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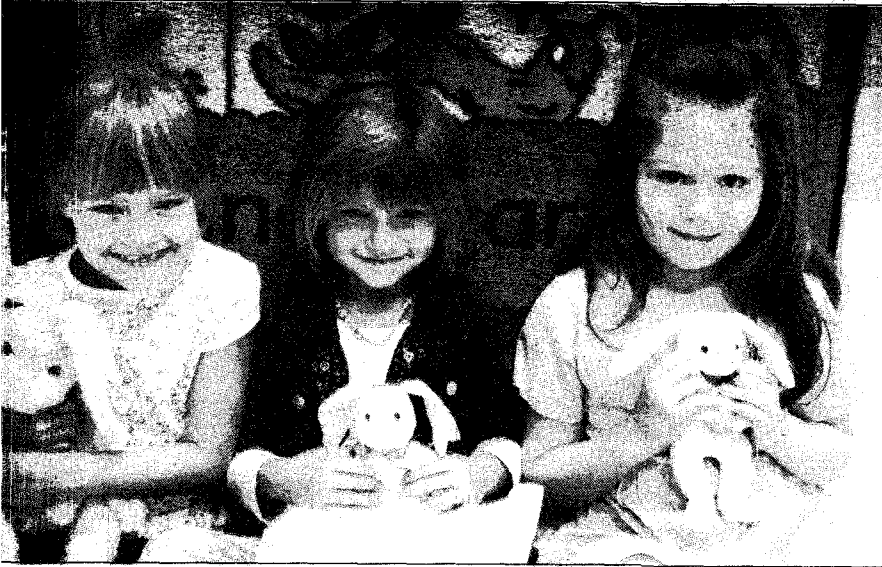
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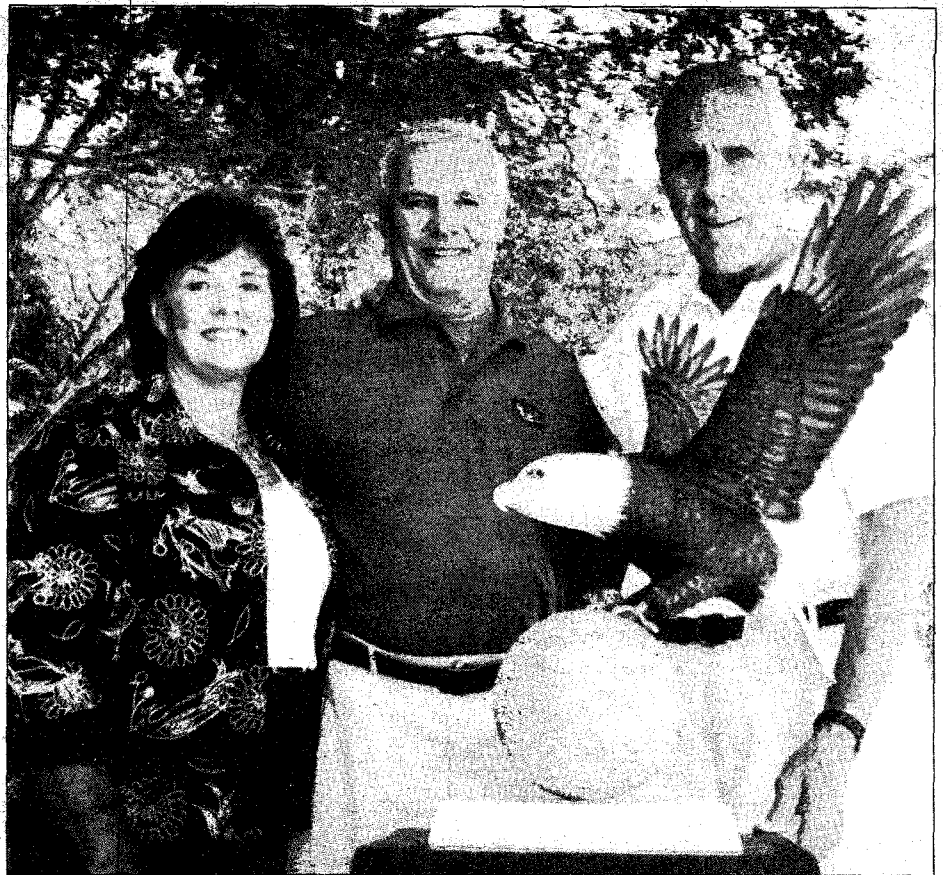
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Easter Coloring Contest Winners



Kindergarten winners Leah Bordiuk, Jordan Chase and Emily Minoui

The merchants at Bailey's Center are pleased to announce the winners of this year's Easter coloring contest. Sanibel School students from kindergarten through third grade participated. The winners are: kindergarten - first place: Leah Bordiuk; second place: Emily Minoui; third place: Jordan Chase. First grade - continued on page 22



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Harriety Elected Mayor, Walsh Is Vice Mayor



Official City Council photo: (standing, l to r) Council members Judy Workman, Steve [unclear] and Jim Jennings; (seated, l to r) newly-elected Vice Mayor Dick Walsh and Mayor Harriety [unclear] see page 5

The Fourth Annual Island Celebration Of The Arts

Sanibel and Captiva residents again showed how much they care about The Children's Hospital when a record \$280,000 was raised Saturday, April 3 at Sanibel Cares' Fourth Annual Island Celebration of the Arts. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of "Giraffe Omnibed" incubators for the Neonatal Intensive continued on page 58

Celebrate Earth Day April 17

Celebrate Earth Day at the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Tarpon Bay Explorers, the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum, and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center.

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Dr. Trish Herman, committee chair said, "We encourage people to go together as a group and try your luck."

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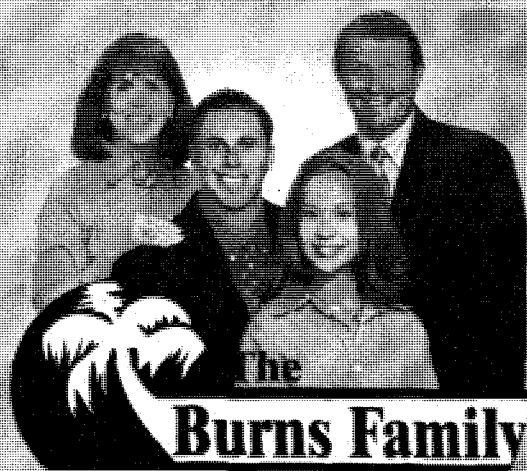
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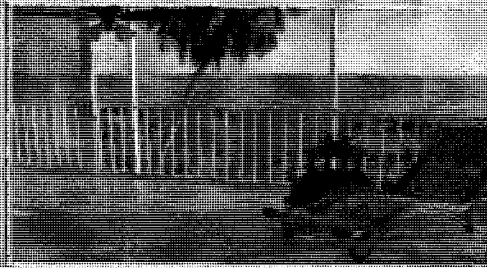
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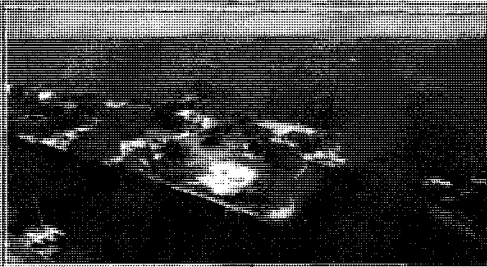
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Coast Guard Awaiting Drawbridge Legal Outcome

by Jim George

Following their meeting on Sanibel three weeks ago, Coast Guard officials said they were satisfied that the public was informed on the process taking place with respect to any replacement of the drawbridge and the role the Coast Guard will play. But legal issues still plague the project. Barry Dragon, chief of bridge operations for the Coast Guard in Miami, said while they have not stopped the permitting process, they

are waiting to see what the courts have to say. Dragon was referring to current litigation between Lee County and the City of Sanibel and the Save Our Bay group. "We're working on many of the administrative details that need to be done in the meantime. It's normally a six to 12 month process anyway," he added. He went on to say that it was not the Coast Guard's job to influence the county one way or the other, but an adverse decision by the courts could force the county to re-examine its request for a permit for the causeway drawbridge. The city and county have been attempting to resolve the dispute. Any settlement between those two parties still leaves the Save Our Bay lawsuit, which is entirely independent of the city.

The litigation does not involve the

other two bridges on the causeway. The permitting process for the other two bridges was underway when the county made the request to proceed with construction under emergency guidelines. Because of the emergency request, the Coast Guard has advised the county it can proceed at its peril while the permitting process moves forward, but all requirements still have to be met, meaning that if the bridges are constructed and later are found to be non compliant the county could be required to dismantle them. He quickly added that was an unlikely possibility, but cautioned that if some major environmental issue arose such as a threatened or endangered species, things could get very complicated for the county

The project requires a detailed study to be sure that it will meet all environmental statutes and executive orders, including everything from the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) to

the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, approximately 19 in all, plus a host of agencies such as the Corp of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, the EPA and other federal and state agencies."

The Coast Guard is the lead agency in the process and coordinates all the other agencies. "The project is not a done deal until all public comment is in and all statutes and regulations have been satisfied," Dragon said. If the drawbridge were to be rehabilitated, the Coast Guard would not even be involved since a permit would not be required.

Another public meeting on the drawbridge permit may not be required, Dragon said, unless a major issue arises. He said the Coast Guard will issue a public notice, however, so all interested parties can comment. He said public comment typically may drive cosmetic or minor changes in a project. Major changes are usually addressed in earlier stages.

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Harrity Elected Mayor, Walsh Is Vice Mayor



City Manager Judie Zimomra Tuesday administered the oath of office to newly-elected Mayor Marty Harrity with his wife, Brenda, at his side

by Camille Kucaba

Marty Harrity became mayor of Sanibel Tuesday, elected to the office by a 4 to 1 vote. Dick Walsh was elected unanimously as vice mayor, and both will serve through next spring, when city elections will be held.

Harrity took over the gavel from Steve Brown, who had served as mayor since November 2002. Brown declined a nomination to serve another year as mayor, also turning down a nomination for vice mayor.

"Even though a vote is sometimes not unanimous... I've always been a team player," Harrity said. "In my mind I decided I want to be the mayor, and I will carry the message that is the majority message of this City Council."

Harrity was responding to concern from Council member Judy Workman that his position on the drawbridge is opposite that of Brown and the Council majority. Walsh questioned what "message" Harrity's selection would send.



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"I thought about staying because of the litigation," Brown said, noting that Harrity's election could be interpreted as "one philosophy winning over another philosophy."

"Marty Harrity is a good team leader, a team concept person," Brown added.

Harrity thanked fellow Council members for their vote of confidence. "What we both care about is Sanibel. I'll do my best to support the wishes of this Council. We welcome open debate... but once it's over, it's over. Then it's all about harmony and balance."

The new mayor said, "There's no way this would have happened without Brenda," referring to his wife, who stood by his side as he took the oath of office. Harrity also thanked a good friend, Jean Baer, "for all she does for me."

He added, tongue in cheek, that his one goal in life is half-day meetings, referencing his repeated efforts to speed up Council sessions.✱

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AARP Meeting Change

There will be no AARP meeting this Friday, April 9, because of Good Friday. The April and May programs have been combined and will be held on Friday, April 30.

As a reminder, this will be the last program until October.

The San-Cap AARP chapter meets the second Friday of every month at 1:30 p.m., and everyone is welcome to attend, regardless if you belong to this chapter or to the national AARP. The meeting location is the Island Senior Center on Library Way off Palm Ridge Road; there are refreshments and fellowship after the program. If you have questions, call 395-3372.✱

Sanibel City Council

Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 900 Dunlop Road; phone 472-3700. All meetings are open to the public.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, April 20, 9 a.m.

Complete agendas are available at the City Web site:

www.mysanibel.com

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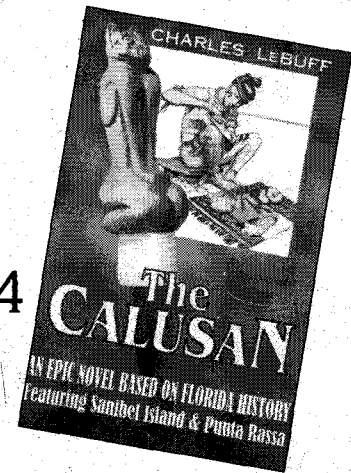
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'No Progress' In City Suit, SOB Threatens Class Action

by Camille Kucaba

Following two executive sessions held in less than a week, City Attorney Ken Cuyler was not optimistic about resolving Sanibel's lawsuit against Lee County. Both city and county officials are due to report to the court April 13 on whether or not progress is being made.

"As of right now, we do not have any progress to report..." Cuyler said after an executive session held during Tuesday's City Council meeting. A special Council meeting/executive session also was called April 1, and the last confirmed meeting between the city and county was March 19.

The City of Sanibel filed a lawsuit January 12 against Lee County seeking rehabilitation of the drawbridge rather than construction of a high fixed bridge. Circuit Court Judge James Seals ordered the two governmental bodies to employ the mediation process to try and resolve their differences. If the two reach an impasse or do not show progress, the judge reported he would expedite the judicial process.

A group known as Save Our Bay also is suing over the bridge, claiming Lee County has been using Sanibel as a "cash cow" for years. Marie Gargano, president of the group, told Council Tuesday that if Lee persists in promoting the fixed span bridge, Save Our Bay "is left with no recourse other than to proceed with an application to the courts for class action certification.

"We will ask for a complete accounting of all toll monies, their use over the life span of the existing bond issue, a refund to the toll payers of the excess profits and the institution of a LeeWay fee structure that is fair to both residents and workers on the islands."

Save Our Bay contends that Lee has been charging excessive tolls, resulting in the most recent figure of over \$4 million in "surplus profits" after all expenses are paid.

"The Sanibel bridges were paid for years ago," Gargano read in a statement to Council. "Lee County persists in treating them as a cash cow. The surplus toll money is indisputably no longer a toll but has become a 'user fee,' clearly prohibited by state law and litigated in no less than four previous cases.

"Save Our Bay has the talent, the skills, the will, the means and the law on our side. We will settle for nothing short of complete repair and rehabilitation of Span A," she added.

Cuyler has made it clear on several occasions that the Save Our Bay lawsuit is totally unrelated to the City of Sanibel litigation, although both were filed on the same day.

"We never want to be in an adversarial position with the city," Gargano said.

The U.S. Coast Guard is not likely to issue permanent construction permits for any of the three causeway bridges until the lawsuits are resolved, according to Paul Wingard, deputy director of the Lee County Department of Transportation.

Temporary permits have been issued, however, for B and C, allowing the county to proceed with construction of those bridges at its own risk.*

'Roundabout' Revisited, 'Two Lanes Off' Still Advocated

by Camille Kucaba

A multi-lane "roundabout" concept for the busy corner of Periwinkle Way/Lindgren/Causeway Boulevard could enhance considerably the capacity of that intersection, according to Kittelson & Associates, Sanibel's transportation planning consultants.

But in order to receive maximum benefit from the intersection improvement, "corresponding improvements in the terms of providing two lanes exiting the island will need to be done," said John R. Freeman, senior principal with the firm. Without those two lanes off, the capacity constraint will be Causeway Boulevard and the bridges, he told City Council Tuesday. Freeman said, however, that the roundabout represented only one enhancement alternative, by no means the recommended or preferred option.

Many in city government feel strongly that the county should design the new causeway bridges to provide for "two lanes off," either now or in the future.

Kittelson conducted the one-week "intersection operations study" at the request of Planning Director Bruce Rogers, who felt Lee County did not have the latest and most complete traffic data available when it said there is no need for a two-lanes-off design.

The Kittelson report said the Periwinkle/Lindgren/Causeway intersection already is handling nearly 1,300 vehicles per hour during the peak season at peak hours (3 to 6 p.m.) when traffic is leaving Sanibel/Captiva. These volumes

greatly exceed the capacity of the intersection, and its operation could be enhanced through intersection improvements without having to make any capacity improvements to the approaching roads, i.e., Periwinkle eastbound, Lindgren and Periwinkle westbound.

The Kittelson study noted that a roundabout could accommodate a 50 to 60 percent increase in traffic volume, or 1,600 to 1,750 cars exiting the island to travel northbound on Causeway Boulevard during the midday peak hour. Under p.m. peak hour conditions, the roundabout can accommodate a 40 to 50 percent traffic increase, resulting in 1,950 to 2,100 cars exiting northbound on the causeway road.

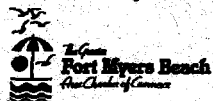
Basically, the demand for the Periwinkle/Lindgren/Causeway intersection is much greater than the county assumed in its report, Rogers said. The county based its projections on an average 900 vehicles per hour exiting through that intersection, not taking into account the fact that the city might make capacity improvements there. Based on Kittelson's cursory analysis, such improvements could increase the capacity to a point which would be higher than the capacity of a single lane exit on the bridges, Rogers explained. Traffic would likely gridlock on one of the two spoil islands, Freeman said.

The county's report stated that "the only way to reach a level of traffic flow that would exceed the bridge capacity would require major improvements on Periwinkle as well."

City Attorney Ken Cuyler said the county's official position is one lane off the new bridge. Council member Judy Workman asked what would prevent the county from simply restriping the proposed shoulders or "breakdown" lanes on the one lane bridge to provide two lanes off.

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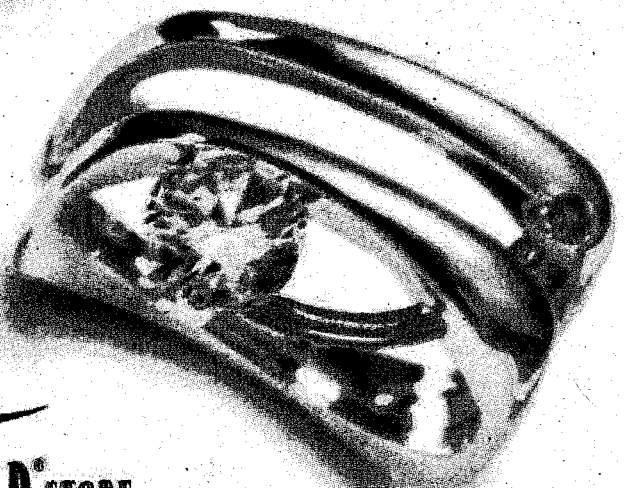
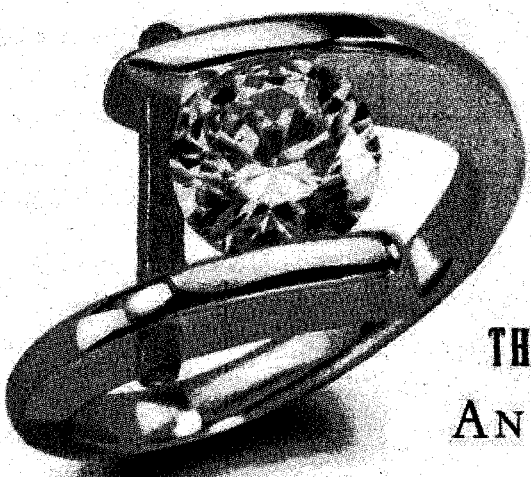
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11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity, and establishment of transportation museums.

12. Establishment of transportation museums.

Any person, group or community organization may propose a transportation enhancement or a landscape project, but projects must be sponsored by a municipal, county, state or federal government agency. Those individuals or organizations who would like to propose such a project should contact their local government's planning or public works department or elected officials to ask it to sponsor their projects during this year's application cycle. Application packets can be obtained by writing to the MPO at the above address, by calling 656-7720, ext. 239, or at www.swfrc.org. Completed applications must be returned to MPO staff by June 14.*

Shriners' Ceremonial

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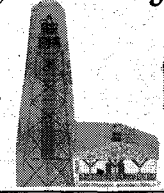


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Fort Myers Designated A Preserve America Community

Fort Myers was honored when Mrs. Laura Bush designated it among the nation's newest Preserve America communities.

"Preserve America communities demonstrate that they are committed to preserving America's heritage while ensuring a future filled with opportunities for learning and enjoyment," Mrs. Bush said. "This new community design-



Mayor Jim Humphrey and his wife, Nancy, were in Washington, DC for the March 18 Preserve America event

nation program, combined with the Preserve America Presidential Awards and federal support, provides strong incentives for continued preservation of our cultural and natural heritage resources. I commend you for your commitment to preserving an important part of our nation's historic past for visitors, neighbors and, most importantly, for children."

Mayor Jim Humphrey received a certificate of designation signed by Mrs. Bush that Fort Myers is now a Preserve America community. The Preserve

America initiative is a new White House effort to encourage and support community efforts for the preservation and enjoyment of America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past; strengthened regional identities and local pride; increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and support for the economic vitality of communities.

Communities designated through the program receive national recognition for

their efforts. Other benefits include appropriate use of the Preserve America logo on signs and promotional materials; notification to media, state tourism offices, and visitor bureaus; and listing on a Web-based directory to showcase preservation efforts and highlight heritage tourism destinations. The Bush Administration's fiscal year 2005 budget contains a request for \$10 million in grant funds for which communities meeting the Preserve America criteria will be eligible to apply. These matching fund grants of \$50,000 to \$250,000 would go on a competitive basis to projects that preserve and use important historic resources for promotion of heritage tourism and other economic revitalization projects.

John L. Nau, III, chairman of the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), said, "There are significant economic, educational and cultural benefits that historic preservation, through efforts such as heritage tourism, bring to a community.

Sustainable preservation is not a cost for maintaining the past, it is an investment in building the future. You have shown that your community is a national leader in this trend and have created a powerful positive example for others."

The ACHP partners with the Department of the Interior to administer the Preserve America community program on behalf of the Office of the First Lady. For more information and updates on the initiative, visit PreserveAmerica.gov.

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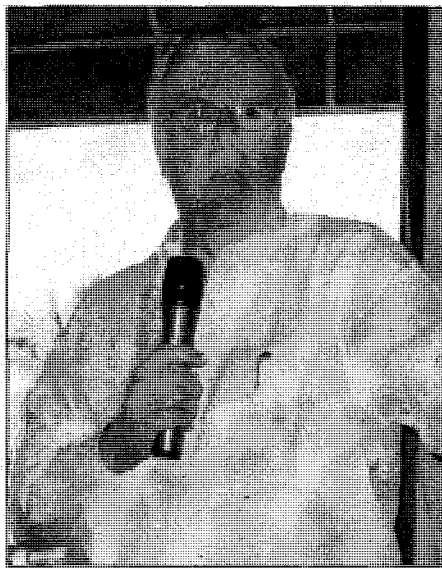
Kiwani speaker this week was Paul Flynn of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the group that manages and invests the holdings of Sanibel's Community Foundation for the local board that actually decides what will be disbursed, and when.

"You can do just about anything you want to with community foundations," and the Good Neighbor Fund and the Bailey Society programs of the Sanibel Community Foundation are doing good things for island charities, residents and workers, according to Flynn. But, "Sanibel's (Foundation), quite frankly, needs to grow."

Perhaps this is your chance to do well by doing good. Having Paul and his group manage the funds on their behalf is often the easiest and most efficient way for most donors to establish and perpetuate a personal legacy and long-range community giving. Check with Paul at 274-5900.

Some donors designate interest-only distributions, some allow a reasonable invasion principal and others put no restrictions on funds. There are a lot of options and you need to check it out.

Kiwanis breakfasts are every Tuesday at The Dunes. Also, be sure to call the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Thrift Store, 454-8090. Their truck picks up unwanted, but serviceable furniture and appliances on Sanibel and Captiva at least once a week. ✪



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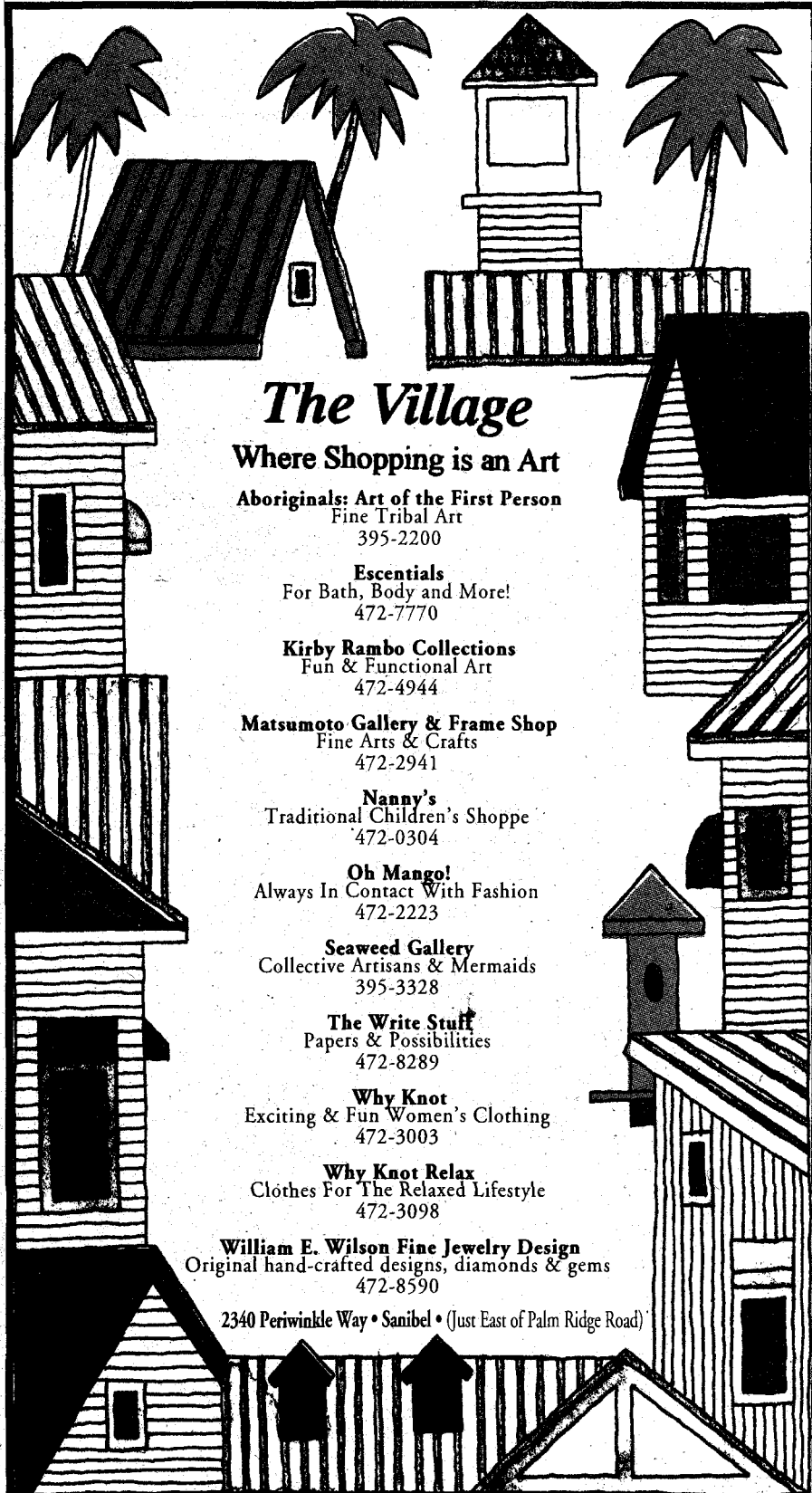
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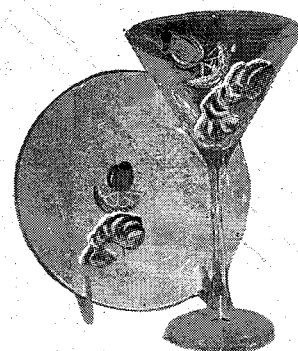
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Sanibel 4th Graders Win 'Ding' Darling Grant

by Brian Johnson

On December 1, 2003, Rob Jess, the refuge manager at the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, sent a letter to all the faculty members at The Sanibel School inviting them to write grant proposals. The refuge and the Wildlife Society wanted to offer the students \$5,000 for the purchase of teaching aids, books or classroom materials.

The 4th grade MWA class, taught by Tylor Compton, wrote up a grant proposal. Working together they drafted a letter to the refuge. The class refers to itself as the Wildlife Posse.

"We are trying to find a way to monitor the animals, such as bobcats, croco-

diles, otters and exotic birds," wrote the students. "We may be able to find animals that biologists at the refuge have not known about, note any injured animals, as well as learn more about the animals and their habitats."

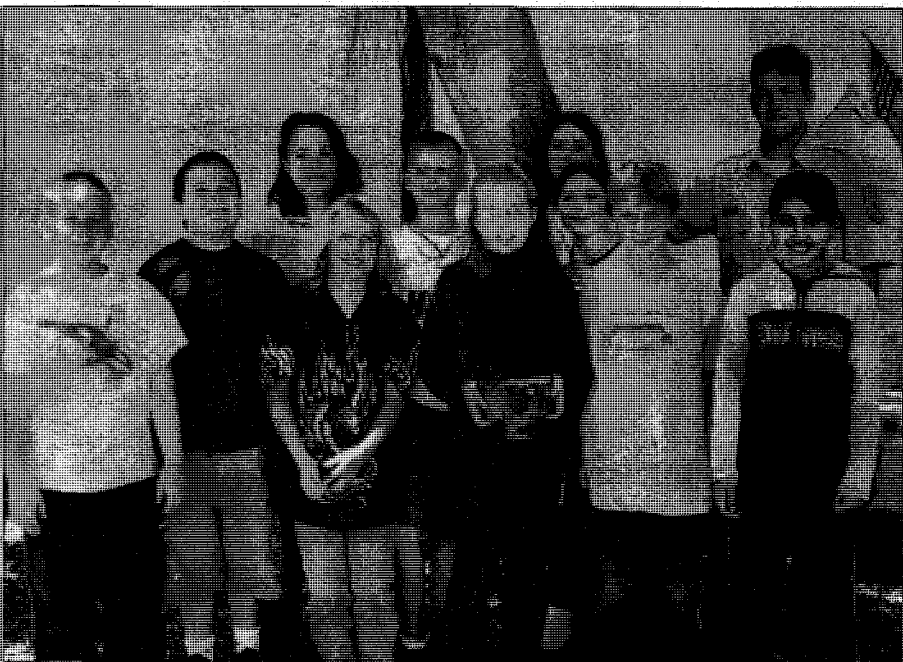
After talking about what type of equipment would help them accomplish their goals, they made their request. "The Wildlife Posse would like to purchase an infrared camera," the students wrote in their grant. "An infrared camera is a motion sensitive camera that will allow you to take pictures of animals, or any passing object, in the day or night."

The refuge accepted their grant proposal, and on March 30, the kids met with Kevin Godsea and Kendra Willet of "Ding" Darling to install the camera. They walked over to the Pick Preserve and found a spot for it. The camera is one and a half feet off the ground and has an infrared beam that travels up to eight feet.

The students had a good time setting it up. The class is fascinated by the idea of capturing a bobcat on film, and a couple



The Wildlife Posse stops at the tree where the camera is affixed



Fourth grade Wildlife Posse about to head over to the Pick Preserve

of the students had fun by pretending to be a bobcat and crawling on all fours in front of the camera.

"We were jumping all over!" said Jake Davis.

"They are passionate about this, and know they can make a difference and the world better," said Compton.

In the coming weeks the students will create educational materials for display at the Center for Education at "Ding" Darling. The display will include photographs of the animals caught by the infrared camera and brochures about the importance of conserving wildlife habitats.

