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County Offers To Drop Suit Against Sanibel

by Camille Kucaba

Meeting in executive session Tuesday, the Board of Lee County Commissioners unanimously agreed to drop its lawsuit against Sanibel if the city hands over its share of toll revenues from the causeway.

According to a county spokesperson, if Sanibel drops its lawsuit, Lee County will drop its counter claim. The deal is contingent upon the city dedicating its 21 percent share of surplus toll money to help reduce the higher causeway tolls that went into effect November 1.

The county currently has pledged its 79 percent share of tolls to rebuild the three Sanibel bridges and the toll plaza at a cost of over \$120 million.

Sanibel Mayor Marty Harranty Tuesday called the attempt at a settlement a good thing.

"It's good that we agreed to drop our lawsuit and the county agreed to drop the countersuit; all the specifics... that needs to be worked out in negotiations. But we're certainly headed in the right direction toward getting this resolved," he said.

According to Harranty, his first question to the county would be: "if we did (turn over the toll revenue), how much will the toll go down?"

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Schoolhouse Celebration At The Village

Former students and the public are invited to the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum on Wednesday, December 29, between 7:30 and 9 a.m. to celebrate the arrival of the Old Schoolhouse building at the Village. Coffee, donuts and wonderful stories will be served up by the museum docents. The Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Call 472-4648 for more information.✧

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Suit

"From my perspective, I think the opportunity to sit down and work things out, hash (things) out, is a good thing... anything we can do to work together... it's gotta be a win-win" situation.

Harrity expects the Sanibel City Council to hold a shade session January 4 to discuss the county's offer. Lee County has asked the city to respond prior to January 11.

The BOCC resolution follows:

Lee County Resolution No. 04-12-28 - A Resolution of Lee County addressing matters relating to certain litigation between the City of Sanibel and Lee County; providing for settlement terms; providing for length offer; providing for an effective date.

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is the governing body in and for Lee County, a political subdivision and charter county of the State of Florida; and,

Whereas, Lee County and the City of Sanibel are presently engaged in litigation concerning matters involving the development of the Sanibel Bridges and Causeway and provisions of that certain Interlocal Agreement between the Parties for such development and the disposition of Surplus County Toll Revenues; and,

Whereas, the Board finds that it serves a public purpose and is in the public's interest to make this offer of settlement for the purpose of resolving outstanding differences between Lee County and the City over the construction of the new County Bridges and Causeway to Sanibel, and the disposition of Surplus Toll Revenues provided to the City of Sanibel by the County under the terms of the 1987 Interlocal Agreement between the Parties, as amended.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The above recitations are hereby found to be true and accurate and are incorporated herein as if set out at length in this paragraph.

2. The Board of County Commissioners is willing to enter into a Stipulated Settlement Agreement with the City in Case No. 04-135 CA-H under the following circumstances:

a) The City will dismiss all of its claims and its lawsuit as named above with prejudice, along with any rights to appeal, with Sanibel bearing its own costs.

b) The City will also dismiss its Writ of Mandamus against the County's Clerk (Case No. 04-CA-004583) with prejudice, along with any rights to appeal, with Sanibel bearing its own costs.

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Polar Bear Club Meeting



The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the National Polar Bear Club will be holding its fourth annual meeting on New Year's Day at noon at Tarpon Bay Beach at the south gulf end of Tarpon Bay Road and

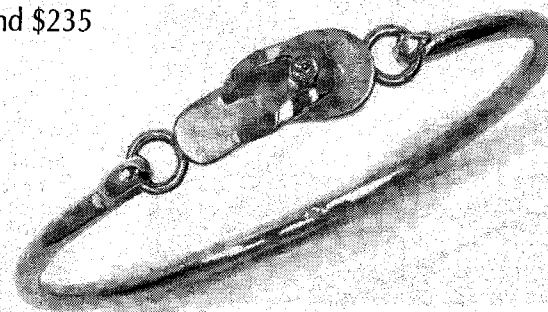
West Gulf Drive. Parking is available in the city lot on Tarpon Bay Road. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call John Carney at 395-1767.*

Call Home Project

The Combat Infantrymen's Association of Southwest Florida is requesting help for their Call For Home Project we need help from the families in Southwest Florida who have a member of their family in the military service in Afghanistan or Iraq in the War On Terrorism. We shall send each a phone card to enable them to call their loved ones at here at home. Please mail the entire address to Combat Infantrymen's Association., Daniel R. Sankoff Adjutant, 236 Danby Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936-7531 or e/mail to SilverFoxx236@aol.com (Call Home Project).

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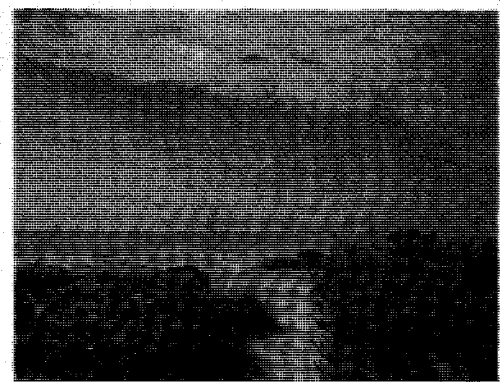
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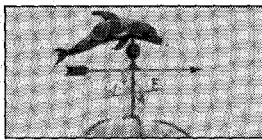
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INSIDE CITY HALL

What's Wrong With This Picture?

By Jim George

As island residents and visitors approach the beginning of the first full year of the new toll structure and construction of new bridges for the Sanibel Causeway, the Millau Bridge in southern France opened two weeks ago as a north/south link between Paris and the Mediterranean. Even though the bridge is halfway around the world, the temptation to compare is overwhelming.

	Millau Bridge	Sanibel Bridges
Cost	\$523 million	\$114 million
Height	891 feet (Higher than the Eiffel Tower)	70 feet (Span A)
Length	1.6 miles	1 mile (bridges only)
Toll	\$6.50 winter \$8.60 summer	\$6 all year
Owner	Eiffage SA (private company)	Lee County
Spans the	Tarn River Valley	Pine Island Sound
Traffic	28,000 daily (summer)	9,000 cars daily average
Assessment	Work of Art	Plain Vanilla

The Millau Bridge, which was characterized as a "design marvel," took just three years to construct and, in fact, was completed ahead of schedule. At more than five times the construction cost of the three Sanibel bridges, the new Millau Bridge will cost motorists only 50 cents more than what visitors to Sanibel pay to use the causeway bridges.

American visitors may be disappointed to learn that San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge doesn't equal this towering piece of art.

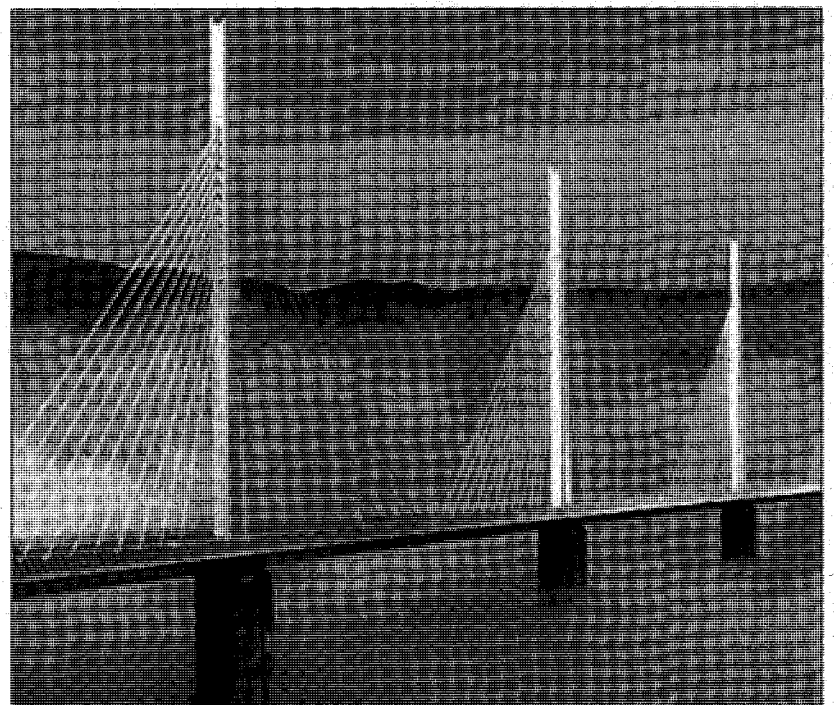
Already, as many as 500,000 visitors have come to stare at this wonder of the world from panoramic sites in the mountains.

It was described by one publication as "towering above the gray rocks and primeval trees that line this lazy river stretches a state-of-the-art symbol of modern architecture, its seven staggering pillars piercing the valley mist."

If tolls are based on the cost of the bridge and the Millau Bridge toll is \$6.50, that would extrapolate to a toll of about \$1.30 for the \$114 million Sanibel project. What's wrong with this picture?*



New Sanibel bridge design - Span A

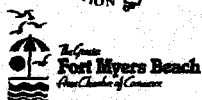


Millau Bridge in France



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A Commentary From The Mayor's Desk

As your mayor, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year. (What a year it has been!)

It's that time of year when we sit back and reflect on all of the events of the past year. I think we've had a great one. Even major hurricanes could not destroy the will and determination of the people on this island. We waited until the wind stopped blowing and the rain stopped falling and went to work restoring our beautiful island. Thanks to all who lent a helping hand! We wouldn't be where we are today if we hadn't worked together as a team.

I'm looking forward to the re-vegetation plan that the city is currently evaluating for Periwinkle Way, Palm Ridge and Tarpon Bay roads. There is no doubt in my mind that in the years to come these roads will be more beautiful than ever. It's just a time issue. So, for awhile it will just be a little bit sunnier on Sanibel.



Mayor Marty Harity

I don't think I have to tell you that I'm glad that a super majority voted to drop the lawsuit over the bridge. The bridge construction can now move forward and I'm optimistic that we will be able to work with the county commissioners in an effort to lower the tolls in the near future. I hope that the handful of people who continue to promote negative information will eventually put their efforts toward constructive, not destructive rhetoric.

We all decided that we wanted to be a part of the Sanibel experience. Some of us are fortunate to live here full time, some only seasonally, but the common bond with all of us is our desire to preserve our sanctuary island and live in harmony with one another and nature.

I'm looking forward to the challenges in the years ahead and I'm confident that with your continued support Sanibel will continue to be our little piece of paradise.

Happy Holidays,
Mayor Marty Harity*

VanasseDaylor Top Ranked Firm For Restoration

by Camille Kucaba

VanasseDaylor of Fort Myers is the firm expected to conduct the Periwinkle Way Corridor restoration project on Sanibel.

VanasseDaylor was ranked by the city's staff review team as "the most highly qualified" of the five "short listed" compa-

nies that submitted proposals last week.

With the city manager's concurrence, the recommendation will be presented to City Council for consideration and approval. The next step is negotiating a contract, which will determine the scope of services to be performed and the approach to take, according to Acting Planning Director Ken Pflazer.

The review team was comprised of Pflazer and Jennifer Flavin of the Planning Department; Rob Loflin and James Evans of the Department of Natural Resources; Chief Bill Tomlinson and Major Michael Murray of the Sanibel Police Department; and Gates Castle, director of the Public Works Department.

City Council holds its first meeting of the new year on January 4.

In its presentation last week, VanasseDaylor said the restoration project objective is to "build community consensus on a plan to replace the cathedral like canopy of the Periwinkle Way corridor which was a significant feature of the island, with a more sustainable, safe, compatible and complementary landscape."

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Sanibel City Council

Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road; phone 472-3700. All meetings are open to the public.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Complete Council agendas are available at the City Web site:
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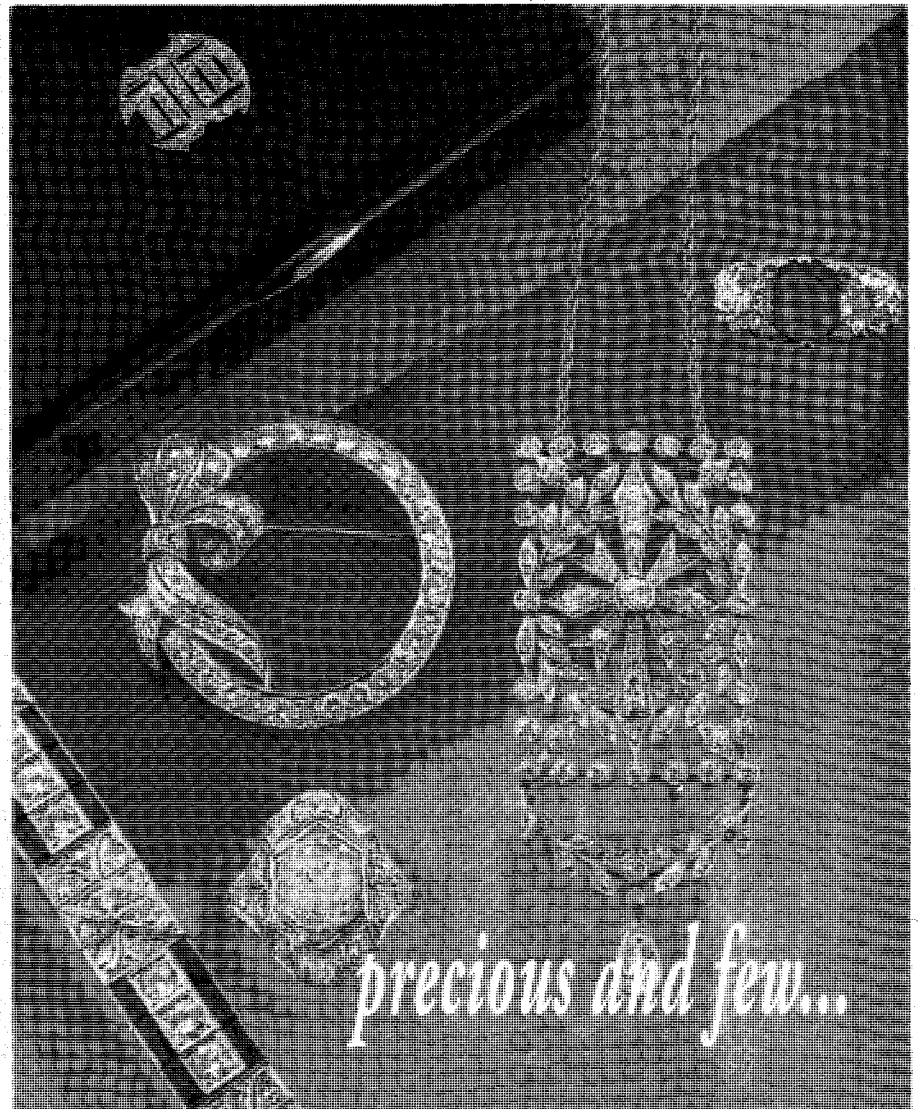
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Sanibel Plan Update - The End Of A Chapter

by Carla Brooks Johnston,
Chair, Sanibel Planning Commission

On December 28, 9 a.m., the Planning Commission completes its Evaluation and Appraisal (EAR) recommendations for updating the Sanibel Plan. Commissioners have heard months of citizen comments and debated many issues. Now we send our recommendations to City Council. Our recommendations uphold the existing Sanibel Plan hierarchy of values: most important, preserving the natural systems; second, providing for a human community; and third, providing an attraction for visitors.

The EAR will highlight many items, including the following: 1) the urgency of protecting our beaches from the increased human traffic resulting from Lee County population growth; 2) the importance of finding improvements for peak hour, peak season off-island traffic that are consistent with preserving the ambiance of our sanctuary island; 3) guidelines for build-back and for the redevelopment study. No modification should be made to island height restrictions other than allowing listed properties to elevate the amount necessary to meet flood regulations and not lose existing dwelling units. The objective is to reduce exist-

ing building code non-conformity while allowing build-back, redevelopment and modernization that does not reduce or increase the number of units on a given property; 4) the need for the Periwinkle Corridor restoration to operate within guidelines that maintain our small town ambiance. It is very important to keep our two-lane Periwinkle; 5) the importance to the island of supporting community based businesses; 6) creating a series of trails through conservation lands for non-motorized use; 7) the importance of community compatibility with aesthetically attractive neighborhoods where different structures can co-exist and historic roadways be preserved.

Once Council receives the EAR on January 6, this chapter for the Planning Commission ends. Three new members replace current Commissioners on January 11. A new chair is elected on January 11. Bruce Rogers, staff director, retires on January 8. This commentary is the last one I'll write in this series.

While state law says it is the Commission that is responsible for sending this document to Council, we could never have completed the task without the work of Planning Department staff. We thank them.

The 2004 Planning Commission is grateful for the public input. You are the property owners and residents who have chosen Sanibel and you determine its future. In 2005 you have an even bigger job. Vigilance is what makes democracy work - what keeps Sanibel Sanibel. Now, more than ever, you need to monitor and participate as your government makes decisions that will affect us all.

Communities do change. Think about places you remember. What were they like 30 years ago? What are they like today? When has the change been an improvement? When has change destroyed the character of a place? What would Sanibel be like if decisions made by the county and the city resulted in a four-lane Periwinkle and there was more traffic rather than less? What would Sanibel be like if there were high-rise resorts on the beach to replace our attractive condo communities and hotel/motel accommodations and if there were fewer shore birds and dolphins? Whether or not this island becomes another Fort Myers Beach depends on decisions made by the majority vote of County Commissioners, City Council members, and Planning Commissioners in conjunction with their staffs.

Many factors influence these decisions. Does an official value maintaining a human community in harmony with natural systems as a formula for long-term profits (a rich environment and long-term financial prosperity)? Or, does he/she care only about quick development for short-term profits for a few? Does an official say one thing and do the opposite? Or, are some officials so scattered and busy that there's not time to think about the big picture - the value of a comprehensive land use plan?

In the months ahead the Council, the state and the new Planning Commission will all decide whether they approve our EAR recommendations. Please, go to the meetings or send your views if you want your opinions to matter. Write sanplan@ci.sanibel.fl.us and sanadmin@ci.sanibel.fl.us.

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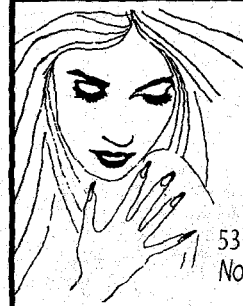
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Billy's Rentals Donates Bikes To United Way



Billy Kirkland (second from left) and his holiday helpers

by Brian Johnson

Billy's Rentals made two deliveries this past week to provide children and families with bicycles as Christmas gifts during the holidays.

The first stop was United Way on December 15, where owner Billy Kirkland donated 102 bikes. On December 17 he made a trip to The Sanibel School to give away eight bikes.

"We wanted the kids to get them before they left for Christmas break," said Kirkland, who has operated Billy's Rentals on Periwinkle Way for the past five years. "A lot of families are hurting. It's nice for us to be able to do something for them."

Kirkland donates bikes to charitable Southwest Florida organizations each year. In

the past he has supplied bikes to Sanibel's Community Housing and Resources, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, and to the externs at CROW, among others.

At the end of December Kirkland is opening a new store called Billy's Bikes, right across the street from Billy's Rentals. The new shop will sell and repair bicycles. He is also starting a tour of the island on Segways, a bike specially designed to assist mobility.

Kirkland said business is down about 40 percent, but that customers have been pleased that the island is looking so good in the aftermath of the summer hurricanes.

"The customers have been supportive," he said. "They're happy to see we're open. They want their vacation experience to be the same as in years past." ☆

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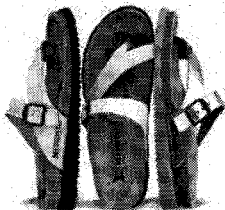
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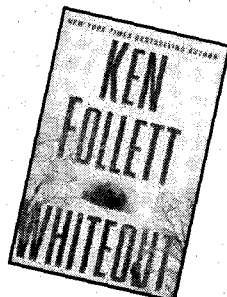


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Tom Louwers accepts donated gifts from Rob Lisenbee and Pat VanAlstyne of Bank of the Islands Club and Friends Who Care to ensure all island kids have gifts on Christmas morning," said Bank of the Islands President Robbie Roepstorff. "Families in our community can sometimes use this extra help during the holidays."

Bank of the Islands announced that it collected dozens of toys and other gifts from customers and neighbors to be distributed to some of our islands' most deserving children.

"We are so pleased to partner with The Sanibel School, the Future Educators

Bank of the Islands was also proud to make presents available to the Brightest Horizons Mission and Child Development Center, serving the needs of families in the Harlem Heights community.✱



Ringling For Salvation Army

Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron members Lois Perlowski and Dee Roberts have taken over the Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringing duties from Lions Club member Hugh Cameron. The two ladies have been a Christmastime Sunday afternoon tradition at Bailey's Supermarket for several years, and are affectionately known as the "Ding Dong Girls."

The girls have a following of friends who will only make Salvation Army donations in their kettles.✱

Legion Hosts Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary will host a meatloaf dinner Tuesday, January 4, from 5 to 9 p.m. The meal includes vegetables, mashed potatoes and gravy and a brownie. The cost is \$7 a plate. All proceeds benefit the Child Welfare Foundation. The public is welcome.

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Women's Guild Brings Holiday Cheer To Children

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A special thank you to all the associates of Coldwell Banker and the St. Isabel parishioners who helped make this holiday party a huge success. Over 200 children received Christmas gifts this year. ❄

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Bicycle Club Helps Clean Up San-Cap

On December 11, the Sanibel Bicycle Club, in conjunction with the Keep Sanibel Litter Free Committee and the City of Sanibel, cleaned up the litter on San-Cap Road. Sixteen members of the club braved strong winds, sandspurs, poison ivy and fire ants to fill 20 large black garbage bags with trash, which the Public Works Department collected at the end. Unlike the trash picked up on previous clean-up days, the post-hurricane litter included construction materials and assorted junk. As the tree removal is completed on the island, more areas will be ready for a clean-up.

The Sanibel Bicycle Club will hold its third annual Shared Use Path Clean-up Day on Friday morning, January 14. For details, call the club's vice president, Bob Lynd, at 472-2905.

In the meantime, residents are encouraged to pick up litter in front of their properties and along the paths, beaches and roads that they frequent. Sanibel's Adopt-A-Road program is also looking for people to adopt an area for pick-up on an ongoing basis. With community involvement, the island will be back to its pre-hurricane condition in no time. ✨



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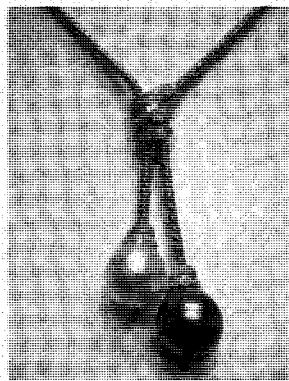
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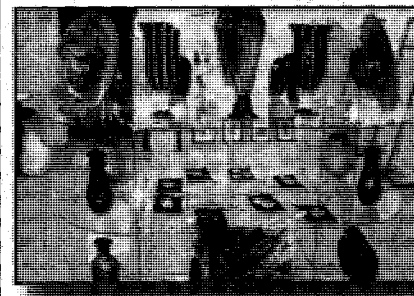


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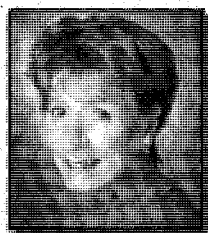
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Santa Visits Sanibel Island



Santa pays a visit to SunTrust bank

by Brian Johnson

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, Sanibel Island has received numerous visits from Santa.

They started on Luminary Night at Periwinkle Place when island children sat on Santa's lap.

On the afternoon of December 14, Santa swung by SunTrust to give holiday greetings to local children and bank customers.

Dianne Simmons of SunTrust said,



Vania Banks and Amy Cook served up free drinks at Bailey's

"We're pleased Santa came to check on Sanibel. We're happy to report he said everything looked good when he flew over!"

