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Four Projects Give Islands New Lease On Life



South Seas Island Resort's nine-hole golf course was a \$14 million redesign

by Anne Mitchell

As Sanibel and Captiva continue to recover from the effects of two hurricanes in two years, two ongoing projects — the rebuilding of South Seas Island Resort and construction of a new Sanibel Causeway — will play a large part in the islands' renewal and economic well-being.

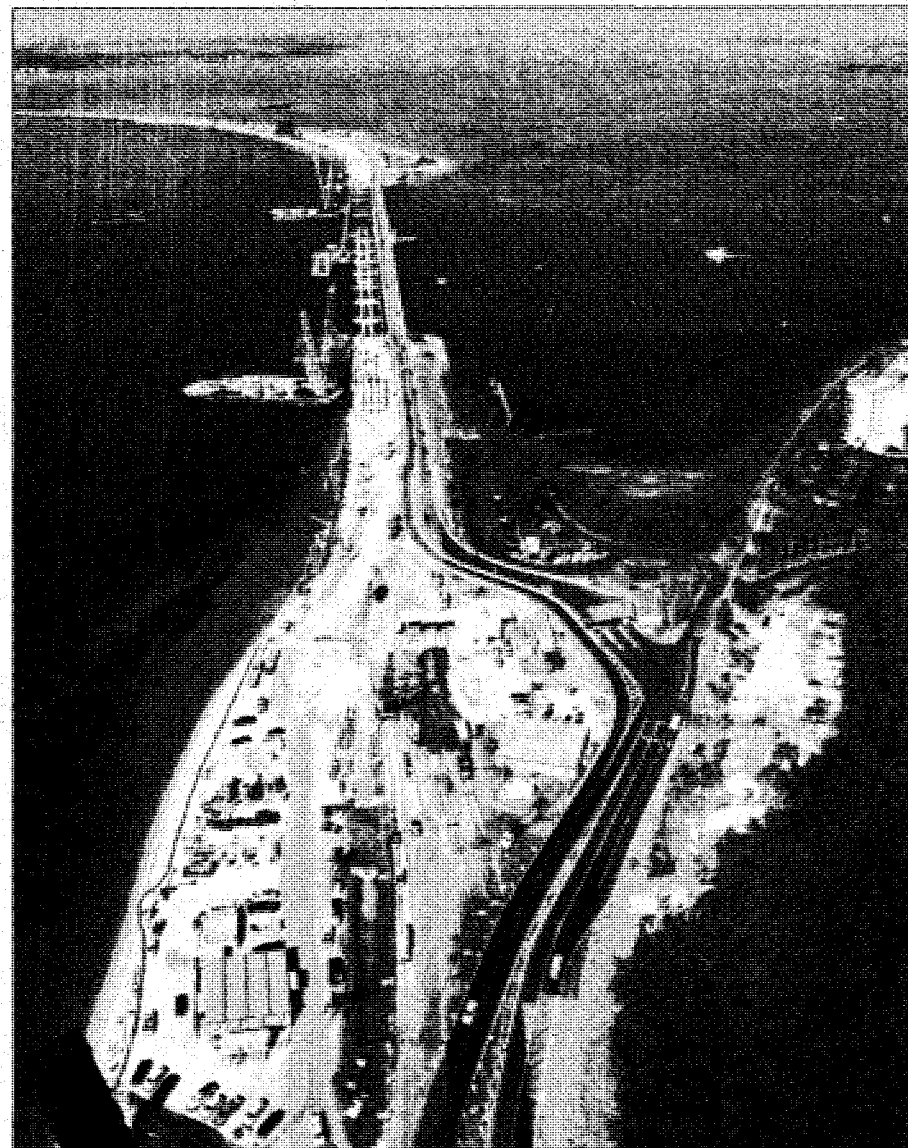
By next tourist season, the islands will have a new causeway, a replanted Sanibel main street, at least five revamped shopping centers and business as usual at the largest of its resorts, South Seas.

Businesses on both islands were delighted when South Seas partially reopened in March after being closed for about 18 months following Hurricane Charley. Another phase in the recovery includes the addition of more accommodations for visitors and the opening of the redesigned golf course.

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The construction continues on the Sanibel Causeway

photo by Jim Anderson and Joannair, Inc.



Students Present Musical

Middle students at The Sanibel School are busy rehearsing for the upcoming shows of *Into the Woods* that are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5 and the following Thursday and Friday, May 11 and 12. Over 30 6th, 7th and 8th graders have been practicing in class and after school for these performances.

Into the Woods is a funny and engaging musical, taking a look at stories we have all grown up with. All performances are at 7 p.m. at The Sanibel School.

