility of being struck by cars. Even when the food might be thought to be "biodegradable" such as an apple core it still poses a threat. Animals should never be fed, whether intentionally or unintentionally, as they soon lose the ability to forage for food in their natural way as they will always seek the easiest source of food. By stripping away their natural instincts we make them dependent on unreliable food sources, which weakens them and can cause them to become sick and or die. In addition, food that is suitable for humans may not give an animal the proper nutrition to keep it healthy. Also, while we should not litter because it detracts from the natural beauty, some forms of litter can be detrimental to animals. For instance the plastic holders for beverage cans can easily tangle a gopher tortoise or other ground animals and birds

The City of Sanibel's Wildlife Committee is working on a roadkill program to greatly reduce the number of animal deaths on the streets of Sanibel. One of the first steps is develop an ongoing study to capture the location, type of animal and time so that we know the magnitude of the problem. The City's police department is already doing an outstanding job of patrolling our streets to make sure all drivers are obeying our traffic laws. In recent months the increased number of patrols and the frequent change in location and times seems to have helped slow down many drivers and hopefully has helped reduce the number of animal road injuries and deaths. The number and location of speeding violations will be compared to the location of the roadkills to see if there is a correlation. The Wildlife

Committee is also looking at a variety of educational efforts to make our residents, visitors and island workers who commute onto the island aware of how to help protect one of our most important natural assets ... the island's wildlife.

"Chilling out" is not only good for one's cardiovascular system but it is also good preventive medicine for all the native creatures that inhabit Sanibel. Some good advice to think about and act on:

• Drive the posted speed limit even if drivers behind you appear irritated. Slower speeds allow you to react quicker either to stop or swerve should you encounter an animal on the road.

 Be extra watchful during the morning hours, early evening hours and at night. These are the most active periods for most wildlife. Many are primarily noctur nal and are only active during the dark periods.

 Never discard anything from your car. It is not only illegal, it may be harmful to wildlife and detract from the natural

• Never feed any wild animal. While your intentions may be very good it is one of the most harmful things you can do to a wild animal. And it is illegal to feed wild animals.



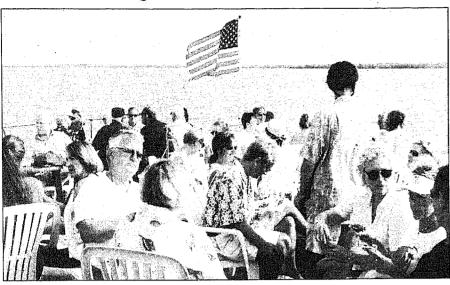
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ocals and visitors alike enjoyed a beautiful wine tasting cruise aboard Captiva Cruise's *Island Lady*. The premier event, hosted by the Grog Shop located in Bailey's Shopping Center, was attended by over 100 guests. Nearly 50 different wines from around the world were sampled along with a dazzling array of horsest the sampled along with a dazzling array of horsest contents. d'oeuvres provided by the Bailey's catering staff. Great wine and great food on the beautiful Island Lady was experienced by great people.

Bishop Verot Benefit Slated May 10

week's stay in Steamboat, Colorado is just one of the fabulous prizes being offered during the Derby Days & Casino Royale benefit scheduled May 10 in the Everglades Ballroom at Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa, Fort Myers.

Hosted by the Bishop Verot Alumni Association, the event begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by post time at the races. Gaming continues throughout the evening, and guests receive \$2,000 in "betting money" to get started at blackjack, roulette, the slots and more.

The raffle drawing is set for 11 p.m.,

and participants can win a party for 30 on a private yacht, a two-night stay at Sonesta-Key Biscayne and other great prizes. The cost is \$45 per person.

Sponsors for the event include Modern Service for Home and Business, the Keith Cline family and Church of the Resurrection. Additional sponsorships and reserved tables for eight are available by calling 274-6780.

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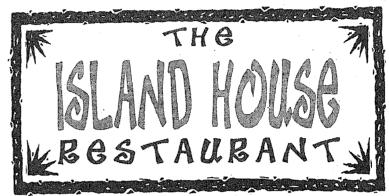
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The Simple Language Of Orchids Review: The Trees of Florida-A Reference and Field Guide

by Dr. Faye Laurent Granberry, Sanibel orchid hobbyist

The simple manner in which the subject of trees is transformed into a book of fascinating stories with clear descriptions, interesting history and the botany of trees held my interest. I was impressed by the clear concise explanations of trees. I turner to the back cover to read the author's credentials, as I thought, wow, the author Gil Nelson, not only knows his material but knows how to present it in an understandable academic form.

He holds a Ph.D. in adult education from Florida State University and has many years of exploring, teaching, and writing about Florida's natural communities. The subjects of natural history, ecology and wildlife hold special interest to him.

The back cover in part states the description of the book best: "This book is the first comprehensive guide to Florida's amazing variety of tree species: from scrub oak on the high central ridges to mangroves stretching along the southern coasts, from mighty live oaks to the deli-

cate and diminutive hawthoms, from bald cypress with their knees poking up from the swamps to the coppery-colored gumbo limbo found in tropical hammocks of the Everglades and Keys. Most modern Florida visitors are amazed by the lush tropical trees planted in cities, suburbs, and public gardens. This book covers both natives and exotics and includes suggested field sites for observing the species described."

Things I learned from this book: Florida supports more tree species than any other state. Of the 625 trees native to North America 275 are found in Florida – add to this list introduced and naturalized species and we recognize that we are indeed blessed with

The first thirty chapters offer needed information regarding the families of Florida trees including genera and species. Nelson's definition of a tree: a tree is any plant that exhibits a single, well-defined trunk of about five cenimeters in diameter and reaches a height of four millimeters.

Part two contains descriptions of the key field characteristics and data for each of the 342 species. The 153 descriptive colored photographs provide an additional method of

A few interesting trees I find intriguing are the Papaya, Australian Pine, Yellow Elder, Florida Anise, Sapodilla and seven different oak trees. The listing of the best growing areas serves to keep people like me from planting trees that are not suitable to our growing area.

I keep thinking about an old love, a Chinquapin tree, for which the author recommends dry sandy soil in the northern part of the state. Guess I will have to live with my memories of my childhood Chinquapin.

I found my paperback copy The Trees of Florida-A Reference and Field Guide by Gil Nelson at The Sanibel Island Bookshop across from Jerry's. Costs \$19.95. Please attend the Sanibel

Master Gardeners workshop at the Sanibel Library on Tuesday, April 6, 10 a.m. where one can learn about trees and many other subjects of interest. The meetings held the first Tuesday of every month, year 'round, are open to the public and free. No member-ship or donations are accepted. Master gardeners trained by The

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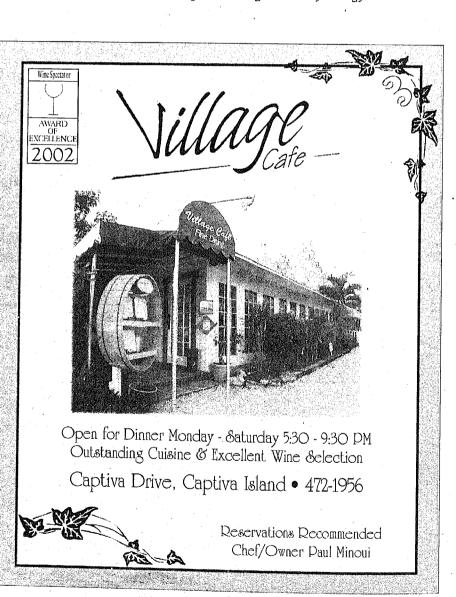
The Trees of Florida-A Reference and Field Guide

University of Florida must receive regular training to maintain their certification.

Attendees are invited to bring their questions and problems for solutions.

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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The Recipe

by Joanne P. Heroy-Giller, Adjunct Member-Sanibel Wildlife Committee

Start with the Pick Preserve. Add in the Sanibel Wildlife Committee. Stir it with information from four Sanibel School 7th graders. You get a group happy to be out together sharing important environmental information.

On a balmy, overcast Thurday morning (April 24), Melanie Albert, Tyson Jess, Zach Stivers and Whitney Wolanin, students in Cheryl Darbyshire's 7th grade Environmental Studies class, hosted seven Wildlife Committee members and guests to the Pick Preserve visit. A red-shouldered hawk single-mindedly journeyed overhead, with a prized-prey in its talons, set the tone for the event.

Upon entering the Upland Restoration pond area, the group was greeted by an eight-foot alligator. Zach and Tyson then set out a special fish and creature trap, which would be retrieved and studied at the end of the visit.

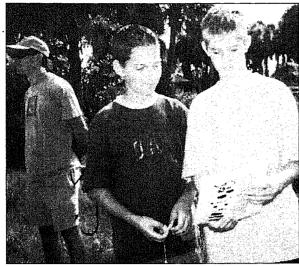
Melanie shared some excellent photographs from school projects done at the preserve. Trail enhancement, butterfly observations and plant studies were captured for later analysis and comparison.

Plant transects, an environmental study that is part of the curriculum, was explained by Melanie. Using skills of observation, details of a specific area of the preserve are recorded by the students. In this way positive results of habitat restoration are documented. The eradication of the invasive Brazilian pepper as the dominant preserve species has been done. With the return of native habitat, the notation of the return of the displaced wildlife is important.

wildlife is important.
Richard Finkel, environmental educator from The Sanibel-Captiva
Conservation Foundation, accompanied the group of 7th graders and members of the Sanibel Wildlife Committee. He explained that the 26-acre Pick Preserve is part of the network of approximately 400 acres of conservation land cooperatively managed by the Conservation Foundation, City of Sanibel and JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Critical wildlife management is done with strictly limited public access. The Sanibel School has special permission to utilize the Pick Preserve parcel to integrate environmental education into its curriculum.

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Attending Wildlife Committee members Walt Dickinson, Vern Frankwich,
Joanne Heroy-Giller and Tread Parker
along with their guests Libby Frankwich,
Bob Giller and Mary Parker unanimously
agreed that the knowledge of these students was exciting and encouraging. Not
even stepping gingerly by a startled black
racer snake or avoiding the poison ivy
and fire ants could dampen anyone's
enthusiasm.

This environmental visit to Pick
Preserve is the second one attended by
members of the Wildlife Committee as
part of the educators program set up by
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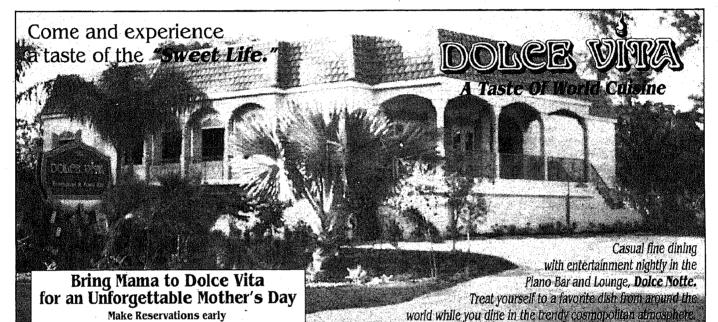


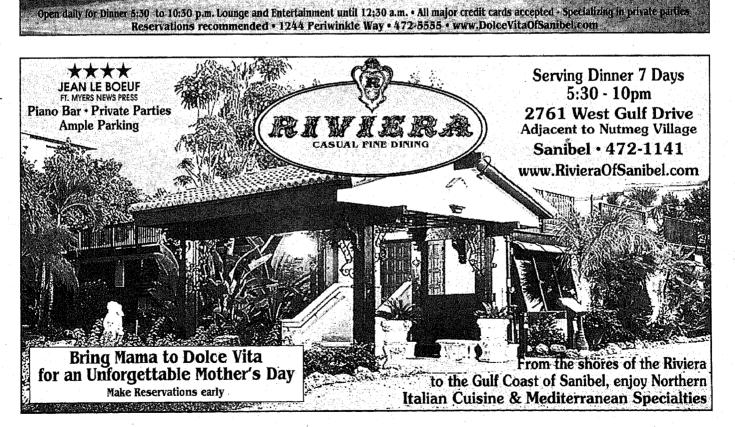
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Richard Finkel, Whitney Wolanin, Vern Frankwich, Melanie Albert, Tyson Jess, Walt Dickinson and Zach Stivers

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Crusher Totally Amazed By Island Support

by Barbara Linstrom-Arnold

"Crusher" Healy has always known that the islands of Sanibel and Captiva are a very special place. But even his greatest expectations were exceeded at last Sunday's fundraiser.

"I knew that I knew a lot of people — I mean being around the island for so long, I expected a lot of people, but I didn't think it was going to be so amazing," says Crusher. "It was bigger than I would have ever imagined — just unbelievable. I'm still getting goosebumps."

More than 500 people turned out for fundraiser

After being diagnosed with CML Leukemia in mid-February, Healy spent a week and a half in intensive care where he was in a touch-and-go battle for his life.

"Randy Post visited me in the hospital and said, 'John, we're doing you a fundraiser, man, don't worry about the



Michael Stone, Brigette Robertson, Honoree John "Crusher" Healy and Randy Post show their enthusiasm for community support and the great turnout at last Sunday's fundralser for Crusher's battle with leukemia at the American Legion Post 123. Stone, Robertson and Post -- all longtime friends of Crusher -- organized the highly successful event.

bills'," Healy recalls. "My motto then was Tm still here, you bastards' — Steve McQueen's line from Papillon — and that's what we called the fundraiser."

Two days before being hospitalized, Healy was trying to enjoy Busch Gardens, but the normally high energy, upbeat 33year-old just felt lousy.

A few days later, he was diagnosed with CML Leukemia, a form of the cancer that is fairly rare in young people.

"From what I understand, up until a few years ago, it was highly untreatable and deadly," he says. "But the drug I take—Gleevec—is supposed to be a miracle drug. It's shown unbelievable success rates and remission pretty fast off the block. I've been responding incredibly well to it."