On December 18, Santa visited Bailey's General Store, where customers enjoyed an informal holiday party of free food samples and beverages.

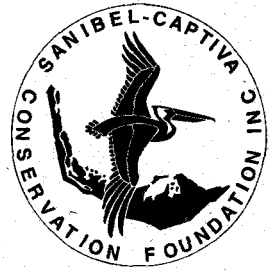
"It was pretty cool - we had a nice turnout," said Bailey's employee Amy Cook. ❄️

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Dance music by the Vince Evans Quartet will continue until 1 a.m. Vince, the bassist, is joined by Ron Beaver on piano, Jim Blakemore on drums and Sal Spazzo on trumpet. You may recognize them from Ellington's Jazz Club.

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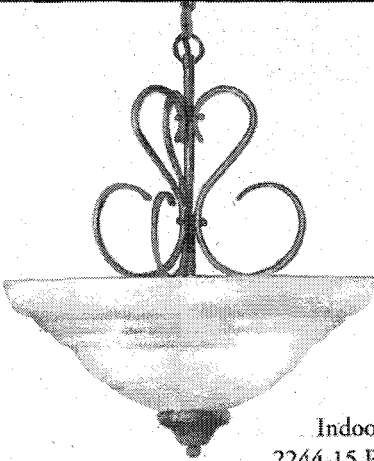
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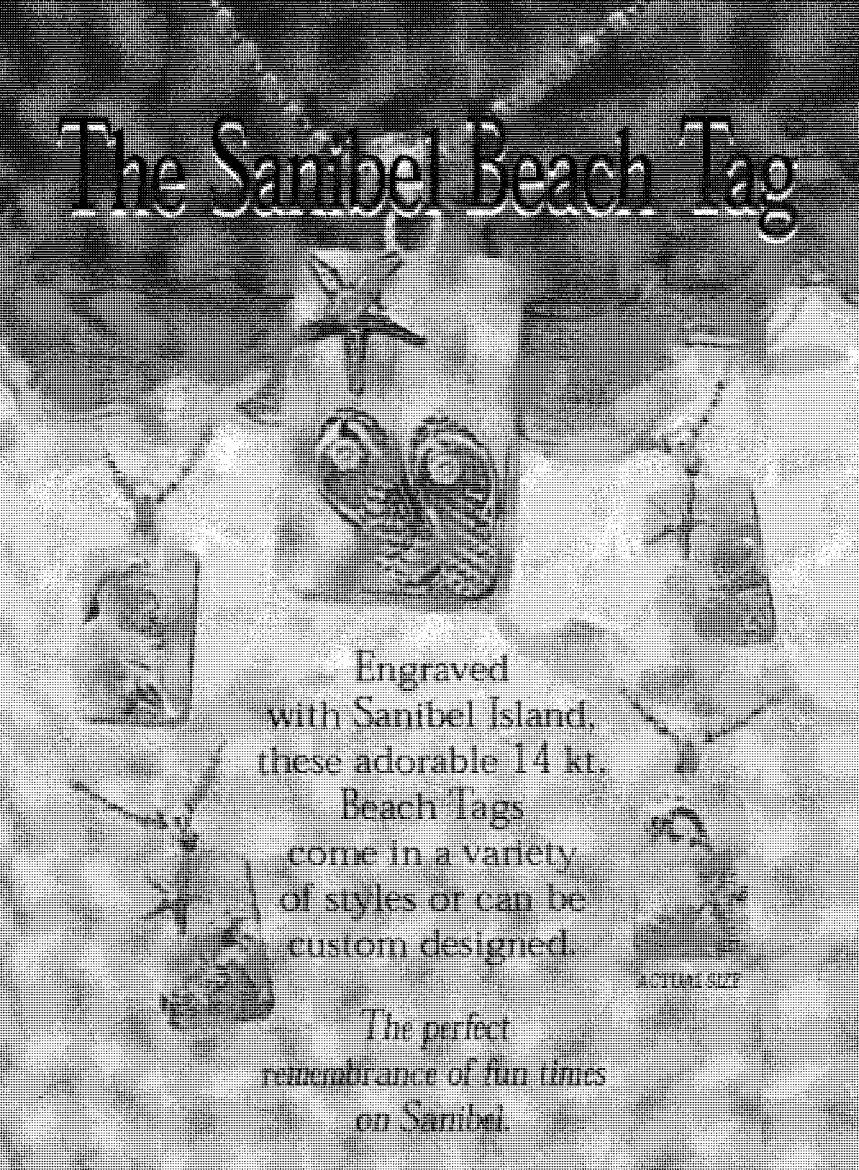
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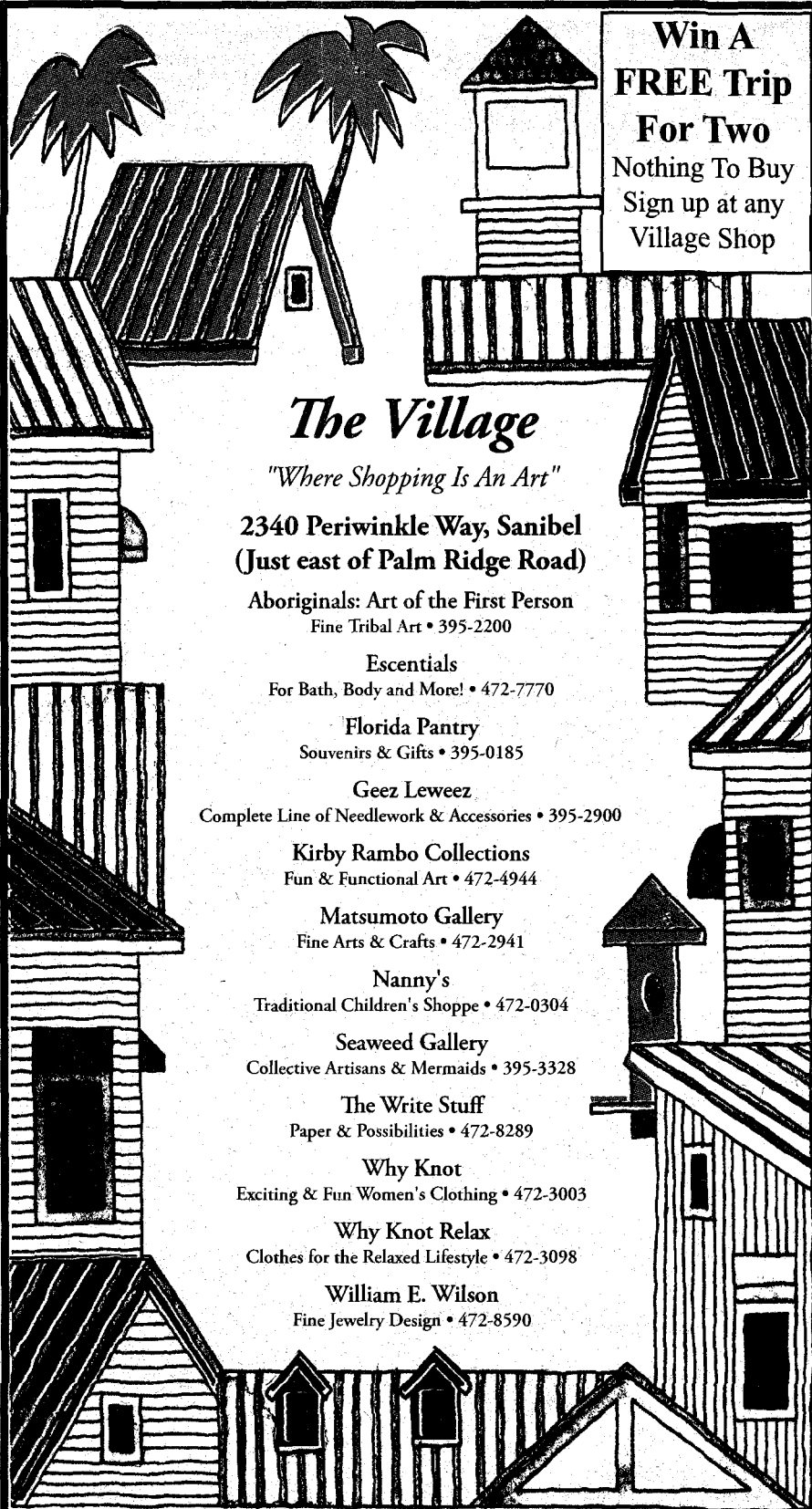
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Christmas Communion, 11 p.m.
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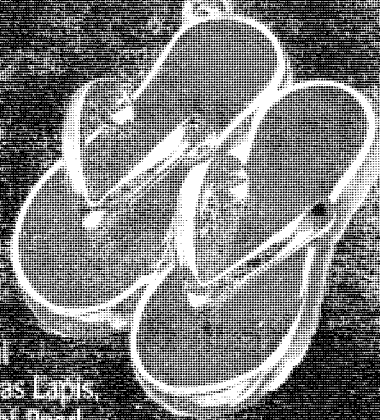
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Doctor Ran Niehoff will present a 45-minute nondenominational rendition of the Christ Child's birth, aided by sound effects from the audience, the sound of a twinkling star, the breeze and more. As darkness falls across the beach, each worshiper will light a candle to celebrate the arrival of the Holy Night.

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Christmas Eve Church Service

At 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve, a service will be held at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The service will include the Christmas story and carol singing. Following *O Holy Night*, the lights will be dimmed and the service will end with the singing of *Silent Night* by candlelight.

For further information, call the church at 472-0497.✳

Last Flight Out

You are invited to attend the film showing of *Last Flight Out*, an exciting, family film from World Wide Pictures, the Billy Graham film ministry.

The story is a true to life story about the daring rescue of a U.S. missionary caught in a Colombian drug war. It is a gripping story which demonstrates how Jesus Christ can have an impact on our lives. *Last Flight Out* will be shown Sunday, January 2 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Sanibel Community Church, so mark your calendars. This is

a must-see film for the entire family. Free to all.

For questions please call the church office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 472-2684.✳

Unitarian Meeting Rescheduled

The Unitarian Universalists of the Islands' meeting has been rescheduled. Dr. Bruce Diamond will speak on January 16; there will be no program January 2.✳

Pilates Classes At Senior Center

The Island Senior Center is happy to have Marsha Wagner teaching pilates classes twice a week. Wagner is well known to this area as an instructor of this distinctive form of exercise. The classes are on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Tuesday class is for the more-experienced student. The Thursday class is for all levels. Bring your own mat; reservations are not required. Each class is \$10 and is open to the public. The center is located at the corner of Palm Ridge Road at Library Way. For more information, call 472-5743.✳

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The Island Senior Center is offering yoga classes twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 11:15 a.m.

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Bring a towel or mat for class. Discounted fees for members of the Senior Center are \$10 per class; the fee for nonmembers is \$12.

Reservations are not required. The Senior Center phone is 472-5743. For more information, call Dr. Pataky at 466-1558.✳

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Friday, December 24

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Zonta Presents \$15,000 In Grants

Wrapping up another successful year, the Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva has dispensed \$15,000 in grants and funds to support its mission of improving the status of women both locally and globally.

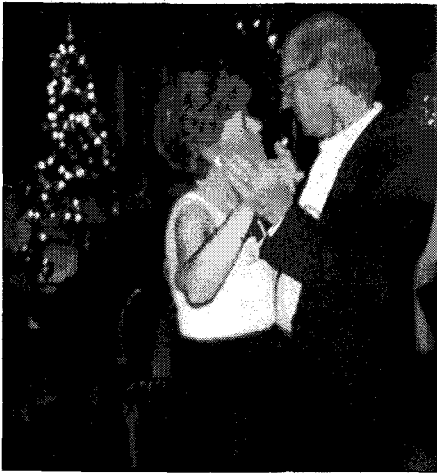
At the club's annual holiday party at Ellington's on December 16, before a crowd of nearly 70 Zonta members and their guests, President Darla Letourneau presented checks for \$2,500 each to two organizations selected by club members for special assistance this year: Making It On Purpose, which operates under the auspices of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Fort Myers, providing emotional and practical support for young women transitioning out of foster care; and the Transitional Living Center (TLC) at Southwest Florida Addiction Services, also in Fort Myers, which provides education and support for women in recovery from addiction. The recipients also took home gaily-wrapped holiday gift packages for the program participants.

In addition to financial support and seasonal gifts, Zonta members offer on a volunteer basis mentoring, training in social, practical and job-seeking skills, collections of clothing and household goods and (for the young women) social outings.

Also, checks for \$2,500 each have been forwarded to Partners for Breast Cancer Care, a Fort Myers-based organization that provides mammograms and other diagnostic procedures for low-income women, and to Planned



Zonta President Darla Letourneau with Judi Woods, founder and CEO of Making It On Purpose, and Rosemary Boisvert and Linda Peterson of the TLC administrative staff



Sue and Mick Denham enjoying the wonderful music



Membership Chairperson Ginger Parker welcoming members, guests and the grant recipients

port, both locally and internationally.

The Zonta Club is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. Additional information is available at www.zontasancap.com or by calling Ginger Parker at 466-5100.

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Bob Lynd being accosted by Ethel Sinow and Nancy Lynd

**Bicycle Club
Christmas Potluck**

The Annual Bicycle Club Christmas Party Potluck was held at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall on December 13.

Santa Clause (Bob Lynd, vice president of the Bicycle Club) was accosted by Ethel Sinow and Nancy Lynd asking for special gifts, followed by Mae West (Faye Granberry) vamping him with *Santa Baby*.

The evening ended with a rousing Sanibel version of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, including a pelican in a palm tree and five alligators led by Fred and Marg Nordstrom. ❄

OBITUARY

**PHYLLIS LITTLE MASON
"The Shell Lady"**

Phyllis Little Mason, 91, died suddenly December 16, 2004 at her home in West Chatham, MA.

Mrs. Mason was born in Swampscott, MA on November 30, 1913. Her parents were Amos Rogers Little and Edna Muriel (Hilburn) Little of Boston, MA. She was married for 40 years to John Andrew Mason, who died in 1981. They lived in West Hartford, CT and Avon, CT from 1945 until 1978. Together, they enjoyed summers at their West Chatham cottage since 1940. In 1954, they bought and restored an antique cape half-house on Oyster River. They became full time residents of Chatham in 1978.

Mrs. Mason was educated at Havergal College in Montreal, Quebec and received her registered nurse degree from Faulkner Hospital in Boston in 1941. Among her many occupations and pastimes were artist, nurse, mother, faculty wife (at Trinity College, Hartford, CT), dog breeder, shell collector, Rear Commodore (of the Stage Harbor Yacht Club, Chatham, MA), fisherman, horseback rider, naturalist, world traveler and boatsman. In 1987, at age 74, she entered the

local Miss Eelgrass Beauty Contest – and won – for her "experience!" Thereafter, she was commonly known in Chatham as "Grandma Eelgrass." She ran her four powerboats – the *Twitchit*, *Spindrift*, *Spindrift H*, and *Limulus Polyphemus* – for over 40 years and loved fishing the rips of Monomoy.

For many years Mrs. Mason was a winter resident of Captiva Island where she loved to collect shells and make creative art. Her original design mirrors and whimsical shell creations delighted many and routinely won blue ribbons at the annual Sanibel/Captiva Shell Club show.

Survivors include her three sons: John A. Mason, Jr. of Edwardsville, PA; Nicholas B. Mason of Simsbury, CT and Nathaniel T. Mason of West Chatham and London, England; a sister, Mrs. Harold Hall of Ashfield, MA, and brothers Amos R. Little, Jr. of Helena, MN, and Edward F. Little of Claremont, CA; and three grandchildren, Louisa M. Mason of Helsingborg, Sweden, Jeffrey A. Mason of Santa Barbara, CA, and Rebecca H. Milbury of Boston, MA.

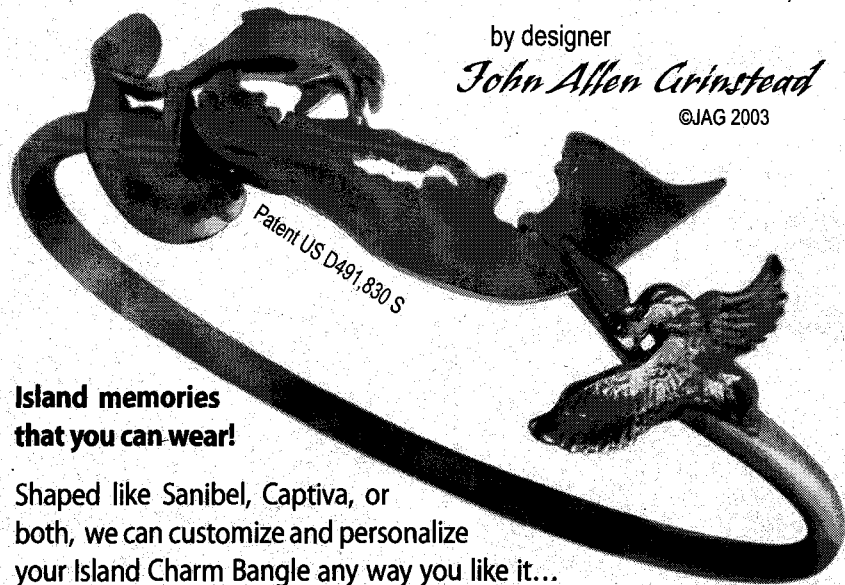
A memorial service will be held in the spring in Chatham, MA. There are no calling hours and burial will be at the convenience of the family in Hingham, MA.

Memorial donations may be made to Trinity College in Hartford, CT; the Chatham Conservation Foundation; the Chatham Historical Society; Eldredge Public Library in Chatham; or a charity of the donor's choice. ❄

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The Simple Language Of Orchids The Christmas Tree

by Dr. Faye Laurent Granberry, Sanibel orchid hobbyist



I knew without answering the phone that the early 6 a.m. call would be my father, who was living on Riverside Drive in Fort Myers.

It would be the same kind of call I had come to expect and to love. His 80 plus years had not weakened the strong, resonant, sonorous vibrant voice or his demanding needs for a hearty breakfast at the Farmer's Market Restaurant on Edison Avenue in Fort Myers.

One half-inch thick, well-fried bacon, eggs soaked in butter, hot biscuits covered with sausage gravy and black coffee would once again be his chosen breakfast. As usual, he would comment that the coffee could use a little chicory - New Orleans style.

This day, early in December, was special to him and to me, as he called it his Christmas Tree Day. He could no longer drive long distances, although his van, keys in the switch, remained by his garage.

I often noticed his van was positioned in different areas of the double-panel driveway - that was the style for concrete driveways in the early '40s.

Knowing and appreciating his determination to be independent in his advancing years and the pride he took in his Florida's driving license (that stated it was good for five more years) I respected his feelings and made no comments. At breakfast he talked about his Christmas trees in other years. This year he said he wanted a pine tree - not unlike the trees he had remembered that he grew on the back 40 of his land in South Louisiana. This year he asked if all the lights could be red. With his diminishing eyesight he remarked the red ones would seem brighter.

Our tree journey, that lasted for several hours, began on South 41. Here he held long conversations with tree shoppers and clerks alike.

I do not think he ever met a stranger in his life. By the time we left the tree lots he knew their stories and they knew some of his. If I heard sound of laughter I knew, from years of experience, he was sharing another one of his Cajun stories complete with his French dialect.

Back in the car, he was appalled that a tree worth only \$10 dollars could be priced at \$30 dollars or more, with no bargaining power.

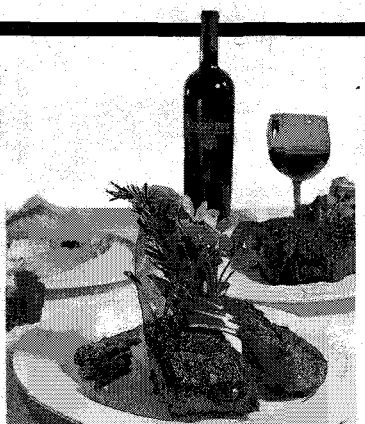
The day was marked as we traveled from one Christmas tree lot to the next - up 41 turning at 2nd Street to go over to Seaboard and north of Palm Beach Boulevard.

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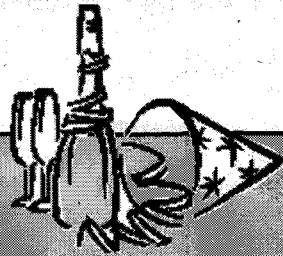


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18 Gardening
On Sanibel

ISLAND SUN - DECEMBER 24, 2004



by Hulda Walters

Beauty can inspire miracles.
(Benjamin Disraeli)

Truth be known, gardening is first in my life, but like everyone else, our lives change.

Next month I will be 82, and no, I am not bragging. I am merely saying I am changing. My eyesight is about gone; I

type my articles by feel, not by seeing the keys. My daughter-in-law, Karen, God bless her, corrects my typed errors, transcribes by computer and sends it to my publisher... presto, we have Gardening on Sanibel!

There are some plants that seem to take second fiddle to our more common favorites. Of course, one person's favorite can be of less interest to someone else. But generally the following plants, although becoming more popular, usually are not the first ones in a garden design. Maybe it is because so little is known about them.

Bromeliads for example. This family of plants has nearly unlimited variety and fantastic beauty; some are native to Florida. But perhaps more exotic varieties

are found in South America. Hybridizing has resulted in thousands of beautiful offspring, just like humans.

Since Santa's reindeer prefer the snow of the north to Florida's sand Santa decided to send us the perfect symbol for Christmas in this warm climate. It is the beautiful poinsettia, which adorns all our homes this time of year. There are other lovely Christmas flowers: the Christmas cactus in various colors, the red amaryllis bulbs and would you believe in December that I have a red crinam lilly in bloom. What a surprise that turned out to be. My amaryllis bulbs bloomed profusely and now have sent up new shoots and are blooming again. I have never had that happen before, so it is great, my Christmas miracle.

As you know there are many great fragrances in our gardens. Of course, roses are number one. But amazingly if you take the time to sniff you will find many that are enjoyable. For instance this red crinam lilly has a sweet fragrance. Of course I have one plant in my garden that has a bad odor. I call it my flycatcher cactus. The blossoms are beautiful with tiny tendrils that act to catch the bugs. One specimen of this plant with the bad odor comes from Texas, I keep it because it is pretty.

One of the plants that I have enjoyed in my garden is the cotton plant. It is amazing in that it has re-seeded itself and continues to bloom and put forth - new bowls season after season. Each bowl is filled with seeds that will germinate into plants when set into the ground. And I have shared this plant with many friends. Although there is no fragrance to orchids, I have a profusion of blooming ones right now. I bring them into the house and have them sitting everywhere so that I can enjoy their beauty. Some are too big and cannot be brought in, but I enjoy them as I make my daily trips through my garden. So many of my bromeliads are blooming now brilliantly red, and I enjoy those as well.

I hope this finds everyone in good health and ready to enjoy your holiday season with family and friends. As for my family and myself, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Happy gardening!*

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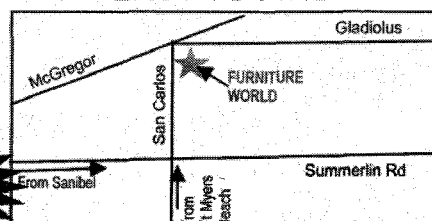
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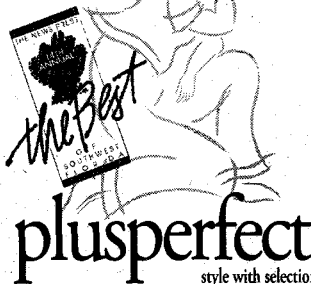
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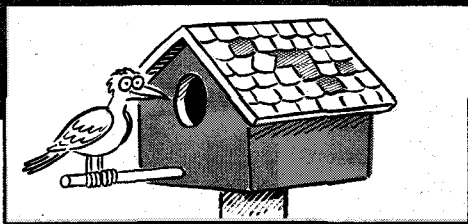
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SUNDAY
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High: 65 Low: 52



MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 71 Low: 57



TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 73 Low: 54



WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 55



THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 70 Low: 51

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 66°, humidity of 56% and an overnight low of 54°. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1981. Saturday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers.