For more information, call the school at 472-1617. ✨

Sanibel School's middle school students rehearse for the musical *Into the Woods*

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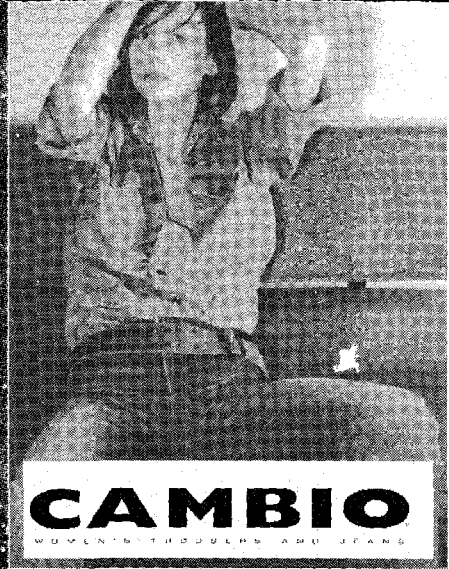
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Captiva Community Panel Meets May 9

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 9, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Captiva Island Yacht Club, 15903 Captiva Drive. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

- Among the agenda items:
- Update on the status of the Blind Pass reopening project.
 - Discussion of needed action for the Captiva underground utilities project.
 - A review of hurricane preparations for the island.
 - Discussion of the tree subsidy revegetation program.
 - A committee report on a proposed safety shoulder along Captiva Drive.
 - Discussion of possible pane bylaws (tentative).
 - Other matters as necessary.
- Public participation is invited and encouraged.*

Second Annual Island Karaoke Party

A Sanibel tradition was started in 2005 at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, offering an end of the season grand finale party. The big karaoke party is Friday night, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. This year's event is going to focus on the "hidden singers/groups" from our very own Sanibel neighborhoods and condos. Come as your favorite singer or singing group and wow your friends and neighbors. In fact, do bring friends and neighbors; an audience is needed for voting on the best/worst of the bunch. New categories this year will include the best neighborhood Elvis, last piano bar-bluesy singer, and best singer/group depicting a popular song.

The end of the season party will include party food (heavy appetizers), a cash bar, and karaoke entertainment by Cheri and Neil. Their complete listing of songs is available on their Internet site at www.linebylineproductions.com. Like last year there will be a 50/50 drawing, interesting and unusual prizes, plus the chance to win SCA memberships and tickets to some of next year's events.

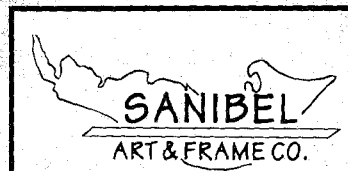
Pre-registration is a must. SCA member cost is \$12 and non-member cost is \$15. Cash, check, MasterCard and Visa accepted. Call 472-2155 or stop by the Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way and join in this fun filled event.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

If you have time to help out before or during the July 4 parade, please call Trish at 472-9131 or Lisa at 472-8875. Even a little help will go a long way. Join in the fun! It's a great community celebration!

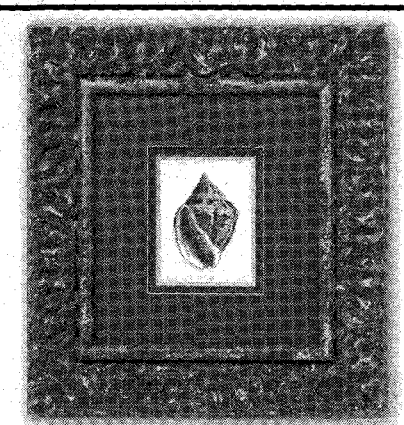
Museum Hours

Starting May 1, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will be open on Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The village has seven buildings to view. Tours, self-guided or with a docent can be one hour or longer, so plan accordingly. There is a requested donation of \$5 per adult, children are free. This schedule is in effect until August 12.*



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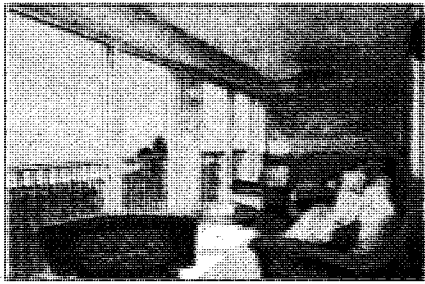
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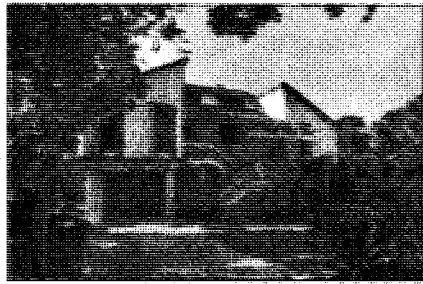
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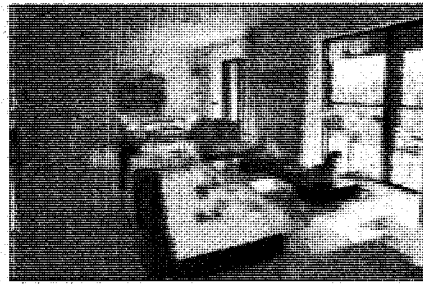
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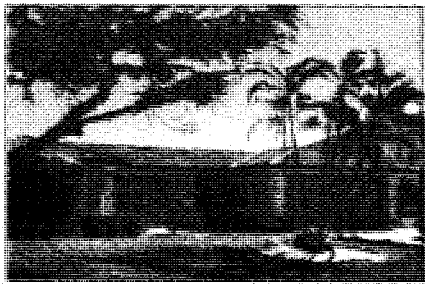
NATURAL BAYOU VIEW