"I want to say we really appreciate getting the money for the grant, and I think Mrs. Compton is the best teacher in the world," said 4th grade Anna Aulino. ☆



Kevin Godsea of the Wildlife Service installs the camera as Anna Aulino and Samia Islam look on

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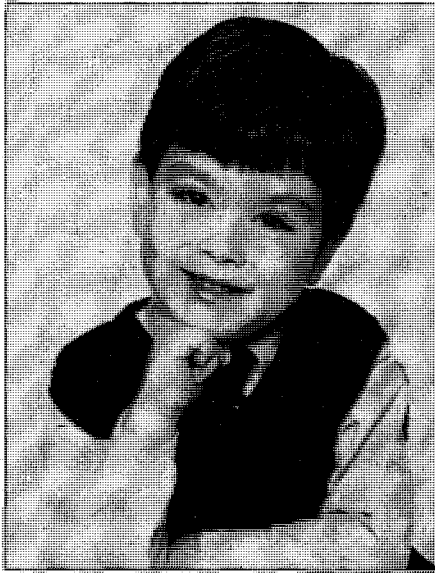


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Chet Chance

On March 11, Chet Chance celebrated his 5th birthday. He is the son of Dr. Steven and Naomi Chance, Sanibel residents since 1980. Chet has two older sisters, Coral 29 and Marianne 27. Both girls are alumni of Sanibel Elementary School and Cypress Lake High School. Coral received her MS from Johns Hopkins University in 2000 and Marianne received her BS from Florida State in 1999. Chet is a Pre-K student at the Children's Education Center of the Islands and is very excited to attend kindergarten this fall at the Sanibel School like his sisters before him. ✨

The Passion Comes To Sanibel

The Passion Of The Christ will at last be playing at Island Cinema Good Friday through Thursday, April 15, 4:30 p.m.

"In the midst of the Roman slaughter of over 250,000 Jews crucified in the first century, Yeshua of Nazareth carried His cross willingly to the Place of the Skull for us."

- Isaiah 52:13-53

"The Passion is more than a movie; it is a pilgrimage." ✨

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Legal Outcome

"We don't normally consider petitions, but we are interested in letters that contain facts and opinions of the writers." Dragon said that in Sanibel's case they will probably have a public meeting anyway, given the history of the project. "Once all comments are in, we only have one function, and that is to approve or deny the permit." Coast Guard officials have been consistent in the comments regarding their function. They have maintained that the bridge design and the decision of a high, fixed span or a drawbridge is strictly up to the bridge owner, Lee County in this case. "We have no interest or authority in the bridge design except to the degree that it might affect navigation." ✨

Farewell To Sanibel Music Festival

Sanibel Music Festival, an island tradition, has honorably fulfilled its mission "to present music of the highest caliber at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities."

Since its inception, "Music" has been the significant reason for our existence, and "Volunteerism" the spirit that bound us together. Sanibel Music Festival has been an all-volunteer organization with a working board. Times have changed, and despite our best efforts, it has not been possible to replace retiring board members who have filled key jobs for a decade or more with equally qualified and committed volunteers. Professional replacements, with attendant costs and increase in ticket prices, are impractical. In light of these factors, the board has reluctantly decided to cancel the 2005 season and take immediate measures to disband the festival.

Our decision has been made with regret but also with pride for all Sanibel Music Festival has brought to the community the past 18 years - the best in classical music, with artists of world stature, innovative programming and repertoire, 12 seasons in opera, in addition to piano, chamber music and orchestral performances, community outreach, Bach on the Beach, opera dress rehearsals for stu-

dents and seniors, and Sanibel School programs.

We are proud of the careers we have helped along the way. Many young artists who performed at Sanibel Music Festival have achieved unbelievable heights in their profession, and we would like to think we have contributed in some small way. Also, Sanibel Music Festival has achieved a standing of trust and respect among artists and management in the musical community, from which we take satisfaction.

We deeply appreciate the hospitality of our hosts, Sanibel Congregational Church, over the years. We have been honored by recognition from WGCU-FM and National Public Radio, which from 1999 through 2004 has broadcast SMF concerts on 360 radio stations nationwide. Coverage of SMF events in the local press, the *Island Sun* and the *Islander*, and the *Fort Myers News-Press*, has been invaluable. We also salute the generosity of Daye Music Inc. and Yamaha Corporation of America for the loan of their CF111 S concert grand piano for the run of our seasons.

In closing, we want to thank our many generous private and corporate friends who have contributed their money, time, homes, and especially, their moral support, year after year. We are most grateful to our audiences whose loyal support and keen interest inspired exciting musical explorations and the highest standards of performance.

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Board Approves Emergency Funding

The Board of Lee County Commissioners Tuesday approved the following items during its regular weekly meeting. They are:

Good Wheels Funding - Approved \$210,000 for the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) to provide Good Wheels, the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), \$30,000 per month for transportation services from March through September, 2004. The funding is a "stop-gap" measure to allow Good Wheels to operate for six months while alternative funding and operational solutions are sought.

During those six months, Good Wheels also will: seek rate increases from the state Transportation Disadvantaged Commission for non-sponsored rides (those other than Medicaid and Children and Families); seek an increase in the state Medicaid allocation for TD trips; strongly consider implementing efficiency recommendations from a recent Clerk of Courts audit; and maximize use of the county's fixed route bus system for ambulatory customers. At the same time, the county will prepare a Request for Proposals for ADA services effective October 1, 2004. That will allow Good Wheels to make any cost adjustments necessary for its bid/contract.

Background:

On July 1, 2003, Goodwheels submitted a bid and was awarded the contract for ADA transportation services for Lee County Transit, which increased the current ADA rates by \$221,944 annually. On July 1, 2003, Goodwheels submitted a bid and was also awarded a contract by the TD Commission through the SWF Regional Planning Council for transportation services. In December 2003, Goodwheels was having financial difficulties and submitted a request to Lee County for funding retroactive back to July 1, 2003, to keep them in business. The BOCC approved funding in the amount of \$205,000 to Goodwheels, and requested the Clerk of Courts to perform an audit of Goodwheels. The clerk's audit report confirmed that Goodwheels is in financial trouble. The audit report recommended that Goodwheels complete a TD System Rate Review and present to the State Commission for Transportation Disadvantage; review all overtime utilization to determine most cost effective strategy; review incentive pay policies, particularly during a period of fiscal crisis; properly allocate overhead to all business activities to better determine where funding shortfalls are occurring; and review current payroll processing contract for potential cost savings. Also, require the LCB as a condition of funding to coordinate with LeeTran, the CTC and LCB to evaluate which customers could use fixed routes. If the above short term recommended actions and funding do not result in restoring financial stability to Goodwheels, then the county will seek appointment as the

CTC to control the available state funding and seek appropriate service efficiencies and alternatives.

Manatee Signs - Approved allowing U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to use the county's Manatee Speed Zone signs for its speed zone signage for 120 days. The USFWS recently filed an emergency rule reinstating Manatee Speed Zones that had been struck down by a state circuit court. The temporary use of the signs will avoid having the county remove the signs and the USFWS install new ones. There are approximately 272 signs in question. They are throughout Matlacha Pass, around St. James City, the mouth of the Caloosahatchee, Punta Rassa Cove and Estero Bay. The board had questions about who should permanently own the signs, and maintain and repair them, and whether the county retains liability if it doesn't transfer ownership of the signs. Those issues will be resolved before the emergency rule becomes permanent.

Heitman Street - Were informed that the Fort Myers City Council on Monday night adopted a resolution vacating Heitman Street in downtown Fort Myers between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Main Street. The street runs along the SunTrust Center, which was recently purchased by the county for the court system. The Justice Center Master Plan includes the addition of buildings "E" and "F" of the Lee County Justice Center to be built on vacated Heitman Street with a pedestrian bridge to the SunTrust Building and Outdoor Plaza.

Metro Property - Approved an agreement to purchase 6.8 acres along the

west side of Metro Parkway between Daniels and Six Mile Cypress for a retention pond for the widening of Metro Parkway from two to six lanes in that area that is part of the overall extension of Metro to U.S. 41. The cost of the property was \$6.50 per square foot, or \$1.93 million. The Florida Department of Transportation will reimburse the cost for the four-acre pond when funds become available. The remaining 2.8 acres will be used by the county or sold as surplus. The actions allows the county to accelerate the widening of Metro along that stretch so when the extension is done, six lanes aren't funneling into two lanes in that area, causing a bottleneck.*

VETERANS NEWS

The Combat Infantrymen's Association of SW Florida, Company A, will hold its monthly lunch meeting at Myerlee Manor at 1499 Brandywine Circle, Fort Myers (off Winkler Road), Thursday, April 15 at 11:30 a.m. All army infantry veterans who were awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge in WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq are eligible to be a part of this elite group of men. For information, call Dan Sankoff, MAJ/CIA, Adjutant CO "A" at 368-5006, or email SilverFoxx236@aol.com.*

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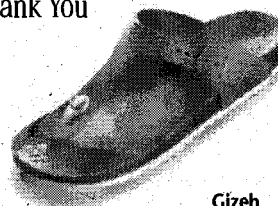
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Holy Week Schedules

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Good Friday, April 9

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Veneration of the Cross 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 10

The Great Vigil Of Easter 8 p.m.

Note: No 4 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. mass

Easter Sunday, April 11

7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and
12:30 p.m. masses

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April 9, Good Friday

Vigil from noon to 3 p.m. music and
prayers. Meditations presented in 20
minute segments

April 11, Easter

Chapel 7:45 a.m.

Full services at 9 and 11 a.m.

The chancel choir will sing at both ser-
vices

Sunday School at 9 a.m. service, child
care at both services

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Good Friday, April 9

At 8 p.m. there will be a special
"Service of Darkness;" the day of our
Lord's crucifixion unfolds in stirring drama
and powerful songs as Bible characters
come to the cross and reflect upon the
final seven statements that came from the
lips of Jesus.

Easter Sunday, April 11

At 6:30 a.m. there will be a Sunrise
Service on the causeway with a message
by Dr. Daryl Donovan, resurrection music
by the Chancel Choir, the Praise Team,
Teen Challenge and a youth drama pro-
claiming the Easter message - Jesus is
alive. Opportunity for Believer's Baptism
will be offered. Worship services at the
church:

8 a.m. Traditional with Holy
Communion

9 a.m. Contemporary

10 a.m. Traditional with choir

11 a.m. Contemporary

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Good Friday: one hour liturgy at Noon

Meditations and music on seven of the
Stations of the Cross, at 7 p.m.

Easter Weekend:

The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord
Jesus Christ Saturday at 5 p.m., and Identical
Festal Eucharists Easter Day at 8 and 10 a.m.✱

Parish Nurses Present Seminar

The Parish Nurses of Sanibel Island,
representing Sanibel Community
Church, United Congregational
Church and St. Isabel's, will present two
seminars (5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) on
Thursday April 15; Posture, Body
Mechanics and Health. Bad posture and
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This interactive seminar will focus on
these issues and on how ergonomics can
benefit everyone. The 5 p.m. seminar
will be geared to the elderly and care-
givers. They will learn to modify posture
and daily activities to prevent stress and

injuries. The 7:30 seminar will address
daily habits at the workplace and home
and how to avoid aches pain and
injuries. The speaker will be Eileen Diaz,
MS, ergonomic consultant and full-time
ergonomic engineer at the Rosomoff
Comprehensive Pain and Rehabilitation
Center. The seminar will take place at
Sanibel Community Church at 1740
Periwinkle Way. Admission is free. Free
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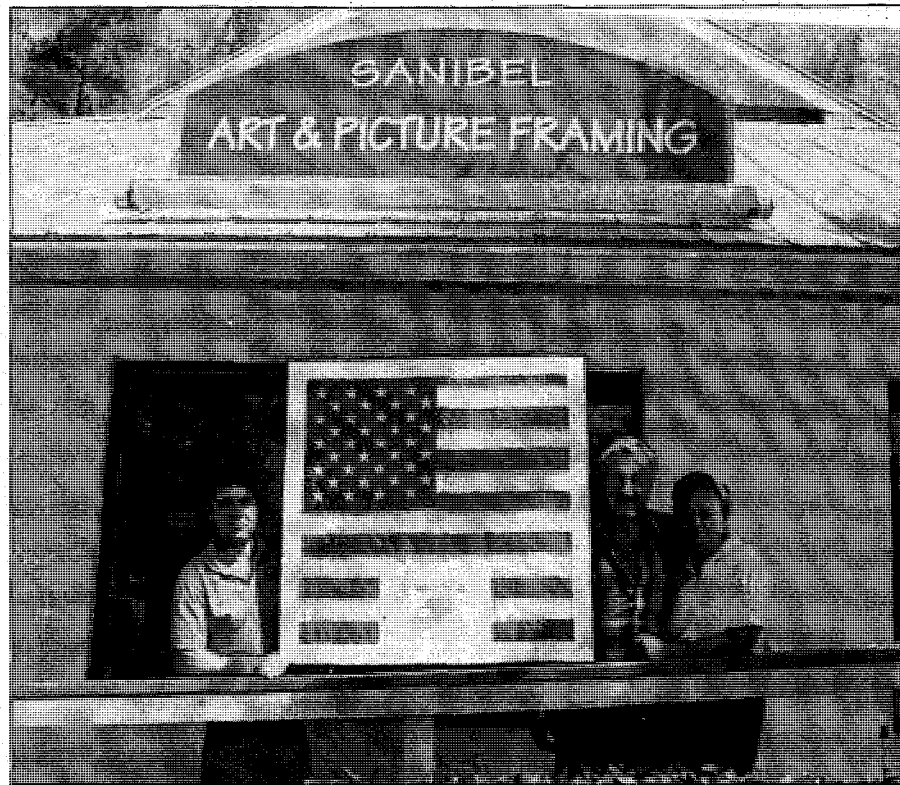
Many islanders proudly fly the American flag from outside their homes, but longtime residents Bob and June Degand are now displaying a very special flag inside their home.

Their 29-year-old son, U.S. Army Capt. Robert L. Degand Jr., who has been in Iraq since last October, presented his parents with the flag. As a pilot-in-command with CW4 Robert D. Petty Jr., the flag had been carried along on one of his combat reconnaissance missions over Iraq.

Friedrich Jaeger, a friend of the Degands, donated a frame that was a perfect fit for the folded flag and accompanying inscription. Paul and Valerie Roshberg, owners of Sanibel Art & Frame Co., artfully framed it. The inscription bears the following:

This American flag presented to Bob and June Degand. It was flown on combat reconnaissance mission with the 1st Military Intelligence Battalion Aerial Exploration over Iraq, on board aircraft 8500148, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on October 31, 2003.

"We Will Not Falter, We Will Not Fail" - President George W. Bush
Capt. Degand graduated from Cypress

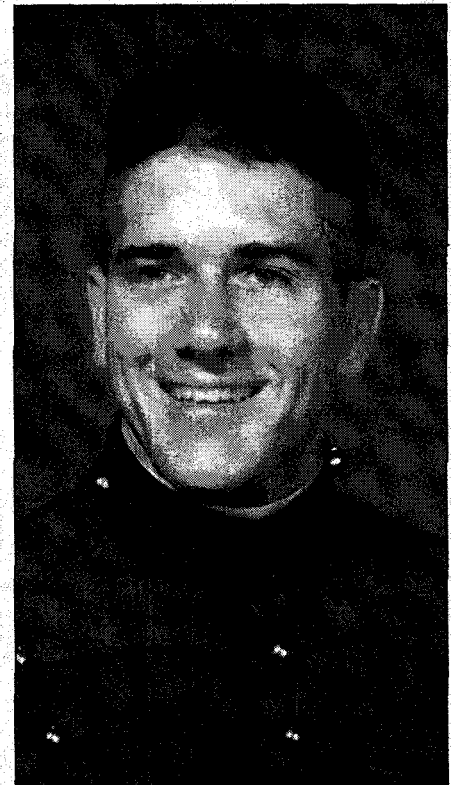


Paul Roshberg displays the American flag with Bob and June Degand
Photo by Jim Anderson

Lake High School in 1993 and, upon recommendation of U.S. Rep. Porter J. Goss (R-14th), subsequently received an appointment to West Point. Capt. Degand's home base is Wiesbaden, Germany. His wife, Beth, and their children, Bobby III and Haley, ages five and three, respectively, currently live near

Wiesbaden.

"Bob will stay in Iraq for probably a year," his mother explains. "Then he hopes to go to South Korea. He's been a captain for about two years and, before switching to planes, he was a helicopter pilot." ☆



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Duplicate Bridge Results

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First: Ken Appel and Will Smith,
Second: Dave Bugby and Lacy Fendley,
Third: Sue and Bob Jeffrey, Fourth: Ann and Will Smith.

This was the last session of the season. Duplicate bridge will resume on Monday, November 29, 2004.

The Community Center thanks you for your participation and looks forward to your return next November. ☆

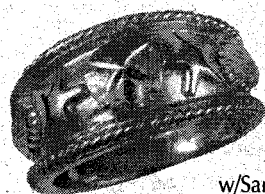
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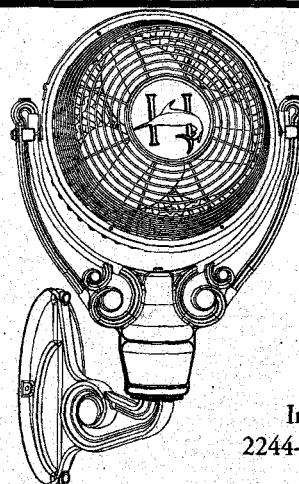
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St. Isabel Catholic Church EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Veneration of the Cross 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10

The Great Vigil Of Easter 8:00 PM

Note: NO 4:00 PM or 5:30 PM Mass today

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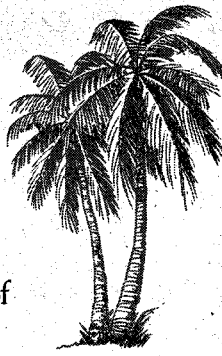
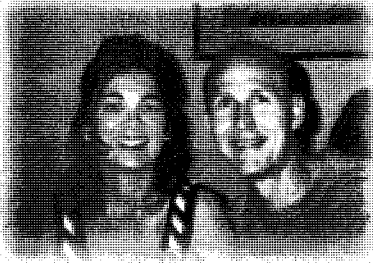
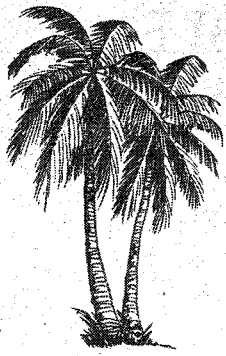
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Did You Know... Diamond is the birthstone for babies born in April! And.. what do you know it's tax time too. Coincidence?

This month, we thought we'd give you a couple of fine jewelry helpful hints.

1. When beginning a new relationship with a jeweler, you should feel as comfortable as possible. So, if you need your jewelry cleaned & checked, ask to watch the process. It's not an unreasonable request and the jeweler should be understanding and happy to oblige you.
2. It's a good idea to have your fine everyday jewelry cleaned and checked twice a year.
3. If your prongs seem to be catching on fuzz, it's time to have your stones checked for security. A small adjustment may be all that is required. And it's always a good idea to check your stones yourself, by simply holding them between your index finger and thumb to see if they move.
4. Finally, when dressing for your day, make sure your jewelry is the last thing you put on. This way you avoid hairspray, makeup and perfumes from corroding pearls and dulling the luster and brilliance of your precious metals and fine gems.

Just a Little Pearl of Wisdom...

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'Undy Sunday'

St. Isabel Church Women's Guild will have an "Undy Sunday" drive April 17 and 18 at the church to collect underwear and socks for needy children.

The goal is to gather a supply of children's underwear from size six to 16 to distribute to needy families through Hispanic Services, located at 4235 Michigan Avenue Link in Fort Myers. The guild will give the underwear and socks to families when the children start school next fall.

Donations of cash and checks are always welcome. Checks should be made payable to Hispanic Services.

Undy Sunday was started seven years ago in Collier County by John Fitzgerald of Naples.

Women's Guild President Bev Warren said, "I read of his work in the *Florida Catholic* and thought we should start this activity here."*

Free Concert On The Green

The Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties invites the entire community to a free concert on the green to celebrate Israel Independence Day, on Sunday May 2, on the grounds of the Alliance of the Arts, located at the corner of McGregor Boulevard and Colonial.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. and

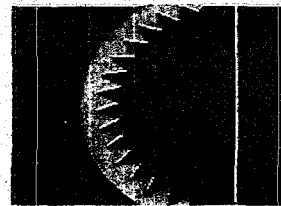
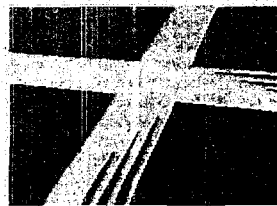
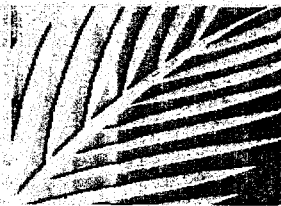
continue to 7. Headliners Rockfour come to us direct from Tel Aviv, will perform at 4 and 6 p.m. They have performed all over the U.S., and Israel with plans to tour Japan in the fall. They will feature cuts from their newly released album, *Nationwide*. Local talents, Robert Marinoff, Jane Galler, Sandi Falk, Shalimar and Bent Fender will perform between sets.

A wide variety of Middle Eastern foods as well as kid-friendly American favorites will be available for purchase. For more information or to volunteer at this event, call Carol Glaer at 481-4449.*

Easter Performance

On Easter Sunday at 8 p.m., the Periwinkle Playhouse presents the Tony Award-winning play *Agnes of God*, by the Orpheus Players. It is riveting. Issues of today are addressed — a child, abused; a mind unbalanced; denial; and finally, murder. Sister Agnes is played by Lucy Harris, Brenda L. Goodwin as Mother Miram Ruth and Donna Prima as the psychiatrist, Dr. Martha Livingston. The play is directed by Dr. Joe Porter of Zanesville, Ohio, where the play was banned. One performance only. Tickets are \$15. For reservations, call the Periwinkle Playhouse box office at 472-0324. Periwinkle Playhouse is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.*

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H O L Y . W E E K



Maundy Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

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Good Friday, April 9th at 8:00 p.m.

Experience a special "Tenebrae" service ("Service of Darkness") — the day of our Lord's crucifixion unfolds in stirring drama and powerful songs, as Bible characters come to the cross and reflect upon the passion of our Lord. An unforgettable evening!



Easter Sunday, April 11th at 6:30 a.m.

SUNRISE SERVICES on the CAUSEWAY — Bring a blanket or lawn chair as we gather to celebrate. Stirring message by Dr. Daryl Donovan, Joyous Resurrection Music by the Chancel Choir, the Praise and Worship Team, Teen Challenge, drama by Teen Challenge and Sanibel Community Church Youth. Opportunity for Believer's Baptism in the Gulf. Service will conclude with communion.



Worship services at the church are:

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional with Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary with Praise Band
- 10:00 a.m. Traditional with Chancel Choir
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary with Praise Band

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Contact Kiwanian Mike Robison at 472-3121 to pick up an application, complete it and return it to him by April 15.

Annual Easter Orange Hunt

Sun Harvest Citrus' 12th Annual Easter Orange Hunt is Saturday, April 10, at 10 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. The event is for children up to 10 years old. There will be plenty of prizes, music and visits from the Easter Bunny and Sun Harvest Citrus' Big Squeeze.

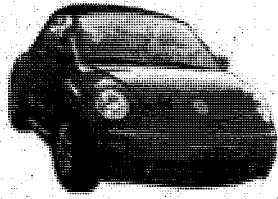
There is no charge to participate.

Children taking part in the Easter Orange Hunt gather oranges distributed on the grounds of Sun Harvest Citrus and win prizes. Ten lucky children who find specially marked oranges will be rewarded with grand prizes, two for each of five age groups.

The Sun Harvest Citrus Coloring Contest winners will be announced and their prizes awarded during the festivities. The Jukebox Hero, Chris Cammarota, will be spinning tunes. Children may have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny and the Big Squeeze.

Sun Harvest Citrus is located on Six Mile Cypress at Metro Parkway in Fort Myers. Call 768-2686 for more information.

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Randon Eddy and Rob Jess

by Brian Johnson

On April 1 local artist and conservation volunteer Randon Eddy donated a painting to "Ding" Darling in appreciation of their giving her the use of the auditorium in the Center for Education for her wildlife art.

Visitors had fun seeing Eddy's renderings of Florida's animals, and over the course of three and one half months, 20 sales were made. As a thank you, Eddy presented Refuge Manager Rob Jess a painting of Roseate spoonbills.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to have the local flavor of the island's artists at the refuge," said Jess. "The donation will be a part of the growing collection in the administrative buildings, and will be here for the public to see. A picture like this with spoonbills typifies what's seen on the refuge on a daily basis."

"A lot of people really enjoyed coming in and looking at the paintings," added Supervisory Ranger Kevin Godsea. "A lot more artists on Sanibel may be looking to do the same thing at the refuge because her exhibit was so successful."

The sales allowed Eddy to fund a trip to Italy, where she will spend two weeks painting scenes in Sorrento and the outskirts of Florence. ✪



Students from Diplomat Elementary study shells at the museum

Sponsors Needed For Field Trips

Sanibel and Captiva residents and visitors continue to praise The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum for offering fully-funded educational trips to the museum for Lee County public school students. The museum is in its sixth academic year of hosting the environmental education program, which benefits about 2,500 schoolchildren each year from October through May.

"Unfortunately, transportation costs have soared last summer," reports museum group tour and education coordinator, Anna Marie Nyquist. "So we are happy to announce that people are now 'sponsoring' individual class field trips. On average, it costs \$195 to pay for the bus and admission for each class."

For the 2003-2004 school year, it is primarily 4th graders who have been scheduled for the field trip program because they study Florida and teachers report that the museum program works best with that grade.

Teachers, students and parents are thrilled that the museum offers such a program because the Lee County School District provides very limited funds for field trips.

"The Shell Museum provides the best and most professional field trip experience available for Lee County," says teacher Toma Trombetti. Ms. Trombetti is a 4th grade teacher at Hancock Creek Elementary School in North Fort Myers. Her class of 29 students visited the shell museum on March 29.

Mrs. Nyquist trains more than a dozen volunteer educational docents to conduct the school tour program throughout the academic year. The docents include retired teachers, guidance counselors and professors who love children, love shells and are dedicated to devoting their time and expertise in helping the museum maintain its reputation as a renowned educational facility.

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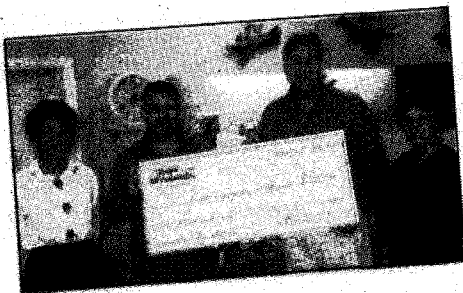
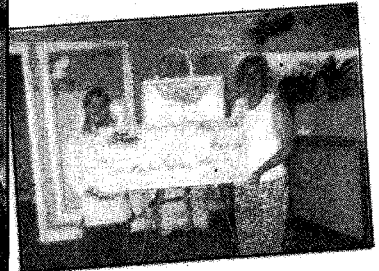
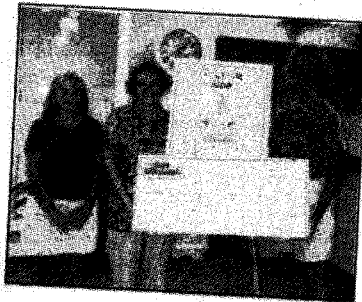
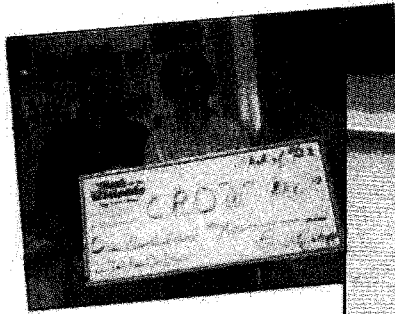
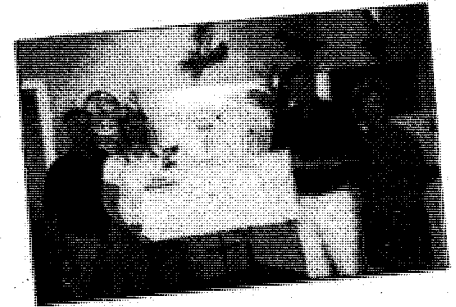
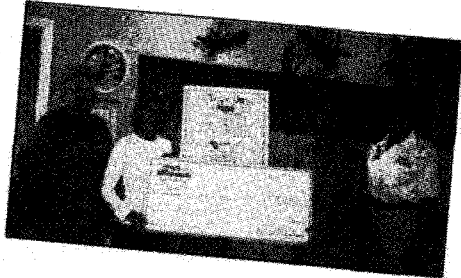
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Earth Day

all event locations. The trolley will run between Tarpon Bay, the refuge, the nature center and the shell museum from noon to 4 p.m. Free bikes will also be available for rental all day at both Tarpon Bay Explorers and the refuge. The international Earth Day theme is "Water for Life," expressed in the beautiful artwork featured on this year's T-shirt offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Special thanks to Bank of the Islands for sponsoring the event on behalf of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Thanks also to Bailey's General Store and Bailey's True Value Hardware for providing food for the event. Stop by the nature center at any time between noon and 4 p.m. to rejuvenate your energy with free refreshments.

The schedule of events will keep everyone busy with music, programs and activities for all ages. The shell museum will be featuring its new video, *Mollusks in Action*. Tarpon Bay Explorers will have touch tank talks hourly, the refuge is allowing walkers and bikers free access to Wildlife Drive, and SCCF will have music and free food.

Schedule of Activities Noon to 4 p.m.

"Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Shell Museum, Tarpon Bay Explorers and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation staff and volunteers at their respective sites with educational displays, exhibits, demonstrations, activities, music and food.

Tarpon Bay Explorers

Free trolley; free bike rentals (additional bikes will be supplied by Billy's Bikes) aquarium and touch tank talks at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 (talks are an hour long).

Shell Museum

Free admission all day; new video, *Mollusks in Action*.

"Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

Free admission to Wildlife Drive for walkers and bikers; birding and bike tours; manatee talk; "Birds, Bills, & Beaks" - how do they eat?; Children's craft table.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation - Sponsored by Bank of the Islands

Free admission all day; music by Florida folk singers Cindy Hackney and Valerie C. Wisecracker, and rock music by SCCF's Milhouse band.

Exhibits and Displays:

- Solar experiments
- Live snakes with naturalists
- Sea turtles
- Mound house - Calusa Indians
- Sanibel Bicycle Club
- Sanibel Litter and Recycling Committees

- Sanibel Inn activity for children
 - CROW display
- Activities include:
- Dunk tank
 - Solar experiments
 - Make your own chewing gum
 - Wildlife coloring books
 - Fly cast fishing education with the Fly Fishers Club
 - Pond apple seedling giveaway
 - Recycling race
 - Worm release
 - Concession with hot dogs and drinks for sale

Be sure to pick up an Eco-Activity Sheet (available at each event location). Participants must answer four questions and receive four different stamps from various Earth Day exhibits to win a prize.✱

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Easter Coloring Contest Winners

first place: James Dowling; second place: Dara Craig; third place: Dana Congress. Second grade - first place: Michael Damico; second place: Katie DuPre; third place: Mariah Budd. Third grade - first place: Hunter Blackburn; second place: Kaylee Fichthorn; third place: Moriah Munk-Madsen. All winners received Easter prize bags from The Shell Net. Artwork is on display in Bailey's General Store and at merchant locations throughout the center.✱

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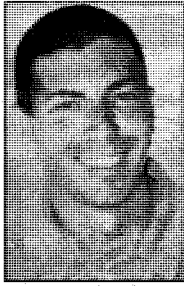
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CROW Case Of The Week: American Bittern

by Brian Johnson



It is not that often that CROW receives a bittern, particularly the American bittern. Although the American is a large bird (about 25 inches), their preference for dense vegetation makes them tough to spot.

