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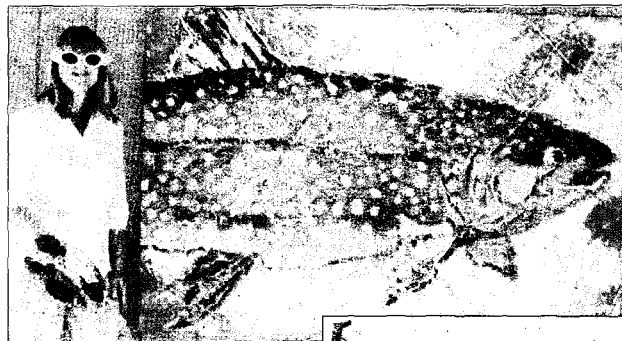
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Noted Artists Put Originals Up For CROW Auction



Leoma Lovegrove with her painting, *Bite Me*

Original works are on display at Bank of the Islands on Sanibel by well-known artists Myra Roberts and Leoma Lovegrove. Roberts' *Endangered* is an original featuring four endangered sea turtles. She has had giclee prints made of this piece, but the original will be available for live auction at the CROW event Monday, February 27.

Lovegrove's original piece, titled *Bite Me*, was recently completed and painted specifically for CROW as well, which

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Myra Roberts, *Endangered*

Sanibel Music Festival Opens With Ying String Quartet

Opening the 20th anniversary season of the Sanibel Music Festival will be the Ying String Quartet Saturday, March 4, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church. This all-sibling ensemble, recognized for their astounding talent, are natives of Chicago.

The Yings, who last performed at SMF in 2004, began their career in 1992 as an ensemble in the farm town of Jesup, Iowa, (population 2,000) as the first recipients of a National Endowment for the Arts grant to support chamber music in rural America.

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The Ying String Quartet

Unique Raffle Tickets Going Quickly

Tickets are selling briskly for Five Chances

at the Unique, a raffle being held in conjunction with the Zonta Club's fifth annual Peek at the Unique, the annual fundraiser coming up on Saturday, March 11. With a limited number of tickets printed, chances of winning are very good. Ticket purchasers select a preferred prize when they buy

tickets, and they do not have to be present to win. Tickets at \$10 each may be purchased from any Zonta member; at McEnroe Gallery, 2330 Palm Ridge Road; at the Island Nutrition Center, Anchor Point Center, 1633 Periwinkle Way; and also every Friday morning through March 10 outside Bailey's General Store.

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Maria Wahr, The Island Weaver, dresses the loom for the Zonta weaving

White And Webb At BIG ARTS



Randy Wayne White



Wendy Webb

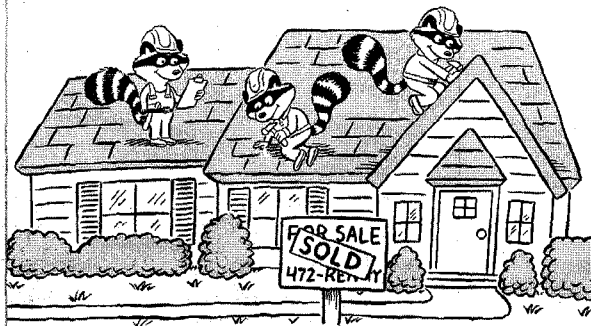
It is titled, Randy Wayne White and Wendy Webb: Words and Music.

Locals are very familiar with White, a Pine Island resident who writes the popular Doc Ford mystery series based in and around Southwest Florida. But Webb, who has lived in Los Angeles, Nashville and Louisville, is lesser known here.

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A collaboration between novelist Randy Wayne White and singer/songwriter Wendy Webb has resulted in a one-night show Friday, March 10 at BIG ARTS' Schein Hall.

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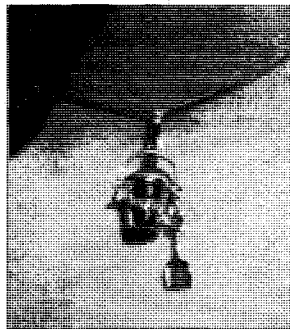
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Unique Raffle



The Sanibel Pail from Congress Jewelers

Previous articles have detailed three of the prizes: a six-hour guided shelling tour, a \$500 shopping spree at Chico's and a beauty package from Sanibel Day Spa.

The final two prizes are unique in beauty and artistry. Fiber artist Maria Wotr, The Island Weaver, will contribute a one-of-a-kind, hand-woven wall hanging which could also serve as an oversized throw, with a finished size estimated at 52 by 74 inches. Originally from Fish Creek, Wisconsin, Wotr has exhibited and sold her weavings through galleries in such locations as Chicago, Nantucket, Naples and Donegal, Ireland. She has resided on Sanibel since 2000.

"I have always wanted to do something for Zonta," she said. "I was honored to be asked to create a unique weaving to help the club raise funds for their work." The piece will be woven from 40 different and mostly hand-painted yarns in a variety of textures and soft, peach and aqua tints reminiscent of a Sanibel beach at sunset. From design to completion will take an estimated 60 hours of the weaver's time and she will have used more than half a mile of threads; the completed work will have an estimated gallery value of \$2,500.

Rounding out the raffle prizes is a handmade, locally designed necklace sporting a miniature Sanibel pail and shovel crafted in 14-Karat gold on an 18 inch, 14-Karat gold chain. Donated by Congress Jewelers, who for several years has supported this event, this beautiful island-style piece has a retail value of \$425.

Always a sell-out, the Peek offers an opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of four unusual island homes in support of Zonta's mission of improving the status of women worldwide. Over the past two years, the club has contributed over \$50,000 to this cause, the majority of these funds coming from the Peek. Tickets for the tour at \$50 each are on sale now by calling 395-9176.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva 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.✶

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BEACHVIEW ESTATES

Custom built, 4 BR/3.5 BA Wolter Group home in Beachview Estates located on the golf course with lake views. This home has a screen enclosed, heated pool with spa, upgrades throughout, phone intercom, camera security, elevator, 10 ft. ceilings, fireplace and so much more. \$1,595,000



SANIBEL STYLE

Gorgeous Bayou-front home offering 4 bedrooms, 4 baths and 2 half baths. This home has it all with a dock and boat lift with Gulf access, fenced, heated pool with spa, outside entertainment area with full kitchen, surround sound throughout, private elevator, 3 car garage, wood, tile and carpet flooring, custom kitchen, new roof, tray and volume ceilings, wine cave with a 1,000+ bottle capacity, 3 zone a/c and so much more. Truly a dream come true for island living. \$2,795,000



NEW LISTING!

CAPTIVA HIDE-A-WAY

This condo is brand new inside and out! Lovely 2-BR/2 BA unit with spectacular views of Pine Island Sound. Bright and airy with new carpet and tile flooring, new kitchen cabinets and appliances, screen enclosed porch, spiral staircase to pool and docks with Gulf access. Excellent, private location in complex. \$1,145,000



CAPTIVA HIDE-A-WAY

Spectacular views of Pine Island Sound in this 2 BR/2 BA Bay-front condominium located in a small complex of only 8 units. Buyers can finish the interior to their own taste and specifications. Community amenities include a pool, fishing pier and docks with Gulf access. \$939,000



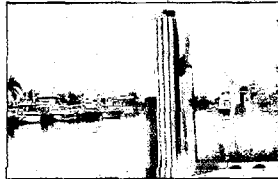
HISTORIC CAPTIVA COTTAGE

This single family home is on the Lee County Historical Registry and is located on a quiet street, just steps from the beach. This island cottage offers 2 BR/3 BA, upstairs apartment, tile & carpet floors and a lovely patio with BBQ area. Close to the "Village" with island shops and great restaurants within walking distance. \$1,095,000



THE SANCTUARY

Twice as nice as a condo and half the price of a home. Beautiful 3 BR/3.5 BA duplex with wonderful views of the golf course and lake. This home offers a screen enclosed pool with spa, kitchen with breakfast bar, cook top and double oven, security system, great room with fireplace, cathedral ceilings, large office with built-ins, 2 car garage and furnished with a few exceptions. \$1,159,000



LIGHTHOUSE WAY

Gorgeous canal-front lot with deep water access to the Gulf & Bay. This property offers a new deep water dock, spectacular views and is located on the quiet East end of Sanibel Island. The lot measures approximately 100 x 125. Build your island paradise on Sanibel Island. \$1,395,000



NEW CONSTRUCTION

Construction is almost complete on this custom built 4 BR/4 BA home. Offering a heated pool with spa, beautiful views of the Bay & Pine Island Sound, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, 2 zone a/c, tile & wood flooring throughout and numerous porches and decks. \$2,195,000



SEA LOFT VILLAGE

Beautifully maintained 2 BR/2 BA free-standing condominium and just a short stroll to the beach. Offering a lot, living/dining combination, tile and carpet flooring, vaulted ceilings, wood burning fireplace, 2 screen enclosed porches, skylights, metal roof and furnished with a few exceptions. Amenities include a community pool and tennis court. \$619,000



CAPTIVA'S "VILLAGE" 5/5

Custom built in 2002 this home offers 5 BR/3 BA and a screen enclosed, heated pool and spa. Custom details throughout with a private elevator, two garages, two fireplaces, wood, tile and carpet flooring, private sundeck with water views, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, steps to the beach and Bay and sold fully furnished. \$2,395,000



CAPTIVA CHARM

Wonderful beach cottage on Captiva Island with partial Gulf views. This home is just steps from the beach and offers 2 BR/2 BA, tile & carpet flooring, open kitchen, great screened porch, den and a two car garage. \$1,549,000

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by Bob Wimbush

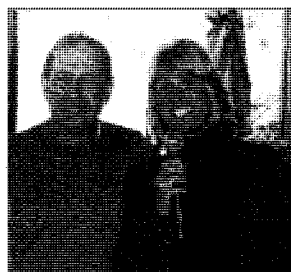
Talk about a contrast in cultures....

First there is the lovely Sonia Lomano who came to Kiwanis to receive a check for Lee Memorial Health System's Arts in Healthcare. She is warm, sophisticated, poised, cheerful, elegant, caring and, of course, cultured. Then there's our own sophisticated, cultured (as in yogurt, perhaps?), caring, poised elegant Dick Muench resplendent in his new shirt delicately emblazoned with the Kiwanis maitre d' creed, "Welcome to Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner. Eat up! Drink Up! Get Up!", passionately dispatching workers' assignments. She a stunning example of front parlor grace. He with the uniquely cathartic boatswain mate's grace.

Under threat of being disemboweled with my own body parts (none of which are used in the sauce, by the way), I must remind all of you to buy tickets in advance from any Kiwanian - those with unsold tickets are easily identified because they are trembling. Shove \$7, the advance sales price, into his quavering mitts and know you have made his family safe for another year.

Mark your calendar for February 25. Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner, Sanibel Community House 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door, and kids 10 and under are fed free. Don't miss this 30-year-old unique island event.

Kiwanis breakfasts are every Tuesday at 7:30 at The Dunes. Come by for some fun. ☺



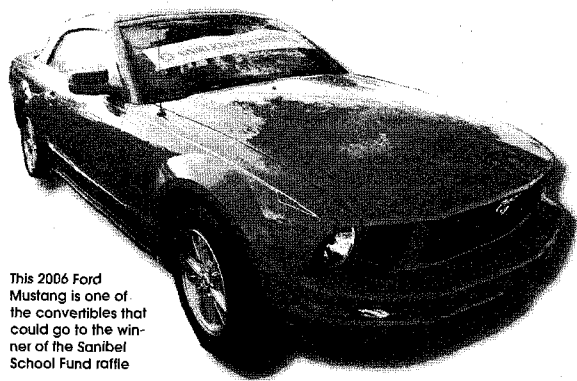
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Tickets Are Available For Car Raffle



This 2006 Ford Mustang is one of the convertibles that could go to the winner of the Sanibel School Fund raffle.



The 2006 Volkswagen Beetle convertible.

It might be hard to choose between a 2006 Mustang convertible and a brand new VW Beetle convertible — but that's what the winner of this year's Sanibel School Fund car raffle will have to do.

This year 2,000 tickets will be sold for \$50 each. Proceeds will go to the school's enrichment programs for all students K-8th grade.

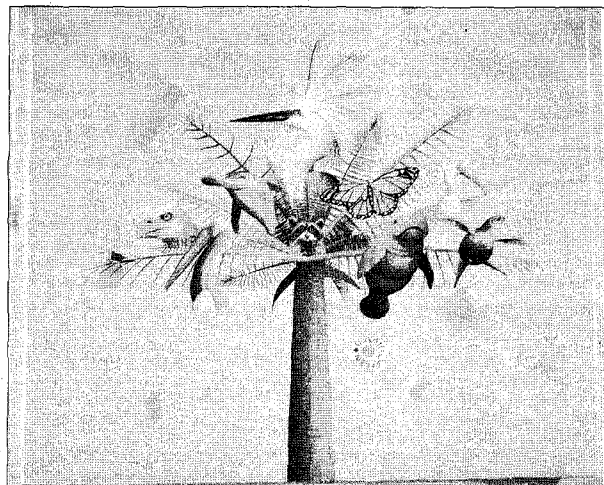
In addition to the car, there are \$2,000 and \$1,000 prizes for the second and third prize winners.

Tickets can be purchased at Bank of the Islands, Bailey's General Store, Century 21 Realty, Congress Jewelers, Doc Ford's, The Island Cow, Lazy Flamingo, Lucky Dog, Sunglasses Internationale, Fresh Produce, The Sanibel Island Bookshop, all on Sanibel, and YOLO Watersports on Captiva.

The winner will be announced March 19 at the Sanibel School Seahorse Festival. The winner is responsible for the tax, title, registration and delivery of the car outside the Fort Myers area. The Sanibel School Fund is a 501(c)3 organization.

For more information, call Bank of the Islands at 472-7211.

ABC Auction To Support PURRE



An island art table created by Lauri Kainanen

In support of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and its efforts to protect local waters, the Captiva Civic Association will donate 10 percent of the proceeds of its upcoming ABC Auction to the newly formed PURRE Water Coalition.

The ABC Auction is part of this year's CCA 70th anniversary celebration, taking place Saturday, February 25.

The celebration begins at 5 p.m. with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres by The Sanctuary. The pace picks up as island auctioneer extraordinaire Warren Schwab leads the ABC Auction. Always a lively event, this year's auction highlights include the ABC Anniversary T-shirt Quilt created from great ABC T-shirt designs of the past, and five fabulous island art occasional tables created by six notable artists from Captiva and Sanibel.

The evening concludes with dinner and live music by Dan Tudor.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Reservations are \$40 per person and are available by calling the CCA at 472-2111, or by stopping by the office located at the Captiva Civic Center.

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INSIDE CITY HALL

Refuge Workers Ordered Not To Play Green Algae Blame Game

by Anne Mitchell

Uniformed employees and volunteers at Sanibel's "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge have been ordered to keep mum when visitors ask who is to blame for the green algae in the impoundment.

Rob Jess, refuge manager, said Wednesday that he is not preventing employees from explaining the cause and effect, but has asked them not to point fingers.

Sanibel Vice-mayor Mick Denham, an eight-year refuge volunteer, who, along with other city leaders, has been fighting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District to stop releasing water from Lake Okeechobee, told the council Tuesday he felt "muzzled" by the directive.

The city is considering filing suit against the two agencies for sending polluted water down the Caloosahatchee River. They say it will destroy the estuary if it's not stopped.

Denham told the council, "Something has happened which caused them to muzzle their staff and volunteers relative to these water issues. I find that somewhat disturbing." Now Denham is saying he may "have to rethink whether I continue as a volunteer. I feel extremely uncomfortable with my role there."

Jess, who has been outspoken in the past on the effects of the fresh water discharges on the wildlife refuge and to combat them, now says he's leaving it up to organizations such as PURRE



Sanibel Mayor Carla Johnston holds a framed photograph of herself taken when she spoke out against the lake water releases at a South Florida Water Management District meeting earlier this month. It was presented to her by Council member Steve Brown, right. Also pictured are Council member Jim Jennings, left, and Vice-mayor Mick Denham, third from left.

(People United to Restore our Rivers and Estuaries) and the "Ding" Darling Society to fight the releases.

Jess did say that he's very concerned about the state of the refuge, which is a world class birding attraction. "We have talked to a few birding experts locally and they are seeing some significant habitat changes.

"Some birds are utilizing the algae but a great many other species are going elsewhere," he said.

The water release issue has become a huge political hot potato. After stockpiling water in the dry season to irrigate the sugar cane fields that depend on it, water managers lower the lake level in the rainy season to prevent it from flooding towns to the south. In Southwest Florida, there's concern that continued releases will harm tourism, real estate values and human health.

Council member Steve Brown com-

mented that Jess was called to Atlanta the day he was scheduled to speak at the South Florida Water Management District meeting in Fort Myers earlier this month. "They must think we are dumb and stupid here. It is coming from Jeb Bush and George Bush," Brown said.

Some 16 items on Tuesday's agenda related to water issues, and council spent several hours discussing them.

Sanibel's environmental director, Rob Loflin, said it was still unclear whether the turtle and shoal grasses, which sustain marine life, can recover. Loflin reported that Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's marine lab was studying the grasses and had data that showed they had "taken a dive and are down to virtually stubble" and that oyster beds were dead. He said this concrete data can be valuable to the city's potential lawsuit.

Meanwhile, the high profile law firm of Beveridge & Diamond, hired by the city to develop a legal strategy, has met one-on-one with city leaders and will report to the council within 30 days on its findings and options.

Also, the City of Sanibel has obtained a date with the governor to talk about the lake releases. That's set for March 30 at 2 p.m. in Tallahassee.

Timetable For Rec Center Project

by Anne Mitchell

The City of Sanibel released the timetable Tuesday for the proposed Rec Center project.

It's contingent on voter approval of the referendum to decide whether Sanibel should float bonds to raise \$8.35 million towards the cost of the \$14.2 million project.

The timetable:

- March 12 — Advertisement of request for proposal for pre-qualifying
- April 3 — Drawings issued to sub-contractors
- April 4 — Vote on general obligation bond referendum
- April 18 — Council approval of final bond documents
- Week of May 15 — Bond underwriter conducts retail seminar on Sanibel for interested bond purchasers
- May 19 — Open construction bids
- June 6 — Council approves final gross maximum price and awards construction project
- June 7 — Closing on bonds; proceeds deposited to city's bank account
- June 20 — Contractor receives notice to proceed from city.

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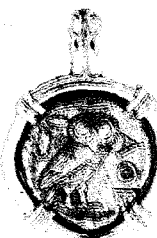
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The workshops will be held on:

Monday, February 27, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Lee County Public Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral; and Thursday, March 2, 4 to 6:30 p.m., Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Rd., Fort Myers

Lee County Transit (LeeTran) is updating its development plan, a process that takes place every three years.

"The input we receive at these workshops will be used to help evaluate where needs exist," said Transit Director Steve Myers. "We want to hear from both users and non-users, to learn what enhancements will encourage them to use public transit more often."

Follow-up public workshops will be held in mid-April and early June for comments on the goals and objectives formulated out of the first round of workshops.

The draft of the updated transit development plan is scheduled for release on July 1.

For more information about the workshops, call LeeTran at 533-0323.

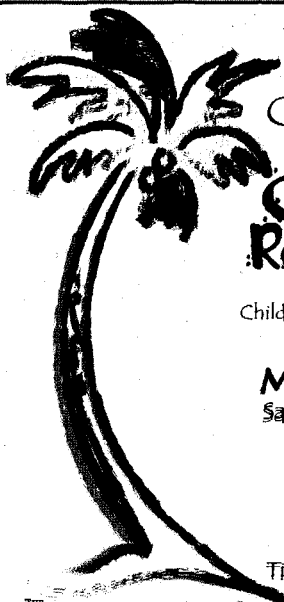
FDOT Awards Over \$7.7 Million

The Florida Department of Transportation has awarded the Lee County Port Authority, operator of Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field General Aviation Airport, over \$7.7 million in new funding for four projects.

Three of the four projects relate to the international airport and funds were allocated as follows: \$6.9 million for construction of the new terminal; an additional \$420,000 for the runway rehabilitation project and \$237,000 towards the purchase of an aircraft rescue and fire fighting vehicle. The fourth project, the construction of taxiways at Page Field, received \$187,000.

"We appreciate the FDOT's support of these important projects at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field," said Robert M. Ball, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "These funds are essential to the continued expansion of both airports and permit us to meet the needs of our patrons now and well into the future."

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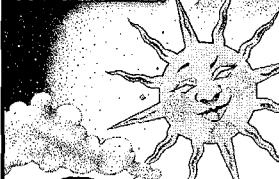
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Osprey Foundation Annual Meeting, Nesting Update, Set For March 19

Dr. Stephen A. Bortone, director of the Marine Laboratory at Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of The International Osprey Foundation on Sunday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Bortone will talk about water quality as it relates to the releases from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River.

The meeting will include an update on the 2006 osprey nesting season. The foundation monitored 107 nests last year and is checking a similar number this year.

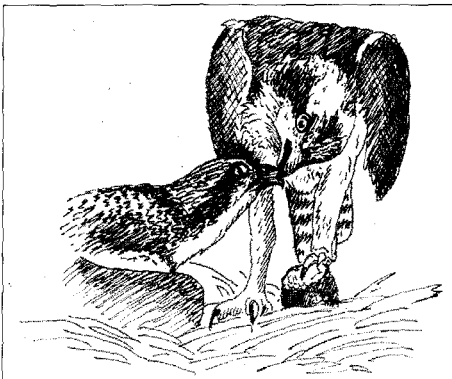
Many of the platforms on which nests are built were damaged by Hurricane Wilma in October. Foundation President Tim

Gardner, with help from Jim Griffith and the Lee County Electric Co-op, repaired 64 platforms in time for the nesting season that began in January.

The annual meeting will be held at the Sanibel Community House. A short business meeting will take place prior to the program. Admission is free to foundation members. A donation is requested of non-members.



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10 Friendly Faces Valentine Luncheon



(l to r) Marie Monick, Susan Bluehs, Maria Halabis, Hazel Schuller, Maggi Feiner, Al White and David Bath enjoyed the FISH Friendly Faces Valentine luncheon. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

Women's Workshop

For the fifth year, the program Finding Me: An Inside Job, a gathering of women, will be held on the following dates: March 7, 14, 21 and April 11 and 18 at Loggerhead Cay, from 7:15 to 9 p.m. It is free and open to all women.

Those who attend will speak, practice

and meditate on finding balance in their every day lives, discover and trust their own wisdom, learn to live with a sense of abundance and joy, heal old wounds, and express themselves with compassion, humor and love.

The facilitator is island resident Suzanne Weinheimer, a meditation teacher and energetic healer. To register call her at: 472-0214 or e-mail suzbu33@aol.com.*

Friendly Faces Luncheon

The Friendly Faces luncheon will be held March 14 at noon. All residents and guests are invited. Reservations must be made by March 12. Anyone wishing to attend, call Gillian Bath at 395-4500.*

New Caregiver Support Group To Meet

The Caregivers is a support group for all persons helping to care for ill or elderly spouses or friends. The support group will meet Wednesday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bank of the Islands in the Captiva conference room. The meeting will be led by Catherine Cruikshank and will last for approximately one and a half hours. All those interested are invited to attend. If you have need of someone to stay in your home while you attend, FISH does have volunteers who will visit your home to free up this time for you. Just call FISH at 472-0404 to arrange for visitation.

Cruikshank is well versed in the care of the elderly, having received her MA in geriatric administration. For more than a decade Cruikshank has worked with individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.*

FISH Needs Volunteers

Friends in Service Here (FISH) is the volunteer service organization that extends a helping hand to fellow residents and visitors on Sanibel and Captiva in unpaid assistance for medical appointments, loans of health equipment, meal deliveries and other services. With the start of the busy season FISH is in need of additional volunteer help, particularly for off-island medical appointment transportation.