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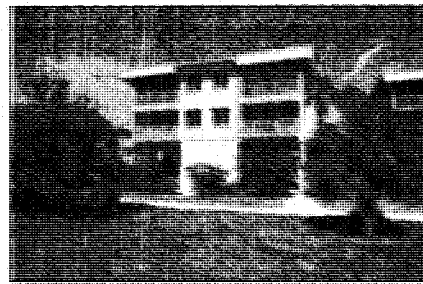
GREAT LOCATION

Charming and immaculate home on east end of Sanibel in the Shell Harbor subdivision. Located on a canal with seawall. Enjoy the large gas heated swimming pool & over sized screened entertainment area with an English cottage motif. Kitchen has Corian counter tops, entire home has terrazo floors, and the laundry room large enough for a small office area. Modestly priced at \$899,000. Call Janie Pritchard at 472-1511.



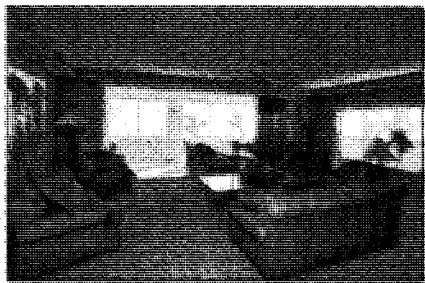
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Close to the beach. This home is a split floor plan with 3BD/2 1/2 BA. Newer roof, hurricane shutters and great storage area in garage. Wonderful lake views with small dock. \$670,000. Call Judy Reddington at 472-1511.



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Ohio Firm To Upgrade Five Island Shopping Centers

by Anne Mitchell

An Ohio businessman is playing a major role in revitalizing Sanibel's retail scene.

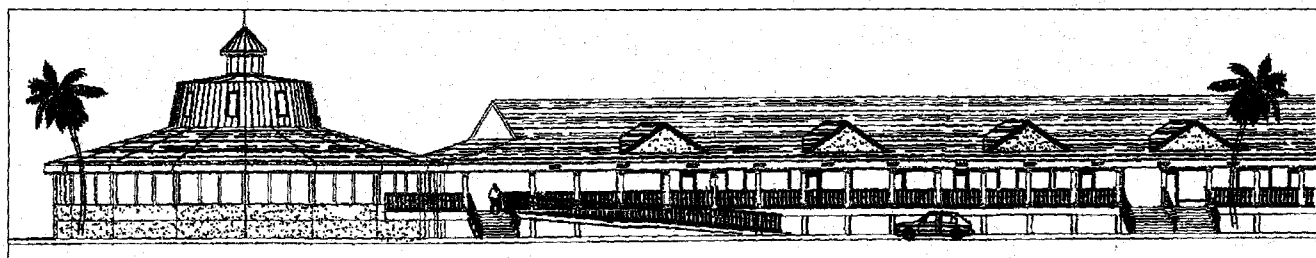
Having acquired five shopping centers with approximately 66,000 square feet — more than 10 percent of the island's retail space — and with an ambitious restoration program under way, Larry Roberts Sr. has the power to give Sanibel's commercial sector the lift it needs.

The upcoming remodel of Tahitian Gardens, one of the largest and most visible shopping centers on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel's main street, is long awaited. RLR paid \$7.5 million for the center and its 18 units totaling about 21,000 square feet.

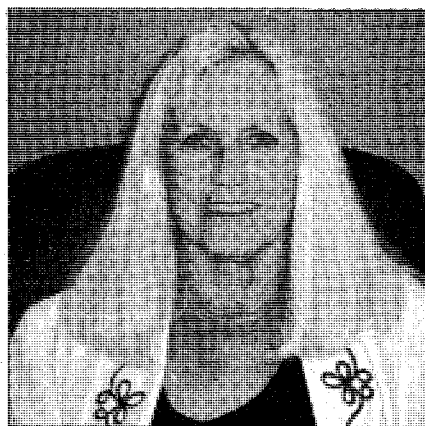
Tahitian Gardens has struggled with vacancies, especially since Hurricane Charley hit in August 2004. In January, the city reported seven vacant spaces and there have been as many as nine. The center got a big boost in December when Cheeburger Cheeburger moved from a small Periwinkle Way location to the 6,000-square foot vacant restaurant space, bringing more traffic.

The renderings of the new look for Tahitian Gardens show dormers enhancing the roof lines and a grand stairway to the elevated porch, which will also get new railings and columns. The circular roof of Cheeburger Cheeburger will have windows added.

Some of the centers Roberts now owns were built more than 25 years ago and all have gone through two hurricanes in two years and endured some hard retail times, none more than Tahitian Gardens.