"We get very few bitterns," said CROW Veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel. "They are very secretive, solitary birds, who like cover and protection – that's probably why people don't see them much. A loss of wetlands is causing a decline in their population."

On March 27 Cape Coral resident Mary Walsh came across an American bittern on the side of the road. He was not flying and looked like he had been hit by a car.

She took him to CROW, where the staff examined him. The American bittern was dull but responsive, dehydrated and a bit thin. He had an old abrasion on his left hock and blood in his right eye. The staff gave him fluids and pain medication.

With a chance to rest in a dark, quiet cage, the bittern began to revive. Over the first 48 hours he became more alert as he recovered from the effects of head trauma. On March 30 he started clacking his beak. CROW staff added the herbs, eye bright and body sore, and began to hand-feed him.

The big question was his eyesight. His left eye appeared to be working perfectly well, but on the 31st the staff noticed that his right eye was sinking in, an ominous sign. Could this bird survive in the wild with one eye?

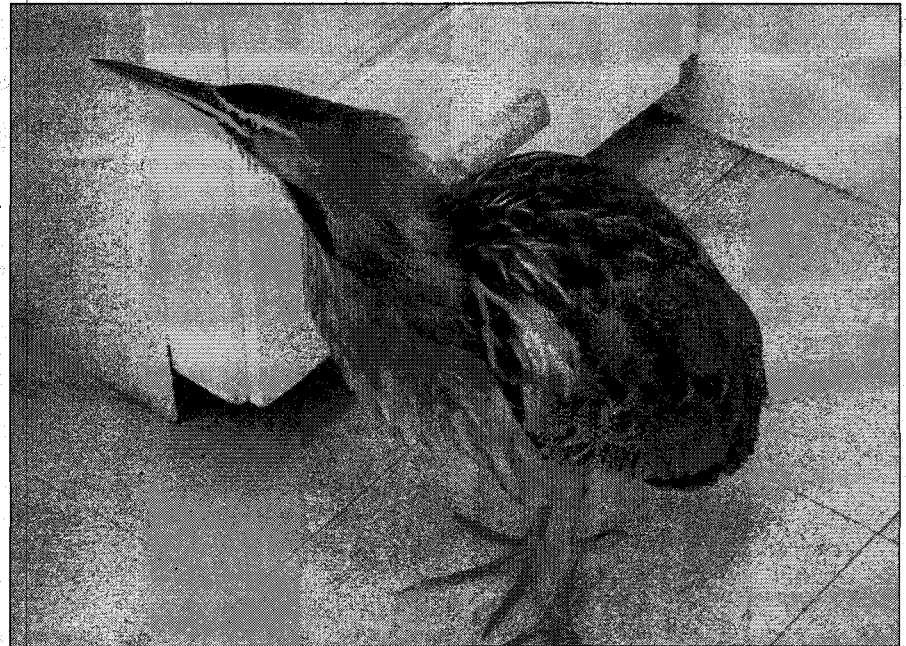
Over the years Deitschel has seen many birds come into the clinic who have been living for months, even years, with 50 percent of their vision. "I would have assumed that a bird like a pelican or a tern could not survive with one eye because they have to hunt down fish, but wild animals are very adaptable creatures."

The American bittern has a varied diet, which makes the species even more resourceful – they not only eat fish, but reptiles, amphibians, insects and small mammals. They stalk their prey and make a quick strike.

On April 1 the staff introduced a couple live goldfish in a bowl. The bittern did not eat the fish, but easily managed to spear them and throw them out of the bowl. They also added qi performance to his treatment protocol to boost his appetite.

"I think this bird's chances are quite good," said Deitschel.

If the American bittern continues to make steady progress, CROW staff will move him out to the brand new double flight cage known at the clinic as the "Cannon Flight."



American bittern

The outdoor cage was donated in the memory of John N. Cannon, a former board member who was an enthusiastic supporter of CROW.

"It's a very nice cage with covered hiding places and eight-foot pools," said Deitschel. "It can be opened up into a large flight cage or divided into two cages. The Crowbars and Hammerheads did a fast and beautiful job on it. John would be happy about it. It's a good cage for a bird like a bittern."

The members of the CrowBars and Hammerheads who worked on the project were Wayne Boyd, Wayne Bengstom, Harry Bertossa, John Burke, Larry Cerretani, Mike Dandar, Don Egensteiner, Bill Fisher, Ken Gillett, John Ghougasian, Chuck Hoover, Wally Kain, Candi Mathier, George McKinnell, Tom and Elaine Mitchell, Warren Seaward, Bill Schwartz, Dean Skaugstad, Ted Smith, Harry Van DeVelde, George Vernay and Bob Wiggins.✪

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High: 83 Low: 62

TUESDAY
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High: 81 Low: 57

WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 77 Low: 57

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 59

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 50 percent chance of scattered thunderstorms, high of 80°. Saturday through Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with highs ranging from the upper 70s to the mid-80s.

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	81	56	82/61	0.03"
Wednesday	80	61	82/61	0.00"
Thursday	72	54	83/61	0.00"
Friday	75	51	83/61	0.00"
Saturday	75	55	83/61	0.00"
Sunday	77	57	83/61	0.00"
Monday	81	56	83/61	0.00"

City	Today			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
Atlanta	72	48	pc	68	45	pc
Baltimore	62	43	pc	57	40	pc
Boston	50	35	sh	48	33	pc
Chicago	45	33	pc	45	34	sh
Cleveland	48	32	pc	52	36	mc
Cincinnati	55	35	pc	55	34	sh
Detroit	47	31	mc	41	28	mc
Philadelphia	58	38	pc	55	36	pc
Nashville	62	45	pc	62	46	mc
New York City	52	40	sh	55	43	pc
Richmond	62	38	pc	62	40	pc
Washington, D.C.	64	43	pc	59	41	pc

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Reports from the Southern Hemisphere where Comet NEAT, C/2001 Q4, is being regularly observed, show that it is steadily brightening, but at a rate that is slightly below its originally predicted pace. During the first week of May, NEAT should become as vivid as the brighter stars of the Big Dipper, now in the NE at 8 p.m. The comet should be observable from suburban locales and easily seen from rural settings. Comet NEAT, discovered by NASA's Near Earth Asteroid Tracking (NEAT) program on August 24, 2001, is currently a binocular target from south of the equator, and it won't be long before observers will be easily sighting it visually. NEAT's orbit is tilted at a high angle to the plane of the Earth's orbit, which means that during its approach it has been stuck in the Southern Hemisphere. Since its discovery, NEAT has completed a series of loop-de-loops in the southern sky, a reflection of Earth's orbital motion around the sun. As the comet has approached the sun and the Earth, each yearly loop has become larger. Now that the comet is closing in, the next loop will rapidly catapult NEAT into the skies of the Northern Hemisphere. For latitudes of 30-40 degrees north, Comet NEAT will become visible low in the WSW between May 4 and 6 as skies are darkening. Because of its low altitude and residual twilight, you will need binoculars initially to spot NEAT. One week later at the same time, a slightly fainter Comet NEAT will be nearly mid-sky, but still high enough by the end of twilight to allow it to become visible to the unaided eye. Download a map showing Comet NEAT's positions during the first half of May at the URL: www.astronomy.org. Click on the StarWatch button and then on April 2004.

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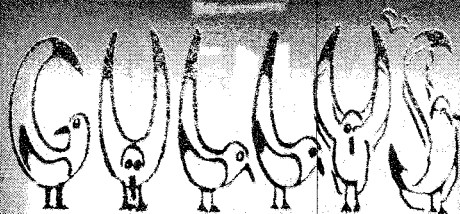
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The Simple Language Of Orchids

The Orchid Miltonia

by Dr. Faye Laurent Granberry, Sanibel orchid hobbyist



Miltonia Mary Sugiyama "Ruby Tears" x Hajimeono "Mavi Jewel" and Miltonia Lycanea "Stamperland" are my two new Miltonia orchids. I caused the demise this week, of two, by the same name. I have successfully, in the past, raised Miltonias. They are called the "pansy

plant" as their bloom looks exactly like a pansy bloom.

I took the expired plants to Marilyn at Marilyn's Exotic Orchids in Fort Myers. She took one look and reminded me that these orchids should be watered exactly like a Phaleanopsis — around the inside of the pot — never on the leaves. I admitted I had been turning the water hose on them.

I now have my new Miltonias in the house, by a window with bright light, no sun, and little red flags (I got off my cable lines) in the pots. The flags are to remind me to keep the water off the leaves.

History shows that Miltonias were popular in the 19th century England and were considered the orchid of the day. The blooms were written about as "a feeling of golden sunlight or a cool frosty

night."

Immediately, we knew this was a cool growing orchid. The question is, why are we growing that orchid in a tropical area? The answer is, hybridization — crosses made with warm growing orchids. Note the x in the name of the Miltonia. The x means the orchid is a cross between the two named orchids.

History: During the period from 1856 to 1906, the first 50 years of hybridization, in the genus Miltonia, crosses were made to create new varieties.

Rebecca Northern, in *Home Orchid Growing* states that it has taken noted experimentation to learn how to grow a Miltonia. That is an understatement!

Culture: If growing in osmunda fiber, Northern suggests a 10-10-10 fertilizer once a month. In fir bark, which I am using, she suggests with every other watering the use of 30-10-10, reduced in cool weather.

I do not need to be told not to divide them. If they are growing and their leaves are not rotting off, they can stay put — no dividing of the plant by me. Orchid books note Miltonia scorch — found only in Miltonias. In 1970 Northern stated the scorch had not been identified. She recommends cutting off the diseased part and immersing the plant in Natriphene or Anti-Damp for several hours. Better yet, keep the water

off the leaves and provide good air circulation.

Taxonomy: Miltonia was established in 1837 by our poor (as related to money) old friend John Lindley, who stayed home in his lab naming and
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Garden Club Flower Show

Shell Islands Garden Club will sponsor the Standard Flower Show at the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum, 800 Dunlap Road, Wednesday, April 14, from noon to 4 p.m. and Thursday, April 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Club members will submit a variety of floral arrangements, container plants and garden specimens. Sanibel school children may submit entries for the youth division.

This will be a Standard Flower Show, and entries will be judged according to accepted rules.

Visit the Historical Museum and view a Standard Flower Show at the same time. A \$5 donation to the museum is requested.

A workshop meeting for members will be held on Tuesday, April 13, at noon at Saint Michael and All Angels Church.

If you have an interest in gardening, floral arranging or horticulture, consider becoming a member. For information call President Glenda Campbell at 472-8994.*

Fishing Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 13 the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will have its monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. This month's featured speakers are Captain Mike Rehr and Captain Joyce Rehr. Their presentation will begin shortly after 7 p.m. in the north room. The presentation is free and the fishing public is welcome to attend.

Captain Mike Rehr has been fishing the Sanibel and Captiva waters for 30 years. He will be speaking on light tackle and fly fishing for tarpon in and around the islands. In addition to tarpon fishing, Mike focuses on light tackle snook, redfish and during the summer months, bonefish and permit in the Florida Keys. He has been featured on ESPN, in magazines, newspaper columns and numerous books on Florida fishing. He is a long standing FFF certified fly casting instructor and a certified master naturalist.

Captain Joyce Rehr, his wife, currently holds three IGFA World Records for ultra-light tackle (two-to-four pound test line). All of these records were set here on Sanibel. Joyce is a free-lance writer, a photographer and a member of the International Women's Fishing Association. She will be joining Mike in their presentation. Both of them can be reached directly at 472-3308.

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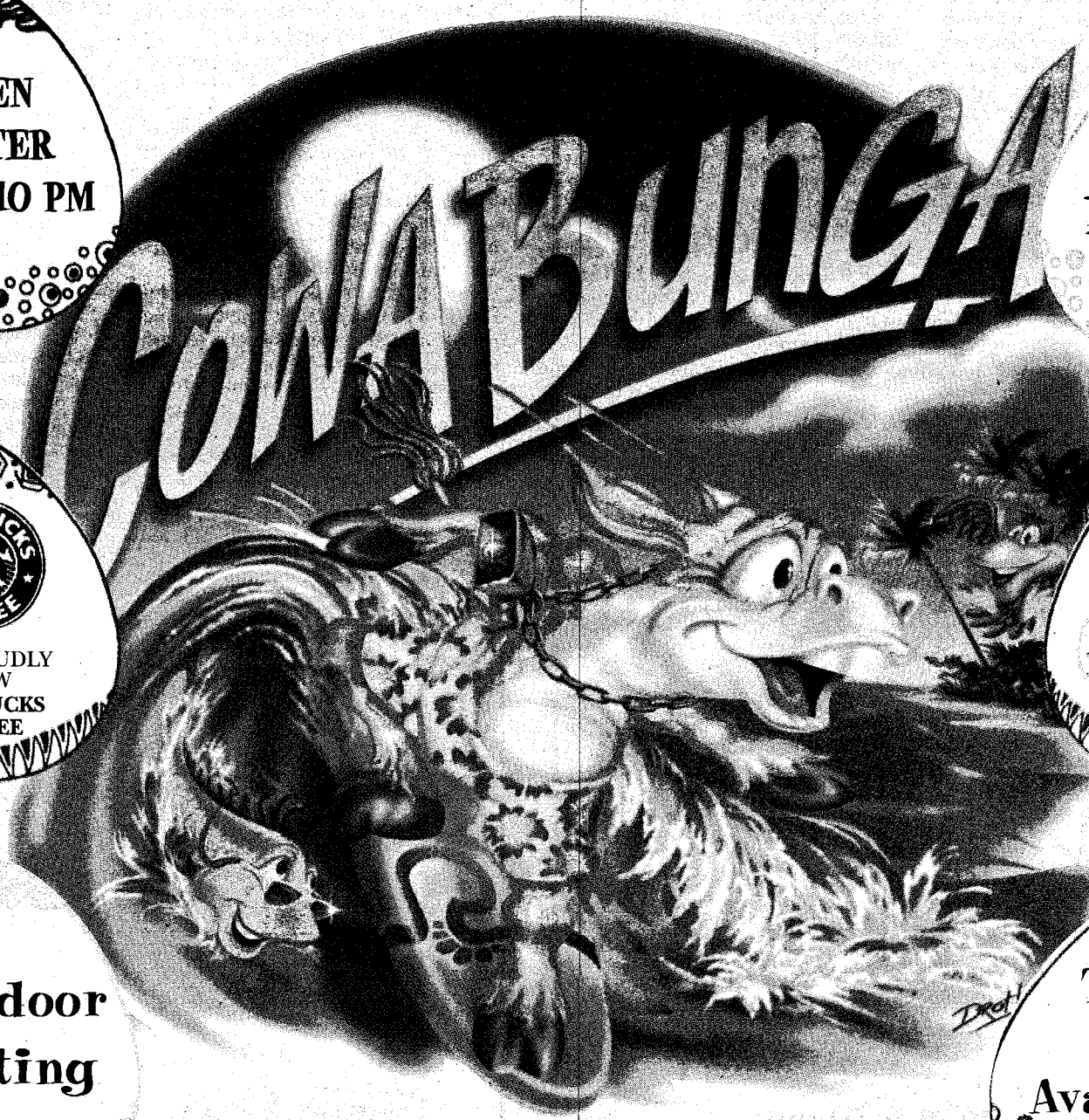
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Saturday, April 10, 11 a.m.

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Monday, April 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kids' Camp - Down and Dirty Dirt Camp, 3rd through 5th graders

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Friday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

Laser Grateful Dead

Truckin', Friend of the Devil, Touch of Grey and One More Saturday Night are included in this classic laser show. Cost: \$10 per person in advance, \$12 at the door. Includes free Nature Center admission on a future visit. Call 275-3435 to pre-register.

Friday, April 16, 8 p.m.

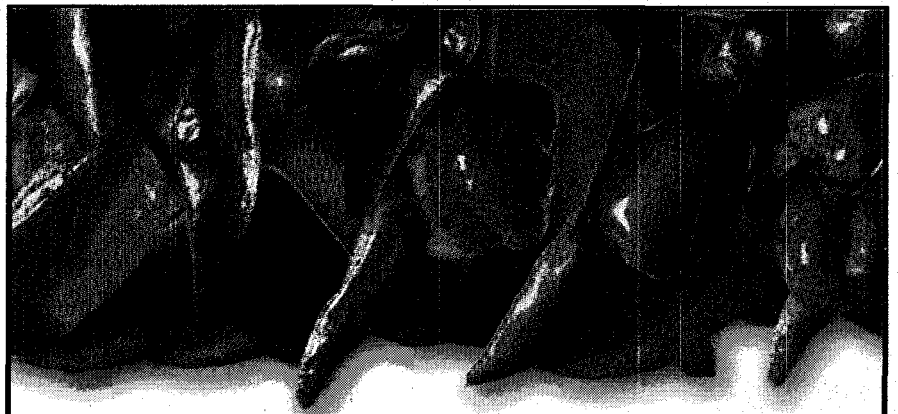
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Cranes Begin Unassisted Migration

Half of the 16 whooping cranes from the ultralight-led "Class of 2003" have left their winter home at Florida's Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge, headed for their summer home in and around central Wisconsin's Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.

Cranes 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 16, 18 and 19 from the Class of 2003 left their pen site at Chassahowitzka NWR at 9:33 a.m. on March 30. They landed in Lowndes County, Georgia, at 4:25 that afternoon logging a flight time of six hours and 52 minutes.

The remaining eight 2003 cranes, along with crane 14 from 2002, remain at the Chassahowitzka pen site.

Meanwhile, most cranes from 2001 and 2002 have begun their northward migrations.

Four cranes, including hatch year 2001 number 6, and 2002 cranes numbers 9, 11 and 12, have already been confirmed in Wisconsin, on and around the reintroduction site at Necedah NWR. Only three cranes from 2002, numbers 1, 3 and 15, remain at their wintering habitat in Florida.

Biologists from the International Crane Foundation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are actively tracking the cranes as they make their way north, and will con-



Whooping crane

Photo by John and Karen Hollingsworth/USFWS

tinue to monitor the birds, along with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources biologist when the whooping cranes are back, in their summer locations.

The public can track the progress of the migrating cranes on the Web at www.savingcranes.org/what-snew/migration_flocks.asp.

The cranes from 2003 were the third whooping crane flock led by Operation Migration's ultralight aircraft from Necedah NWR to Chassahowitzka NWR, on Florida's Gulf Coast. The juvenile cranes spent the winter in an open-topped release enclosure designed to ensure protection from potential predators, while allowing the young birds to still explore their winter salt marsh surroundings.

The ultralight aircraft is only used during the cranes' maiden fall migration. The eight 2003 cranes that have begun their migration include the flock's oldest and eight youngest cranes, as well as crane 3, which last year during training underwent surgery for a small leg fracture and did not fly in the ultralight-led fall migration until 244 miles into the journey.

The Whooping Crane

Eastern Partnership is a consortium of non-profit organizations, government agencies and private landowners. WCEP founding members include the International Crane Foundation, Operation Migration Inc., Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and National Wildlife Health Center, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, and the International Whooping Crane Recovery Team.

Many other flyway states, provinces, private individuals and conservation groups have joined forces with and support WCEP by donating resources, funding and personnel. More than 60 percent of the project's estimated \$1.8 million budget comes from private sources in the form of grants, public donations and corporate sponsors. ☆

Whooping Crane Confirmed In Wisconsin

The first whooping crane to return to Wisconsin from Florida this year has been confirmed. The crane, known as 6-01 was confirmed amid 20 sandhill cranes Sunday in Marquette County, Wisconsin by International Crane Foundation's Anne Lacy, Field Ecology project coordinator. This crane is one of five pioneering

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endangered birds from the first year of an ongoing reintroduction effort that uses ultralight aircraft to guide young cranes on their first southward migration.

The Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP) is a consortium of non-profit organizations and government agencies working together to return a migratory population of whooping cranes to eastern North America, which is a portion of its historic range.

The Class of 2001 was the first group of whooping cranes to be led south using ultralight aircraft along a new eastern North America flyway. Project partner, Operation Migration Inc., led two more groups of cranes south the fall of 2002 and 2003. The juvenile cranes are led on a 1,200-mile journey from Wisconsin's Necedah National Wildlife Refuge through Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia, arriving at Florida's Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge in the fall where they spend the winter in an open-topped release enclosure. The ultralight aircraft is only used during the cranes' first fall migration; they return to Wisconsin on their own in the spring. Project biologists believe the 2003 cranes will do the same. There are currently 36 whooping cranes in this reintroduction project. Prior to 2001, whooping cranes had not migrated over the eastern portion of North America in more than a century.

Other cranes from the Class of 2001, as well as cranes from the Class of 2002,

have begun their spring migrations. The public can track their progress online at www.savingcranes.org/whats_new/migrationflocks.asp.

CROW Notice

There will be no CROW program on Easter Sunday, April 11. The Monday through Friday daily program will resume at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 12 and continue year-round.

CROW is located on Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from the JN "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge.

Admission is \$5 for adults. CROW members and children 12 and under are admitted free of charge. No reservations accepted.

You may call 472-3644, ext 2, for information and directions. Thunder and lightning cancels program.

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Birding From A to Z

by Jim Stevenson, Ph.D.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about birds is their ecology, or life history. It goes far beyond the simple chore of identifying one bird from another and makes each species real and interesting. What we know about procelleriiforms, especially their breeding behavior, certainly classifies them as interesting and worthy of study.

The few species which nest on remote islands are diurnal, with no predators to concern themselves with. However, the vast majority of shearwaters and petrels are nocturnal, trying to hide their activities from all sorts of human-introduced predators. Many are helped by having burrows, although

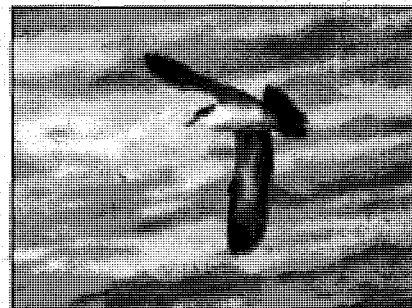
some nest right on the ground, much like gulls and terns.

Pairs will mate on the nesting grounds and immediately head to sea. Both load up on nutrition, as the females need to develop the eggs, and the males must take a long turn incubating. Amazingly, after a scant few weeks, young are generally quite a bit heavier than their parents, something a few of you mothers with teenage sons might identify with. This extra weight comes in handy when the parents are at sea, snatching up more food.

Chicks are really amazing little (fat)

creatures. While their parents are gone, they exercise their wings and teach themselves to fly. Later, after the parents have completely abandoned them, they must find their way to sea, often through complex mountain ranges, and, finally, they must figure out how to forage for food. Still, without negative intervention from man, they have been surviving and doing quite well for millions of years.

Nobody can question shearwaters' ability to fly and navigate. Some that breed far down in the Southern Hemisphere actually cross the equator and spend the "off season" in the North Pacific, while our own Marx Shearwater leaves its North Atlantic breeding grounds and winters off the coast of Africa. In fact, the Greater and



Marx Shearwater photo by Jim Stevenson

Cory's shearwaters in the North Atlantic in summer are actually non-breeding summer residents, waiting until December and January to breed far below the equator. This is possibly like the world's most abundant bird, the Wilson's Storm-Petrel.

And perhaps most amazing is the ability of shearwaters to cover long distances in short periods of time. One Marx Shearwater (pictured) taken from its burrow in Wales was released in Boston and returned to its home, 3,200 miles away, in just over 12 days!*

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Wildfire Threat Increases

A combination of several hard freezes over the winter that created dry vegetation and rising temperatures with low humidity this spring is increasing the threat of wildfires, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson said.

The conditions are occurring as Florida enters what typically is its driest months of the year – April and May.

"It's critical that we have the public's cooperation to prevent what could be disastrous wildfires," Bronson said. "A little care can go a long way in protecting both lives and property."

Bronson is reminding Floridians who want to burn for land-clearing purposes to obtain a burn authorization from their local, Division of Forestry office. Depending on wind and humidity conditions on a given day, forestry officials may suspend burning authorizations in some counties, require additional equipment on site or limit the hours when burning can occur.

The burning of yard trash and tree limbs is allowed in most counties without any specific authorization, but requires that conditions are met involving distance from roadways and other structures and that the fire is enclosed in a non-combustible container which is covered by metal mesh or grill.

"We all need to be careful that our small fire does not become a wildfire," Bronson said. "I encourage citizens to call their local Division of Forestry office for specifics on how to burn legally and safely."

Since January 1, the Division of Forestry has responded to 1,180 wildfires that burned 43,998 acres. The state's general drying trend is reflected in the Keetch-Bryam Drought Index – measurement of moisture in the upper three feet of soil – which ranges from zero (flood conditions) to 800 (desert-like conditions). In recent weeks, the index has risen to more than 400 in eight Florida counties with a simultaneous increase in the number of wildfires.✪

Cinco De Mayo Festival

The 4th annual Cinco De Mayo celebration parade and festival will be Sunday, May 9 in Arcadia, Florida. The parade starts at noon at Orange Avenue and proceeds down Oak Street and ends at Volusia Avenue.

The festival features live Mexican music beginning directly after the parade.✪

How's Fishing?

by Captain Alan Hedstrom

For my boat it's all about snook. The water is finally warming up. Although it has a ways to go, it has vastly improved over the last two weeks. We have been concentrating primarily on catching snook. It's so fun to find them back in their old haunts. We have enjoyed many days of 15 to 20 snook landed. Many of our clients are from the north and are used to fishing northern species. They just can't believe how hard these salt water fish pull. We are fishing snook often up under the mangroves. When a snook takes a bait, they take off, and when they realize they are hooked up, do everything in their power to spit the hook. They jump and shake and in this process often wind up getting you caught in the mangrove roots, full of barnacles, which cut you off. However with practice, you learn how to pull them out from under the "mangs" and fight them to the boat.

Each day, these past two weeks, we have had a number of under size snook, with many missing the 25" slot by half an inch or so. At the same time we have enjoyed nice keeper snook as well. This time of year as the snook come out of their winter hibernation they are often quite thin from not feeding much since fall. Surprisingly, many of the keeper snook we have caught have been nice fat healthy fish. The slot on snook is not less than 26" or more than 34" and yet all are very fun to catch. We practice catch and release with most fish species, but for those wishing for a good fish dinner, I can't tell you of a better eating fish than a snook. Our two week total catch for snook was 132 fish ranging from small 20" to 25" to a 42" snook which nearly spooled the fisherman before being brought under control and landed. A fantastic fish which made for a great photo op before being released back to the mangroves.

I'm off now to go find some more fish to catch. Remember you can work anytime, but you can only fish when the opportunity presents itself. And if you aren't catching fish, hire a guide.✪



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Edison College Presents Spring Concert Series

The Edison College Symphonic Orchestra and the Edison College Chorale will present their spring concerts on Sunday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

The orchestra will feature student cellist, Tim Foley, performing the first movement of *Concerto in E Minor Opus 85* by Edward Elgar and student oboist, Cynthia Barbanera, performing the first movement of *Concerto in C Major, K 314* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The orchestra also will perform *Oberon*

Overture by Carl Marie von Weber, the *Unfinished Symphony* by Franz Schubert and *A Salute to Richard Rogers*. The 45 members of the orchestra are both ECC music students and talented community musicians from the five-county area which ECC serves. The orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Dennis Hill. The chorale, under the leadership of Douglas Renfroe, will feature Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* as the major composition during its portion of the concert. This Baroque masterpiece will feature the solo voices of Cheyanne Waft, Jenna Barkley, Lauren Forbis and Jaylyn Stahl. Joining accompanist Mary Griffin Seal will be a small chamber orchestra including faculty instructor Ruth Christman. The 40-voice vocal ensemble will be joined on stage by the Shell Point Singers directed by Randy Woods. This will be the first joint venture

of the college and Shell Point at Mann Hall. In addition to the *Gloria*, the Edison College Chorale will perform the world premiere of a composition written by Dr. Glenn Cornish of the music faculty at Edison. *Searching for Lambs* is a contemporary composition based on a Scottish theme. Paul Luyando will be featured as soloist. Completing the choral concert will be Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Pie Jesu* from his *Requiem* and the spiritual *Somebody's Prayin'*. Soloists for these compositions include Jennifer Decker, Allison Roenigk and Joan Gaarder.

The Edison College Jazz Ensemble will present a concert of big band jazz in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 26. Musicians making up the 18-member band are both ECC students and community musicians from Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties. Arrangements featured include those from the libraries of Gordon

Goodwin, George Stone, Tom Kubis and Frank Mantooth, among others. Featured soloists: Jack Steers, clarinet and tenor sax; Chris Miller, tenor sax; John Renfroe, Ryan Anderson and Al French, trombone; Ryan Flynn, alto and soprano sax; trumpeters Jalyn Parales and Tami Fessenden; and Alex Becker, guitar. The Jazz band is directed by Dr. Dennis Hill.

On Wednesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall the Edison College concert band will present its annual spring concert. The band will perform a program of traditional marches, overtures and show tunes.

Among the repertoire for the program will be *Russian and Ludmilla Overture* by Glinka, transcribed for band by Mark Hindsley, and the *Variations On America* by Charles Ives, transcribed by William Rhoads. Student bass trombonist, John Renfroe, will be featured performing *Cameos* for bass trombone and wind orchestra by Gordon Jacobs. Other reper-

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All concerts are open to the public with complimentary tickets available from ensemble members or the Mann box office. Phone 481-4849 for ticket information.*

Comedy Comes To Playhouse

We *Blew Up the Bridge, Didn't We?*, a comedy written by Mike Fuery and presented by the Off Beach Players opens Thursday, April 8 at 8 p.m. at the Periwinkle Playhouse, 2200 Periwinkle Way.

The large cast includes islanders Peter Stearns, Dave Yudowitz, Mark Sauer, Ernestine McKay, Laurie Pickens, Jo Anna Bowers, Mary Parker, Tread Parker, John Cestaro, Sylvia Cross, Mary Remele, John Thomas and Maria Familo. It is directed by Vince Kelly and produced by June Koc.

The producers rate the show funny and appropriate for all ages. Performance dates are April 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. Tickets are available at the box office, 472-0324 or at Needful Things, 472-5400. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.*

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Dick Hyman And The Palm Strings Quartet



Dick Hyman

Dick Hyman, one of the most respected pianists playing today, will lead a "crossover" concert with the Palm Strings Quartet, presenting a combination of jazz and classical music Saturday, April 17 at 8 p.m. at BIG ARTS. Over the years, Hyman has been a constant attraction on Sanibel and also at the Naples Philharmonic and every summer presents a series of stellar jazz concerts at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. Members of the Palm Strings Quartet are Ron Erickson, 1st violin; Stephen Grant, 2nd violin; Antonina Nigrelli, viola; and David Eccles, cello.

Hyman has worked for TV, scored film soundtracks for Woody Allen, and lately has become an inspiring organist. The ultimate musical chameleon, Dick Hyman's fame for being able to perform in virtually any musical style on any keyboard instrument has come to overshadow his accomplishments as a musician and composer.

During the first half of the evening Hyman, along with bassist Jay Leonhart, will play jazz in his inimitable style and introduce some of the modern ideas that have led him to composing classical music. The Palm Strings Quartet and Hyman will perform *Rockin*, a sextet for piano and strings composed by Hyman. Other Hyman compositions will include *Three Raps* for piano and string quartet and *Take O Take Those Lips* for string quartet. This final concert of the season will be a memorable evening for aficionados of all jazz and classical music lovers.