If you can spare a few hours for this worthy cause, call FISH President and Volunteer Coordinator Maggi Feiner at 395-2924.*

Ladies Guild

St. Isabel's Church Ladies Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, February 27, in St. Isabel's Social Hall starting at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a brunch followed by a fashion show. Sporty Seahorse, Island Girl and Lucky Dog will provide the fashions. All Guild members and their guests are welcomed.*

Christian Movie

Christian Film Ministries will be showing the movie, *One Nation Under God*, by Dr. James Kennedy at the Sanibel Library 770 Dunlop Road on February 28 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Call Shirley at 466-1145 for additional information.*

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St. Isabel Hosts Charity Ball



Father Christopher Senk and Bob Sheehan



Colleen Bauer and Khristy Scheer

by Brian Johnson

St. Isabel Church held its 8th annual CFA Charity Event at the Sanibel Community House on February 17.

The room was filled to near capacity with parishioners and guests as they gathered together to raise money for the Catholic Faith Appeal.

Bob Sheehan and Khristy Scheer served as co-chairs. "I'm so happy we have such a wonderful group of parishioners who are so supportive and generous to make this possible," said Sheehan. "I'm honored to be apart of it for the past eight years -- it's a wonderful cause."

He added that Scheer continues to be a driving force at St. Isabel. "Khristy does so much for this parish," he said. "She's really a pillar of the church. She's there for everything, she's so dedicated. We're lucky to have someone like her."

Sheehan himself was recognized at the start of the event when Father Christopher Senk presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his distinguished service over

the years.

Bauer opened the silent auction for bidding at 6 p.m. Guests dined on roast beef and chicken marsala while The Porch Dogs performed on the Community House stage. Later in the evening quite a few parishioners danced on the open floor, including the



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A large number of sponsors contributed to the event. Al and Kathryn Krause were the dinner sponsors, Dr. Joseph Giattini was the cocktail sponsor, James and Florence Stewart were the entertainment sponsors, Harvey-Englehardt-Metz Funeral Home was the decoration sponsor, and Jack and Marilyn Schmidt were the refreshment sponsors.

The silent auction and basket committee included Karen Hall, Inga Bredahl, Joyce and Harvey Kiley, Frankette Rinaldi, Marilyn and Jack Schmidt, Kim Scott, Birgie Vertesch, and Ilona Wolanin.

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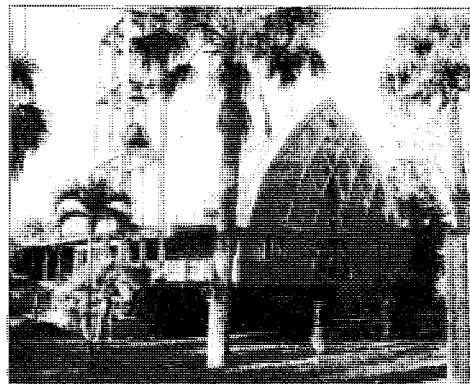
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women of South
Africa, with
writer and South
African expatriot Tanya Hochschild, a Sanibel resident, the speaker. Six area churches
are participating and will serve South African refreshments. An offering to support
the World Day of Prayer and HIV-AIDS ministries in South Africa and America will be
taken.

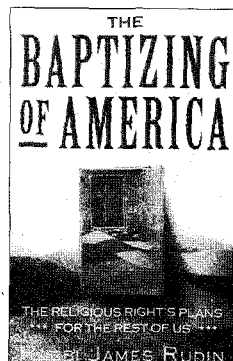
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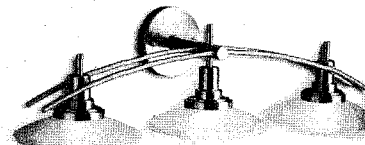
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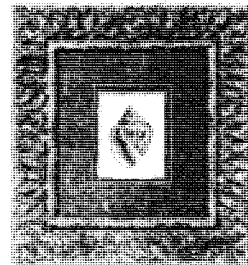
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The Renaissance Academy is offering a four-part course, Christianity in Dialogue with Islam, beginning Monday, February 27 at the Sanibel Library at 7 p.m. to be taught by two experts.

Reverend Walter Schuman holds advanced degrees in theology and has taught dialogue classes in a number of colleges and universities. Karen Ural holds advanced degrees in history, specializing in Middle East issues. Together, they will lead a dialogue on the following topics: Historical and Cultural Backgrounds, The Role of Sacred Writings, The Role of Sacred Law and Morality and Values. Brief articles will be used as the basis of discussion and dialogue. The cost of the course is \$60.

To enroll, call 590-1095 or for additional information, call Nola Theiss, 395-1737.*

Church Hosts Speaker For SWFL Addiction Services

On Tuesday, February 14, members of the Christian Science Church of Sanibel-Captiva hosted a talk by practitioner/healer, Brian Kisock, for Southwest Florida Addiction Services, an organization that provides resident half-way housing and outpatient programs for adults and juveniles in Hendry, Glades and Lee counties.

The message titled, *Finding Your Freedom from Fear and Addiction, based on Scripture and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, gave practical spiritual strategies addressing fear, rejection, unworthiness, an bringing hope, forgiveness, regeneration and healing.

Kisock, in his work as a Christian Science practitioner, a prison chaplain and minister to the homeless in San Diego, California, has witnessed healings of many diseases, as well as helped people find freedom from personal problems. He says there is no greater or more satisfying vocation in the world than to be involved in spiritual healing and outreach to others.

Brad Murray, first reader of the Sanibel-Captiva Christian Science Church, has volunteered for two months as a life coach for men at the half-way house located at the Transitional Living Center in Fort Myers. Directed by Rosemary Boisvert, the center is a service that provides on-site help for clients with drug or alcohol addiction.*

Annual Book Sale

Sanibel Congregational Women in Mission (SCWIM) is holding its second annual well-organized book sale at the church, 2050 Periwinkle Way, from Noon to 1 p.m. on each of the Sundays in March.

Included in the sale are gently used books, DVDs, CDs and other media items as well as puzzles and games. The funds collected are contributed to Lee County not-for-profit agencies that benefit families, children and women. Donations of only gently used books, DVDs, and CDs are still being accepted and may be left on the marked table in the open space under the church sanctuary.*

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Bob Flynn is the winner of the We Love Our Islands promotion sponsored by Bank of the Islands. Flynn was spotted with a We Love Our Islands decal on his vehicle. That won him the right to select which local non-profit group would receive a charitable contribution of \$600 from the bank. This contribution marks \$16,000 given to island non-profits through the program.

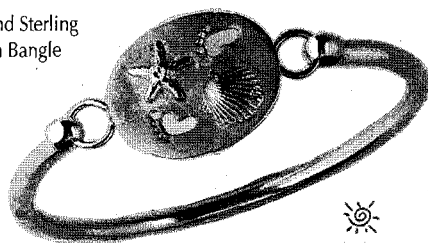
Flynn chose to split the donation evenly between St. Isabel's Church and CROW, Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

"The church was so badly damaged during Hurricane Charley," said bank manager Rob Lisenbee. "The bank is pleased to make even this small donation during their re-construction period. And everyone is hoping CROW will reach the goal of its current capital campaign for intern housing and other building improvements. Because of Bob's choice, we have two separate opportunities to show how much we appreciate being your island bank."

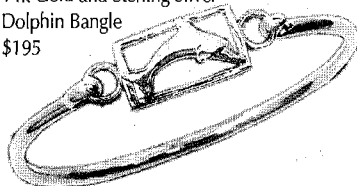
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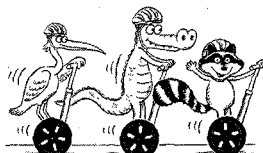
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Sheriff Deals With County Growth And What Happens Next

submitted by Jim Graham

In a very candid talk with the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Wednesday, February 15, Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott described how he is dealing with unprecedented growth in the county and the unanticipated disasters that are part of his day.

In 2005, his department responded to 45,000 calls for services ranging from a lost dog to Hurricane Wilma and the double homicide in Gateway.

To accomplish this huge task, the Sheriff's Department employs about 1,200 people who are divided almost equally between civilian support staff, jailors and patrol officers.

The Sheriff's Department also uses about 600 vehicles, including helicopters, boats, motorcycles and especially motor vehicles. Not surprisingly, the \$125,000 average monthly fuel cost to run these vehicles is his largest operating cost and his greatest concern. As he says, "You can't respond to 911 calls on foot." So he is not cutting costs by reducing services, but rather by working more efficiently.

The department has experimented with using hybrid vehicles, but ongoing experience shows that the hybrid cars are not as well equipped as regular patrol cars and don't perform as well on the high end... meaning high speed chases.

It takes a third of his staff to guard the 1800 prisoners that are currently incarcerated in the Lee County jail. In addition to providing three meals per day for the prisoners, the department must also provide medical coverage. This latter cost is mushrooming, and is a constant concern at the jail as at any for-profit enterprise. The modest fee that is charged each inmate is not much of a factor in reducing costs because so little of it is collected. Many inmates are indigent when they arrive in jail and are unable to pay.

In response to a question concerning the wisdom of broadcasting areas of concentrated traffic enforcement, Mike countered that the whole idea is driver awareness in order to change driver behavior. Last year we killed more people than ever before were killed on our highways.

There are currently no cameras at intersections to catch motorists running red lights. The cameras that you see are there to monitor traffic backup in order to change the cycle time of the light.



Sheriff Mike Scott

Although Florida is looking into providing such cameras, there is not complete agreement on the fairness and efficacy of their use.

Scott does not see the need for enacting a new law against using cell phones while driving. In his opinion, there are currently careless driving statutes on the books that would cover accidents caused by the use of a cell phone while driving, and actually, eating while driving is more prevalent and therefore a greater menace.

Scott's big push before the next "big one" is to install electrical generators at major intersections so they can be used to power traffic lights when power goes off. He will not use deputies to direct traffic when hurricane-induced general power outages occur because it is too dangerous.

Scott decided to end the question and answer period when someone asked him

what kind of wax he uses on his head. Actually, he has a full head of hair, but clips it short for low maintenance.

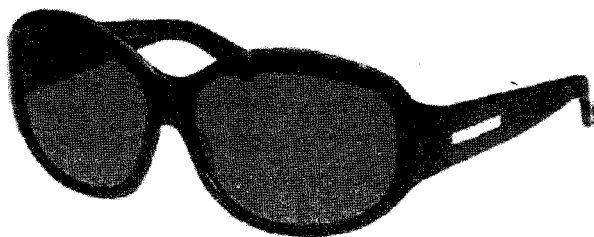
Long-time residents frequently comment that the Sheriff's Department has never been run as well, and with less bad news as the current one.

Perhaps Scott is applying some of his head wax to lubricate the vast, complicated, expensive machine that is the Lee County Sheriff's Department. ❖

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The Resident Environmental Orientation is a twenty-year tradition on the islands, helping people understand the good nature of water and the islands. Offered each Monday from 2 to 6 p.m., registration is required. As this program is offered free of charge it is limited to property owners and residents (year-round and seasonal) of Sanibel and Captiva. Call 472-2329, for more information or registration.



Ten Mile Canal Tour



Water Enhancement & Restoration Coalition members tour Ten Mile Linear Park

The Water Enhancement & Restoration Coalition (WERC) held its annual membership meeting February 13. The meeting included a tour of the Ten Mile Canal Filter Marsh and Linear Park, made possible through the partnership and support of Lee County, the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and WERC.

WERC's goal is to preserve water resources for the future by ensuring minimal impact from future development, as well as reducing the impact of older projects.

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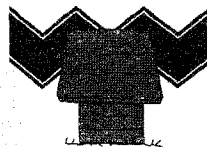
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Taylor and Jessica Sholes

Taylor Sholes, of Dorchester, Iowa, found a junonia at Mitchell's Sand Castles. "It took me four years but I finally found one," said Taylor, who is pictured with Jessica, 8.✧

Shells Found



The Bailey family

Ann Bailey of Montrose Colorado, found a junonia in the water at Casa Ybel Resort. She is pictured with her mom and dad, Ellen and Don Bailey.✧

SCA Duplicate Bridge

Results at the Sanibel Community Association Duplicate Bridge game Monday evening, February 20, are as follows:

North-South: First were Dave Bugby and Louise Clark with a 67.1 percent game. Erica Amsterdam and Patty McConnell were second with 56.3 percent. Ci and Vi Sheehy were third with 52.8 percent, and Diane and Richard Metz were fourth with 52.4 percent.

East-West: Tommy and Trudy Williams were first with 59.1 percent, Sue and Bob Jeffrey were second with 57.9 percent. Judy Adler and Walter Ames were third with 56.7 percent and Barb and Larry Malbouef were fourth with 55.9 percent.

There will be no game next week. duplicate bridge will resume on Monday, March 6.

The SCA duplicate bridge program meets every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Fees are \$4 for SCA members and \$5 for non-members. Partners are provided. All levels of skill are welcome.✧

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Shells Found



Spencer, Bob, Karla and Sully Igo

The Igo family from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, found a Florida cone, alphabet cone, banded tulip and a shark's eye on Algeirs Beach.

The Igo family looks forward to their annual trip to Sanibel. "Shelling and beaches are always great! Still searching for the elusive junonia - maybe next year," they said. ☼

Shells Found



Kate Stone and Aunt Phyllis

Kate Stone, 9, of Sanibel, and her aunt Phyllis, visiting from Long Beach, California for her 60th birthday, with three alphabet cones and a junonia. Not pictured: Gaye Levine, who found the junonia, her first every, and Bridget Stone of Sanibel, who also helped find the shells. ☼

Shells Found



Wanda Crane

Wanda Crane of Powder Springs, Georgia, found a junonia at Sanibel Arms West.

"Never was it on my radar screen that I would find a junonia," said Crane. "Twenty-five years visiting Sanibel, countless shelling hours, was alone, flagged down the policemen on a four-wheeler. Showed him, he thought it was wonderful. Then he said 'You know, you can't pick these up on Wednesdays.' ☼

Shells Found



Mary Wilding

Mary Wilding of Harvey Cedars, New Jersey found two junonias beyond Rabbit Road.

Wilding has been coming to Sanibel for 10 years. She has purchased a travel trailer and will continue to stay in Periwinkle Trailer Park. She loves shelling and kayaking. ☼

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Clam Bayou Group Expands To Include Blind Pass

The Clam Bayou Preservation Association (CBPA) has changed its name to the Bayous Preservation Association (BPA) to reflect its expanded interest in the entire Blind Pass ecosystem.

"As the Clam Bayou culverts were under construction, people started to ask me, 'What about Dinkins Bayou and Sunset Bay and Blind Pass?'" said Tim Gardner, one of the original CBPA leaders. "We, therefore, began holding meetings to determine the level of interest."

For the past six weeks, the BPA has held neighborhood meetings for the people living on the waterways on the west end of Sanibel and south end of Captiva.

"The response has been beyond our wildest dreams. By early March we expect to have nearly 400 members," stated Bill Vanderbilt, a Sunset Bay resident. What is also important is the vast majority of our members are registered voters."

In the short term, the BPA's goal is to support the Blind Pass restoration project. Lee County hand-delivered the permit application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee this week. Once it is initially processed the agency will post the application on the DEP Web site. Lee County anticipates construction in 2007.

"Our number one priority is to support the re-opening of Blind Pass and associated dredging and restoration in that area. We are hoping it will improve the environment for the entire ecosystem," Dr. John McCabe said. "In addition, we'll be working to include water quality monitoring and bottom profiling in the associated bays, bayous and channels, so we can document the improvement."

Gardner added, "This project demonstrates the value of cooperation among individuals from a variety of agencies and backgrounds, all working together to improve an environmental situation."

The Bayous Preservation Association is a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation dedicated to the protection and preservation of the Blind Pass ecosystem. The ecosystem includes Clam Bayou, Dinkins Bayou, Roosevelt Channel, Sunset Bay, Wilfert Channel, the Albright Island area and Blind Pass.

State Launches Construction On Caloosahatchee Reservoir

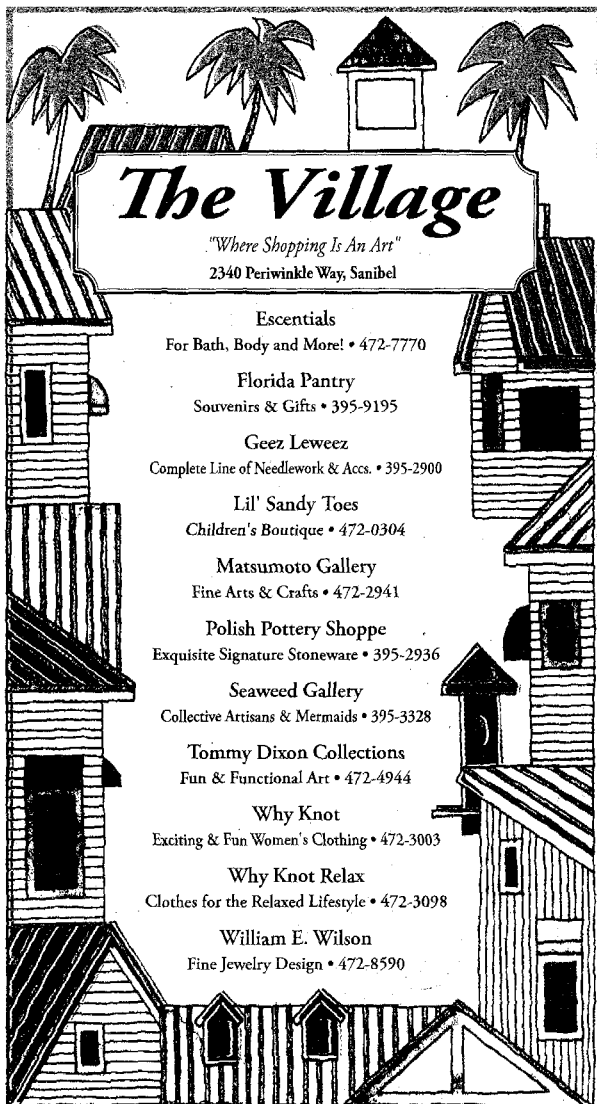
The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District will begin construction of two Acceler8 C-43 (Caloosahatchee River) West Storage Reservoir test cells. The test cells will provide valuable information that will be incorporated into the final reservoir design.

The C-43 (Caloosahatchee River) West Storage Reservoir will comprise a significant portion of the total water storage requirement for the C-43 basin. The reservoir will capture and store regulatory water releases from Lake Okeechobee, reducing the number and volume of harmful discharges to the coastal estuaries. The project will also improve the health of the ecosystem by decreasing excess water flow to the Caloosahatchee River, and ultimately the Caloosahatchee estuary, revitalizing fish and oyster habitats by maintaining desirable salinity levels.

A special groundbreaking ceremony will take place Friday, February 24 at 9:30 a.m. at Berry Groves on State Road 80. Scheduled speakers include Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Colleen Castille, South Florida Water Management District Governing Board member Alice Carlson and South Florida Water Management District Executive Director Carol Wehle.

Invited guests include members of the Florida Legislature; state, county and municipal elected officials and community leaders; and members of environmental organizations, agricultural community, recreational and business groups. In addition, water resources managers, project engineers and South Florida Water Management District Governing Board members will be available for interviews.

To get to Berry Groves travel east on S.R. 80 (Palm Beach Boulevard) to Berry Groves, approximately one mile east of S.R. 78A. Look for Acceler8 signs.



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7-Day Local Forecast

**FRIDAY**Partly Cloudy
High: 72 Low: 66**SATURDAY**Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 62**SUNDAY**Partly Cloudy
High: 69 Low: 58**MONDAY**Mostly Sunny
High: 67 Low: 55**TUESDAY**Sunny
High: 71 Low: 56**WEDNESDAY**Partly Cloudy
High: 75 Low: 62**THURSDAY**Partly Cloudy
High: 73 Low: 61

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 72°, humidity of 73% and an overnight low of 66°. The record high temperature for today is 87° set in 1962. The record low is 37° set in 1989. Saturday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.

Last Week's Local Almanac

| Date | Hi | Lo | Normals | Precip |
|-----------|----|----|---------|--------|
| Tuesday | 63 | 35 | 76/55 | 0.00" |
| Wednesday | 76 | 45 | 76/55 | 0.00" |
| Thursday | 80 | 54 | 76/55 | 0.00" |
| Friday | 82 | 59 | 77/55 | 0.00" |
| Saturday | 82 | 57 | 77/56 | 0.00" |
| Sunday | 83 | 56 | 77/56 | 0.00" |
| Monday | 82 | 58 | 77/56 | 0.00" |

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 52°, found in Cahokia, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, partly cloudy skies with a few showers Saturday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 85°, found in Miami, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 60°, found in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 83°, found in Thermal, Calif.

Up North Outlook

| City | Today | | | Saturday | | |
|------------------|-------|----|----|----------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | Wx | Hi | Lo | Wx |
| Atlanta | 57 | 36 | pc | 52 | 34 | pc |
| Baltimore | 46 | 27 | s | 44 | 29 | pc |
| Boston | 38 | 19 | pc | 35 | 21 | s |
| Chicago | 38 | 26 | pc | 29 | 12 | s |
| Cincinnati | 47 | 32 | pc | 40 | 23 | rs |
| Cleveland | 33 | 26 | mc | 37 | 20 | rs |
| Detroit | 36 | 26 | pc | 32 | 15 | mc |
| Nashville | 54 | 37 | pc | 52 | 29 | ra |
| New York City | 38 | 29 | pc | 41 | 28 | s |
| Philadelphia | 42 | 26 | pc | 42 | 29 | rs |
| Richmond | 52 | 29 | s | 54 | 28 | sh |
| Washington, D.C. | 47 | 29 | s | 46 | 29 | pc |

Weather (Wx): cl:cloudy; ft:fog/mist; pc:partly cloudy; r:rain; r/n:rain & snow; s:mostly sunny; sh:showers; s/w:showers & wind; t:thunderstorms; w:windy

Local UV Index



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UV Index

0-2: Minimal, 3-4: Low,
5-6: Moderate, 7-9: High
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Weather Trivia

What is the "green sky" effect?

Answer: A greenish tint to the sky is often a precursor to hail.

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Sun & Moon Times

New 2/27 Full 3/14

Sunrise today . . 6:56 a.m.
Sunset today . . 6:27 p.m.