Preliminary rendering of how Tahitian Gardens shopping center will look after renovation, showing the new roof line and improved stairways; there is no cupola on the latest plan



Lois Warner, property manager for RLR

Already, new tenants are starting to move in. Three RLR tenants from The Village are relocating to Tahitian Gardens and a new one to Sanibel, Island Bakehouse, will move in near The Sanibel Cafe. Island Bakehouse is owned by the former operators of Blue Pepper Market and will be a take-out business.

Other leases are pending but Lois Warner, RLR's property manager, won't name names until leases are signed.

"We would like to get tenants in that cater to the residents a little more," Warner said. Many retailers are tourist-oriented. "It seems like the residents are left out," she said.

Roberts and his company RLR Investments LLC owns Town Center and Tarpon Bay Center on Palm Ridge Road, The Old Sanibel Shoppes, and all but three of the units in The Village in addition to Tahitian Gardens. The company also owns five of the 12 units in The Promenade, and soon will close on two more.

Rents for these properties generally run \$25 to \$35 a square foot, said Warner. That's considerably lower than some retail centers on Sanibel, she said.

"The shopping areas will be tied together both in architectural character, retail mix and in advertising — a major advantage for prospective tenants," Donald R. DeLuca, vice president, said last year when the acquisitions were announced.

Renovation has already started on Town Center, where Subway is located, and a new roof line with dormers is taking shape. The businesses are remaining open during construction.

Sanibel resident Joe St. Cyr is the architect and JF Smith of Pine Island is the contractor.

Warner said she doesn't have a date for work to start on the other centers, but hopes it will be this year.

Like many, Roberts and his wife Mary came to the islands and fell for them. They own a home on Captiva, as does one of their sons, Robby Roberts, who works for RLR Investments.

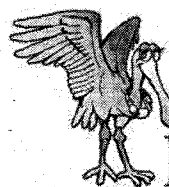
The Roberts also have plans to develop a significant commercial property on Captiva at Andy Rosse Lane and Captiva Drive formerly owned by Chico's FAS, the Fort Myers-based national women's fashion retailer, and operated as a restaurant called Viva. That building is now gutted, and Warner said Roberts plans to turn it into a retail center with offices for RLR Investments above.

Roberts built a trucking business from his kitchen table, starting with one truck. Today he heads an empire with about 8,000 employees based in Wilmington, Ohio.

Other Florida holdings include Port Sanibel Marina and The Lighthouse Restaurant on the Lee County mainland, and Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club in Ocala, Florida. The company also built its own freight terminal in Lehigh Acres.

"If people want to see the upscale way we renovate property, they ought to take a look at Port Sanibel Marina," said Warner.

The face-lifts will be good for tenants and residents, said Warner. "Everybody needs a boost in morale," she said.✪



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The resort generates a great deal of business for stores and restaurants on both islands.

The first new bridge span, the center span, will be opened to traffic in July and the second, the high span nearest the mainland in September. The third and final bridge in the islands' renewal and economic well-being.

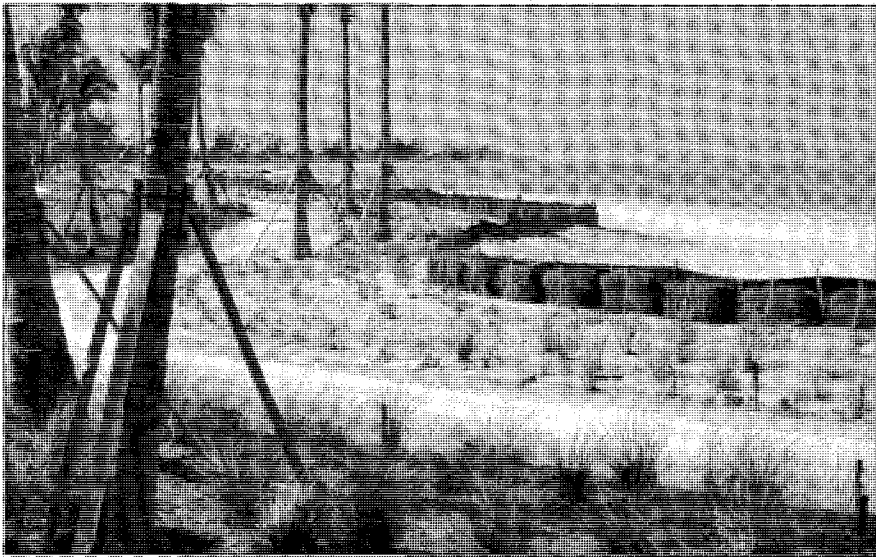
continued on will be in operation by January 2007, in time for the winter tourist and snowbird season. Once the dust and uncertainty of bridge construction is over, it's expected that more people will make the trip to Sanibel.

It could also mean the end of weight restrictions that have raised the price of almost everything on the islands, including garbage pickup. Moreover, there will be no draw-bridge and therefore no traffic holdups when large boats go under the bridge.