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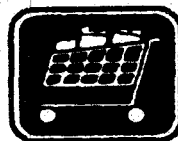
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Janina Marks Weaves Her Own Symbolic Imagery Into Her Tapestries



Janina Monkute-Marks Museum and Exhibition Hall in Kedainai, Lithuania

by Pamela Gilbert Wortzel

Like "Chests of Memory," her colorful tapestry depicting several interlocking chests, Janina Marks' life has encompassed many different stages. Born in Lithuania in 1923, she studied drama until she was interrupted by the events of World War II. After the war she studied weaving at the Ecole des Arts et Metiers in Freiburg, Germany. In 1949 she emigrated to Kennebunkport, Maine, sponsored by the Franciscan monks. When she heard that the Lithuanian Theater Company was forming in Chicago she decided to move there, working in a factory during the day and living for the love of theater at night.

In Chicago she met and married her second husband, jeweler Ira Marks. She gave up the theater, but

was able to devote more time to her art, initially focusing on painting, drawing, print-making, industrial design and commercial art. She also had the opportunity to concentrate on her weaving skills. Her work in various mediums was soon recognized by the Chicago art community and widely exhibited.

Ultimately, weaving became her favorite form of artistic expression. She continued to produce tapestries and rugs as she raised four sons and led an active life with involvement in various arts organizations such as the Hyde Park Center and the League of Lithuanian Woman Artists. Her extensive travels with her husband provided her with an opportunity to collect primitive and folk art from around the world. In 2001, wanting to make a cultural contribution to her native country, she established the Janina-Monkute Marks Museum Gallery in Kedainai, Lithuania.

Creative vitality is the thread that weaves together the events of Janina Marks' life. Now in her eighth decade, this slender, graceful woman shows no signs of slowing down. She divides her time between her Chicago lake view apartment, her Sanibel condominium, a summer house in Michigan and frequent visits to Lithuania. Weaving is still a major component in her life, a way to keep a visual diary of her experiences. Each of her tapestries tells a personal story utilizing symbolic images that often refer back to the mythology and folk art of her native Lithuania.

From a book about her work, Janina Monkute Marks, printed in Lithuania in 2002, it is possible to get a sense of the scope of her art. From her early pop art inspired creations and primitive mandala-like paintings to her colorful tapestries, Marks' work reflects the artist's ability to use texture, color and form to convey her distinctive visual language. In *Broken Limbs* (1999), a tree trunk with broken limbs set against a dark background symbolizes her husband's struggle with Alzheimer's disease. But still there



Janina Marks with her sons, Peter and Paul, at the opening of the Kedainai Museum in 2001

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are patches of green, the color of growth, communicating hope. In another, more abstract tapestry, *Why Can't I Fly* (1998), she depicts her ill husband as a bird with a broken wing. In *Board Meeting* (1999), she draws upon Lithuanian mythology where black birds symbolize death. She explains the imagery as three birds meeting to decide upon the time of death. But, in a way that is very characteristic of Marks' work, she incorporates green patches and flowers into the design, conveying that life goes on and that new growth is a sustaining force that is ever present, even when death is near.

The Flood, one of her tapestries currently on exhibit at BIG ARTS, was

inspired by a primitive depiction of Noah's Ark from an old church. Upon a sea sparkling with life floats an ark filled with figures on a journey. A gull perches atop the ark carrying a branch in its beak. Through the windows of the ark, we glimpse a child throwing up its arms in joy and wonderment at the unexpected adventure. For Marks, the child represents her ability to continue to go on and celebrate life even after the tragic loss of her husband.

Marks is currently working on a new weaving on her upright Gobelin tapestry loom which is set up at her island condominium overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Titled *I Loved, Dreamt, and Wished Upon the Stars*, the colorful composition reflects her exuberant optimism about life. Ladders provide a route to ascendance as

**Broken Limbs**

a floating female figure intertwined with roots and trees reaches toward the stars.

"I feel that life cannot stand still — if you stand still you rot and you go backwards. You always have to seek something else — for beauty, for divinity, for the inner self," says Marks. "The creative spirit is sustaining. Every person is part of the giant organic whole, the earth, the people, the atmosphere — it's all one."

Marks finds the beauty of nature a continuous source of inspiration. "I walk on the beach every morning," she says. "Movement is essential to cleanse your mind. Ideas evolve when I walk — from the water, the sunset, the sky. My work is never just pure abstraction. Every line has a symbol."

Many of the yarns Marks uses in her weavings are gathered on her travels around the world. She often uses recycled materials in her tapestries, utilizing yarn remnants or unraveling old sweaters she finds in second hand stores. One of her wall hangings on display at BIG ARTS is made entirely of recycled children's jeans.

To create her tapestries, she first makes sketches on paper, and then enlarges them to a large gridded "cartoon" affixed to her loom. Starting with the vertical strands called the warp, she works from the bottom up, weaving the colored horizontal threads called the weft through the vertical strands. "It's a simple process — you must watch the tension," she explains as she demonstrates with nimble fingers. There is no knotting, the weaving itself keeps the threads in place. "I just love it — I love the colors!" she exclaims.

For Janina Marks, weaving is a form of

**Board Meeting**

meditation that keeps her in tune with the creative energies of life. Her tapestries are currently on exhibit in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS on Sanibel at 900 Dunlop Road. For more information, call 395-0900. ☆



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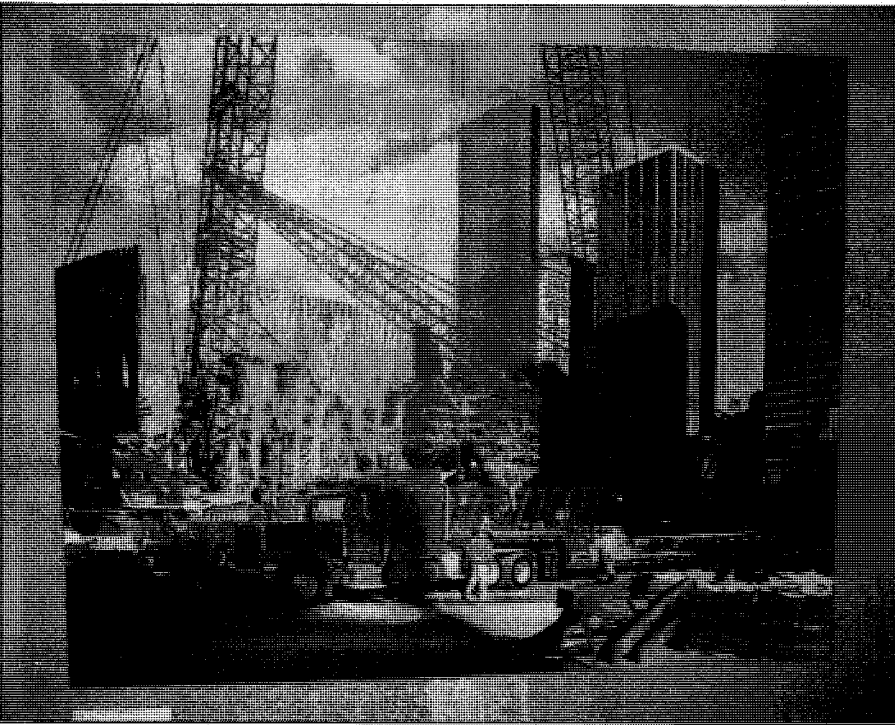
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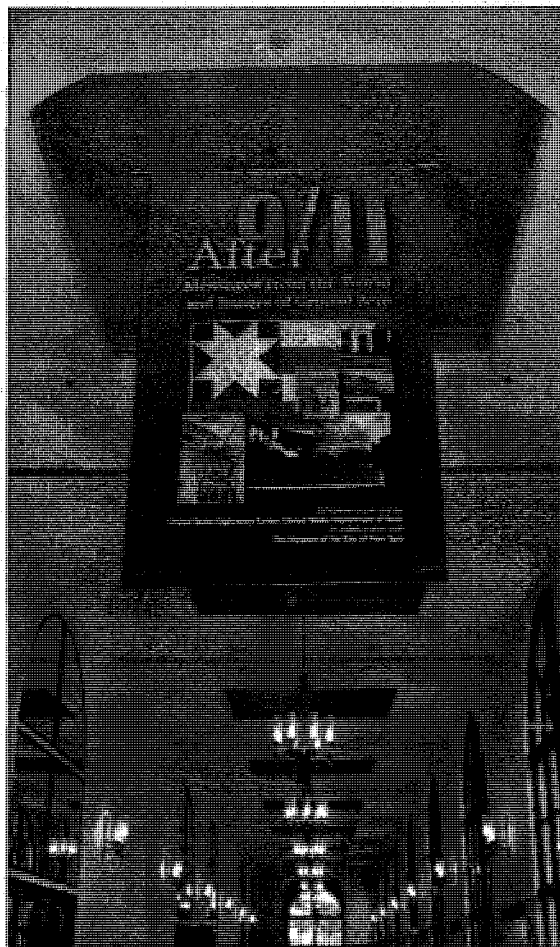
Harborside Event Center Hosts 'After 9/11' Exhibit



One of 28 images by Joel Meyerowitz included in the "After 9/11" exhibit running through May 6 at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers

Photo by Camille Kucaba

The City of Fort Myers/Harborside Event Center, in cooperation with the United States Diplomacy Center, the U.S. Department of State and the Museum of the City of New York, is hosting an exhibit entitled "After 9/11: Messages from the World and Images of Ground Zero," running through May 6. The events of September 11, 2001, shook the world. The attacks in New York,



"After 9/11: Messages from the World and Images of Ground Zero," commemorates the compassion of people around the world and the resilience that rose like a phoenix from the ashes at Ground Zero

Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania were the worst acts of terrorism ever to occur on American soil. They changed the way Americans saw themselves and the way the world saw America. More than two years later, this exhibition commemorates the compassion of people from around the world as well as the resilience that rose like a phoenix from the ashes of disaster at Ground Zero. In the days following the attacks, many people searched for ways to express their outrage and sorrow. Letters, paintings, drawings, quilts, photos and other gifts inundated New York City, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania. People from across the world sent condolences to U.S. embassies and consulates in hundred of cities. This exhibit offers a glimpse into the international and national outpouring that these horrific events evoked. Additionally, the exhibit presents 28 photographic prints taken in the midst of the destruction of the World Trade Center, where thousands of people painstakingly worked to sort and remove debris. These people helped New York City and the United States find faith in humanity and renewed strength, redefining, in the

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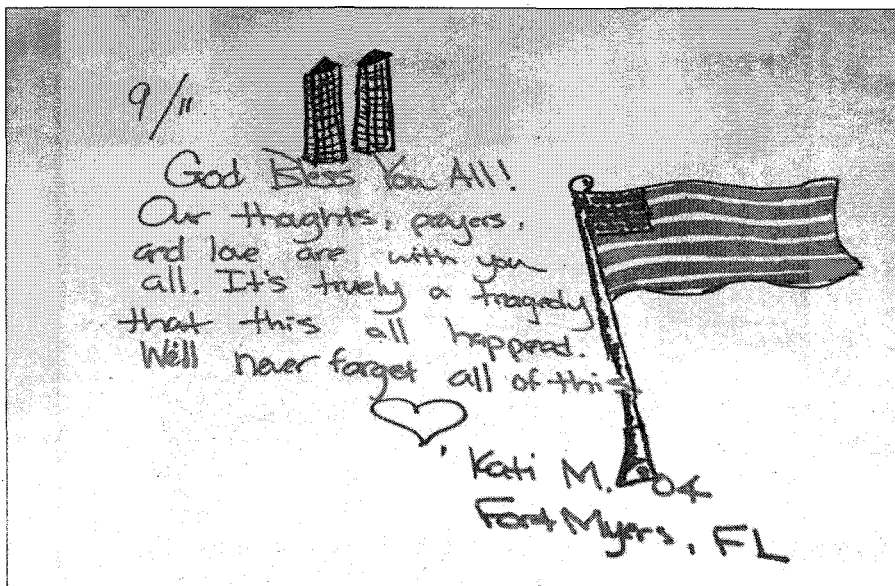


Visitors are encouraged to leave their personal messages, which will become a permanent part of the "After 9/11" exhibit

process, the meaning of heroism and dedication. Joel Meyerowitz, working under the auspices of the Museum of the City of New York, had unequalled artistic access to the World Trade Center site. Meyerowitz's photo documentation from Ground Zero in this exhibition presents 28 images selected from over 7,000 takes, capturing the magnitude of destruction, fortitude of the workers and the transformation of the site.

These photographs taken over eight months reveal the complex and delicate recovery process and the efforts of those whose spirit revived a city and the nation.

The exhibit is at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers and is free to the public. Donations are being accepted to benefit the Lee County Emergency Workers Charitable Fund. Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is closed on Mondays. For directions and more information, call 332-3520 or log on to www.cityftmyers.com. ✪



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America's Beloved Tenor Joins Forces With Southwest Florida Symphony

by Di Saggau

During a phone interview this week with Daniel Rodriguez, best known as "the singing policeman," I discovered a man who is not only extremely talented, but compassionate, spiritual, humble and thankful for being in the right place at the right time. Rodriguez will perform with the Southwest Florida Symphony Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

He has been singing for 25 years, but his fame shot sky high after 9/11 when he sang at many services of his fallen comrades. I asked him what this was like and he said, "It was very emotional, but difficult as it was, it was also a healing thing for me. I felt it was a calling to share the gift that God gave me and give comfort to my friends."

In talking about 9/11 he said, "I believe in fate, doing something positive in that negative time. My career stands for an ideal, not just a voice, which is a real blessing."



Daniel Rodriguez

Rodriguez performed at a lot of high level performances prior to that fateful day, including Carnegie Hall and on CNN. "All of that was preparation for a moment when my talents would be most useful and do the most good."

Rodriguez is no stranger to Florida. His father lives in Clearwater, his aunt and uncle in Tampa, and he's looking for a condo for his mom in St. Petersburg. Rodriguez spends most summers in Florida fishing in the Gulf, jet skiing and scuba diving. For his performance with the symphony, he'll perform a whole repertoire of songs from his two albums, *From My Heart and Spirit Of America*. This will include *God Bless America, Be My Love, I'll Walk With God*, songs from *The Scarlet Pimpernel, Carousel* and many more.

Placido Domingo took Rodriguez under his wing in 2002. He was invited to train intensively with the Young Artists Program of the Washington Opera at Domingo's invitation. He also sang for Domingo at the Met. Rodriguez had sung there before but was received quite rudely by the audience. "It went wrong. I wasn't an opera singer. They thought, 'what makes a cop think he can sing?' Placido heard about it and said he'd love to work with me. The same day I sang for Placido at the Met, the Yankees asked me to sing for the playoffs game and they clinched the pennant. It was quite a day for me."

Rodriguez took two leaves of absence from the New York Police Department. I asked if he has decided whether to pursue a singing career or go back to law enforcement? "The decision was made for me with two albums and a third on the way. I average 150 dates a year now. My career and concert dates have tripled and quadrupled and on May 24 my leave is up and I will retire. My career is in full swing. I have been appearing all over the world. In fact, I just came back from New Zealand. And wherever I go I meet a lot of good people. No matter how different we may be on the outside, fundamentally we are all the same."

We talked about the legendary Mario Lanza, who influenced his singing career. "I saw 'The Great Caruso' with Mario Lanza, and I was impressed with his passion and enthusiasm. I'm constantly looking for songs that are messages of positive reinforcement." Rodriguez is also a friend of Damon Lanza, Mario's son.

I asked him to share the spirituality he feels as it relates to his singing. "It's funny, God gave me natural tonalities and if He gives you the gift and wants you to sing, that's what you do. I've always had a deep faith and believe we're led to our lives and to the paths that we choose. We should all try to be a positive force to do the will of God and make a place a little better than we found it."

And what has been the highlight of his career so far? "It was singing at the opening of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. So many wonderful things opened up for me. The Olympics put me on a world stage. Next year there's talk of me representing the U.S. at the World's Fair in Japan. It's one of those wonderful things that is still in the talking stage."

Rodriguez has won many humanitarian awards, including the First Annual Raul Julia Award for Latin Americans of great influence, who have given inspiration to their culture through their work. He also has his own charity, Community Mayors, which involves organizing events for handicapped children. "We host over 3,000 handicapped children at Christmas and throughout the year, and we're funding a camp for these kids."

Most singers take a break in between engagements, but often Rodriguez is booked for two days in a row. Isn't that hard on the voice? "I say a prayer and hope it's there and so far it hasn't failed me. I have six shows a week in December. But I don't abuse my voice. I have a good technique and Placido told me to sing out. I can't deny the audience what they have come to hear."

Well, I'm sold and I hope you are too. Daniel Rodriguez, America's Tenor, performs with the Southwest Florida Symphony, April 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Tickets start at \$15. Call the box office at 418-1500.



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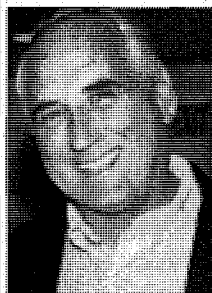
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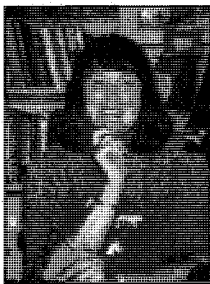
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Thoughts On Easter Dinner



by Joan Hooper

We'll have our Orlando family at our Easter dinner table this Sunday, and the children will be thrilled with their baskets and Easter goodies. But I was

thinking of making healthy foods when I pulled two of my favorite cookbooks from the kitchen bookshelf. My South Beach Diet is working and I plan to serve a low-carb meal, without the usual ham.

Instead, I have selected a chicken recipe from the Williams-Sonoma *Chicken for Dinner* cookbook, and I plan to order two beautiful free-range roasting chickens.

For other items on the Easter menu, I indulged myself in going through Patricia Wells cookbook, *At Home in Provence*, which is a treat for the eye as well as the culinary senses. Former Milwaukeean and award-winning American journalist, Wells, who works as a restaurant critic in Paris, uses recipes inspired by her culinary acumen and her centuries-old farmhouse in Provence.

I plan to make the following bread to have on hand for anyone who gets hun-

gry, but I also hope to include it in a bread basket for the Easter buffet. Just use the dried fruits you have on hand in your well-stocked pantry. Wells said she planned to serve it to her houseguests with her fresh local goat's cheese, but her guests couldn't wait for the cheese, they wanted this bread for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Fig, Apricot, Walnut & Raisin Rye

- 1 teaspoon active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 1/2 cups lukewarm water (test like baby's milk on your wrist)
- 10 dried apricots, quartered
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 4 dried figs, quartered
- 1/4 cup quartered walnuts
- About 5 cups unbleached bread flour
- 1 cup rye flour
- 2 teaspoons fine sea salt
- 1 teaspoon raw honey

1. In a bowl of a heavy-duty electric mixer fitted with a flat paddle, combine the yeast, sugar and water, and stir to blend. Let stand until foamy, about 5 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the apricots, raisins, figs, nuts and toss with 1 teaspoon of flour. This will prevent them from sticking together and allow them to be more evenly distributed throughout the dough. Set aside.

3. Add the bread flour, rye flour and salt to the yeast mixture, a little at a time, mixing at the lowest speed until most of the flour has been absorbed and the dough forms a ball.

Add the honey and continue to mix



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until soft and satiny but still firm, four to five minutes, adding additional flour to keep the dough from sticking.

4. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate until double in bulk, about eight hours.

5. Transfer the dough to a lightly-floured work surface and knead by hand for two minutes. Return the dough to the bowl, cover and let rise at room temperature until double in bulk, two to three

hours.

6. Shape the dough into a large round loaf. Place a large floured cloth in a large loaf pan or rectangular basket and place the dough, smooth side down, in the pan or basket. Loosely fold the cloth over the dough (I place my dough into a large bread pan at this time.) Let rise at room temperature until double in bulk, two to three hours.

7. Preheat the oven to 500 degrees at least 40 minutes before placing the dough in the oven. If using a baking stone, place it in the oven to preheat.

8. Lightly flour a baking paddle or rimless baking sheet and turn the dough over onto the paddle or sheet. Slash the top of the dough several times with a razor blade so it can expand regularly during baking. Slide the bread onto the baking stone or baking sheet. Using a garden mister, spray the bottom and sides of the oven with water. Then spray three more times during the next six minutes. Once the bread is lightly browned - after about 10 minutes - lower the heat to 400 degrees and rotate the loaf so that it browns evenly.

Bake until the crust is dark golden brown and the loaf sounds hollow when



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tapped on the bottom, about 30 minutes more, for a total baking time of about 40 minutes. Transfer to a rack to cool. Do not slice the bread for at least 1 hour, for it will continue to bake as it cools. (This spray technique is what makes French bread so wonderfully crusty on the outside.)

Patricia Wells would very likely make one of the fabulous lamb recipes shown in her cookbook, or perhaps the roasted herbed pork loin on a spit, but I plan to make the following roast chicken from the Williams-Sonoma cookbook.

Roast Chicken With Spinach-Rice Stuffing

Make the stuffing with a couple bags of baby spinach and cook in 3 tablespoons water until wilted. Drain and let cool before pressing out the excess liquid and chopping.

In a frying pan over medium heat, melt 3 tablespoons unsalted butter. Add 1 chopped onion and 1 cup sliced cremini mushrooms and saute about three minutes. Stir in 2 cloves garlic, chopped, 2 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon, 2 teaspoons chopped fresh Italian parsley, and 2 teaspoons chopped fresh marjoram and saute about 20 seconds longer. Add the spinach and cook, stirring until the flavors are blended, about two minutes. Remove from heat and let cool.

In a bowl combine 2 cups cooked white rice (I use brown rice) and 1 cup ricotta cheese (I use low fat) and mix well. Stir in the spinach mixture, then mix in 1 egg. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in 1/3 cup pine nuts, toasted. I do not stuff the chicken with spinach-

rice mixture as called for in recipe, but place it in a separate buttered casserole dish to bake alongside the chickens in pre-heated 350 degree oven, for the last 30 minutes of baking. I stuff the chickens with an onion, an apple, a bunch of parsley, and sometimes a few cloves of garlic and an orange.

Prepare the following herb paste to rub the entire outside of chicken, by combining 2 tablespoons olive oil, 2 cloves minced garlic, 2 teaspoons paprika, 2 teaspoons minced fresh tarragon, and 2 teaspoons minced fresh flat leaf Italian parsley. Place chicken on rack in roasting pan, breast side up, and roast until thickest part of thigh registers 185 degrees or until juices run clear when the thigh is pierced, about 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Prepare at least two vegetable dishes for those who eat only protein and vegetables on the South Beach Diet. I will be making baked tomatoes and zucchini, sliced and overlapped in alternate rows in buttered shallow baking dish, and topped with minced fresh basil and minced fresh marjoram. Cover with 1/4 cup chicken stock and bake at 350 degrees until bubbling and tender, about 40 minutes. I like to grate fresh Parmesan or Romano cheese over dish before serving.

I'll also be serving fresh asparagus, steamed and served topped with a squeeze of lemon and a drizzle of olive oil. Whatever you choose, place your dinner in attractive serving dishes and enjoy. I'll make a carrot cake the day before, if I have time, or buy a Key Lime

pie for those who eat dessert. I'll also ask the little ones to share some of their Easter candy and goodies with their older cousin Kevin and his troop in Iraq, and ask each to write a note to him to include in the package. Happy Easter to all. Bon appetit!*

Ha-Ha Stories Scheduled

Life as a Comedy is the theme of the Thursday night, April 15, meeting of the Tamiami Tale Tellers (TTT) at 7 p.m. at The Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

Repertee, humor, laughter, tricks and puns have their place in life in every culture, and what better proof could we have than the folktales from around the world down through the ages, according to TTT spokesperson, Bert MacCarry of Sanibel.

"And which personal or family stories have the most lasting record in memories or are given the most attention when told? The humorous stories, of course," MacCarry explains.

New tellers and listeners are always welcome — from the community or visiting in Lee County.

TTT meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (including the summer) and are free and open to the public, ages five to 95. For more information, call 472-1781.*

Photography Contest

The International Library of Photography said over \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Sanibel area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is July 31. The contest is open to everyone, and entry is free.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Christina Baylon, contest director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Baylon.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: people, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture, or other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), eight by 10 inches or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2619, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by July 31. You may also submit your photo directly online at www.picture.com.*

Sneak Preview Performance Of Deathtrap

Florida Repertory Theatre is joining forces with the Island Coast AIDS Network (ICAN) to raise funds for ICAN's Client Services Fund.

ICAN's Client Services Fund was created as an emergency source to help HIV/AIDS infected clients in need. ICAN clients are able to access the fund, based upon a case manager's recommendation, once a year. The fund has helped clients in a variety of ways. After one client was too ill to work, his electric bill was paid through the fund. Another client whose doctor told her that she needed to do walking exercises due to the effects of her HIV medication was unable to because she lived on a very busy dirt road. Her case manager accessed the fund to purchase a used treadmill for her.

"ICAN's Client Needs Fund is very important to our agency," said Executive Director Carolyn Moore. "Without it, we wouldn't be able to help our clients in emergency situations. Unfortunately, we have had to resort to it often this year, and the account balance is dangerously low."

ICAN usually keeps around \$5,000 in the Client Needs Fund. Recently, it was down to less than \$1,500. Two weeks ago, a \$1,000 donation from Tom Mitchell, owner of the Office Pub, was gratefully accepted — but ICAN still needs

to raise at least \$2,500 for the fund.

Robert Cacioppo, producing artistic Director, donated the preview performance of the hit comedic thriller, *Deathtrap*, to ICAN. All ticket sales for the Thursday, April 22, preview performance will benefit ICAN's Client Needs Fund.

"We're truly counting on the community to support this fundraiser. It's going to be a wonderful evening," said Moore. Tickets are \$25 each and will include a pre-show reception at the arcade. Wine and light hors d'ourves will be provided. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Ira Levin, who wrote the screenplays for *Rosemary's Baby* and *The Stepford Wives*, wrote *Deathtrap*. Levin also wrote the thriller, *Veronica's Room*, which was produced by Florida Rep in 1999 and 2003. *Deathtrap* revolves around Sidney Bruhl, a writer in a debilitating slump. When one of his writing students, Clifford Anderson, sends him a copy of his first playwriting attempt, Bruhl hatches a desperate scheme. He will lure the unsuspecting student to his home, kill him quietly and claim Anderson's work as his own. When Clifford arrives, everyone involved begins to realize things are not what they seem in this quirky mystery. The hit 1982 film starred Michael Caine, Dyan Cannon and Christopher Reeve. Cacioppo will direct *Deathtrap*.

Call ICAN at 337-2391 to order tickets to the performance. Florida Repertory Theatre is located in historic downtown Fort Myers on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry.*

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Greetings From Fabulous Florida

Everyone is invited to join Arts for ACT Gallery at 2265 First Street in historic downtown Fort Myers for the opening reception of Mel Meo paints, "Greetings from Fabulous Florida," on Friday, April 16, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Mel Meo, the Pine Island artist known for her colorful fiesta of altered realism, has spent several months painting old historic Fort Myers and Florida on everything from bowls and desks to paintings on canvas. Meo has made Pine Island her home for over 30 years, painting on whatever surface is available; some works are serious and most are humorous, but all have spirituality, passion and a joy for life. Widely collected and shown, her work has adorned many magazine covers, homes and public places. There will be a special

guest, "Florida Fae Fisher," who is downsizing her 60-foot trailer in Bokeelia to move into a 24-foot airstream. Fisher will be selling all her Florida '50s and '60s memorabilia. The whole evening will take you back to an earlier era with authentic Florida food: smoked mullet spread, oysters, stone crabs, RC Cola and moon pies.

Proceeds help benefit Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. a non-profit agency established to provide shelter, 24-hour hotline, counseling and education to victims of domestic violence and their families and survivors of sexual assault, serving Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties. For additional information, contact Claudia at Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. at 939-2553.

Craft Guild Awards

The Southwest Florida Craft Guild recently presented awards to students of fine craft at Cypress Center for the Arts. Winner are Molly Elaine Landl for her sculpture titled *Fly*; Jonathan Martin for *Abstract* mixed media; Erin Lynn Hammes for *Dresser Drawers*, clay; and Ehren Gerhard in printmaking for *Industrial Revolution*. The scholarship awards were presented on March 26 at the annual student exhibit.

Big Trouble At The Broadway Palm



The Music Man players

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre presents *The Music Man*, playing April 15 through June 5. *The Music Man*, winner of five Tony awards, has delighted audiences over the years with rousing marches, tender ballads, and turn-of-the-century costumes. The story is by Franklin Lacey and Meredith Willson, and the book, music and lyrics are by Meredith Willson.

The Music Man tells the story of Professor Harold Hill, who sets out to con the townfolk of River City, Iowa into purchasing non-existent band uniforms and instruments for their children. However, before he can get away he falls for Marian, the librarian, and finally meets his match. Rollicking dance numbers, a large cast and many memorable hits make this show a perfect spring crowd pleaser. The wonderful score includes *Trouble*, *Seventy-Six Trombones*, *Lida Rose*, *Gary Indiana*, and *Wells Fargo Wagon*.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at 278-4422 or by visiting www.broadwaypalm.com. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday with selected matinees and price ranges from \$21 to \$44. Visit our offices at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers to purchase tickets.



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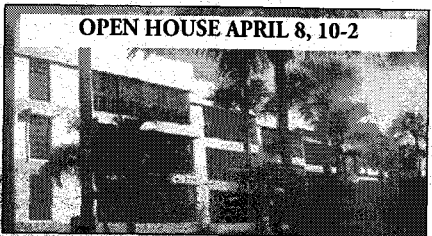
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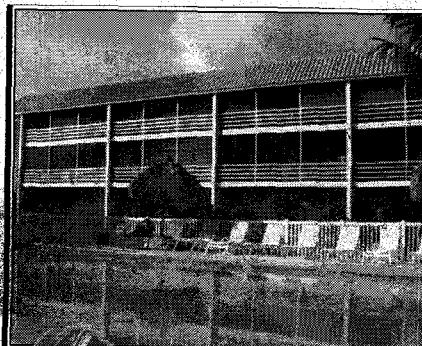
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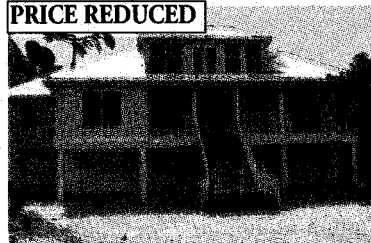
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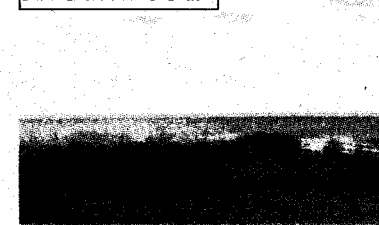
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April 9

* BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL, 8099 College Parkway, is the venue for three weekend evening 7:30 p.m. performances of the razzle-dazzle shimmy-n-shake hit Broadway musical *Chicago*. Call 481-4849 to reserve tickets.

ART NIGHT ON PINE ISLAND hosted each month during season by nine galleries on Pine Island (from Crossed Palms in Bokeelia, to Matlacha Art Gallery in Matlacha, to Potter's Workshop and Gallery in St. James City, etc.) happens tonight from 4 to 9 p.m. All nine galleries have featured artists in-person and special open house events to interest and entertain visitors and passersby. Free admission to all galleries. Call 283-2283 or 283-6453.

April 13

LEE CIVIC CENTER at 11831 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, hosts three performances today (11 a.m., 4 and 8 p.m.) of The Shrine Circus. Call the box office at 543-7469 for additional information.

April 14

BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL, 8099 College Parkway, lends its stage to long-time favorite Kenny Rogers for tonight's 8 p.m. performance. Call 481-4849 for tickets and other information.