First 3/6 Last 3/22

Cape Coral Bridge Tides

| Day | High | Low | High | Low |
|-----|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Fri | 11:43 pm | 8:03 am | None | None |
| Sat | 3:46 pm | 8:52 am | None | 7:12 pm |
| Sun | 12:54 am | 9:33 am | 3:47 pm | 8:21 pm |
| Mon | 1:55 am | 10:09 am | 3:54 pm | 9:19 pm |
| Tue | 2:51 am | 10:41 am | 4:05 pm | 10:14 pm |
| Wed | 3:46 am | 11:08 am | 4:19 pm | 11:09 pm |
| Thu | 4:42 am | 11:30 am | 4:38 pm | None |

Redfish Pass Tides

| Day | High | Low | High | Low |
|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Fri | 9:33 pm | 4:47 am | None | None |
| Sat | 1:36 pm | 5:36 am | 10:44 pm | 3:56 pm |
| Sun | 1:37 pm | 6:17 am | 11:45 pm | 5:05 pm |
| Mon | 1:44 pm | 6:53 am | None | 6:03 pm |
| Tue | 12:41 am | 7:25 am | 1:55 pm | 6:58 pm |
| Wed | 1:36 am | 7:52 am | 2:09 pm | 7:53 pm |
| Thu | 2:32 am | 8:14 am | 2:28 pm | 8:50 pm |

Point Ybel Tides

| Day | High | Low | High | Low |
|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Fri | 8:38 pm | 4:49 am | None | None |
| Sat | 12:41 pm | 5:38 am | 9:49 pm | 3:58 pm |
| Sun | 12:42 pm | 6:19 am | 10:50 pm | 5:07 pm |
| Mon | 12:49 pm | 6:55 am | 11:46 pm | 6:05 pm |
| Tue | 1:00 pm | 7:27 am | None | 7:00 pm |
| Wed | 12:41 am | 7:54 am | 1:14 pm | 7:55 pm |
| Thu | 1:37 am | 8:16 am | 1:33 pm | 8:52 pm |

Punta Rassa Tides

| Day | High | Low | High | Low |
|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Fri | 9:27 pm | 4:42 am | None | None |
| Sat | 1:30 pm | 5:31 am | 10:38 pm | 3:51 pm |
| Sun | 1:31 pm | 6:12 am | 11:39 pm | 5:00 pm |
| Mon | 1:38 pm | 6:48 am | None | 5:58 pm |
| Tue | 12:35 am | 7:20 am | 1:49 pm | 6:53 pm |
| Wed | 1:30 am | 7:47 am | 2:03 pm | 7:48 pm |
| Thu | 2:26 am | 8:09 am | 2:22 pm | 8:45 pm |

Star Watch By Gary Becker - Spring: It's Just Around the Corner



Perhaps you haven't noticed, but spring is just around the corner. Sure, you're saying! We have just experienced the heaviest snowfall of the season, and this weekend feels more like windswept Fairbanks than Miami. The weather may still be wintry, but did you notice how quickly the snow melted off the roadways and pavements from last week's storm? That is a certain sign of increased solar energy from a sun that is climbing higher into the sky each day. In fact, today at noon the sun is 12 degrees higher in the south than it was two months ago on the date of the winter solstice, December 21. By the end of this week Sol has climbed an additional two degrees. If that argument is not persuasive enough, then observe the nighttime sky. By darkness at 7 p.m., Orion, with its three famous equally bright and equally separated belt stars, is due south and mid-sky. In the northeast the Big Dipper is beginning to make its annual ascent, handle down, cup up! Give the Earth an additional three hours of spinning, and the firmament will take on a decidedly vernal appearance. The Dipper's handle arcs gracefully downward to a reddish Arcturus of Bootes the Herdsman, near the eastern horizon. The Pointer Stars, or top two stars of the Dipper, which help to locate the North Star, point in the opposite direction to spring's Leo the Lion, high in the southeast. To Leo's right is bright Saturn, now positioned due south by 10 p.m. Looking farther to the right, the luminous winter group of constellations, Orion, Taurus, Auriga, Gemini, and Canis Major are beginning to crowd the western horizon, literally on the way out. It's a sure sign of change when the bright stars of winter give way to the fainter luminaries in the east, proclaiming spring. www.astronomy.org

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Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Welcomes New Intern

Amanda Bryant, a native of Coatesville, Indiana, recently began her internship at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

She is a graduate of Philadelphia University with a degree in environmental and conservation biology. Although she found this internship online, she knew SW Florida having grown up visiting her grandparents on Gasparilla Island.

An internship with the Bureau of Land Management took her to Montana for five months to study Black-tailed Prairie Dogs. Prior to that, Amanda worked on a Soft Release Site Project near Philadelphia at the Center for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife where native species are released and monitored by volunteers.

In the future, she hopes to earn a masters degree in wildlife conservation. She feels her diversity of habitat experience has given her a different perspective and has helped her understand ecosystems quickly. She is very excited to be working at the Conservation Foundation where everyone is welcoming and is genuinely interested in interns. For further information on SCCF, call 472-2329.



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2007 Water Conservation Grants Available

The South Florida Water Management District has initiated the application process for its FY 2006-2007 WaterSIP Grant program. For the current year, WaterSIP, which stands for Water Savings Incentive Program, will distribute up to \$1 million district-wide for projects that conserve a measurable amount of water. To date, WaterSIP has conserved more than 1.4 billion gallons a day.

This annual program provides match-

ing funds up to \$50,000 to water providers or community organizations for installing water-saving technology such as low-flow plumbing fixtures, rain sensors, fire hydrant flushing devices, and other water saving projects.

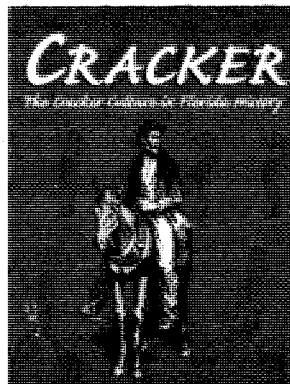
The dDistrict has worked with local governments as well as private organizations and not-for-profit agencies to promote various conservation projects. Locally, the City of Sanibel worked with hotels and resorts on the island to retrofit sprinkler systems to use recycled water for irrigation.

Applications are now available online for downloading at <http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/mso/pro/WDCFY2007K.htm>. *

Author Explores Cracker Culture

Dana Ste. Claire, author of *Cracker: The Cracker Culture in Florida History*, will make a special guest appearance on Thursday, March 2, at 1 p.m. in the Education Center at Sanibel Island's JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in conjunction with this season's Sanibel READS program.

Former curator of history and professional archaeologist at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach, Ste. Claire has created a generously illustrated account of Cracker heritage, its rich history, and its disappearance as today's fast-paced society reaches into Florida's remote backwoods. Following his presentation, the author will sign copies of his book, for sale at the



Cracker takes an in-depth look at the ways and lifestyles of the people who inspired A Land Remembered, this year's Sanibel READS selection

"Ding" Darling bookstore.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, the refuge's non-profit "friends" organization, as part of its 12-week Thursday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

For more information about Sanibel READS, visit www.zebis.com/sanibel-reads.

2006 "Ding" Darling Thursday Afternoon Lecture Series upcoming schedule:

March 9: The Refuge "Gator Girls," on Sanibel alligators

March 16: Refuge biologist Kendra Pendault on hurricane effects, *Summer of Fury* signing

March 23: Tim Gallagher, author of *The Grail Bird*, on the ivory billed woodpecker

March 30: Bill Thompson III and Julie Zickefoose, authors of *Identify Yourself*, on bird identification. *

Weeds And Seeds

Weeds and Seeds, a group of amateur botanists who love to find and identify native plants on Sanibel, gathers on the porch of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) on Monday mornings at 8:45 a.m. Their walks begin at 9 a.m. and last for two hours. Parking money is necessary to explore other parts of the island. For information call Candice Ethridge at 395-9498, Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or Susan Sprout at 395-2971.

February 13, Gulf Ridge Preserve

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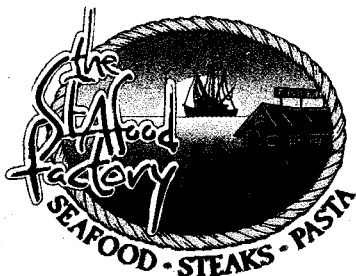
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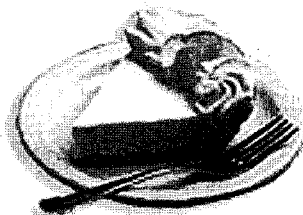


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Birdfest At Lakes Regional Park

Lee County Parks and Recreation along with the Lee County Bird Patrol, will host the 4th annual Birdfest on Saturday, March 4 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at Lakes Regional Park.

The morning events will offer many opportunities to see and learn about the numerous types of birds found in Lee County. Activities include taking a canoe trip into the Lakes Park rookery islands to view nesting egrets and herons, checking out the many viewing scopes manned by volunteer staff at various locations throughout the park, attending a nature photography workshop and enjoying guided walks into the Lakes Park woodlands that will yield songbirds, woodpeckers and perhaps a hawk or two.

Birdfest inaugurates eight weeks of bird tours into many of these unique and little-known areas in Lee County. Bird tours are offered monthly at Lakes Regional Park by the Lee County Bird Patrol.

Come and celebrate with Lee County Park and Recreation and The Lee County Bird Patrol the beauty and diversity of our finely feathered friends here in our own backyard.

The event is free with a parking cost of \$1 per hour or \$5 for all day. Call 432-2034 or 481-7845.


The Lee County Bird Patrol is a volunteer, non-profit group that monitors various parks and Conservation 2020 sites

throughout Lee County for numbers and species of birds. Information gathered plays a vital role in assessing the environmental health of the diverse habitats these parks and preserves represent. For more information about the Lee County Bird Patrol visit www.leeparks.org, click on programs then on partnerships or contact Anita Marshall at 267-7872. For more information about volunteering with Lee County Parks and Recreation, call 432-2159. ☆

Turtle Tracks

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is sponsoring Turtle Tracks at the Nature Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday mornings. This interpretive program delves into the life cycle of the sea turtles that nest on the beaches. Participants start at the turtle exhibit and marine touch tank to learn about the life cycle of the loggerhead and then go to a beach site to discuss their nesting habitat and other fascinating marine life. Cost for this program is \$5 for adults and free for children; a beach parking fee of \$2 per car is necessary at the beach site. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation monitors the sea turtle nests on Sanibel and Captiva. If you have questions about the Turtle Tracks program or the sea turtle research program, call the Conservation Foundation's Nature Center at 472-2329. ☆

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"It's so important for Southwest Florida businesses to join PURRE's efforts to address the harmful Lake Okeechobee water releases down the Caloosahatchee into our estuary," said Geoff Roepstorff. "We all spend time and money trying to grow our businesses and customer bases. If poor water quality begins to have a negative effect on housing sales, tourism, and our shared quality of life in Florida, everyone's business is going to suffer."

On a personal note, the Roepstorffs spoke of their long tenure as Floridians, and the joy they share fishing and boating as a family.

"We have been blessed to live in one of the most beautiful places in the state," said Robbie Roepstorff. "It's just not acceptable that we would let it be ruined without raising our voices in protest. We will all have to work hard to find common solutions. Hopefully this donation will help PURRE do that."

"This gift could not come at a better time," said PURRE Board member Maureen Valiquette. "We need to get the PURRE message to everyone in this watershed. This gift will help us build awareness and membership. On behalf of the PURRE Water Coalition's Board of Directors, I want to publicly thank Edison National Bank and Bank of the Islands for this gift, and for calling on others in the Southwest Florida business community to join PURRE."

The PURRE Water Coalition is a broad-based grassroots organization representing environmental organizations, chambers of commerce, the tourism industry, the fishing and boating industry, other business interests, and people who care about and enjoy Southwest Florida's waters.

The PURRE Water Coalition's mission is to promote the protection and restoration of the Caloosahatchee, its estuary, the Southwest Florida environment, and the broader South Florida ecosystem.

Individuals and organizations interested in learning more about the PURRE Water Coalition can visit www.purre.org, e-mail purre@purre.org, or call 472-2354.



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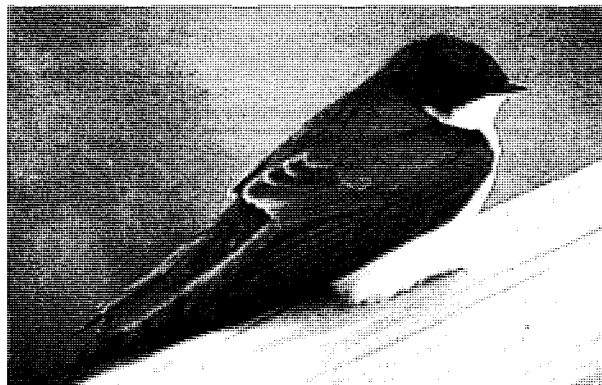
by Jim Stevenson, Ph.D.

Swallows are fast-flying, insectivorous birds that are highly migratory. They are told from the chimney swift by their deeper wing-beat and lighter undersides, plus a longer, forked tail. Many swallows are seen zipping by, giving the observer only a quick glance by which to identify them. One must know what to look for, and have a quick eye.

If you are lucky enough to see the long forked tail of the barn swallow, which is our most abundant swallow, the ID is fairly easy. Others are not so simple, and seeing them coming is as important as how their rear appears. Look at the head of an oncoming swallow, including the upper chest.

If the bird is immaculate white below, sharply contrasting to the dark dorsum, it is a tree swallow (unless you are in the far West). This species breeds over much of North America, except the Deep South, and winters along the gulf coast. Most birds are the flashy adults, with their blue-green backs a dead giveaway. In the far West, watch for the violet-green swallow, with its green back and white sides of the rump.

Two very common swallows throughout the Lower 48 are the bank and rough-winged, and they are rather similar except for their chest. Banks have a conspicuous band across the chest, set off by brilliant white before and after. Rough-wings have a



Tree Swallow

grayish throat, gradually becoming off-white on the belly. They superficially resemble a small female martin.

Joining the barn swallow in becoming more and more abundant is the cliff swallow, frequently seen in summer nesting under bridges and overpasses. The impression of a passing cliff is a very dark head, quickly becoming a beige underside. As they pass by, their beige rump will appear, but be warned that bank swallows have a bit lighter rump than their back and tail.

Looking very much like a cliff swallow is the cave swallow, which is expanding its range eastward as you read. They now nest in East Texas, and the Caribbean population has begun breeding in South Florida. Most cave swallows have a light throat, contrasting to the cliff, and the cliff has a light forehead (colloquially called a flashlight), that really helps when seen from the bridge, looking down. These two species need a lot of practice.

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

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28 CROW Case Of The Week: White Ibis

by Brian Johnson



On Valentine's Day Toni Westland was standing at the front desk in the administrative building at the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge when a woman, out of breath, came running in. She said she had just

seen two "big white birds" wrapped up in fishing line out on the refuge. She apologized several times for not having her cell phone and relaying the information more quickly.

Westland, an education specialist at "Ding" Darling, got on the refuge's new radio system and put out a message to volunteer rovers on Wildlife Drive. In a short time rover Denny Souers spotted the birds and called back, telling Westland there were two white ibis caught in monofilament out in the water at the 2.5-mile mark.

"Can I get to them?" she asked.

"You need a kayak," replied Souers.

Intern Cheryl Parrott, who is trained in the capture of injured wildlife, overheard the conversation and volunteered



Toni Westland and Cheryl Parrott kayak after two white ibis in the refuge

to accompany Westland. Education intern Debbie Ruppensburg also joined the rescue party.

The trio drove to the maintenance shed, where they grabbed a kayak, paddles and life jackets. They threw the equipment in the back of a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service vehicle and drove up Wildlife Drive. "It was a challenge maneuvering along Wildlife Drive because the visitors did not know the rush we were in to get to the entangled birds!" said Westland.

At the 2.5-mile marker, which is a high-use fishing area by a water control structure, the three women jumped out

of the truck and launched the kayak. Ruppensburg stayed on the bank to help manage the crowd of onlookers already beginning to form.

Westland and Parrott paddled to the first bird, whose legs were tangled together by line and a two-inch lure. Parrott reached for the ibis and lifted up his head. The bird slumped to the side, dead. Parrott cut the ibis loose and wrapped him up in a towel.

"It was a terrible tragedy," she said. "His feet were tied, he probably panicked and then drowned. This bird had no chance."

After the line was cut, the other ibis,

in shallow water near a tangle of mangrove roots, stood up and began to walk away. Apparently the two birds had been connected to the same line.

"We started paddling after him, and then he disappeared into the mangroves," said Westland. "Cheryl jumped into the water and followed him, but was soon sinking to her knees in the mud. It reminded me of when I lived in Wisconsin trudging through the high snowbanks."

The bird traveled close to 50 feet in the twisting mangroves before Parrott caught up to him. She had to hop into a tree to snag him.

Holding his bill in her hands, she looked around and realized she could not see the trail back to the kayak.

"Tonil!" she shouted. "I've got the bird! Talk to me so I can find my way out!"

Westland kept up a stream of encouragement until Parrott had made her way back to the kayak with an extremely frightened and stressed ibis. Westland was still cradling the dead ibis in her arms. "You would not believe the crowd we had," she said. "People started asking questions and snapping pictures. They wanted to know what was going on or if the second bird would survive. As an educator, it was the perfect teachable moment, to show the public the devastating effects of improperly disposed fishing line."

Parrott checked the live bird's wings, and found they had normal range of motion. However, in the course of the examination Westland noticed an open

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gash on his right leg, and so they decided to take him to CROW. Westland called ahead on her cell phone so the staff would be prepared for their arrival.

After handing over the white ibis to Veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel, Westland dropped off Parrott -- so she could clean herself up -- and returned to the scene of the rescue with Ruppersburg. "We were both angry and frustrated about the dead bird," she said. "We wanted to do something right then, so we put the kayak in the truck and went up to the next water control structure. We cleaned up fishing line for the next two to three hours... I ended up putting the monofilament we collected in a giant tub which I use for educational programs at the schools."

At CROW, Deitschel gave the ibis, who was very agitated, pain medication, antioxidant vitamins and valium. "There was a lot of mucus in his mouth, and his respiration was quite fast and labored," said Deitschel. "The good news was that the skin laceration had done little damage to the muscle itself."

Staff placed the ibis in a cage in intensive care. "One hour later the bird was standing but still pretty reactive," said Deitschel. "We anesthetized her and put in eight stitches. I was glad they brought him in because the wound could well have gotten infected in the wild."

Not long after surgery the ibis was frantically thrashing around his cage. "We started with bach flowers, but that didn't do much, so I gave him more valium," said Deitschel. "We didn't want him to hurt himself more or get all the other animals in the clinic excited and upset."

The next morning Deitschel was happy to see that the stitches were holding well and there was no sign of limping or lameness. However, the bird remained highly agi-



Cheryl and Toni examine dead bird after the rescue effort

tated so staff moved him to the small flight cage, where he flew beautifully. With the bird flighted and his wound cleaned and closed, Deitschel decided not to impose the stress of captivity any longer.

That afternoon volunteer Jan Rutledge took him back to the refuge for release. It had been a harrowing 24 hours for the white wading bird. "Jan said he walked around a little bit and then shot off like a bolt," said Deitschel.

Westland views the case as a chance to raise awareness about monofilament and increase efforts at "Ding" Darling to remove hazardous hooks and lines. She would like to build on the existing programs to prevent future wildlife deaths.

"We need to be responsible, ethical fisher people," she said. "The birds fly into the refuge to rest and to feed. We need to do more for them, and continue to conduct periodic cleanups at the refuge. We have got to create better land stewards, and continue to push forward with more education. And it's not only birds. Manatees, dolphins and sea turtles and many other animals get tangled in fishing line too."

This Friday (February 24) a group of volunteers are meeting at "Ding" Darling for a three-hour cleanup. Westland said NBC-2 is planning to cover the event to increase awareness of this important issue. There are local families and groups currently conducting their own clean-ups at the refuge to help the cause -- they welcome anyone visiting or wanting to help to call them.

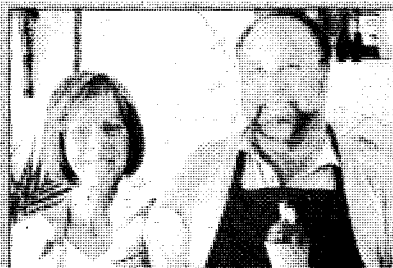
"We would really appreciate the help, and so would the wildlife," stated Rob Jess, refuge manager. "Florida is historically the fishing capitol of the United States, and as long as birds, wildlife, and humans share the same space, we will all need to do our part in retrieving discarded and entangled fishing line." For more information or to help in future efforts, call "Ding" Darling at 472-1100 ext. 266.

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The Simple Language Of Orchids Adventure Stories About Orchids

by Dr. Faye Laurent Granberry, Sanibel orchid hobbyist



In our early years of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society searching for a speaker for our annual December holiday luncheon, I asked an old friend of mine, Barney. I had become friends with him in Master Gardeners.

I really befriended him as he sat alone, was different, in appearance only, than others.

I was doing a weekly gardening show for WINK-TV and I often interviewed Barney. He was an unusual, fascinating character who knew plants and the Fakahatchee.

Only after his untimely death did we come to fully learn of the greatness of this modest, kind man.

Books now list him as the person who had the greatest knowledge of the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve.

Finding his name in the best seller *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orleans, I bought a copy for him and I underlined his name, and the words that he had the greatest knowledge of the Strand of any living person. He wept when he read the words. He closed the book and handed it back to me saying he did not have 10 dollars for the book. I gave it back to him with a hug and explained it was a gift.

Tears filled his eyes.

Barney was that kind of man.

Thinking back, I vividly remember the day I asked him to be our key note speaker at the Sanibel-Captiva Forest Country Club Orchid Holiday Luncheon. At first he was most reluctant to accept the invitation as he felt we on Sanibel were different from him and his wife.

He had grown up in the Fakahatchee area in a family of very modest means. He shared with me that after serving in the war he had to come back to the Fakahatchee, to the area that he loved, and was home to him.

I recall so well his remark that after he had met our orchid group he felt so loved and accepted by our members that he wanted to return and share his knowledge of orchids with us.

At his invitation we visited his area and he showed us with pride the swamp that he felt so close to in nature – the swamp that was part of him.

Barney accepted our invitation to speak at the holiday luncheon that year and he was amazing with his knowledge of plants and his Fakahatchee slides that only he could have made.

He told me the next day that had been the nicest day for him and his wife in their entire lives.

Barney never got to keep his promise of returning to share his special knowledge of specie orchids with us – he died a few weeks later.

We have fond memories of this wonderful humble man that made us aware of the importance of the Fakahatchee - Strand State Preserve.

He is now an important part of the history of species orchids in Florida.

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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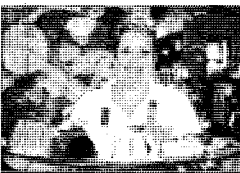
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The talk and will cover an introduction of Lovano, characterizing his role and position in contemporary jazz music, how his interest in jazz developed, who were his major influences, how he developed his own personal style or timber as a tenor sax player and where he sees jazz going from here.

Lovano is widely recognized as the premier tenor sax player of his generation. Born to a musical family, Joe Lovano began playing the alto sax at five, switching to the tenor a few years later. By the time he got his driver's license at 16, he was a member of the musician's union and working professionally. Club dates followed.

The secret to his success is his fearless ability to always challenge and push the conceptual and thematic choices he makes in a quest for new modes of artistic expression and new takes on what defines the jazz idiom. In high school he began to absorb the free jazz experiments



Joe Lovano

of Ornette Coleman, John Coltrane and Jimmy Giuffrè.

Often performing at the Village Vanguard in New York City, Lovano won the jazz album of the year in 1996 in the *Down Beat* reader's poll for the recording *Joe Lovano Quartets at the Village Vanguard*. He has two Grammy nominations for *Joe Lovano Celebrating Sinatra*, and in 1998 he received yet another Grammy nomination for *Joe Lovano*.

He has received jazz artist of the year honors for the third time from *Down Beat* magazine. In his 2002 *Blue Note*

release, Lovano explores the music of one of the great musical figures of our time on *Viva Caruso*. The album finds Lovano investigating many of the popular melodies made famous by the Italian tenor. In January of 2003, *OH! By Sco LoHoFo*, one of the most anticipated jazz projects of the new year, was released. Lovano continues to create award winning albums, and making gorgeous, emotionally resonant music.

The concert is sponsored by the West Wind Inn. Tickets are available for \$35 at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, 395-0900.*

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Rossini, *Overture to The Barber of Seville*; Rachmaninoff, *Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini, Op. 43* (Mr. Nakamatsu); Dvorak, *Symphony No. 7 in D minor, Op. 70*.

Tickets are \$15 to \$55 and are available for purchase by calling 418-1500.