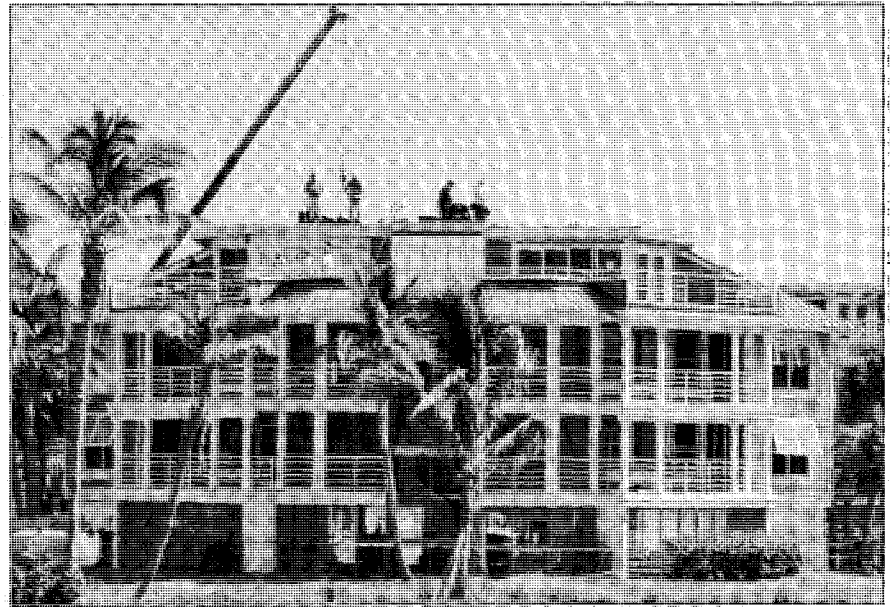
The renovation of five shopping centers containing 70,000 square feet of dilapidated retail space by RLR Investments, will further enhance the islands' appeal.

Another project that will add luster is the revegetation of Periwinkle Way and the addition of a series of native plant gardens and large trees to grow back the canopy that Hurricane Charley tore down. Planting will start this summer funded by more than \$150,000 in public donations and more than \$500,000 in grants and city matching funds.✪

South Seas Regains Its Luster With \$140 Million Re-Do



A new \$14 million beach and \$2.7 in landscaping are part of the renovation



Construction crews swarm Lands End Village properties to get the restoration done

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by Anne Mitchell

The owners of South Seas Island Resort showed off their sparkling new property Friday to the media and tourism leaders.

After spending \$140 million to rebuild the 330-acre Captiva resort following its devastation by Hurricane Charley in August 2004, the owners, Blackstone Group proudly showed it off.

Chris van der Baars, managing director, said the resort had full occupancy last weekend. With 320 units open, that amounted to 900 to 1,000 guests, according to Bill Waichulis, director of operations.

DT Minich, Lee County's tourism director, was there Friday.

He called the resort "the crown jewel of Lee County tourism," adding, "We are thrilled it's coming back shinier and brighter than ever. It is so important for the islands' economy and the county's."

Minich said Lee County tourism has had two very good years despite the limited inventory of rooms. When South Seas is fully reopened, "you are going to see a really big increase in our numbers and our tax collections."

There's still work to be done:

Under construction is a pool complex with two-story restaurant, due for completion in September. That's in addition to 13 pools on the property. A \$2.7 million landscaping project is also under way.

The conference center will open May 7 and there's a meeting booked there for May 8, van der Baars said.

"We had our first wedding last Sunday on the beach and the phone is ringing off the hook. Saturday, we are having seven wedding site inspections," he said.

Some 120 more lodging units — including hotel rooms, timeshare units, villas and homes — should be in service by October for a total of 454.

Visitors saw:

- A redesigned \$14 million, 9-hole golf course with fountains, waterfalls and streams that opened Tuesday;
- The first resort restaurant open for business, Harbourside Bar & Grill with a trendy young chef, Jeffrey Lunak, who serves up dishes such as Lobster Macaroni and Cheese and Kobe beef sliders, and who has worked alongside celebrity "Iron Chef" Masaharu Morimoto;
- A newly-renourished beach thanks to a \$14 million erosion prevention project, and a jetty under construction;
- Luxury yachts once again moored in the marina;
- And Steve Colgate's Sailing School back at the resort after an 18-month hiatus, and so is Captiva Cruises.

This month will also see the opening of a Starbucks cafe and the reopening of the ship's store.

For locals who want to check it out for themselves, the resort is offering a \$139 a night "Good Neighbor" rate through July 31.

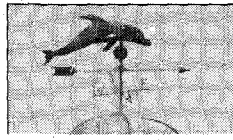
Blackstone Group paid \$367 million cash for South Seas and eight other Florida resorts owned by MeriStar, including Best Western Sanibel Island Beach Resort, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, Sanibel Inn, Seaside Inn, Song of the Sea, and Sundial Beach Resort.✪



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INSIDE CITY HALL



A cyclist rides the path near Bank of the Islands, separated from traffic by the delineators

Delineators: The Good, The Bad And The Ugly

by Anne Mitchell

Most people agree that the bike path delineators, those white posts that have sprouted along Periwinkle, are ugly. And while some people welcome them as useful barriers to stop vehicles encroaching on the bike paths, the Sanibel Fire Department says they'll slow down response time because motorists can't pull over.