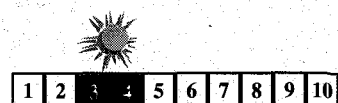
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Wednesday	63	38	76/56	0.00"
Thursday	73	45	76/56	0.00"
Friday	72	57	76/56	0.00"
Saturday	75	58	76/56	0.00"
Sunday	70	54	76/56	0.00"

City	Today			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
Atlanta	40	17	s...	36	15	s
Baltimore	35	26	pc	30	22	mc
Boston	45	25	sh	30	18	pc
Chicago	11	-3	s...	15	1	s
Cleveland	18	8	sn	15	3	sn
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Weather (Wx): cl/cloudy; fl/flurries; pc/partly cloudy; r/rain; rs/rain & snow; s/sunny; sh/showers; sn/snow; t/thunderstorms; w/windy



The Northeast will see partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 49°, found in Chatham, Mass. The Southeast will see partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies today and Saturday, mostly clear skies Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 81°, found in Miami, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 57°, found in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Saturday, partly cloudy skies Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 76°, found in Oceanside, Calif.



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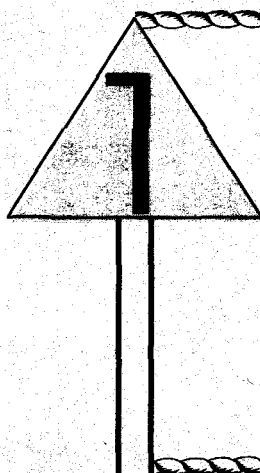
Last **First**
1/3 1/17

Punta Rassa Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	12:13 am	9:17 am	None	None	Fri	None	8:43 am	None	None	Fri	9:40 pm	6:03 am	None	None	Fri	10:29 pm	5:56 am	None	None
Sat	12:45 am	9:54 am	None	None	Sat	12:13 am	9:20 am	None	None	Sat	10:14 pm	6:40 am	None	None	Sat	11:03 pm	6:33 am	None	None
Sun	1:19 am	10:30 am	None	None	Sun	12:47 am	9:56 am	None	None	Sun	10:51 pm	7:16 am	None	None	Sun	11:40 pm	7:09 am	None	None
Mon	1:56 am	11:06 am	None	None	Mon	1:24 am	10:32 am	None	None	Mon	11:30 pm	7:52 am	None	None	Mon	None	7:45 am	None	None
Tue	2:35 am	11:41 am	6:37 pm	9:50 pm	Tue	2:03 am	11:07 am	6:05 pm	9:16 pm	Tue	3:32 pm	8:27 am	None	6:36 pm	Tue	12:19 am	8:20 am	4:21 pm	6:29 pm
Wed	3:18 am	12:17 pm	6:54 pm	10:47 pm	Wed	2:46 am	11:43 am	6:22 pm	10:13 pm	Wed	12:13 am	9:03 am	3:49 pm	7:33 pm	Wed	1:02 am	8:56 am	4:38 pm	7:26 pm
Thu	4:04 am	12:52 pm	7:13 pm	11:48 pm	Thu	3:32 am	12:18 pm	6:41 pm	11:14 pm	Thu	12:59 am	9:38 am	4:08 pm	8:34 pm	Thu	1:48 am	9:31 am	4:57 pm	8:27 pm

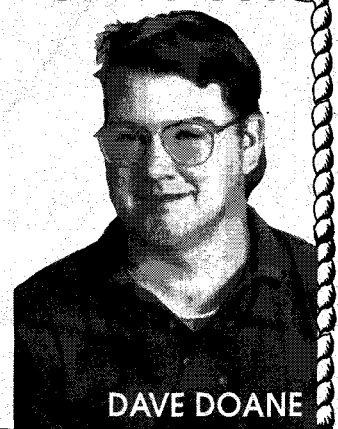


Coming home from church several weeks ago, I remarked to myself about the beauty of the Middle Eastern music to which I was listening. I did a double take when on the next track, I was suddenly confronted with a vocal in Hebrew. The CD was titled Ancient Echoes: Music from the time of Jesus and Jerusalem's Second Temple. Of course, I knew where ancient Judea was, but it never occurred to me that cultures which have seen so much turmoil would have such commonality with respect to music. I thought it was a fairly inane misconception coming from an educator that instructs students in the most diverse school system in the region, Allentown. For a moment I felt embarrassed, but since this was all a mental exercise blasting through my brain in the blink of a second, it went unnoticed, even by my wife. It is, however, no misconception that those same cultures which are representative of the student population of Allentown all enjoy coming to my planetarium. The District's first graders, currently partaking in the "Stars from Santa's North Pole," collectively go nuts when the sun sets, and the stars begin to appear against a darkening sky. Of course, if you believe in the fantasy of Santa, the world is a simpler place. But I have often wondered if there isn't something in our collective ancestral memories that unites all humankind with the beauty and the mystery of the heavens. We all see the same sun, moon, planets, and stars, and for most of us, the same star patterns tease our imaginations. Watch the moon wax towards its full phase this week and know that everyone worldwide is observing the same phenomenon. Perhaps we need stop beating each other up and listen to the collective music of the spheres, not just in this Season of Light, but for all future times. Happy Holidays! www.astronomy.org



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Let The Holiday Celebrations Begin!

by Camille Kucaba

Sanibel and Captiva are blessed with an abundance of wonderful restaurants and entertainment venues, all waiting to help visitors and locals alike celebrate the holidays in traditional island style.

Following is a list of who's doing what and when.

On Sanibel:

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club presents a fabulous Christmas Eve dinner tonight (December 24) from 5 to 8 p.m.; call 472-3355. And the annual New Year's Day "hangover open" golf event - including prizes, Bloody Mary bar and brunch - gets underway with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 1; phone 472-2535.

The Twelve Days of Fishmas continues at **The Timbers** on Sanibel. Mouth-watering choices include snapper, sea trout, grouper, swordfish, lobster, stone crab claws and more. Reservations are available for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; phone 472-3128. The restaurant also is open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Jacaranda offers memorable Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dining from 5 to 10 p.m., plus a gala New Year's Eve bash. Dance to the music of Both Hands Band on the 31st with champagne, party favors and a balloon

drop at midnight. Call 472-1771.

Holiday dining is a tradition at the historic **Island Inn**. Chef Christopher creates Christmas dinner selections of fresh fish, choice meats and savory poultry to delight the most discriminating palate. The newly renovated Gulf view dining room is open daily, 6 to 9 p.m., including New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Reservations requested; 472-1561.

The lovely **Thistle Lodge** overlooking the Gulf of Mexico at Casa Ybel Resort on Sanibel entertains guests throughout the holidays, serving a special Christmas Day dinner menu beginning at noon with the last seating at 9 p.m. Piano entertainment highlights the New Year's Eve celebration with dinner seatings right up to midnight. Regular hours are in effect both Christmas Eve and New Year's Day; phone 472-9200.

The Sanibel Steakhouse celebrates New Year's Eve with a seven course dinner presentation at two seatings, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Call 472-5700 for reservations. The restaurant also is open Christmas Day serving its regular dinner menu from 5 to 9 p.m.

The **Twilight Café** is serving its regular dinner menu beginning at 5:30 p.m. throughout the holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day and Sunday, January 2.

The Seafood Factory is open Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day serving a terrific new menu. Call 472-2323.

The two **Lazy Flamingo** restaurants (downtown Sanibel and Santiva) are open during the holidays, except for Christmas Day; they will be closing at 9 p.m. on

New Year's Eve.

The **Hungry Heron** is open to 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24, then reopens for brunch at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 26th. The restaurant is open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Enjoy a creative dining experience at **The Mermaid Kitchen & Cake Factory**, serving lunch and dinner during regular hours Christmas Eve. Mermaid offers its regular menu and is open late on New Year's Eve, then opens for dinner only at 5 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille is open regular hours Christmas Eve, as well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. A special New Year's Eve menu is being featured, and reservations for the 31st are encouraged. Phone 472-8311.

Beachview Steakhouse is open for lunch and dinner Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and closed Christmas Day; open dinner seating is offered on New Year's Eve from 5 to 9 p.m., and all inclusive packages (champagne, dinner and dessert) are available. Phone reservations to 472-4394. The restaurant resumes regular hours New Year's Day.

The Island Cow serves its "udderly great food" for breakfast, lunch and dinner on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The restaurant is open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., except for Christmas.

Matzaluna, the Italian Kitchen, is serving dinner nightly (5 to 9 p.m.) throughout the holidays, except for Christmas; phone 472-1998.

McT's Shrimp House & Tavern is open for dinner all through the holidays,

with the exception of Christmas Day; phone 472-3161.

La Vigna is open both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, serving its regular menu along with tempting holiday specials; call 472-5453 for reservations.

Jerry's Restaurant is open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day; the restaurant resumes regular hours during Christmas week, serving until 5 p.m. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The phone number is 472-9300.

Lighthouse Café, famous for breakfast and lunch, now is open for dinner. The holiday schedule: breakfast and lunch only on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve; closed Christmas Day; open for breakfast, lunch and dinner on New Year's Day. Call ahead seating is available by phoning 472-0303.

Or, boat on over to **Gramma Dot's** at Sanibel Marina - the restaurant is open regular hours every day but Christmas; phone 472-8138.

Gully's, a family restaurant in Periwinkle Place, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily beginning at 8 a.m. The restaurant will close early on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and is closed Christmas Day. Regular hours resume New Year's Day.

Riviera and **Dolce Vita** each presents a gala New Year's Eve party on December 31.

The Woody Brubaker Trio with guest artist, Italian Joe Diverio, entertains at Riviera; the first seatings (5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m.) feature an a la carte menu plus holiday specials. The second seating

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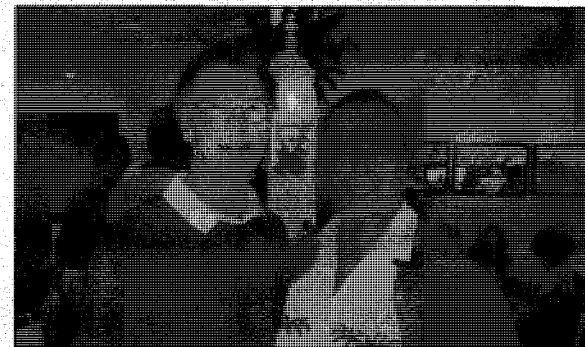
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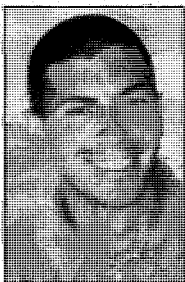
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24 CROW Case Of The Week: Moorhen



by Brian Johnson

On the morning of November 30, Cape Coral resident Trish Merkel woke up and, as she does every morning, looked out her window to check the weather.

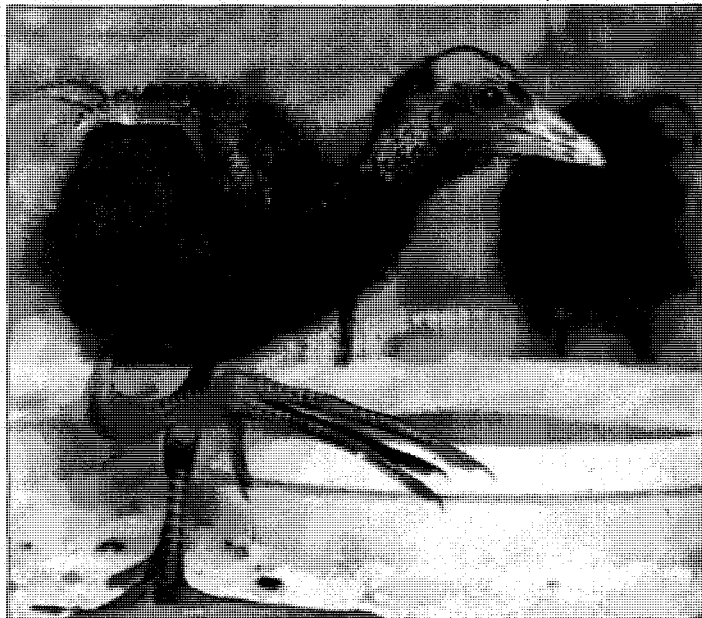
But it wasn't the meteorological conditions that caught her attention this day. Rather, it was the sight of her five cats pursuing a drenched moorhen in her backyard.

The moorhen had dropped into her pool by accident, and had not been able to escape the fenced-in Cape yard.

"Here is this poor little moorhen, and my five cats are stalking her and dragging their bellies," said Trish. "All I had on was my underwear, but I went running out into the yard."

Just as she neared the terror-stricken bird, her black cat, Bouncer, made a last-second bid to capture her. "He jumped on her, like he was going to show mommy he could hunt," said Merkel. "I screamed and picked up the moorhen. She was as cold as an ice cube."

She carried the sopping wet creature into her home, where she ran into her six-year-old daughter, Lexie. She handed the



File photo of a baby moorhen.

photo by Carol Rothman

bird to Lexie and went off to find a towel and a heating pad.

But when she turned around the bird was loose again and the cats, who had come into the house through the open slider door, had resumed the chase. The moorhen ran around the living room and then sought refuge in the bathroom, where she hid behind the toilet and the shower curtain.

"All you needed was circus music and it would have been a movie," said Merkel.

At last, she got the moorhen wrapped snugly in a towel. The bird's nails scraped

her neck and check, but the blows were so feeble that they didn't draw blood.

"They've got the hugest feet for a little duck," said Merkel. "The nails are four inches long, I swear to God. You should have seen the look on my daughter's face. Her eyes were as wide as saucers."

Merkel contacted CROW and took the bird to Kindness Animal Hospital. She was amazed by the moorhen's

speed of foot and ability to dodge her five felines. "They're pretty crafty, those little old moorhens," she said. "The cats were tracking her like lions after a buffalo on *Animal Kingdom*."

At CROW, when Veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel heard the story of the moorhen's evasion of the cats in a confined area, she described it as "miraculous." No one knows exactly how long the bird eluded them that morning.

The 320-gram bird, the size of a laughing gull, was very dull upon admittance to the Sanibel clinic. She could

stand, but mostly sat on her chest. She was extremely weak.

The staff could palpate no fractures or dislocations in her wings. They gave her the Chinese herb ginseng as well as an antibiotic to treat possible puncture wounds. She spent the night in a dark, warm, quiet, dry place.

The moorhen looked brighter the next few days, but showed only a minor interest in food. Staff determined she could only fly about six-12 inches above the ground. Deitschel suspected some type of soft tissue damage in her wings and took a radiograph to rule out any structural damage.

By December 3, she became rambunctious inside so CROW staff moved her to an outdoor cage. "It was reported that she ate quite a lot that first night," said Deitschel. "She had a great choice of environments - the cage has hiding spaces, burrows, grass and a pool."

She was fed duck chow, fish, worms, greens and seeds. Moorhens typically live around ponds, where they consume a varied diet of bugs, lizards, small amphibians and pond greens. Moorhens spend most of their time on the ground, but must be able to fly to elude predators such as alligators, foxes and coyotes.

The staff brought her into the clinic several times to examine her and noted that she continued to eat well. She made steady, incremental progress.

On December 11, the moorhen was able to fly at chest level. The next day she was seen flying at the very top of her cage, and Deitschel called for her immediate release back to Cape Coral.

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This introductory course teaches the basics of safe boating. Topics included are boat handling, types of boats, use of marine radios, elementary seamanship, knots and lines, governmental regulations, basic weather, understanding charts, aids to navigation, engine troubleshooting, basic piloting, determining position, boat trailering and Florida and local laws.

As part of the course, students take a two-hour cruise of the local area to learn what the different markers mean and what the same area looks like after dark.

On Sanibel Safe Boating Day (February 5) students will participate in live demonstrations presented by the U.S. Coast Guard, Sanibel Marine Patrol and the Sanibel Fire Department.

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- Don't let anybody jump overboard to attempt a rescue unless the victim is a small child or is helpless. If it is absolutely necessary for a second person to enter the water, be sure the rescuer is a good swimmer and wearing a PFD (life jacket) so you won't have two people in the water to rescue.
- Maneuvering your boat to pick up someone in the water depends upon the wind direction. Try to approach the person overboard from down wind so the boat floats away from, not towards the person as you reduce the speed of the boat. Be sure the propeller is stopped when the person in the water is near to the boat.
- After rescue keep the person warm and quiet. Call the Coast Guard if you feel the rescued person's life is still in danger from signs of hypothermia, heart problems, etc.
- A boarding ladder is a good piece of safety equipment to have aboard. A line over the side with a large loop tied in the end can serve as a handhold or foothold for boarding.

• Often a quick rescue is necessary to save the life of a person who has fallen overboard. You should know what to do and practice doing it.✱

Golden Conch Regatta

On, January 8 and 9, the Platinum Point Yacht Club is sponsoring the Golden Conch Regatta at Burnt Store Marina.

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On Sunday, January 9 at 11 a.m. First race start followed by a trophy presentation at the 1700 hour.

There will be classes for multi hulls, spinnaker, non-spinnaker and true cruising. The entry fee is \$30, \$25 for US Sailing members.

Entry forms and sailing instructions are available from Platinum Point Yacht Club. For more information call the PPYC office at 639-0733, Helen Ingerson at 639-2454 or Joe Geary at 575-0558.✱

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Canada goose

by Jim Stevenson, Ph.D.

Waterfowl have some interesting characteristics. One is in their classification, where the level of "tribe" is used. A tribe is basically a subdivision of a subfamily, just above supergenus. Clear? For instance, the larger waterfowl

are in a subfamily, Anserinae (note actual families end in "idae"). So this subfamily is divided into two tribes, swans and geese. Other tribes, which are found under the subfamily of ducks (Anatinae), include dabbling ducks, bay ducks, sea ducks and stifftails. Remember, I'm just the messenger...

Note the amazing difference in size of various waterfowl, from the tiny green-winged teal to the immense trumpeter swan. Some species also have many races, such as the Canada goose with 11. There are dimorphic birds, like snow geese, others found all the way around the Northern Hemisphere. Some species love to hybridize (like mallards, who mate with puddle ducks, bullfrogs, baby alligators, etc.) [that's a joke], eclipse plumages in fall, where males look washed out, almost devoid of color and pattern, and bizarre members like mergansers who defy most duck laws.

Waterfowl chicks are covered with dense down feathers, which is great for both insulation as well as for buoyancy. They are fantastic examples of imprinting, as Conrad Lorenz proved to the world. Baby ducks are notoriously hard to identify, unless mom's around. Of course, hen ducks are also notoriously hard to identify, unless dad's around!

Ducks are odd in that most mate on their wintering grounds, which may be a good way to keep warm out in those chilly waters. Those wintering in the marine realm, such as the Gulf of Mexico, may drink salt water because of special salt glands which remove salts from sea water.

Waterfowl diet varies not only from group to group, but also at different times of the year. Most species actually give up their plants or mollusks in spring, and turn to insects prior to molting or breeding, so they can gain the minerals necessary to replace feathers or create eggs.

There is also subtle variations in the bills of fairly closely-related ducks. Mallard bills are useful for straining invertebrates from the water, wigeon bills work better for clipping off grass or digging up other vegetation, and green-winged teals have tiny lamellae for combing out microscopic protozoa from the mud. And then, of course, there's the massive spatulate bill of the shoveler! Less related to dabbling ducks are the scoters, whose stout bills are designed for breaking off shellfish underwater, and the pinkish shear-like serrate bills of mergansers for catching killifish and other piscine prey.

No group of birds has presented more problems with escaped species than waterfowl. Mallards are notorious for making birders decide whether a particular individual is wild or feral, but other ducks, various geese and even mute swans create the same dilemma. Especially tough, because of what's at stake, is the problem of ducks from other countries escaping from zoos and other captivity pens, and state's records committees then have to make determinations on the validity of occurrences. This we do for the integrity of ornithology, although it would clearly be easier, and build higher life lists, if we could simply duck the issue [fowl joke].

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

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The Holidays

at 9 p.m. includes party favors, balloon drop and champagne toast at midnight and requires reservations; phone 472-1141.

The Joe McCormick Trio with guest artist, Dana Paul, performs at Dolce Vita on New Year's Eve. The restaurant features one seating only at 7:30 p.m.; the evening includes canapés upon arrival and a six course dinner, plus party favors, balloon drop and champagne toast at midnight. Call 472-5555 to reserve your table.

The Danny Morgan Band with special guest, Bob "Sugarlips" Lotz, is in the spotlight on New Year's Eve at **Traders**; phone 472-7242 for reservations.

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You can also *Shuffle Off to Buffalo* on New Year's Eve as the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** in Fort Myers

presents the blockbuster, *42nd Street*. Late night cabaret takes over after dinner and the performance with champagne, noisemakers and hats provided for the countdown. Coffee and cookies will follow in the lobby. Make reservations by calling 278-4422.

Also in Fort Myers, **Biddle's Restaurant and Piano Bar** at Sanibel Beach Place offers open seating and its regular menu, as well as special packages on New Year's Eve; call 433-4449 for reservations. The restaurant is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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NASCRA races are held on Monday nights in **The Crows Nest**, where a special performance of *The Blonde Songbook* takes center stage on December 28. And The Modulators perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on New Year's Eve.

Redfish Blufish presents a special seven course tasting menu on New Year's Eve. Seatings are offered at 6 and 8:30 p.m., with the later seating featuring entertainment by Emmy Award winning flautist, Kat Epple. Reservations are a must; phone 472-1956.

The restaurant is open for lunch Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., except for Christmas Day, and

serves dinner from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (closed Christmas).

Keylime Bistro is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner during the holidays, including Christmas Day; music is on the menu as well.

On New Year's Eve the restaurant features open seating and an open menu. The evening includes party favors at midnight. Radio station 106.3 will be doing a live broadcast, and music will continue inside the restaurant after midnight.

RC Otter's is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner over the holidays, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day. This family friendly restaurant will close at 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The Mucky Duck is open regular hours Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (closed Christmas) and also remains open for lunch on Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Catch a spectacular sunset on the Gulf and enjoy! The phone number is 472-3434.

Elegance reigns at the **Sunshine Cafe** this New Year's Eve with a champagne and wine dinner celebration in two seatings, 6 and 9:30 p.m. Nine spectacular courses are introduced with lobster aspic and Piper Heidsieck; the grande finale features apricot gateau, vanilla bean and Godiva sauce accompanied by EOS, "Tears of Dew" 2001. Reservations are required; call 472-6200.

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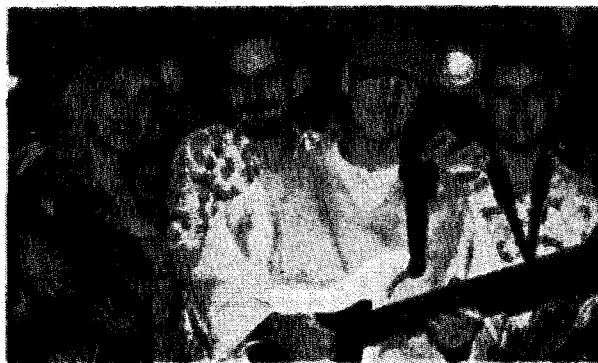
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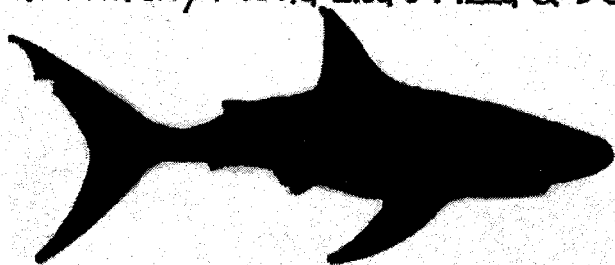
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The Mishells, retired international business executives, have traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin American. They reside near Toronto,



The Madagascar Lemur

Ontario and spend their winters on Sanibel Island. Since retirement, they continue to explore the birding "hot spots" of the world. Avid and excellent birders with a passion for nature, travel and photography, the Mishells are a wonderful asset to our board and our program schedule.