Nakamatsu continues to draw unanimous praise as a true aristocrat of the keyboard, whose playing combines elegance, clarity, and electrifying power. Increasingly, critics laud Mr. Nakamatsu for his subtle and unmannered performances, in which his prodigious gifts are placed solely at the disposal of the composer. In the words of Richard S. Ginell of *The Los Angeles Times*:

"Every note was also precisely defined, clearly articulated, with nothing smeared thanks to his light use of the damper pedal. He vividly caught the extraordinary scene-painting and impishness of

the conclusion of Schumann's *Papillons* and brought a cool, controlled drive to the finale of Mendelssohn's *Fantasy in F-sharp Minor*... Nakamatsu topped off the evening with Liszt's transcription of Schumann's *Widmung* (*Dedication*) and a fascinating rendition of Chopin's *Polonaise in A-flat Major*, building it gradually and patiently until the flags were waving grandly at the close."

A native of California, Nakamatsu came to international attention in 1997 when he was named Gold Medalist of the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the only American to have achieved this distinction since 1981.

Nakamatsu, who at the time was a high school German language teacher without formal conservatory training, seized the Van Cliburn jurors and audiences with the polish, musicality, and technical brilliance of his playing — the result of many years of private piano study starting at the age of six.

Nakamatsu's brilliant but unassuming musicianship and eclectic repertoire continue to make him a favorite on the concert circuit. During the 2005-2006 season he is heard (in addition to his appearance with the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra) as guest soloist with the Virginia Symphony under JoAnn Falletta (*Grieg Concerto*), the Bozeman Symphony Orchestra (*Grieg Concerto*), Dubuque Symphony (*Liszt Concerto No. 2*), Rochester Philharmonic (*Mozart Concerto No. 27*), Tallahassee Symphony (*Beethoven Concerto No. 4*), Peninsula Symphony (*Beethoven Concerto No. 4*), San Antonio Symphony



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Named Debut Artist of the Year (1998) by NPR's *Performance Today*, Jon Nakamatsu has been profiled by CBS *Sunday Morning* and *Reader's Digest*

magazine, and is featured in *Playing with Fire*, a documentary about the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, broadcast nationwide on PBS. Earlier, in 1995, he was named the first prize winner of Miami's Fifth United States Chopin Piano Competition.

An active recording artist, Jon Nakamatsu records exclusively for Harmonia Mundi USA, which has released six CDs, the most recent of which features Nakamatsu in a performance of Brahms's *Piano Sonata in F Minor*, along with other solo works by the composer.

Nakamatsu has studied privately with Marina Derryberry since the age of six, and has worked with Karl Ulrich Schnabel, son of the great pianist Artur Schnabel. He has also studied composition and orchestration with Dr. Leonard Stein of the Schoenberg Institute at the University of Southern California, and pursued extensive studies in chamber music and musicology.

Nakamatsu is a graduate of Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in German Studies and a master's degree in Education.

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Monday Night Movie: Après Vous; Zulu Tribesmen Replaced By French Waiters

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

The delightful French film *Après Vous* will be shown on Monday night, February 27, at 7 p.m. This new (2005) and engaging romantic comedy starring renowned actor, Daniel Auteuil, illustrates the adage, "No good deed goes unpunished." It is a wonderful Spring tonic. The film originally scheduled for Monday evening, *Zulu*, has been withdrawn because of problems with the film quality. BIG ARTS Film Society Director JR Pascall has chosen this light-hearted French farce in the continuation this year's International Film Festival.

Antoine (Auteuil) is the headwaiter at a Paris brasserie with a live-in girlfriend, Christine, who is growing impatient at the hours he works and his lack of attention. Taking a shortcut through the park one night in an effort to save time, he stumbles on a situation and becomes a good Samaritan. His efforts saddle him with a feeling of responsibility toward a hapless man, Louis, whose girlfriend has dumped him. Louis is played by another exceptional French actor, Jose Garcia.

To tell you more of the amusing plot would spoil it for you.

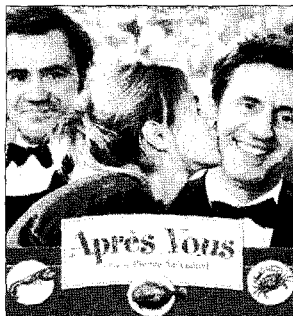
The settings in the sophisticated brasserie with sparkling wines served with panache and swirled against the light in crystal glasses, and cuisine looking, well good enough to eat, are splendid.

There is a great vignette with Louis' grandmother in Deauville when Antoine tries yet another ploy to assist the morose man. You cannot take your eyes from the actor Auteuil as he demonstrates every nuance of his comedic acting skills, crafted to perfection during the past 30 years.

Antoine becomes more and more involved in Louis' romantic dilemma with Blanche. As he tries to reunite Louis with the woman who has broken his heart Antoine imperils his own emotions while playing cupid. A hilarious, thoughtful and sophisticated film. In French with English subtitles and rated R, probably for slightly Risque.

Après Vous will be shown in Schein Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 27. The film will be followed by an informal discussion and refreshments served on the porch adjacent to the theater. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Be advised: this popular series is sometimes sold out; advance tickets can be purchased at BIG ARTS. For further information call 395-0900.✽



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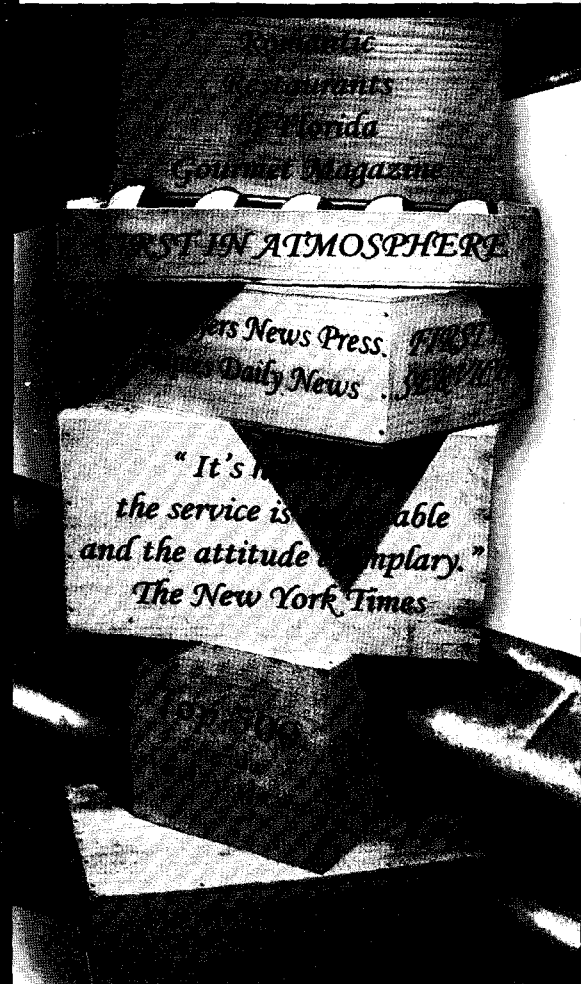
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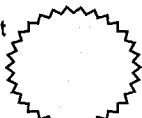


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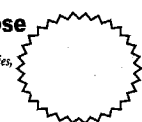
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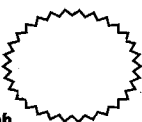


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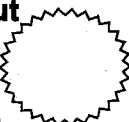
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Academy Award Series: Walk The Line

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

The BIG ARTS Wednesday matinee series of Academy Award contenders continues at the Island Cinema at 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, with *Walk The Line*. This is the life story of the gravel voiced, black clad entertainer Johnny Cash. Joaquin Phoenix is amazing as Cash and he is nearly equalled by Reese Witherspoon as country singer June Carter. Both stars have been nominated for Academy Awards for their roles in the highly acclaimed film.

Phoenix does a superb vocal replication of the husky voice of Cash and personification of his hard-edged life as a country singer from a hard scrabble life. Phoenix growls the harsh guttural notes of *Folsom Prison* and handles his guitar in the same unique way as Cash. His portrayal is a tour de force.

The actors do not stint on the demanding vocal performances required for their parts. The most moving of these is the reenactment by Phoenix as Cash singing for the inmates of Folsom Prison and the sexually and emotionally charged duet *Going to Jackson* with Witherspoon as Carter.

The long friendship/affair between Cash and Carter as they tour together becomes a series of missed opportunities and thwarted love between two people who have a strong attraction but commitments elsewhere.

Cash was the son of an angry, struggling, cotton farmer and his devoutly religious wife living in a camp furnished by the ERA (Emergency Relief Administration) during the '40s in Dyess, Arkansas. His difficult childhood, his stern, disapproving father, the loss of a much loved and admired brother and early years of futility as he seeks to make a living, all contrast with the enormous success he achieved with his music and song writing.

Cash is arrested for possession of controlled drugs, and his cynical father remarks, "Now you won't have to work so hard to make people think you've been to jail."

Tickets for these very popular matinee performances can be purchased for \$5.50 in advance from BIG ARTS or immediately prior to the showing from the Island Cinema box office. Telephone 395-0900 for additional information.



Reese Witherspoon as June Carter and Joaquin Phoenix as Johnny Cash in *Walk The Line*

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Russian Pianist To Perform At Sanibel Music Festival

Olga Kern, a Russian pianist known for having no limitations, brings her own brand of music making to the Sanibel Music Festival Tuesday, March 7, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church. Winner of the 2001 Gold Medal at the 11th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Kern was the first woman to have achieved this distinction in more than 30 years.

Since her highly acclaimed debut at Carnegie Hall on May 1, 2004, she has toured extensively and performed in many of the world's most important venues. Kern was born into a family of musicians with direct links to Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov. She began studying piano at the age of five. Winner of the first Rachmaninov International Piano Competition when she was 17, she is a laureate of 11 international competitions. A musical superstar in the making, Kern is a member of Russia's International Academy of Arts.

Kern last performed at SMF in 2003. This year she will perform Beethoven's *Sonata #21 in C Major Op. 53* ("Waldstein"); Shostakovich's *3 Preludes & Fugues No. 19, 20 & 21 Op. 87*; Mendelssohn's *Variations Serieuses in D Minor (17) Op. 54*; Mendelssohn's *Rhondo Capriccioso in E Major Op. 14*; and Liszt's *Rhapsodie Espagnole*.

The Sanibel Music Festival, an island tradition, celebrates its 20th consecutive season of bringing outstanding repertoire



Olga Kern

and artists during the month of March.

Its mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities. Concerts are performed at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays in the intimate setting of the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Tickets may be purchased by mail or phone and are available by check only at Bailey's General Store and Sanibel Island Bookshop on Sanibel. SMF 20th Anniversary T-shirts are available at Needle Things, 1995 Periwinkle Way. Call 472-5400. For information and a detailed brochure, contact the festival's hot line at 336-7999 or visit the Web site www.sanibelmusicfestival.org.

Bluegrass Festival Expanded

The third annual PalmGrass Bluegrass Festival has been expanded to two full days of music and fun.

PalmGrass is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5. Ten bands are set to perform in a beautiful outdoor setting at the Caloosahatchee Regional Park, 18500 North River Road, 15 miles east of Fort Myers near Alva.

The music begins at noon each day and continues non-stop until 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Admission to PalmGrass is \$7 per person each day. Parking is \$1 per vehicle. On Sunday, March 5, admission to PalmGrass is free for members of the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida. Admission is free for kids under 16 both days if accompanied by adults.

The entertainment line-up for this year's PalmGrass includes: Bluegrass Central, The Calusa Valley Boys, Curt Dunn & Company, The Hartliebs, The Lazy B Pickers, The Peace River Band, The Sawgrass Drifters, Telegraph Creek, Thunder Mountain Railroad, and Up The Creek. Food and drinks will be served at on-site concessions.

Tent camping at Caloosahatchee Park is available with the purchase of a two-

day ticket. Camping Fee: \$10 per night, two-night minimum stay. Campground has shower and restrooms on-site. Acoustic jams are expected to go on well into the night in designated areas.

PalmGrass is sponsored by the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida in conjunction with Lee County Parks. The membership fee to join the Acoustic Music Society is \$20 per year per family.

To reach the festival take I-75 to exit 143. Go east approximately three miles to S.R. 31. Turn north, go approximately one mile to S.R. 78 (North River Road). Turn right, go east approximately seven miles to the park camping entrance. For more information call 693-5743.

Badger Club Meeting

The Badger Club Of Cape Coral for those coming from Wisconsin will be held Tuesday March 7. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the club's monthly meeting.

The club's new meeting place is at The Santa Barbara Clubhouse at 2114 Santa Barbara Boulevard. The club is open to all former Wisconsin residents and guests living or visiting in the area. Reservations are required by March 2. Call 574-7836 or 945-2394.



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BRAVO!Ballet Returns March 10

The curtain will rise on this year's BRAVO!Ballet, March 10 at 8 p.m. at the Anderson Theater on the campus of Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. A benefit for Gulfshore Ballet, the area's only non-profit classical ballet school, the program will showcase dancers from the New York City Ballet in a variety of pieces from the company's repertoire.

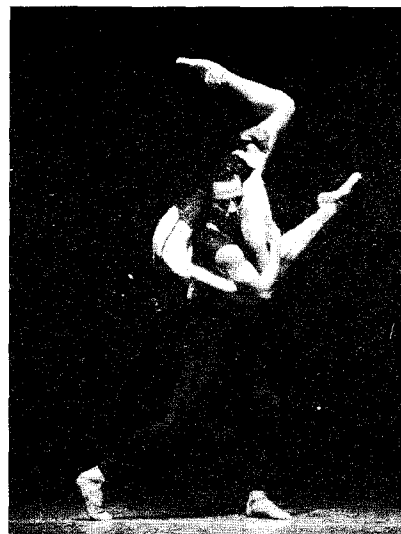
There will be something for everyone, including excerpts from several of George Balanchine's classical ballets as well as a selection from NYCB resident choreographer Christopher Wheeldon's *After the Rain*. Also featured will be *Red Angels* by Ulysses Dove. This visually dramatic ballet, which is accompanied by live electric violin, highlights the power and athleticism of its dancers.

A BRAVO!Ballet first will be the casting of four of Gulfshore Ballet's senior dancers as the ensemble for *Valse Fantaisie*.

"It is an extraordinary experience for our top students to perform with the New York City dancers," said Melinda Roy, Gulfshore's artistic director, who danced the principal role in this piece during her NYCB career.

"We are very excited about the program, and extremely grateful that Edison National Bank and Bank of the Islands are returning once again this year as our presenting sponsors," said BRAVO!Ballet co-chairs Linda and Tom Uhler.

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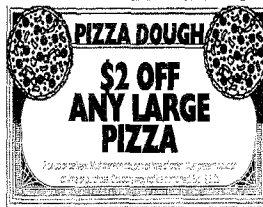
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Good Grief, The Peanuts Gang Is At The Schoolhouse



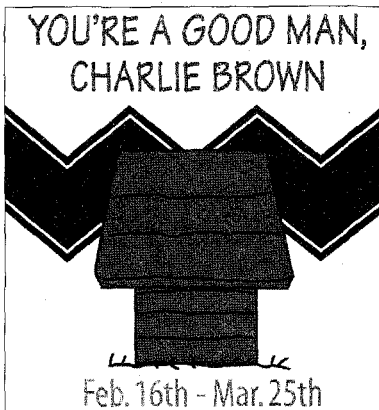
by Di Saggau

The comic strip *Peanuts* comes to life at the Schoolhouse Theater during their current production *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*. All your favorite characters are there, Charlie Brown, Schroeder, Lucy, Snoopy, Linus and Sally. Poor Charlie Brown can't get any respect. He doesn't feel appreciated by anyone. Even Snoopy gets more Valentines than Charlie and the little red-headed girl he's smitten with won't pay him any attention. Sitting Forest Gump style on a park bench eating his peanut butter sandwich, he tries to muster enough nerve to talk to her, but it doesn't work. It's a tough life. Reid

Kirchhoff does a good job as the insecure Charlie.

Clifford Hogans plays the Beethoven obsessed Schroeder who could spend the rest of his life at his little grand piano. Hogans has a strong voice, especially evident during the number *Beethoven Day* sung to a gospel beat. Adam Cooley is Snoopy, who imagines himself in a search for the Red Baron.

He was great in the *Suppertime* number which ranges from blues to revival with a little soft shoe thrown in for good measure. Bobby Logue is Linus, who carries his blanket with him everywhere. He has a cute number called *My Blanket and Me*. Mindy Montavon plays the



crabby, boisterous Lucy with a mischievous air. Her lung power is evident throughout, especially when she's teasing Charlie Brown. Cara Testino is Sally Brown, a role she plays with a Kristen Chenoweth quality that works well. She shines in the *My New Philosophy* number.

Interspersed between the musical numbers the cast serves up mini vignettes seen in the comic strip. One of the strongest numbers, *Happiness* closes the show and involves all the performers.

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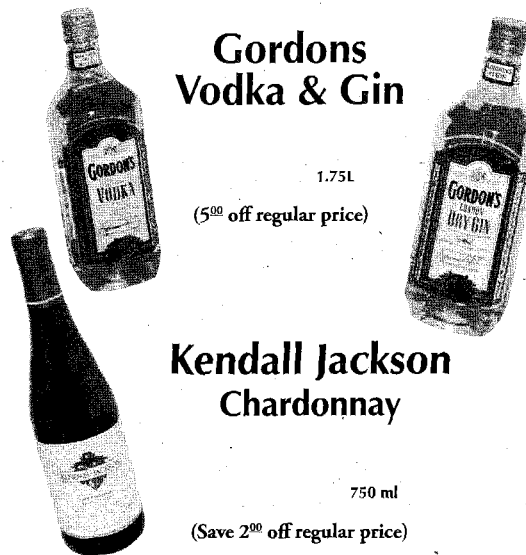
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Windsor oversees Freedom House's day-to-day operations, programs, publications, and finances, managing a staff of 100 with offices in Almaty, Amman, Belgrade, Bishkek, Bucharest, Budapest, Dushanbe, Kyiv, Lagos, Mexico City, Namangan, New York, Rabat, Tashkent, Tunis, Warsaw, and Washington, D.C.

Windsor is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. She is a graduate of the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton



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Pollack is an expert on military and security affairs in the Middle East and Persian Gulf, and director of research Saban Center for the Middle East Policy.

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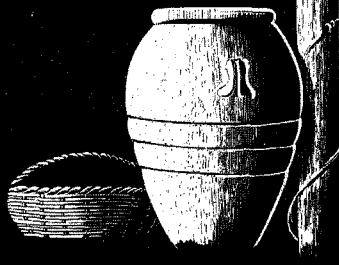
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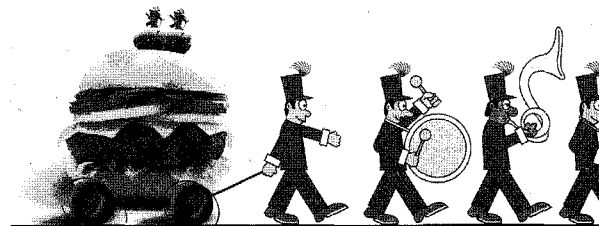
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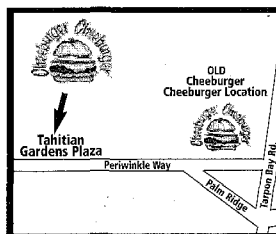
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Jim Lehrer Appearance Rescheduled

The FORUM at BIG ARTS has rescheduled Jim Lehrer to speak Sunday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Tickets, \$23, can be purchased by calling BIG ARTS at 395-0900.

Lehrer's February 12 appearance at BIG ARTS was postponed due to weather conditions. Lehrer, political commentator and interviewer, as host of *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, provides in-depth analysis of current events with a news summary, live studio interviews, discussions, and both foreign and domestic on-site reports.

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Gallery Openings And Reception At BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS announces the 30th annual Sanibel-Captiva Art League show opening and reception Saturday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. in Phillips Gallery, 900 Dunlop Road.

This show will feature artists from Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties – the best of entries open to the 4,000 members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida. Exhibits will consist of realistic and abstract work including tropical scenes, still life, collage, portraits, and drawings with the use of oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, charcoal, ink, and printmaking by the artists.

Judging the show will be Don Getz, a highly acclaimed Ohio artist, who special-

izes in watercolor on gesso. Getz, a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, is a sought after workshop teacher in the U.S., Canada and Europe. Recognized as a fair and impartial juror, he is frequently called upon to exercise his expertise.

Co-chairs for this show are BIG ARTS members Gloria Krekel and Maryann Czarnecki.

In the Founders Gallery the Four Person Invitational show will feature the work of artists Bud Dansby, Phyllis Pransky, Alicia Schmidt, and Anica Sturdivant – all award-winning masters of clay, oils, watercolor and collage.

Artists' reception for both openings is 5:30 through 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4. Shows run from March 4 through 31.

For more information on these gallery openings and other events happening at BIG ARTS, call 395-0900.



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42 Let Sleeping Pines Lie Until November 21

by Anne Mitchell

With a moratorium until November 21 on any decision to eradicate Australian pines on public and private property, Council member Tom Rothman was worried that with another hurricane season starting in June, there are trees that could block evacuation routes.

He wanted city staff to report on any such trees.

He also wanted the city to survey residents on their wishes for the non-native trees.

"This would not be binding," he said, "but would give us some better direction..."

But other council members felt that the city staff was routinely doing its part to protect the evacuation routes and that the council's pledge to table the pines issue until November should be honored. Council took no action on Rothman's request.

Rothman also wanted to know what would happen to grants awarded pine removal.

City Manager Judie Zimomra said those grants involved removal of pines on public, not private property. She said she had already identified trees that could damage some of Sanibel's 116 sewer lift stations if they toppled.

A city vegetation sub-committee has recommended destroying Australian pines on public and private land.

Sam Bailey came to the defense of the pines, saying, "You can tell me to trim them," he said, but not remove them. "I am 82 years old and I am still pretty tough," he said. If the council tries to tell him to get rid of them on his property, he said, "You are going to have a fight."

Chamber Begins Search For New Director

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce has officially begun the process of finding a new executive director. Steve Greenstein, current executive director will be stepping down after five years of service.

A search committee has been assembled and is headed by Sarah Ashton, member of the Chamber board of directors, Sanibel resident and real estate agent. "We are excited to get this process underway," says Ashton. "Finding the right person to head up our Chamber's activities is essential to the health and well-being of our community."

Interested parties should submit a resume and cover letter no later than March 3. All candidate credentials will be reviewed and the interviews will begin later in March. For a copy of the job description or to submit a resume and

cover letter, email steve@sanibel-captiva.org or call Steve Greenstein at 472-2348.

Republican Club Meeting

The Sanibel Captiva Republican Club will have Steve Teuber, chairman of the School Board of Lee County as its March guest speaker.

The meeting is Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., at the Sanibel Library. The club hopes that current and potential members will attend and invite other Republicans. For information on the club, visit www.sanibelcaptivarepublicans.org or call Paul Reynolds at 395-3390.

Women's Connection Spring Luncheon

The Sanibel-Captiva Women's Connection invites members and friends to its Spring Forward Luncheon Thursday, March 9 at The Sanctuary Country Club, 2801 Wulfer Road. The luncheon will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost is \$17 to attend. Featured guest will be Jason Theimann of Glassblowers of Sanibel and the guest speaker will be Maria Goodsell, sharing her experience on how she made it from the concentration camp to Lady Liberty. Music will

be provided by Roger Studor. Call Eva Barbour, 454-6948 or Jean Wilson, 472-2017 for reservations. All uncanceled reservations must be honored and paid for. Early reservations are recommended.