April 15

* BROADWAY PALM DINNER THEATRE, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, performs Meredith Wilson's award-winning siss-boom-baah musical *The Music Man* about how 76 Trombones resolve the *Trouble that Starts with T and rhymes with P!* through

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TAMIAMI TALE TELLERS share stories that treat life as a comedy during their public monthly meeting open to all storytellers and listeners, beginning at 7 p.m. in The Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway. Call Bert at 472-1781 for additional information.

* THEATRE CONSPIRACY presents the Henry James Victorian ghost story classic *The Turn of the Screw* adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher in the Foulds Theatre at Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. through May 1. Call 936-3239 for tickets, which range from \$7 to \$16.

April 16

CALUSA NATURE CENTER & PLANETARIUM, 3450 Ortiz Avenue, conducts a Night Hike and Campfire beginning at 8 p.m. Traveling along the center's cypress boardwalk, the event focuses on the nocturnal animals that live at the Nature Center, and then eating S'mores! Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Call 275-3435 to register by April 15 or visit www.calusanature.com for further details.

* CULTURAL PARK THEATRE COMPANY, 528 Cultural Park Boulevard, Cape Coral, presents Shakespeare's comedy classic buffoonery and sublimity *Much Ado About Nothing* in performances Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m., through May 2. Tickets are \$10 to \$15 from the box office: 772-5862.

* LEE CIVIC CENTER at 11831 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, in the venue for the Buckler Craft Show. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call the box office at 543-7469 for complete details.

* SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY completes its 2004 Pops Series with final performances tonight and tomorrow evening at a must-hear concert by America's Tenor Daniel Rodriguez aka: "The Singing Policeman" in the aftermath of 9/11. Call 418-1500 to book tickets ranging from \$15 to \$55.*

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Still Time Plays To A Sold Out Crowd

by Di Saggau

A great time was had by all this week during the one night performance of Bob Maxeiner's play, *Still Time*, at BIG ARTS. Maxeiner, a retired surgeon, began writing when he and his wife Tricia moved to Sanibel in 1987. He is known for his novel, *Transplant*, and short story collection, *Innocentia*, and now he adds the title of playwright to his extensive resume. *Still Time* tells the tale of two young lovers who were torn apart due to deceit, betrayal and a meddling father. Now in their "golden" years the question is, can they find love again?

The two act play stars Max Jacobs as Garrett Brooker and Marsha Wagner as Davida Danielle. It was a play-reading, each actor had a script, but these two are so adept at their trade, it was hardly noticeable. Maxeiner told the audience prior to the play to envision a split screen effect with Garrett to the left and Davida to the right. Both are on the phone. Maxeiner did a clever word exchange during the first two scenes. As Garrett would end a sentence, Davida would pick up on the same word in a totally different conversation. Several people commented on how they enjoyed that touch.

Garrett, a 60-year-old retired owner of a funeral home in Duluth, Minnesota, is trying to communicate with his son Charlie, who has taken over the business.



Marsha Wagner

Meanwhile Davida, a fading star of musical stage, who is four years older, is schmoozing her agent Mo with pleas for a good part and her picture in *Variety*. Neither makes much progress and they begin to question their future and just what they have accomplished during their lives. They are lonely, bored and seeking a way to live their remaining lives to the fullest.

Finally Davida gets her wish and her picture appears in *Variety*. Garrett sees it and recognizes her as his old girlfriend, Liz Ann Mackey. He decides to pay her a visit, lands at the doorstep of her less than



Max Jacobs

impressive apartment and rings the doorbell. When she answers the door, they stare at one another. He says "Can I come in?" She answers, "Don't rush me, I'm trying to decide." With that poignant line the first act ends and leaves the audience wondering what will happen next.

The second act finds the two trying to come to terms with the hasty breakup in their youth. It takes time to mend a 40-year misunderstanding. Davida has a sharp tongue and tells Garrett to "feed off the dead like he's done for years." Garrett replies, "You haven't lost a step with that mouth of yours, have you?" Finally, they

begin to warm toward each other, reminisce about the past and confess that they want to start a new life. Maybe they can start over with one another. This is a thought-provoking scenario. Surely I wasn't the only one in the audience to think back about a lost love and wonder about the possibilities.

Maxeiner cast his characters perfectly. Jacobs gave real depth to his role. Acting is not new to him, but he's new to the Sanibel stage. Let's hope we see more of him. Wagner is known for many roles on the islands and handled that of the aging diva with grace and sophistication. Maxeiner was thrilled that his play was performed before a sold out crowd, and we were all thrilled to be part of the event. I hope you're writing another play, Bob. There's still time. ✨



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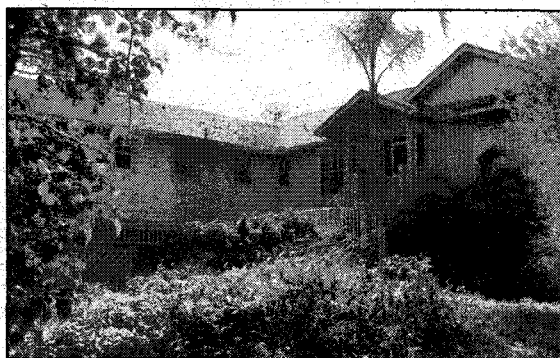


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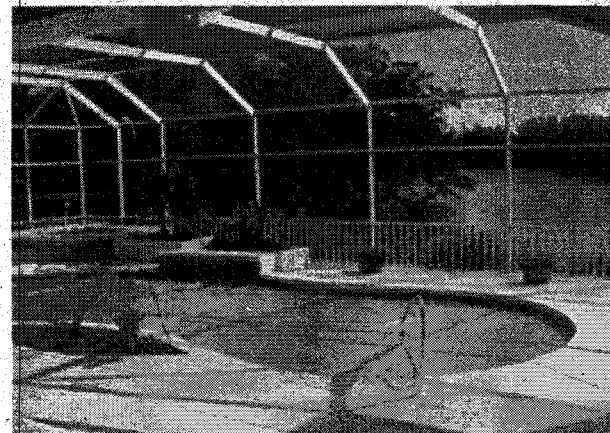


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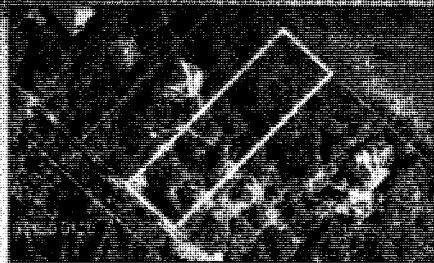
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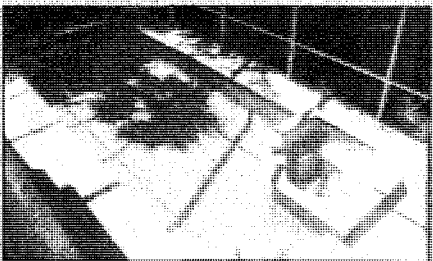
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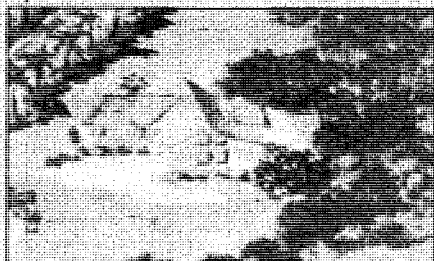
SNUG HARBOR

Beautiful and spacious 2 BR/2 BA condo with direct located on the popular East end of Sanibel. Condo offers sparkling partial Gulf views, large open kitchen, screened porch, ground level cabana, balconies from every room and plenty of storage. Amenities include pool, tennis and beach access. Sold furnished with a few exceptions. **\$649,000**



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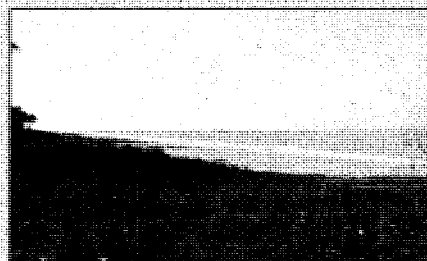
WITH THE PLEASURE OF SAILBOATS

Lovely 4 BR/4 BA near beach home to be constructed in Osprey Bay Estates. Shared boat dockage with direct access, and a short walk to the deeded beach access in Captiva's estate zone. Quality construction with private elevator, fireplace, pool, French doors, metal roof and detailed millwork throughout. **\$2,595,000**



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BEACH PATHS

Brand new two-story near beach home under construction with 4 BR/4.5 BA, den, office, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, observation deck, sun decks and screen enclosed pool. Located across from the deeded beach access and just steps to the beach. Still time to choose your colors and make this home your own. **\$2,295,000**



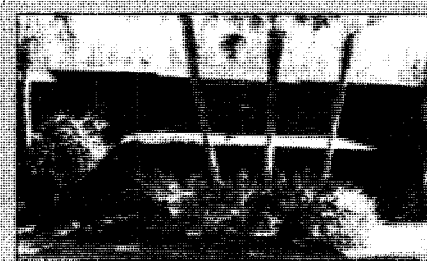
OF MIST AND SAND

Victorian style beach house with 4 BR/4 BA, offering superb craftsmanship throughout. This home has it all including a gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, private elevator, screen enclosed heated pool, wrap around porch, lawn sprinklers, irrigation, security system, master suite with dressing bar and spiral staircase leading to a private sundeck and numerous porches and decks. **\$1,895,000**



THE BEACH IS IN YOUR REACH

Bay views are possible from this rare building lot situated in the village on Captiva Island. Wonderful location and just a short stroll to beaches, marina shops and island restaurants. This lot should accommodate a nice size house with pool. **\$799,999**



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VIEW OF THE BAY

Lovely 3 BR/3 BA Mediterranean/European designed home located in Captiva's Village. Property offers unbelievable direct bay views of Pine Island Sound. This home offers beautiful workmanship throughout, Corian counters, sky light, laundry room, 2 zone a/c, cathedral ceiling, private elevator and a large dock with Gulf and intra-coastal water access. Appraised in 2001 at \$2,050,000. **\$1,690,000**



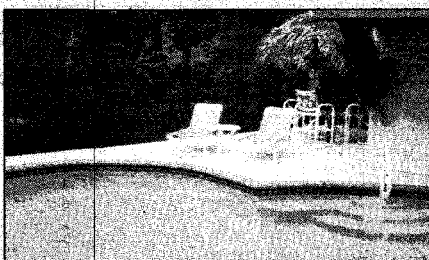
ESCAPE TO PEACE AND QUIET

Wonderful Sunset Captiva home with 2 BR/2.5 BA. This home has a great room with fireplace, sundeck off master suite, screen enclosed porch and plenty of storage. Great community offering deeded beach access, pool, tennis, BBQ grills and a dock with Gulf access. **\$799,000**



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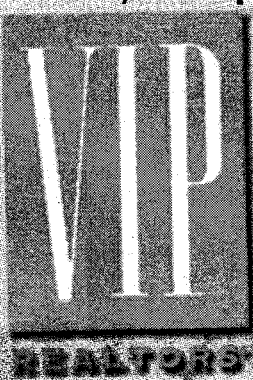
Gorgeous 5 BR/5 BA near beach home in Captiva's village. This home offers two master suites, spectacular master baths with Jacuzzi tubs and designer sinks, unique pool with spa, Tiki hut, bar, 2 car garage, 2 sun decks, office with built-ins, outside shower, dog run and French doors across the front. Sold furnished with a few exceptions. **\$2,345,000**



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Beautiful 3 BR/2 BA Old Florida style home with screen enclosed heated pool. Featuring hardwood floors throughout with the exception of tile floors in the baths, wood burning fireplace, large foyer entry, very private and lush mature vegetation surround the property. Just a short stroll to the beach, marina, library, island restaurants and shops. **\$1,595,000**

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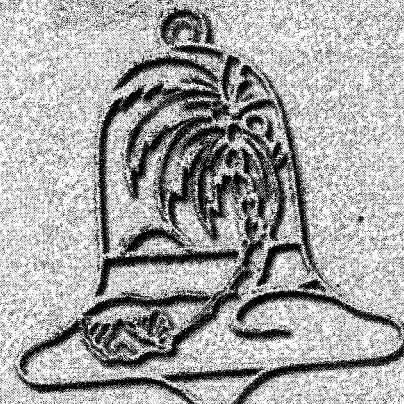
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My Stars ★★★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A suggestion from a colleague on how to work out a problem might not sit too well with you. But before you suspect his or her motives, why not just accept it as a friendly gesture?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An associate might seek your counsel on a workplace dispute with another co-worker. Listen to what she or he has to say, but withhold advice until you've heard the other side of the story.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use your Twin gifts for creativity and practicality to score points in landing an opportunity that could open doors to a new career. Someone returns after a long absence.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although things are pretty hectic through much of the week, some quiet time with loved ones helps restore balance. An unexpected visitor brings welcome news about a mutual friend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Getting used to change isn't always easy for the Big Cat. But make the adjustments gradually, and soon

you'll hardly remember when things were any different from how they are now.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Continue to stay the course you've chosen, and avoid distractions that could throw you off track. Some knowledgeable folks are happy to provide guidance if you need it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you earned plaudits from most co-workers for your recent stand on a workplace situation, you also raised the envy quotient among others. Tread carefully for now.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You feel more positive about that delayed project, and you're ready to pick it up on a moment's notice. However, you might need to re-motivate those who have since lost interest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some welcome news should be coming your way. In the meantime, use that Sagittarius charm to persuade some still-reluctant colleagues that your ideas have merit.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't wait for a misun-

derstanding to work itself out. Instead, ask for a chance to explain the circumstances before those bruised feelings lead to an irreversible break.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A physical problem should be checked out in order to avoid it going from just being a nuisance to something more serious. Your social life takes an unexpected but not unwelcome turn.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours might be the wisest sign in the Zodiac. But you still could benefit from the wisdom of a close friend who has suggestions on how to handle a perplexing personal problem.

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- On April 6, 1896, the Olympic Games, a long-lost tradition of ancient Greece, are reborn in Athens, 1,500 years after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I.

- On April 11, 1931, the witty and caustic Dorothy Parker resigns from her job as drama critic for The New Yorker. However, she continues to write book reviews until 1933, which are published in 1971 as "A Month of Saturdays."

- On April 9, 1959, NASA introduces America's first astronauts to the press. The seven men, all military test pilots, were carefully selected from a group of 32 candidates to take part in "Project Mercury," America's first manned space program.

- On April 7, 1963, a new Yugoslav constitution proclaims Tito the president for life of the newly named Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Although he used his secret police to purge political opponents, the average Yugoslavian enjoyed more freedoms than the inhabitants of any other communist country in Eastern Europe. Tito died just a few days before his 88th birthday.

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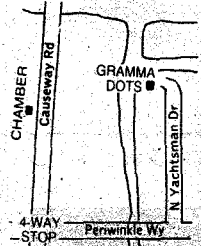
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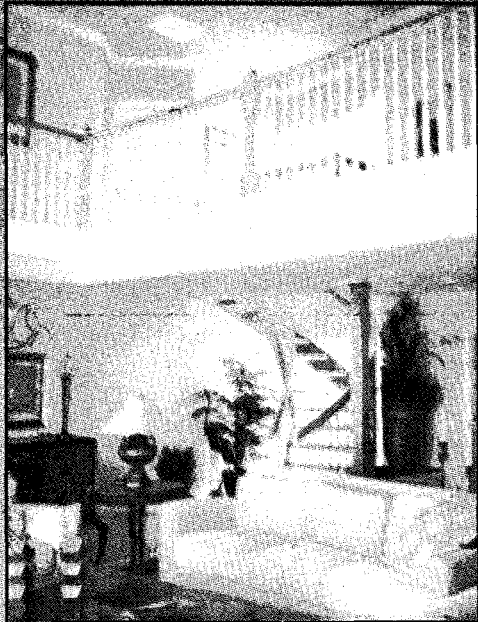
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Spring Training Attendance Breaks Records

The Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox spring training in Lee County concludes another successful year with attendance breaking 100,000 at the two parks.

Minnesota Twins

At the completion of the game against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Hammond Stadium, the Twins are projecting more than 110,000 total paid attendance during their 15 home games. That's up from 106,000 last year. The Twins averaged 7,350 per game paid attendance – a new record for per game paid attendance.

The record of 123,753 fans was set in 1991, the first year the organization held its Spring Training at the Lee County Sports Complex, with 119,920 in 1992 (see attendance history). Attendance dropped to 69,245 in 1995 after the baseball strike. Spring training this year ran from March 4 to April 2 and included 15 Twins home games and 16 Red Sox home games.

Spring training at Hammond Stadium at the Lee County Sports Complex recorded its millionth fan in 2001.

Twins attendance by year: (1991) 123,753, (1992) 119,920, (1993) 90,503, (1994) 100,930, (1995) 69,245, (1996) 80,027, (1997) 89,743, (1998) 90,523, (1999) 85,527, (2000) 99,432, (2001) 90,255, (2002)

102,238, (2003) 106,209.

Red Sox

The Boston Red Sox held a total of 16 games this year – two against universities and 14 against Major League teams: Total paid attendance was 116,000 (7,240 paid attendance per game). Just comparing attendance for the 14 Major League games, the average paid attendance was 7,465.

Capacity seating at City of Palms Park is 7,142.

According to Todd Stephenson, coordinator of Florida Operations, this was by far the best year for the Red Sox in Fort Myers. They broke concession revenue records several times throughout the month.

It is estimated that Red Sox and Twins spring training in Lee County pumps more than \$24 million into the local economy. Lee County Government wishes to extend its appreciation to the Twins Organization for its continuing partnership and another successful Spring Training, and completion of its 14th year at the Lee County Sports Complex; and also to the Red Sox Organization, which celebrates its 12th spring training season at City of Palms Park.

Lee County officially became a partner with the Boston Red Sox this past December when the City of Fort Myers transferred operation of the stadium to the county and the Boston Red Sox Organization signed a 15-year lease renewal. In the off-season, the county made \$1.5 million of maintenance and improvements to City of Palms Park. ✪

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by Ed Frank



Spring training may have ended, but if you're a sports fan, this is the best season of the year in Southwest Florida for you have a choice of professional baseball, hockey and arena football all at the same time.

1. The Florida Firecats of arenafootball2 begin their third season tomorrow night (Saturday) when they host the Bossier-Shreveport Battlewings. Kick-off is 7:30 p.m. at TECO Arena.

2. The Class A Fort Myers Miracle of the Florida State League are home tonight at the Lee County Sports Complex against the Sarasota Red Sox after its 2004 season opener last night. The first pitch is 7:05 p.m.

3. The Florida Everblades of the East Coast Hockey League stormed into the playoffs for the sixth consecutive year, and will host the Roanoke Express in Game 3 of the best-of-five first-round series tonight at TECO. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

First to the Firecats:

The Firecats, which posted a 10-6 record last year to finish tied for second place in the league's American South Division, will field a veteran squad this year.

Returning as quarterback is Ken Mastrole, who in 11 games for the Firecats a year ago, hurled 55 touchdown passes, ran for another two, and completed 198 of 326 passing attempts.

The 6-3, 249-pound Fort Lauderdale native threw for 2,284 yards, averaging 207.6 yards a game.

Also returning is Cainon Lamb, the team's No. 1 receiver last season. He led the Firecats last year in virtually every category with 110 receptions for 1,297 yards. He also had 21 kick returns for another 378 yards.

"I am thrilled to have Cainon Lamb back. He is one of the league's best receivers, and is a key piece of the puzzle to get us back to the ArenaCup championship game," Firecats General Manager Christ Vallozzi said recently.

Lamb rejoins the receiving corps of Magic Benten and Brent Burnside in addition to several promising new teammates.

Tomorrow night's season opener is Little League Night. Tickets are available by calling 390-2287.

And How About Those Everblades!

By sweeping the Augusta Lynx last weekend, the Florida Everblades qualified for the 2004 Kelly Cup playoffs for the sixth time in the team's six-year history. A huge crowd of 7,479 at TECO – second largest home crowd in team history – saw a 4-2 victory following a 5-0 shutout the night before.

Games one and two of the first-round playoff series were Tuesday and Thursday this week at Roanoke. Game three is tonight at TECO, and game four, if necessary, will be Monday here. The fifth and deciding game would be next Thursday at Roanoke.

The Everblades finished the regular season 37-25-10, and entered the playoffs as the number three seed in the Southern Division.

For the year, the Everblades drew 223,732 fans for its 36 home games at TECO, an average of 6,214 per game. The Everblades led by far the 31-team East Coast Hockey League in attendance. The next closest was Reading, which totaled 193,367 fans.

The average home attendance for the league was 3,904, just about half of the Everblades' following.

Hall-of-Famer Mike Schmidt Brings His Clearwater Team Here April 18

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team will be on the road after tonight's game until April 18, when Hall-of-Famer Mike Schmidt, the new manager of the Clearwater Threshers, makes his first appearance here.

Schmidt's entire 18-year major league career (1972-89) was with the Philadelphia Phillies, where he hit 548 home runs, ninth highest in major league history.

He rejoined the Phillies in 2002 as a part-time instructor, but this is the first year at the coaching/managing level. ✪

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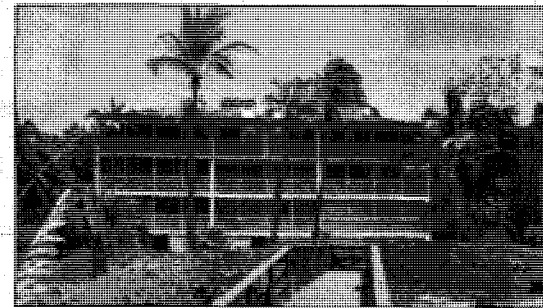
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SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the four managers who have more victories with one team than Bobby Cox has recorded with the Atlanta Braves.
2. True or false: No team has ever made the World Series after finishing last in its league in runs per game during the season.
3. Who was the first player in Division I-A history to toss four TD passes in two bowl games?
4. What was Pat Riley's record in his final season as the Miami Heat's head coach?
5. In what year did Frank Zamboni invent his ice-resurfacing machine?
6. Johnny Weir, who won the U.S. Men's Figure Skating Championship in January of 2004, is at 19 the youngest winner since whom?
7. Who are the only three golfers to win the British Open and the PGA Championship in the same year?

ANSWERS

1. Connie Mack (3,582), John McGraw (2,583), Walter Alston (2,040) and Tommy Lasorda (1,599) all have more victories with one team than Bobby Cox's 1,561 victories with Atlanta entering 2004. 2. True. Kansas City made the World Series in 1985 after being 13th out of 14 A.L. teams in runs scored per game. 3. Marshall's Byron Leftwich in 2001 and 2002. 4. Miami was 25-57 in 2002-03. 5. It was 1949. 6. Todd Eldredge in 1991, also at age 19. 7. Walter Hagen in 1924, Nick Price in 1994 and Tiger Woods in 2000.

Dunes 18-Hole Women's Golf



Winners of "Swing Into Spring: A Garden Party" are Mary Ann Czarniecki and Shirley Ford, 3rd place; Lee Gurr and Helen Sullivan, 2nd place; Nancy McConnell and Susan Scott, first place

"Swing Into Spring: A Garden Party" was the April 2 theme of the 16th Annual Dunes Women's Golf Association's Member/Guest Tournament. Chaired by Barbara Cassavell and her energetic committee, the 90 participants enjoyed a day of perfect weather (though a bit windy), fun golf and a real "garden party" luncheon in the outdoor Dunes Pavillion. A glorious time was had by all. The winners:
 1st Place Net Score: Nancy McConnell - Susan Scott (Guest) 54
 2nd Place: Helen Sullivan - Lee Gurr (Guest) 54
 3rd Place: Mary Ann Czarniecki -


- Shirley Ford (Guest) 56
 - 4th Place: Jana Stone - Mary Khosh (Guest) 56
 - 5th Place: Carolyn Wood - Sue Tray (Guest) 56
 - 6th Place: Joan Secrest - Diane Smith (Guest) 57
 - 7th Place: Tanya Hochschild - Diane Metz (Guest) 57
 - 8th Place: Sonya Gans - Allison Matsik (Guest) 58
 - 9th Place: Kenene Weymoth - Avis Amundson (Guest) 58
 - 10th Place: Grethe Christensen - Espe Kontinos (Guest) 59
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Thursday, April 8, vs Sarasota
Opening Night
Friday, April 9, vs Sarasota
Sunday, April 18, vs Clearwater 1:05 p.m.
Monday, April 19 vs Clearwater
Tuesday, April 20, vs Tampa
Wednesday, April 21, vs Tampa
Monday, April 26, vs Brevard
Tuesday, April 27, vs Brevard
Wednesday, April 28, vs Brevard
Thursday, April 29, vs Brevard

Monday, May 3, vs Sarasota
Friday, May 14, vs Clearwater
Saturday, May 15, vs Clearwater
Tuesday, May 18, vs Lakeland
Wednesday, May 19, vs Lakeland
Thursday, May 20, vs Dunedin
Friday, May 21, vs Dunedin
Monday, May 24, vs Daytona
Tuesday, May 25, vs Daytona
Wednesday, May 26, vs Daytona
Thursday, May 27, vs Daytona
Friday, May 28, vs Tampa
Saturday, May 29, vs Tampa

Tuesday, July 20, vs St. Lucie
Wednesday, July 21, vs St. Lucie
Thursday, July 22, vs St. Lucie
Friday, July 23, vs St. Lucie
Saturday, July 24, vs Sarasota
5:05 p.m. Concert
Monday, July 26, vs Clearwater
Tuesday, July 27, vs Clearwater
Friday, July 30, vs Jupiter
Saturday, July 31, vs Jupiter
Sunday, August 1, vs Jupiter 1:05 p.m.

Monday, August 2, vs Jupiter
Tuesday, August 3, vs Tampa
Wednesday, August 4, vs Tampa
Thursday, August 5, vs Clearwater
Friday, August 6, vs Clearwater
Thursday, August 12, vs Tampa
Friday, August 13, vs Tampa
Fireworks
Saturday, August 14, vs Sarasota
Friday, August 27, vs Dunedin
Saturday, August 28, vs Dunedin
Monday, August 30, vs Lakeland
Tuesday, August 31, vs Lakeland
Wednesday, September 1, vs Lakeland
Saturday, September 4, vs Lakeland
Fireworks
Sunday, September 5, vs Lakeland
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Fireworks
Sunday, May 30, vs Lakeland 1:05 p.m.
Monday, May 31, vs Lakeland
Wednesday, June 2, vs Vero Beach
Thursday, June 3, vs Vero Beach
Friday, June 4, vs Vero Beach
Saturday, June 5, vs Vero Beach
Sunday, June 6, vs Sarasota 1:05 p.m.
Monday, June 7, vs Sarasota
Tuesday, June 8, vs Sarasota
Friday, June 18, vs Dunedin
Saturday, June 19, vs Dunedin
Fireworks
Sunday, June 20, vs Lakeland 1:05 p.m.
Friday, July 2, vs Sarasota
Saturday, July 3, vs Sarasota Fireworks
Monday, July 5, vs Palm Beach
Tuesday, July 6, vs Palm Beach
Wednesday, July 7, vs Palm Beach
Thursday, July 8, vs Palm Beach
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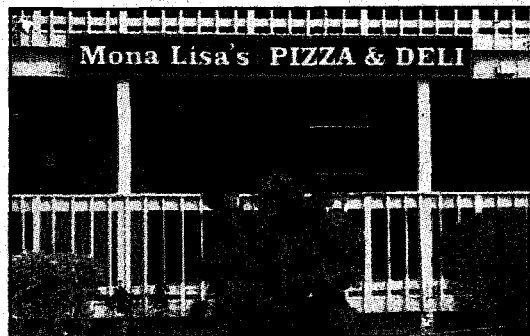
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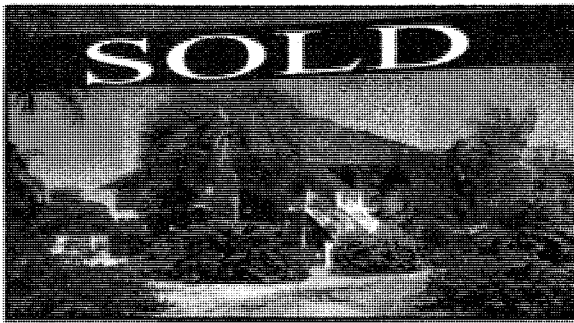
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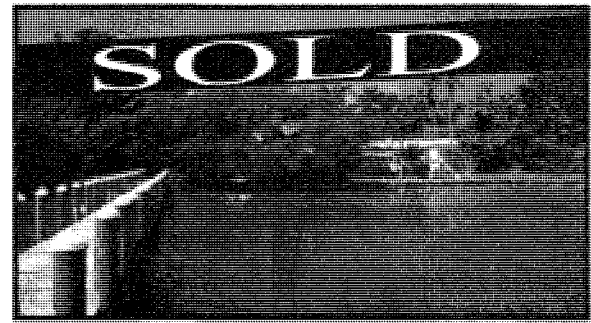
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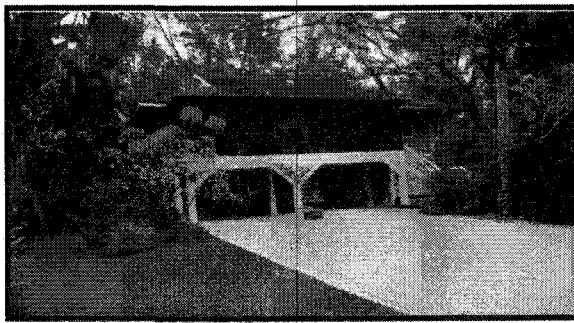
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Special thanks go to the master sponsor of the "Old World Florida-Style" gala, The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company. Keyboardist Dan Tudor entertained guests at the entrance to the Sanibel Community House. The gourmet buffet, provided by Cinderella Catering, opened to music by the Danny Morgan Band and other jazz artist colleagues. They played jazz favorites from the 1920s, '30s, and '40s. The mood was enhanced by beautiful decorations, including live palm trees with

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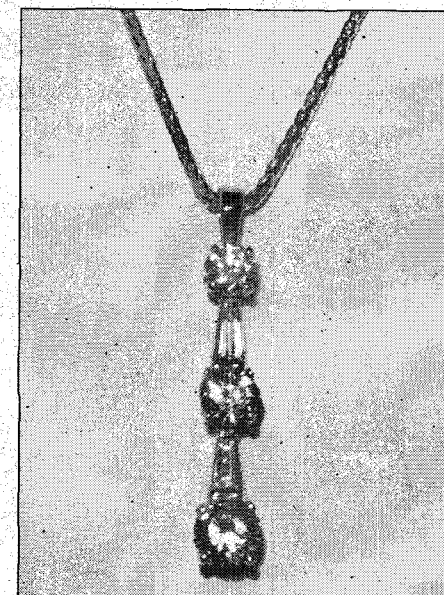
The silent auction included more than 70 pieces of juried artwork by Southwest Florida's finest artists, and also several non-art items in the "Art of Fine Living Auction." Sanibel Cares committee member Julie Smith assisted auctioneer Scott Robertson of Matlacha, Florida, during the voice auction, which offered 16 items.