However, since it has only been around for a few years, Gleevec is not considered to be a long-term cure, he adds.

"The only thing they consider to be a cure is a bone marrow transplant, but, obviously, since I don't have any siblings, I don't have a match and a good match is really hard to find. It's a possibility for the future if the Gleevec stops working, but I'd like to avoid that at all costs."

Last Sunday's fundraiser at the American Legion Post #123 came at a time when Healy had recovered enough that he was actually able to attend for 11 hours.

"I made it back a lot faster than anybody imagined," he says, with a bright

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sparkle in his eyes. "I went back and saw some of the nurses at HealthPark and they didn't even recognize me — they were so surprised that I even survived."

And, the positive momentum he had gained over the last couple months skyrocketed at the fundraiser as he felt support beyond belief.

"It's been a pretty amazing experience. As bad as it's been, there's been so much good coming out of it - at the fundraiser my dad said, 'This is what life is all about'," he says.

Healy's parents, Jack and Karen Primm, moved the family to the island in 1976. After living at the Caribe Resort on West Gulf Drive and managing it, Jack took a post with the Sanibel police, where he served for 24 years.

Healy attended second through fifth grade at The Sanibel School, graduated from Cypress Lake High and has worked at many restaurants on the islands.

"Ever since I can remember the island has been a special place for me. It's sacred to me — the energy on it — there's something very special. I'm very grateful to be a part of the island community."

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Healy's parents were equally amazed by the turnout at the fundraiser.

"I started crying when I pulled up there were so many people there," says Karen. "It was wonderful island support."

While the official tallies were still being figured, organizer Randy Post estimated proceeds of the benefit to be between \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Healy's favorite part was that he was continued on page 30

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CROW Case Of The Week: Black Racer

by Brian Johnson

ne day in early April a girl named Vanessa went to her science class and saw a black racer in a cage. A couple of boys had found the snake and brought it to the classroom.

Vanessa, 16, noticed that there was something wrong with her. "When I was looking at her back I could see a piece of bone sticking out," she said. "There was a big lump."

After school Vanessa told her mother, Jennifer, about the injured reptile. "Mom, can you cast a snake?" she said. "Some kids found a snake and it's paralyzed – I think its back is broken."

Jennifer called around the county, but none of the vets or animal clinics could take her. The next day the snake was still alive, but hardly moving.

Vanessa talked to some other students in her class. She said she would try to wrap a bandage around the racer's body if they held her head. She didn't like the idea of touching the snake, but she wanted to help it, if possible.

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"I'm proud of her," said her mother.
"She didn't want to let the poor snake lay there and suffer."

"Something in my heart told me to do it," said Vanessa. "It seemed like the right thing to do."

Eventually Jennifer and Vanessa got in touch with CROW. A volunteer from Sanibel's wildlife clinic picked up the snake from the school.

"The animal had very little movement in her hind half," said veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel. "It was apparent that there was some paralysis."

After a neurological exam, Deitschel took some pictures of her spine. "I decided to take a radiograph to see what the fracture looked like – and was surprised to find she had seven eggs!"

CROW staff took her up a flight of stairs to the reptile room, where heat lamps keep the air warm. "The big question was whether she could pass the eggs with a fractured spine," said Deitschel.

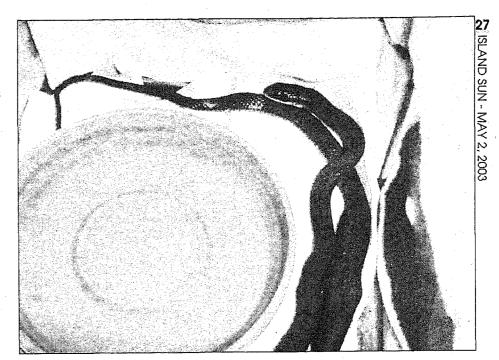
with a fractured spine," said Deitschel.

The next day, April 8, the black racer passed four eggs. Deitschel marveled that she was able to give birth; a similar injury in a mammal or bird probably would have made such a physiological feat impossible. "Reptiles have amazing abilities to overcome handicaps," said the vet.

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During the following weeks the snake began to move better and eventually passed the remaining three eggs.
Deitschel sent Vanessa an email with an update about the racer and the radiograph showing the eggs. She also spoke with her on the phone.

"I called Vanessa because I felt it was important to congratulate her on having the compassion and courage to speak up for a snake," said Deitschel. "Snakes have very little protection under the law."

Vanessa, she added, would make a



Black race

good candidate for the Do The Right Thing prize awarded in Lee County.

"It was really neat," said Vanessa of her conversation with Sanibel's wildlife veterinarian. "She was very informative and nice."

"It was very cool to have Vanessa acknowledged," said her mother. "PJ took the time out of her busy schedule – that was really great."

Deitschel is optimistic about the black racer's chances. A broken spine is a catastrophic injury, yet there is healing at the fracture site, and she is now able to whip her tail.

"It will be a long haul for her," said Deitschel. "But with the improvement I've seen so far, I'm very hopeful."

CROW, located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, offers an educational presentation Monday through Friday at 11 a.m.

The book, CROW Wildlife Rescue On Sanibel Island, by Brian Johnson, is available at all island bookstores.



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Shell Islands Garden Club

he final meeting of the season for Shell Islands Garden Club will take place Tuesday, May 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the Beaches Room at the Sundial on Sanibel. The buffet luncheon is \$13. Send your checks to Treasurer Mary Jo Kirkpatrick, PO Box 507, Sanibel FL 33957. If you wish to pay at the door, phone your reservation to Mary Jo at 472-4240. All reservations are firm and are due no later than May 9.

The program for the May 13 meeting is titled "No One Ever Promised Me A Rose Garden" and will feature club member Di Saggau. Di is a retired news director and newscaster for KFAB Radio in Omaha, Nebraska and is a theater reviewer for the Island Sun. She is also a member of Writers Group II on the island and is currently busy writing her memoirs. Di will share a few of her more humorous

This meeting will wind up a spectacular season led by President Pat Neitzke. Her goal for this meeting is that everyone have fun and enjoy the camaraderie that exists among garden club members. New officers will also be installed.

Pat also wants to remind all board members, present and incoming, that there will be a joint board meeting Wednesday, May 7, promptly at 11 a.m. at Westwind Inn. If you cannot attend, please give her a call at 395-2556.

Members are also encouraged to pay



Di Saggau

their yearly dues of \$20 at the May meeting. This way everyone's name will be included in the new directory for the 2003-2004 garden club season. Programs for the upcoming season are already in place and promise to provide members an exciting and enjoyable journey into the wonderful world of gardening and beyond.☆

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and future plans. After making the comment, 'I am very pleased with the progress the Foundation has made with the Marine Lab, the enthusiasm of the staff, and the support demonstrated by other donors, she amazed us with a second gift to the lab of \$500,000. We will never be able to express fully the impact Mrs. Valade has made on the health of our marine habitat. Her generosity will be felt for years to

There were 162 donors to the Marine Lab's five-year campaign. Donors making major gifts in cash and pledges included Gretchen Valade, Doug and Mary Lynn Parsons, Wayne and Linda Boyd, John and Sue Britton, Bob Wigley and Ann Moran, Pat and Bill LaMothe, The Haas Family, The Thomas Family Trust, Bill and Tina Hillebrandt, Tom and Sue Pick, Philip and Roberta Puschel, Mary Lee Dayton in memory of Wally Dayton, the Evelyn T. Klein Memorial Fund, the Messengers of Healing Winds Foundation, the Captiva Civic Association, Bob Strehlow, Robin Krivanek, Charlie and Caroline LeGette, and Calvin and Patricia Linnemann. The Conservation Foundation is deeply grateful to all the Marine Lab donors.

In response to questions about surpassing the five-year start-up campaign goal, Lindblad explained:

"First, unlike a land acquisition campaign, the funding needs for the Marine Lab do not end once we reach a specific number for a specific time frame. We intended to begin fundraising in 2004 for the second five year period of operations. Thanks to the recent Valade gift, we have gotten an earlier start on that effort.'

"Second, we may have the opportunity to fund Marine Lab programs that, while noteworthy, were not part of the original

core operating budget.

Stephen Bortone, Ph.D., the Marine Laboratory's director, spoke to enhanced program areas still in need of funding. One of these programs is an annual visiting scholar's program that helps to fund a "world class" marine scientist to conduct research at the laboratory for up to a year. Another program is designed to support graduate student marine research that would be conducted at the laboratory. Additional funding could also be used to provide on-site support for retired investigators and to transform grant-supported personnel into fulltime staff members.

While we celebrate the successful conclusion of this campaign to fund the first five years' core operating expenses, funding enhanced program areas and the next five years is also imperative to our mission," said Trustee Bob Wigley who was instrumental in the campaign's success. "Any islanders still wishing to make gifts or pledges should know they are still needed and would be most appreciated.'

The mission of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Marine Laboratory is to investigate the status and trends and to promote the health of the habitat and fauna within the marine nursery areas in and around the barrier islands of Sanibel and Captiva.

For more information, call the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.

How Does Your Garden Grow On Sanibel?

Taving retired after many years of writing a gardening column for the Island Sun, we are privileged to have Hulda Walters as our speaker at the May meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva, AARP chapter. Coming here from St. Louis, Missouri, Hulda has lived on Sanibel for over 30 years and, with wonderful gardening expertise, she will discuss Gardening on Sanibel. Plus, everyone will have an opportunity to ask questions. This is our last meeting before the Fall and it's

a not-to-be-missed meeting.

This meeting is Friday, May 9, at 1:30
p.m. at the Island Senior Center on Library Way off Palm Ridge Road – a pleasant way to meet fellow islanders, enjoy an informative program, refreshments and fellowship.

For more information call 395-3372.券

Master Gardeners Workshop

he Master Gardeners workshop to be held Tuesday, May 6, at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, is designed for the general public to serve as a resource for concerns about plants and the quest for additional information about plants. Admission is free. and no reservations are required.

Do you wake up in the middle of the night trying to remember if it's time to fertilize, what kind of plant food to use, should I plant daisies now or in the fall, why doesn't my pepper turn red... or endless other questions?

Then you would benefit from attending the Master Gardeners workshop,

where you can find answers to pressing garden problems from experts trained in the field of horticulture by the University of Florida. Also on hand are a number of island plant lovers recognized for their horticultural expertise and a few old-

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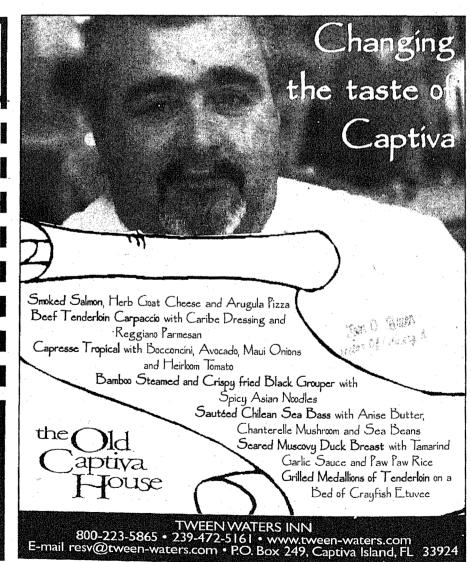


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Edison Film Festival Festivities

by Pamela Gilbert Wortzel

he festivities for the newly created Edison Film Festival got off to a good start, appropriately situated on the grounds of the home of the inventor of film, Thomas Edison. Long a local tourist attraction, the aging buildings and somewhat unkempt grounds of the great inventor's winter home could use a bit of a facelift. But for the 175 or so guests who gathered for the festival's inaugural event on Friday, April 25, it was the perfect spot to be. As they sipped wine and nibbled on hors d'oeuvres, guests wandered through the Edison Museum, musing over antique gramophones and contemplating Edison creations such as the first elegantly carved wooden jukebox.

Across the street, amidst the lush vegetation of the Edison estate, television per-sonality Bill Boggs presented legendary Night of the Living Dead director George Romero with the Innovation Award for his groundbreaking contributions to filmmaking, which ushered in a new era in the horror genre. The spirit of innovation was also present in the cere-mony itself. Festival creators had neglected to provide lighting for the evening event, so some quick thinking person commandeered a security guard's golf cart and directed the headlights towards illuminating the proceedings. Romero thanked the festival for honoring him and expressed his affection for Southwest Florida. The sculptured glass award was the creation of Sanibel artist Luc Century.

Following the presentation was an out-door showing of Day of the Dead. Guests sat out under the stars and munched on popcom as they viewed Romero's 1985 zombie epic, the final installment in a trilogy that began in 1968 with Night of the Living Dead. Many scenes were shot on location in Fort Myers and Sanibel, and the audience

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able to thank everyone who attended, not just verbally, but with a hug.

"Everybody was in such a good mood celebrating life. I can't thank my friends and family enough for being there for me at the worst point in my life," he says, adding that his girlfriend, Angie, has been a total lifeline and a great source of inspiration. "I just hope everybody felt my sincerity and thanks."

While in recovery, Healy is busy getting the new Snug Harbor bar open for business May 5 in Fort Myers Beach, where he will be working as manager.

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seemed to enjoy watching Romero's flesh eating zombies do their thing as they lurched around at familiar locations such as the old Edison Theater building in downtown Fort Myers. Come to think of it, some of Romero's zombies may still be hanging around in Southwest Florida. Just visit the Edison Mall and you will defi-

nitely spot some.

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quently show up at Sanibel City

Council Meetings.