Taste Of The Islands

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) will hold its annual fundraiser, Taste of the islands, on Sunday, April 30.


And this year, instead of being at Algiers Park, it will take place at the Sanibel Community Park, 2221 Periwinkle Way, next to the Community Center.

Sanibel City Council on Tuesday approved CROW's request to have the event on city property and to serve beer, wine and margaritas. This year, under new rules for serving alcohol on city property, drinks will be served in a beverage tent rather than at various locations, and only those of drinking age will be permitted inside.

According to the application, 3,500 people are expected to attend. As usual, local restaurants and vendors will sell food samples and merchandise such as T-shirts.

This is CROW's 26th annual Taste of the islands event, it's major fundraiser.

The city council approved the event without comment.



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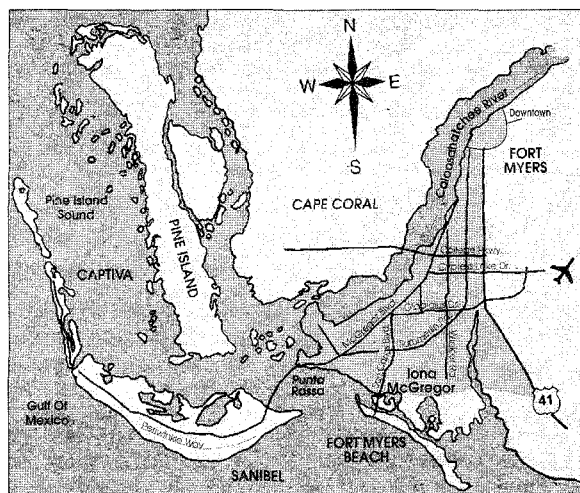
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BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL, 13350 Edison Parkway, Fort Myers. Engelbert Humperdinck, one of the great balladeers and matinee idol singers of our time. Engelbert Humperdinck has sold more than 130 million records with hits like *Release Me* (And Let Me Love Again), and *After The Lovin'*. For more information, call 481-4849.

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BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, *A Musical Evening with Gale and Cello Bennett and Friends*, a potpourri of classical and popular pieces ranging from Brahms to Broadway. Show performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information, call 395-0900.

* **STUDIO ROCHELETTE**, 2265 Peck Street, Fort Myers, announces Spring term classes. Registration is going on now for this 12-week program. For more information, call 334-3274.

* **BROADWAY PALM DINNER THEATRE**, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, continues its smashing performances of *CATS!*, the longest running show on Broadway comes to Broadway Palm. Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical is based on T.S. Eliot's classic book of poems, *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. Call the box office at 278-4422 for tickets and more information. This event runs through March 4.

* **FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE**, Arcade Theatre, 2267 First Street, Fort Myers, continues *To Kill A Mockingbird*; a small Alabama town's collective conscience is pricked by the quiet heroism of attorney Atticus Finch's struggle for justice for his client. With rich humor and unswerving honesty through the young eyes of Scout Finch, Harper Lee's story explores the irrationality of adult attitudes toward race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. Call the box office for tickets 332-4488. This show runs through March 5.

* **ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS**, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, don't miss *Olympian Artists*, the second international show to travel to the Alliance in 2006. View artwork from former Olympians, now artists, from all over the world, including our very own Al Oerter. At the "Closing Ceremony" March 9 you can meet the artists. This show runs through March 10. For more information, call 939-2787.

* **IMAGINARIUM HANDS-ON MUSEUM**, 2000 Cranford Avenue, Fort Myers. *Reptiles: Real and Robotic*, giant robotic replicas of some really radical reptiles. The exhibit that tells the story of the evolutions, diversity and adaptability of these complex, feared and often misunderstood creatures. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children. For more information, call 337-3332. This exhibit runs through May 14.

* **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MUSEUM OF HISTORY**, 2300 Peck Street, Fort Myers. *The Ted Williams Museum Exhibit*. See memorabilia and artifacts that made #9 a baseball legend. Discover the man, military career and baseball star in the unique exhibit that chronicles Ted Williams' accomplishments on the baseball field, military field and beyond. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$9.50 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors and \$4 for children. For more information, call 332-5955. This exhibit runs through April 30.


* **THE SCHOOLHOUSE THEATER**, 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, continues *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. Previously a Broadway hit, this musical is a day in the life of Charlie Brown. Performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children under 16. For more information, call 472-6862. This show runs through March 25.

March 2

* **THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB AND THE BAILEY-MATTHEWS SHELL MUSEUM**, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, is celebrating the world-renowned shelling islands by holding the 69th Annual Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club Show and Fair. Event time, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free with a suggested donation. For more information, call 472-2155. This event runs through March 4.

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Of Lynn Roberts, critic Rex Reed said, "Lynn Roberts sings like an angel... a thing of pure beauty." Roberts has the distinction of being the only woman to have sung with superstar bandleaders such as Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, and Harry James. She has shared the stage with Frank Sinatra and more recently, Doc Severinsen, of *The Tonight's Show* fame. Roberts' career spans over 60 years and her Big Band sounds continue to draw a fan club wherever she sings.

Music for the evening will include such pieces as a Sinatra Film Suite, a Doris Day Melody, plus big band favorites, *The Lady is a Tramp*, *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *Sunny Side of the Street* and more.

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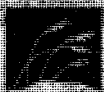


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Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre's General Manager, Susan Johnson, has seen every production that Broadway Palm has produced since it first opened in 1993. When asked about the difference in the atmosphere around the theater with **CATS** being performed Susan said, "It's certainly the most people we've ever entertained during one production. The excitement of having **CATS** on our stage has affected every department within the theater."



Susan Johnson, general manager of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

The Prather Family of Theatres entertained over 91,000 people for **CATS**. The production ran at their two other theaters across the country over the last two years. In addition to Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Florida, the Prather Family of Theatres has theatres in Mesa, Arizona and Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

To witness the feline frenzy before it closes, Andrew Lloyd Webber's **CATS** plays now through March 4. Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$48 and children 12 and under are \$21. Purchase tickets online at www.BroadwayPalm.com, call 278-4422 or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

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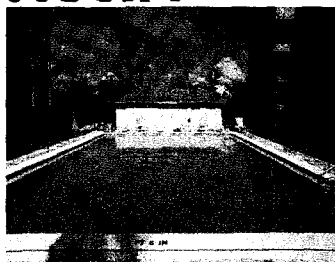
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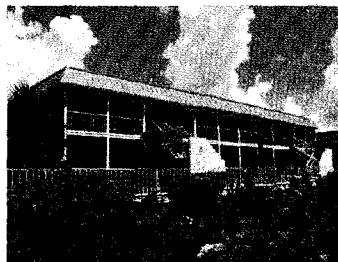
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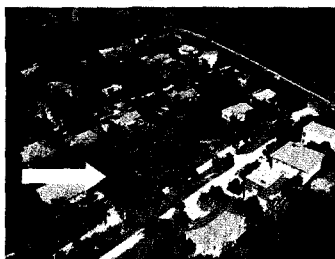
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48 **Trevino Of Old Is Back On
The Links; Credits Revolutionary
Back Procedure**

by Ed Frank

Bed-ridden for two years suffering excruciating back pain, Hall of Fame golfer Lee Trevino has returned to the Champions Tour pounding the ball nearly 300 yards off the tee and entertaining the galleries with his wit and humor.

"I'm pain free. I plan to play the entire circuit. I might even play in some of the majors this year," Trevino said last weekend after competing in the Ace Group Classic in Naples, where he shot respectable scores of 71, 73 and 74.

Trevino, a two-time winner of the local event, credits his recovery to a remarkable advancement in back surgery that could revolutionize the treatment of back pain and provide relief for the hundreds of thousands - perhaps millions - of men and women afflicted with back ailments.

Sitting in the locker room of the Club at TwinEagles after last Sunday's final round of the Ace Group Classic, the 66-year-old Trevino enthusiastically described his surgery last year in Cologne, Germany, known as X STOP.

More than 4,000 X STOP procedures have been performed in Europe, and just last month the practice was approved in the United States by the FDA. X STOP was developed by St. Francis Medical Technologies, Inc. of San Francisco.

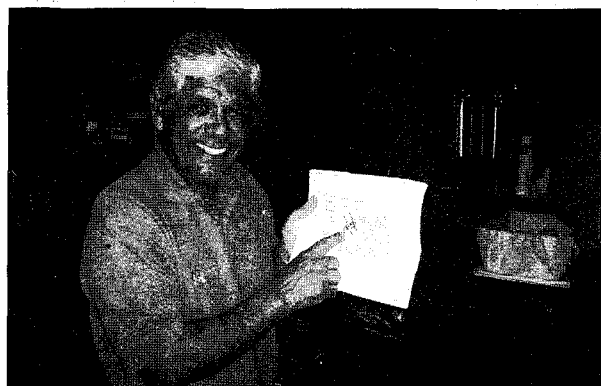
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"I walked out of that hospital, went back to my hotel to rest, had the procedure checked the next day and flew home to Texas. I was home three days after I left," Trevino said, explaining there was no removal of bone or tissues.

We walked Trevino's final 18 holes last Sunday and he was the Trevino of old. He yakked and joked with the gallery, walked at a brisk pace, waved to passing cars and busses, and provided his fans with tips to improve their golf games.

Trevino explained that the medical community in the United States must be educated on X STOP before it can be practiced here. He recently participated in a seminar attended by 250 medical professionals where he described his amazing recovery as a result of the surgery.



Hall of Fame golfer Lee Trevino explains his revolutionary back surgery

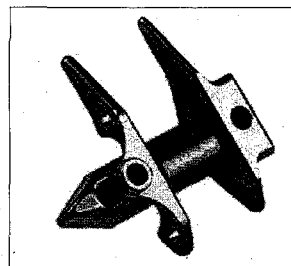
"There's no rehab required. I'm telling you I feel like a new man," Trevino said.

With a slap on the back and a quick joke or two, the winner of six major championships in a 46-year professional golfing career, jumped to his feet and said he was off to Tampa where he will compete again this weekend in the Outback Steakhouse tournament.

The Merry Mex, a self-taught golfer, is one of the most popular to ever play the game. Now he wants to tell anyone who will listen that back pain can be cured.

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have to catch the Gwinnett Gladiators in the ECHL South Division will be decided this weekend when the two teams face off in a two-game series Friday and Saturday nights at Germain Arena.

The second-place Everblades trailed Gwinnett by 13 points at the beginning of the week. The two teams split a series last weekend on the road. Florida completed the road trip with a 4-3 victory last Sunday over Columbia.

Both games this weekend at Germain have 7:30 p.m. starts.

Weekend Loses Drop Flame into First-Place Tie

The Florida Flame of the NBA Development League will have the opportunity this week to regain first place when the team hosts Fort Worth Thursday and Sunday at Germain Arena. The Flame was tied with Fort Worth at the beginning of this week.

Florida dropped into the first-place tie losing two games on the road last week to the Roanoke Dazzle.

Tip-off for Thursday's game is 7 p.m. and Sunday is 6 p.m. ☆

Calling All Substitute Teachers

The Lee Substitute Association will hold a general meeting Monday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lee Memorial Hospital auditorium, 2776 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers.

All substitutes are welcome. For more information call 458-0951. ☆

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the last team to have five starters for one league in baseball's All-Star Game.
2. How many seasons has Houston's Craig Biggio been hit by 30 or more pitches?
3. Who threw for more regular-season yards during his NFL career -- Bob Griese or Roger Staubach?
4. The past five NCAA men's basketball champions have come from how many conferences?
5. Who was the No. 1 overall draft pick in the first NHL universal amateur draft in 1969?
6. Name the last time the U.S. won the men's gymnastics team combined exercises at the Summer Olympics.

ANSWERS

1. The 1976 Cincinnati Reds (Johnny Bench, Dave Concepcion, George Foster, Joe Morgan, Pete Rose). 2. Once -- he was hit by 34 pitches in 1997. 3. Bob Griese threw for 25,092 yards, Staubach for 22,700 yards. 4. Two -- the ACC (North Carolina, Duke) and the Big East (Connecticut, Syracuse). 5. Montreal selected left wing Rylee Houlie. 6. It was in 1984. The only other time the U.S. men won the event was 1904.



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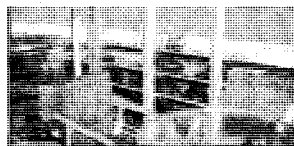
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Pro Golf Tour Update

February 23 - 26, 2006

This Week's PGA Tournament

WGC-Accenture Championship

Defending: David Toms
Total Purse: \$7,500,000
Yards: 7,247
Par: 72

The World Golf Championships (WGC) Accenture Match Play Championship started in 1999 and is one of the four WGC events on the PGA Tour each year. Eligibility for this event

consists of the top 64 available players from the Official World Golf Ranking. This tournament is the only one on the entire PGA Tour schedule that uses single-elimination match play as its format. The tournament takes place once again this year at the La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. David Toms' victory last year was the most dominant in the seven-year history of the Accenture Match Play Championship as he took a lopsided 6-and-5 win over his close friend Chris DiMarco.





Last Week On The PGA Tour

Tournament Results

Champion: Rory Sabbatini
Purse: \$918,000
2nd Place: Adam Scott
Purse: \$550,800
3rd Place: Craig Barlow
Purse: \$346,800

Rory Sabbatini birdied the 16th hole, then parred the final two holes Sunday to hang on and win the Nissan Open. Sabbatini closed with a 1-over 72, the highest final round by a winner at Riviera since 1977. He won for the first time on the PGA Tour in three years and finally had something to show for his strong start to the season. Fred Couples, a two-time champion of this event, bogeyed three of the last four holes to shoot 71 and ended up alone in fourth place at 10-under-par 274. Adam Scott, the 2005 champion of this event, fired the low round of the day as he carded a seven-under 64 to jump into second place at 12-under-par 272. Craig Barlow, who had a share of the lead with three holes to play, missed two short putts down the stretch and had to settle for a 70 that left him in third.

PGA Tournament FORE!CAST

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |
| Mostly Sunny | Sunny | Mostly Sunny | Mostly Sunny |
| Hi: 62 Lo: 48 | Hi: 63 Lo: 49 | Hi: 67 Lo: 51 | Hi: 65 Lo: 48 |

Golf Trivia

What is the maximum number of clubs a player may carry?

- a) 10 c) 12
 b) 14 d) 15

Answer: b) 14

Golfing Tip



The chip-and-run shot is one of the most difficult parts of the game to master, yet it is the part of our game that we spend the least amount of time working on. This nonchalant approach to the chip shot is what separates the cream of the crop from the remainder of the field. Here are a few easy steps to practice whenever you have that difficult chip-and-run shot in front of you. Narrowing your stance is the first bit of advice. If you are a right-handed player, put more weight on your left foot to keep the loft out of your shot. When you are ready to take the shot, play the ball inside your right foot with your hands positioned ahead of the ball. Finally, make a putt-like motion, keeping your wrists firm and strike the ball with a clean, crisp stroke.

PGA Tour Player Profile



Rory Sabbatini

Birthdate: April 2, 1976
Birthplace: Durban, South Africa
Residence: Southlake, Texas
Joined TOUR: 1999
World Ranking: 16th

2006 Earnings: \$2,184,294

PGA TOUR Victories: Three victories, the 2000 Air Canada Championship, the 2003 FBR Capital Open and the 2006 Nissan Open

Golf History

Feb. 24, 1931 - Having retired from competition, Bobby Jones traveled to Warner Brothers studios in Hollywood to film the first-ever instructional motion picture, "How I Play Golf." Jones, who was paid a \$250,000 fee for the entire series, worked with performers such as W.C. Fields. Slow-motion sequences in the series were considered revolutionary at the time by some golf instructors who observed swing movements that they had never imagined.

2006 Money Leaders

| Rank & Player | Money |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 1) Rory Sabbatini | \$2,184,294 |
| 2) Chad Campbell | \$1,417,409 |
| 3) Stuart Appleby | \$1,294,362 |
| 4) Arron Oberholser | \$1,239,363 |
| 5) David Toms | \$1,120,800 |

World Rankings

| Rank & Player | Score |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1) Tiger Woods | 17.25 |
| 2) Vijay Singh | 8.85 |
| 3) Retief Goosen | 7.69 |
| 4) Ernie Els | 7.46 |
| 5) Phil Mickelson | 7.12 |

Driving Distance

| Rank & Player | Avg. |
|--------------------|-------|
| 1) Bubba Watson | 320.5 |
| 2) J.B. Holmes | 313.1 |
| 3) Adam Scott | 308.3 |
| 4) Camilo Villegas | 305.6 |
| 5) John Daly | 304.9 |

Putting Average

| Rank & Player | Avg. |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1) Scott Verplank | 1.669 |
| 2) Nathan Green | 1.671 |
| 3) Bob Estes | 1.682 |
| 4) Daniel Chopra | 1.687 |
| 5) Brian Gay | 1.689 |

Golf Quality Corner: Rhythm

by Brad Murray

Let's take a look at rhythm today. Freddie Couples' long, languid, powerful swing surrounded by a gallery of graceful Eucalyptus trees at Riviera. Loren Roberts, the "Boss Of the Moss" with the sweetest, silkiest putting stroke I've ever seen rolling in an eight-foot par save to help secure a record third straight Senior Tour win down here in Naples yesterday. Ice dancers sliding and gliding and spinning and shining in the Olympics. The Italian four-man cross country ski team with an inspired win for the home crowd. Ski jumpers timing a perfect take off and flying like eagles. Rhythm, inspirational examples surround us. Here are a couple of thoughts in relation to bringing an oily, relaxed, natural rhythm to your golf game. I was playing a round of golf last week with a friend down in Bonita Springs. On the front nine he was thinking too much and trying too hard and topping and miss-hitting too many shots. He was getting frustrated because he knew he could do much better. After the front nine I asked him what he was working on. He mentioned a couple of things he was trying to do and a couple of things he was trying not to do. He also had a new 3-metal and a new sand wedge that he was struggling with. He was definitely on overload. I offered the possibility that he let it all go - all the trying and concern all the effort-

ing and grinding. Just breathe deeply, clear your mind and swing. Let your swing through the ball be your practice swing. Let go of the ego and the pride and the hoping and just make your swing. No need to add anything to it or take anything away from it.

Well, he began to find himself and his natural rhythm on the back nine as he dropped all the thought he should or shouldn't do and relaxed, and made his "practice" swing his "real" swing. More relaxed, better rhythm and flow, more clubhead speed, longer, straighter, more solid shots, and a repeating swing action. I could actually see the tension fall away from his neck and shoulders and smile of contentment on his face.

The moral of the story is, "One ounce of letting go and relaxing is better than tons of trying and technical information. If you want to dig a little deeper into the concept of the kind of rhythm that is the result of relaxed concentration I highly recommend the book *The Inner Game of Golf* by Timothy Gallwey. His chapter called *Relaxed Concentration* and the *Performance Triangle* is particularly illuminating. I invite you to take a look. It's a great book.

When we get to the place where we are focused, with lots of feel and a clear thought, our natural rhythm will flow - effortlessly.

See you next week. We'll talk about simplicity.

Brad Murray has been a golf coach and teacher for well over 20 years. Before he entered the golf profession he was a resident counselor at Principia College in Elmhurst, Illinois. In June, 2004 Murray and his wife, Lolly, moved from San Diego, California, to Sanibel.

The Dunes Golf And Tennis Club

The Dunes Men's Golf Association results from February 15 18-hole, four man, one best ball, full handicap, net score play are as follows

First place (tie) 48:

Bill MacNulty, KK Bigelow, Stan Hirschfield and Ivan Davis

Dick Hopkins, Fred Brodersen, Bill Swain and Bud Albertson

Don Weymouth, Greg Jennings, Jack Chestnut and Andy McKelvey

Fourth place 49:
Al Lane, Gary Dutton, Howard Dwyer and Bob Maxeiner.☆

Nifty Niners

Results from the February 16 Beat The Pro play are as follows:
Ron Krausman, 34; Gay Nichols, 30; Janice McNeal, 32; Nancy Hopkins, 32; Lois Smith, 32; Fay Chestnut, 33; Sue Norpell, 33; Kay Wightman, 33.☆

Save The Date

The third annual Optimist Club golf outing is coming up.
There will be drinks and a silent/live auction at Ellington's Jazz Bar and Restaurant on Saturday, April 1 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Then welcome daylight savings in with a four person scramble at Beachview Golf and Tennis Club on April 2. Registration starts at 7 a.m. with an 8:30 tee-time.☆

Hole-In-One

Betsy Cox got a hole-in-one at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on February 17 on the 89-yard hole six with a seven wood. She has had four holes-in-one during her golfing career. Nancy McCanner witnessed the shot.☆



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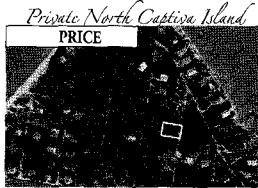
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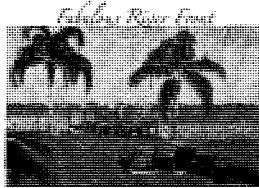
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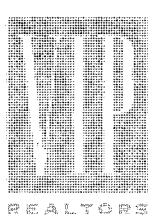
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52 Cool The Embers Of The Hot Stove League; Spring Training Is Here

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by Ed Frank

When baseball immortal Rogers Hornsby was asked what he did in the winter when there was no baseball, he answered, "I stare out the window and wait for spring training."

For baseball fans here that share this love of the game, the day arrived as pitchers and catchers for the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins reported to Fort Myers for the opening of spring training. Position players will report this week, Wednesday for the Red Sox and Friday for the Twins.

With the opening of Grapefruit League play less than two weeks away, ticket sales are brisk for both teams.

Gordon Lowe, ticket manager for the Red Sox, said nearly all games in the 17-game home schedule are sold out except for the traditional day-night games March 3 with Boston College and Northeastern University and the final three games, March 27, Tampa Bay; March 29, Pittsburgh; and March 30, Cincinnati. Seats also are available for March 5 when the Red Sox will host the Australia National Team that will compete in the World Baseball Classic.

Some standing-room-only and lawn seats will be available on game days, he said. In addition, a few regular seats may be sold later if there are returns from group sales and other sources, he said.

"Ticket sales have been nearly as strong as last year's record sales when we had just won the World Series," Lowe added.

Across town, Patty Creem of the Minnesota Twins said spring ticket sales are ahead of last year as is the season ticket base.

The March 24 game against the New York Yankees sold out in minutes, and the March 2, 5, and 23 games against the Boston Red Sox also are sold out. Just a few tickets remain for the March 22 night game against the Cincinnati Reds that features a post-game fireworks show.

The Twins' 18-game home schedule concludes April 2 when the Twins will host their Triple-A farm team, the Rochester Red Wings at 1:05 p.m.

"This is a very special event," Creem said, "as all of the revenues from this game will go to local charities. We hope to raise \$75,000 to help out local youth sports organizations negatively impacted by Hurricanes Charley and Wilma."

In the weeks ahead we will discuss in detail the rosters and outlook for both teams. But here's a quick look at spring training opens:

Boston Red Sox:

Manager Tony Francona returns for his third season after a 95-67 record a year ago and having won the American League Wild Card. (They lost in the first round to the eventual World Series Champion Chicago White Sox.)

The lineup cornerstones returning are designated hitter David Ortiz, left fielder Manny Ramirez, catcher Jason Varitek, and pitcher Curt Schilling.

Gone, however, are center fielder Johnny Damon, shortstop Edgar Renteria, first baseman Kevin Millar, and pitcher Wade Miller. But the Red Sox did make some major moves in the off-season bringing in pitcher Josh Beckett, centerfielder Coco Crisp, shortstop Alex Gonzalez, and third baseman Mike Lowell.