As always, all are most welcomed to attend these weekly programs. Parking is available at the Community House as well as across the street in front of the (new) School House Playhouse. A \$4 donation is appreciated. For additional information please call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit the SanCap Audubon Web site, www.sancapaudubon.org ☆

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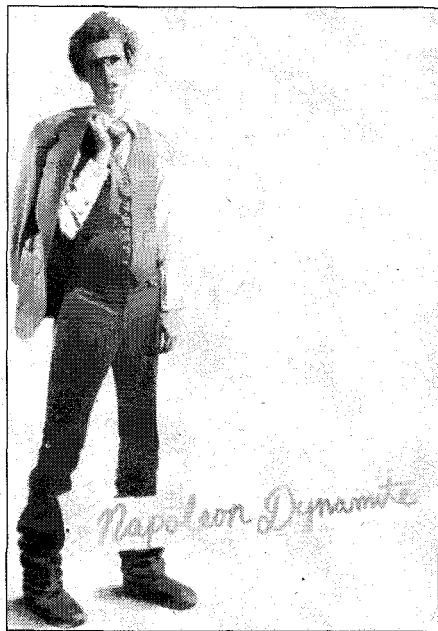
by Priscilla Friedersdorf

Now there is a quick release date for most films from the big screen to DVD. The variety has never been better. Here are some suggestions for recent films on DVD.

Napoleon Dynamite This is a charming film about a tall gangly teenager with a dweeb image. The character of the title is gawky, breathes through his mouth, has red 'brillo pad' hair and buck teeth. But he accepts his popularity limitations and becomes a sort of outcast, nerdish leader of the other high school misfits in Preston, Idaho. One reviewer observed, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen Napoleon Dynamite do the funky chicken."

The Weeping Camel A documentary style film which is set in Mongolia and tells the story of a tribe of nomads who herd their camels through the Gobi Desert. The birth of a white camel who is rejected by his mother, and two young brothers' efforts to find a musician to ritualistically charm the mother into accepting the scrawny starving little creature is the story line of the film.

Control Room A documentary filmed in the newsroom of the media center set up by U.S. Central Command in Iraq. The disparity between the viewpoints of



the Western media and al-Jazeera, the Arab television network is the basis of the film.

Before Sunset A lovely, romantic film about two strangers (played by Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy) who first met by chance in Vienna, where they fell in love and spent a night together before parting. Now nine years later their paths cross again in Paris. The scenes of Paris are beautiful and the two sweet but cautious lovers spend another short time together. They get the chance to ponder what might have been. Rent the first film in the series *Before Sunrise* to enhance your pleasure in this delightful love story

and this couple's bittersweet rendezvous.

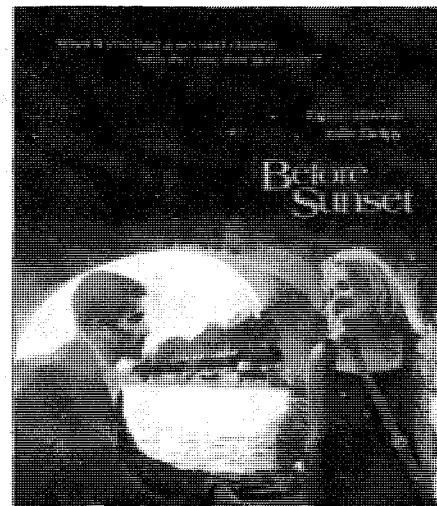
The Return A haunting film set in present day Russia. A father returns after a 12-year absence to his wife and his two boys. The boys, who live with their mother, have never known their father and they are alternately pleased and sullenly apprehensive when he immediately makes plans to take them on a fishing trip to a remote and desolate island wil-



Genre Terrorism. A scene from *The Battle of Algiers*

deness. In addition we glimpse the hard life lived in the bleak industrial Russia of today.

Coffee and Cigarettes Jim Jarmusch has always seized upon an offbeat subject and given us his gritty and amusing interpretation of it. Twenty actors perform in a series of vignettes. Each one is set with two people sitting in a cafe, restaurant or bar smoking cigarettes, drinking coffee and reflecting on life. One reviewer describes it as having, "A coolness factor



that doesn't quit. Don't miss this true cast of strange characters."

The Battle of Algiers made in 1965 by director Gillo Pontecorvo, it is described as the greatest film ever made about terrorism. It was filmed in the streets and alleyways of Algiers. The New York Times reviewer terms it "... a masterpiece, at once a justification for acts of terror and an unsparing account of terror's cost, including to the cause it serves."*

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Arts Awards Include Three New Categories

The 2005 Lee County Angels of the Arts Awards Steering Committee authorized the presentation of three major new Angels Awards. This expands the current list to 15.

At the first Angels of the Arts Awards ceremony in March 2004, Angels Awards were presented to Lee County individuals considered to be either important practicing artists or major supporters of the arts. Those two groups will continue to be the primary focus of the Angels Awards, with all the 2005 recipi-

ents being announced at the champagne reception and awards presentation at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on March 6.

Two of the three new awards will represent an expansion of the current Artist of the Year award category. A total of three Artists of the Year will be named. They are Visual Artist of the Year, honoring painters, sculptors, digital artists; Performing Artist of the Year, recognizing actors, dancers, musicians, singers; and Literary Artist of the Year, celebrating creative writers of fiction or non-fiction, plays, poetry or songs. The third new 2005 awards category will be for Business/Corporate Supporter of the Arts, which will designate the local business firm or organization whose support of artists and the arts during the year is most noteworthy.

Committee members called for even more complete definitions and descriptions of the qualifications for all 15 awards categories, as well as publication and promotion of a detailed 2005 Angels Awards process and timetable. It was felt those steps would help ensure maximum participation by members of the public and arts communities in making nomina-

tions for this year's Angels of the Arts Awards.

Key Dates in that process include:

January 7 - Mailing nomination forms and information packets to Lee County arts organizations. Personal/professional information request forms to proposed nominees will be mailed out immediately upon receipt of completed nomination forms.

January 7 to 22 - Publication of nomination forms by the local press.

January 25 - Deadline for proposed nominations by Lee County individuals and organizations.

January 25 - Press conference announcing 2005 Angels Awards nominees.

February 4 - Deadline for return of information request forms from proposed nominees.

February 7 - Selection committee weighted scoring/tabulation process for the selection of three nominee finalists in each category and award winners.

February 10 - Final list of all nominees announced to press. Designated Angels Awards recipients' names secured into bank vault.

March 6 - Champagne reception and awards ceremony, 5 to 8 p.m. at the

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.

Members (and their affiliated arts organizations) on the 2005 Angels of the Arts Awards Steering Committee are Cher Bear Bell, Cape Coral Arts Studio; Carrie Lund Cacioppo, Florida Repertory Theatre; Jerry Churchill, SWFL Craft Guild; Jan Egeland, Gulfshore Ballet; Ginny Fleming, The Schoolhouse Theater; Liz Fowler, BIG ARTS; Shirley Furry, SWFL Symphony Orchestra; Bonnie Grossman, In the Name of the Artist; Carolyn Hoisington, artist; Susan Johnson, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre; Dwey Liber, Addison Gallery; Geri McArdle, professor of education; Carol McLaughlin, SWFL Community Foundation and recipient of the 2004 Arts Organization Leader Angels of the Arts Award; David Robinson, artist and Edison College president emeritus; Ilene Safron, Main Sail Video; Louise Senneff, Alliance for the Arts; Ellen Sheppard, artist and recipient of the 2004 New Artist Angels of the Arts Award; Amy Tardif, WGCU-FM news director, host of Arts Edition and recipient of the 2004 Arts Broadcaster Angels of the Arts Award; and Amy Bennett-Williams, *The News-Press* and WGCU-FM. Unable to attend the meeting were committee members Ernest Cantu, saxophonist; and Kat Epple, flautist, who provided follow-up comments.

Questions about the Angels of the Arts Awards can be directed to Monty Montgomery, publicity director at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 939-2787, ext. 24, or email awards@artinlee.org.*



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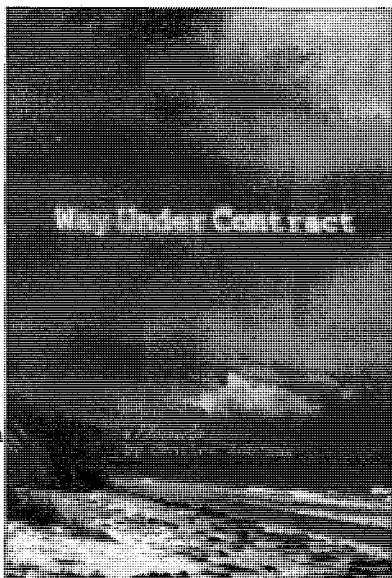
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Sanibel Author Charles Sobczak will be signing copies of his four books on December 30 at MacIntosh Book Shop 2365 Periwinkle Way, from 2 to 4 p.m. In remembrance of Hurricane Charley, autographed copies of the author's second novel, *Way Under Contract*, a Florida Story will be available for a New Year's celebration price of \$10 each.

Set on the fictional island of Shoreside, *Way Under Contract* tells the story of a category five hurricane hitting an overdeveloped Southwest Florida barrier island. Winner of the 2001 Patrick Smith Award, the book was recently the focus of a live BBC radio interview with the author. Sobczak will also be signing copies of his first novel, *Six Mornings on Sanibel*, along with his other two titles. Contact Jim Dowling at MacIntosh for additional information, 472-1447. ☆



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Seventh Course

Intermezzo

Eighth Course

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Silver Oak, "Alexander Valley" Cabernet, 2000

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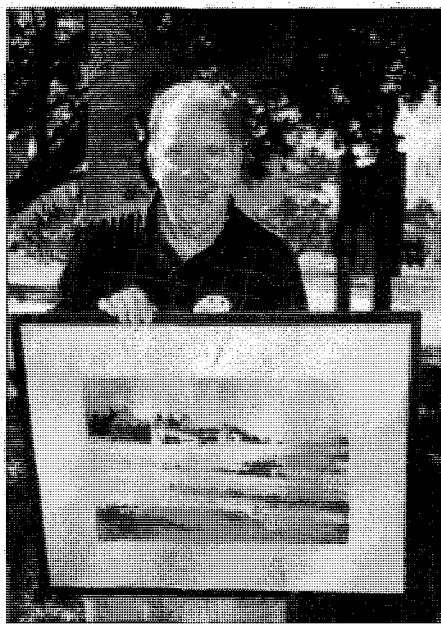
\$150 per person. Twenty percent gratuity will be added

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San-Cap Art League Events

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League welcomes visitors and residents to view its December Exhibit at the Sanibel Public Library. Featured are watercolors of local scenes from the weekly paint-outs. Included are prints, drawings, oils, acrylics and mixed media of many subjects that extend throughout the library walls. The library is located on Dunlop Road near Sanibel City Hall and BIG ARTS. For library hours, call 472-2483.

You also are invited to see Art League members' artwork along with other local artists who have almost 250 colorfully impressive realistic, stylized and abstract pieces in BIG ARTS' BIG/small Buy It Off the Wall Exhibit. The paintings, wall sculptures, drawings, photographs and prints have been specifically created for visitors' viewing pleasure and for holiday gift-giving. They are suitable for private collections and for home or office decoration. The sizes are small for easy shipping, and the pieces are low in price, providing a unique opportunity to purchase attractive work by talented area artists. Gordon Coughlin, chair of the show and also a San-Cap Art League member, says: "This ever-changing show has been very popular with the artists and receives great response from the viewers." There are over 70 artists who replace their sold work so there are always new works coming into Phillips Gallery; sales benefit BIG ARTS' visual arts and other cultural



San-Cap Art League member Neil Glaser

events. The show can be seen weekday afternoons through December 29. Call 395-0900.

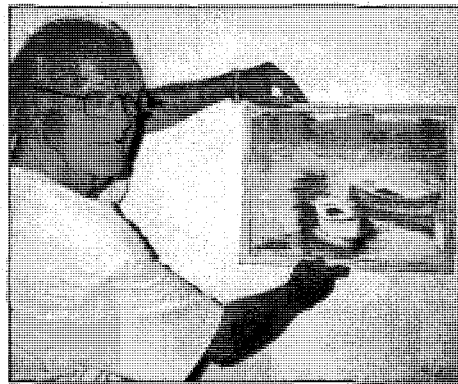
The League's upcoming Experimental/Realistic Painting Workshop, the Tuesday afternoon portrait sessions, the weekly Thursday morning paint-outs and the meetings are open to all. For more information about these San-Cap Art League events, juried exhibits and Annual Clothesline Sale, call 472-2726 or 472-8834 or write to PO Box 1192, Sanibel, FL 33957.★



Rita McLain at a paint-out at the library



Painting by Ann Bischoff



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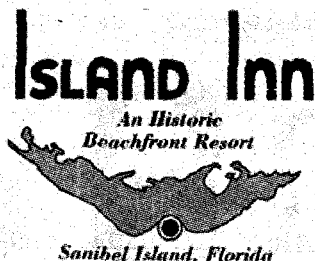


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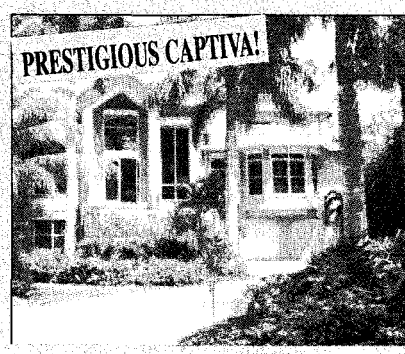
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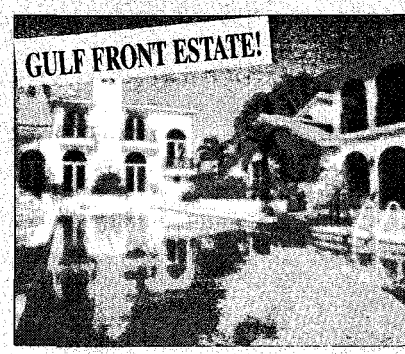
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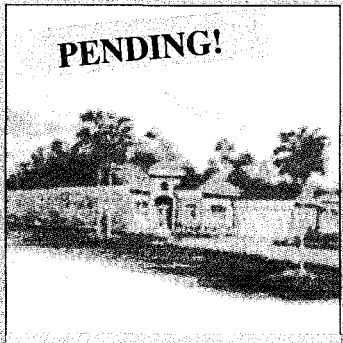
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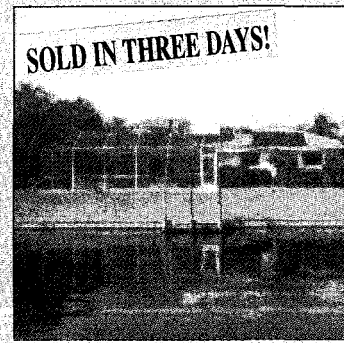
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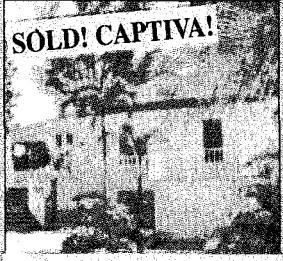


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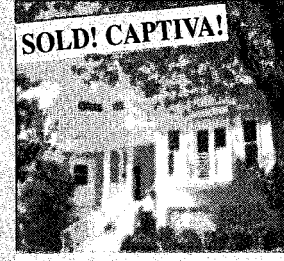
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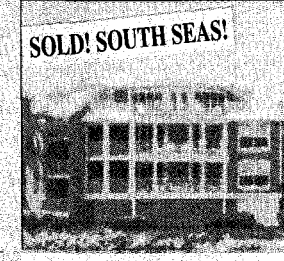
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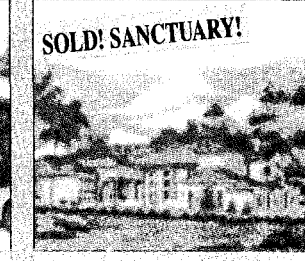
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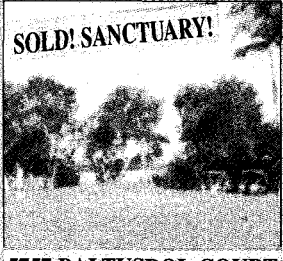
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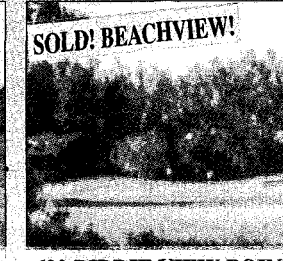
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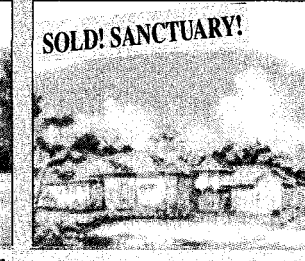
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The Special Holiday Show on December 28 continues the 2004-2005 tour of The Blonde Songbook and Cindy-Lee's return to the stage after a two year hiatus. The two-act show was conceived, written, and arranged by Cindy-Lee and her long-time accompanist, Regan Ryzuk, with additional contributions from the comedy team of Honey & Buddy.

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The Blonde Songbook plays at The Crows Nest at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva, December 28 at 8 p.m. There is no admission for the show. Food and drinks are available. Call Tween Waters Inn at 472-5161. Visit CLO Productions online at www.CLOProductions.com.

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Rauschenberg's A Quake in Paradise (Labyrinth) 1994

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Edison College, is pleased to welcome back world-renowned artist Robert Rauschenberg. Mr. Rauschenberg has been a friend of the gallery for 25 years, with this being his 12th exhibit at Edison.

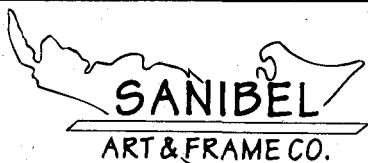
The new exhibit, titled *A Quake in Paradise (Labyrinth) 1994* features a large scale, free standing piece created at Rauschenberg's Captiva Island studio. This piece was created using acrylic and graphite on 29 panels of bonded aluminum, anodized mirrored aluminum and polycarbonate (Lexan) with aluminum framing. *A Quake in Paradise (Labyrinth)* has only been shown in Italy and Switzerland, making this the first United States showing of the work.

The exhibit will open Friday, January 7 and continues through February 26, 2005. The exhibit opens to the public on Friday, the 7th, with a reception in the Gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Kat Epple will perform and the docents of the gallery will provide refreshments. A new exhibit poster and posters from all prior Rauschenberg exhibits held at Edison College, will be on sale at the opening reception. Additionally, the limited edition print *Restoration* will also be available that evening. Posters are \$100 signed, \$50 unsigned and the limited edition

print is \$2,000.

Saturday afternoon, January 8, the gallery will host a lecture and book signing with Mary Lynn Kotz, acclaimed author of *Rauschenberg / Art and Life*, a Harry N. Abrams, Inc. book. The lecture and slide presentation, "Who is Bob Rauschenberg," will be held in Corbin Auditorium at Edison College. The book signing, to be held in the gallery, follows the lecture and the newest edition of Mary Lynn's book *Rauschenberg / Art and Life* will be on sale for \$65. The lecture starts at 2 p.m. and the book signing will follow at 3 p.m. There is no charge for the lecture.

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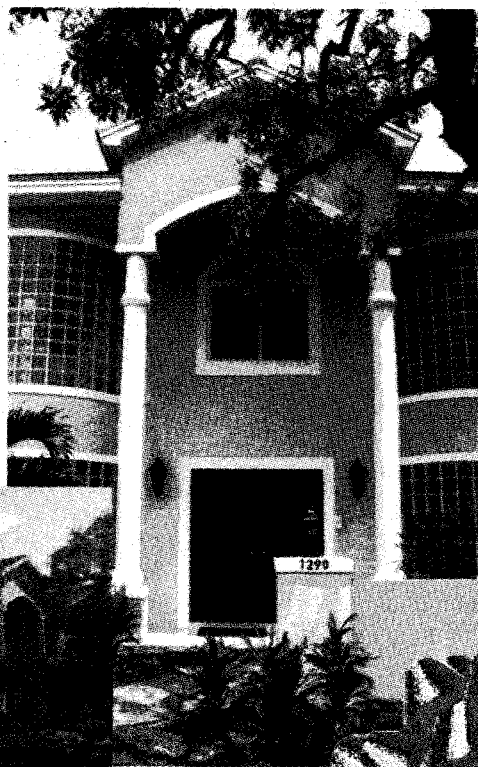
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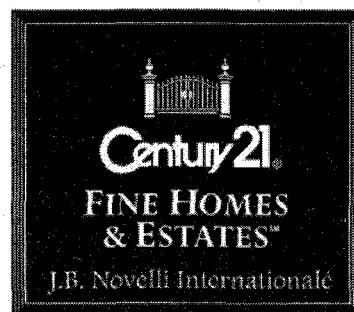
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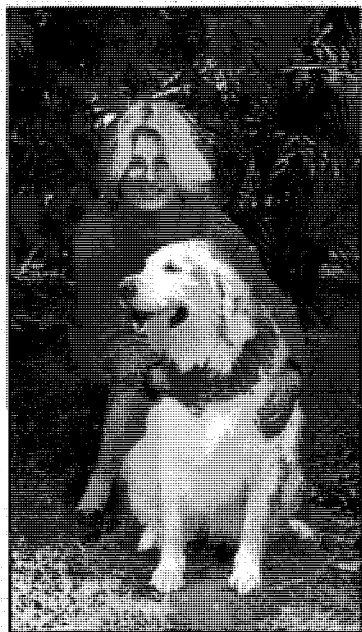
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by Gerri Reaves

This December 1954 photo of the famous "Singing Christmas Tree" will evoke happy holiday memories for many Fort Myers natives.

The scene is the bandshell - now demolished - at the Exhibition Hall on Edwards Drive by the Caloosahatchee.

Jeanne Bochette is one Fort Myers native who vividly remembers participating in the traditional Singing Christmas Tree when she was a member of the Fort Myers High School Glee Club.

The Glee Club was directed for many years by Gloria Ann "Skeet" Durrence.

What were you doing at Christmastime 50 years ago? Do any readers remember being at this outdoor concert in 1954 - or do you recognize anyone onstage?*



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The same story – from lot to lot – a \$10 tree costing \$30. He shared that back in the depression years he gave away cut pine trees to people—people who could not afford a dollar for a tree but wanted one for their children. "Thirty dollars – did you see that one for \$90," as he reminisced about the importance of getting a dollar value for a dollar.

As we drove under the 75 overpass and entered Route 80 he was beaming with anticipated delight as he suggested we travel on Route 80 to Alva, Buckingham and distances beyond.

"Now, I tell you, Faye, those farm boys up in the country off Route 80 will know how to price a Christmas tree reasonably," he announced.

Tree lots, tree farms – same price story – same \$10 request – same importance to shop wisely – all ended when we pulled into a little stand by the side of the road with a few seven-foot to 10-foot pine trees and a large variety of citrus in orange mesh bags.

I jumped out of the van, ran into the back of the shed and whispered, "Give that gentleman any tree he wants and charge him \$10 and I will pay the difference." He selected a pine tree and negotiated a price

of \$10. He beamed with pride as they loaded it into the van.

Back down Route 80 to Fort Myers he suggested we stop at a truck stop for lunch as he shared that those boys who drive those big trucks know where to get the best hickory smoked barbecue.