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Saturday's events commenced with the screening of several fascinating films at the Regal Cinema's Bell Tower 20. Among them were Gift of the Game, Five Aces, SLAM and Jails, Hospitals and Hip Hop. The evening festival finale at Harborside began with a wine tasting and fine art show featuring the work of local artists such as Teresa Kostrabula, Bruce Gora and Fontaine. Approximately 275 people attended the event. Following a buffet style dinner, accomplished musi-cian Darryl Tookes played the piano and sang, and able Master of Ceremonies Bill

Boggs once again presided over the evening's festivities. Remarkably spry dancer and actress Norma Miller strutted her stuff along with the Eckerd College Swing Dancers. Honored at the festival along with



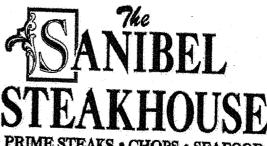
author Randy Wayne White presided over a a panel discussing the pitfalls of transforming fiction into film with writers Peter Mathiessen, Winston Grooms, Les Standiford, and

Winston Groom.

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Also honored in a moving tribute were the founders of Gabriel House Ed and Ann Ravish. The South Fort Myers couple runs a nonprofit foundation that helps children with significant medical and developmental problems. Proceeds from the Edison Film Festival will benefit Gabriel House.☆

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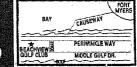
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n Saturday evening, May 3 at 8 p.m. at Schein Hall at BIG ARTS on Sanibel Island, the Gulf Coast Symphony performs another of its critically acclaimed "Concert & Conversation" programs. The program features Reiko Niiya, concertmaster of the Southwest Florida Symphony since 1983, who will perform Saint-Saens' lusciously melodic violin concerto. The program also includes Tchaikovsky's triumphant and popular 4th Symphony.
The Gulf Coast Symphony's Concert
and Conversation programs are
designed for the audience to become actively involved in the evening's program. Music Director Andrew Kurtz will discuss the evening's musical selections as well as demonstrating with the orchestral excerpts various elements that make the program unique. Highly interactive, the evening's concert is sure to prove entertaining and educational. The informal and casual atmosphere only enhances the concert-goers experience.

The highlight of the evening will be the Saint-Saens' beautiful violin concerto part of the Gulf Coast Symphony's tribute to Reiko Niiya. A veteran of the southwest Florida arts scene, Niiya's tenure has spanned 20 years, three conductors, and

the growth of arts organizations throughout the area. As such, the Gulf Coast Symphony will be honoring Niiya for her long term commitment to the arts, and arts edu-cation in Southwest Florida. Niiya is well known throughout the community for her leadership. Niiya is also an avid and active chamber music performer, and spent many years playing in a professional quartet.

All proceeds from this concert go to supporting the Gulf Coast Symphony's Musical Gateways Education programs and its unique artist residency program

Tickets for the May 3 concert are \$20. Tickets are available in person at BIG ARTS of by calling the symphony office. For more information or tickets call the symphony office at 472-6197 or email: info@gulfcoastsympho-

The Gulf Coast Symphony's music director and founder is Andrew Kurtz. Kurtz is also the artistic director of the Opera Theater of Philadelphia. Kurtz won the First Prize in the Accademia Dell'Arte

made his European debut in Florence, Italy. His International operatic conducting debut took place August 1995 in Tel Aviv. Kurtz was named Artistic Director of a new summer opera institute in Arezzo, Italy. 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 serves as a conductor and teacher at the Luzerne Music Festival. He received his Doctorate from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore.

The Gulf Coast Symphony is Southwest Florida's only non-professional community orchestra and has performed to sold out audiences, receiving rave reviews and critical acclaim for its creative, popular, and entertaining programing. Its season features its highly popular Symphonic Sensations Concert Series at the Barbara B. Mann and its Galloway Magic Carpet Family Concert Series at the Galloway Ford Showroom. It also sponsors a comprehensive arts education program, Musical Gateways, dedicated to providing ongoing educational opportuni-

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Everything takes place in a Harlem speakeasy where a swingin' party is going on. You hear such songs as Mean to Me, Honeysuckle Rose, Two Sleepy People, The Joint is Jumpin' and a host of others. The show is fast-paced with remarkable singing, dancing and piano playing. The latter is achieved by the accomplished Raimundo Santos, who knows how to get the most out of a piano.

Both Pritchett and Jones have extensive Broadway credits that no doubt account for their natural stage presence and remarkable talents. Kirven oozes personality doing the songs once performed by the late Nell Carter. Lauture has a lovely voice and her feet move like magic Jacobs is sultry and also a powerful singer. In other words, this is the perfect cast to star in such an explosive musical revue.

I liked the first act of Ain't MisBehavin' and absolutely loved the second act. I mean the joint is really jumping by that time. The show is a celebration of the comedic and musical soul of 1920s Harlem. There are lots of show-stopping numbers, especially the last song and dance routine. It'll knock you off your feet.



Franz Jones and Gil Pritchett III

A favorite expression of mine, "One never knows, do one?" is often used in the show. And I thought Lawrence Sanders invented the saying for Archie McNally. (If you've never read his books, this paragraph will make no sense at all.)

But...seeing Ain't MisBehavin' makes perfectly good sense. It's a feet-stomping, magical, musical revue. Call 332-4488 for tickets. You don't want to miss this one. The Florida Repertory Theatre is located in the Arcade Theatre in Historic Downtown Fort Myers on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry Streets.

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- 3. LITERATURE: The novel "Sweet Thursday" is a sequel to what book?
- 4. MUSIC: What is JoJo's hometown in the Beatles' song "Get Back"?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name for Jakarta, Indonesia? 6. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has a moon named
- 7. HISTORY: In World War II, battleships were named for what?
- 8. MEDICINE: In the ancient world, bodily fluids were believed to be composed of substances called the "Four Humors." What were those four things?
- 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a flageolet?

ANSWERS

Saturn. 7. U.S. states. 8. Blood, phlegm, black bile, yellow bile. 9. A flute. 1, 1949, 2. Cell. 3, "Cannery Row". 4. Tucson, Ariz. 5. Batavia, 6.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't waste your time and energy fretting over remarks you consider unnecessary or unkind. Best advice: Ignore them, and just keep doing your usual good job.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting that new perspective on a workplace situation could lead to a solution everyone will accept. Meanwhile, make time to keep up with your creative pursuits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those changes you planned to implement in early summer might need to be reassessed. But don't make any moves until you've discussed this with someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor harmony, making this a good time to work out problems in relationships — whether per-

sonal or professional, big or small. An old friend comes back

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While you're still riding that high-powered beam, you might begin to lose focus by week's end. Could be you'll need to do a little cat-napping to restore your spent energies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development creates a lot of excitement. Where it takes you is your decision. Check out the possibilities, then decide if you want to go with it or not.

LIBRA (September 23' to October 22) Although your supporters help you squash an unfair claim against you, don't let this go unchallenged. You need to learn more about the motives of those behind it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still some tasks to clear up by midweek. Then you can welcome the new month on a high note. A friend brings surprising but very welcome news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might want to change your plans before they're set in cement. Consider advice from colleagues. But remember that, ultimately, it's your choice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A difficult situation is working itself out. Lingering problems should be resolved by week's end, allowing the Goat to enjoy a calmer, less stressful period.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to move so quickly that you miss possible warning signs that could upset your plans. Slow down. Your supporters will continue to stand by you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your generosity in sharing your time and wisdom with others leads to an intriguing development that could have you considering some interesting choices.☆

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 28, 1789, three weeks into a journey from Tahiti to the West Indies, the HMS Bounty is seized in a mutiny led by Fletcher Christian, the master's mate. Captain William Bligh and 18 of his loyal supporters were set adrift in a small, open boat, and the Bounty set course for Tubuai, south of Tahiti.
- On April 30, 1803, representatives of the United States and Napoleonic France conclude negotiations for the Louisiana Purchase. What was then known as the Louisiana Territory comprised most of the modern-day United States between the Mississippi and the

Rocky Mountains, with the exceptions of Texas, parts of New Mexico and other pockets of land already controlled by the United States.

- On May 1, 1898, at Manila Bay in the Philippines, the U.S. Asiatic Squadron destroys the Spanish Pacific fleet in the first battle of the Spanish-American War. Nearly 400 Spanish sailors were killed and 10 Spanish warships wrecked or captured at the cost of only six Americans wounded.
- On May 2, 1933, although accounts of an aquatic beast living in Scotland's Loch Ness date back 1,500 years, the modern legend of the Loch Ness Monster is born when a sighting by a local couple makes local news.
- On April 29, 1945, the U.S. Seventh Army's 45th Infantry Division liberates Dachau, the first concentration camp established by Germany's Nazi regime.
- On May 3, 1947, Japan's postwar constitution goes into effect. The progressive constitution granted universal suffrage, stripped Emperor Hirohito of all but symbolic power, stipulated a bill of rights, abolished peerage and outlawed Japan's right to make war.
- On May 4, 1979, Margaret Thatcher, leader of the Conservative Party, is sworn in as Britain's first female prime minister. The Oxfordeducated chemist and lawyer was sworn in the day after the Conservatives won a 44-seat majority in general parliamentary elections.



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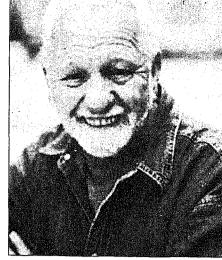
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Young Artists And Latin Jazz At Alliance This Weekend

he Lee County Alliance for the Arts invites the public to attend two special events Friday and Saturday evenings on its campus at McGregor and Colonial Boulevards in Fort Myers. Friday evening May 2, from 5 to 7 p.m., an Opening Reception will be held for "Young Artists 2003!" to launch the exhibition of artists aby students in public and private high schools in Lee County, organized by the LAEA: Lee Art Educators Association. Admission to both the reception and the Exhibition, which runs Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through May 14, is free.

In addition to the traditional awards being offered, this Friday evening's Young Artists 2003! reception will include announcement of the high school student whose work is judged "Best in Show" and, thus, also is the recipient of a free 11-day ArtStudy/Giverny Program, which includes arts instruction, lodging, meals, local trips and daily painting sessions in Claude Monet's celebrated garden 30 miles north of Paris, France. The complete 11-day ArtStudy/Giverny program is valued in excess of \$3,000 and is being donated by local artist Gale Bennett, who is also ArtStudy/Giverny director. If the



Gale Bennett

announced winner is less than 18 years of age, Bennett's offer includes half tuition, board and other program fees for the winner's accompanying adult guardian.

Saturday evening, May 3, award-winning virtuoso with the 36-string Paraguayan Harp, Roberto Perera, headlines the third and final Jazz Alliance Concert of 2003 outdoors under the stars on the Great Lawn in front of the Alliance's Frizzell Amphitheatre. Perera, who came to Miami via New York City from his hometown, Montevideo, Uruguay, embraced the challenging 36string Paraguayan harp early in his career and transformed it from a "native instrument considered merely used to play folk music" into a world class "commanding

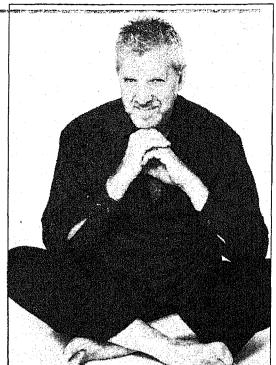
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With eight albums to his credit, Perera won Billboard's first ever 'Contemporary Latin Jazz Album of the Year" for his Dreams & Desires release and earned repeated Jazzis honors in his category as "Favorite Jazz Artist" Compositions from his current Grammy nominated album, Sensual will be featured in his Alliance performance, so concertgoers can expect to be lulled, mellowed, electrified, enchanted and soothed in rapid succession and profusion. Perera's music consists largely of change: changing and combining musical types, rapidly shifting rhythms and creating a unique blend that is both exotic and irresistible. "And the overall effect is magnificent!" report advance scouts from his Miami area performances.

Saturday evening's concert starts at 5:30 p.m., when free Alliance parking lots open. Food and beverages catered by the Golf Roberto Perera Club at Cape Coral will be sold before and after the music starts at 7 p.m.

There's one intermission planned, with music winding down around 10. Call 939-2787 for tickets, which are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs for added personal comfort.

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heatre Conspiracy is proud to announce the winner of its sixth annual new play contest. The Frankenstein Summer by Catherine

Bush was selected from 298 submissions from across the United States, Canada and South America. Set in 1816 at the Villa Diodati on Lake Geneva,

Switzerland, The Frankenstein Summer tells the story of George Gordon, Lord Byron, England's most famous exiled poet who is virtually trapped in his residence during an unusually violent storm. Relief is found when his new friend and neighbor, the poet Percy Shelly, knocks on the door seeking shelter from the deluge. Accompanying Shelly are his mistress, the lovely Mary Godwin (later Mary Shelly), and Mary's stepsister, Claire Clairmont. As the rain continues to pour the friendly gathering turns into a weekend fraught with secrets, scandals, ghost stories and musical beds. By the time Mother Nature has calmed, the idea for one of the worlds greatest horror classics has been born.

Catherine Bush's musical comedy I'll Never Be Hungry Again, written in conjunction with composer Gary Bartholomew, was produced by The West T. Hill Theatre in Danville, Kentucky in 1996 and again in 2000. Another musical, Hester Buys A Vowel, also with Bartholomew, was produced by The West



Catherine Bush

T. Hill Theatre in 1997. Bush and Bartholomew's third collaboration, Nancy Drew: The Musical, was produced at West T. Hill Theatre in 1998 and again at Wings Theatre Company (New York, NY) in 1999. Her first drama Hangman, was a finalist in the 2002 Mildred and Albert Panowski Playwriting Competition pre-sented by Northern Michigan University and was also one of the top twelve finalists in the 2002 New Works Festival presented by Long Beach Playhouse in California.

The Frankenstein Summer will have its world premiere performances May 22 through June 7 at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers. Shows will be Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with

Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 or \$7 for students and can be purchased by calling Theatre Conspiracy at 936-3239.

The second place entry is Exiting Happy by P'Nenah Goldstein of Santa Monica, California. The show finds two unlikely roommates in Happy, a woman who is "forty two" in Southern years and Randy, an aspiring actor. The two form a unique camaraderie as they explore the options open to them in their lives. Exiting Happy is currently being negotiat ed for performances in August of 2003.