One resident, Tom Louwers, calls them "non-native" and dubs them "obnoxious plasticimus." He says they actually hamper the driver's view of bicyclists and pedestrians.

City council members on Tuesday heard from several citizens on the subject of the flexible white posts — and decided to add more, saying they are more concerned about health, safety and welfare than looks.

City Manager Judie Zimomra said the public works department ran out of delineators and will finish the job along the most hazardous stretches of Periwinkle when more come in.

But council stopped short of installing more on Tarpon Bay Road. The city will give the Periwinkle Way ones a six-month trial first.

Jerry Muench, representing Sanibel Fire Control District, said "Seconds mean life" when it comes to response time. He said the biggest problem for users of the bike path is vehicles coming in and out of businesses along Periwinkle.

"I wish I had an alternate plan for you," he said.

However, Public Works Director Gates Castle said vehicles can run over the posts and flatten them if need be. ❄️

City To Take Eminent Domain Route On Bike Paths

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel City Council on Tuesday decided not to backpedal any longer in moving the Periwinkle Way bike path away from the road.

They took the first steps needed to acquire land by eminent domain from property owners that won't cooperate, saying the path is just too dangerous the way it runs close to the road and is intersected by driveways to shopping centers.

After 11 years of bouncing the issue back and forth from one council to the next, council voted 4-0, with Tom Rothman absent, to set the legal wheels in motion.

On the agenda was Vice Mayor Mick Denham's request to have staff evaluate the safety, cost and traffic implications of moving the stretch of path from Beachview Golf Course to Casa Ybel Road. But as the debate went on, council members seemed to want to re-locate other dangerous stretches as well.

There was talk of moving the path behind the shops and businesses, a move some businesses have resisted in the past. Such a route would take cyclists and walkers along the Sanibel River.

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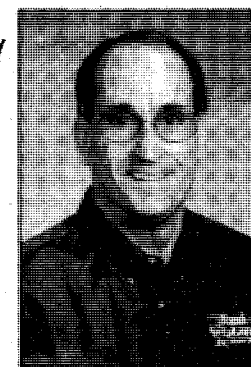
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Bike Paths

Patty Sousa, with the Sanibel Bike Club, said council had already taken the first steps to acquire the needed land. In August 2003, members had voted 3-2 to get new appraisals on the property needed for easements.

Denham's original idea had been to offer an alternative, but Councilmember Steve Brown felt it was too dangerous to leave that perilous stretch in place when a new path was built.

"There is no reason to leave a loaded gun there," he said.

However, providing access from various points, such as Dixie Beach Boulevard to a realigned path could be a challenge for planners.

Sousa reminded council that the city already has a consultant working on a master plan for the shared use paths for the entire island and could help with ideas.

City Attorney Ken Cuyler said the city has appraisals for the property needed to re-align the path. It would take about seven or eight months to go through the "quick take" eminent domain process, he said.

Meanwhile, city staff will report back to council in four weeks with any other suggestions for making the paths safer, and on how to pay for the project.*

City Prepares To Sue Over Lake O Releases

by Anne Mitchell

Exasperated at the lack of a plan to reduce water releases this rainy season from Lake Okeechobee, Sanibel leaders have set the wheels in motion to sue the water managers and file an injunction against further releases.

On Tuesday, the city council voted to prepare — but not file just yet — a lawsuit against the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which are responsible for the releases.

It's a big step.

"We are talking major litigation with a major federal agency," cautioned City Attorney Ken Cuyler.

Vice Mayor Mick Denham said it seemed the only option. "It seems to me we are out of things we can do in the short term," he said.

Council also supported the formation of a legal defense fund at the request of Louise Johnson, a former mayor. Johnson said a similar fund was set up in the '70s to fend off development that would harm Sanibel's environment.

The vote on both moves was 3-1, with Jim Jennings opposed and Tom Rothman absent. Jennings made several attempts to persuade the council to hold

off on the legal action, saying the city was making some headway and that "This is not the time to rattle the saber." They should "let Lee County take the lead," he said.

But the other council members have had enough. It's clear, they said, that there are no emergency plans in place to avoid a recurrence this summer of the estuary-damaging torrents of nutrient-rich and polluted water sent down the Caloosahatchee during the last two rainy seasons. Managers dump water to keep the lake from spilling over its dikes — dikes that Florida Governor Jeb Bush this week said were crumbling.

Council directed Cuyler to immediately arrange for briefings with the city's Washington DC lawyers in preparation for a lawsuit. The final decision on whether to file suit will be made by council, probably at its next meeting May 16.

Brown's initial motion was to have the suit filed within 30 days, but that was not soon enough for Mayor Carla Johnston.

"There is no excuse for the (water) district and the Army Corps of Engineers not to have an emergency plan in place," she said.