Over a lunch of hickory smoked beef barbecue, baked beans, garlic bread and ice tea, he remarked, "I hope, Faye, this has been a lesson for you about buying a Christmas tree. You have to come up here in the country and negotiate with these farm boys to get a tree for \$10.✱

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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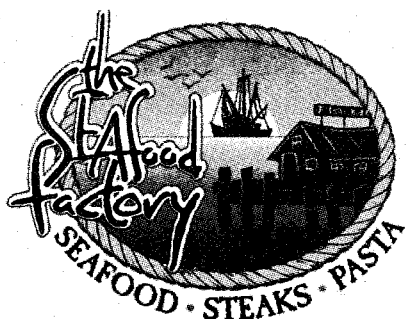
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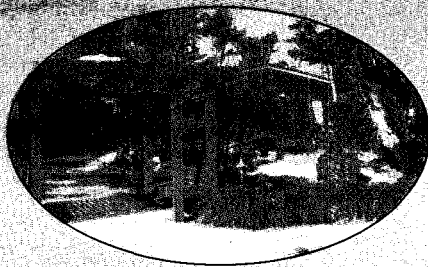
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PORPOISE POINT

Absolutely spectacular Bayou views from every room of this custom built home. This home offers 2 master suites with large bathrooms and walk-in closets, boat dock, sunset deck, storm shutters, Endless pool, elevator, private park-like setting, stunning great room with vaulted Cypress ceiling, Corian counters, pantry, paddle fans and a separate laundry room. This is truly a nature lover's paradise! **\$1,449,000**



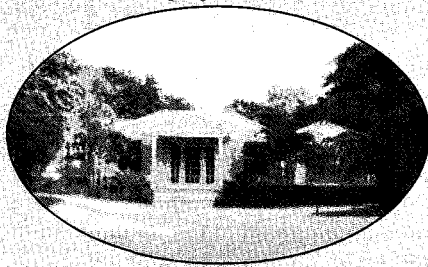
THE RIDGE

Beautiful 3 BR/3 BA elevated home overlooking the Bayou. This home offers a vaulted ceiling, great room with wood burning fireplace and skylights, open kitchen with cook top and wall oven, gorgeous Spanish tile floors, 2 zone a/c, 2 master suites with large bathrooms offering separate shower, dual sinks and tub, Florida room and just a short stroll to the beautiful community pool and tennis court. **\$629,000**



SPECTACULAR NEAR BEACH HOME

Beautiful near beach 3 BR/2 BA home with heated pool and spa. This home offers Maple hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, large master suite with open step into shower with glass block, 2 screen enclosed porches, vaulted ceilings in the great room with wood burning fireplace and plenty of storage. This house is just steps to the beach and close to everything you want and need. **\$2,195,000**



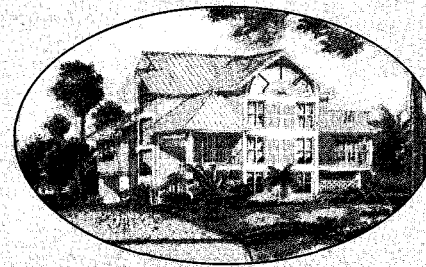
SPECIAL BEACH CHARMER

Beautiful completely remodeled Old Florida style home with 5 BR/5 BA. Offering a pool with spa, beach access, shared deep water dockage with Gulf access, hardwood & tile floors, guest cottage with pool bath and sold furnished with a few personal exceptions. There is a 1-2 acre lot included with 150' of deepwater where Roosevelt Channel meets Pine Island Sound. **\$4,990,000**



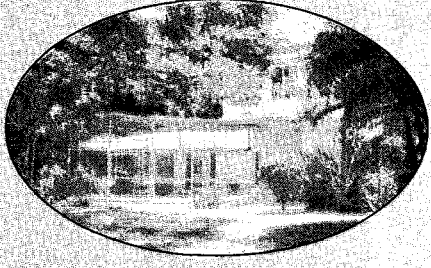
HERON'S LANDING/CLAM BAYOU

Beautifully maintained 3 BR/2.5 BA home with bayou views from every room. This home is exquisite, offering high ceilings, double-glazed Anderson windows, crown molding, beautiful window treatments, wooden blinds, over-sized bedrooms and drip irrigation system in yard. Community amenities include: pool and tennis. **\$1,250,000**



BEACH PATHS

Two-story near beach home with 4 BR/4.5 BA, den, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, private elevator, covered patio for entertaining, observation deck, French doors, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, sun decks and screen-enclosed pool. Located across from the deeded beach access and just steps to the beach. **\$2,295,000**



ESTATE ON ROOSEVELT CHANNEL

This 1-2 acre estate will bring back memories of Old Florida. The 3 BR/3 BA main house and the 1 BR/1 BA guest house are nestled in native vegetation. The property offers a shared deep water dock with Gulf access and screen enclosed pool. The homes have carpet, tile and wood flooring, French doors, lots of built-ins, newer roof and is fully furnished with a few personal exceptions. **\$1,995,000**



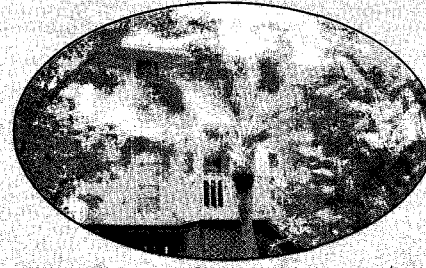
LUXURY NEAR BEACH HOME

Beautiful 5 BR/5 BA home in Captiva's Village. Home offers two fireplaces, screen enclosed heated pool with spa, rooftop sun deck, elevator, 9' ceilings, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, two-car garage and fully enclosed lower level. Offered fully furnished with a few personal and office exceptions. Home is ready to live in or rent! **\$1,995,000**



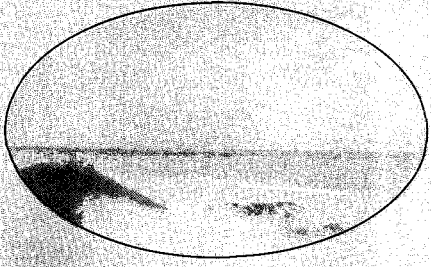
OPEN BREEZE

Absolutely 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, wooden window blinds and French doors across the front. Sold furnished with a few exceptions. **\$2,095,000**



ESCAPE TO PEACE AND QUIET

Wonderful Sunset Captiva home with 2 BR/2.5 BA. This home offers a great room with fireplace, sundeck off master suite, screen enclosed porch and plenty of storage. Great community offering deeded beach access, pool, tennis, dock with Gulf access and BBQ grills. **\$789,000**



BREATHTAKING GULF VIEWS!

Direct Gulf front cleared estate zoned lot. Property is 1-2 acres with 100 ft. of beach frontage. Build your paradise on Captiva Island. **\$4,595,000**



VILLAGE BY THE SEA

This quality constructed home is 4 BR/4 BA and has detailed workmanship throughout. Offering a pool with spa, roof top sundeck with views of the Gulf of Mexico, beautifully landscaped yard, brick driveway, elevator, wood floors, fireplace, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, vaulted ceilings and Gingerbread detail on exterior of home. **\$2,195,000**



CANAL FRONT/NEAR BEACH LOT

Fantastic .43 acre lot with 238' of water frontage located in Del Segra subdivision. This lot is cleared and located on a quiet cul-de-sac with a dock already in place. Walk to beautiful Blind Pass beaches. **\$649,000**

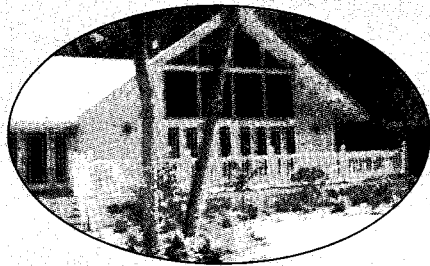


STEPS TO THE BEACH

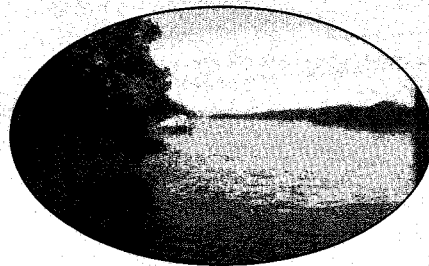
Fantastic Victorian style 4 BR/4 BA near beach home. This beach home offers great craftsmanship, decorator furnished by Robb & Stucky, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, private elevator, screen enclosed heated pool, wrap around porch, fireplace, security system, numerous porches and a private sundeck. Many quality upgrades. **\$1,895,000**



NEAR BEACH - CANAL HOME
Spectacular custom-designed 3 BR/3 BA home located on a double canal-front lot. This home is just steps to the beach and offers a dock with Gulf access, soaring ceilings, deep baseboard trim, plantation shutters, screen enclosed heated pool with spa, private elevator, fireplace, gourmet kitchen, 2 wonderful entertainment areas overlooking the pool, 2 split master suites with living areas that open to a screened lanai and is also a community boat ramp. **\$1,875,000**



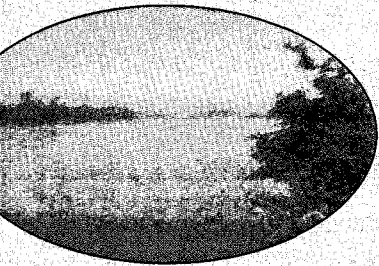
LAIKA BEACH HOUSE
This absolutely perfect beach home has been completely remodeled and is just steps to the beach. This home offers 3 BR/3 BA with a screen enclosed, heated pool with spa, gourmet kitchen with granite counters, maple wood floors with cherry wood inlaid accents, southern yellow pine cathedral ceiling and fully furnished. Short stroll to Island restaurants, shops, marina, library and the Chapel By the Sea. **\$1,925,000**



FAMILY-CORPORATE RETREAT
This beautiful, tropical, gated-compound is located on Captiva's Roosevelt Channel and consists of 3 estate-zoned properties totaling over 4 acres. There is a 6 BR/5.5 BA main house and a 2 BR/2 BA guest house currently being renovated, a deeded beach access, dockage and pool. This prime waterfront property has direct access to the intra-coastal waterway. **\$6,295,000**



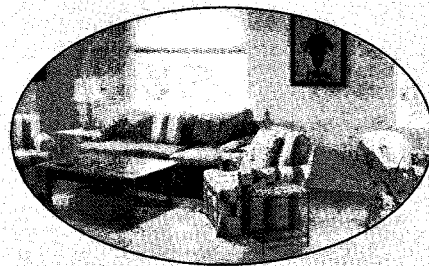
PALM AVENUE VILLA
Gorgeous Mediterranean villa with 5 BR/5.5 BA and just steps to the Gulf of Mexico. This quality constructed home offers a heated pool with spa, outdoor entertaining area with built-in grill, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, unique finishes, Saturnia marble floors, fireplace, private elevator, 2-car garage, high tray ceilings and quality details throughout. **\$2,560,000**



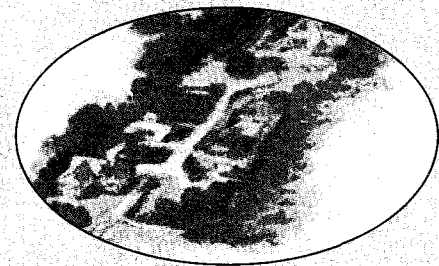
WATERFRONT LOT - HERON'S LANDING
Almost 3/4 acre directly on Clam Bayou. Located on a cul-de-sac in Captiva's popular Heron's Landing which offers a community dock, pool and deeded beach access. Plans are available for a home well-suited for this lot. **\$489,000**



COMPLETELY REMODELED
This charming, rare 4 BR/2 BA duplex is currently being remodeled from "Top to Bottom". Property is located on a corner lot and just a short stroll from the beach and Bay. Views of Pine Island Sound from the front porch, a fenced in pool and new furniture to be delivered soon. **\$1,195,000**



CAPTIVA BEACH HOUSE
Wonderful 2 story beach house with 4 BR/3 BA and pool. This home offers an open kitchen with breakfast bar and gas range, wood & tile floors throughout, fire sprinklers, living-dining combination, master bedroom with sitting area and sold furnished. Just a short stroll to the beach, restaurants and island shops. **\$1,195,000**



BUILDING SITE FOR BOATERS & FISHERMAN
Fantastic one acre "Estate Zoned" lot in the New Osprey Bay Estates subdivision. This subdivision consists of three parcels all having dockage on Roosevelt Channel with direct access and short stroll to the deeded beach access. **\$1,349,000**

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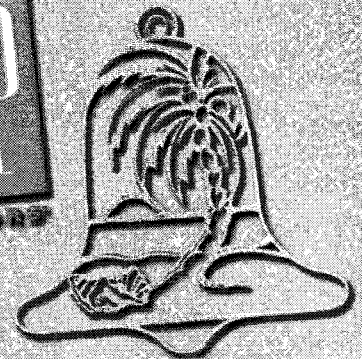


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My Stars ★★★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could

mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Jan. 1, 45 B.C., New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1 for the first time in history as the Julian calendar, designed by Roman dictator Julius Caesar, takes effect.

- On Dec. 30, 1853, the final boundaries of the southern United States are established as James Gadsden, the U.S. minister to Mexico, and General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the president of Mexico, sign the Gadsden Purchase in Mexico City. The treaty settled the dispute over the location of the Mexican border west of El Paso, Texas.

- On Dec. 29, 1890, in the tragic final chapter of America's long war against the Plains Indians, the U.S.

7th Cavalry kills 146 Sioux Indians, including 44 women and 18 children, at Wounded Knee, S.D.

- On Dec. 27, 1932, at the height of the Great Depression, thousands turn out for the opening of Radio City Music Hall, a magnificent Art Deco theater in New York City. Since its opening, more than 300 million people have enjoyed its movies, stage shows, concerts and special events. Today, Radio City Music Hall remains the largest indoor theater in the world.

- On Dec. 28, 1947, singer Wynonie Harris records the hit song "Good Rockin' Tonight." The hard-driving blues number popularized the word "rock" and associated it with the fast, exciting blues-based music that would dominate the charts in the 1950s.

- On Dec. 31, 1968, the bloodiest year of the Vietnam War ends with 14,584 Americans killed (a 56 percent increase over 1967). At year's end, 536,040 American servicemen were stationed in Vietnam.

- On Jan. 2, 1990, Alan Hale Jr., the Skipper on TV's "Gilligan's Island," dies of cancer at age 68. "Gilligan's Island" ran from 1964 to 1967, then aired in reruns for decades. Its characters were resurrected in three TV movies in 1978, 1979 and 1981.

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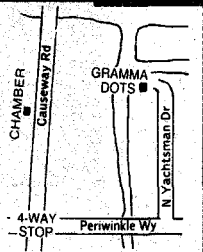
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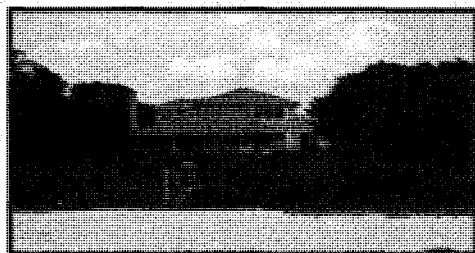
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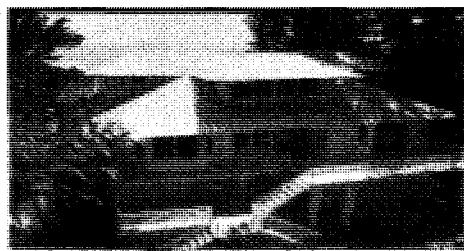
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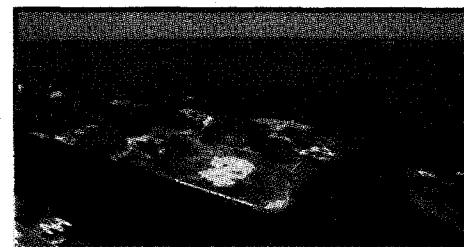


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New Listing

Charming Shell Harbor Canal Home

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College Or Millions In The NBA Tough Choice for Young Hoosier



by Ed Frank

Put yourself in the size 19 shoes of 16-year-old Greg Oden, a seven-foot high school basketball center from Indianapolis, who *NBA scouts say would be the No. 1 pick* in next year's draft if he was eligible.

Only a high school junior, he will not be eligible. But what about the 2006 draft when he would be eligible?

This is the dilemma that this likeable youngster, who, by the way, sports a 3.9 grade average, will face.

Every top college basketball program in the nation covets Oden. And nearly every top NBA scout says he is a sure-fire future star. The team lucky enough to draft Oden would become an immediate contender, they say.

So what would you do? Would you grab the instant millions thrown your way by skipping college and entering the NBA? Or would you accept a scholarship to play college basketball and to further your education?

It's a tough choice, but right now Oden says he wants to go to college.

"I don't know exactly where yet, but I know what I want to do. I'm okay in math, so maybe I'd major in accounting," he was quoted recently.

Oden is blessed with Michael Jordan-type talent, the quickness, scoring touch and rebounding strength that coaches and scouts love. He was recently featured in *Sports Illustrated* and a made-for ESPN2 game between Oden's state champion Lawrence North High School and the Missouri state titlist Poplar Bluff.

With Oden scoring 16 points - seven of nine from the field, grabbing five rebounds, two assists, and two blocked shots, Lawrence North defeated Poplar Bluff 56-40.

As a sophomore, Oden led Lawrence North to a 29-2 record when they won the Indiana large school title. He averaged 14 points a game and shot a remarkable 71 percent from the field.

This year, Jack Keefer, the Lawrence North coach for 29 years, wants Oden to shoot more. "He needs to work more on his offense," says Keefer.

The level-headed youngster lives in a modest apartment with his mother and his younger brother, Anthony, a six-foot, eight-inch, 240-pound freshman who plays on Lawrence North's JV team.

Oden's mother, Zoe, will play an important role in the decision whether her son

jumps to the NBA from high school or whether he pursues a college education. She works for an Indianapolis hospital as a rehabilitation technician.

"The NBA talk and all that money sounds great," she was quoted in the *Sports Illustrated* article, "but he really wants to experience the things you experience in college."

To which her son adds, "I don't see myself as being ready for the NBA in two years. I know people say I am, but I need to work on so much - dribbling, better post moves."

The most sought-after high school basketball player in the nation can go to any college he desires. He can also become an instant millionaire as a teenager.

It will be a tough decision for Greg Oden. But here's a youngster who will make the right decision.

Everblades Sweep Augusta; Home New Year's Eve Against Charlotte

Last weekend's sweep of the Augusta Lynx by the Florida Everblades moved the local team into third place in the South Division of the East Coast Hockey League.

The 3-2, 5-2 victories last weekend at Germain Arena improved the Everblades season record to 14-11-1, five points behind division leader Gwinnett.

The Everblades next home game is New Year's Eve with a 7:30 p.m. start against Charlotte. Tickets are available.

Florida Flame Woes Continue on Road

After dropping three of its first four games at home, the Florida Flame of the National Basketball Development League lost its first road game of the young season 113-104 to the Huntsville (AL) Flight last weekend.

Former Indiana University star Kirk Haston continued to lead the Flame, scoring 24 points and pulling down seven rebounds in the losing cause. But Huntsville forward Rodney Bias set a NBDL record with 24 rebounds.

The 1-4 Flame faced the Asheville Altitude on the road Tuesday night and will host the same Asheville team Thursday and Sunday at Germain Arena. Tickets are available by calling 561-8130.

Everblades Six-Game Win Streak Stopped; Drop Pair Last Weekend

The Florida Everblades of the East Coast Hockey League dropped a pair of road games last weekend to the South Carolina Stingrays 3-0 and 2-1.

The loss last Friday snapped the Everblades six-game winning streak.

The team is home this weekend at Germain Arena hosting the Augusta Lynx tonight, Friday, and again tomorrow night. Both are 7:30 p.m. games. Tickets are available at the box office.

Twins Ink Radke to Two-Year Deal; Team Earns Baseball Organization of the Year Award

Veteran pitcher Brad Radke, who has been on the Minnesota Twins roster his entire 10-year major league career, signed a new two-year contract for a reported \$18



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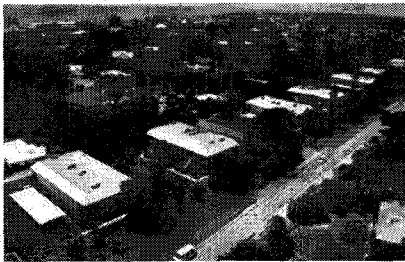
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"I think it is apparent how important Brad is to this organization and what he has provided for the 10 years he's been here," said Twins General Manager Terry Ryan.

The 32-year-old Radke was 11-8 with a 3.48 ERA last season. He has thrown 200 or more innings in eight of his 10 big league seasons.

In other news, the Twins baseball team for the second time in three years, was named Organization of the Year by *Baseball America*, the nation's leading baseball periodical.

In addition to the team honor, Twins GM Ryan was awarded *Baseball America's* Executive of the Year.

The Twins have won three consecutive American League Central Division titles.✪

City Golf Championship

The City of Sanibel hosts its 10th Annual Golf Championship on Sunday, January 23, at the Beachview Golf Course. The entry fee is \$60 and includes green fees, cart and a meal. There will be raffle door prizes as well as other awards for the longest drive and closest to the pin. The proceeds of the golf championship will benefit island youth.✪

Dunes Men's Golf Association

Results of play at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on December 15 are as follows:

A Flight

First place - 54
Tom August and Bill Glenn
Second place - 57
Jim Hetmanek and Jim Clark

B Flight

First place - 55
Bob Baumler and John Frymoyer
Second place - 57
Bob Davison and Hubie Whitaker

C Flight

First place - 51
John Basher and Fred Nordstrom
Second place (tie) - 56
Roy Brodersen and Bill Arthur
Max Friedersdorf and Chuck York

D Flight

First place - 51
Bob Maxeiner and Ev Bowie
Second place - 52
Bud Albertson and Lee Southard.✪

Beachview Men's Golf Association

by Ed O'Neil

Rene Lohser left his native Switzerland to travel the world, selling European imports to the pharmaceutical industry. His partner, tall Ralph Suechting, helped the same industry in his own way, as a surgeon.

Their combination left the rest of the field looking for some pain relief when they banged out an amazing net 50 in the Beachview Men's Golf Association two-man best ball December 18.

Except for Rene, the day was dominated by the league's big guys as Ken Steele and Bill Sadd nosed out Joe Hoffmann and Jerry Mader in a playoff after both teams scored 57s.

There's a legend in the great north woods that Joe Hoffmann revolutionized the boat business in Minnesota in a very simple way. Sales jumped when he attached small signs to all of his boats. Natives gathered and shouted, "So that's what we've been doing wrong."

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Joe kept his hot streak going on December 14 when he led his team of Ken Karasin, Al Krause and the ever-popular blind draw to a net total of 57 strokes in the two-man best ball event of the Beachview Men's Golf Association.

Jack Shea, Bob Ritchlin, Ken Steele and Bill Blankenship finished second at 61.✪

Nifty Niners

Results from December 16, two person, better ball play are as follows:

First place - (tie)28

Joan Sprinkle and Mary Tobin
Phyllis Koury and Mary Coddens

Third place - 30

Lois Smith and Sue Lopez

Fourth place - 31

Mary Condit and Nancy Hopkins

Chip-ins

Pat Coughlin - on 2 and 6

Mary Condit - on 4.✪

A Golfer's Wish List For Santa

Oh please Santa, all we want for Xmas is a hole in one, and only on the par threes and then we are done.

Well no, not exactly... of course we all want more - on the par fives we all want a four.

And Santa, once you're listening please make waterholes disappear, we'll hear so much less of "oh shucks," "oh my" and "oh dear!"

And we know, just know, in that sack of yours there's a whole lot of fine, brandnew by laws, such as lifting the ball when you can't see the green, moving white stakes if your ball rolls into the rough unseen.