Rounding out the remainder of Theatre Conspiracy's top ten list of entries in no particular order is:

Musically Inclined by Peter Shelburne

from Massachusetts. Paraphrasing Chekov by William

Missouri Downs from Wyoming
Don't Let The Nightmares Keep You From Dreaming by Jan Notzon from North Carolina.

The Colored Door At The Train Depot by Nancy Gall-Clayton from

Kentucky.

The Quality Of Mercy by David Hall from Colorado.

The Great Centerville Conflict by Nikki Harmon from New York.

Weep No More Today by Michele Raper Rittenhouse from New York. Breakfast In The Evil Empire by Peter Morris from New York.

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he Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Principal Pops Conductor Erich Kunzel, will present a rousing salute to the United States of America in the Patriotic Pops concerts at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Thursday through Saturday, May 15 to 17 at 8 p.m.

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Tickets for Patriotic Pops are \$40 for adults and \$16 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact Customer Service at 239-597-1900 or toll-free 800-597-1900. Tickets are also available at the Philharmonic Ticket Outlet at Coastland Center Mail. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard in Naples.**

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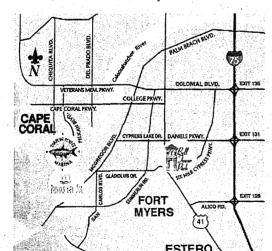
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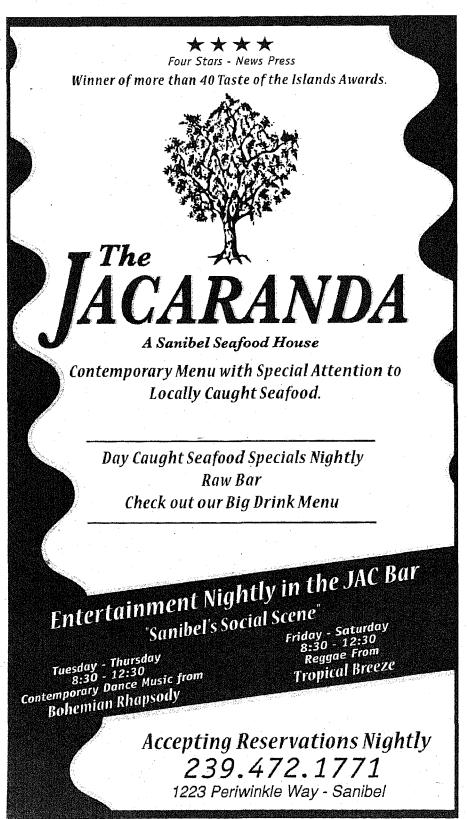


Arts & Festivals Calendar May 2003

* Indicates a multi-date event

May 2

* ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS Frizzell Gallery, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, hosts "Young Artists 2003," two exhibits of works by art students in Lee County public and private schools organized by the Lee Art Educators Association. An Opening reception for the high school students' exhibition (on view 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays May 3 through May 12) is from 5 to 7 p.m. this evening; an opening reception for elementary and middle school students' works (on view during the same hours May 17 through May 23) is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening, May 16. Admission is free. Call 939-2787 for details.



* CULTURAL PARK THEATRE COMPANY at 528 Cultural Park Boulevard, Cape Coral, presents three final performances of *Tintypes* as part of its 40th Anniversary Celebration through May 4. Tickets to performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening and 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon are only \$10 a person. Call 772-5862 for details

May 3

* ABORIGINALS: ART OF THE FIRST PERSON at 2340 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, presents "Figuratively Speaking", a free show and sale of Zuni, Cochiti, Navajo and Isleta fetish carvings newly acquired from the American Southwest, today through May 31. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more details, call 482-7025.

ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS presents a final 2003 season Jazz Alliance Concert staring Latin Jazz Grammy Nominee Roberto Perera, Paraguayan harp virtuoso, and his band on the outdoor amphitheatre lawn of the Alliance campus at Colonial and McGregor Boulevards. Free parking opens at 5:30 p.m.; Perera plays from 7 to 10 p.m. Catered food and beverages available. Call 939-2787 for tickets, ranging from \$12.50 in series to \$20 for singles at gate.

GULF COAST SYMPHONY ends its 2003 season with "Classic Sanibel – A Concert & Conversation Program" featuring some of classical music's Top 100 hits, with violin soloist Reiko Niiya at 8 p.m. in Shein Hall at Big ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call 472-6197 for reservations.

CALUSA NATURE CENTER & PLANETARIUM, 3450 Ortiz Ave., presents a naturalist-guided map and compass reading "Orienteering" program for families, starting at 11 a.m. Registration is \$7 for adults and \$4 for ages 3 to 12 which can be arranged by calling 275-3435.

IMAGINARIUM HANDS-ON MUSEUM at 2000 Cranford Avenue holds a "Dino Day" with adult and children's project-making activities complementing their "Dinosaurs II" exhibit from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 children ages 3 to 12. Call 337-3332 for complete details.

THE MUSIC FOUNDATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA hosts a "Double Reed Festival" for all oboe and bassoon students from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m./ that features an intensive master class at Edison Community College, a march to -- and a final recital at -- Cypress Cove. The fee for participants is \$15, including a T-shirt and lunch. Call 275-0057 for more information

* KIDS CONSPIRACY gives various matinee and evening performances of "Lucky Hightops and the Cosmic Cat Patrol, Episode One: Captives of the Dog Star" May 4, 5, 9 and 10 at The Foulds Theatre on the Alliance for the Arts Campus at McGregor and Colonial Boulevards, and at Big ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, on Sanibel at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$5, with group rates available. Call 936-3239 for specific performance times and ticketing.

May 5

BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL on the campus of Edison Community College presents the international sensation *Gipsy Kings* with vigorous guitar and vocal rumba flamenca music at 8 p.m. tonight. Call the box office at 481-4849 for tickets ranging from \$40 to \$65.

May (

- * BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL at ECC is home to 7:30 p.m. evening and 2 p.m. matinee performances of women's conversations in the New York City originated *Vagina Monologues* tonight through May 11. Call the box office at 481-4849 for ticket availabilities and prices.
- * BIG ARTS at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, showcases "Fishworks" daily from $1\ \text{to}\ 4$ p.m. through May $21\ \text{in}$ its Phillips Gallery. Admission to this exhibition of painting, prints and sculpture by the artists of Sanibel School is free. Call 395-0900 for additional information.

FLORIDA REPERTORY holds another in its series of well-received New Play Readings with The Gibson Girl by Kristin Greenridge in its downtown Arcade Theatre venue at 2267 First Street. Call 332-4488 for additional information and ticket availabilities.

May 7

IMAGINARIUM HANDS-ON MUSEUM at 2000 Cranford Avenue, holds a 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and a 1 to 4 p.m. "Homeschool Day" program with curriculum-centered educational activities, shows and workshops based on their on-going "Dinosaurs II" exhibit. Registration is \$3 to \$5. Call 337-3332 for complete details.

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2003



by Damon Craig

don't know how to thank everyone who took part in the party for Crusher last week at the American Legion. It is truly great to see people coming together to help a fellow local. Thanks!

As we say in the Realtor world, we are over the hump as far as season is concerned so it's time to enjoy our island once again. A good start would be to hit a few pool bars, followed up by a bit of bike riding around the

island. All without the fear of being clipped by a tourist in a hurry to get a beer and a Blushing Mermaid (it's a sandwich) at the East End Deli. Now for the fun

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Sunday - Bungalow. Let the good times roll and let the beer flow. Great food, great drinks and great prices.

Monday — Timbers. I can't think of a better place to hang out and enjoy the island culture. If you have never had the

pleasure of experiencing this place, you can't go home without this memory.

Tuesday — McT's. If you want a place to hang out and get faced, this is the place. Two-for-one drinks from 10:30 to close. It does not get any better than this.

Wednesday — Jacaranda. Dave and Marcie are the champs of Wednesday night entertainment and holding strong. Stop by and see why!

Thursday — Hungry Heron. They don't have live music but there are plenty

of bar tricks to go around. Last week's clue: What bar has Palm trees inside?

Answer: McT's

This week's clue; What bar has clouds painted on the ceiling?

Drink of the week: It's summer, so beer

Attention 2003 **Graduates**

The Island Sun is looking for photos and information from local 2003 graduates to appear in the newspaper. If you are graduating or know a local grad, we need your help in obtaining the following infor-

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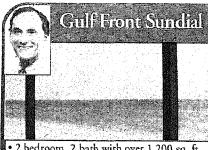
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Kids Conspiracy Goes Into Orbit

he next Kids Conspiracy show is out of this world as two brave felines prove they're no scardy cats in Lucky Hightops and the Cosmic Cat Patrol, Episode One: Captives of the Dog Star by Lane Ridsley. The first of this campy series pits Lucky and her catty companions against the mad genius Dog Robber and his Mongrel hordes. Shows are May 4, 5, 9, 10, 17 and 24.

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Lucky Hightops is missing after a dangerous mission, Rufus and Cirrus making a daring rescue attempt and uncover Dog Robber's plan to rule the galaxy by unleashing his Ultimate Weapon. Can the two junior space cadets put Dog Robber in the pound? Will they rescue Lucky in time? Tune in this May to find out.

Lucky Hightops and the Cosmic Cat Patrol, Episode One: Captives of the Dog Star by Lane Ridsley will be presented at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers on Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m.; Monday, May 5 at 11 a.m.; Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (There is a performance on Saturday May 17, to be announced). It will also be presented on Saturday, May 24 at 11 a.m. at BIG ARTS on Sanibel. Tickets are \$5 with group rates available. For information, call 936-3239. The Foulds Theatre is located at the Lee County Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel

All Kids Conspiracy productions are free of violence and commercialization. Kids Conspiracy, founded in 1999, is the children's theater division of Theatre Conspiracy Inc., a 501 (c)3 non-profit theater company and the resident theater company of the Foulds Theatre.

Dunes Men's Golf

he results for the Dunes Men's Golf 18 Holes - Four Man 1-2-3 Ball match held on April 21 are as follows:

First place, John Griesbaum, Michael Funk, Dick Wilhoit and Jack Gans, 112; second place, Dewey Tate, Bill Swain, John Basher and Bill Craig, 112; third place, Marv Seibold, KK Bigelow, Bob Maxeiner and David Parmelee, 118; fourth place, John Frymoyer, Jim Clark and Bob Louwers, 118. A blind draw was used to determine the John Frymoyer threesome score. All ties carded off to determine place.\$

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Rah, Rah, Rah

by Bryan Hayes



is-boom-bah, Bugs Bunny, rah, rah, rah. Now that I Bugs Bunny, caught your attention with a line from one of my all time favorite cartoon episodes, I will bore you to death with the subject of routine maintenance.

There is nothing more stimulating than the subject of routine maintenance other than perhaps the subject of the fertilizer used on golf courses. But here goes.

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Thanks for reading. Bryan Hayes is a state certified Sanibel air conditioning contractor. Comments are welcome at: bhaves111367@aol.com.

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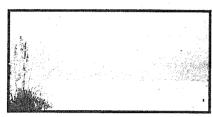






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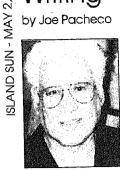


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Writers Writing Writina

by Joe Pacheco



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Writers Writing By Joseph Pacheco

Where were you on May 6, 1937? By Joseph Pacheco

In the late afternoon pounding the pink "Spaldeen" ball between the screened windows of the Telephone Building on 13th Street in our slum version of handball, my friend Danny and I looked up and saw the Hindenberg, immense shining silver shaped like a cigar floating directly above us so close Danny threw the "Spaldeen" up as high as he could to try to hit it but of course he missed and we both laughed...

later I heard it crashed in Jersey and the whole next day everyone listened to the announcer on the radio sobbing and I remember thinking radio announcers are always cool but not this time so this must be real and later that week at the movies they showed it in the Newsreel, the Hindenberg collapsing like a huge balloon on fire and people burning and screaming as they tried to jump and my mother and the women in the audience crying,

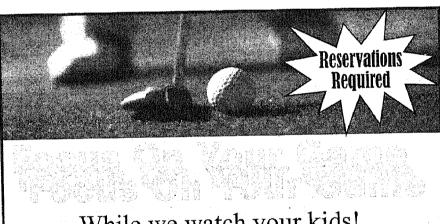
right then I wished that Danny had been able to hit it with the ball and changed its course — maybe that would have saved it.

Where were you on May 8, 1945? By Joseph Pacheco

Playing hooky at the New Amsterdam movie theatre on 42nd Street and coming out after sitting through Behind the Rising Sun and Commandos Strike At Dawn, blinded for about ten seconds by sunlight then saw that Times Square was filling up quickly with people, lots of them women and servicemen and the newsstand guy shouting, "Hitler Caput, Germans Quit! Read all about it!" the cops directing cars away from Times Square and all the people into it, the women grabbing every soldier and sailor and kissing and even French kissing the living daylights out of them, the men looking for women to kiss and finding them and before I knew it, the women kissing me, one after the other, I had never kissed strange women before, grownup or young, I became excited but you really couldn't do anything because it was too crowded with more and more people shoving into the square,

holding their fingers high in V for Victory signs — by the Red Cross War Fund booth in the middle of the Square, the loudspeakers began playing There'll Be A Hot Time In The Town Of Berlin by Frank Sinatra, a girl in a drum majorette outfit was lifted on top of a Red Cross truck and led the crowd around her in cheering: "Two down, one To-jo, Next stop -- Tok-y-o!" reminding us that only half the war was over and reminding me that it had already been over for my brother who was killed in '44;

pushing my way out of the square, I walked the two miles downtown against a wild tide of cheering girls and beer-guzzling teen-age boys rushing to the square to get drunk for victory, found no one at home, looked in the mirror, saw my face and mouth covered with the lipstick prints of the strangers with whom I had shared a moment of public intimacy, wiped them all off with my mother's cold cream just in time -- my mother came in and I could see she had been crying, "Did you hear the news?" she asked me, I answered, " and they let us out of school early."