The starting pitching last season was a disappointment, but with the addition of Beckett, and if Schilling returns fully recovered from ankle surgery, there could be a big improvement.

The key to success, however, is the power of Ortiz and Ramirez who combined last season for 92 home runs and 292 RBIs. There isn't another team in baseball, including the Yankees, who have such concentrated power.

Minnesota Twins

After three consecutive American League Central Division championships, the Twins slipped to third place last season with a 83-79 record.

The lack of power was the major problem, a problem General Manager Terry Ryan addressed in the off-season. New to the Twins this year is outfielder Rondell White, third baseman Tony Batista, second baseman Luis Castillo, and outfielder Andres Torres.

Former All-Star centerfielder Torii Hunter, who missed much of last season with a broken ankle, should return healthy and provide a needed big bat.

The Twins have solid pitching, particularly in the 1-2 spots with 2004 Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana and veteran Brad Radke. The key to the Twins returning to pennant contention is improved run production.

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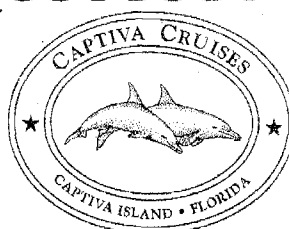


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Beachview Women's Golf Association

by Bea Maggio

A fairly large contingent of players showed up to play on Wednesday February 15 for a nine-hole Shot Gun Scramble.

Was the increase in the number of golfers due to the fact that the starting time was at 9 a.m. and the temperature was a wee bit warmer than it had been? Was it because they felt it was their patriotic duty to come out and vote for a new slate of officers which took place at the luncheon at the Beachview Inn following the game? Or maybe it was simply because the lunch was free.

Taking top honors in the scramble with a score of 18.67 was a team of three new members: Debbie Smith, Joan Linden and Louis Gasteyer. In second place posting a 22.75 was the foursome of three vintage members: Diane Metz, Bea Maggio, Nancy Ruedig and one new member, Ginny Gersach. The foursome of young (not old) pros Jane Fredericks, Judy Ware, Sally Gillette and Barbara Mulka came in third with a 24 while fourth place went to long time members Ginny O'Neil, Alfie Sheft, Gerry Verblauw and newcomer Jose Baden who fell short by just one stroke with a 25.

The luncheon that followed honored the former presidents of the league some

of whom were still active and others who had retired. They were introduced by long-time member Lee Beltz. The largest round of applause went to Bird Rosen, one of the founders of the league in 1978, and its first president. Also on hand were former presidents Arlene Mercer, Anne Alquist, Ruth Kohmescher, Ginny Reeves, Ruth Manecke, Molly Johnson, Anne Bodine, Whiz Lowden and Marilyn Klepacki.

Among the still active league members present who had served as president were Nancy Stell, Bea Maggio, Mary Jane Proctor, Alfie Sheft, Jane Fredericks, Jean Reed and Ginny O'Neil.

The new slate of officers for next season was presented and accepted unanimously. They are president, Jill Bugby; vice president, Diane Metz; secretary, Judy Ware; and treasurer, Joan Miller.✱

Beachview Men's Golf Association

by Ed O'Neil

When the Beachview Men's Golf Association invited their wives or dear friends to join them for a romantic round of golf on Valentine's Day it sounded like a good idea.

Good, that is, until dawn popped showed readings on thermometer starting with the number three. So much for romance with frost hovering. That event will be tried again later.

By the time February 17 rolled around things were back to normal with gor-

geous being normal. This time the schedule called for a point tournament called Modified Stableford. This is the one the PGA plays annually in Colorado. Net par counts one point for each player who can achieve it. Birdies are two points and then up and away.

After consulting their on-board adding machine, the team of Don Hummel, Tom Ware, Roger Cogswell and Dick Grant announced a total of 115 points. That was good enough to win.

Bjorn Olsson, Rene Lohser, John Linden and Jerry Shay were second with a respectable 109 point total. Third, at 100, were Dan Keys, Lee Roeder, Ralph Suechting and Bill Sadd.

Next week is the club championship and the fight for the coveted champ's parking spot at the far end of the lot, which went last year to Hummel.✱

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Teen Scene President's Bowl A Strike

Last Friday night, the Sanibel Rec Department's Teen Scene took a full load of middle schoolers to their annual President's Bowl bowling trip to Galaxy Lanes. Congratulations to Carl VonHarten, winner of the title President King Pin with the highest overall score of the evening. Robert Cooper came in second place earning the title Vice Presidential Bowler. Other competition winners were Amelia Rosen for the First Ladies Award who won for having the goofiest form, and Nikki Dressanelli for the Gutter Geek (having the most gutter balls of the night).

In other Teen Scene news, this Friday over 20 local teens will depart on the Quest for the Shield of Zuni at Fisheating Creek. They won't return until Sunday after a grueling camping trip in the untamed wilderness of Palmdale, Florida. The teens will divide into tribes and compete against one another in *Survivor* style activities. Sanibel Rec Center staff and adult volunteers will act as the tribal elders, awarding points and scores to the different tribes. Evening hours include local history/story telling around a campfire, trivia, and starlit spook-walks into the woods. Which Zuni tribe will win the immortal glory of having their names burned into the back of the Shield of Zuni?

In upcoming events, on Friday March 17, the Teen Scene will have its first St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Slam from 7 to 10 p.m. in the gym. Also coming in March is an Open Gym on March 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more info on upcoming Teen Scene events, call Dave or Nick at the Rec Center: 472-0345.*

Pickup Sport Nights At Rec

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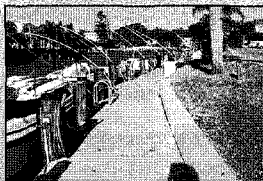
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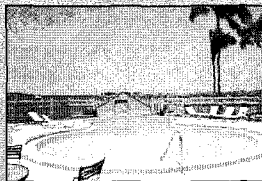
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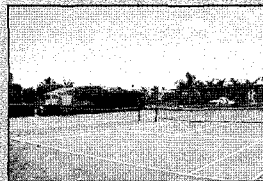
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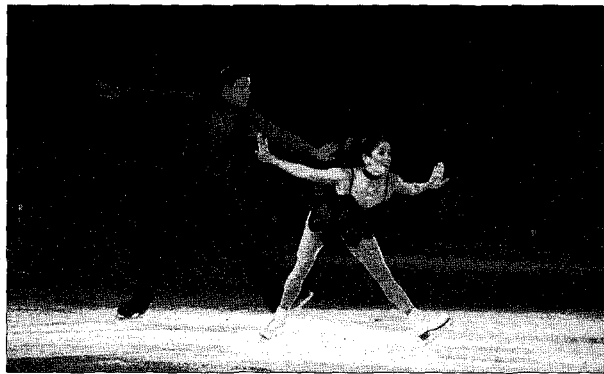
For the past 19 years, Olympic champion and skating icon Scott Hamilton has thrilled audiences by delivering the very best in skating with his annual Stars on Ice tour.

Now the co-founder and longtime co-producer once again joins forces with his multiple Emmy Award winning creative team for the 20th Anniversary U.S. tour of Smucker's Stars on Ice coming to the Germain Arena in Fort Myers on Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

The 2006 tour is titled A Show ...about the show. Though Hamilton will not personally appear in the show, he will prominently serve as host and narrator, taking audiences on a journey that will give a humorous backstage look as to how Stars on Ice became America's most prestigious figure skating tour.

Beginning with his desire to produce a skating show composed of Olympic, World and National Champions and world class performances, Hamilton reveals the entire creative process from auditions to rehearsals, from not so perfect moments, to life on the road, and final to another exciting opening night.

Hamilton's provocative creative team – director/choreographer, two-time Emmy Award winner and Olympic champion Christopher Dean, and director/costume designer and three-time Emmy Award winner Jef Billings also return to make the 20th anniversary show as spectacular as



2002 Olympic pair champions Jamie Salé and David Pelletier of Canada

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ever. This milestone anniversary will be enhanced by the music of Broadway, great American standards, classical and rock.

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A portion of the proceeds from each tour ticket sold will be donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

The performance will begin at 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$25 and are available at the Germain Arena box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, starsonice.com and ticketmaster.com. For phone charges, call 239-334-3309 or group information (15 or more) at 239-948-7825, ext. 1028.

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56 Rec Youth Basketball And Cheerleaders End A Great Season



The Sanibel Cheerleaders spark up the crowd

by Nick Brown

The Sanibel Rec Department's Youth Basketball League and cheerleader team ended their season last week.

The Cheerleaders had a record 33 participants who were divided into two squads based on age. Cheerleading coaches Heather and Jennifer Foulks did a fabulous job with the kids creating bigger and better cheer routines as well as spearheading a great fundraising program.

The basketball league had approximately 130 participants and 15 total teams. The children range from kindergarten to 8th grade. The Basketball League would like to thank all its volunteer coaches for donating their time and efforts in supporting this community program.

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Indiana teammates Haley VonHarten, Maven McIntosh, James Dowling, and Kyle Zurbruggen

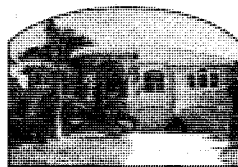


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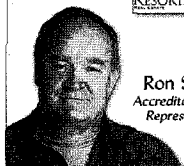
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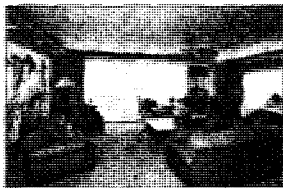
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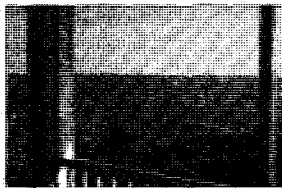
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58 Off Beach Players Holding Auditions

Off Beach Players will be holding auditions for their summer season on Sanibel. They will be casting for three plays that will be performed at the Sanibel Community House.

Experienced and non-experienced actors and actresses ages 17 and up are needed. Off Beach Players has been producing community theater on Sanibel

since 1984 and is willing to coach anyone who has the desire to learn. This is an all volunteer organization which produces great theater just for the fun of it.

The season opens with *Odd Couple (Female Version)* by Neil Simon. Six females and two males are needed for this production, which opens Memorial Day weekend and will run the first three weeks in June.

For the second production, *I Ought To Be In Pictures*, also by Neil Simon, two females and one male are being sought.

The third production, *Talking With*, requires eleven females.

Auditions for all productions will be held on Friday, February 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way (next to the Island Cow Restaurant). Actors are welcome to come to either evening. Reading materials will be provided.

For questions about the auditions, call June Koc after 10 a.m at 246-3207.*

BIG ARTS OnStage Playreading Series Presents *Men On The Take*

Carter W. Lewis' comedy, *Men on the Take*, will be performed by BIG ARTS OnStage play readers Wednesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in the Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Tickets, \$15 each, can be purchased by calling BIG ARTS at 395-0900.

An episodic comedy, *Men on the Take*, centers on two characters, a man on the brink of divorce (Clement Valentine) and a psychiatrist (Robert Schellhammer) with his own divorce agenda. The various women that the men meet are all portrayed by one woman (Lisa Marie). *Men on the Take* traces the development of a friendship through the course of a long, raucous night.

Carter W. Lewis is playwright-in-residence at Washington University in St. Louis. He is a two-time winner of the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's prestigious Rosenthal New Play Prize, most recently for *Men on the Take*. Jamie Carmichael, on staff at Florida Repertory Theatre, will direct the reading.

Upcoming OnStage productions include *Hamilton with a Twist of Jefferson*, March 30, and *Reigning Cats* continued on page 64

Pick The Oscar Winners

The Island Sun/BIG ARTS Academy Award Contest

Choose the winners of this year's Academy Awards and win free film tickets. To vote, complete the ballot below and mail it or bring it to the Island Sun or BIG ARTS. Winners will receive prizes of mini Oscars and two free movie tickets for the BIG ARTS Monday night film series from November through April, 2006 to 2007, and the Academy Award Matinee series at the Island Cinema from January through March, 2007. The Oscars will be awarded on the ABC Network, Sunday, March 5. Contest winners will be announced and given their awards at The Bean on Wednesday evening, March 15, at 5:30 p.m.

BALLOT

Best Film

- ☐ Brokeback Mountain
- ☐ Capote
- ☐ Crash
- ☐ Good Night and Good Luck
- ☐ Munich

Best Actress

- ☐ Judy Dench - Mrs. Henderson Presents
- ☐ Felicity Hoffman - Transamerica
- ☐ Keira Knightley - Pride and Prejudice
- ☐ Charlize Theron - North Country
- ☐ Reese Witherspoon - Walk the Line

Best Actor

- ☐ Philip Hoffman - Capote
- ☐ Terrence Howard - Hustle and Flow
- ☐ Heath Ledger - Brokeback Mountain
- ☐ Joaquin Phoenix - Walk the Line
- ☐ David Strathairn - Good Night and Good Luck

Best Foreign Film

- ☐ Don't Tell
- ☐ Joyeux Noel
- ☐ Paradise Now
- ☐ Sophie Scholl - The Final Days
- ☐ Tsotsi

Best Original Screen Play

- ☐ Crash - Haggis & Moresco
- ☐ Good Night and Good Luck
- ☐ Clooney & Heslowe
- ☐ Match Point - Woody Allen
- ☐ The Squid and the Whale
- ☐ Baumbach
- ☐ Syriana - Gaghan

Best Director

- ☐ Ang Lee - Brokeback Mountain
- ☐ Bennett Miller - Capote
- ☐ George Clooney - Good Night and Good Luck
- ☐ Paul Haggis - Crash
- ☐ Stephen Spielberg - Munich

Best Supporting Actress

- ☐ Amy Adams - June Bug
- ☐ Catherine Keener - Capote
- ☐ Frances McDormand - North Country
- ☐ Rachel Weisz - The Constant Gardener
- ☐ Michelle Williams - Brokeback Mountain

Best Supporting Actor

- ☐ George Clooney - Syriana
- ☐ Matt Dillon - Crash
- ☐ Paul Giamatti - Cinderella Man
- ☐ Jake Gyllenhaal - Brokeback Mountain
- ☐ William Hurt - A History of Violence

Best Documentary

- ☐ Darwin's Nightmare
- ☐ Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room
- ☐ March of the Penguins
- ☐ Murderball
- ☐ Street Fight

Best Cinematography

- ☐ Batman Begins
- ☐ Brokeback Mountain
- ☐ Good Night and Good Luck
- ☐ Memoirs of a Geisha
- ☐ The New World



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Rules: You must be at least 14 years old. The contest will end at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Wednesday, March 1. You cannot be an employee of BIG ARTS, the Island Cinema, Island Sun or The Bean. Only one ballot entry per person and all ballots must be filled out completely or they will be disqualified.

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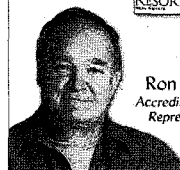


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Watson Says 2006 Masters His Last

by Max Friedersdorf

Five-time British Open Champion Tom Watson may play his last Masters next April if his present plans prevail, he announced at last week's ACE Champions Tour event in Naples.

It is not that his game is slipping, the charismatic 56-year-old golfing Hall of Famer commented, but rather the yearly lengthening of the Masters course at August, Georgia.

Referring to the additional 285 yards tacked on for this year's event, Watson said that benefits "you know who," referring to Tiger Woods and his long-hitting competitors on the regular PGA Tour.

The youthful-appearing Watson, winner of an amazing 39 events on the PGA Tour, including eight majors, believes he is hitting the ball as solid and as long as ever, but believes the Masters is enough of a test of championship golf without stretching it out to unnatural length. Watson said that in addition to the monster length of the holes, the fairways at August are usually soft in April, adding to the course's difficulty.

In a wide-ranging interview in Naples during last week's tournament, where Watson finished tied for third, the Kansas native says he plans to play in 14 or 15 events this year, including five straight majors.

Asked about the 400-plus-yard drives on the PGA Tour this year, Watson said

he believes the maximum lengths have about been reached with the current golf balls.

"Manufacturers have taken advantage of the specifications and the new balls travel further and straighter," Watson added.

"I was always one of the longest hitters because I hit the ball high. The big difference now is that you can't work, or curve the new balls. Formerly, you could hit the ball high or low, curve it on purpose."

Watson said the Champions Tour, formerly the Seniors Tour is "name driven." "Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead, Lee Trevino and Chi Chi Rodriguez carried the tour in the early days."

Commenting about the longevity of Hale Irwin, still a top player on the Champions Tour at 60 years old, Watson described Irwin as "in great shape, tall and lean, with the perfect build for a golfer."

Watson foresees a healthy future for the Champions Tour with more big names from the PGA Tour, but is puzzled by the absence of Greg Norman. "I wonder why a great player like Greg Norman is not out here?"

Watson predicts an increasing number of foreign players on the Champions Tour, "and, we might eventually have a Ryder Cup type competition."

Such foreign stars as Mark James



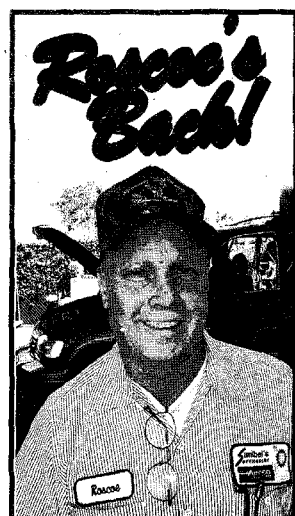
Tom Watson, five time British Open Champion and winner of 39 PGA events, may play his last Masters in 2006

(England), John Bland (South Africa), Jose Marie Canizares (Spain), Des Smyth (Ireland), Mark McNulty (England), Vincente Fernandez (Argentina), and Isao Aoki (Japan) are regulars on the Champions Tour.

Watson also recommends playing different formats such as alternate shots, scrambles, skins and best ball to spice up the competition for fans.

Despite his record as one of the premier golfers of his era, Watson has never won an event in Florida. However, he has finished runner-up four times since 2000 in Naples, winning a total of \$579,980.

As Watson joked, "Second place isn't all bad." ☆



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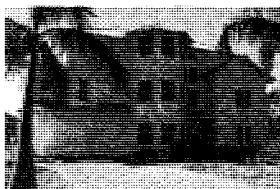
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60 Sanibel-Captiva Art League News

The Island Inn has asked the outdoor painters from San-Cap Art League to return to their lovely setting to paint. The showing of the artists work in their lobby has proven to be very popular with their guests. The art work, all done on location in the past few months, is for sale until March 10.

Artists of all levels are welcome to join the Thursday morning outdoor painting sessions from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring a bag lunch and stay for a friendly critique. The following locations are set for March:

March 2, Carolyn John's house, 3273 Twin Lakes Lane, Sanibel

March 9, Tarpon Bay Marina, car pool if possible

March 23, Punta Rassa, car pool

March 30, Community Church, Periwinkle Way

Call Carolyn Johns at 472-2726 for information.

Those interested in portrait drawing, join members for an open portrait studio Tuesday mornings at BIG ARTS from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a \$4 charge per session to help with the model fee. Call 472-5267 for information.

Performance artist DamaDe' proved to be an excellent model for Bill Fay's demonstration of gesture drawing at the February 16 meeting. Members participated and were reluctant to end the session.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will also be hosting its 30th annual Juried Art Exhibit at BIG ARTS from March 2 through 31. This show will be judged by nationally acclaimed water color artist Don Getz. The opening reception, is Saturday, March 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS.

March 16 will be the annual pot luck supper from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. Bring \$2 per person, a dish to share and a useful grab bag gift



Model DamaDe' with Neil Glaser and Bill Fay

valued at approximately \$5. Call Betty Weise at 472-8834 for information.

Finally, members are busy getting ready for the ever popular Clothesline Sale which will be held on April 2 at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way.*

BIG ARTS Gala Will Feature The Ink Spots And The Cab Calloway Orchestra

The Ink Spots and the Cab Calloway Orchestra will perform at the BIG ARTS Gala Benefit, Monday, March 6. The Ink Spots have been called living legends of American music, one of the most influential vocal groups of all time and the most imitated entertainers in show business. With over 80 hit records and numerous million sellers, their unique style, sound and elegant stage presence have delighted audiences worldwide.

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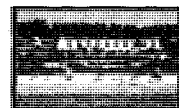
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Sanibel Pottery Turns 25; Cedar Chest
To Show Ancient Artifacts

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by Anne Mitchell

There are certain island businesses that are constants through all the ups and downs and changes that time brings.

One is **A Touch of Sanibel Pottery**, which proves the point by celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

If you haven't been there for a while, stop by. Despite its location at 1544 Periwinkle Way, the pottery is

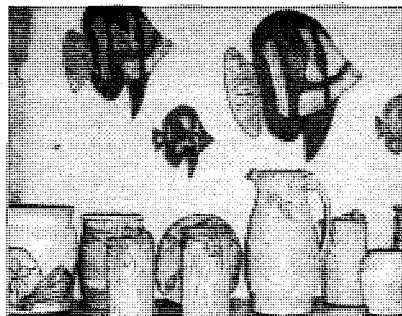
a beautiful, calm space in the midst of the season's bustle. And it has many artistic and practical items so you're sure to find something you love, whether it be a set of hand-made door knobs or a wall plaque engraved with a heron.

It's been 25 years since Dave and Barb Hoggatt bought the business from Mark Heimann when it was called The Wheel. They were visiting from Indiana when they found out that the pottery was for sale, and they jumped at the chance. The Hoggatts - he was a marketing major and she had majored in elementary education - had been operating a pottery in Indiana.

The pottery is a faith-based business and the Hoggatts feel as though they themselves are the clay in the hands of God and that He directs their work and their lives. Some of their creations contain scriptures etched into the clay by Barbara.



A hurricane lamp, engraved wall plaque and vase, shell bowls and other items at A Touch of Sanibel Pottery



A collection of the high-fired stoneware of A Touch of Sanibel Pottery

"It gives us an opportunity to reach out and touch someone," Dave said.

For a time, they lived in the shop and Dave recalls bathing his baby daughter, Celia, born in 1984, in the big kitchen sink. In 1988, they remodeled and expanded the pottery, doubling its size. At one time, Celia's juvenile creations called gum savers, made by pinching gobs of clay, and her birdbaths, were big sellers in the store.

Their lighthouse oil lamps have been staples throughout the years, and as for their Sanibel souvenir mugs, "You can't ever

make enough," Dave said. Other items I noted include the butter keeper, a ceramic crock that allows you to keep the butter at room temperature so it's always ready to spread. All their ceramics are food-safe.

The couple also does custom work such as lavatories and back splash tiles.

Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry is having its annual Rare Coin & Artifact show Tuesday and Wednesday, February 28 and March 1. This is a rare chance not only to see and feel ancient coins, Byzantine crosses and other items dating back several centuries BC, but also to buy them.

Many are presented as lovely pieces of jewelry, crafted with removable mounts so that the coins and fragments of coins are not altered or damaged, said John Pollard, who heads the store's coins and artifacts section.

Cedar Chest always has a fine selection of such artifacts, but for the show, it will more than double its display space and will bring in items such as a gilded Foo dog from the Far East, bronze oil lamps from the Judea region of Palestine, and an eight escudo Spanish gold coin salvaged from a wrecked galleon from the Plate Fleet.

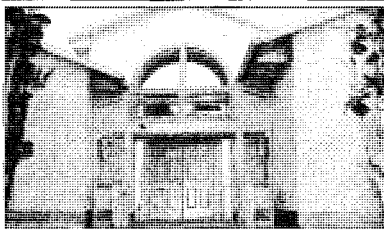
Pollard said Byzantine bronze reliquary crosses are very popular at present, and he will have several for the show in addition to those already in stock.