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2. Name the last Detroit Tigers player before Ivan Rodriguez in 2004 to be voted to the All-Star Game.
3. Which two college football teams play for the Golden Egg trophy?
4. Who are the only two NBA coaches to win division titles in each of their first three years of coaching?
5. Who entered the Hockey Hall of Fame first -- Ken Dryden or Phil Esposito?
6. What country won its only men's soccer gold medal at the 1980 Olympics?

ANSWERS

1. Maury Wills (1961-62) 2. Cecil Fielder in 1991 3. Ole Miss and Mississippi State 4. Rick Carlisle (2001-03) and Pat Riley (1981-83) 5. Dryden was inducted in 1983, Esposito in 1984. 6. Czechoslovakia



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Boys' teams include: Boca Raton Christian (Boca Raton), Canterbury School (Fort Myers), Covenant Christian (Palm Bay), Evangelical Christian (Fort Myers), Highlands Christian (Pompano Beach), Horeb Christian (Miami), Sheridan Hills (Miami) and Wellington Christian (Miami). Girls' teams are: Canterbury (Fort Myers), Horeb Christian (Miami), Oak Hall (Gainseville), and St. John Neumann (Naples).

The school is located at 8141 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, call 481-4323, ext. 301 or 410-2780.*

Boxing Club

The Immaculata Boxing Club is now open for new members - boys age eight to 28 years old. The Immaculata Boxing Club is located on Palm Beach Boulevard. The gym is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 995-5809.*

Dunes Women's Golf Association

Results for the Dunes Womens Golf Association for December 17 are as follows:

A Flight

First place (tie), Sue Richard and Grethe Christensen, +4

B-C Flight

First place, Jana Stone, +6; second place, Carolyn Wood, +4.

D Flight

First place, Millie Hassleman, +9; second place (tie), Claire Bowie and Lee Bogan, +8.

Chip-ins

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Ginny Fleming *

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Job Market

Of the 16,000 U.S. employers surveyed, 24 percent anticipate an increase in hiring activity for the first quarter, while 10 percent expect to decrease staff levels. Fifty-nine percent of employers surveyed foresee no change in job prospects, and 7 percent are unsure of their hiring plans. When seasonal variations are removed from the data, the outlook for the first three months of 2005 reveals that employer confidence is expected to inch upward from last quarter and improve greatly from a year ago.*



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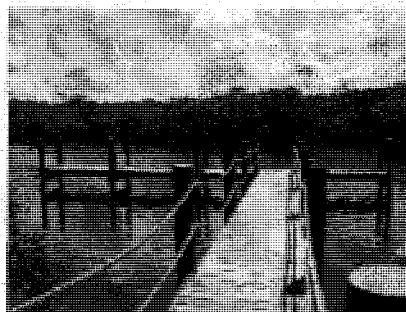


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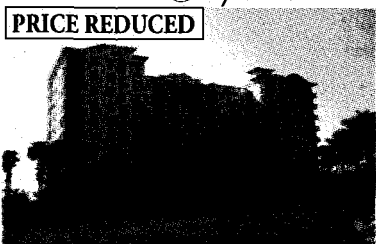
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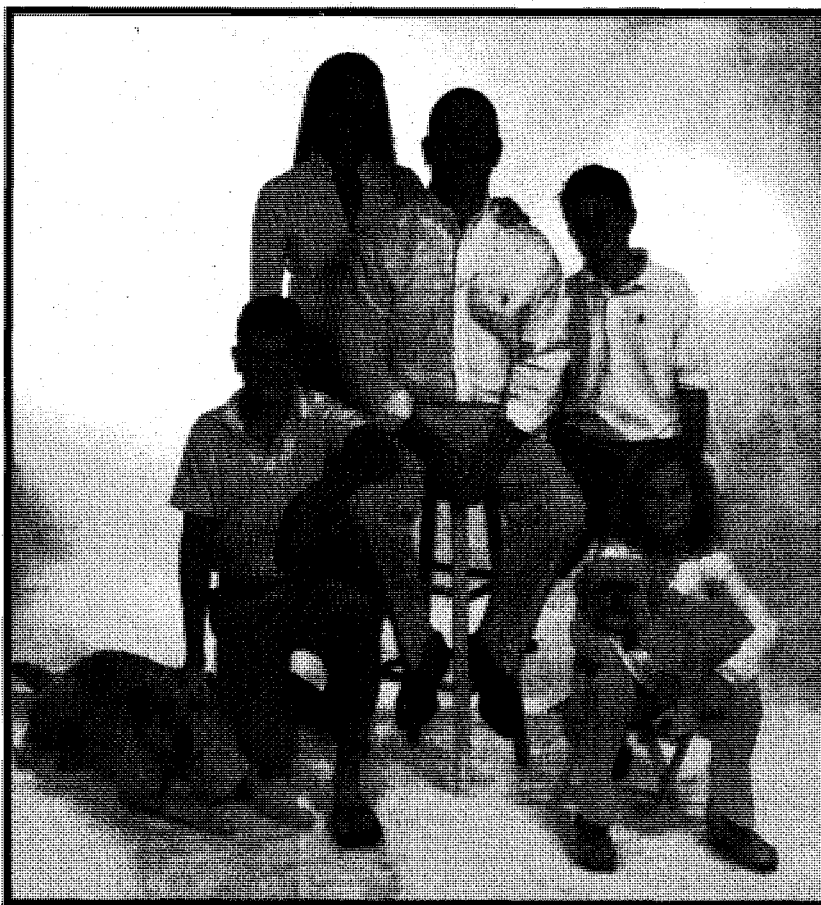
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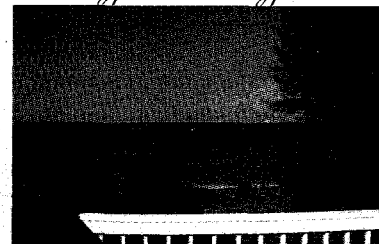


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by Barbara Beardasley



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Cinnamon-Gingerbread Cookies

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup dark molasses
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar. Blend in molasses, water, flour, salt, soda and spices. Cover, chill 2-3 hours. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough 1/4 inch

thick on a lightly floured surface. Cut desired shapes and place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Cool. Decorate with icing and sprinkles or raisins, candied cherries, and red and green gumdrops.

Decorator's Icing

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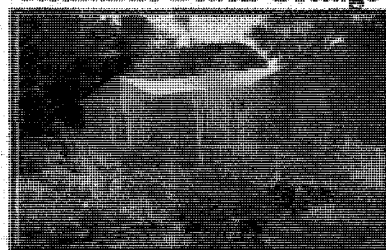
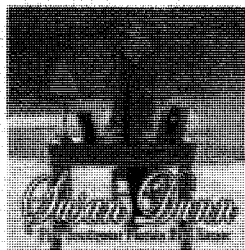
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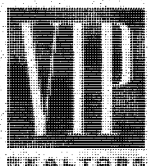
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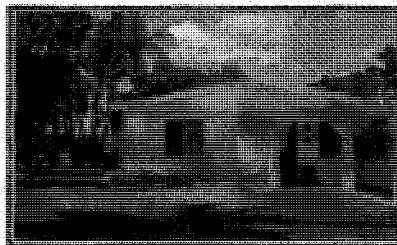


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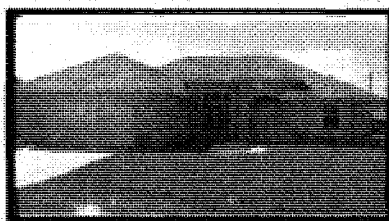


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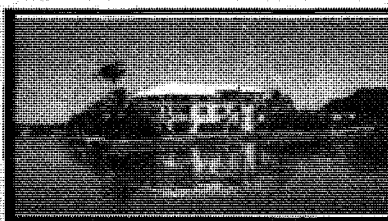
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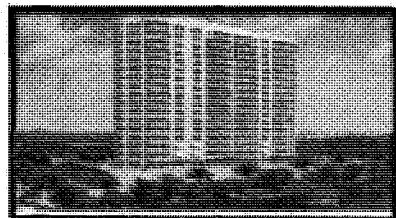
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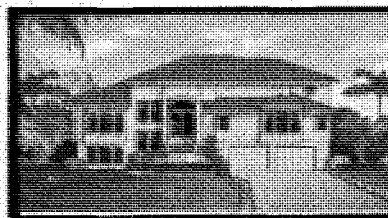


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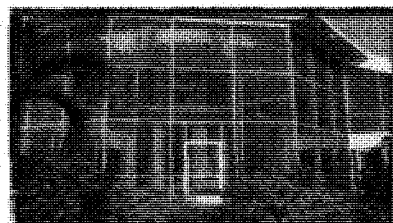


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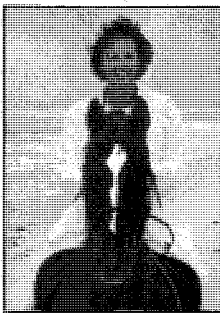
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What's New @ Sanibel Public Library

by Kathleen Teaze

At this time of year we find ourselves driving around a lot and perhaps too tired to keep a book open for more than a few minutes. Recorded books, on either tape or CD provide the remedy for this sad situation and the library receives new best sellers all the time. Some new ones here at the library are *Black Wind* by Clive Cussler and *Night Fall* by Nelson DeMille, a thriller about the crash of TWA Flight 800. In *I Am Charlotte Simmons* the mega-best-selling author Tom Wolfe tells a story that comes alive with cinematic vividness. For mystery fans there are *Metro Girl* by Janet Evanovich in which Barney takes up the search when her not-so-bright brother Wild Bill, a boat captain, goes missing in Florida, and Tony Hillerman's *Skeleton Man* featuring Joe Leaphorn coming out of retirement. January's Book Discussion group selection, *Small Wonder* is also on audio.

The library now loans DVDs, and in addition to feature films, there is a

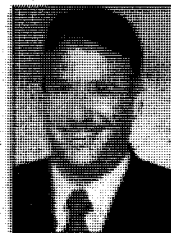
selection of television series favorites like the first season of *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* and seasons one and two of *The Sopranos* for those who have either heard about these hits, or just can't get enough of them.

If the sound of little feet is getting to you, why not check out some DVD's or videos for children. Along with many others, new ones include *Eloise at Christmastime*, the perennial favorite *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Angelina Ballerina-The Show Must Go On* and *The Christmas Witch*.

The Sanibel Public Library is located at 770 Dunlop Road. Library hours are Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the library at 472-2483 or visit www.sanlib.org.

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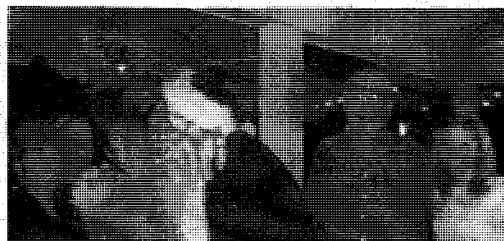
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Scott, Lisa, Teresa and Mark Baker enjoyed the RE/MAX party

Children's Miracle Network Gets Donations

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Broker/owner of the local RE/MAX office, Art Corace, said, "We traditionally

announce the results of our Children's Miracle Network (CMN) fundraising efforts at the Christmas party. We are proud to report our sales associates donated over \$2,000 to CMN. It is important to know the local community benefits from our contribution because All Children's Hospital on Colonial Boulevard is largely funded through Children's Miracle Network."

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Captiva Library Offers Kids' Club

The Captiva Memorial Library is offering an exciting program for children next month. The program is free and open to the public.

Kids' Club: Biomes of the World starts at 2 p.m. Saturdays in January.

Kids will receive information about the forests (January 8); deserts (January 15); grasslands (January 22) and tundra (January 29). Please preregister.

Captiva Memorial Library is located at 11560 Chapin Lane on Captiva Island. For more information about the program or to register, call the library at 472-2133. A sign language interpreter is available with 48-hour notice. Call the Deaf Service Center at 461-0334 (voice) or 461-0438 (TTY). Assistive listening devices are available upon request.

Check the Lee County Library System's Web site, www.leecounty.com/ library, or pick up an events calendar at the library to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636) for more information about a specific program.✪

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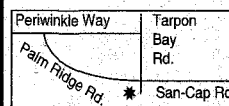
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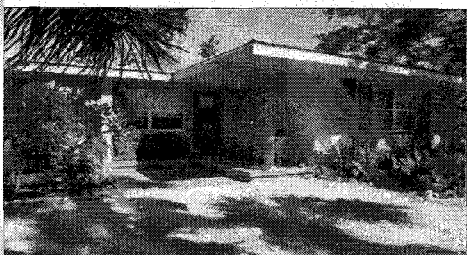
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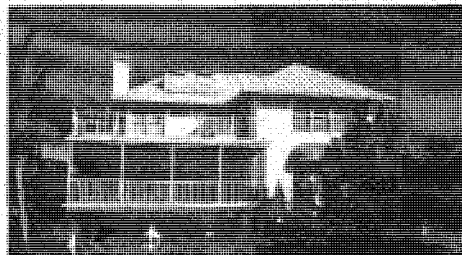
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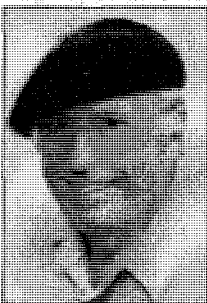
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For consideration, please send typed poems with a short biography to Island Sun, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, FL 33957. Don Brown or send a Microsoft Word attachment to donbrown@alum.mit.edu

Julia (Rymer) Cable Nation (1875-1937)

by Patricia Cable Deeder

Though we never met, grandmother, I visit your place of rest and shed tears of sadness and joy.

Though we never spoke, grandmother, I trust your soul will hear me.

Though we never touched, grandmother, I imagine strolling down the mountain back roads with you arm in arm.

Though we never hugged, grandmother, I embrace your essence as I correspond with your descendants.

I have your paper fan, grandmother, you may have used on warm Tennessee days.

I have your pieces of cloth, grandmother, perhaps a quilt you never finished.

I have your small pistol, grandmother, you tied under your skirts... just in case!

I have your photos, grandmother, that are framed and hung in a well chosen place.

I could not attend your wake, grandmother, as my birth was four years after your passing.

I love you, grandmother, though we never met.

Waste

by Patricia Cable Deeder

He emotionally picks her apart, takes what he wants, discards her best... the love she is willing to give... to share.

It is almost too much to bear. Must she walk away unfulfilled, disillusioned, stripped and deflated gasping for breath?

Mismatched

by Patricia Cable Deeder

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*Patricia Cable Deeder wrote her first poem in 1995, a sensitive tribute to her paternal grandmother whom she never met, as she embarked on a journey in search of family history. Patricia writes about men, women, family, feelings, discovering southern kin and relationships with honesty taken directly from the heart. Libraries in North Carolina and Tennessee have a collection of Patricia's poetry available for families searching their heritage to enjoy.**

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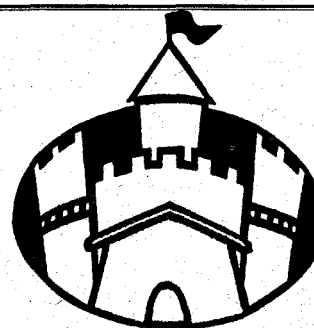


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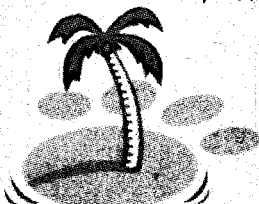
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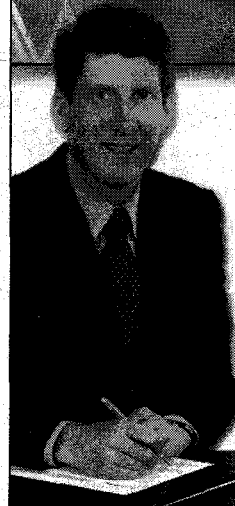
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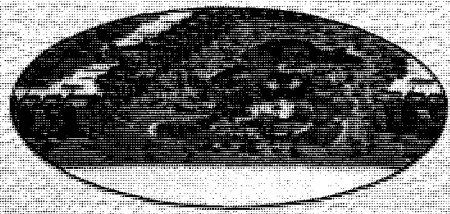
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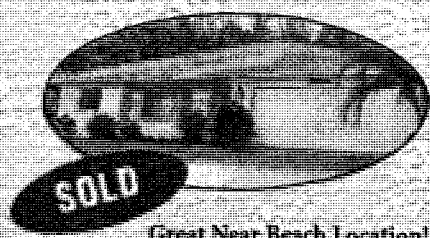
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Beyond The Hundredth Meridian, John Wesley Powell And The Second Opening Of The West

by Max Friedersdorf

John Wesley Powell was a young, Illinois school teacher who volunteered as a private in the Union army and soon found himself assigned to the staff of another Illinois soldier: General Ulysses S. Grant.

Rising to the rank of Major, Powell was with Grant at Shiloh when his right arm was smashed by a Minie ball. Three days later, in Savannah, surgeons amputated the arm above the elbow.

Loss of his right arm did not end Powell's military career. After recuperative leave he returned to duty and served as artillery officer for Generals Grant, Sherman and Thomas.

After the Civil War, despite his disability, Powell burned with energy, ambition and a thirst for a life beyond the class room.

Like many restless young veterans, both northern and southern, the western frontier beckoned as a place for a new start, adventure and perhaps, a fortune to be made.

Powell's westward urge came in the form of a dream he had to take an expedition of students and naturalists to the Rocky Mountains or the Dakota badlands, which were still largely unmapped, unsurveyed and unexplored.

Calling on his old commander, General Grant, who was then Secretary of War, Powell received a promise of army rations for a 12-man expedition.

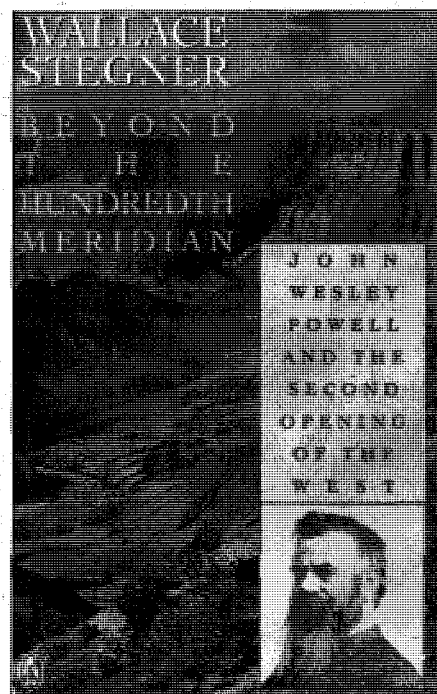
Powell managed to get his group to the mountains in 1867, and climbed Pikes Peak, traversed the front range of the Rockies, and shipped natural history specimens back home.

This prologue of the early career of John Wesley Powell sets the stage in Wallace Stegner's, *West Of The Hundredth Meridian*, for the story of the most courageous and rewarding exploration feat in U.S. history since Lewis and Clark.

Enamored of the west, Powell's drive and intense curiosity, fueled by the challenge of vast unexplored regions, stimulated a goal of exploring the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon.

Powell's handscramble nine-man team pushed off in four clumsy boats from the Green River bank in Wyoming at 1 p.m. on May 24, 1869.

This was no spare-no-costs government financed exploration at all; Powell's backer, the Illinois Natural History Society, had scraped together \$1,100 for what turned out



to be a near starvation, three-month canoe down the Colorado River through huge rapids, over killer boulders, and baking temperatures reaching 115 degrees at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

No cell phones, maps, directional finders, radios, medical doctors, meals on wheels, life jackets, helmets, or native guides were available in those days.

Amazingly, the crew survived countless capsizings, crashes, hunger, heat prostration, exhaustion and the loss of two boats with valuable food rations – until the last big hurdle.

Approaching a huge rapid, locked in by sheer cliffs on both sides affording no chance of portage, the expedition started to disintegrate. Three of the crew almost talked Powell into abandoning the journey and climbing out of the canyon.

Powell ultimately decided they had come this far under terrible conditions and he would face the rapids come what may. He also calculated that they should be near the end of the Grand Canyon.

The three dissidents said, no way, we are leaving and took off up the cliffs to the north rim, where they were soon slaughtered by hostile Indians. The other six made it through.

The hundredth meridian runs south from the Canadian border through the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Everything west of the meridian is considered arid, with some regions getting eight inches or less of rainfall per year.

After his exploring days, Powell became the first head of the U.S. Geological Survey and spent his later years surveying and mapping the country, west of the hundredth meridian.

Stegner, a past winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for his books about the west, also wrote *The Big Rock Candy Mountain*, *Angle Of Repose*, and *Where The Bluebird Sings To The Lemonade Springs*.

Beyond The Hundredth Meridian, John Wesley Powell And The Second Opening Of The West, By Wallace Stegner, Penguin Books, \$16.*

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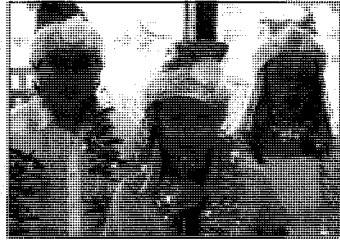
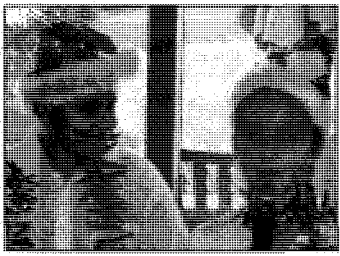
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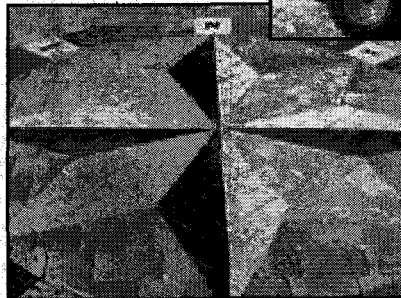
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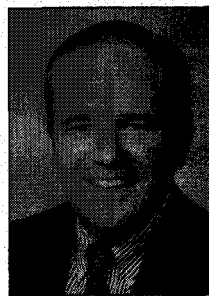
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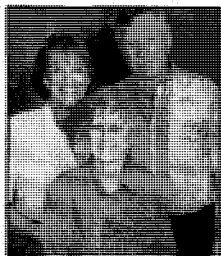
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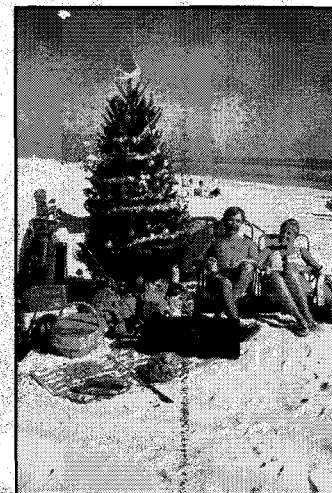
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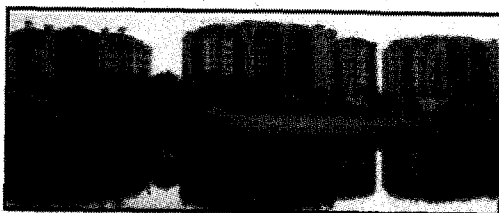
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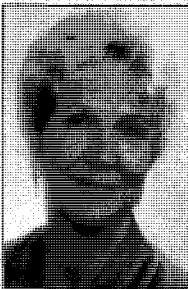


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Happy Christmas To All!

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by Camille Kucaba

And to all you last-minute shoppers out there, a few suggestions:

Give her the sun and the moon - a 14 kt. gold version, that is - from **Sanibel Goldsmith**.

She's sure to adore a fragrant surprise from **Escentials in The Village Shops** (I'd like Sanibel perfume, Stan).

For equestrians and art lovers: Sherry Rohl's portraits of horses "in agony and in ecstasy" are on display at **Matsumoto Gallery**, also located in The Village.