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It's Easy To Cut Fat From Recipes

by Joan Hooper

any of us have favorite recipes which the family loves, but they are too high in fat to serve on a frequent basis. It's easy to cut the fat, though, and you can do it on most of your favorite recipes.

If eggs are included in your recipe, use two egg whites for each egg called for. For instance, if your recipe calls for two eggs, simply separate the whites from the yolks of four eggs. Throw the yolks away, and use only the four whites for your two-egg recipe.

If you prefer to make an omelet instead of heart-healthy oatmeal for breakfast, use the whites of two or three eggs, but add one egg yolk to the mix-ture to give it color. I also add one tablespoon of low-fat cottage cheese to my egg mixture to make it fight and fluffy. If you like, throw some chopped onion and veggies into the pan and saute a bit before adding your whipped egg mix-

Likewise, if your recipe calls for cheese, use a low-fat cheese substitute. Always have low-fat cheese available in your refrigerator or freezer. Even your cottage cheese should be either low-fat or fat-free, but with yogurt or mayon-naise, fat-free has little flavor. I prefer to buy low-fat of both the cottage cheese and the mayonnaise.

Likewise, the meat in your recipes needs to be evaluated. Beef is mostly high fat, and you might like to use more veal. Veal chops are delicious grilled, and I prefer them to beef steaks. As for hamburgers, substitute turkey for your grilled hamburgers, or buy Boca Burgers. They are delicious, especially if using their original garlic-flavored Boca Burgers. You'll find them in the freezer case at your grocery store. Other vegetarian burgers don't even come close to

the flavor of a grilled Boca Burger.
Or try grilling a Portabella mushroom. Simply brush both sides with olive oil, add your favorite burger seasoning, and grill on your barbecue for a couple of minutes on each side. It's delicious with lettuce and tomato in a French or Kaiser roll

If you love ketchup, which is very high in sugar, try using stone ground or Dijon mustard. You'll love it! And for sensational impact, use your favorite fresh herbs on your burger.

If you need to cut your calories further, don't use any roll at all. Instead, cook at least two lowstarch vegetables (no corn or peas), add a large leafy green salad with Hellman's new Citrus Splash dressing, and you're set for some great "hamburger alfresco." The Orange Citrus Splash is delicious and refreshing, and it's half the fat of Hellman's Original Ranch with Bacon.

Your best choice, though, would be turkey burgers, in place of hamburgers, and I have included the recipe for Grilled Stuffed Turkey Burgers, both as is, or with fat cut down. The original version was developed in Lipton's Wish-Bone Dressing kitchen.

Grilled Stuffed Turkey Burgers

Yield: 8 burgers 2 lbs. Ground turkey

I Egg, lightly beaten 1/2 cup Plain bread crumbs (I use

whole wheat)

1/4 cup Wish-Bone Italian dressing (or fat-free Italian) I Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce

I Tbsp. Chopped fresh parsley (or other herb, like fennel or chopped Rosemary)

1/4 Tsp. Salt 4 oz. (or 1/2 cup) Shredded Smoked Gouda or Mozzarella Cheese.

8 Hamburger rolls, split (use whole

In large bowl, combine all ingredients

except cheese and rolls; cover and refrigerate I hour. Shape mixture into 16 patties. Evenly place cheese in center of each of 8 patties; top with remaining patties, sealing edges well. Grill or broil, turning only once, for 10 minutes or until cooked thoroughly. Serve on French or whole wheat rolls. Yum!

For lower calorie version, omit cheese and serve grilled unstuffed burgers, or place chopped Vidalia onion between the two patties, sealing edges well. The new crop of Vidalia onions is coming on the market from Georgia and Florida growers. Grill or broil as above.

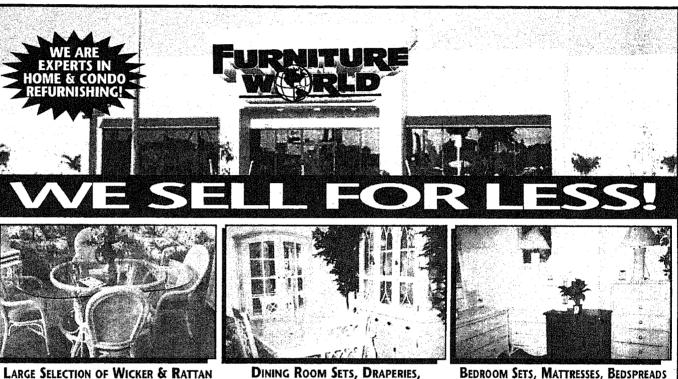
There is no mystery to healthy cooking. You already know that if you skip the butter and/or margarine, you are eliminating a major source of fat in your diet. Always find ways to eliminate the fat present in ingredients.

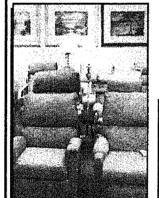
If you must oil a pan, use as little fat

as possible, or use just a splash of olive oil so that you are ingesting a healthy unsaturated oil. Even better, use a splash of chicken broth instead of butter or oil in your pan.

Make healthy food choices, use fresh high-quality ingredients, eliminate refined starches and sugars, and transform your diet into high-fiber, proteinrich, low-fat dishes. It's easier than you think. And be sure you have a couple of cookbooks that stress healthy eating. You might even ad a vegetarian cookbook to your collection. Bon appetit!

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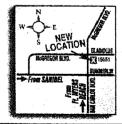


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ទ្ធី The Secret Life of Bees

∾ by Priscilla Friedersdorf

uthor Sue Monk Kidd has crafted a novel that combines all the ele-Aments of a good story; interesting characters and a mystery that holds the reader's attention until the last pages.

The Secret Life of Bees" has been on ments of a good story; interesting the New York Times Best Seller list for eleven weeks as a paperback and many weeks prior to that in hard cover. The novel is set in South Carolina during the turbulent civil rights period of 1964; a time when the South was reluctantly accepting sweeping changes in integra tion. The personal search of a young girl for liberation of another type is skillfully woven by Kidd into a fine novel.

Lily Owens lives in the small town of Sylvan, South Carolina, on a peach farm owned by her father, T. Ray. Her mother was killed under mysterious circumstances when she was four years old and she has endured a sense of guilt and a loveless childhood with T. Ray; a harsh and cold father. T. Ray "...didn't believe in slumber parties or sock hops, which wasn't a big concern as I never got invited to them anyway... I wore clothes I made for myself in home economics class... shirtwaists with crooked zippers and skirts hanging below my knees... I might as well have worn a sign on my back: I AM NOT POPULAR AND NEVER WILL BE.

Rosaleen, their black housekeeper, furnishes the only emotional stability in

Lily's life. Lily has kept the few items that were her mother's secreted away in a tin box and buried the box in the orchard. Among the mementoes is a

small wooden picture of a black Virgin Mary; on the back is written "Tiburon,

The fourteen year-old Lily believes her only future is to attend beauty college until a teacher recognizes her writing ability in her essay "My Philosophy of Life" which she intended to "be the start of a book but could get only three pages out of it." T. Ray puts her literary aspirations down with "Who do you think you are, Julius

Shakespeare?' A series of events in their small town cause Lily and Rosaleen to run away and the adventure leads to the home of some unusual beekeeping black sisters in Tiburon, South Carolina, "... a place like Sylvan... In front of the domed courthouse someone had stuck a Confederate flag in the mouth of their public cannon. South Carolina was Dixie first, America

Kidd's novel has all the attributes of the best Southern writers; colorful

A NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER descriptive passages, good dialogue, fully realized character studies and the ability to engage the read-er in the mystery and emotions of the interwoven lives of these characters. There is never a dull moment in the pages of the novel and as one reviewer wrote, "The Secret Life of Bees proves that a family can be found where you least expect it - maybe not under your own roof, but in that magical place where you find love.

The novel is available locally at MacIntosh Book Shop and Sanibel Island Bookshop. The latter store

will gift wrap your book with a little beehive candle attached.

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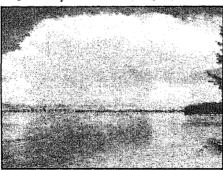
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by Marcia Feeney

ave you ever noticed that Lwhen you take down holiday decora-tions, your home looks bare? Ît might be that you need to add accessories to make your room look festive all year round, to give it

that "finishing touch." Accessorizing is the way we put our personality stamp on our homes. It can be considered an embellishment on the theme of our lifestyle — an extension, not only of our personal decorating taste, but also of our personal lives. Once relegated to only the rich who displayed curios that looked like they belonged in a museum, accessorizing caught on with the general public some time ago. To a great extent this is due to shelter magazines, which show exquisite close-ups of tabletops and mantels laden with picture frames, marble eggs, floral arrangements and verdigris cranes. Every tabletop becomes a still life.

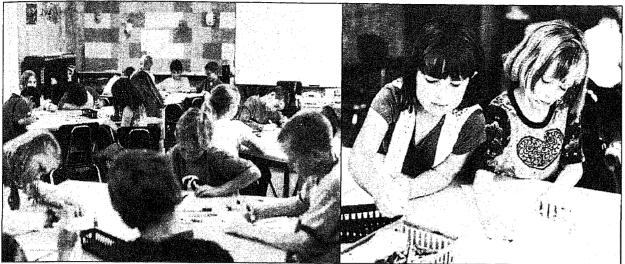
Hopefully, the memorabilia displayed on your shelves is a collection of meaningful items, accumulated over time, with special significance for you. Don't let the home fashions industry, or even your mother-in-law, dictate the bric-abrac on your coffee table.

The arrangement of your collections is just as interesting as the collection itself. Some people arrange by subject: a medley of jade turtles or a grouping of horse pictures together. Others arrange by what we call predicate, the most common being size and color. Books are a perfect example. Analytical personalities will classify their books by subject. The more visually oriented person tends to sort by predicate - size, color,

etc.
The next step is to determine how to arrange accessories. Some prefer symmetry — for example, two candlesticks and two objets d'art, flanking an oil painting over a mantel, would be suitable for a formal arrangement. Others prefer an asymmetrical grouping, as in variable-sized framed photographs, next to a floral arrangement. Place accessories in uneven numbers, arranging "dustibles" in 3's, 5's, or 7's, to provide a more interesting grouping. So put your personality stamp on your home and make every day a holiday!

Marcia Feeney is an interior decorator on Sanibel and Captiva.蓉

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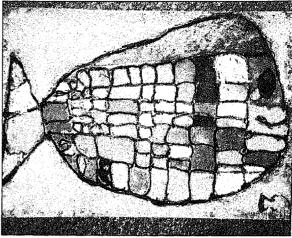
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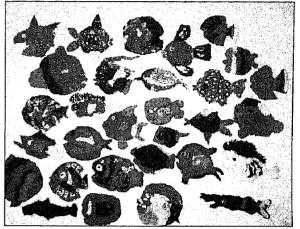
ishworks is coming to Phillips Gallery, BIG ARTS, May 6 through May 21 with over 300 original and unique fish created by the artists of The Sanibel School. Included are fish that are exciting, elaborate, natural, thought-

ful, representational, imaginary, comical and colorful.

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There will be two art receptions on Thursday, May 15 and Friday, May 16 at 5:30, BIG ARTS Center, prior to The Sanibel School Spring program on the same evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Schein Hall. For additional information, call BIG ARTS at 395-0900.





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SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. How many complete games did legendary pitcher Cy Young toss during his career?
- 2. How many times has the Milwaukee Brewers franchise lost 100-plus games in a season?

3. In his first four seasons in the NFL, how many teams did current Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox play for? 4. What was the lowest-seeded team to reach an NCAA men's basketball Final

5. In the 2002-03 season, Trevor Linden became the leading goal scorer in Vancouver Canucks history. Whose record did he break?

6. Who was the only jockey to both ride and train a Kentucky Derby winner? Who was the last heavyweight boxer before Roy Jones to win a title while

weighing less than 200 pounds? **ANSWERS**

8461 ^{uj} 1. He had 751, a major-league record. 2. Once - the Brewers lost 106 games in 2002. 3. Three — Denver, the Los Angeles Rams and the New York Giants. 4. In 1986, 11th-seeded Louisians State made the Final Four. 5. Stan Smyl, who had 262 goals. 6. Johnny Longden, who rode Count Fleet in 1943 and trained Majestic Prince in 1969. 7. Leon Spinks weighed 197 pounds when he beat Muhammad Ali Prince in 1969. 7. Leon Spinks weighed 197 pounds when he beat Muhammad Ali Prince in 1969. 7. Leon Spinks weighed 197 pounds when he beat Muhammad Ali

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Boat Race And Air Show

The countdown to race weekend continues. Fort Myers Beach is pumping up for the fastest power boat racers and air show participants to roar into action off the shores of Fort Myers Beach.

Friday, May 9 Local Fund Raiser - Offshore kick-off party and happy hour at the Beached Whale, Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle, official 2003 T-shirt sales and a drawing for a race weekend stay at DiamondHead Beach Resort.

Thursday, May 15 Offshore Grand Prix & Air Show parade, sponsored by Dockside Sports Pub. The parade starts at School Street leading up Estero Boulevard towards the bridge. It begins at 7 p.m., bridge closes at 6:30 p.m., staging starts at 5:30 p.m.

Offshore Grand Prix & Air Show Beauty Pageant, sponsored by the Beached Whale, will be held at Dockside Sports Pub at 8 p.m. The pageant open to all women 18 and over. Judging will be based on beauty, poise, personality and scholastic achievement. First place winner to recieve a \$1,000 scholorship, crown and offshore jacket, second place winner to recieve a \$500 scholorship and third place winner to recieve a \$350 scholorship. The deadline for entry is May 2.

Friday, May 16 Dry Pit Block Party at Gulf Waters RV Resort from 5 to 11 p.m.