Cedar Chest is in the Tahitian Gardens shopping center at 1993 Periwinkle Way. At this time of year, with house guests aplenty and always someone dropping in

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A silver Alexander the Great coin circa 336 BC at the Cedar Chest

for a visit, it's wise to keep a good supply of snacks and hors d'oeuvres on hand. When I was in **Jerry's Foods** last week, I noticed what a great selection they have of things you need to be the perfect host and hostess.

Here are some of the items that caught my eye: truffle, country, mousse and other pates from Trois Petits Cochons that come in their own little mold; Summersweet crab and roasted red pepper dip, lobster and shrimp dip, and other combinations; and bruschetta toppings. Jerry's also makes its own garlic toasts, which are delicious and make bruschetta prep easy as pie.



A bronze Byzantine cross in a jeweled mount at the Cedar Chest

Then there's an excellent wine selection; if you go to the end of the aisle, you'll find some already chilled. I also spotted ready-to-pour Cosmopolitans. This wine cocktail comes in a box, complete with alcohol. For those killer martinis, there are many kinds of stuffed olives, including Menage a Trois olives – three varieties on one stick – in vermouth.

Jerry's is at 1700 Periwinkle Way. **Bailey's General Store** is more than just a grocery store. Next time you're in the hardware section for a can of paint or some plumbing supplies, take the time to wander the other aisles.

The store has a nice array of candles and fragrant oil burners. And you'll always find something to make you smile, like the Wacky Wackers old-fashioned alarm clocks with the double bells on top. One crows like a rooster when it's time to get up. Cute for a gag gift or a theme room and only \$14.99.

A Sanibel Lighthouse model fan pull makes a great souvenir, and so do the fridge magnets that are miniature Bailey's grocery sacks filled with shopping items.

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You'll find some old fashioned and practical stuff, such as Butchers Bowling Alley Wax, a clear paste used to shine wood and leather; and Weiman's Wax Away for removing that pesky candle grease from fabric and carpet.

Boaters and anglers will find much to interest them. Check out the ropes, dock lines, anchors, cast nets, life jackets, shell-ing and dip nets, tackle, beach chairs and white Wellington boots – locally dubbed Pine Island Reeboks because they're often worn by crabbers and commercial fishermen.

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Two of France's most celebrated actors, Daniel Auteuil (*The Closet, Girl on the Bridge*) and José Garcia (*Trouble Everyday, Jet Set*), team up in a romantic comedy from director Pierre Salvadori (*Wild Target*) that begs the question: Can it actually be bad to be a Good Samaritan?

BIG ARTS Wednesday Matinee features *Walk the Line* (2005) March 1 at 3 p.m., in the Island Cinema, \$5.50.

For more information on these and other films shown by BIG ARTS Film Society and tickets to these and future showings, call 395-0900.*

Help Linus Find His Blanket



Help Linus find his blanket at the Jacaranda

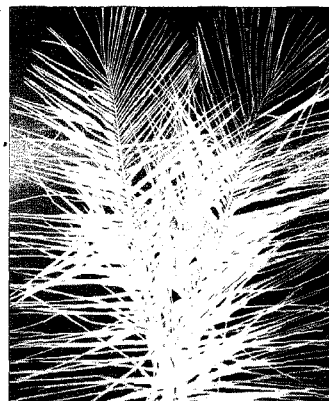
Met the cast of The Schoolhouse Theater's *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, next Friday March 3 at the Jacaranda Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Linus has lost his blanket. If you can help Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Sally, Schroeder, Lucy and Linus find it at the Jacaranda, you can win tickets to this Broadway hit playing now through March 25 at The Schoolhouse Theater. One lucky patron of the Jacaranda will win a pair of tickets. So come to the Jac next Friday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m., meet the cast of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* and help Linus find his blanket.*

Photogenic Drawings To Appear At Harborside

Award-winning fine art photographer Nadine Miller will be presenting an exhibit of her latest artwork at Harborside Event Center through to May 31. The exhibit, *PassionPalms*, is a personal exploration of the passionate allure of paradise using a process combining old and new techniques refined by Miller over the last 30 years.

Miller's photogenic drawings are rooted in historical photographic printing processes. The name she has given her work is a homage to the founders of photography to describe early cameraless images by inventor WHF Talbot in the 1830s. Miller began this novel documentation of the living accurate renderings of her subject matter she calls the "organic architecture of the tropics," when Tween Waters Inn's on Captiva commissioned her to create work for the resort's popular Wakefield Room in 2002.

This groundbreaking photographic technique was recently recognized with an Arts and Cultural grant from the City of Fort Myers for her project, *Art: In the Palm of Their Hands*. Early recognition of Miller's artwork came in 1986 when she was granted a solo exhibition at the Philadelphia Art Alliance with world-renowned artist, Judy Chicago. Her award-winning works have been exhibited at numerous galleries and are in a number of prominent private collections nationwide. A resident of Fort Myers since 1987, Miller has been an adjunct professor of art for Edison College since 2000. On March 25 she will be the guest artist for Art House held at the Edison/Ford Estates.*



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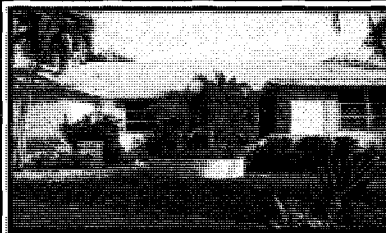
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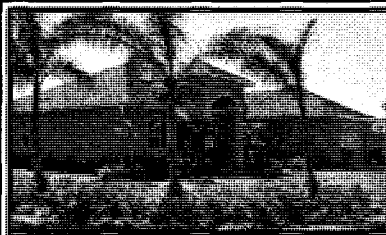
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Ying String Quartet

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In 1999, the quartet that includes Timothy Ying, violin; Phillip Ying, viola; Janet Ying, violin; and David Ying, cello introduced LifeMusic, a multi-year commissioning project supported by the Institute for American Music, designed to produce a distinctively American string quartet repertoire. Each season a pair of new works by established and emerging composers is featured in the Yings' diverse performance activities.

Since 2001, the quartet has been the Blodgett Artists in Residence at Harvard University. This year they will perform Haydn's *Quartet in D Major No. 2 Op. 71*; Ginastera's *Quartet No. 1 Op. 20*; and Beethoven's *Quartet in C Major No. 3 Op. 59 (Rasumovsky)*.

Tickets may be purchased by mail or phone and are available by check only at Bailey's General Store and Sanibel Island Bookshop on Sanibel. SMF 20th Anniversary T-shirts are available at Needful Things, 1995 Periwinkle Way, 472-5400. For information and a detailed brochure, contact the festival's hot line at 336-7999 or visit www.sanibelmusicfestival.org.

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Noted Artists

features her signature bright colors and eclectic view of looking at everything as art. Her one-of-a-kind which will also be made into giclee prints. Both Lovegrove's and Roberts' pieces will be auctioned live that evening, with both artists planning to be in attendance.

Of the more than 100 items being auctioned, there will be five pieces in the live auction, including Roberts' and Lovegrove's. Roberts is an award-winning artist and her work is purchased by numerous private and public art collectors nationwide. Lovegrove has been profiled in many local and national publications and recently traveled to London to present her commissioned portrait of Richard Branson to the Virgin Airline Headquarters. She has also had former president Jimmy Carter visit her studio and personally accept the portrait she painted of him, which will be placed in his Atlanta Presidential Library.

All money raised from this auction will go to support the wildlife clinic and the work being done to save injured, sick and orphaned wildlife, 70 percent of whom are native and migratory birds. Soon Come Contract Hauling and Bank of the Islands are benefactor sponsors, and Barrier Island Title on Sanibel and The Durand Group at Smith Barney in Fort Myers, are lifesaver sponsors.

Auction chair, Spring Rosen and her committee are working hard to make this another unique and special auction, open to the public. This auction is made up of artwork inspired by wildlife and nature and encompasses all kinds of works, said Rosen. "This is a wonderful event, and raises important annual operating support for CROW."

CROW will also have a number of Italian wines for guests to sample, two of which are being supplied by the Jacaranda. "Each year, we have had a sold out crowd and anticipate the same," said Rosen. Reservations are required and tickets are still available for those interested in attending. The cost is \$75 per person and includes fabulous Italian food served by The Dunes, Italian wines, and an evening of fun. For those interested in attending, call CROW at 472-3644, ext. 5.

Lions' Shrimp Festival

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The kids' run will be on Saturday, March 4, at Gulf Brach Drive. The one mile sprint is a fun event for children K-6th grade. There will be awards, prizes and tags. Call Kelly at 549-2920.

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At the meeting this week, a number of our own club's service projects were highlighted. Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva past President Chet Sadler presented District Governor Nominee 2007-2008 Gary Israel with a \$1,500 contribution to Lee Memorial Health System Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida-Southwest Rotary Children's Playground Fund. Gary spoke of the importance of the playroom toward the relief and recovery phases in a child's hospital stay.

Echoing the same theme, "helping children", Rotarian Mark Minoui spoke about the March 11 "Gift of Life of Florida" fundraising dinner he and Scot

Congress are chairing. The purpose of this event is to raise \$5,000 to provide living expenses and support for families that accompany a Rotary sponsored child with congenital heart defects from any country in the world to the United States for cardiac surgery. Perhaps you have seen some of the stories on these children on the news. Dedicated doctors and many hospitals around the U.S. provide the surgery gratis. Rotary clubs provide the additional monies needed to make families comfortable before and after the child's surgery.

There was much appreciation for the organizational efforts of the arts and crafts fair chairman, Alan Myers, and his outstanding team. All the proceeds of this fair benefit local scholarship funds, The Sanibel School, and Rotary International projects.

The Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva would like to thank the sponsors of the 23rd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair: The News-Press, Radio Station 106.3, Bank of the Islands, Tween Waters Inn and all the companies and businesses that placed ads in the Arts & Crafts Fair program.

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68 ArtFest Fort Myers Awards \$6,000 To Lee County High School Students

ArtFest Fort Myers, Lee County's premier fine art festival, announced the winners of the Art Under 20 competition.

Lee County high school students vied for \$6,000 in awards at the art competition that was held over festival weekend, February 4 and 5. Twelve high schools were represented by 178 students entering 332 pieces of artwork.

All artwork that was entered in the competition was exhibited at the fine art festival and previewed by thousands of festival patrons. Art Under 20 judges, Linda Blue, Garth Francis, and Barbara Fewster had the task of selecting the winners.

Awards were given in the categories of drawing, photography, painting, 3-dimensional and mixed media. The cash award levels were \$900 for best of show, \$400 for first place, \$200 for second place, \$100 for third place and \$50 for honorable mention. Festival attendees voted for the people's choice for a \$300 cash award.

The Art Under 20 sponsors, Oswald Tripp & Company, Inc., in conjunction with Zurich, stated that the purpose of this event is to encourage the youth in the community to participate in the fine arts. Winners are as follows:

Best of Show

Spencer Anderson, Fort Myers, Mixed Media

Photography

First: Stephanie Salustro, Fort Myers; Second: Kasey Miller, Fort Myers; Third: Hayley Donaldson, Fort Myers

Painting

First: James LeMaster, Cypress Lake; Second: Jessica Hans, Cape Coral; Third: Samantha Heligman, Canterbury

Drawing

First: Carlos Rivera, Mariner; Second: Lauren Edwards, Cypress Lake; Third: Joni Centner, Mariner

3-Dimensional

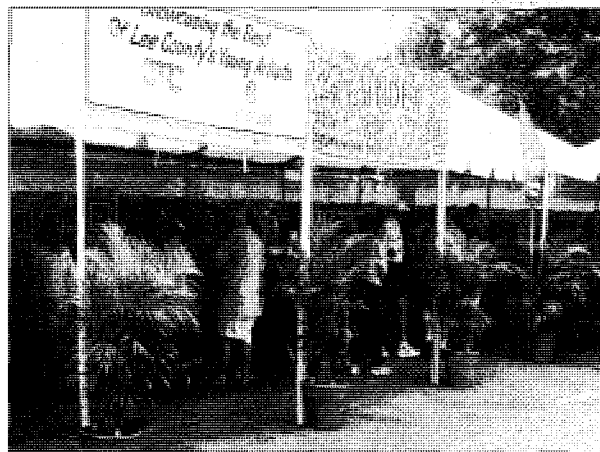
First: Lindsay Mealy, Lehigh; Second: Janine Kennedy, Canterbury; Third: Caitlyn Hamilton, Fort Myers

Mixed Media

First: Peter Diaz, Cypress Lake; Second: Stefanie Farris, Cypress Lake; Third: Spencer Anderson, Fort Myers

Honorable Mentions

Carlos Rivera, Mariner; Lauren Garcia, North Fort Myers; Stephanie Nestor,



Art by Lee County young artists was on display at ArtFest

Lehigh; Lindsay Mealy, Lehigh; Crystina Castiglione, Fort Myers; Brian Zucker, Canterbury; Melissa Hurcomb, Fort Myers; Ronald Tedford, Mariner; Croix Provence, Cypress Lake; Tarek Patton, Cypress Lake; Erica Nist-Lund, Canterbury; Vanessa Ezeta, Fort Myers; Tabitha Fitzsimmons, Cypress Lake; Saggara Christian, Cape Coral; Daria Kachevarova, Mariner; Pavol Roskovensky, Mariner; Drew Cemer, Cypress Lake; Angela Weiss, Mariner; Kate Muncatchy, Cypress Lake; Tarek Patton, Cypress Lake; Sierra Minott, Fort Myers; Christine Bomberger, Canterbury; Melissa Hurcomb, Fort Myers; Jennifer Meyer, Fort Myers; Julie Bellizia, Mariner; and Lauren Edwards, Cypress Lake.

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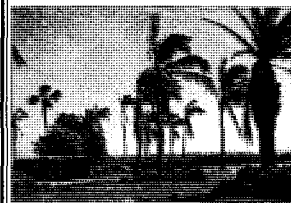
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White And Webb

He's a fan of hers and her song, the title number of her new album, *Morning* in New York, gave him the inspiration for a character in his latest book, *Dark Light* which will be released March 16.

"He has been listening to my music for about one and a half years," said Webb. "He came up with a female character by listening to one of my songs. She is an older woman from New York named Chestra. There's a supernatural element to her. She is elusive, mysterious."

For the show, White will tell anecdotes and talk about writing, the importance of words and about his new book. Webb, whose voice has been called "haunting," will sing her original songs and play the piano and guitar.

Before taking up writing, White worked for 13 years as a tackle-fishing guide at Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel.

Webb says she's relaunching her musical career, that began with Mark Keller with whom she played the Chicago venues and universities in the Midwest for two years and then headed to California. "I've appeared on *American Bandstand*, got tangled up in record deals, formed a band, played the clubs, met some cool people and got a chance to record with some great musicians along the way. I have also had some years away from it all."

She's now living on Pine Island.

She and White did a show together in Boca Grande and they have more planned.

"As writers, we have both been influenced by each other's work," Webb said.

Tickets, at \$20, are available from the BIG ARTS box office. Call 395-0900.

Island Bookshop Book Signing

Sanibel Island Bookshop is having a book signing with Rabbi James Rudin, author of *The Baptizing of America*, Friday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Reed Business Information said, "Political controversies ranging from same-sex marriage to the Terry Schiavo case have brought increased public attention to the agenda of the religious right. Rudin, a syndicated columnist and board member of the American Jewish Committee, believes the efforts of Christian conservatives to turn their moral philosophy into law are an 'immediate and profound threat to our republic.' He unleashes much impassioned rhetoric in rebutting critics who find his totalitarian vision of a Christian police state excessive, but repetitive use of the term 'Christocrats' to describe his political opponents becomes off-putting, if not downright offensive. For sure, Rudin isn't the only one for whom recent Harry Potter book burnings are a chilling reminder of the Nazis, but even the mere existence of Christian-themed cable networks fills him with dread. There is a significant political debate to be discussed here, and Rudin occasionally hits upon it, but too often his argument trickles away with vague warnings. What comes across as a personal distaste for conservative

evangelicals derails a much-needed discussion of the consequences of religion-based political advocacy."*

Poetic Voices



Her compositions, poems and lyrics have been published in several anthologies and magazines. She is the author of the book *White Light*, published by Island Press. She is also the author of the book *Dark Light*, published by Island Press. She is also the author of the book *White Light*, published by Island Press.

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Anglo-Zulu War January 22nd 1879.

by Tanya Hochschild

The moon slides into the glare of the sun, an eerie eclipse, day is done. Zulus come now, every one with a loping, lolling, jog trot.

"Not a bullet to be shot!" a young subaltern, cries grunts from horses, and from men, sighs, "Mark your target, til you see the whites of their eyes!"

From afar they glimpse assegais glint impis run at a headlong sprint.

cooks, grooms and secretaries flee, a Welsh soldier boy cries,

"Oh Woel! Oh Woel! Oh woel is me," brown bodies wash in like the sea,

chant their war cry, "Zee! Zee! Zee!" The English wait with sword and gun.

Wave after wave of Zulus lunge, shots, shouts, smoke and fire bodies pile up, a funeral pyre. Others fight like lions but fall like stones, calms on the veldt now protect their bones.

Whitehall never sanctioned discord, nor Commons nor the House of Lord. The Zulus too did not want war Sir Bartle Frere, an awful bore for his own glory, on day of the dead moon sent boys to death, far too soon.

The story is told by a passionate fellow, as nannyoats graze and sheep bellow Zulus and English he knows all by name, all still remembered, in battle the same. After three hours his story is done There's not a dry eye, not even one. We whisper with him to the African air "salagahle" my dear, go in peace . . .

then silently wonder, will war ever cease?

Tanya Hochschild was born in Johannesburg South Africa and immigrated to the USA in 1981 with her husband and two children. Her new novel, *Sonja, A South African Story*, was just published by Trafford Publishing of Canada, www.trafford.com. Tanya writes from her home on Sanibel.*

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Mayor Jim Humphrey, Fort Myers Councilwoman Veronica Shoemaker, Fort Myers Councilman Levon Simms

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Mayor Jim Humphrey, along with Fort Myers City Councilmembers, Lee County Commissioners and members of the Florida Department of Transportation, dedicated the Rosa Parks Transportation Center on Saturday, February 18.

The ceremony was held at 2250 Peck Street, at the site of the LeeTran and Greyhound bus terminals. Local and state dignitaries unveiled the new sign and held a program honoring Parks. The program opened with music by the Mt. Olive AME Church Gospel Choir. Speakers included City Councilwoman Veronica Shoemaker, the first African American elected official in Lee County; Carletha Griffin, president of the Lee County Chapter of NAACP and Harriet Myers, president of the Lee County



International College Diversity Chairman Dr. Harold Russell, Lee County Commissioner Doug St. Cerny, Lee County Commission Vice Chairman Bob Janes, Lee County Commission Chairwoman Tammy Hall, Fort Myers City Councilwoman Veronica Shoemaker, Fort Myers City Councilman Levon Simms and Lee County Black History Society President Harriet Myers unveil the new sign honoring Rosa Parks

Black History Society. The featured speaker was Dr. Harold Russell, chairman of the Diversity Committee at International College.

Parks, known as the "mother of the civil rights movement," was the brave woman who refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955. She passed away in 2005 at the age of 92. She was the first woman to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, DC.

The Intermodal Transfer Center, now known as the Rosa Parks Transportation Center, was opened in November, 2000 as a hub for all forms of public transportation in Lee County, mainly the Greyhound and LeeTran bus lines. The City of Fort Myers donated the nearly two acres of land for the Center and the Florida Department of Transportation contributed \$2.3 million of the cost. Lee County built and operates the center.

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Stories For Grownups

The first Friday of the month at the Sanibel Public Library is set aside for Stories For Grownups. This month, Friday, March 3 from 2 to 3 p.m., attendees will get to hear Five of the best story writers on the island. They are all from one of the four island writers' groups.

Featured on March 3 will be: Hazel Barber, Vince Faraone, Mike Dereschin, Bob Maxeiner and DJ Siggau. How's that for a stellar lineup? They're all veterans of the writers read events, where they triumphed in the peer review process, so you know they're good. Come early to get a seat.

Last month the story tellers drew another full house. There were people standing out in the hall. The tellers were from Periwinkle Park, the islands' campground and trailer park. They were a smash hit.

The format for Stories For Grownups runs like this: The first half hour has a featured story teller or a group of them. In the second half hour, the stories come from the audience. The whole package is a delight, month after month.

Dr. Sidney B. Simon, who has a loyal following, was the scheduled storyteller in January. It, too, was a full house and an artistic success as well, with a dozen stories coming from the audience. Sid is the regular M.C. of the event, and seems to have the knack for drawing stories out of the audience with his great wit and kindness.

In April Stories For Grownups will feature: Stories Grand Mothers and Grand Fathers Must Tell! There are certainly enough lively ones on the islands, and this program puts together five of the very best. Put it on your calendar: Friday, April 7.

An event like this can't really happen without the efforts of a dedicated committee.

The active members are: Sylvia Chamberlin and Beth Gillis. You will see their smiling faces on Friday, March 3 at 2 p.m.

Call the library for more information. 472-2483.*

On The Shelf: New At The Sanibel Library

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

Fiction: *High Plains Tango*

Robert James Waller captured the attention of most women with his best-selling novel *The Bridges of Madison County*. He is a man who understands the isolated lives of rural women. His new novel takes place in the remote western town of Salamander where a carpenter, Carlisle McMillan, comes to find peace



Sid Simon

and quiet as he begins to restore an old house. He describes the town's location, "Somewhere west of the Mississippi and east of the Rockies, ...one of those places with dust in its teeth and a dry rattle in its throat." In this town he meets two women, Gally Deveraux and Susanna Benteen and he must choose between them and their divergent philosophies.

Non-fiction: *The Essence of Style*

This book by Joan DeJean is subtitled *How the French Invented High Fashion, Fine Food, Chic Cafes, Style, Sophistication and Glamour*. DeJean, an authority on seventeenth century French culture, delves into the era of Louis XIV and reveals how this young king changed his nation and how France thus became the arbiter of all the finer things of life; haute cuisine, hairdressers, chic cafes, nightlife, perfumes and elegant clothes. Francois Massialot in his 1691 volume, *Le Cuisinier Royal et Bourgeois* introduced "...what is apparently the most frequently ordered dessert in fine restaurant in the United States today, creme brulee."

Each chapter is amusingly titled, well researched and wittily written by DeJean, the trustee professor of French at the University of Pennsylvania. It contains a wealth of background information that would enhance a tourist's travel in France.*

Sanibel Poetry Series To Begin

Prize-winning poet, Elisavietta Ritchie will read from her two latest collections, *Awaiting Permission to Land* and *The Spirit of the Walrus*, on Monday, February 27 at 2 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library. This reading will initiate the Sanibel Poetry Series, with additional programs scheduled in March and April.

Ritchie's poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction and translations have appeared in many publications including *Poetry*, *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*,

and *National Geographic*. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 472-2483.*

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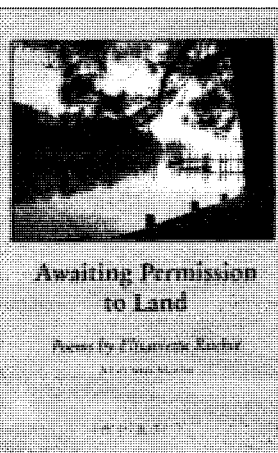
Reading Series Features Poet Ritchie

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

In her charming travelogue of poetry, imaginatively titled *Awaiting Permission to Land*, Elisavietta Ritchie takes us to many diverse shores and illuminates their cultures through her verses. Ritchie, a resident of Washington, D.C., will read from her new collection of poems at the Sanibel Library, on Monday, February 27, at 2 p.m.