What about gift certificates for a pampering massage or soothing facial from **Sanibel Day Spa in Periwinkle Place**.

Consider a romantic dinner for two at **Riviera** restaurant, just reopened on West Gulf Drive.

Rare artifacts and ancient coins create timeless treasures - discover them at **Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry in Tahitian Gardens**.

And just about anyone would appreciate the latest best seller from **MacIntosh Book Shop...** or maybe cool "moo" wear (tees, caps, etc.) from **The Island Cow**.

Yum! Two "new" eateries have just opened on Sanibel, certainly very wel-



Pat Witt is one of several featured crafters at The Shell Net in Bailey's Center. Her lovely holiday ornaments include arrowhead sand dollars, starfish and muffin, nautilus, spindle and tonna shells. Free demos will continue at The Shell Net in January.

come additions during this hectic holiday season.

If you've been missing your Mozella fix, the wait is over.

"A full belly is a happy belly" and other such whimsies introduce the **Full Belly Deli**, an offshoot of the former Mozella's Foodworks on Palm Ridge Road.

Don't worry - "we haven't changed

the 'Foodworks' part," says Co-owner Jim Jordan. His mom, Mozella, still offers her fabulous catering menu.

As the name implies, Full Belly Deli takes a fun approach to food. "We have some unique sandwiches," Jim tells me, and they're all filled to overflowing - hence the name Carl's Two-Handed Salute for the hearty roast beef and

cheese number named after Jim's dad and a liverwurst sandwich called The Wurst Is Yet to Come. But prices are reasonable, he's quick to add. Of course the deli continues to offer its wonderful homemade soups, tasty quiche and to-die-for baked goods like the scrumptious muffins and giant cookies. If you're headed to the beach or out fishing, "we're happy to pack up a lunch box," smiles Jim.

He says FBD is a developing endeavor - "we'll be adding specialty salsas and chips and other items as we go along."

Appealing to visitors and locals alike, the deli is open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A little farther up Palm Ridge Road (2440, to be exact), John and Kim Nader have taken over the former Mona Lisa's. Voila! **The Great White Grill**.

Billed as "a great place to get a bite" (yes, the pun's intended), the new restaurant is a family owned and operated venture featuring gourmet and specialty pizza, gyros (Stan's favorite), wings, sandwiches, pasta dishes, salads and more.

"I've always been fascinated by sharks," John confesses, so (you guessed it) a shark theme dominates at this friendly, fun spot. And since the couple hails from Pittsburgh, there's Pittsburgh memorabilia mingled in with the tropical decor.

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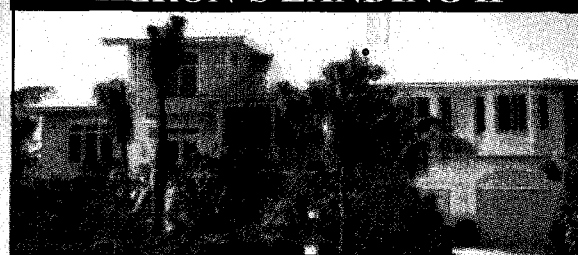
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salad topped with grilled chicken or steak, French fries and cheese. The pasta dinners are prepared with family recipe sauces.

Open for lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Great White will be featuring daily specials on food and beer. "We have over 20 beer selections, including some Pittsburgh and micro brews," John says. "We also have a nice little wine list," adds Kim, whose mother, Linda, helps out at the restaurant, too.

John worked for a financial institution and Kim owned an antique prints and custom framing business, but both have been "in and out of the restaurant business during our lives." After vacationing on Sanibel for the past seven years, they settled on the Palm Ridge Road location for their restaurant. "It's something I've always wanted to do. We love it here," John says. "It's a nice place to raise a family," which includes their seven-year-old daughter, Tess, a 1st grader at The Sanibel School.

Whether you dine in, take out or opt for delivery, you'll find the menu at The Great White Grill delicious... and the owners a delight. Phone 472-0212.

It was a grand re-opening for **McCarthy's Marina and Captiva Cruises** earlier this month. After extensive remodeling following Hurricane Charley, Marina Owner Paul McCarthy says the place "looks better than it ever did."

If you're entertaining family and/or friends for the holidays, what better way to show off our island paradise than by climbing aboard the *Lady Chadwick*

for a spectacular sunset cruise. Or, rent a canoe or kayak and paddle around at your leisure, soaking up the sun and thrilling to the abundance of wildlife and sealife that surrounds us. Call 472-5300 for reservations.

Arundel's Hallmark is getting ready for its annual after Christmas sale! At 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 26, virtually every holiday item will be discounted 40 percent - 50 percent for ornaments. Take advantage of savings on wrapping paper, ribbons and bows, boxed cards, paper party ware and loads of decorative accessories such as Jacqueline Kent collectible holiday carolers, lovely holiday linens and ceramic ware (including angel bells and cute salt and pepper shaker snowmen), Christmas candles, candle rings and tea light holders, pretty picture frames, the list goes on.

Get a jump on next year's stocking stuffers - and the stockings - with holiday bath confetti and "snow globe" soap. You'll also find plenty of plush, including the popular Polar Express Santa.

How I love a bargain! Meet me at **Heart of the Island** plaza, 1626 Periwinkle Way, bright and early Sunday morning.

FYI: the holiday sale already is in full swing at **Eileen Fisher**, 2055 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. At 40 to 60 percent off, you can buy someone a present (me, Stan?) worth *much* more than the price tag!

Hurray! One of our favorite hangouts, **Lazy Flamingo I** at Santiva (6520 Pine Avenue just off Sanibel-Captiva Road), is open for business again. Stop by to

indulge in the great food and joyful camaraderie.

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club presents a fabulous Christmas Eve dinner tonight (December 24) from 5 to 8 p.m.; call 472-3355. And you just might want to join the annual "hangover open" on Saturday, January 1. But be forewarned... it's an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start!

The "Twelve Days of Fishmas" is happening at **The Timbers** on Sanibel. Choose among 10 snappers snapping, nine groupers group-ing, eight oysters shucking... you get the idea. Phone 472-3128 for reservations Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day.

The Seafood Factory on Sanibel is open Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Having just sampled the terrific new menu, I'd say it's a spot you definitely want to visit during the holidays. Phone 472-2323 for reservations.

The Jacaranda offers a memorable Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dining experience, 5 to 10 p.m., plus a gala New Year's Eve celebration. Book now by calling 472-1771.

New Year's Eve at **Traders** sound like fun. The Danny Morgan Band with special guest, Bob 'Sugarlips' Lotz, entertains



Amy Sbarra dressed in vintage 1940s garb with her vintage car

for our dining and dancing pleasure. Call 472-7242 for details and reservations.

Local songbird, Amy Sbarra, does her 1940s jazz/swing thing on Wednesday evenings through January 5 at **Ellington's Jazz Bar & Restaurant**. If you remember the Captiva Cotillions of 1999 and 2000, you experienced first hand her talent and passion for this bygone era. Drop in at the restaurant to catch her act and/or visit her Retro 1940s Day Spa at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva.

May the joy and peace of the season accompany you into 2005. ✨
(Camille loves to hear from readers. Email IslandSunSanibel@aol.com)

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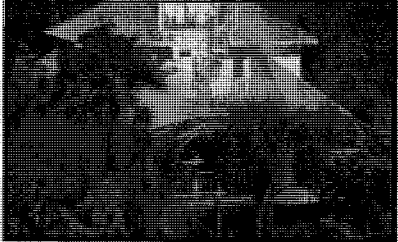
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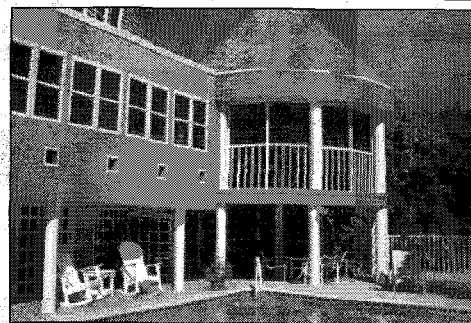
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Fit 'n' Trim Offered On The Islands

To serve island residents and visitors, Claudia Burns and Moon Price, who ran the Weight Watchers meetings on Sanibel, have developed a program based on their own strategies for staying Fit 'n' Trim.

Starting on January 7, Sanibel Congregational Church will offer a newly-expanded, easier to use, weight management program, that includes meal plan suggestions each Friday at 11:30 a.m. in its ground-level Heron Hall. Doors open at 11 a.m. for weigh-in.

The emphasis of Fit 'n' Trim is on fitness. Its objective is to wean participants from starchy foods and sugar and to

encourage them to increase their daily activity. Burns and Price will serve as instructors, as well as role models for participants, who are encouraged to give a five dollar donation to the church for each meeting they attend, as well as a one-time fee of five dollars for program materials.

For more information on phone 472-5133 or e-mail imfitntrim@msn.com.✱

Macomber To Speak At Library

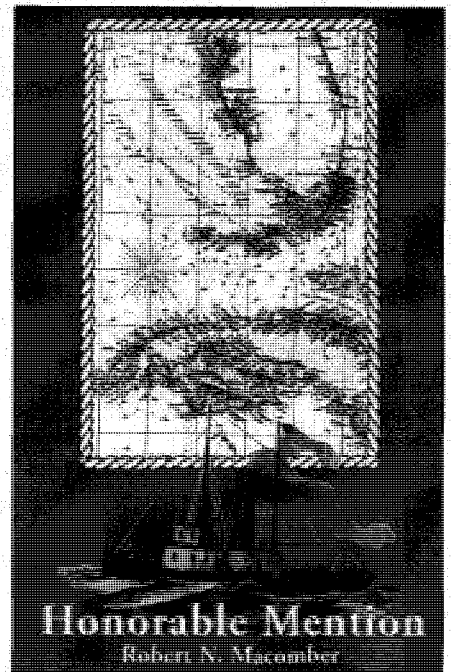
Nationally recognized author and lecturer on maritime history, Robert N. Macomber, will talk about "Eyeball Recon - Researching and Writing Novels from Out There on

Location" and sign his newest book, *Honorable Mention*, at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday, January 12 at 2 p.m.

Honorable Mention is the third in a planned series of seven novels about the life and times of Peter Wake. They follow Wake through his adventures as a volunteer junior officer in the Civil War, his service in the brush fire wars in the 1870s and 1880s, his rise in the modern naval force during the 1890s, and the challenges of his senior rank during the Spanish-American War. Acclaimed Florida author Randy Wayne White said about Macomber's first novel, *At the Edge of Honor*, "the fascinating story of Florida's Civil War sea battles was unknown to me until I read this book." For that novel Macomber received the 2003 Patrick Smith Award for Best Florida Historical Fiction.

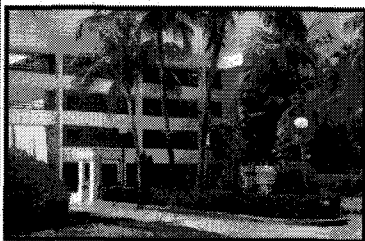
Macomber grew up among the islands of the unspoiled coasts of Florida before they were discovered and developed. The son of a sailor, he learned sailing at a very early age from his father. By the time he was 17, Macomber was the skipper of an Irwin 24 foot sloop, and racing offshore. He uses his sea experience to assist him while writing novels and lecturing on maritime history.

The program is free and open to the public and will be held in the meeting room of the Sanibel Public Library at 770 Dunlop Road. For more information, call the library at 472-2843.✱



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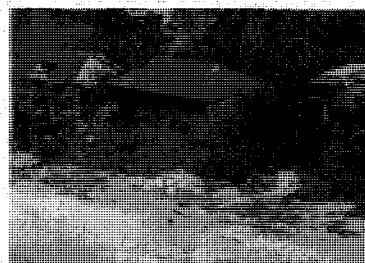
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"In the Fort Myers/Naples area, employers expect less hiring activity than in the fourth quarter when 43 percent of the companies interviewed intended to

increase headcount, and none planned to decrease it," said Mason. "Employers are much less optimistic about hiring than they were a year ago when 53 percent of companies surveyed thought employment increases were likely and none intended to cut back."

For the coming quarter, job prospects appear best in public administration, transportation/public utilities, wholesale/retail trade, finance/insurance/real estate and construction. Employers in durable and non-durable goods manufacturing, and education are unsure of their staffing plans, while hiring in services is expected to remain unchanged.

National results of the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey for the first quarter of 2005 predict a slight boost in the hiring pace.

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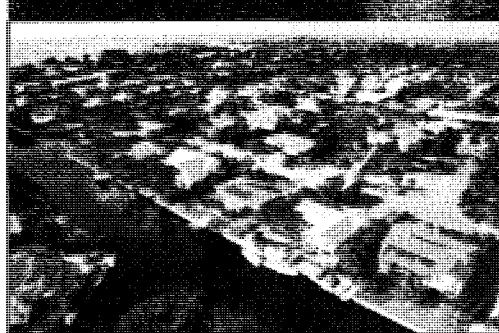
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Dear Readers, This year, the FDA approved many new products. Here are a few of the major prescription (Rx) and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and medical devices introduced this year that may help you or someone you love. Always check

with your doctor to see if you are a candidate for a given product. Have a safe and happy new year.

HeartStart (OTC, device): Defibrillator to restart the heart for use at home. Guides you with interactive voice prompts and delivers a shock only if necessary.

PediaLyte (OTC): Freezer pops for kids who need to replenish electrolytes when sick. There is also a freezer pop for PediaCare used to treat children's coughing.

Caduet (Rx, oral): Caduet targets heart disease and high cholesterol all at once. It is the marriage of two other drugs on the market, amlodipine (Norvasc) and atorvastatin (Lipitor).

Erbix (Rx, Injection): Treats metastatic cancer of the colon or rectum.

Campral (Rx, oral): For alcohol dependence. Once a person stops drinking, he or she can use Campral to balance brain chemicals, which reduces the craving. We may see Campral used one day to treat

additions to other substances as well. **ExAblate 2000 (Rx, device):** A device that uses focused ultrasound beams and imagery from an MRI to destroy uterine fibroids. This is a nonsurgical alternative to hysterectomy.

Ketek (Rx, oral): New antibiotic for chronic bronchitis, sinusitis and pneumonia.

Hylaform (Rx, Injection): Smooths out moderate to severe wrinkles on the face. Derived from bird sources, it is a purified, natural hyaluronic acid similar to other products on the market.

Airborne (OTC, oral): Immune-boosting dietary supplement to reduce risk of catching cold. It's taken at the onset of illness or prior to entering crowded, germ-ridden places like malls and airports.

Xifaxan (Rx, oral): New antibiotic to prevent traveler's diarrhea. The drug, approved and used in 17 other countries, doesn't get into the bloodstream.

Sanctura (Rx, oral): For overactive bladder with symptoms of urinary incontinence and urgency.

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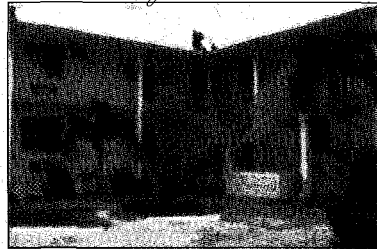
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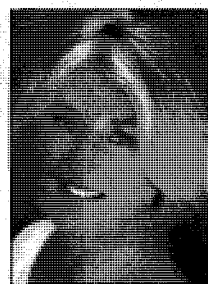
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Gloria O'Flannery

She has over 25 years in the real estate industry specializing in resort properties including the Cayman Islands, Hutchinson Island and Captiva Island. She is a board member of the American Cancer Society as well as being the 2003 vice chair and 2004 chair for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

"We are delighted to have Gloria here at VIP Realty Group," commented Managing Partner Jim Hall. "She is a professional and caring Realtor® whose extensive knowledge and warmth are welcomed by her many customers and clients."☆☆

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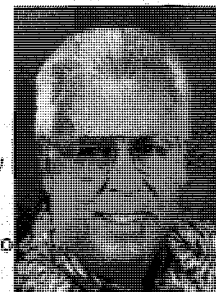
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Jack Samler of ResortQuest/Priscilla Murphy Realty attended the grand re-opening ceremonies of the Cypress Gardens Adventure Park on December 8 and 9. The park unexpectedly closed two years ago. The Trust for Public Lands, in conjunction with the State of Florida, saved it from commercial development. Therefore, the gardens, wetlands and lake frontage are being preserved. Jack Samler worked with the St. Petersburg office of The Trust on a Sanibel project a few years ago. He also was included in a statewide survey by The Trust's consultants in November. Samler is dedicated to public service locally and throughout the State of Florida.☆☆

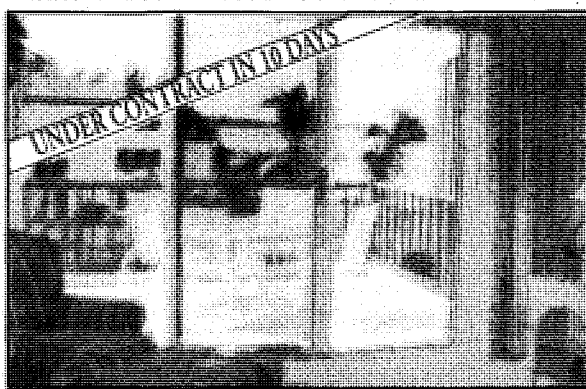


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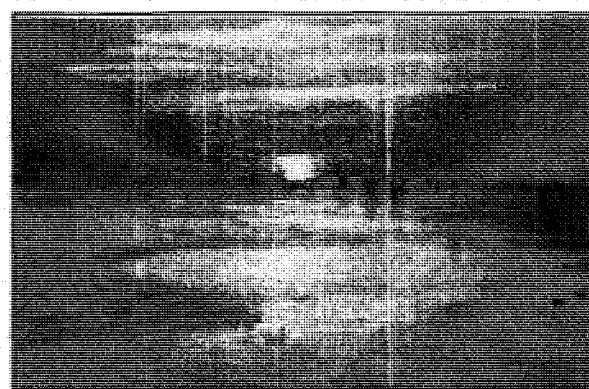
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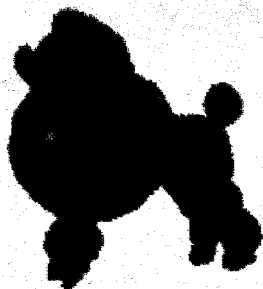
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Preparing Your Home For The Social Season



by Marcia Feeney

Q: Do you have a spot on your plain old wall-to-wall carpet, but are not yet ready to replace the carpet?

A: One practical and trendy solution is to cover the soil with a large patterned area rug and, for extra panache, position it on an angle.

Q: Are your dining chairs marred with nicks and scratches?

A: One luxurious way to update your entire dining room is to break up the monotony of all the wood furniture with softly upholstered chairs. If buying new chairs is not an option, disguise the old ones with pretty new slipcovers.

Q: Do your rooms suffer from outdated lamps, or perhaps a lack of lighting in general?

A: As important as lamps are to the decorating scheme, most people don't notice when their lamps have reached their prime. Today's lamps are meant to be seen and not fade into the background. Where tabletop space is limited, a floor lamp is the solution. Choices have never been greater, or more affordable.

Q: Are your guests always searching for a place to rest their drinks?

A: Small accent tables or a nest of tables will relieve that situation, and make guests feel more at ease. It is much more interesting to select a few different style tables that complement, but do not match, each other. The look in cocktail and end tables is round, and these tables are extra serviceable when they have a double tier.

Q: Are you always short of chairs when you entertain?

A: Be on the cutting edge of the trend towards unmatched furniture and introduce interesting odd chairs that can be used to expand a conver-

sational grouping, or be pulled up to a dining table when additional seating is needed.

Q: Is your foyer less than inviting?
A: Create a more welcoming atmosphere with a few carefully selected accessories. If you have the space, a round glass top table placed under a sparkling new chandelier could be the center of attention. When hall space is small, a console table with a pair of tall lamps is an attractive solution. Finish with a fabulous area rug.

Q: Is your guest room ready to welcome your guests?

A: If you have the luxury of devoting an entire room to your guests, you can create a beautiful space around an interesting fabric, wallpaper print or color scheme. If you intend to share your home office or den with overnight guests, then a comfortable sleep sofa is the answer.

Q: Are you wondering what to give your spouse for the holidays?

A: Consider replacing a dilapidated recliner with a handsome new version of motion furniture. A favorite option of designers is the look of a grandly scaled embraceable tufted leather chair.

Q: Do you want to give out-of-the-ordinary presents to those people on your gift list?

A: Everyone would appreciate something for the home. Spare yourself the hassles of holiday shopping and ask your decorator to help you with making the perfect selection.

Marcia Feeney is an interior decorator on Sanibel.



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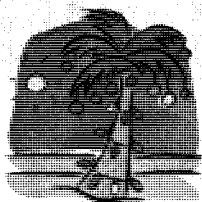
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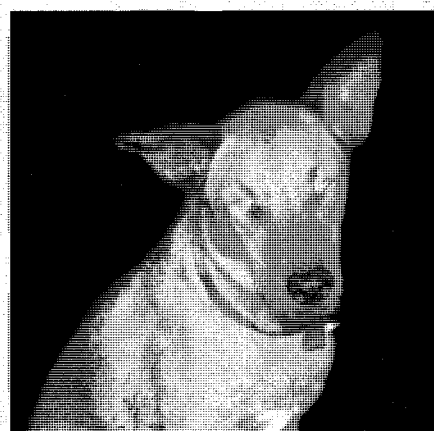
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Pet Of The Week

My name is Bobby. I'm an eight-year-old neutered shepard lab mix. I was born in Connecticut and was rescued there when I was about one year old. I was a victim of a collector who had 100 other animals. I was in foster care for awhile because I suffered from a severe eye infection which caused the doctors to remove my eyes.

I adapted very well to life in the darkness. My mom adopted me and life was great. I moved to Florida and lived with an old dog for awhile. Then the family got bigger. I don't like cats at all as my mom found out when I encountered one in my yard. Mom had kittens so the house we lived in was divided so that half was dog territory and half was cat territory. I was now living with another dog and three cats and a child who was nine years old.

A few months ago, along came Hurricane Charley and we had to move. Our new house can't be divided like the other one. It makes life very hard because the cats are always trying to tease me and then I get in trouble for trying to chase them. I am normally very well behaved. I like to go riding in the car and for an occasional jog. Even though I'm not a little guy, I still love to cuddle and try to lay in your lap. I love sturdy rubber balls with bells and playing tug of war with rope toys. Fenced in yards are great because I can run without getting hurt or lay out in the sun but I am an indoor dog at heart. My old house had a fenced yard, but now my new house doesn't and my mom can't afford one so whenever



Bobby

I go out, I'm always on a chain. I really miss running.

In addition to my blindness, I have an ear problem since my days in Connecticut. My mom has found a medication that seems to be working well and the cost is only about \$30 per month. I'm pretty good with kids who are from about eight years or older, but little ones scare me as they are unpredictable. I love my family but I think I need to find a new family that doesn't have so many cats or kids, and maybe a nice fenced backyard or lots of time to take me on walks or car rides. I would amaze you at how well I can adapt.

Please, can you find it in your heart to help me. I really am a very good dog. All I need is a little love and an ear drop or two. Thanks, Bobby.

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SBA Extends Loan Deadlines

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today that the deadlines to file low-interest disaster loan applications for physical damages as a result of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne have been extended until January 3.

"Extending the deadlines will allow those who have not yet completed their application to have additional time to apply for assistance," said SBA Area Director Michael C. Allen. SBA encourages everyone who receives an SBA application to complete and return it as soon as possible, regardless of the status of their FEMA or insurance claims. "Additionally, SBA may refer individuals for whom a loan is not appropriate to the Other Needs Assistance grant program, but without a completed application, we can't make that referral. That could mean some people may be turning their back on additional assistance that may be available, including grants," Allen added.