There will be food, beverages and live music. View race boats, helicopters and crew members up close while enjoying live

music in the party in the pits.
Saturday, May 17

Offshore Grand Prix & Air Show. The Official Air Show will be held along the coastline, north end of Fort Myers Beach.

The best viewing will be from DiamondHead Beach Resort and the Fort Myers Beach Pier. The show starts at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 18 Offshore Grand Prix & Air Show -Official Boat Races.

The start/finish line is at DiamondHead Beach Resort and the race is from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Offshore Grand Prix & Air Show Awards Ceremony will be at The Bridge

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Tears Of Victory For Fred Couples; First Win In Five Years

by Ed Frank



Then it was over he cried. And no doubt there were plenty at home who watched his thrilling victory in the Houston Shell Open who cried right along with him.

Yes, it was an emotional scene last Sunday when Fred Couples captured his first PGA tournament in five years shooting four subpar rounds enroute to a four-stroke victory. It was the perfect stage for the former University of Houston star.

Possessing one of the most fluid, picture-perfect swings ever to

grace a golf course, Couples has struggled mightily since winning the Masters way back in 1992. His last win, in fact, was the 1998 Memorial.

Back problems and marital problems contributed to his struggles. But with a new wife and a young family, the always-popular Couples rededicated himself this year to get back to the dominance he once enjoyed.

And even before last Sunday's championship, there were hints he was getting back. In the eight events he had played this year prior to the Houston Shell Open, he had two top 10 finishes, four top 25 finishes and made seven of eight cuts.

But the victory in Houston was a sight to behold.

He led or shared the lead the first three days, and then stormed home with four birdies in the last five holes, including a birdie put on 18.

Couples, 43, played in the final twosome with Mark Calcavecchia, 42, winner of the 1989 British Open. It was to their mutual delight.

"It really doesn't affect me, but I would rather play golf with people I know,"
Couples said before starting Sunday's final round. "The older I get, I barely know—
or have played with— the guys 25 or 30. If I had my choice, I would probably play

with guys my age who I have the chance to beat up a little."
Whether he "beat up" Calcavecchia or whether Calcavecchia beat himself is a good question. He fell out of contention on the 17th hole when his second shot stopped on the edge of the water and he waded in knee-deep to hit the ball. He managed to get his third shot on the green, but when his par put hung on the lip for a bogey, Couples' victory was assured

When it was over, he received the usual congratulatory hugs from his caddie and from Calcavecchia. And there was a thunderous ovation from the huge crowd. But when Peter Kostas attempted to interview Fred, he broke down and raced towards the scoring tent.

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Miracle Continue Winning Ways; Remain In First Place.

When the Island Sun and The River Weekly News went to press early this week, the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team was atop the West Division of the Florida State League with a 17-8 record and a three-game lead over Dunedin.

The Miracle had taken three of four from the Tampa Yankees, and then started a seven-game road trip with a 7-2 win over the Lakeland Tigers.

The Miracle return home for one game on Monday against Lakeland. Following road games again at Lakeland next Tuesday and Wednesday, the Miracle are at home in the Lee County Sports Complex beginning Friday for a four-game series with Brevard.

Firecats Even Season Record; Home Tomorrow Night At TECO Arena. The Florida Firecats of arenafootball2 evened their season record to 2-2 last Saturday with a 53-42 victory over the Memphis Xplorers. The win was sparked by

Canion Lamp who had six touchdown catches.

The Firecats face the 2-2 Birmingham Steel Dogs tomorrow night at TECO. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. and tickets are available. 数

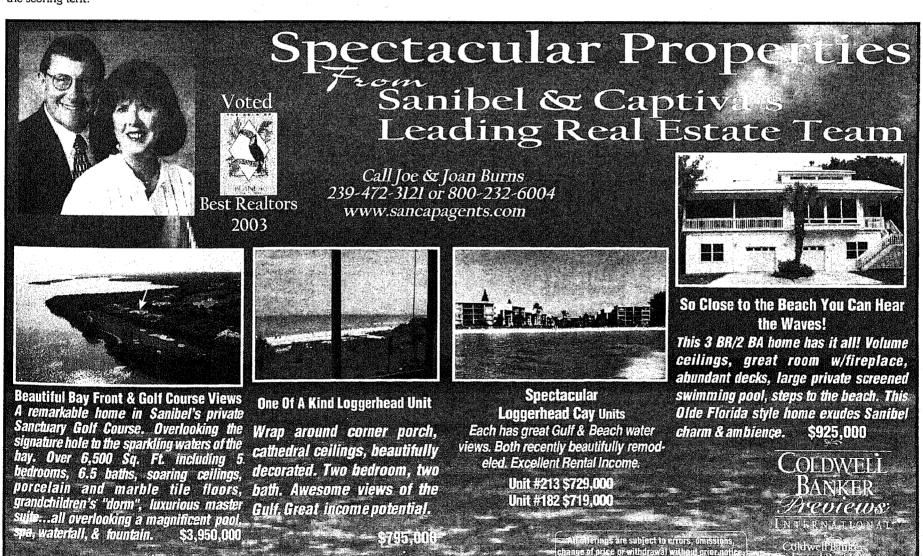
Beach Day At The Ball Park

ark your calendar for another great day of fun at Hammond tadium as the Fort Myers Beach Rotary hosts the second annual Fort Myers Beach Day at the Ball Park on May 11. All Fort Myers Beach residents are invited to attend as the Fort Myers Miracles takes on the Brevard Manatees (farm team for the Montreal Expos). Game start time is 1:05 p.m.

Drawing for the winner of the 2003 VW Bug (you choose the color) will occur during the seventh inning stretch. Raffle tickets for the 2003 VW Bug and tickets to the game are still available at Albertson's on the corner of San Carlos Boulevard and Summerlin Road and Publix on the corner of Gladiolus and McGregor Boulevard. Raffle tickets will be

available during pre-game.

Call Jack Thomas for more information, 432-6821.



Sanibel-Captiva Youth Baseball And Softball

This Week's S	This Week's Standings - April 26							
Major League	Wins	Losses						
Astros	6	9						
Giants	12	3						
Yankees	4	11						
Rockies	8	7						
Minor League		•						
Tigers	3	3						
Cubs	4	3						
Indians	3	3						
Pirates	0	6						
Angels	6	11						
Girls Softball								
Dodgers	2	6						
Phillies	2	6						
Blue Jays	7	1						
Cardinals	5	3						
Minor League Girls								
Sanibelles								
Pink	2	2						
Yellow	4	1						
Blue	1 1	4						

This Week	This Week's Games		Game 2
Yankees	Giants	7-10	
Astros	Rockies	9-18	
Angels	Tigers	7-2	
Pirates	Cubs	1-14	
Blue Jays	Phillies	29-21	
Dodgers	Cardinals	8-15	



The Commish

Comments

It was like a football game with the score of the Blue Jays - Phillies game on Monday night. Nice in the park home run by Stevie Fisher but just not enough. It was quite a game. Cardinals still looking as strong as ever. The Yankees and the Astros just could not put it together on Tuesday night. Friday night saw a great game between the Tigers and the strong hitting Angels. Lots of hits and a lot of great double plays on both sides. By the time I got there on Saturday morning, everything was under water so

there will be make up games this week. We are going to move the JB Novelli International - Century 21 Home Run derby to this Saturday. It is really a mess with all the construction, so if you all come to the field please be careful.

Baby And Me Swim Lessons

wimming lessons for babies six months to 36 months with parent/adult will be held Saturdays, May 3, 17, 31 and June 7 from 9 to 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per class and includes materials. No diapers. "Swim diapers" or training pants with tight fitting legs should be worn. Sunscreen suggested. Come to one or all classes. Preregistration requested, call Coby at the Sanibel Rec Complex, 472-0345.*

Youth Organizations To Benefit From NFL Post-Draft Event

The law firm of Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz will be cosponsoring the NFL Post-Draft Day Celebration this Sunday, May 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Star Complex 2890 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers. The event will raise money to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Lee County and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lee County.

Attending will be sports figures like Ernest Graham, a Mariner High School graduate, who was recently signed by the Tampa Bay Bucs.

Jeff Rice, a partner at Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz and an NFL referee on weekends, will have his own booth where he will answer questions about officiating games and his many experiences over the years, including that of being a referee at a recent Super Bowl.

Also invited to attend are Philip Buchanon, a Lehigh High School graduate, who will be playing for the Oakland Raiders and Greg Spires who graduated Mariner High and will be on Tampa's roster next season.

The plans for the event include: special football clinics by high school coaches and referees; opportunities for autographs; open discussions about football as well as refreshments, prizes and gifts.

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Spring Pet Fair & Adoptathon

Lee County Animal Services will be holding their Spring Pet Fair & Adoptathon at Lee County Animal Services on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lee County Animal Services is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers (next to the Sheriff's Dept. off Six-Mile Cypress Parkway).

Adopt a wonderful pet and enjoy two

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Fort Myers, Florida, Pet Adoptathon, the weekend when animal organizations worldwide join together to find homes for thousands of shelter pets, is taking place on May 3 and 4. It promises to be bigger and better than ever!

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For a special highlight, join county commissioners and school board members for Lee County Animal Services' Animal Education Resource Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 3 at 11 a.m. Winners of the "Be Kind to Animals Kid Contest," recognizing local children who have made a difference in the lives of animals, will be announced at noon.

Lee County Animal Services takes in 13,000 animals each year. As the county's government-operated shelter, it cannot turn animals away even when the facility is at capacity. Therefore, the agency is faced with the task of finding homes for more than 9,000 pets each year that are not claimed by their owners. Pet Adoptathon 2003 is a chance to match as many homeless, but wonderful pets, as possible with new families!

Golf Challenge Raises \$39,000 For Community

ast month's Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge raised more than \$39,000 to aid local charities through the Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva.

More than 130 golfers played in the March 22 tournament at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel.

Sponsorships and support from The Sanctuary Golf Club paid for most expenses so that the vast majority of the proceeds from the tournament could go to local chari-

According to Chuck Ketteman, chairman of the event, the proceeds went to the

Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva, which will decide bow to distribute the funds to local charities.

'We are delighted at the public-spirited contributions of the membership of The Sanctuary Golf Club and their guests," said Paul B. Flynn, executive director of the Foundation. "Our directors will be working to fund projects on the islands and will use this wonderful contribution to support island residents and workers.

The Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva was founded in 2000 to provide donors with a local means to support charities that serve island workers and residents.

More than \$146,000 has already been given to non-profit organizations in the three years of the Community foundation's exis-

Further information about the foundation is available by calling 274-5900.☆

Dunes Women's 18-Hole Golf



Norma Gillespie, Joan Kent, Carolyn DeCoster and Grethe Christensen

n April 25, the Dunes Women's 18-Hole Golf Association held their final event of the season. ABCD 1,2,3 Best Balls: 1 best ball on 6 hardest handicapped holes. 2 best balls on next 6 hardest handicapped holes. 3 best balls on 6 easiest handicapped holes.

1st Place: Grethe Christiansen, Joan Kent, Norma Gillespie. Carolyn DeCoster, 104.

2nd Place: Becky Ciriello, Tanya Hochschild, Sally Knaub, Judy Leeder, 107.

3rd Place-tie:

Noel Barbee, Robin Cohan, Barbara Cassavell, Claire Bowie,

Sonya Gans, Diane Schults, Jana Stone, Mary Vernon.

Chip Ins: Norma Gillespie 2. Most Improved Player of the Year: Becky Ciriello.

Congratulations to the Winners!☆

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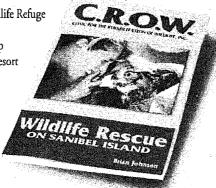
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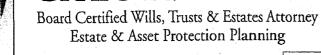
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by Camille Kucaba

ven as you read this, I'm enjoying a couple of play days with my precious Sam, now eight months old and absolutely amaz-ing! Hey, every new grandma is entitled to brag a little bit.

Chances are you'll see us out on the beach building castles in the sand or strolling the boardwalks as we browse for island souvenirs. One of our first stops will be the Island Sun office... I simply must show off this adorable little girl!

But right next door, at Comfort By Design, we're gonna check out a pair of kids' Birki's – the bright primary colors are sure to catch Sam's eye! So what it she has to grow into 'em.

Steffi will head straight for the waterproof Birks to walk the beach, and grandma will waste no time trying on the sexy, strappy red Mephistos. With Mother's Day right around the corner, we also plan to stock up on a few presents while we have this leisure

Stan's getting me a wild animal print wallet (he just doesn't know it yet), and I'll get

Steffi the cute flower-strewn LeSportsac triple zip makeup bag.

Down the way, we'll drop by Three Crafty Ladies in Heart of the Island plaza, where I'll buy my granddaughter Sammy Shrimp, one in a series of whimsically illustrated nature books by Suzanne Tate. Others include Perky Pelican, Ellie & Ollie Eel, Mary Manatee, Tammy Turtle... you get the idea.

If you'd like to give mom (or grandma) flowers to last as long as your love, choose The Sanibel Periwinkle from Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry. The beauty of this delicate blossom is captured forever in yellow, white or pink gold (or all three), often kissed with diamonds or pearls. Imagine a precious ring of posies circling her wrist or a single exquisite flower suspended around her neck! Slides, rings, earrings... whatever her jewel-ry preference, this treasure from our island paradise will fast become her favorite.

Or why not surprise mom or grandma (hint, hint) with another Cedar Chest original design – darling Sanibel Beach Babies pendants crafted in 14 kt. gold and set with the children's or grandchildren's birthstones (Sam and I share the pretty peridot for August).

For a fun summer look, Owner Pat Zambuto suggests colorful turquoise and coral bead necklaces, some combined with shimmering coin pearls or accented with carved mother-of-pearl flowers. And all very affordable.

Stan, I have my heart set on a gorgeous pair of drop earrings in coral and mother-of-

pearl sprinkled with tiny diamonds for sophisticated sparkle.