Ritchie's poems are often narratives in verse form of places she has visited or lived and the people whose lives have touched hers. *Reading the Russians* begins, "Russians can write of sorrows and souls with authority. They know. Transparent as vodka, souls drift through blizzards, gulags, luminous summer nights." and the recital of dark times continues, but ends, "Still, New Year's Eve, smash your glass, sing like a full bat-talions as if this could waft your plights to God, lift sorrow from soul."

In her poem *Halvah*, *Toronto* she justifies the calories in a slice of halvah by remembering the famine years her sweets loving Russian grandmother endured. "... but I eat just one crumb at a time, and with each crumb pay homage to dead babushka, dead Aunt Maria, and to those everywhere in the world who know what it is to live without anything sweet."



Awaiting Permission to Land

Poems by Elisavietta Ritchie

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And my brother, Afternooth, which reveals the amusing, dryly witty, slyly wry side of poet Ritchie.

"After the black snake glides into the bluebird house, swallows his prize, bursts the roof, wrecks the box, he leaves on the lawn the nest woven of moss, grass, down plucked from the mother's breast, and, glistening in the sun, his shed skin. I have known men like this."

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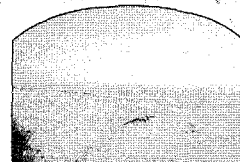


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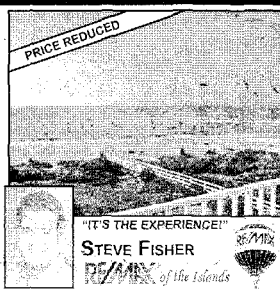
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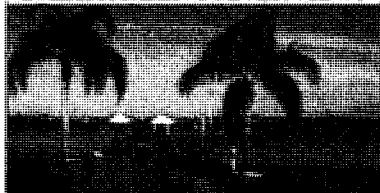
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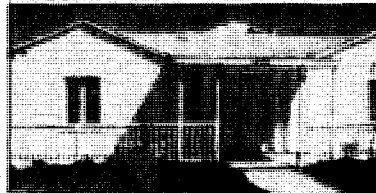
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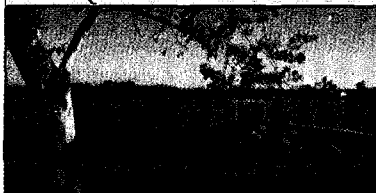
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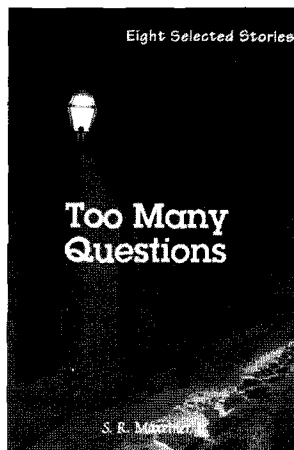
Too Many Questions

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

The new book of short stories by Sanibel resident S. R. (Bob) Maxeiner, Jr. has eight stories and the first, *Valentine's Day* is a perfect reminder of the reaction most of us have to the silly and sugary passages confronting us on the racks as we seek the obligatory card for our loved one. Willoughby scans the ridiculous verses remembering painfully the year he forgot a card and learned the real message: "If Mama ain't happy ain't nobody happy", and he chooses.

In this collection Maxeiner has focused on the everyday experiences of our lives and the impact we sometimes have on others. *Back-up* is a conversation between two people, each alone and both seated in the worst section of a restaurant. *Brian* is a short, sensitive portrayal of a high school boy who has caused the death of another person. *Too Many Questions* is a long story, at nearly one hundred pages almost a novelette, about a high school girl who is harassed by two young men who are guilty of a crime which she alone unravels.

The most touching story is *Fish* in which an older man swims effortlessly and reflects on his life; but is he swimming or suspended between life and death?



Maxeiner is a retired surgeon, originally from Minnesota, who lives on Sanibel and has written several novels and collections of stories. *Too Many Questions* is available at most Sanibel bookstores.

Spring Writers' Read

by Di Saggau

Mark your calendars now for the March 9 Spring Island Writers' Read. Twice a year members of Sanibel's four writers' groups showcase the best of the best in poetry and prose to delight those in the audience. The December read was a huge success and the March read promises to live up to all expectations.

This popular event allows the audience to share in memories and experiences of the writers. Many are funny and some are poignant. All are a delight to the ear.

Here's who will be taking part:

Lorraine Vail - *Island to Island, Island Man*; Ruth Iyengar - *Going My Way*; Sid Simon - *Beyond the 19th Hole*; Wally Kain - *Doctor's Orders*; Bill Highsmith - *Kiss Remembered*; Stalking the Stalker; Winnie Donoghue - *Dining at the Alrae*; Raymond Buck - *Pets and Mismatched*; Vivian Pyke - *Holly's Song*; Joe Pacheco - *Riding Out Wilma*; Rich Man's Rap; Vince Faraone - *Clara's Son, Evelyn*; Hal Iyengar - *The Eyes*; Bob Maxeiner - *North From Cohasset*; Naravi Payne - *Coffee Ice Cream*; Mary LaVelle - *Observations on Aging*; Down the Stairs at 4 a.m.; Crone and Sanibel Shoes; John Jones - *Waiting Room Feasts*; Hazel Barber - *Old Delhi Railway Station*; Toriya Hochschild - *Mummy*; and Bill Halstead - *Avidfauna*, Blue Tarp Blues.

You can tell from the names and titles that it's going to be an interesting and entertaining evening. The event takes place Thursday, March 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS. A donation of \$3 is requested.

At intermission you'll have an opportunity to chat with the writers over lemonade and cookies. Some also have their books for sale.

Learn How To Get Published

Jan Evan Whitford will discuss *Passion and Persistence on the Road to Publication* at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

Whitford's ambition to become a writer started early in life; he published a neighborhood newspaper at the age of 10. He now writes short, humorous fiction that has appeared in newspapers and magazines. His first novel, *Mystic Island*, was published in 2005. It combines mystery, romance, action and adventure in telling the story of the search for a letter that FDR wrote to Hitler during World War II. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 472-2463.

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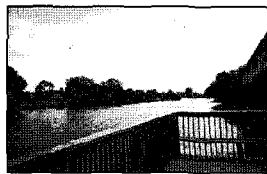
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U.S. Pullout Could Mean Iraq Civil War, Speaker Predicts

by Max Friedersdorf

Responding to a question from the audience, Middle East Scholar Reuel Marc Gerecht predicted a possible civil war in Iraq if American troops are withdrawn prematurely from the three-year-old conflict in the Middle East.

"No," Gerecht responded to the question, "Can democracy survive in Iraq if the U.S. pulls out its troops?"

"Some people, like Donald Rumsfeld (secretary of defense) would like to pull out sooner than later," Gerecht told the capacity crowd in Schein Hall, "but it is not going to happen."

"There may be a gradual reduction, with a shift to fire fights with the insurgents," Gerecht continued before The Distinguished Scholars lecture series, sponsored by the FORUM at BIG ARTS on February 15.

"But, there will be a worse case scenario if the Americans pull out; things will fall apart, there will be sectarian strife, a good chance for civil war and all hell will break loose," Gerecht added.

Speaking on the subject, Whither Iraq, Gerecht, a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a former agent at the CIA, Gerecht defended



Middle East Scholar Reuel Marc Gerecht (right) addressed The Distinguished Scholars Lecture series on February 15 in Schein Hall, sponsored by the FORUM at BIG ARTS. He was introduced by Forum Chair Dick Wright. Gerecht's lecture was entitled, *Whither Iraq*.

the decision to invade Iraq.

When asked what if the United States had not invaded Iraq, Gerecht commented that Saddam Hussein might have continued his territorial ambitions and resumed production of weapons of mass destruction.

"It is naive to believe he (Saddam) would have abandoned his aggressive appetite," Gerecht added.

Another provocative question tossed at the speaker was whether the U.S. should bomb Iran's nuclear facilities.

"There is a lot of internal turbulence on this issue inside neo-conservative circles," Gerecht stated. "There are three or four nuclear facilities crucial to the

Iranian program, and if we blow these up it would retard their program. Rest assured, the Iranian cleric leaders want this weapon."

Gerecht praised President Bush's decision to intervene militarily in the Middle East as helpful in breaking the cycle of dictatorships in the region and spreading democracy.

However, Gerecht opined, the election by Palestinians of the Hamas Party should result in a "cut off of all aid" for that country because Hamas is a "without a doubt, a terrorist organization."

Despite his support, Gerecht stated, "In Iraq there are many things to depress you such as the level of violence. We

should have been more aggressive against the insurgency, but I see no diminution any time soon in the level of violence."

Asked about the relationship between Iraq and Iran, Gerecht said "they are not passionate brothers, more like distant cousins."

"Not very good," Gerecht responded when asked about the quality of U.S. intelligence in the Middle East. "We have never had a good intelligence collecting ability there, but you are never going to solve your problems by intelligence alone."

Gerecht noted as an example of poor intelligence in the Middle East, the CIA reports back in the '50s that the Shah of Iran would rule into the 21st century.

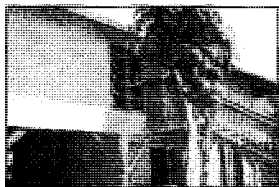
Gerecht believes a "vibrant, democratic culture is developing in Iraq, despite the present rough time."

Citing Egypt as another example of emerging democracy, Gerecht foresees "the crack up of tyrannies, and the growth of democracies" in the Middle East.

In his present position, Gerecht studies Iraq, Iran, the Middle East, Afghanistan, Central Asia, the former Soviet Union and terrorism. He was educated at John Hopkins University, Princeton, University of Edinburgh, Cairo University and the American University of Cairo.

The speaker was introduced by Dick Wright, FORUM chair, who also moderated the question and answer session. Gerecht was the guest of honor at a reception in Phillips Gallery immediately following the lecture program.*

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76 High School Students Awarded Prizes In Voice Of Democracy Contest

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(l to r) Niel Ramsdell, Richard Henecke, and Elizabeth Miles. Miles received first place for Bishop Verot and third place at the overall VFW District 13 competition. She received a VFW certificate of participation, a Voice of Democracy pin, a Voice of Democracy medal and U.S. savings bond

Bishop Verot High School students: Elizabeth Miles, Emma Racila, and Caitlin Desousa were awarded prizes for the 2005-2006 Voice of Democracy scholarship competition presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and its auxiliaries.

Over 15 students from Bishop Verot participated in the annual contest. This year's theme was How I Demonstrate My Freedom. Elizabeth Miles received first place for Bishop Verot and third place at the overall VFW District 13 competition. She received a VFW certificate of participation, a Voice of Democracy pin, a Voice of Democracy

medal and U.S. savings bond. Emma Racila and Caitlin Desousa were recognized and awarded with a VFW certificate of participation, a Voice of Democracy pin and U.S. savings bond. On Saturday, February 18 at VFW Post #4174 in Lehigh Acres the students will be recognized and presented with their district awards.

Bishop Verot High School and the school's competition moderator, Maureen Steger, is very active within the Voice of Democracy competition," states Niel Ramsdell, past state VFW commander and District 13 Voice of Democracy chairman. "We enjoy working with the school and look forward to next year's competition."

The Voice of Democracy, is an audio essay contest for high school students in grades nine to 12, presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The annual contest, which is designed to foster patriotism, allows students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme. Created in 1947, the scholarship program annually provides more than \$3 million in scholarships.

A-Team Goes To Second Round

The A-Team Challenge has concluded its first round and begun the second round of academic competition among area high schools. This challenging tournament included 30 teams at the start, which is reduced to 16 teams for the second round.

"We congratulate the teams still in the competition and look forward to even more exciting quarter final games in March," said Darlene Ann Grossman, president/CEO of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc.

The matches will be airing in March and April on Saturdays and Sundays. Gulf Coast vs. Clewiston will air on Sunday, March 5, at 7 a.m. Other high school teams remaining in the second round include the following: Palmetto Ridge, Lehigh Senior, Evangelical, Canterbury,

Naples, Cypress Lake, Port Charlotte, Charlotte, Labelle, Lely, Bishop Verot, Fort Myers, Riverdale and Cape Coral.

The A-Team Challenge, a major project of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc., and NBC-2, is sponsored by The Bonita Bay Group, Florida Gulf Coast University, Northern Trust Bank, and Sylvan Learning Centers. Stock Development is the question sponsor.

The A-Team Challenge is the only area high school televised academic competition in Southwest Florida. NBC-2 News Anchor Craig Wolf is the host. The competition recognizes academic excellence and fosters pride and a spirit of competition among area high school students, coaches and teachers. Students answer questions in the areas of language arts/humanities, social studies, math and science. Each team is comprised of four students and two alternates.

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Nationwide ACT Test Deadline Is March 3

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Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's

website at www.actstudent.org. The website also features test tips, practice tests, online test prep, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools said Ken Gullette, spokesman for ACT.

Scores are used, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine if a student is academically ready for college-level coursework.

"In April, many juniors take the ACT," said Gullette.

"When they get their scores, they

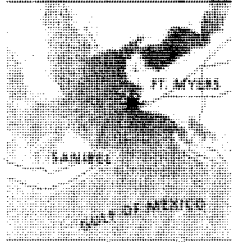
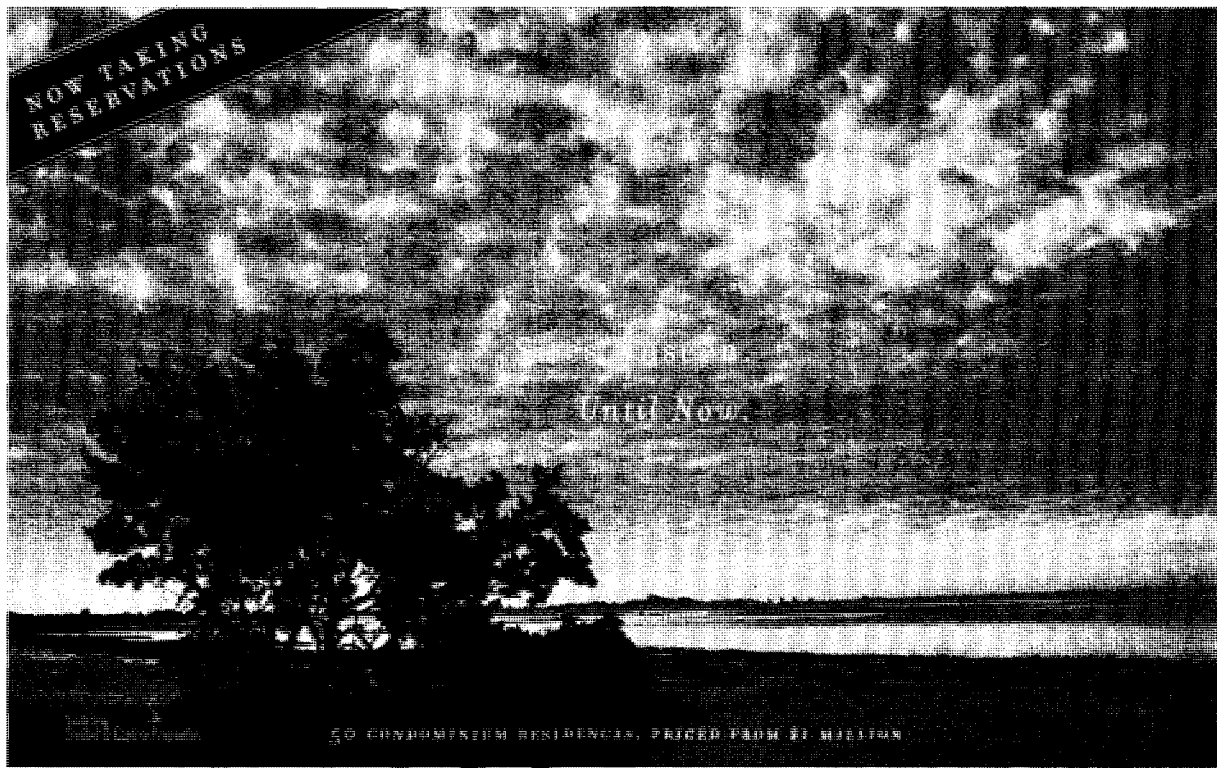
should examine them carefully, talk with parents and counselors, then get extra help from tutors or peer helpers and take courses that will strengthen any academic weaknesses. Students can retest early in their senior year and then report only the score they want colleges to see."

The ACT assessment is an achievement test that includes four exams: English, reading, math, and science. Students who take the optional writing test will add 30 minutes to the 3-hour normal testing time. Most colleges and universities don't require a writing score, so students should check the writing test requirements of colleges they're considering before registering for the ACT.✱

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Rec Youth

Congratulations to all the teams and players for a great season. The final games were all nail-biters for sure, with Tennessee defeating South Florida in the finals 16 - 15 with the winning basket made in the last few seconds of the game. FSU defeated their arch-rivals Uconn 18 - 15 and UCLA overcame Arizona 38 - 32 in a heart-pounding match up.✱



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78 Volunteer Honored As Citizen Of The Year

The Board of Lee County Commissioners has selected Anne Dalton from Fort Myers as the winner of the Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year award for 2005.

The board made the announcement – the highest honor a local citizen can receive – at its meeting Tuesday.

Dalton, a Fort Myers attorney, was honored for her civic and community contributions and volunteerism, particularly in the areas of legal aid, human services, and advocacy for our children and elderly.

Among Dalton's contributions: chair of the board of directors, Shady Rest Care Pavilion; member of board of directors, Legal Aid Society; secretary, Lee County Human Services Council; a 15-year volunteer hearing officer for the county's Support Enforcement Program (child support cases being brought by the Department of Revenue); and member of the Lee County Charter Review Committee.

"The attribute I respect the most is that Anne, whether with a friend or with a civic group, is able to listen and help problem-solve while suspending all judgments and personal feelings," wrote FGCU's Joanne Hartke in one of the 13 nominations Dalton received.

Hartke continued: "She works long



left to right: Steve Maxwell, Nola Theiss, Helen Kralj, Paulette Burton's three daughters, Anne Dalton, far right. Back row: Board of Lee County Commissioners

hours, not because she is a workaholic, but because she believes in a job well done, whether it is a paid or volunteer task that needs to be completed. I cannot think of anyone who has worked harder or smarter for the good of our community..."

"One of Anne Dalton's finest achievements is the successful purchase of Shady Rest Care Pavilion from Lee County," wrote Weston Edwards, another nominator. "Lee County citizens benefited by the continuance of a locally owned and operated, not-for-profit skilled nursing facility focused on meeting the needs of Lee County residents. Furthermore, another benefit of this transaction is the elimination of financial support from Lee County government, thereby reducing the tax burden on Lee County citizens."

Three runners up were also acknowledged at the board meeting. They

are: Helen Kralj (Bonita Springs, for her volunteerism with the Lee County Sheriff's VOICE program, Volunteer Observers Impacting Community Effort), Steve Maxwell (Sanibel, for his community advocacy and public involvement in such organizations as the Industrial Development Authority and Smart Growth Committee), and Nola Theiss (Sanibel, for her work in establishing the Coalition Against Human Trafficking in Southwest Florida).

The Citizen of the Year Award was created in 1991 to honor Mrs. Burton, a long time Sanibel resident and government watchdog. She spent many years serving as a voice for the people to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners as well as playing an active role in Sanibel politics. She died in a 1991 car accident.

Past winners are: Hannah Davis

(1991), Israel Suarez (92), Ed and Sylvia Blue (93), P. Michael Villalobos (94), Bill Davis and Duera Mae Everett (95), Judy Jenkins (96), Dr. Lee Duffus (97), Roberta Morgan (98), Jim and Ellie Newton (99), Dodie Booher (2000), Fran Myers (2001), Sam Galloway Jr. (2002), Steve Personette (2003), and David Graham (2004).*

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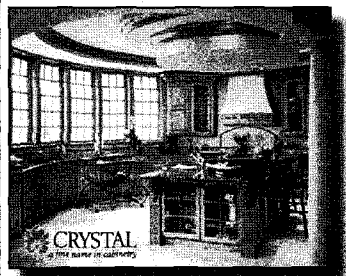
Step into the world of the Seminoles at Big Cypress Reserve – the watershed of the Everglades – via airboat and swamp buggy rides during the Billie Swamp Safari Tour where history, wildlife and nature come together in this 2,200-acre area of the reserve open to the public.

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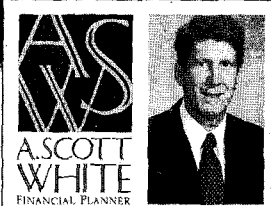
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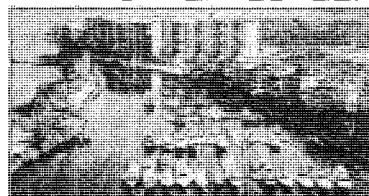
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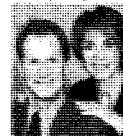
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Top floor Bayfront Corner

Spectacular 270 degree views from Causeway to Fishing pier & Lighthouse. 3 full bedrooms, over 1700 a/c area, 2 open air porches, fresh paint & new carpet, only \$849,948.



Golf front & Near beach

Mint condition pool home with Southern exposure & lovely mature landscaping. Split plan 3 bedroom, new kitchen cabinets & corian counters, plantation shutters & new appliances, attractively furnished for \$849,948



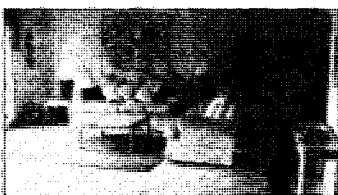
Canal front, Near beach & Captiva

273 feet of canal frontage & over .7 acre homesite, only a short stroll to beach & restaurants. Over 3,000 a/c area, lap pool, fireplace, elevator, gourmet kitchen with 5 burner gas grill & granite counters, dock & lift, \$1,895,000.



Rare Offering

Top floor 1 bedroom @ Sanibel Moorings in superior condition; new appliances & kitchen cabinets, ceramic tiled counters, solid core doors, newer furnishings, fans throughout & super rental history, \$449,994.



Blind Pass

Oversized 2 bedroom ground floor 2 bedroom unit with view facing pool and tennis courts. White ceramic tile in living room and dining, excellent rental history with many repeat renters. Robb and Stuckey furniture, \$619,916.



Terrific and private location

At Signal Inn. Rare offering 2 bedroom unit. Gulf views & excellent income through onsite program. Ceramic tiled living, kitchen, hallway and bath. Newer kitchen cabinets, a/c new in 2004, \$739,937



Best value in The Dunes

3 bedroom pool home. Ceramic tiled entry, kitchen & family room. Cathedral ceiling living room, new roof, new carpet, new kitchen counters, fresh paint, new A/C, fans throughout, only \$749,947



New listing in Gumbo Limbo

Immaculately maintained home on 1/2 acre + site backing up to Conservation owned land. Large private lanai, wood beamed cathedral ceiling, new counters appliances & roof. \$549,945.



Superb condition 2 bedroom

On canal side of complex. Ceramic tiled entry, dining, kitchen & baths. New kitchen counters, white appliances and domed ceilings. Crown moldings in living, dining and both bedrooms \$549,945.



Old Florida style lakefront near beach

Southern exposure & lush green yard. Split plan 3 bedroom, 3 bath & office. Elevator, cathedral ceiling, twin skylights & wet bar. Terrific views, community tennis & beach access, \$869,968.



Choice location, awesome views

Bay front, corner unit. Bay window & terrific privacy. Large white ceramic tile in entry, hall, laundry room, baths, kitchen and lanai. All white kitchen, hurricane shutters, offered for \$949,949.



Sanibel Moorings

Rarely available 1 bedroom unit at in excellent condition Ground floor unit on canal side of complex with ceramic tiled entry, porch and bath. Newer appliances and furnishings, \$449,944.