The highlight of the live auction was the sale of featured artist Jim Sprankle's

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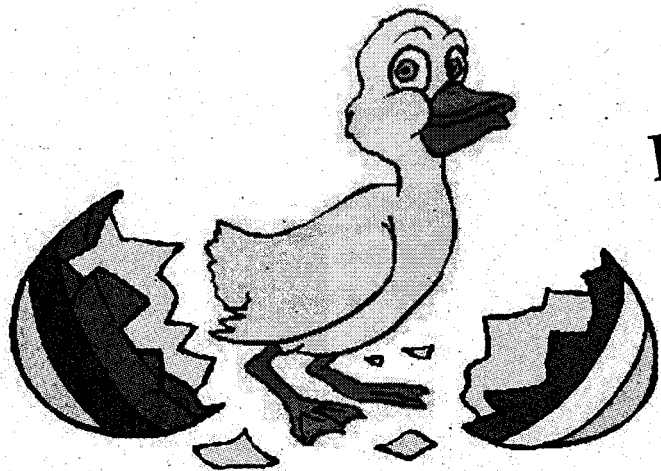


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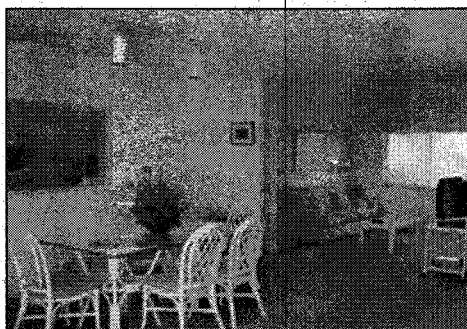
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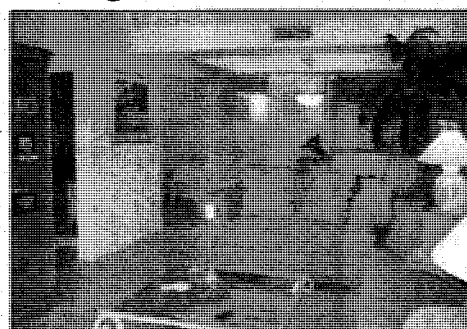
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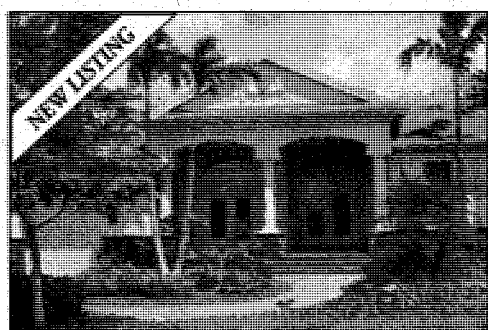
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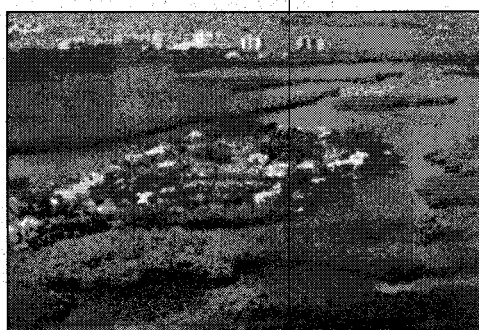
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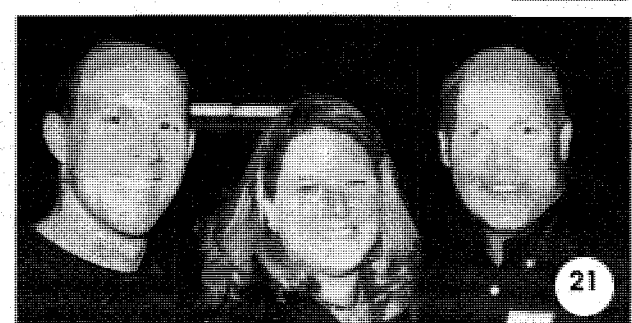
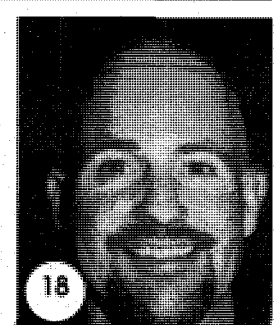
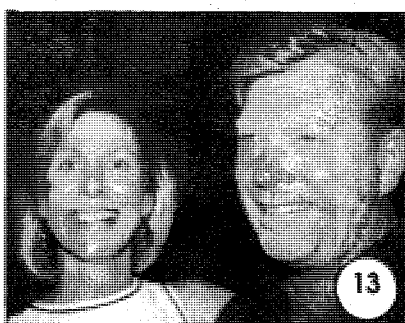
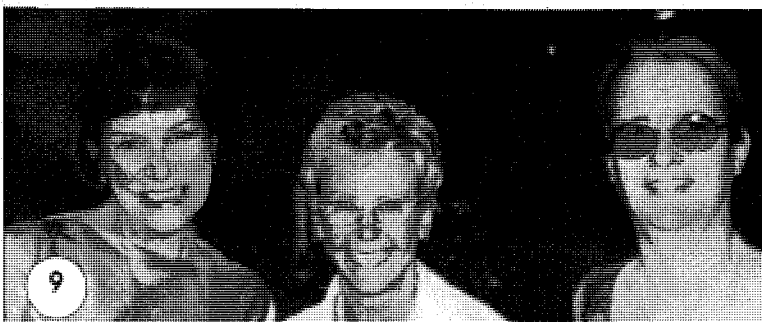
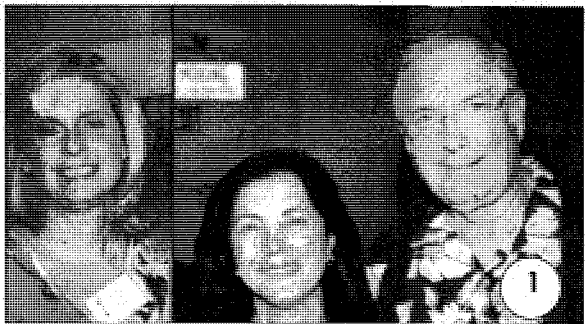


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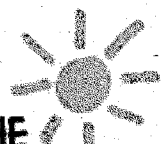


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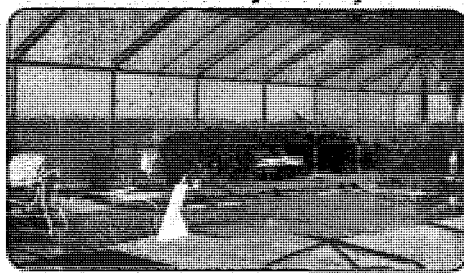
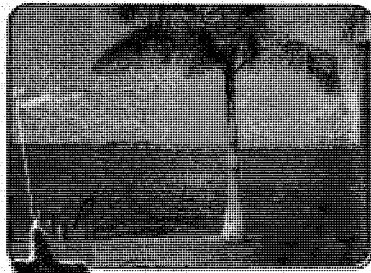



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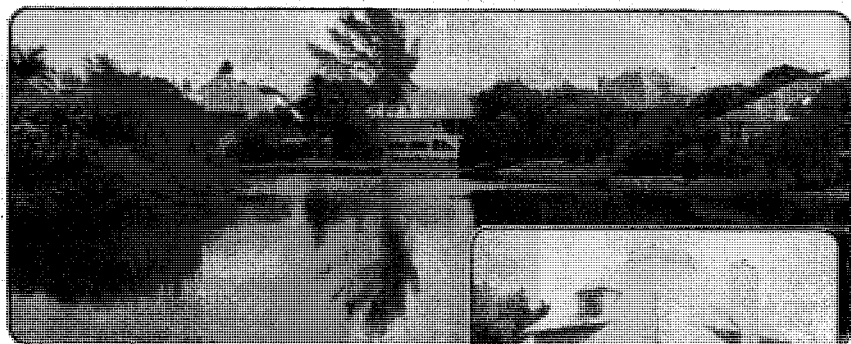
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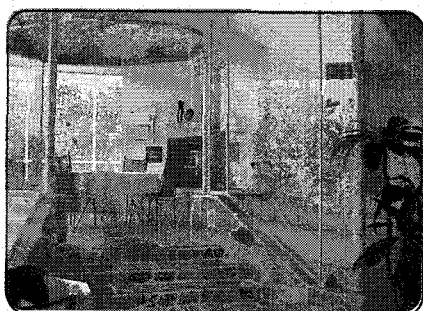
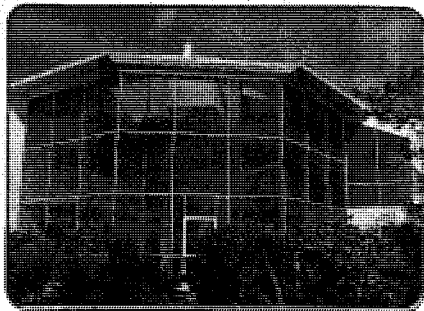
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Captiva Cares Too! The Captiva trolley, donated by McCarthy's Marina/Captiva Cruises, shuffled a group from Captiva, where the party began early with champagne and munchies. From left to right: Mark and Kathleen Lewis, John Dale, Rich Donahue, Tom Nelson, Dick Pyle (Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, master sponsor of the event), Ron Gibson, Nathalie Pyle, Cannella and Mike Mullins, Margarethe Miville, Dan and Kryss Stegmann, John Beggs, Chris Van der Baars and Harry Silverglide. Kneeling: Bonnie Quakenbos, Sandy Nelson, Debbie Donahue, Phyllis Gibson, Pumfey Silverglide, Denise Beggs and Annabel Stehli.

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worthwhile cause."

Shirley said she was "very pleased" to learn that some of the money raised will be used to purchase Giraffe Omnibed incubators for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Children's Observation Unit at HealthPark.

"I was an obstetrical nurse, and we had twin grandsons born at 32 weeks. If not for those neonatal beds, they might not be around right now," she added.

The Valentines also said the blue ball on which the eagle is poised was painted by Laura Conway, a dear friend of theirs. "It just makes it more special."

The couple spends winters on Sanibel and the remainder of the year in Dayton, Ohio. "I suspect we'll share the sculpture between company headquarters and our home up there," Dan said.

Noted the artist, Jim Sprankle: "I feel it's such a wonderful cause. For me, it's a twofold pleasure: the funds raised go for such a good cause, and the couple who bought the sculpture is so happy with the bird. It was just a wonderful evening."

Sprankle also said that it seems the timing of the eagle going to the White House couldn't have worked out better because it added more meaning and more interest to the

Sanibel Cares event.

Last year's featured artist, Leoma Lovegrove of Matlacha, painted "Ding" Darling Day Spa, an acrylic on canvas depicting a roseate spoonbill, especially for the Fourth Annual Island Celebration of the Arts. Also auctioned was Captiva-based Robert Rauschenberg's *I Love New York 2001*. The limited-edition print, hand-signed and titled by the artist, was created as a tribute to New York and the original proceeds were donated to the Robin Hood Foundation.

Sanibel resident Mariel Goss, wife of U.S. Rep. Porter J. Goss, was the honorary chairperson of the Fourth Annual Island Celebration of the Arts. She was unable to attend the April 3 event but gave her blessing in absentia: "As we celebrate the arts tonight, we also celebrate the excellence of The Children's Hospital, which provides an invaluable service to the families our community. All my best for a most successful event."

She couldn't have said it better!✧



Leoma Lovegrove's "Ding" Darling Day Spa

Orchid Miltonia

renaming orchids while the "men of means," in the 1800s, were off in the wilds with their guides, searching for orchids. The "dear" men did return to their ships at night to dine formally and dance away the night to the music of their orchestras.

I visited Milt Carpenter several years ago in North Florida. He has done extensive work with Miltonias. I have grown his plants without problems. Some of the plants on the market today are his crosses.

Do not put this orchid or any other orchid in full sun, especially after noon time. The hot sun, this time of the year, will even burn vandas.

My "Show and Tell" for the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid meeting, April 19, 1:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel will be a Miltonia — live or dead. That will be a special meeting with Bob Hague, a favorite speaker, sharing his new discoveries for his new orchid business. Ronn Downey will speak on root rot and I will talk about diseases of orchids. Open to the public, no reservations needed.✧

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 BS degree in horticulture and graduate degrees in psychology.

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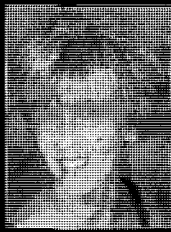
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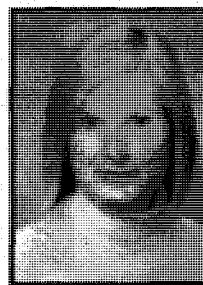
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Elaine Adler has been a Sanibel resident for 13 years. She feels it has been the perfect place for she and her husband to raise three daughters. A graduate of Emerson College in Boston, she received her masters degree from Columbia University in New York City.

Elaine has had a busy private Island practice in pediatric speech pathology. She is very active in our Island community. She was a 2003 co-chair for Sanibel Cares; a group of Island mothers that has raised over \$750,000 for the Children's Hospital of SW Florida in the past 4 years. Elaine's other fund-raising efforts have included The Children's Education Center of The Islands, The Sanibel School, The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation and The Old Schoolhouse Foundation.

Elaine will join her husband John in residential sales at Coldwell Banker Previews International.

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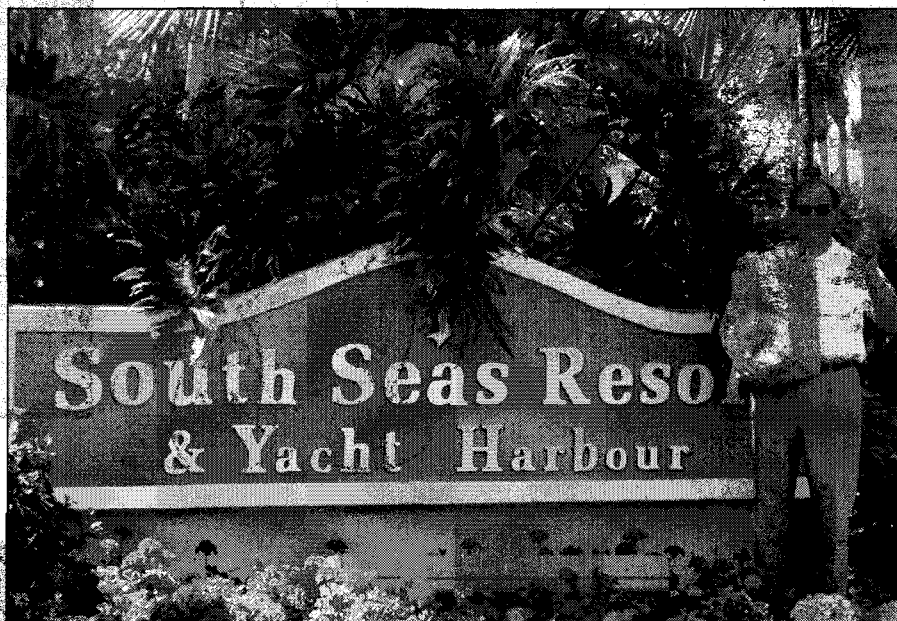
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Food Drive Shows 'Captiva Cares'

Getting ready to close up your Captiva home for season? Taking a sabbatical to a far off land? Don't let those canned goods gather dust, put them to good use feeding the hungry. South Seas Resort is launching a new island-wide program to identify and assist local charities — "Captiva Cares" — and invites all Captivans to lend a hand by donating a different item each month throughout season.

Each month from October through April, the traditional Captiva season for many residents, the resort will focus on a particular charity serving the Southwest Florida area, putting out the call for items needed by that charity. South Seas Resort will accept donations from all Captivans — residents, visitors, business owners and employees — transporting them to the designated agency for use or distribution.

"We had been looking for an idea that would help bring Captiva together and help the Southwest Florida community with a larger need," said Chris van der Baars, general manager of South Seas



South Seas invites all Captivans to donate to "Captiva Cares"

Resort. "It became clear that focusing on one head or one agency was not enough — that our area has many issues that deserve the support of concerned Captivans."

Captiva Cares will be officially launched next October, however the resort wanted to take advantage of this season's end and introduce Captiva Cares this month by collecting and transporting canned goods and non-perishable foodstuffs to the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Fort Myers. Donations for the food bank will be accepted through May 3 at the resort's welcome gate for easy drop off. Place items for donation in a grocery bag and give them to the greeter at the welcome gate. The food bank is in need of clean, undamaged canned goods and other non-

perishable food items, such as peanut butter, dried beans and nuts.

"We have opted for month long drives in season, hoping to make this manageable, while still being able to make a real difference," said van der Baars. "By including small but important items, we hope everyone will feel as though they can participate and make a difference in someone's life immediately."

Captiva Cares has yet to determine the other charities to be assisted by upcoming drives; recipients will be announced prior to the month items are to be collected for the selected charity, and suggestions for possible charities are welcome.

For more information regarding Captiva Cares, or to make a charity recommendation, please contact Celeste Langer, communications manager for South Seas Resort at 472-7510 or celeste.langer@ihrc.com.

COME JOIN THE FUN

Island Seniors have fun every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. This is only one of many activities in the Senior Program, including exercise, social fun, travel, computer classes and various informational seminars. If you are 50 or over, join the Senior Program for only \$15 per year. The center is located at the corner of Library Way and Palm Ridge Road.

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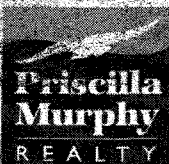
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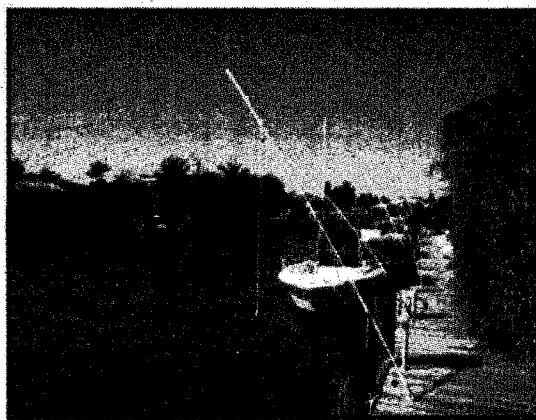
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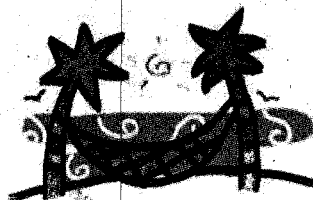


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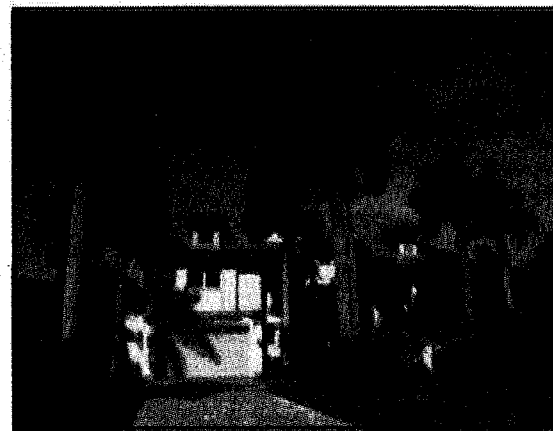
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Dunes Tourney Raises 28K For Conservation Foundation

by Brian Johnson

The annual spring tennis tournament at The Dunes to raise money for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation has become as much as an island get-together as a sporting event.

With beautiful and breezy weather, spectators gathered around the courts watching the matches and enjoying meals catered by South Seas Resort. The fundraiser brought in more than \$28,000 for the Conservation Foundation.

"I think this was the best one ever, I really do," said Marti Bryant, who helped coordinate the weekend for SCCF. "From the kickoff on Friday night to the '50s theme to the T-shirts designed by Mary Irving, it was fantastic. The weather, everything was superb."

A total of 112 people signed up for the tourney. Players and their guests gathered Friday night (April 2) at Bank of America for food and drinks and a little bit of pre-tournament prognostication. Bank of America sponsored the party and also the T-shirts created by Irving and Lifeline Designs.

Action began Saturday morning at The Dunes Tennis Club. Men's and women's doubles teams squared off on the club's seven clay courts. Staff from South Seas Resort served up breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday.



Bank of America staff, Randy Mitchelson, Debbie Lafona and Lynne Crosby

"The matches were superb," said Bryant. "People stayed around until the end to watch. There was such good tennis."

The winners and finalists were presented with glasses etched by local artist Luc Century. It was Century who was the driving force behind getting the tournament started 12 years ago.

John Naumann and Barry Waddel won the open division with a victory over Scott Pukys and Terry See.

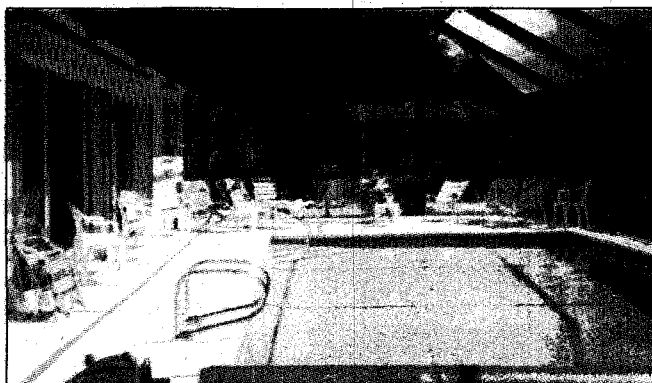


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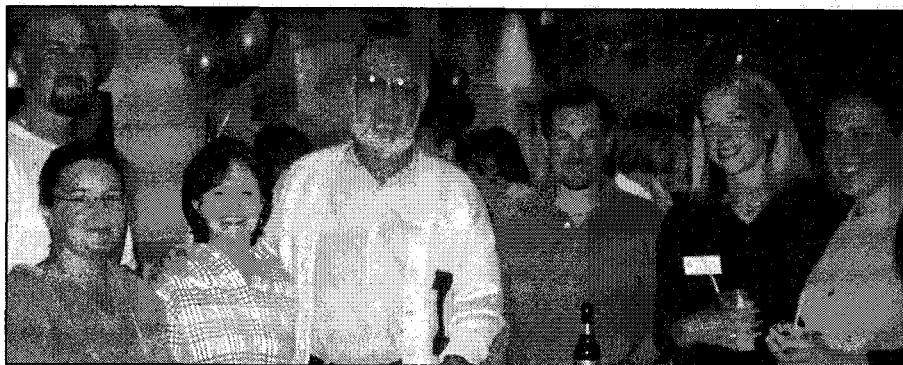
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The winners of the mixed 3.5 were Kirk and Flo Williams; the finalists were Bob Pulver and Libby McMillan.

Joan Secrest and Diane Richards Greter won the ladies 4.0; June Muench and Linda Francis were the finalists.

Debbie Smith and Jane Santini won the ladies 3.5; Vida Zubkus and Molly Downing were the finalists.

Ken Monahan and Brian Johnson won the men's 4.0; the finalists were Tom Rizzo and Steve Harrison.

Ed Bonkowski and Bill Donagen won the men's 3.5; Jerry Nelson and Barry Gordon were the finalists.✱



Carol Skow and Tom Rizzo



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Diane Richards and Joan Secrest

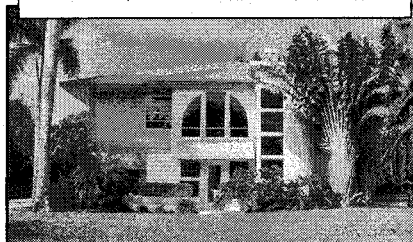


Bill Donagen and Ed Bonkowski



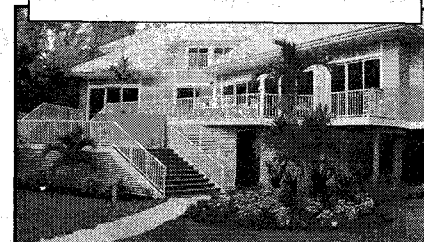
Erick Lindblad, John Naumann and Barry Waddell

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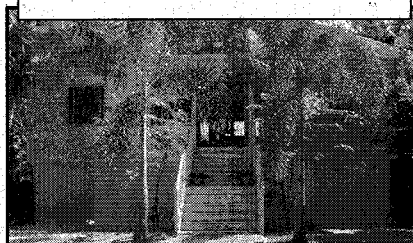
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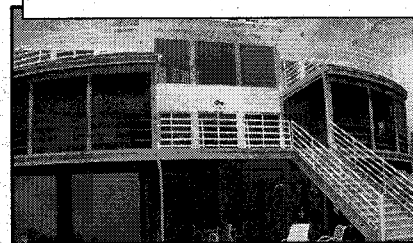
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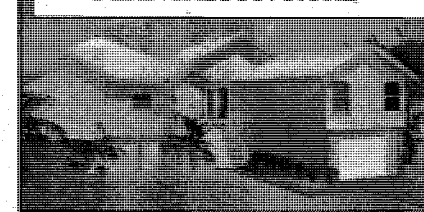
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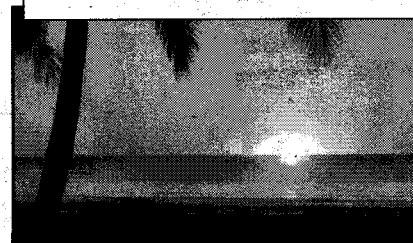
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Captivans Raising Money For School Art Room

by Brian Johnson

The *For Kids' Sake!* campaign is steaming ahead in hopes of reaching its goal of \$1 million by the summer. Donations continue to come in to fund new equipment and other enhancements for The Sanibel School. The campaign is now up to the \$800,000 mark.

Captiva citizen Ron Gibson is currently spearheading an effort to raise \$30,000 to sponsor the school's new art room. It will be called The Captiva Art Room.

Gibson was one of many islanders who took a tour of The Sanibel School's old facilities last year with Principal Barbara Von Harten. He didn't forget what he saw, and when the committee for the annual Captiva Civic Association's ABC Sale talked about beneficiaries of the fundraiser, Gibson suggested The Sanibel School.



Ron Gibson in new art room with Sanibel students, Tyler Von Harten, Ronnie Griest, Brian Berger, Mariah Budd, Santana Valdez-Kenney and Chase LaBar

The committee became enthusiastic about it and agreed to donate a percentage of the proceeds from the ABC Sale as seed money. The sale, held at the end of February, netted \$5,000 for the school.

Now Gibson and fellow Captivan Doris Holzheimer are working to raise the balance necessary to fund the art room. They are close to the \$15,000 mark and are looking for another \$15,000. Those who wish to make a donation can call Gibson at 472-6179 or the Captiva Civic Association at 472-2111.

"With all the artists and artistic people here, it would be neat to have a room named The Captiva Art Room," said Gibson, who moved to the islands in 1991. "People can do it over the course of a three-year pledge."

Gibson recently took a tour of the new building. "It's just amazing," he said. "It's a first-class building, and the new equipment will be first class, thanks to the

The Benefits Of Donor Advised Funds



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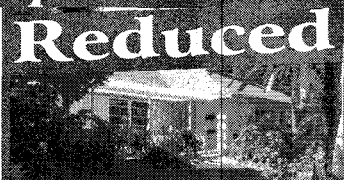
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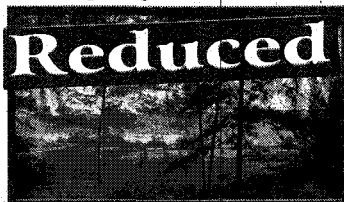
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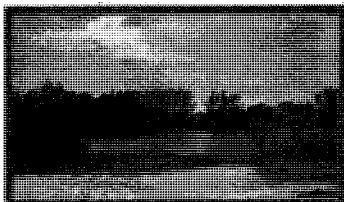
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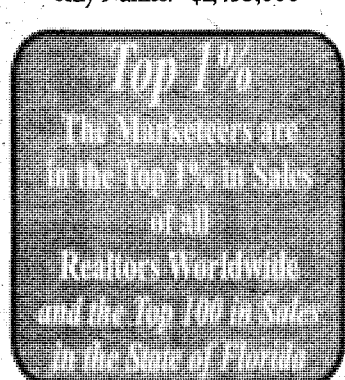
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The weather was glorious, and the crowds enthusiastic. CECI sends a big thank you to its many community supporters, and to all who came out to make the day a success. Monies raised will help maintain the school's scholarship program. ✨



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Donor Advised Funds

Foundation allowed him to advise the foundation board of where he hoped grants would be made. The board investigated the charities and agreed to make the grants.

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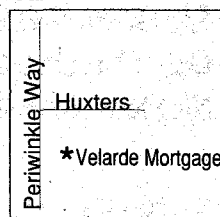
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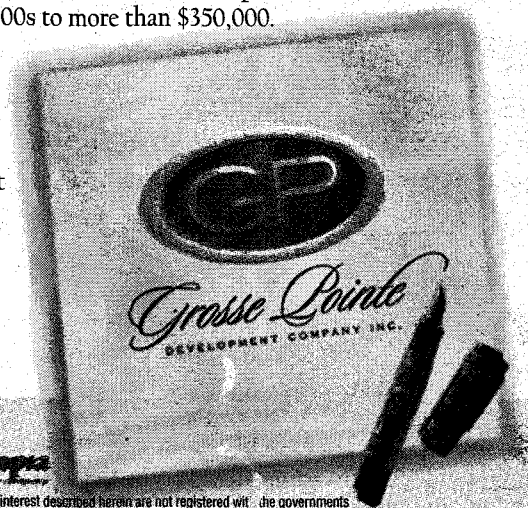
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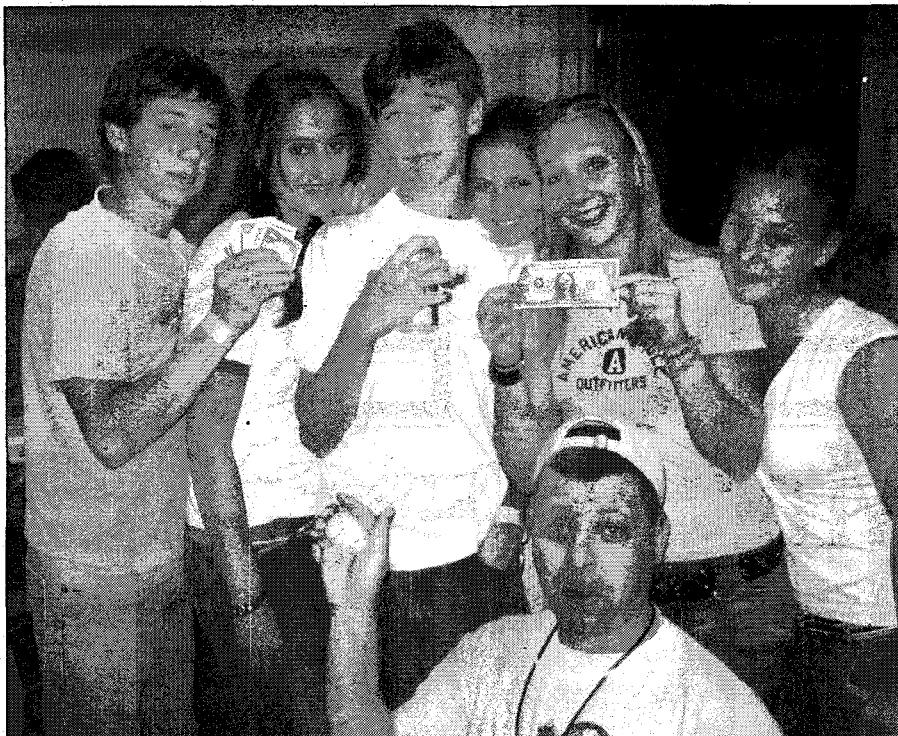


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Teen Scene veteran 8th graders show off their big finds from the egg hunt

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An unexplained phenomenon occurred last Friday night. Easter eggs, located behind the Sanibel Recreation Complex were glowing! Scientist theorized it was due to a rare Southern Aurora Borealis hitherto unknown on Sanibel causing a chemical impurity in the undeveloped chicken embryo. Doomsayers, on the other hand, believe the glow-in-the-dark Easter eggs were caused by a radioactive substance used to genetically breed a kind of "super-chicken" in the underground labs of Area 51 in Roswell. Actually, they were ordered from an Easter Egg company that took glow-in-the dark tubes, and placed them inside the plastic eggs.