The Cedar Chest also shows off its exclusive hook bracelets, both the signature SI (Sanibel Island) design and the new sealife-themed versions featuring starfish, sand dollars, pelicans, manatees... plus a magnificent collection of treasure and ancient Greek and Roman coins in spectacular settings. They're as popular with women as they are with men, Pat tells me. Visit today in **Tahitian Gardens** or phone 472-2876.

By the way, "Figuratively Speaking," a show of tribal fetish carvings, opens today (May 2) at **Aboriginals: Art of the First Person** in **The Village**.

Bargain hunters have a lot to celebrate in May. Our first Sun Dollars coupon book of the season hits the streets today, and it's loaded with savings in time for Mother's Day shopping. Check out **Rinaldi's Fashion Shoes** in Palm Ridge Place for a huge selection of footwear from popular names like Onex, Easy Spirit, Soft Spots, Keds, K-Swiss, La Plume and more. (Don't forget the coupon — it's worth \$5 off any \$20 purchase.)

Cape Nails offers \$5 off a combination spa pedicure and hot mitten manicure... sounds like heaven to me. And **Sanibel Day Spa** entices us with \$10 off a select menu of services that includes full leg waxing and foil highlighting with a hair cut and style. You know the place — **Periwinkle Place!**

Now if your family's in the mood for "the island's biggest and best cheeseburger,"

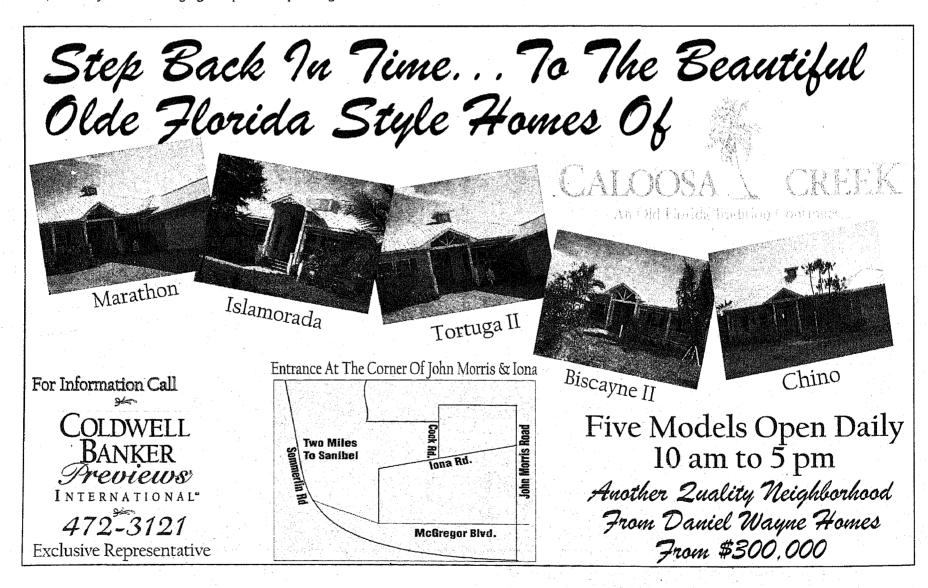
Cheeburger Cheeburger cooks up a quarter to one full pound, garnished with a tempting choice of toppings. The bonus? A free basket of tasty fries with the purchase of any two sandwiches - and only with the coupon in your Island Sun. For carryout,

Riviera and Dolce Vita promise memorable dining no matter when you visit, but on May 11, these "most romantic" restaurants offer even more reasons to include in an

Both, of course, are famous for their fabulous cuisine, including fresh fish and seafood and Mediterranean specialties... but on Mother's Day chefs are preparing some very special entrees, along with festive champagne drinks and extra special desserts, all served in an atmosphere of casual elegance. The impeccable service and delightful piano entertainment only add to the ambience.

And the piece de resistance? Ladies receive a lovely rose in celebration their day. Reservations are strongly encouraged, so phone Riviera at 472-1141 or Dolce Vita at 472-5555. Both restaurants serve dinner nightly beginning at 5:30.

(Camille loves to hear from readers. Email IslandSunSanibel@aol.com.)



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Top Producers



Carolyn Musgrave



Susan Andrews

IP Realty Group, Înc. has announced March Associates of the Month from the Sanibel office. Carolyn Musgrave was named Top Sales Associate. Susan Andrews was named Top Listings Associate and Lynda Traverso was named Top Producer.☆



Lynda Traverso

International Real Estate



How To Give Your Home A Face Lift: The Sellers' Guide To A Quick Sell

ne of the great challenges to selling a home can be showing all of its space, decor and natural light potential. For

example, every home has crowded closets and dead space. Sellers should be aware that areas such as these are easy to spruce-up with a little elbow grease and old-fashioned innovation.

Begin by evaluating your closet/storage space and determine which areas. can be cut-down in clutter. Go through old clothes, shoes, etc., and get rid of anything that will not be used and in turn create more space. Consider organizing shelves and other areas to make better use of your storage space, including your garage and basement. Also, try to throw out or give away any old furni-ture that is no longer of use. All of the discarded items can be given to Good Will, Salvation Army or even sold at a yard sale.

"Although most sellers keep their homes clean and well-decorated, it can be difficult to convince a buyer of a home's potential when clutter is noticeable. As brokers, it's our responsibility to offer any tips that will expedite the sale and make the experience more enjoyable for the seller," said JB Novelli, CENTURY 21 JB Novelli Internationale'

Once you've eliminated the unwanted items and furniture, begin the "renovation" process. For non-storage spaces that could use a little more decor, consider adding a small bookshelf complemented with a cozy reading chair. Always be sure you're filtering as much light into your property as possible. Open or replace curtains. For example, light from a window overlooking the backyard offers a room more color, a great view and the illusion of more

Always maximize the potential of existing decor; wash old curtains, restain old wood casings, anything that refreshes and emphasizes all the potential of the space and decor of the home.

Prospective buyers are often more drawn to homes with features that they don't have, those with clutter-free closets, open sunny rooms, and cozy little corners. To ensure you've realized all of the above characteristics, the last step should be to bring in a friend and

observe their reaction. Make sure it's an honest friend who will offer suggestions as well as notice the improvements. Seeing your own home through someone else's eyes is a great way to make a home optimally attractive and more sellable to prospective buyers.

Be diligent in your efforts and be sure the renovations improve the aesthetic appeal of the home. All the hard work will be worth the reward of a successful

Let, sparkle and sell. Buy a bigger better Sanibel - Captiva home in 2003, while prices are still great! And before build out, these islands are "the greatest place on earth!"☆

JB Novelli is a licensed real estate broker.

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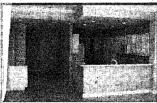
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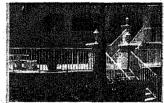
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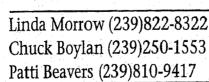
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Sanibel-Captiva Chamber Holds Chamber Holds **Annual Meeting**

by Camille Kucaba

he Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce held its annual general meeting April 23; installing members on the board of directors and honoring several citizens for outstanding contributions to the islands over the years. A record crowd turned out for the event at Sundial Beach Resort.

Barbara Von Harten, principal of The Sanibel School, received the Citizen of the Year Award; Victor Mayeron of The Mucky Duck was honored with the Walter Klie Lifetime Achievement Award; Lou Palumbo of the Seahorse Cottages was given the Sue Rosica Gray Award; and a new award, the Islands of the Arts Award. went to JT Smith of the Old Schoolhouse Theater

Staff Members Ginny Bissell and Jackie Sheehan also were honored for 10 years of service to the Chamber.

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Incumbents reelected to another threeyear term on the board of directors are Jean Baer, Mike Billheimer, Gilda Suarez and Ron Urkovich. Rick Flanagan, last year's Sue Rosica Gray Award winner, was elected to a first term, replacing Dave Jensen, who chose not to seek reelection.

Barbara Von Harten told the Chamber membership she was "truly honored" to receive the Citizen of the Year Award, which was presented by Bob Janes, chair of the Lee Board of County

Commissioners and last year's recipient.

"The last six years as principal... represent the greatest accomplishments and challenges of my professional career, Von Harten said. She noted that The Sanibel School has been transformed from 280 students to a K-8 student body of 440 children. The first 8th grade class, which graduated last year, ranked academically in the top one percent among Florida schools

The principal also said she was excited that ground has been broken for the school expansion. The bridge situation has added to the complexity of the project, she explained, adding: "I've become an expert in construction.

Von Harten thanked "the most incredible staff, all the terrific parents and the

best-children," noting that "whenever we need you, you're always there to support our school

Von Harten was honored, "not only for her great leadership and commitment to better education for our children, but especially for her dedication in securing and overseeing the major expansion of

the school facilities," Janes said.
According to Jean Baer, Chamber board member, Von Harten "has been good about keeping good teachers and has brought other great ones on board. She's active in the community, not just a principal. She also extends herself as a friend to the kids' parents," added Baer, herself a school parent.

U. S. Congressman Porter Goss, last year's recipient of the Walter Klie Award, sent a letter of congratulations to Victor Mayeron, noting that "the Head Duck" has spent a lifetime supporting the efforts of the American Cancer Society and helping raise both awareness and money in

the fight to rid the world of cancer.

"This is a wonderful honor," Mayeron said in accepting the award. "I'm proud to be president of the board of the American Cancer Society and proud to be in business on this island." He also thanked his family, noting that he and his wife, Kathy, are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Lou Palumbo was recognized for his volunteer spirit and service to the Chamber. Presentation of the Sue Rosica Gray Award was made by Rick Flanagan, owner of the Parrot Nest Motel.

The final award was a new one, an Islands of the Arts Award presented to JT Smith of the Old Schoolhouse Theater. In

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announcing the award, Gilda Suarez said Sanibel and Captiva are blessed with a broad range of cultural activities and a population that generously supports them. "It is a great honor to present the first Islands of the Arts Award to a man who for over 10 years has enchanted us with song, dance, laughter and the magic of musical theater," Suarez said. Mayor Steve Brown lauded Smith as "a

remarkable, caring human being... one of the bravest, most courageous people I've

"He gives back to the community," Brown noted.

Smith said he was "really touched and honored to win this. It's been a tough year for me. The love, support and prayers (of the community) have overwhelmed me.

In thanking the Chamber staff and volunteers for their hard work all year, Steve Greenstein said over 20,000 visitors per month pass through the Visitors Center. "Every day is an adventure... sometimes it's wall to wall people. It's a very challenging, but very rewarding job."
Staff members and volunteers all

received gift certificates in appreciation of

Greenstein also outlined Chamber accomplishments over the past year, citing a more spacious indoor environment, a new telephone system and major landscaping improvements at the center, plus a new radio campaign and a revitalized Chamber marketing committee.

Next year the Chamber hopes to modernize the restrooms, including making them handicapped accessible

The executive director said Sanibel and Captiva have a high level of name recognition, noting that the Chamber of Commerce booth at the state fair won second place in the judges competition.

As businesses continue to live with the causeway restrictions, "they look to us as a source," he said, adding that members count on their Chamber to help them work through the impact of the situation

Members must work together, Greenstein said. The challenge for next year is "to continue to make ourselves stronger to face competition for dollars.

'My plea to you: service, service, service. It's the key to repeat business and customer loyalty... and it's essential to our business success," he added $\mbox{$\frac{1}{4}$}$

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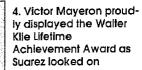
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- 1. Gilda Suarez, Chamber board president, presented awards to Staff Members Jackie Sheehan and Ginny Bissell (I to r) in honor of 10 years of service to the Chamber
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- 3. Suarez affectionately congratulated JT Smith, winner of the first Islands of the Arts Award



- 5. Suarez with Barbara Von Harten, 2003 recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award
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by Craig R. Hersch, Florida Bar Board Certified Wills, Trusts & Estates Attorney; CPA



he living will is a document that anticipates an end-stage life condition where medical procedures are only prolonging the process of dying. The Karen Ann Quinlan case resulted in the enactment of laws

throughout the country allowing a person to direct, in advance, that if they were in an "end stage condition" or "per-sistent vegetative state" with no hope of recovery, then continuing medical procedures to prolong the process of dying can be withheld or withdrawn.

Each state has its own living will laws. They are all different. Typically, if a Florida resident signed a living will and traveled to another state where they became ill and then subject to the living will, the other state will honor the Florida resident's Florida living will.

Florida's living will statute allows the designor (the signor of the living will) to indicate that even the administration of food or water (usually this is through intravenous means) can be withdrawn if it is only prolonging the process of dying. The statute clearly states, however, that any and all means shall be used

to keep the designor (patient) comfortable during the process.

Florida's statute requires two medical doctors to determine that the preconditions under the statute have been satisfied before the withdrawal or withholding of such medical procedures can be accomplished. Typically, the physicians will also consult with the patient's health care surrogate before removing life sup-

If you are the surrogate named to make decisions under a living will, you may be faced with very troubling and emotional decisions. Keep in mind that the designor named you because they had the confidence that you would carry

out their wishes.

My father requested that food and water be withheld or withdrawn but he is thirsty and begging for water. Does his signing the living will allow the nurses to deny him water?

Probably not. If your father remains awake and competent, he probably is not in "end stage condition" or definitely is not in a "persistent vegetative state." Therefore the preconditions of the living will may not have been satisfied and he should receive the administration of water. Further, the living will statute and most living will documents call for the administration of any and all means to

provide comfort, care and to alleviate pain. Therefore, your father should be administered hydration in this instance.

My mother has a living will. When she suffered a heart attack the ambulance came, and even though we showed the EMS personnel the living will but they resuscitated her. Wasn't

that wrong? Not at all. The preconditions of the living will probably were not satisfied. Remember, the precondition before the removal or withdrawal of life saving procedures is: that the person is in an "end stage condition" or is in a "persistent vegetative state" and has been determined, by two physicians, that the individual has no medical hope of recovery.