As for the legal defense fund, Councilman Steve Brown supported it, saying that it makes the citizenry part of the effort.

Cuyler said he would try to arrange for council members to be briefed by the attorney next week and will give them some cost estimates at the next meeting.

Citizen Karen Storjohann said that while the estuary is dying, the army corps

is busy on a three-year project "to restore the estuary of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in the midst of a war zone." She added, "In the same three years they have been actively destroying ours.*"

Council Okays Application For Transit Plan Grant

by Anne Mitchell

City leaders gave their blessing Tuesday to a plan that could result in alternative transportation in the island's JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Sanibel will join with the refuge and LeeTran in applying for a national grant — available to so-called "gateway" communities — for funding to analyze and develop transportation options for linking the refuge with resorts and other locations in order to reduce traffic.

The grant is \$1.5 million and if awarded will enable the three entities to seek unconventional approaches to traffic problems. It could also serve as a model for the rest of Lee County.

Two weeks ago, in supporting the application, Refuge Manager Rob Jess talked about closing the wildlife drive to vehicles if an alternative was available. But on Tuesday, when quizzed by Councilman Jim Jennings, Jess said his

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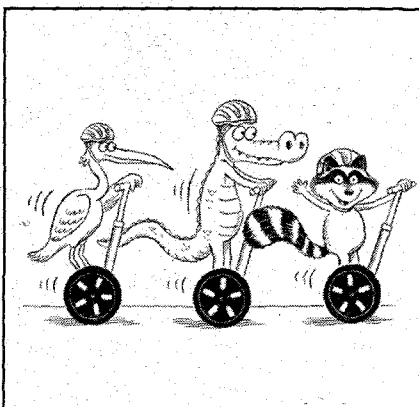
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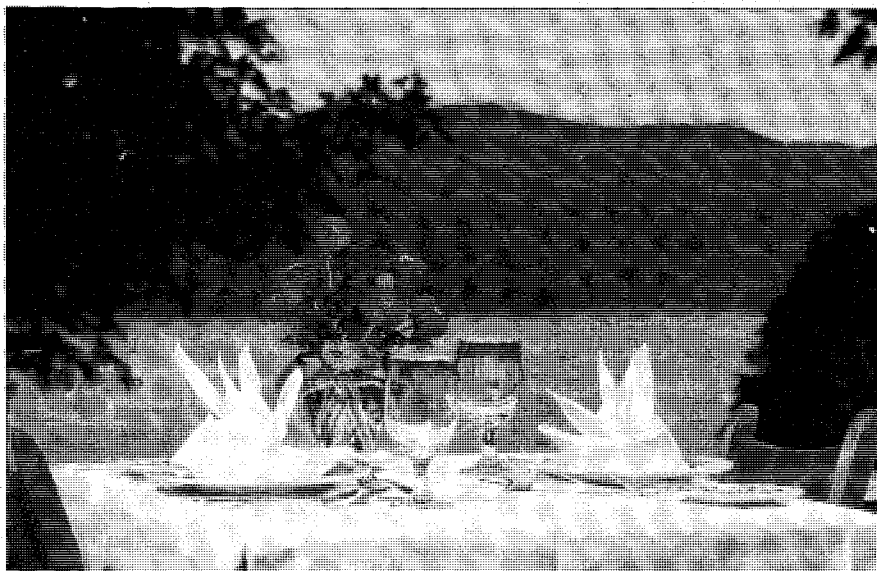
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Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Sanibel Community Center, Basin Harbor Club will reverse traditional travel and bring the vacation destination to guests. The club is hosting an open house and is serving a resort-style breakfast, with menu items selected from traditional Vermont foods, as part of an introduction to the Green Mountain State and what visitors are invited to discover.

Vermont classics are among the foods that will be served on the buffet - Dakin

Farm's ham, bacon and Vermont maple syrup, King Arthur pancakes and scones, Cabot cheeses and butter, and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.

According to Paul Richey, director of sales and marketing for Basin Harbor Club, "Serving traditional foods at the breakfast will be a wonderful introduction to the Vermont way of life that includes people who welcome visitors and are eager to show off the state."

Bruce Hyde, commissioner of the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, is at the head of that list. He will be at the event to talk about his home state and the must-see attractions for visitors. The event will also feature entertainment plus several booths with information about Vermont, vacations with flare as well as travel options to the state.

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Geraci Travel-Ports of Call, co-sponsor of Breakfast in Vermont and one of the area's largest and most respected travel agencies, will have Florida-to-Vermont transportation information to many of Vermont's seasonal, year-round and ski destinations (Basin Harbor Club is only 45 minutes from Burlington International

Airport). Drawings for Basin Harbor Club and Vermont vacation getaways will be held hourly.

The \$5 per person fee to attend Breakfast in Vermont will be donated to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

"Basin Harbor Club is a family-owned resort that is more than 100 years old, and from the beginning it has reflected a sensitivity to the environment," Richey said. "We are the first Vermont resort and golf course to be part of the Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary program, and part of our responsibility in that program is wildlife habitat management. Sanibel is an icon in protection and preservation of the island, and we think adding our support to that ongoing work is the right thing to do."