Funds from SBA disaster loans may be used to cover the amount of the deductible for storm victims who have insurance, and may cover some or all of the uninsured losses for storm victims who do not have insurance. Disaster victims with insurance should not wait for their insurance settlement before applying to the SBA. If they do not know how much of their loss will be covered by insurance or other sources, the SBA will consider

making a loan for the full amount of the loss, up to our loan limits, providing that the borrower agrees that insurance proceeds will be used to reduce the amount of the SBA loan. By this method, the disaster victim's final loan balance will represent only uninsured or otherwise uncompensated losses.

SBA low-interest disaster loans are available to qualified renters, homeowners, landlords, businesses owners, and non-profit organizations that suffered damage or loss due to the disaster. Interest rates can be as low as 3.187 percent for homeowners and renters and 2.9 percent for businesses. Loan terms on all loans can be as long as 30 years. Actual loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

The SBA also has mitigation funds available to many of the disaster victims that have already been approved for a low-interest disaster loan. The SBA mitigation funds are designed to help borrowers fund protective measures to prevent damages from recurring in future disasters of the same kind. To help victims fund protective measures, borrowers may request an increase of up to 20 percent of their approved physical loan amount to help pay for their mitigation measures.

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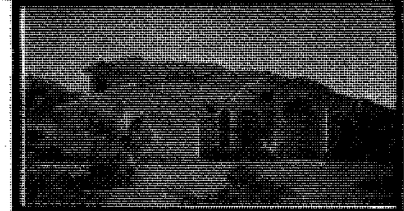
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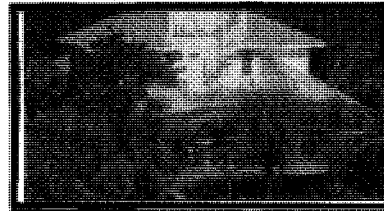
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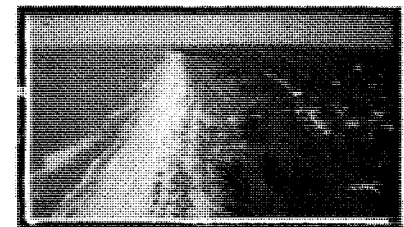
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Visiting The Sick

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



As the new year dawns, I am going to digress a bit from my normal column, and converse a little bit about some things that are important in life. We've all had to deal with the sickness or loss of

loved ones. I renewed my knowledge in something this past week that I would like to share with you.

In the Jewish tradition, each week of the year the same Torah (bible) portion, referred to as a "parsha", is read to the congregation during the Sabbath services. This past week the parsha was Genesis 47:28-50:26 that included the first mention of illness in the bible. Joseph is told that his father, Jacob is sick. Upon hearing this, Joseph brings his two sons to visit his father in Goshen. When Jacob is told that Joseph has arrived, "he strengthened himself and sat upon the bed."

On his sick bed Jacob tells Joseph he considers Joseph's sons as his own, and thus, his sons are the only grandsons of Jacob to be counted among the twelve tribes of Israel. This is a blessing that reaches out for generations, even to

today in some respects.

I relate this story for a couple of reasons. First, the Midrash (the ancient rabbinical commentary on the bible) points out that before Jacob, people would not become sick but would die without warning. Jacob prayed that the Lord should let him know that death was near so that he could pass along his last will and testament to his children and bless them before his passing. Thus, the ancient rabbis declare, Jacob was the first person to become sick before passing away.

So in a sense, becoming ill before one's death is a blessing in and of itself. It allows the person to make preparations for themselves and their loved ones. One of those preparations may include blessings to your children and grandchildren. No matter how successful or independent your children may be, a blessing from a parent carries with it a treasure unmatched in material possessions.

Second, visiting the ill is a good deed or "mitzvah" in Hebrew. Did you know that "mitzvah" not only means "good deed" but also "commandment?" Jewish people are commanded to visit the ill, and that commandment even has a name - Bikur Cholim. I'm sure

this remains true in every religion; I just point out what I know from my own background.

By the way, if you ever attended a Jewish Bar Mitzvah you attended not only a blessed event for that family, but something that every Jewish person is commanded to do. A Bar (or "Bat" for a female) Mitzvah is a commandment to become a leader in one's own community and congregation. So you see that doing a mitzvah is not only a good deed, but you are commanded to do the good deed.

Let me go back to my second point of the good deed of visiting the ill. It serves several good functions, including lifting the spirits and helps the sick overcome their illness; allowing the visitor to see if the ill person has anything in need; and praying for the sick person's recovery.

So when you go to comfort someone who is ill, keep in mind that you are performing a tremendous act of kindness and bestowing a blessing not only upon the ill person you are visiting, but are enriching yourself with good will that may last in your family for generations.

Have a happy and healthy new year.
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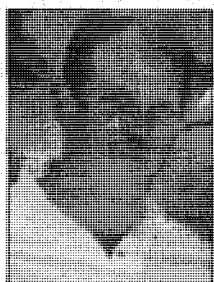
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by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

Christmas years ago was fun, then it became an ordeal and now it is nice – but in a different way.

Growing up I loved it, when married it was fun for a while, and then we divorced. I married a woman who also has children, so we tried a blended Christmas. Each was worse than the last. Then we finally got it right.

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Syd



stepmothers and step fathers and, added to this mix: how do you keep arguing factions of the family separated? All these problems are compounded by blended families, divorced singles and just plain miserable people who seem to go out of their way to create trouble.

We will certainly pass along your suggestions, and happy holidays to you and your wife.

We would like to wish all our readers a very happy holiday season and good health for the New Year.

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Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com or PO Box 91673, Raleigh, North Carolina 27675.☆



Dear Syd,
Thank you for your suggestions. As you have experienced, Christmas is a very stressful time of the year. In modern America children can be very confused as some can have two or even three

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy



To know and not to do – is not to know!

–Anonymous Dear Friends,

If you're like me, you find yourself not believing it is that time again... Ahh, The Holidays! That festive time with parties, turkey with all the trimmings, traditions carried on, wonderful music, travel and gifts of giving. What a wonderful time of the year!

Well, not always. Often, the well-intentional peace and joy of the holiday season turns out to be tension-filled and frustrating with financial issues, the rush to get everything done, the desire to find the perfect gifts, and total fatigue! Relax, it doesn't have to be like that. One thing we all must realize is that we have to put ourselves at the top of the holiday list... What? Put ourselves first? Doesn't that go against everything we have been taught? Isn't indulgence selfish? To put it simply, NO. Being top on the priority list means that you are being kind to yourself. This means eliminating self-criticism and acknowledging your positive attributes and behaviors.

Putting yourself at the top of your

priority list means that you feel better and become emotionally stronger. Feeling this way paves the way for more compassion and kindness toward others.

When you allow a little self-indulgence you are giving yourself the gift of simple pleasures such as the gift of time. How long does it take to: read a bestseller, take a Jacuzzi to soothe those aching muscles, tickets to a holiday play, go out to a nice dinner, donate to your favorite charity, get a massage? When you give to yourself, it is a pleasure to give to others. When you are self-indulgent, you become a healthy role model for others. They become inspired when they see someone they respect taking care of themselves.

Remember, if you become too busy this time of year to be kind to yourself, how can you get joy out of giving to others?

Keep everything in perspective and establish your personal relaxation survival kit for the holidays and all year round.

Thank you all for your continued confidence and caring. May each of you have a wonderful Holiday Season filled with joy and peace.

Cheers,
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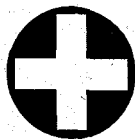
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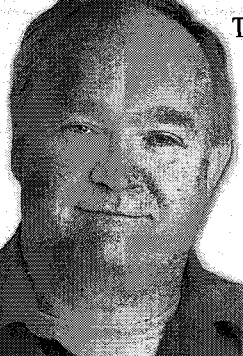
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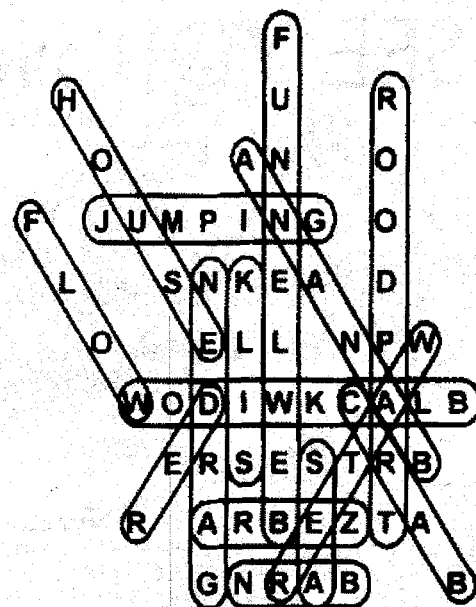
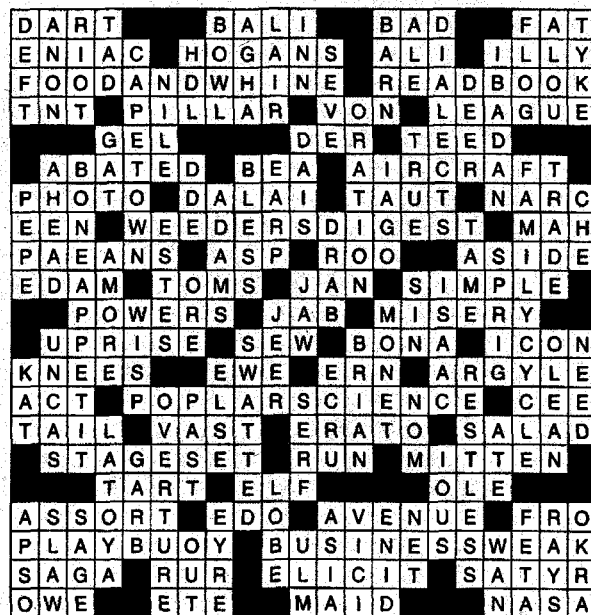
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Suit

c) The City will contribute its pro-rata share of the Surplus Sanibel Toll Revenues provided to it by the County under the terms of that certain 1987 Interlocal Agreement, as amended, for the sole purpose of assisting the County's effort to reduce the toll rates for the Bridges and Causeway Facilities.

d) Upon the above conditions being agreed to by the City of Sanibel, the County agrees to dismiss its countersuit and all claims in Case No. 04-134CA-H with prejudice, will waive all rights to appeal same, and will bear its own costs.

e) Details for the above will be articulated in the Settlement Agreement between the Parties.

3. This Proposal of Settlement is being offered from the date of the adoption of this Resolution by the Board until the close of business (5:00 p.m. EST), Tuesday, January 11, 2005, after which it will expire, and be of no further force or effect.

4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners at a regular meeting.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Judah, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Douglas St. Cerny	Aye
Bob Janes	Aye
Ray Judah	Aye
Tammy Hall	Aye
John E. Albion	Aye

Duly passed and adopted this 21st day of December, 2004.✱

Restoration

The company proposed an approach which begins with compiling a planning map of the corridor and then seeking public input by holding a "community visioning charette" and conducting user surveys and stakeholder interviews.

Once input is compiled and reviewed, VanasseDaylor plans to conduct a second community visioning process to work out any conflicts and clarify the vision, then interpret the information into a set of design alternatives. Additional input will be solicited from City Council, the Planning Commission, the Vegetation Committee and the Periwinkle Partnership.

Next, cost estimates will be prepared for selected alternatives, with an assessment of funding options provided for each.

Once the plan has been presented and approved, VanasseDaylor will design a phasing plan for implementation and develop a management and maintenance plan; then solicit bids for implementation and provide construction observation and quality control through project completion.

Founded in 1997, Vanasse & Daylor, LLP (VanasseDaylor) is a full service land development consulting firm with expertise in urban planning and design, landscape architecture, civil engineering and traffic engineering. The firm's team of professionals numbers 25. Also involved in the project is Ecosystem Specialists, a professional environmental and ecological services firm with 17 years of public and private work experience with the Sanibel community, Sanibel Plan and Land Development Code.

The four other firms, in order of ranking, are Goetz & Stropes; Boorman, Gail

A.; Smallwood Design and Landscaping; and Johnson Engineering.✱

Water Loss A Real Waste

by Rich Calabrese

In a recent article in the *News-Press*, titled *Water Falls Through Cracks*, it was noted that a 10 to 15 percent loss of water (the amount of water produced minus the amount of water billed) was an acceptable loss to most utilities: some local utilities even lose 27 percent of the water they pump for distribution. A 15 percent water loss at Island Water would cost our members almost \$1 million a year. Broken or leaking pipes, meters, fittings and valves account for most of these losses.

Island Water Association is a proactive utility as opposed to a reactive one; we believe in preventing a problem before it occurs by implementing a strong maintenance and replacement program. Our residential meters are replaced every 10 years and the larger commercial ones every five years. We have a program to replace all leak prone thin wall water distribution pipe with heavy wall C-900 PVC pipe. At present we are completing two major pipe replacement projects at east Periwinkle and at South Seas Resort. We know these projects can be an inconvenience or eyesore for some of our members; however they are helping to provide a water distribution system that has less than a three percent loss. That's right, less than three percent lost water. Each month we compare the amount of water we produce to the amount of water we meter and some months we are even

less than two percent: that's a far cry from 15 percent. Being a member owned private utility gives us the ability to be proactive and to keep up with the state of the art in water production and distribution.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our water saving programs at IWA, call Rich Calabrese at 472-2113 ext 129.✱

Ten Minutes That Could Save Your Life

Island Seniors is hosting some community health screenings on Thursday, January 27. A more detailed sheet is available at the Senior Center, located at the corner of Palm Ridge Road and Library Way. Preventive blood testing is provided by First Link and includes prostate cancer, cholesterol, thyroid, diabetes, heart, rheumatoid arthritis, liver, estrogen levels, allergy profile and more. Fast, affordable and convenient, these tests must be scheduled by calling First Link at 866-302-5663.

On the same day Life Line Screening is offering additional tests. These include stroke screening, aneurysm screening, osteoporosis screening and peripheral arterial disease screening. These tests are all non-invasive, completely painless using Doppler ultrasound technology. The tests are affordable and discounted if more than one test is performed. These screenings also require reservations by calling directly to Life Line Screening at 800-324-1851.✱

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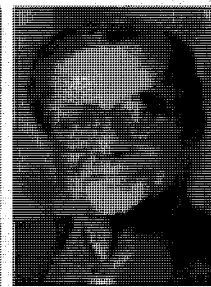
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Participants will have the opportunity to meet the speaker at a reception after each session. The series is sponsored by Northern Trust and co-sponsored by Congress Jewelers.

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Walter Russell Mead
Sunday, January 16, 7:30 p.m.
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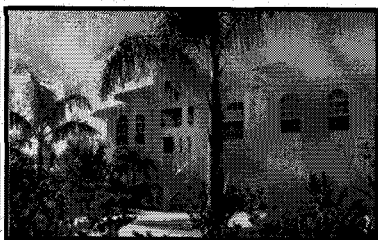
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Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr.
Sunday, January 30, 7:30 p.m.
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Distinguished Scholars featured in February and March include the following: Thursday, February 17 - Professor Dwight H. Perkins, Director of Harvard's Asia Center; Sunday, February 20 - Robert Kagan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Wednesday, February 23 - Lee H. Hamilton, vice chairman, 9/11 Commission; Sunday, March 6 - R. James Woolsey, former director of CIA under President Clinton; Date to be announced - E.J. Dionne, *Washington Post* columnist, member Brookings Institute.✱

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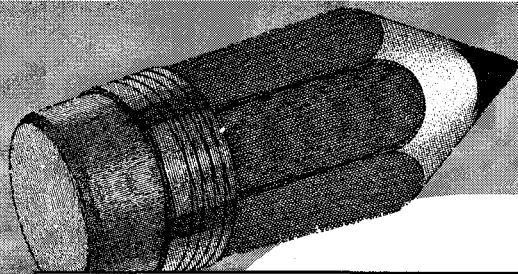
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ACROSS

- 1 Move like a mouse
- 5 Neighbor of Java
- 9 "— Medicine" ('88 hit)
- 12 Corpulent
- 15 Early computer
- 17 TV's "— Heroes"
- 19 Campbell of UB40
- 20 Poorly
- 21 Restaurant critic's zine?
- 23 Librarian's journal?
- 25 Explosive initials
- 26 Column
- 27 Max — Sydow
- 29 Bunch of ballplayers
- 30 Solidity
- 31 Weber's "— Freischutz"
- 32 Prepared to drive
- 33 Let up
- 36 Arthur or Pons
- 38 — carrier
- 42 Snapshot
- 43 — Lama
- 45 Strained
- 46 DEA officer
- 48 Browning's bedtime?
- 49 Gardener's monthly?
- 53 — jongg
- 54 Hymns of praise
- 56 Viper
- 57 Milne creature
- 58 Digression
- 60 Gouda alternative
- 61 — River, NJ
- 63 Tenor
- 64 Like Simon
- 66 Groovy Austin
- 68 Pugilistic poke
- 69 Stephen King book
- 70 Mutiny
- 71 Produce a parka
- 72 — fide
- 73 Byzantine art form
- 76 Pants parts
- 77 Ram's ma'am
- 78 Directional suffix
- 79 Sock style
- 81 Feign
- 82 Tree surgeon's periodical?
- 87 Middling mark
- 88 Whippet's wagger
- 90 Enormous
- 91 Terpsichore's sister
- 92 104 Down, e.g.
- 94 Broadway arrangement
- 96 Kennel feature
- 97 Kitten gear?
- 99 Petite pie
- 100 Sprite
- 102 —
- 103 Classify
- 106 Maestro de Waart
- 107 "Electric —" ('83 hit)
- 111 To and —
- 114 Sailor's reading?
- 116 Depression era
- 120 Capek play
- 121 Bring to light
- 122 Goatish gamboler
- 123 Have unpaid bills
- 124 "Hiver" opposite
- 125 — to Order" ('87 film)
- 126 Highflying agcy.
- DOWN**
- 1 Adroit
- 2 Ever's partner
- 3 Crowdburst?
- 4 Lincoln son
- 5 Pipe part
- 6 Turkish title
- 7 Den
- 8 "Newhart" setting
- 9 Holstein's home
- 10 Flagon filler
- 11 Patois
- 12 Beat
- 13 Felipe, Jesus, or Matty
- 14 Little one
- 16 South African port
- 17 Cholesterol
- 18 Golfer Ballesteros
- 20 Nigerian city
- 22 "Aida" river
- 24 Forest ruminant
- 28 Ciceronian speech
- 30 "GoodFellas" gun
- 31 Place to pontificate
- 32 Correct
- 33 Forward
- 34 Rover's review?
- 35 Presidential monogram
- 36 Sanctify
- 37 Tombstone lawman
- 39 Shake-spearan heavy
- 40 Wholesome biker's publication?
- 41 Carpentry or printing
- 42 Monsieur Le Pew
- 44 Patriot Samuel
- 47 "Evita" character
- 50 — Park, CO
- 51 Uninteresting
- 52 Subdue
- 53 Simba
- 55 Pavarotti's love
- 59 Bit of parsley
- 62 Northwestern st.
- 63 Mouth piece?
- 64 Anger or envy
- 65 Composer
- 67 Slender trace
- 68 Be a wise guy
- 69 French impressionist
- 70 Chingach-gook's son
- 71 Nailed a gnat
- 72 Boltano or Blessed
- 74 New York city
- 75 Require
- 76 The Kit — Club
- 77 In addition
- 78 Stocking shade
- 80 Antsy
- 83 Opera feature
- 84 Future of the present
- 85 Medieval menial
- 86 — de plume
- 89 One of the Jacksons
- 93 Gobbled up
- 95 Apparel
- 98 Debtors' letters
- 101 Stud site
- 103 Lhasa —
- 104 Cabbage concoction
- 105 Philosopher
- 106 Bronte heroine
- 107 Where to find an onager
- 108 "Veni, vidi, —"
- 109 Markey or Bagnold
- 110 Fisherman's snare
- 111 Chalky cheese
- 112 Skates
- 113 Gumbo thickener
- 115 Absent
- 117 City on the Danube
- 118 Ashen

ACROSS

- 1 Afflicted
- 4 Recreation
- 9 Yon maiden
- 12 Adversary
- 13 Nevada resort area
- 14 Stipend
- 15 Peter Parker's alter ego
- 17 Rangers' place
- 18 Eggs
- 19 Motes
- 21 Squandered
- 24 Fork feature
- 25 Pump up the volume
- 26 Kan. neighbor
- 28 Homebound, to Santa Claus
- 31 Picnic hamperer
- 33 Off-bracketed word
- 35 Writer
- 36 Crowd, sometimes
- 38 "Nonsense!"
- 40 Mongrel
- 41 Has
- 43 Bicycle attachment
- 45 Immobilize
- 47 George's brother
- 48 Actress Irving
- 49 Band in a 1984 parody
- 54 Round Table

- address
- 55 Dialogue
- 56 Census stat
- 57 Bake-sale org.
- 58 Bridge positions
- 59 Acknowledge applause
- event
- 8 Alley target
- 9 Kitchen-wall convenience
- 10 Cabbie
- 11 Keeps tabs on
- 16 Minutia for Seurat
- 20 Slaughter of baseball lore
- 21 Part of a Wicked Witch costume
- 22 Oriental nursemaid
- 23 Freshwater algae genus
- 27 Clothing protector
- 29 Authentic
- 30 Rodgers partner
- 32 Salamander
- 34 Group of advisers
- 37 Strand
- 39 Annoy repeatedly
- 42 Old photo shade
- 44 Actor Mineo
- 45 Padlocked fastener
- 46 Leave out
- 50 Officeholders
- 51 Bill
- 52 Past
- 53 Chapel seat

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

- Banana
- Barn
- Black Widow
- Crab
- Funnelweb
- Garden
- House
- Jumping
- Red
- Sea
- Silk
- Trap-door
- Water
- Wolf
- Zebra

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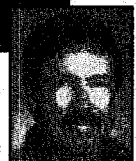
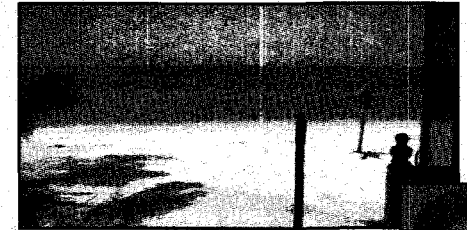
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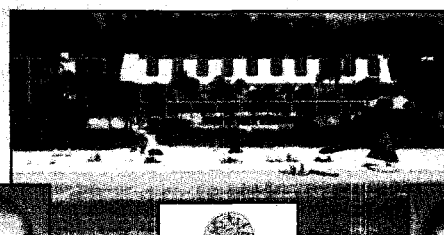
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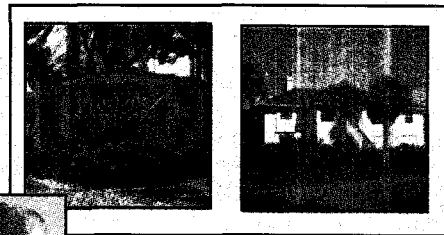
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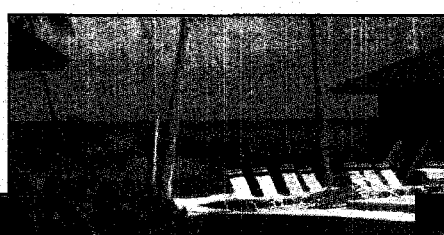
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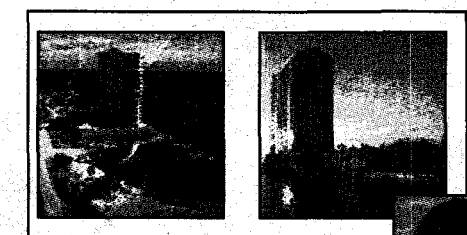
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