When your mother suffered her heart attack it was unlikely that two physicians had determined her to have no hope of recovery. Therefore, the EMS personnel had a duty to resuscitate her. In fact, the fact that EMS personnel were called indicates a desire on at least someone's behalf that your mother should be resus-

If your mother, on the other hand, had been through this before, and if she did not want resuscitation, then she would have had to receive a "Do Not Resuscitate" order from a physician. EMS personnel generally accept those

The Doctors have told me that my father has no hope of recovery and that life support should be removed. I don't believe them and don't want the life support removed. What should I

You probably need to engage legal counsel. But before you act, you first need to determine whether you are thinking clearly and that you truly believe the evidence does not point to what the physicians are recommending.

Typically the physicians will seek the consent of the surrogate before removing life support. If the surrogate does not so consent, often times the hospital or care facility will not remove the life support. You should determine what the intended policy is going to be.

If there is not an imminent danger in life support being removed, perhaps you should consult with another physician. If his or her findings are different, then obviously there is more work and fact finding ahead. If this physician concurs with the other two, then you have to decide whether your feelings that your father is going to recover are valid or are related to the difficult emotional decisions regarding these issues.

Everyone has heard stories of individuals who have been diagnosed with no medical hope of recovery yet miracu-

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lously revived. You should balance the prognosis that you have received with the feelings that you may have that your loved one will recover from their current condition. When making these decisions, remember that the reason the individual signed the living will was so avoid being indefinitely placed on life support if there was no hope of recovery. As the surrogate, you have a responsibility to carry out their wishes and do what you feel they would have done if they were able to speak for themselves.₩

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Top Associates

Banker 'Previews International is pleased to announce that Ralph and Cathy Galietti received the award for being the top sales associates for the month of March, Ralph and Cathy finished out 2002 as the top



Ralph and Cathy Galietti

associates for the Sanibel office and they were in the top 100 statewide

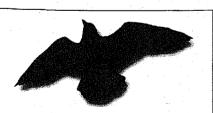
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by Nancy McCarthy

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by Suzy Cohen, RPh



ear Pharmacist: l'm a 52-year-old man who now experiences a lack of sex drive. I take Cozaar for blood pressure; Synthroid for thyroid and two drugs for depression, Celexa and Wellbutrin. Could one of these be

causing this?
- B.W., Florence Ala.

Yes, but it's difficult to determine whether a lack of sex drive is the result of the depression itself or a drug's side effects. Antidepressants can, indeed, put a damper on your sex drive. Wellbutrin is special in that it does not usually do so, but Celexa can. So can your blood pressure medicine, Cozaar.

Antidepressants of the SSRI class and most blood pressure medications create sexual difficulties. These drugs can make you more interested in bird watching than sex. Sex becomes blasé. For a good number of users . well, let's just say it's impossi-ble to make it to the finish line. And some men are unable to get erections.

The fact is, some people don't even enter relationships or sustain them because this problem is embarrassing and psychologically damaging. Millions of people take good drugs that cause bad sex especially antidepressants, a consistent top seller. These drugs do a magnificent job at parting the black clouds, but they wreak havoc in your bed. A cruel pharmaceutical twist of fate.

To minimize your problems, use the lowest dose possible and stay on the drugs only as long as necessary.

Dear Pharmacist:

My 2-year-old has an ingrown toenail. It just came on. Do you have any tips for treatment?

K.O., Ocala, Fla.

Ingrown toenails are usually treatable at home and are fairly common in children because their feet grow so fast. Sometimes there's not enough room in the shoe. This puts pressure on the toenail, usually of the big toe, causing the nail to grow inward. Also, not cutting toenails straight across can create trouble.

Some practitioners recommend soaking the foot in a warm, soapy foot bath several times a day. The bubbles will entice your toddler to comply. Other experts feel that a mixture of one table-spoon table salt in a quart of warm water is better. This 20-minute soak could be done four times a day.

Obviously, trim the ingrown portion of the nail. Some experts suggest placing fresh bits of cotton under the ingrown edge to help guide the nail's growth above the skin. Apply antibiotic ointment and, if weather permits, have your child wear sandals.

People with diabetes or other conditions affecting circulation should see a doctor, preferably a podiatrist. Don't attempt home remedies if the pain is severe or spreading. And definitely don't fool around if you experience any signs of infection, such as pus, blistering or fever.

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Mom And Me

by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom And Me,

My husband and I retired five years ago. We had the conventional life style and three years ago we sold our house and moved to a beautiful seaside retire-

I wanted to enjoy the retirement lifestyle too, but my work is even harder now, it just goes on and on. While my husband plays golf, boats and enjoys committee meetings I am at home cooking, cleaning and getting ready to entertain the next group of visitors from our old home town. Our family visits with the grandchildren are even worse as I have more work. My daughter is always complaining about her two full-time jobs. In spite of her having a career in the same profession as her husband, still she has to come home to a full load while he winds down reading the newspaper after "his stressful full day"

Does a-woman ever get to enjoy a carefree time even in her seventies?

Sophie Dear Sophie,

Who said "a woman's work is never done?" A woman gets to enjoy carefree time only if she

Your daughter, in spite of working two fulltime jobs, is probably healthier than her hus-

band, and statistics show she will probably out live him. His behavior is extremely annoying and a very common complaint. When will men ever learn, if they enjoy her money they must share the workload?

You on the other hand are also retired in spite of what your husband thinks. Plan a day that you are both calm and just tell him you will no longer be the cleaning lady, cook and social planner for family and friends. Tell him you are finished and from now on you are going to think about yourself and your own needs. These people have to know that they must carry their share of the load.

When people call to say that they are coming just say that you would love to see them and that you will send them a list of suggested motels. When family visit just tell them what kind of food you want them to bring and in addition to bring their own towels and bed linens. Tell all your friends and family that you need more time to rest as you are busy in the social clubs you have recently joined. Find yourself a good cleaning person or agency, a catering service who can make special foods, and use the precooked foods now available at supermarkets, bakeries and local specialty gourmet stores.



Dear Sophie,

I wish I could say, the struggles of men and women in generations before me has resulted in a different situation for both wives and husbands in the "war" of household labor. But unfortunately, I cannot.

It is hard for me to understand why. Is it societal expectations or is it genetic, is it economic? I know from my own situation I fell into the traditional roll because it was easier. I allowed myself to be overworked. overburdened and responsible for both home and work. The key to changing my situation was understanding that I was allowing others to treat me in an unhealthy manner. Mom is right. You need to set boundaries and teach family and friends how to treat and respect you. It will be difficult to start because you have made it so easy for others around you. Be

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com or PO Box 713, St. Michaels, Maryland 21663.

Learning Disabilities And AD/HD

hildren and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hperactivity Disorder Disabilities and AD/HD," a presentation for parents, school and mental health professionals by J. Christopher McGinnis, Ph. D. on Monday, May 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium, 2776 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers. Dr. McGinnis is a licensed psychologist, school psychologist and board certified behavior analyst of Family Psychology Clinic of Fort Muers

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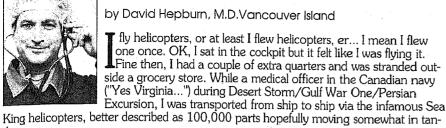
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Dr. Dave



When a medical situation required that the doctor be transferred from one ship to another I would be carefully lowered to the quarterdeck on a winch from the helicopter. I'd dash off to sick bay, stitch up the crew or sober up the captain and then be retrieved by the helo. Being winched down from a Sea King onto a pitching deck in the middle of the night was tricky at the best of times. But one harrowing day, while being lowered to the deck, the winch stopped some 25 feet above the deck, too far for me to unharness and jump. All at once the helicopter moved sideways and within a few moments I was no longer over the deck but was dangling over the salty Persian Gulf, an inhospitable body of water full of sea snakes, box jellyfish and possibly a few mines. Suddenly, the winch rapidly let go, making me one of the few men to literally serve my country IN the Persian Gulf. As I was systematically submerged into the water and then raised up again gasping for air, I glanced up at the pilots, who were laughing like drunken sailors...(sorry, that's now politically incorrect)....like drunken pilots. Hernias popped out their groins and rum spurted out their nostrils. Then they dunked me again and again

until either their fuel or their rum ran out, a game they called "teabagging the doctor."
To this day, when a patient comes into the office with "I wanna get tested for that helicopter bug in my stomach," I get a nostalgic taste of Saddam's seawater in my

Helicobacter pylori has become one of the most infamous bacteria of modern times. Since its discovery it has not only completely changed the way doctors treat stomach ulcers, but it has made us now sit up and look at other bacteria and viruses as the possible cause of many diseases that were previously considered mysteries. From arthritis to MS to Crohn's disease, to ADD and even heart attacks and cancer, more research is

focussing on investigating infectious etiology.

H. pylori is a spiral-shaped bacteria that gets teabagged deep into our unpleasant stomach fluids. Rather than coming up out of this inhospitable environment gasping for air, it chooses to burrow into the lining of the stomach wall. There it may sit and do nothing or it may create an inflammatory mess that leads to an irritated gastritis, ulcers or even gastric cancer. Twenty percent of the population under age 40 harbour hundreds of happy herds of Helicobacter in their stomachs. Most do not develop ulcers or stomach cancer, but some do. H.pylori is likely acquired in childhood when we tend to eat anything and everything other than what is actually put on our plate. Our stomachs were too full of kitty litter, moldy couch peanuts and whatever was in the dog's dish to bother with Gerbers' pureed peach porridge or that contemptible creamed carrot.

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problem. But the lining of the stomach may become irritated and inflamed to the point it 57 causes burning, belching, bloating, nausea, gas, abdominal distension and halitosis. While you may have always thought that these symptoms were simply another disgusting family trait, they may, in fact, be caused by a bug. H. pylori can be eradicated with appropriate treatment in one week.

Many years ago as an intern I assisted in a surgery that was meant to remove a mystery mass from the abdomen of a young man in his thirties. After opening up the abdomen the surgeon surveyed the mess the mass had made. So much cancer had spread about the abdomen that he said sadly, "I can do nothing, let's just close him up." I still remember that chilling introduction to gastric cancer. Gastric carcinoma is the second most frequent cancer worldwide and the number one cancer killer in many countries, particularly in Asia. Each year 25,000 North Americans are diagnosed with gastric carcinoma, most presenting in the late stages and therefore with poor prognosis. H. pylori is actually now listed as a human carcinogen and may be just about as dangerous as ...drunken pilots.

Holistic Health Notebook #9 If Dandelions Are The King Of Herbs...

Carol Simontacchi, CCN, MS

hich one would be the Queen? Which herbs are particularly useful for female complaints? That is a tough question, considering that we women have a lot to complain about. Fatigue, stress, overwork, hormonal imbalances, weight problems, heart disease... Did I mention fatigue?

The title "Queen of Herbs" may need to go to the ginsengs, including the one ginseng that isn't truly a ginseng: Siberian ginseng. Siberian ginseng has been shown through forty years of clini-cal trials to strengthen the adrenal and reproductive glands, according to the bible" of natural healing, Prescription for Nutritional Healing. Women who routinely deal with stress find that using Siberian ginseng on a daily basis helps to reestablish balance to a stressed body and mind.

If you have corrected the common lifestyle errors that cause fatigue (lack of sleep, poor nutrition, etc.) but are still tired, you may consider using American, Korean or Chinese ginseng. According to herbalist David Hoffman, ginsengs are anti-depressive, increase resistance and improve physical and mental performance. In his book, *The New Holistic Herbal*, he writes, "Ginseng has an ancient history and as such has accumulated much folklore about its actions and uses. Many of the claims that surround it are inflated but it is clear that this is a unique plant. It has the power to move a person to their physical peak, generally increasing vitality and physical performance." Wow! Men may wish to use this "Queen of herbs" for added vitality!

Complaining about hormonal imbal-ances? Some herbs act as uterine tonics; others function as emmenagogues. herbs that stimulate and promote a normal menstrual flow. Some "female herbs" are more appropriate for premenopausal complaints; others are specific to the peri-menopausal or menopausal female complaint.

Women are at a greater risk of developing depression. The scrubby European plant St. John's wort has received a huge amount of media attention and is useful in correcting mild to moderate depression (along with lifestyle changes and improved nutrition).

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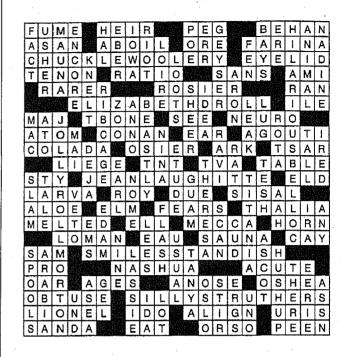
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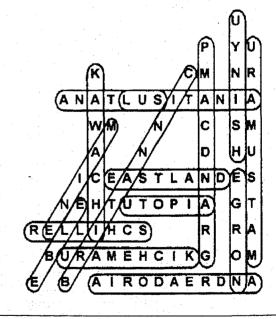
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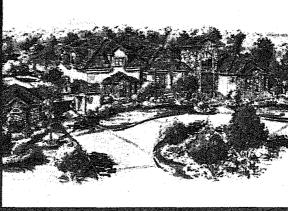
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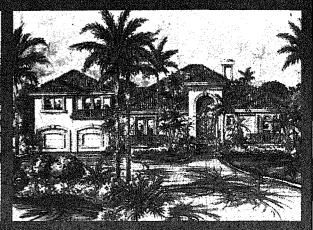
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Caloosa Cove

Waterfront Views

Located on the Caloosahatchee, this private gated waterfront neighborhood includes just four estate home sites (one riverfront and three canalfront), with boat slips just steps from the back door. The Caloosa II model, now open for viewing, is priced at \$1,450,000. Waterfront homesites are available from \$450,000 to \$1.250,000.

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The Enclave at St. Charles Harbour

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