It really didn't matter to the teens where or what the eggs were. All they cared about was the fact that Teen Scene programmers Dave DeFonzo and Nick Brown stuffed some of the eggs with dollar bills. And so, last Friday night on April 2, over 40 local middle school kids participated in the City of Sanibel sponsored activity. Sixth, 7th, and 8th graders combed through the wastelands of the playground in hopes of finding the prized eggs. Kids who found the most money and collected additional prizes were Kris Kilgore (who came in first place), Nick Rinaldi (second place), and John-Michael Hodge (third place).

The next Teen Scene event will be an Open Gym night on April 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is one dollar and it is open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Open Gym nights are a loosely structured, but supervised programs where the teens get to choose the activities! Play sports or games, bring an instrument and play some music, or just hang out with your buddies!*

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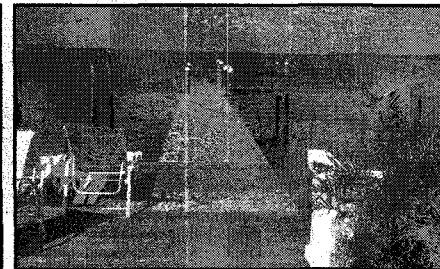
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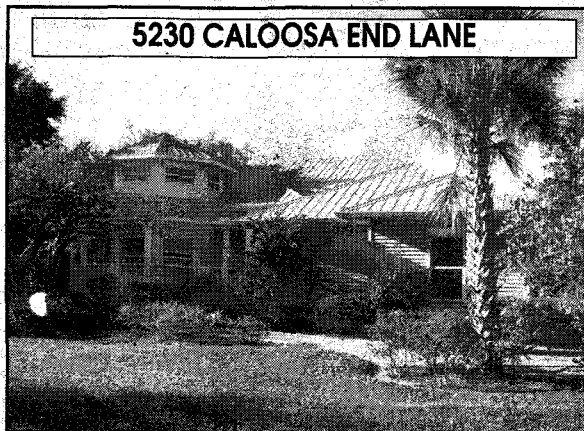
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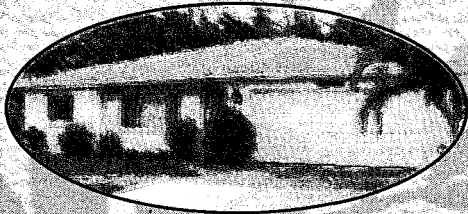
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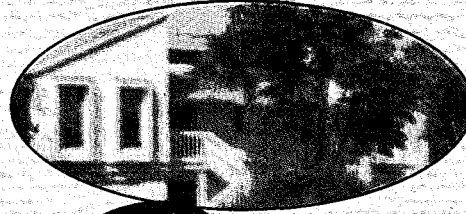
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Scotch, Stingers and 'Sweetums:' Charlie Wilson's War

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

Charlie Wilson, a tall Texan with courtly manners, a way with women, hopelessly alcoholic and highly intelligent, used his position as a member of the U.S. Congress and, more specifically, his committee assignments on the powerful Appropriations Committee, to assist the Afghans in waging war against the Soviet invaders of their country. His cunning and persistence in funding the mujahideen during the 1980s is credited by many as one of the final death blows to the floundering Communist empire before its disintegration in 1991.

In a splendid and carefully crafted book, George Crile, with the cooperation of Charlie Wilson, most of his girlfriends and some of his colleagues, has written a highly entertaining account of "Good-Time" Charlie as he plays fast and loose with the Defense Appropriations, bends all the rules and molds the CIA to his will.

Wilson became involved in the war between the Soviet Union and Afghanistan at the behest of a beautiful, wealthy Texas woman, Joanne Herring, who was rather strangely chosen as Pakistan's honorary consul in Houston. Pakistan's dictator, Zia ul-Haq, was "... so spellbound by Herring... he made her Pakistan's roving ambassador to the world..." Wilson and Herring met at a dinner hosted by Yaqub Khan,

Pakistan's ambassador to Washington. Crile writes, "Joanne Herring was one of the few outside Congress who truly understood Wilson's potential. As their romance blossomed, she looked deep into his eyes and got Wilson to spell out for her what he could do with his power... and began putting her considerable wiles to work persuading him to take up the cause of the mujahideen. Joanne was able to see things in Wilson that were invisible to others. She had cracked Charlie Wilson's code."

A rebel Central Intelligence Agency operative, Gust Avrakotos, who did not quite fit the description for career success in the agency hierarchy then controlled by Eastern establishment types born, bred and schooled with the proper "silver spoon," became the other force in the equation of arming the Afghans.

Denis Neill, whose firm, Neill and Company, represented Egypt, Pakistan, Morocco and Jordan, considered Wilson "...in the foreign affairs world... one of the two or three who were indispens-

able." Just after being elected to his fourth term, Wilson maneuvered himself onto the Defense Appropriations subcommittee; one of only 12 members who oversee the distribution of hundreds of billions of dollars to the CIA and the Pentagon. Wilson honed his ability to manipulate other members of Congress as he and Avrakotos "...set out to radically escalate the CIA's Afghan war."

The CIA's new station chief in Islamabad, Howard Hart, also commanded the Afghanistan operation. Hart was a member of the agency's Clandestine Services and "...presided over the steadily increasing arms flow to the mujahideen..."

Most compelling, he figured, was that he was the first officer ever to be given the mandate to kill America's true enemy, the troops of the Red Army." And at a meeting in Pakistan, Wilson assures him that "money was no object."

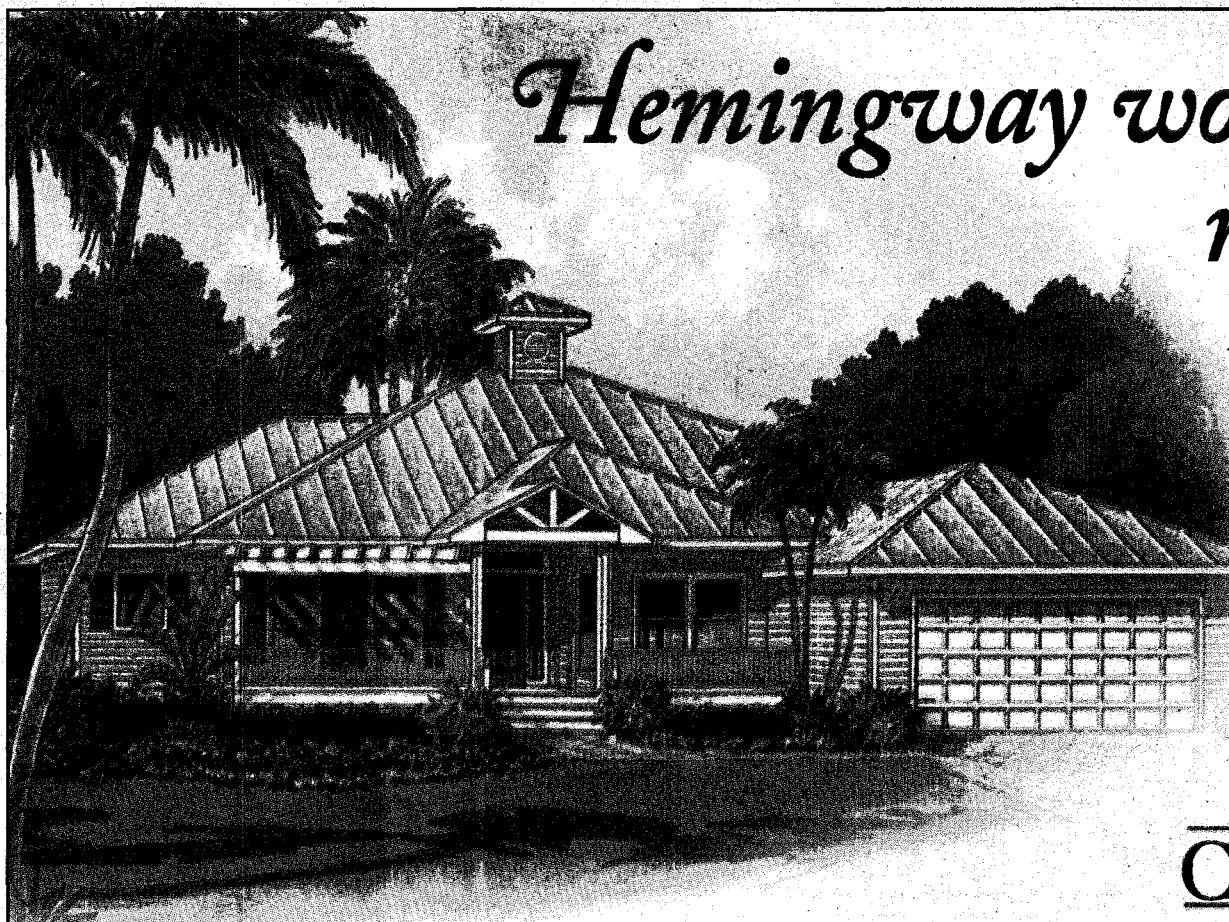
Wilson commits himself to the war the Afghans are waging. He encourages, almost single handedly, the development and use of the "American Stinger" mis-

sile which would allow the Afghans to target a Soviet helicopter from the back of a donkey. "...they were sufficiently user-friendly to make it possible for a simple man with no technical knowledge to put the dull tube on his shoulder, get a MiG or helicopter in his sights, pull the trigger and bring down a \$20 million jet fighter or gunship." For Charlie Wilson, the Stinger was the magic bullet in his obsession for shooting down the Soviet Hind gunships.

This book is so intriguing and tightly written, you can't lay it down once you begin. The insights into the Congress, the hidden world of the CIA, and our involvement with Pakistan are reasons enough to be caught up in the unfolding tale. But just as fascinating is the personality of Charlie Wilson, a lanky Texas hero, a charming but relentless womanizer who descends into the pit of alcohol dependency and drug use and who uses his elected position in a tawdry way to extract himself from a charge of "hit and run driving." Lovely beauty queen "Snowflake" is in his hotel room when "Sweetums" phones and his pending marriage unravels.

He is a man who had all the attributes of great promise and with the grand exception of his role in the Soviet-Afghan War, squandered his talent. But maybe the end of the Cold War was enough glory for any man. ✪

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Sanibel-Captiva After Hours



by Damon Craig

The spring breakers are gone and Easter is almost here... so now what? Well, I'm glad you asked. Peace and quiet for a few weeks until school gets out. So in the meantime, let's enjoy the silence and lack of choking traffic. If you haven't been to Ellington's recently, may I suggest a stop in. Also, if you happen to be in the Seafood Factory's area on Wednesday, stop and see Chris Workman. He plays at Biddle's on the weekends and Seafood Factory on Wednesday. Have a little dinner at the

bar and enjoy the music.

That's my suggestion. Now for the fun stuff!

Friday - Ellington's. The only true jazz club on the island with great drinks.

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Sunday - Dolce Vita. One of the best piano bars on the island but don't go there looking like a scrub.

Monday - Timbers. It's their slow night so stop in and keep them company. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight.

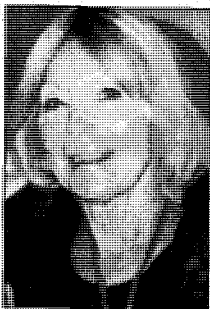
Tuesday - Key Lime Bistro. One of The hottest spots on Captiva. If you don't believe me, go see for yourself.

Wednesday - Jacaranda. It's hump day, this is the place to be. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m.

Reflections

The Rules Of The Road

by Priscilla Friedersdorf



Travelling our island paradise takes some cunning these days. You can go to the vicinity of Bailey's anytime after 10 a.m., but you must return before 3 p.m.

You can go anywhere on the island for "happy hour" or an "early bird" dinner as long as you choose a restaurant or bar west of home base.

Once you find a parking place at Jerry's crossroads, walk to all destinations from Dixie Beach to the Community Church. Stop for popcorn at Arundel's.

Don't try Gladiolus on Saturday when the other "harry homeowners" are descending on the U.S. 41 do it yourself intersection.

Always check the Twins' spring training schedule before leaving for the airport.

Forget a trek off island around 6 p.m. while the dinner boat from Sanibel Harbour glides through the open bridge gates.

Buy a large Coke and a Big Mac for sustenance if you return to the island before noon. If an arts and crafts fair or shell show is planned, buy something for dinner as well.

Always have bottled water and a book of short stories in your glove compartment for backups involving emergency vehicles.

Unless you have a membership at The Dunes and want to hit a couple buckets of practice balls, don't try the Dixie Beach/Sandcastle/Bailey Roads bypass after 4 p.m.

Leave the beach while the sun is at 3 o'clock high; if you are on Captiva, leave within one hour of arrival.

Advise your friends in Naples, Bonita, Fort Myers Beach and Cape Coral that you will look forward to seeing them in October.

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Thursday - Lazy Flamingo. This is a must see if you happen to be on the island for a short time. Trust me, you will have a nice time. Happy hour 3 to 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight.

Last week's clue; What bar names its bar stools?

Answer; Lazy Flamingo

This week's clue; What bar has

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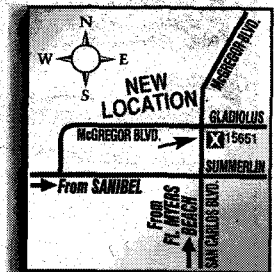
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"Roundabout" Revisited

An advantage to the roundabout is the continuous flow of traffic, Freeman said. Roundabouts also reduce the accident rate by 40 to 50 percent, and when crashes do occur, they are less severe. A negative is the fact that visitors would not be accustomed to it, he added.

Speaking from the audience, Herb Rubin said that unfamiliar drivers and pedestrians/bicycle traffic were two reasons that the city's former Traffic Committee "didn't like the roundabout" idea. Workman said there has always been "a huge public outcry" against a roundabout.

As proposed in the study, the roundabout would have an inscribed circle diameter of 185 feet, requiring the acquisition of additional right of way (some privately owned) at the intersection. Single lane circulatory roadway segments would be 18 feet wide; two lane segments 30 feet wide. It also provides for 15-foot single lane entries and a 26-foot two lane entry width. The bicycle path would go outside the roundabout, but the Kittelson study did not provide for its relocation.

In his causeway update, Jim Isom, the city's liaison to county progress meetings, said Lee is proceeding with its plan for a left turn lane on Causeway Boulevard.

Contracts for construction of bridge Spans B and C are expected to be awarded early in May, and actual construction is

scheduled to begin June 1. The county was planning to resubmit its permit request for Span A this week, Isom reported.

Rogers said long range plans call for the county to turn over operation of the causeway islands to the Lee Parks & Recreation Department. Restrooms are planned on both sides of those islands. He added that the restrooms temporarily shut down will be repaired and should be operational "in the next few weeks." ❄

Barge Landing Gets DEP Okay

by Camille Kucaba

A barge landing at the City of Sanibel boat ramp moved a step closer to reality last week when the Florida Department of Environmental Protection issued a permit and authorization for the facility. Approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with concurrence by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, also is required, according to Gates Castle, director of public works. The city anticipates hearing from FWS in approximately 120 to 180 days.

Sanibel continues to look at the facility as an "alternative" way to bring heavy construction materials to the island, according to City Manager Judie Zimomra. In April 2003 City Council designated Kelly Brothers, Inc., to build a 20-by-50-foot concrete barge ramp on the

city's boat ramp property at 1300 Causeway Boulevard. The company proposed to construct the ramp at its own expense and agreed not to charge other barge companies for using the facility.

Over the objection of condo owners in the area, approval for the barge landing originally was given out of concern for the building of The Sanibel School. The new construction portion of the school now is complete, and renovations are expected to be finished in August. A barge facility also could accommodate sludge and garbage haulers, according to Zimomra.

Gates Castle, is serving as acting city manager through April 15, when Zimomra returns from vacation.

In other city business, Council:

- agreed to consider a resolution at its April 20 meeting establishing policy on the cutting of Periwinkle Way Australian pines which threaten the safety of motorists. Among the decisions will be who pays for their removal.

- appropriated funds from the Tourist Development Council for cutting "dangerous" Australian pine trees in public parks. Entire trees will be removed in "active" areas such as parking lots, picnic areas and restrooms and be replaced with other native trees to provide shade. Designated pines in bordering areas will be trimmed.

- appropriated grant funds for the Clam/Dinkins Bayou restoration project which involves a cut beneath Sanibel-Captiva Road. James Evans of the city's Natural Resources Department told Council the bayou continues to deteriorate - "there's an algae bloom going on" which ultimately can result in a fish kill. He said a total of \$475,000 has been received to date, with an estimated project cost between \$550,000 and \$600,000. Evans added that the city is awaiting permits and anticipates approval this fall "at the earliest." A temporary permit for an emergency cut could be issued closer to the summer rainy season.

- discussed Land Development Code changes to encourage small businesses to remain intact and the issuing of a "zoning in progress" notice alerting the public to possible changes in regulations. Staff was instructed to explore the matter and

report back to Council in 14 to 28 days. - approved the purchase of top lighting fixtures to retrofit flagpoles at City Hall and the entrance to the island (the Periwinkle Way/Lindgren/Causeway Boulevard intersection). ❄

Council Makes Committee Appointments

City Council Tuesday made new appointments and reappointed several members to four advisory committees.


Michael Denham and Jean Hallstead are the new appointees to the Wildlife Committee, joining those who were reappointed: Vern Frankwich, Treadway Parker and Syril Ivler Rubin; plus adjunct members Joanne Heroy-Giller and a representative from the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and CROW. Council member Steve Brown, formerly liaison to that committee, said members are considering changing the meeting day and time to encourage better attendance.

All 13 members of the Vegetation Committee and the three adjunct members were reappointed. They include Paul Duval, Gloria Hannan, Robin Krivanek, Ann McCullough, Don Schwartz, Julie Schwartz, Ellen Steele, Ann Talcott, Hal Theiss, Berdenna Thompson, Art Weissbach, Bill Wollschlager and Dick Young; plus Kathy Boone, Dee Serage and Tom Hansen. Council agreed to consider at a future date requiring an independent contractor inspection of vegetation at the time a certificate of occupancy is issued for new construction.

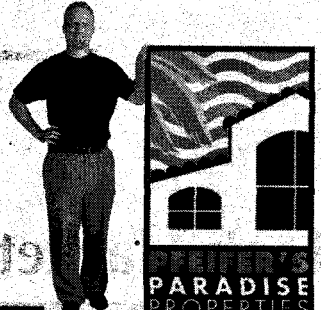
Kevin Koughan and Beary May were appointed to replace Jack Thomas and Paul Ravenna on the Marine Advisory Committee, joining those reappointed: John Carney, Ronn Downey, Skip Dunn, Tom Gillis, Dennis Jones, Tom Kaplan and James Strothers.

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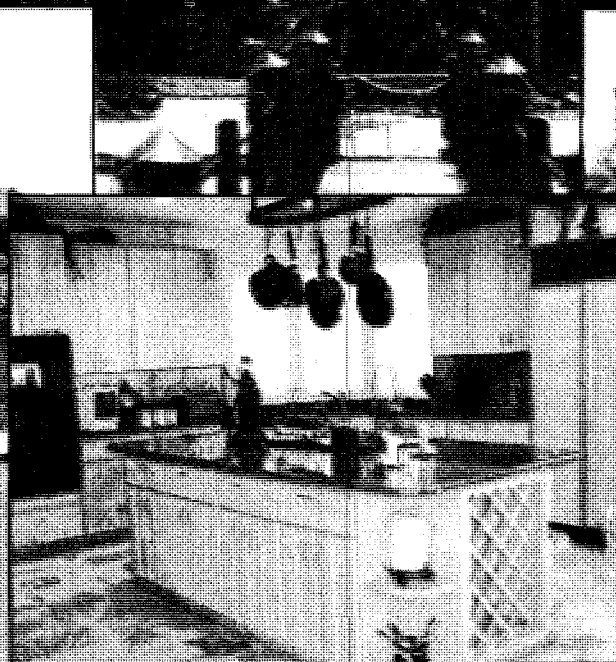
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Film Notes

Coming Soon To A Video Store Near You

by Priscilla Friedersdorf



It will come as no surprise to movie buffs, but I must advise you that we are living in a cultural film wasteland. The best new films are given at most one week in local theatres, and the advance information simply states "not reviewed." Our only alternative is to watch for them in the video stores.

Following is a list of recent films that have missed us or have had very limited runs.

Monsieur Ibrahim - A

charming film and coming of age story set in Paris in the 1960s. A Muslim shopkeeper, Ibrahim (Omar Sharif), strikes up a friendship with Momo (Pierre Boulanger), a lonely Jewish boy. When Momo is deserted by his father, the two unlikely companions set off in a convertible to discover the world and introduce Momo to the joys of adolescence. Sharif, who most of us remember as his handsome younger self, is superb in this role as an elderly, life loving and wise man. Sharif commented on his role, "Because I am an older man now, I feel I am no more who I was and because I admire most of all tolerance towards race and religion, it was easy to fuse into Monsieur Ibrahim."

Kitchen Stories - This film won Norway's award for the Best Feature Film of 2003. Two men — one a Swedish social worker observing and documenting the habits and kitchen routines of the elderly, the other a crotchety eccentric Norwegian farmer who is the subject of the sociologic study — begin an unusual friendship in the confined space of the old farmer's little kitchen.



Monsieur Ibrahim



Kitchen Stories



The Fog of War

Good Bye, Lenin! - A film both extraordinarily amusing and imaginative. A woman with strong socialist convictions and a weak heart falls into a coma in East Germany in October of 1989. She awakens eight months later, and her loving son fears that the changes in their country, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the emergence of capitalism will trigger a relapse if she learns of them. He conspires to surround her with all the accoutrements of the former Communist regime.

The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons From The Life Of Robert S. McNamara - This film, directed by Errol Morris, won the Academy Award for Best Documentary of 2003. Former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, at age 87, considers his role in both World War II and the Vietnam War. Morris uses film footage from both these wars and enhances the effect of his quietly probing questions into the insights of McNamara by filming the former secretary in a way that has him looking directly at the camera and into the eyes of the spellbound audience. Brilliant, disturbing and an important commentary on the 20th century.

The Company - Director Robert Altman gives us an enchanting glimpse into the rigors of creating a new ballet; professional jealousies, personal involvements,

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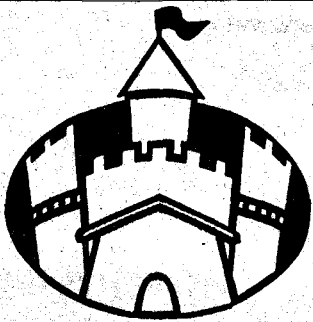
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injuries, triumphs and failures. But most of all it is a chance to see the Joffrey Ballet Company of Chicago as it prepares for a world premiere at the Kennedy Center of a ballet called *The Blue Snake*. The story line is kept to a minimum, allowing the viewer to enjoy the original score by Van Dyke Parks and the exquisite dancing. The pretentious director of the company is cloying and insufferable, but surely playing to type. He warns, "Don't forget to practice safe sex and eat broccoli -- no chili con carne" The romantic interest of one of the lead female dancers is actor James Franco, a handsome James Dean lookalike, who plays a sous-chef.

Watch for these in your video store and complain bitterly at the box office about our movie choices next time you attend a violent, over-hyped, "block-buster."*

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selected by Don Brown



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Junonia

by Eugene J. Mahoney

A rare shell in the surf.
Smoothly tapered, speckled sides.
It once contained life.
Possibly royalty on the sea bottom,
Existing as an entity.
Now the shell of its former life,
Rests in my wet hands.
Is this the end?
Some beauty never loses luster.
This fine piece of God's work,
Will find its place beyond the sea.
It will be treasured.
Placed on a station of importance,
For all to see.

Prelude

by Eugene J. Mahoney

Something is amiss.
The leathery rustle of palm leaves has ceased.

Where are the birds?
The bleach-white gulls,
All facing one direction on the beach?
The tiny, dart-quick shorebirds on wire-thick legs?
Only their prints remain in wet sand.
Straightening up from my quest,
I turn from the scatter of shells to the sea.
On the far-off fringe,
A dark wall draws and pulls,
Seemingly immobile at a distance.
The overwhelming sense of dead calm,
Is broken by distant sky claps.
Racing for shelter,
I am struck by the first
Of many drops to come.

Troding History

by Eugene J. Mahoney

Trillions of shells ground fine,
Compress under my feet.
Eggshell hued sand now.
A beach extending beyond sight.
Strata beneath my stride,
May well have been trod,
By an ancient Caloosa Indian,
Or Juan Ponce de Leon.
Maybe even Blackbeard, the pirate.
All wanderers, seachers.
In a sense like me, today.

Eugene J. Mahoney

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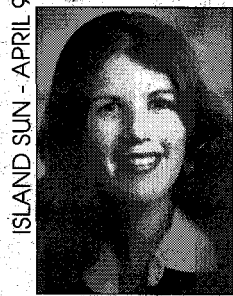


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82 Can You Dig It?

by Nancy McCarthy



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digging safely, the month of April has been proclaimed "Call Before You Dig Month."

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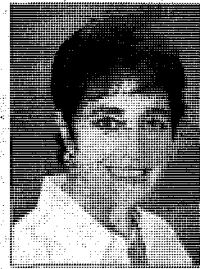
Before using common garden tools, like a post-hole digger, homeowners are required by law to call Sunshine State One Call, at 1-800-432-4770, two full days before digging in any easement, right of way or permitted use area.

After you call, information about where you will be digging is entered into a computer that compares that area to the location of underground utilities in the area. The area will either be declared clear, or will be appropriately marked for any underground lines. Only after you make the call will you be safe to dig.

For more information, visit www.lcec.net or contact LCEC's energy experts at 997-SAVE (7283) or 800-SAVE (7283). ✱

Flooring Can Fool The Eye

by Carol Gagnon



Have you ever thought about the impact that flooring has on your overall design scheme?

Light-colored floors will tend to make your room appear larger. Deep rich colors used in flooring – from woods to wall-to-wall carpeting – will reduce your room's apparent size.

Unbroken expanses of flooring, such as wall-to-wall or room-sized area rugs, will enlarge your space. Smaller area rugs will diminish your room's size – but will add a wonderful additional design element to your overall room plan.

You can even modify the shape of a room visually by changing the shape of an area rug.

And, a beautifully designed area rug can work magic in your room plan. It can create a focal point, set off a seating area and add warmth and drama to any space. ✱

Carol Gagnon, Allied ASID, is a Sanibel/Captiva decorator.

International Real Estate

by JB Novelli



S spurred by low interest rates and record home sales, home prices took off in the fourth quarter 2003, rising 8.4 percent over the same period in 2002, Freddie Mac reported. The higher prices even surprised some economists. Says Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist: "Even with the strong showing of home sales and housing construction in the second half of 2003, these fourth quarter home-price appreciation numbers are surprisingly high."

(Information from *Florida Real Estate Headlines*)

Sanibel-Captiva sales so far this year are 68 residences and 58 condominiums, compared to this same period last year of 44 and 45, respectively. That is an increase of 55 percent in residential sales and a 29 percent increase in condominiums. (Statistics from SanibelCaptivams). ✱

JB Novelli is a licensed real estate broker of 36 years in New York and on Sanibel.

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The Rules Of The Road

Do as a resourceful couple in Gumbo Limbo does; stroll over to Trader's for happy hour. But do they choose a designated "walker" for the return trip?

Breakfast at The Island Cow or the Lighthouse Cafe? Just jump in the car and come in your pajamas. ✱

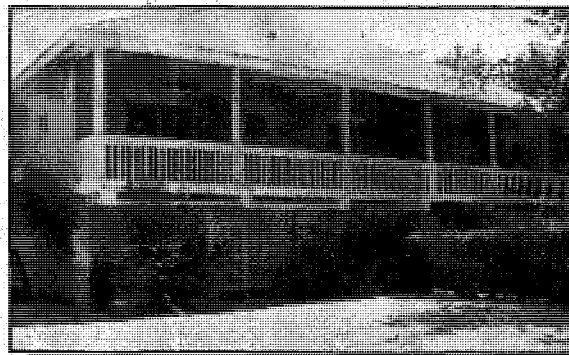
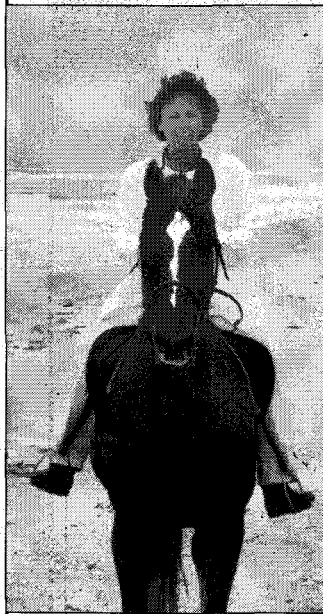
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Fishing Club

With the peak of tarpon season just around the corner, this combined presentation is a must for those anglers interested in targeting the mighty silver kings. The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly and has fishing seminars, outings and other social events throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the club, please drop them a line at The Sanibel Fishing Club, P.O. Box 1121, Sanibel, FL 33957 or call Charles Sobczak, president at 472-0491. ✱

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Council Makes Committee Appointments

The Historical Preservation Committee of nine members includes one newly-appointed person, Alexander Werner, plus those reappointed: Sam Bailey, Harry Bertossa, Jody Brown, Richard Faris, Sheila Fortney, Martha Ponader, Jacquelyn Rauschert and Muriel Veenschoten.

The Stewardship Committee, appointed as an ad hoc group in February 2002, was discontinued upon its own recommendation and according to the sunset provision in the legislation which created it.

Council member liaisons to the various committees are Steve Brown, Community Housing and Resources; Jim Jennings, Historical Preservation and Wildlife Committees; Marty Harry, Marine Advisory and Parks and Recreation Committees; Judy Workman, Planning Commission; and Dick Walsh, Vegetation Committee.

Harry, as the new mayor, takes over for Brown as the National League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities voting delegate. Brown, with Walsh as alternate, continues as representative to the Southwest Florida League of Cities. Workman continues as liaison to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. ☆

Captiva Community Panel Meeting

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 13, beginning at 9 a.m. in the CCA building, 11550 Chapin Lane, Captiva. This meeting is open to all interested islanders.

Among the agenda items will be the continuation of a presentation by repre-

sentatives of Plantation Development Ltd. concerning plans for its property at the north end of Captiva.

There will also be an update by LCEC representatives concerning planned island projects; discussion of proposed language for the county's Land Development Code to implement existing Lee Plan policies 13.1.1 (estate zoning), 13.1.6 (on-island document clearinghouse) and 13.1.7 (on-island public information meeting on zoning requests, etc.); and discussion of funding for the community panel.

Public participation is invited and encouraged; the next panel meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11. ☆

National Organ Donate Month

April is recognized as National Donate Month — the time of the year to get the word out about organ donation. What does it really mean to be a donor and to receive this precious gift of life? This is a time to let the people know who can be a donor and what it means to be one, and that the most important thing is, if you are a donor, let your family know of your wishes as they will always have the final say. Almost anyone can be a donor. This is a very important decision and one that is needed to help the cause of increasing the donor pool.

Michael Terry of Cape Coral, who had a heart transplant on November 2, 2002, says, "This gift is a true miracle and it really gave me a new outlook at life." He recently met his organ donor family and it gave him a whole new perspective of this great gift and he now knows what the other side of the equation (donor/recipient) has to go through when making this important decision. Today, there are over 90,000 people waiting for a transplant and hundreds of thousands waiting for tissue donation. One donor can help save the lives of as many as 60 people. About 20 people per day die waiting for their gift, and the list grows daily as one person every 15 minutes gets added to the list. The only way to lower the list is by having

more donors.

Candlelight Ceremony To Honor Organ Donor Families

Lifelink of Southwest Florida announces that on April 22, organ and tissue recipients and their families will be honoring organ donors at a candlelight service at Centennial Park, at 6:30 p.m.

Please join them as they say thank you to all the families who have made the decision to save lives by giving this pre-

vious gift of life. If you have questions about the local support group or about this event, call Mike Terry at 574-8822. A local support group meets the first Thursday of each month at Southwest Regional Hospital, on Winkler and Evans Road in Fort Myers.

For more information about the club or directions to the meetings, call Sharon Terry at 574-8822. ☆

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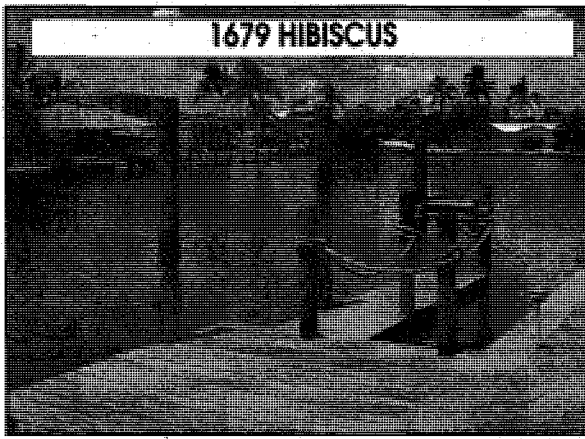
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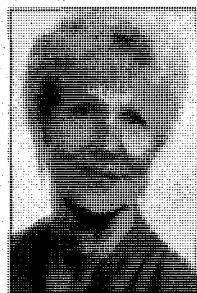



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Shopping With Camille

Scrap The Easter Bonnet, Go For The Shoes

by Camille Kucaba



Happy Easter!
Yes, it's a bit late to buy a new outfit (well, maybe not), but as you flit from shop to shop, remember the cardinal rule found in a cute tome titled, *Little But Extremely Important Things Every Woman Should Know*: "Never ask, 'Do I look fat?' A preferred substitute is, 'Does this dress do justice to my goddess like proportions?'"

Now, shoes... that's another story. It's no secret I'm a shoe freak, and at last count (Stan's, not mine), the tally topped 55 pair. But that won't stop me from acquiring more!

My latest discovery is **Grace Shoe Outlet** at 1547 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Located in the Brew Pub Plaza (I hear there will be a new Brew Pub opening in fall), Grace Shoe features a huge selection of footwear for both women and men -- 36 lines; to be exact -- with more to come, including children's shoes, says Manager Betty Hoffman.

The store concept is exciting: shoes with style, beauty and comfort.

Dr. Mark Sobel, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in feet and ankles, had searched for a store where he could send patients after surgery so they could buy appropriate shoes to wear during their recovery. He also knew that if women wore the right kind of shoes, they might avoid surgery altogether.

Well, explains Betty, no such shoe stores could be found... so the doctor started his own. "Now women don't have to sacrifice style for comfort." The Sanibel store, open since March 12, is a satellite of the two stores Dr. Sobel operates in New Jersey. So far, business has been brisk, Betty adds.

I loved the Taryn Rose shoes, designed by a female orthopedic surgeon who joyfully combined high fashion with incredible comfort. There's plenty of style in Arche shoes, too.

BeautiFeel, made in Israel, is another quality shoe that's fully adjustable for narrow to wide feet. The air pillow cushioned footbed "lets you stand all day in complete comfort," says Betty. Ideal for a walking tour of Europe -- or just a walk around the block -- the walking sandal by Wolky features a full cork bed for wonderful shock absorption.



George Wilson and Betty Hoffman welcome us to the new Grace Shoe in the Brew Pub Plaza on Periwinkle Way

The Finn Comfort sandal sports a solid cork footbed that molds to your foot -- excellent for people with foot problems, she notes. Plus the footbed is removable and replaceable.

And the list goes on. The Dansko styles -- from clogs to sandals -- were originally designed for chefs... Stonefly shoes feature a comfort gel heel insert (the slide is so fashionable you'd never know it also has fabulous arch support)... Merrell makes an attractive thong sandal that's comfortable from the very first time you wear it, and the brand features clogs and slip-ons, too. The Chaco sandal is fully immersible in water -- hence the popularity here on our barrier island!

More names include Born, Josef Seibel, Teva, American-made Clarks, top-of-the-line men's shoes from Allen-Edwards, plus other brands like Hush Puppies, Naturalizer, Aerosoles and Sebago. Grace Shoe carries a full line of New Balance sport shoes and the Smartwool all-weather sock that breathes.

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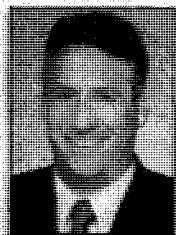
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George Wilson, assistant manager, points to the wide range of sizes available in all the lines. "If we don't have your size, we can get it in two days from the New Jersey store."

So whether you have a specific foot condition or just want a comfortable pair of shoes, chances are you'll find exactly what you're looking for at Grace Shoe. The store opens daily at 10 a.m.; phone 472-9995.

Plan to attend the **Hirdie Girdie Gallery** open house this Monday, April 12, to meet watercolor artist, Carolyn Johns. The event takes place from 5 to 8 p.m... and 10 percent of proceeds from the evening's sales benefits The Sanibel School art program.

To sample some smooth jazz, stop in at **Biddle's** restaurant and piano bar, just off island in Sanibel Beach Place, 20351 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers. Enjoy new American and fusion cuisine along with the sounds of Liquid Jazz playing Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Plus there's live entertainment nightly; phone 433-4449 for dinner reservations.

There's a special spring sale going on at **The Mole Hole in Tahitian Gardens** (who can resist 20 percent off the entire inventory?!). Also, **William E. Wilson** boasts a 20-percent-off sale on watches through April 30 - visit in **The Village**.

FYI: Judy Dearborn of **PlusPerfect** tells me that the season's new

swimwear (for sizes 16 to 26) has arrived.

And, for those of us who plan ahead (or just enjoy squirreling away holiday stuff), **Ile Crocodile** offers 30 percent off on all Christmas and Halloween merchandise by Fitz and Floyd. I'm into this big time. You know the spot: 2330 Palm Ridge Place. ☆

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

ABWA Meeting

Just one telephone call to Sanibel resident, Susan Bluehs, RN, at a critical juncture in her career was the impetus and inspiration she needed. In 1998 Susan Bluehs Health Care Services began offering a variety of services to elderly, home-bound and disabled people on Sanibel and Captiva.

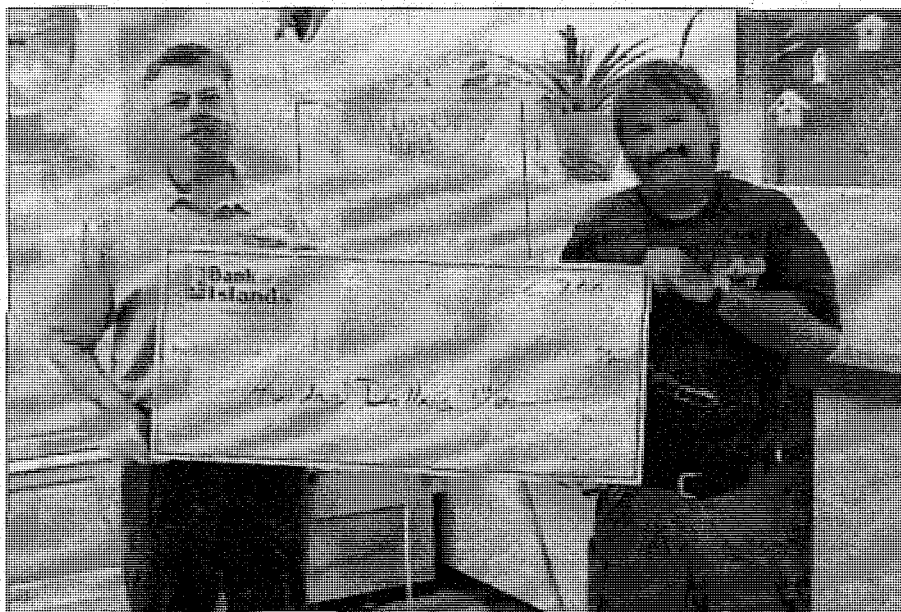
Susan will present her story - and her services - at the April meeting of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) to be held at **Sundial Beach Resort** on April 13. The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of ABWA provides an excellent networking opportunity for local business and professional women and meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge; dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Non-members who want membership information or who would like to attend the April meeting should call Lisa Cochrane at 246-8876.

Members of ABWA should call Trudie Kohlbrenner at 466-3892 to make the required reservation. ☆

ABWA 'Poker Pedal' Receives Gift



Bank Of The Islands Manager Rob Usenbee and Billy Kirkland

Congratulations to Billy Kirkland of Billy's Bike Rentals, the most recent winner of the "We Love Our Islands" promotion sponsored by Bank Of The Islands. Billy was spotted with a "We Love Our Islands" decal on his bicycle delivery truck. He won the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a charitable contribution of \$200 from Bank of the Islands.

Billy selected the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Scholarship Fund to receive the Bank's donation. Specifically, Billy wanted to support the 2nd Annual ABWA "Poker Pedal" that raises money for the scholarship fund. The Poker Pedal is scheduled for Sunday, April 18 and registrations are still available.

"With this donation, the "We Love Our Islands" promotion has placed \$10,000 in the hands of 18 worthwhile island causes. ☆

Good Friday Concert

The community is invited to a free concert by the Atlantic Brass Quintet at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Good Friday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. Widely acclaimed as one of the world's finest brass ensembles, the Atlantic Brass Quintet has been heard in 48 of the United States and more than a dozen countries across four continents. They perform a unique repertory spanning Monteverdi, Bach, Stravinsky, and brass music from the streets of Brazil, Cuba, the Balkans and New Orleans. Winner of six international chamber music competitions, the quintet's distinctive sound, impeccable ensemble, stunning virtuosity and warm, inviting stage presence have won praise from critics.

Founded in 1985, the Atlantic Brass Quintet launched its career with a phenomenal string of competition victories over a period of two years. Grand prizes include the Coleman Chamber Music Competition, Carmel Chamber Music Society Competition, the Shoreline Alliance Chamber Music Competition, the Summit Brass First International Brass Ensemble Competition, the Rafael Mendez International Brass Quintet Competition. Following these remarkable achievements, the quintet was honored by Musical America by being named "Young Artists of 1998." In May 1992, by unanimous decision, they won the "Premiere Prix" at the International Brass

Competition of Narbonne, France, recognized worldwide as the preeminent competition of its kind.

Highlights in the quintet's busy concert career include performances at Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall, the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, the Fleet Boston Celebrity Series and the White House. Thousands have enjoyed their performances at Tanglewood-on-parade, and in 1991, as part of Boston's Fourth of July celebration, the ABQ entertained an audience of over 350,000 on the Esplanade.

All performances in Covenant's Concert Series are open free to the public. Covenant Presbyterian Church, which underwrites the musical presentations, is indebted to the Friends of the Concert Series, whose outstanding financial support makes these performances possible. For many centuries the church has been the center of art and culture. Now in its 23rd season, Covenant's Concert Series has sought to preserve this tradition by bringing the finest music and performances to the Fort Myers community.

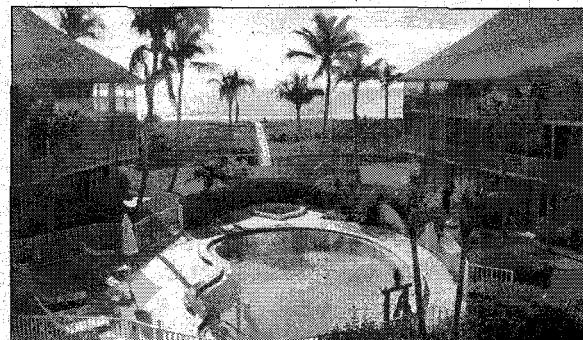
The concert will be in the sanctuary of Covenant Presbyterian Church, which is located at 2439 McGregor Boulevard, just south of the Edison Home. An artists' reception will follow. The Atlantic Brass Quintet will also perform during Covenant's Easter Sunday worship services on April 11 at 8:15, 9:45 and 11 a.m. at Fort Myers High School auditorium behind Lee Memorial Hospital. For more information, visit www.covpcfm.com or call the church office at 334-8937. ☆

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Collecting: Vintage Tins

by Larry Cox

Q: I have two tin containers that are probably from the 1950s. One originally contained Camel cigarettes and the other Mayfair tea. Do you think they have any value?

- Michael, Crossville, TN

A: Advertising collectibles have always been at the forefront of American collectibles. Vintage tins with company slogans and artwork are always in demand. Values depend on both scarcity and demand. A quick check of the Internet revealed hundreds being offered for sale, including a 1936 tin for McCormick's tea, \$75; a one-pound can for Maxwell House coffee, \$30; and a small pail that originally contained Buster Brown peanut butter, \$45. Pat Dowis is the owner of Tin Lizzie's, a shop that specializes in advertising tins. It is located at 6448 Dearborn Drive, Acworth GA 30102. Ed Natale is a serious collector. His address is PO Box 222, Wyckoff NJ 07481.

Q: I have a Hopalong Cassidy radio, which I understand is listed in a price guide for \$700. Where can I sell it?

- Thomas, Champaign, IL

A: Remember that what an item is listed for in a price guide and what it will actually sell for often are two very different amounts. Most of the Hopalong Cassidy radios I've seen marketed have generally sold in the \$250 to \$350 range. For a second and third opinion, you might want to contact two Hoppy collectors, Howard Cherry, 10th Street Antique Mall, 127 South 10th Street, Cambridge OH 43725; and Chris Swain, PO Box 513, Williamsburg MA 01096.

Q: I have five walking sticks that originally belonged to boxing champion Gentleman Jim Corbett. Who can I contact to sell them?

- Herbert, Bayside, NY

A: The Boxiana & Pugilistica Collectors International Group might be a good place to start. Its address is PO Box 83135, Portland OR 97283. Two dealers specializing in boxing memorabilia are Richard Regan, 293 Winter Street, No. 5, Hanover MA 02339; and Bill Pollock, 4267 Fox Hollow Circle, Casselberry FL 32707. The International Boxing Hall of Fame also is a good resource. The address is 1 Hall of Fame Drive, Canastota NY 13032.

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Island Seniors

Coping With Life Challenges

This is the final in a series of free lectures offered to Island Seniors members and the community on challenges many will face. The lecture will be held in the aerobic room with limited seating for 50 people. Island Seniors Center is located at 2401 Library Way. Call 472-5473.

"From Coping To Success!" will be presented Tuesday, April 13, at 2 p.m. by Vicki Ashton. What a better way to finish off the Coping With Life Challenges 2004 than to offer information on how to have success and joy in life. Ashton will present an opportunity for people to choose success and joy in life over just accepting and coping.*

Chiropractic Health News

by Dr. Michael Tollisano, BA, MA, DC, Chiropractor



On Pins And Needles

Paresthesia refers to an abnormal burning or prickling sensation in the hands, arms, legs or feet. Patients also describe the painless sensation as tingling,

numbness, "pins and needles" or itching. Paresthesia can occur whenever pressure is placed on a nerve. The feeling normally disappears with relieved pressure.

The condition can become chronic for those individuals with widespread neurological disease or traumatic nerve damage. A stroke, multiple sclerosis and encephalitis, as well as acci-

dents, can trigger paresthesia. Carpal tunnel from repetitive tasks also can cause the problem.

Paresthesia in upper extremities usually originates from nerves in the neck, while paresthesia in the lower extremities normally comes from nerve problems in the lumbar region or lower back. Chiropractic has long been known to eliminate nerve constrictions in the back and neck. Carpal tunnel also is becoming a chiropractic specialty. If you suffer from loss of feeling in your body, make an appointment as soon as possible with your doctor of chiropractic.*

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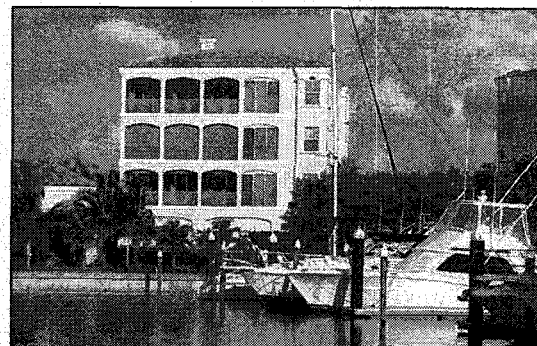
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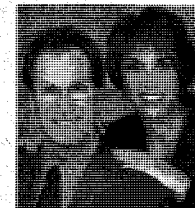
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Checklist For Selecting Summer Child Care

When it's time to select summer care for school-age children, there are many factors to consider. Use this checklist of questions as a guide for ensuring that you and your child have a safe and productive summer. Take time to learn about each summer care program you are considering. Many options exist, including school-based programs, parks and recreation, churches, youth service agencies, family child care homes, specialty camps, child care centers, etc. Make sure your decision is a quality decision for you and your child.

What to look for when selecting a summer camp or program:

- **What are the program's health, safety and nutrition policies and procedures?** Ask about the sign-in/sign-out policies, medication policy, discipline policy, lifeguard certification/water safety policy, field trip and transportation policies, handling of sick children, and missing children policy. Ask if the program follows any established nutritional guidelines. Ask if their policies are in writing and if their facility meets local and state legal requirements.

- **Is staff screened?**

Has the owner/operator/director of

the program been fingerprinted through the FBI as required by law? Has the camp, although not required by law, conducted a check of local law enforcement records or a statewide criminal correspondence check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for all staff? What additional screening methods does the program employ?

- **What is the staff/child ratio and group size of the program?**

Florida's maximum staff-to-child ratio for school-age children is one to 25. National quality standards recommend between one to eight and one to 15 for children age five to teens, and group sizes no larger than 30.

- **Is staff well-trained?**

Ask about staff experience and education in early childhood/school-age care, recreation, serving children with special needs, CPR/First Aid/Life guarding and if appropriately licensed when transporting children.

- **Is the program licensed or accredited?**

Summer programs are not required to be licensed or accredited. Licensure and accreditation ensure that basic health and safety standards are met. Accreditation often requires additional quality standards.

- **Are parents welcome to visit at all times? Are family activities offered?**

Programs should be accessible and welcoming to parents and families at all times.

- **Is there a daily lesson plan?**

Ask to review a typical lesson plan. Quality programs provide more than con-

tinuous free play. Plans should be consistent with the philosophy of the program and should include indoor, outdoor, quiet, active, staff-planned, child-initiated and free choice activities.

- **Is the facility space adequate for the number of children enrolled?**

Is there enough room for all program activities? Outdoor programs should include indoor or sheltered areas for resting, respite from the sun and for bad weather days.

- **What are the hours of operation, fees and payment procedures?**

Do drop off and pick up hours and procedures ensure that your child is receiving proper adult supervision? Are there fees for enrollment, special activities, late payments or late pickups?

For information on summer care options in your area, contact your local child care resource and referral agency. ✪

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance S. Clancy, Ed.D.



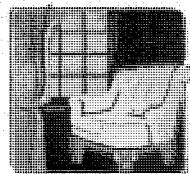
Q: I have a 38-year-old unemployed son who lives with me along with his 12-year-old son. I feel that they both are disrespectful towards me, and they use unacceptable language in front of me. I tell him that he is a role

model for his own son, and he should watch the way he behaves and talks to me. He just explodes when I tell him. How should I handle this?

A: Your son is an adult who is acting like an immature child in front of you and his son. While you cannot control the way your son and grandson behave, you can control your own tolerance level and assert yourself to stand up for your beliefs. It would behoove you to let him know how you feel and that if his behavior continues to be disrespectful that you will ask him to leave because you have a right to be treated with dignity and respect. It is very important that you follow through with your intentions and with what you say so he knows that you mean it. He needs to behave more mature and move to the next level of appropriate communication with you and his son. ✪

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Dear Pharmacist

by Suzy Cohen, RPH



Dear Pharmacist: You mentioned flaxseed in a previous column, but you didn't elaborate on why it's so good. I have irritable bowel syndrome and polyps in my colon. My chiropractor says I need flaxseed to prevent colon cancer. How does it work?

- P.L., Sanibel, FL

A: Because you have polyps, you are at higher risk for developing colon cancer. Flaxseeds are thought to have a protective effect against cancer, particularly cancer of the colon. There are several reasons why.

First of all, the fiber and mucilage in flaxseed (and flaxseed oil) help cleanse the colon of waste products and toxins. Think of it as a natural, gentle laxative. Flax fiber is also a good food source for the friendly bacteria in your colon, which keeps bad organisms in check.

Secondly, flaxseeds, particularly ground flaxseeds, are high in a substance called lignans. Lignans are known for their ability to ward off viral, bacterial and fungal infections. They are also potent anticancer substances.

Also, flaxseeds are a rich source of alpha linolenic acid, which provides the body with essential omega 3 and 6 fatty acids. There is a lot of documentation to

support the idea that essential fatty acids reduce your risk for certain types of cancer.

Flaxseed is excellent for people who suffer with bowel problems such as constipation or diarrhea. The flaxseed moves through the digestive tract quickly and, because it is a fiber, results in normal, softer stools. It is important to drink water directly after consuming flaxseed, since the substance can absorb about a dozen times its weight in liquid.

Flaxseeds are also rich in other minerals, vitamins and protein. The best way to get flaxseed benefits is to crush up the seeds and sprinkle them on your favorite foods. Some people use the oil, but the shelf life isn't very long and you lose the benefits of the fiber content.

Ladies, a plant-derived estrogen is found in flaxseeds. This added benefit may lessen hot flashes, anxiety and irritability associated with menopause. The type of estrogen in flaxseeds does not promote breast cancer and, in fact, may even reduce your risk of it.

Sprinkle more of the little ground up seeds in your food. They might stabilize levels of blood sugar and cholesterol while improving heart health and digestion.

Q: I have been taking alprazolam to help me deal with life's stresses, but I think it is making me worse. Is this possible?

- H.C., Sacramento, Calif.

A: Yes, daytime anxiety can worsen with sedatives that are used to treat the condition. It's strange and it's rare, but possible with alprazolam (also triazolam). It can happen within 10 days continuous use. Speak to your doctor about alternatives.

Did You Know?

The United States just approved the first test for HIV that uses human saliva. OraSure Technologies Inc. has developed this easy-to-use test, which is 99 percent accurate and provides results within 20 minutes. However, there are no current plans to sell it over the counter.✱

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Always consult your physician. Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist. You can contact her by visiting www.dearpharmacist.com. © 2004 Dear Pharmacist, Inc.

WalkAmerica Set For April 17

Saturday, April 17 is the date for nearly 2,000 walkers to participate in WalkAmerica at Centennial Park. WalkAmerica is the oldest fund raising walk in the United States and the premier event for raising funds to support March of Dimes programs and research to save babies from birth defects, prematurity and infant mortality. Registration at Centennial Park begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by a light breakfast for all the walkers. The six-mile walk through beautiful Fort Myers neighborhoods begins at 8:30 a.m. Walkers are treated to lunch and entertainment back at the park after the walk.

A host of walk teams have been raising funds through friends, neighbors and colleagues to try to reach this year's Lee County goal of \$250,000. Just a few of

the corporate teams that have been working extra hard this year include Publix Supermarkets, Lee Memorial Health System, ABC-7, Gator Country 101.9 FM, Groov'n 102.9 FM and JC Penney, as well as many banks, including Wachovia, SunTrust, Bank of America and numerous local schools, clubs and organizations.

The March of Dimes reports that the latest statistics show prematurity rates have reached a record high. Nationwide and in Florida the rate of premature births jumped 13 percent between 1992 and 2002. Premature birth is now the most common, serious and costly infant health problem facing our nation. Funds raised by WalkAmerica across the country will be used to support research into the causes of prematurity.

A new feature at the walk this year will be a "Prematurity Information Tent" where walk participants can learn all about this national healthcare crisis and take materials with them to share with family and friends. For more information about participating in WalkAmerica Lee County, contact the March of Dimes at 433-3463.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health organization whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing low birthweight, birth defects and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies. Visit the March of Dimes Web site at www.marchofdimes.com, or its Spanish web site at www.nacersano.org.✱

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by Lizzie and Pryce

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Dear Mom & Me,

My father was the manager of a home siding company. He worked until he was 75, and then the company thought it was too much for a man of his age to still be working. That was 20 years ago, and he is still going strong!

My mother died, but he still maintains his own home. Last year he wanted his house re-sided and he told the company he wanted to be one of the installers; they said, "no way".

What they didn't know was that Dad each evening when they left would go up on a ladder, even to the highest point to check their work.

What did this man do to get all of this energy, because I would like to know?

- Keith



Dear Keith,

First of all, your father probably chose the right parents, and maybe you have also. He grew up in a simpler time, people were not exposed to so much air pollution,

food preservatives and the aftermath of food processing. He ate foods in season and grown locally. While he didn't have the advantage of modern medicine, he probably stayed in the area where he lived and was not exposed to so many viruses from other countries. He didn't have the stresses of modern life and his immune system was able to cope. At his work he probably walked a great deal and strengthened his bones, muscles, etc., rather than sitting at a desk all day long. Last, but not the most important, he was very lucky and had a job he enjoyed and every day was a rewarding challenge.

Your mother may have helped him by having a home full of love and compassion. I hope you can have the same.

- Lizzie



Dear Keith,

Also, as cars are meant to drive and not sit in the driveway, humans are meant to

work in productive activity. We learn in younger years to work toward a goal, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with two to four weeks vacation.

When we retire the leisure time is OK for a while, but after a while it is boring and unhealthy. To keep cognitively alert and emotionally sound, it is important to stay involved in life - whether it is re-siding a house, volunteering, working part time or developing hobbies and interests. Do not just sit and become a couch potato.

- Pryce

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

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As part of its National Vision Awareness Campaign, The Jewish Guild for the Blind is offering a new version of its brochure for people who want to learn more about the correct way to interact with a blind or visually impaired person. Entitled "Assisting People with Vision Loss," it is designed to help sighted people understand how best to assist family, friends, colleagues or strangers who may be blind or visually impaired, on the street, at work and in the home.

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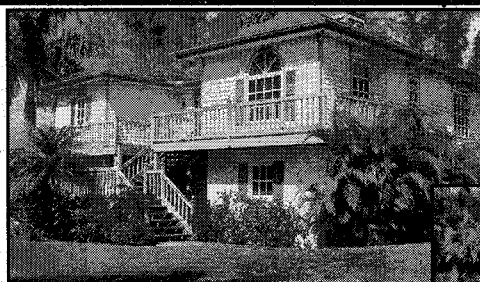
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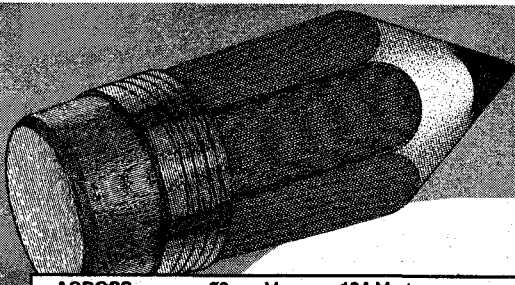
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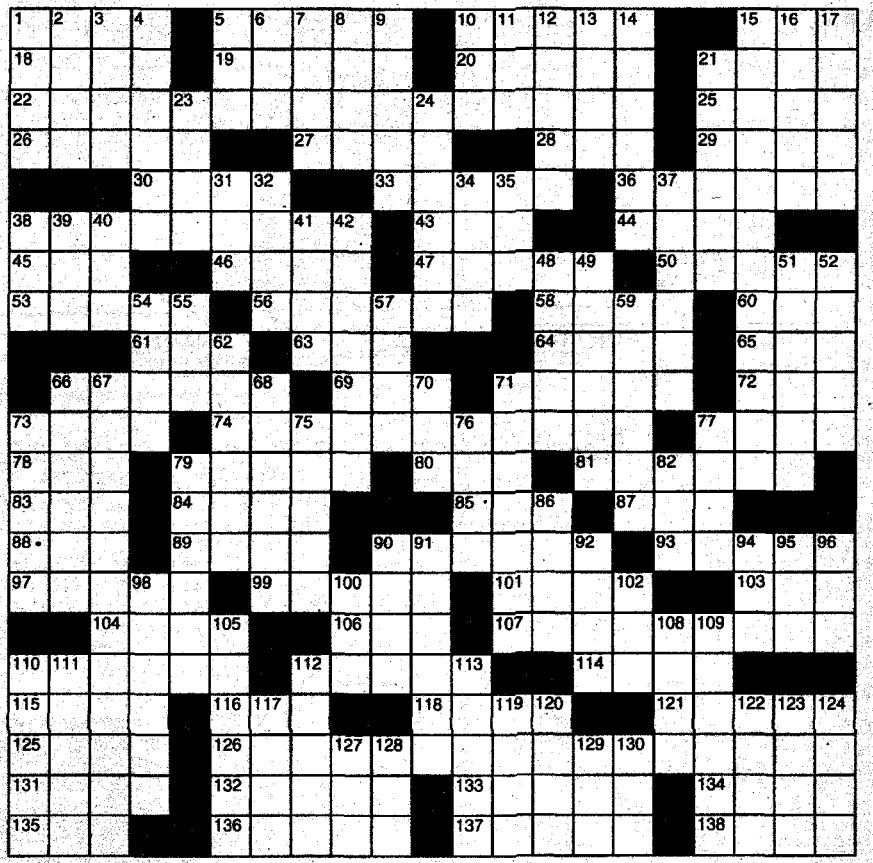
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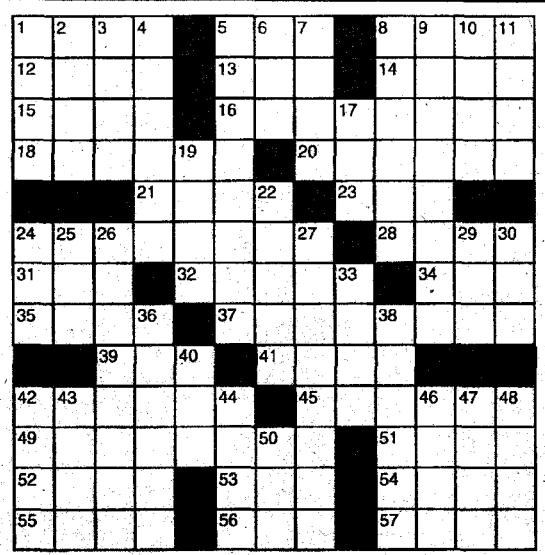
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 - 33 Hook's henchman
 - 36 Cavorted
 - 38 Walking on air
 - 40 Halloween shout
 - 42 Answers, on "Jeopardy!"
 - 43 Waikiki wingding
 - 44 Half (Pref.)
 - 46 TV chef Moulton
 - 47 Egress
 - 48 Partake at a banquet
 - 50 Affirmative action

A MAN AT THE END

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

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

- Airman
- Corpsman
- German
- Statesman
- Anchorman
- Fireman
- Gunman
- Woman
- Chairman
- Foreman
- Human
- Woodsman
- Clergyman
- Freshman
- Roman

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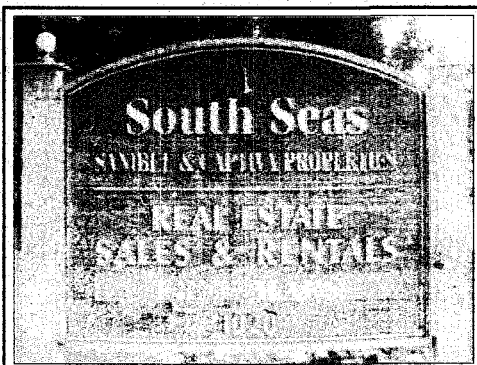


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