Breakfast in Vermont will be held Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Sanibel Community Center. Reservations are suggested. For information or to make reservations, call 542-0111.

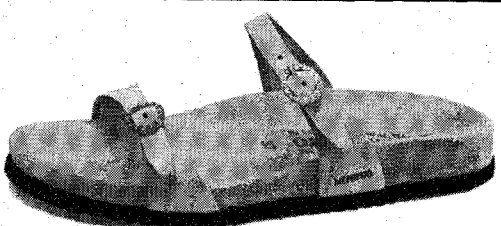
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Mission Team Heads For Haiti

A mission team of 11 adults will leave Sanibel for Haiti on May 5 and return May 9 sponsored by the Church's World Mercy Ministry Team. The group will journey to the city of Quanaminte, which is located on the mountainous northern border adjacent to the Dominican Republic, sharing the island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

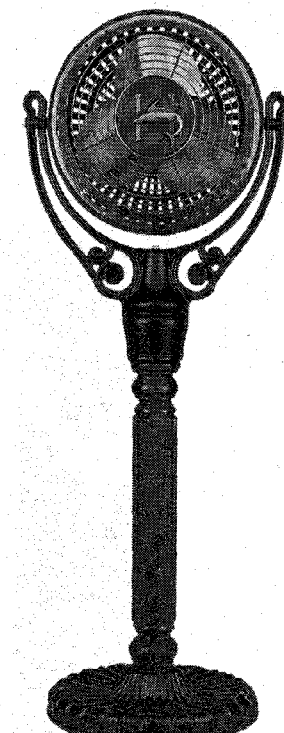
The team will be bringing medical supplies, choir robes and clothing to be distributed by the host church. Because of a recent border opening crossing, the city of Quanaminte has exploded in population. Because of extreme poverty, the Haitian churches do not have the resources to minister to the new residents.

The mission team will be led by Pastors Barbara Nave and Ed VanderHey. They will be visiting several churches and their mission projects with the intention of choosing one or two of them for Sanibel Community Church to adopt.

Other team members are Pat DeLisio, Klis Guckenburg, Gina Kirkman, Livl, Sue Paul, Kate Reynolds, Joanne Smith, Barb VanderHey and George Waters.

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DaVinci Code Forum

Sunday evening, May 7 at 7 p.m., the Sanibel Community Church will host a presentation, followed by discussion of the book and soon to be released motion picture, *The DaVinci Code*.

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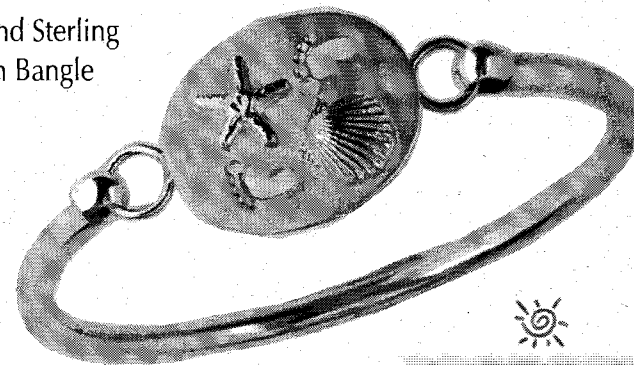
Congregational Church New Worship Times

Beginning May 7 Sanibel Congregational Church will offer an abbreviated, informal worship service at 7:45 a.m. in the church sanctuary and a full worship service with nursery and Sunday School at 10 a.m. The church is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way across the street from Periwinkle Place. The senior minister is Ran Niehoff and the associate ministers are Sandy and Jim Boler.

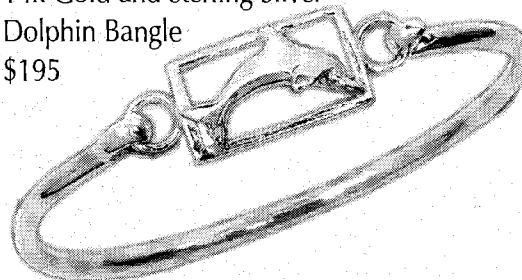
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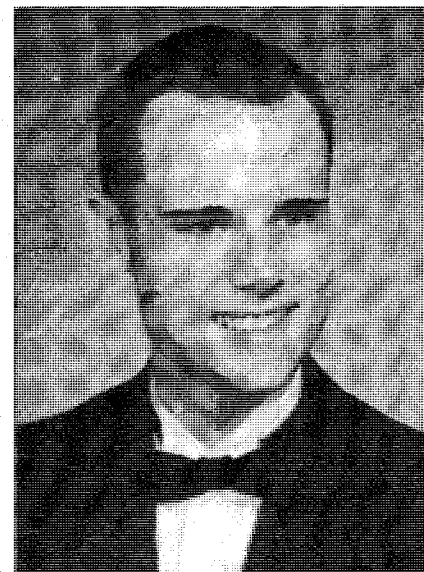
Featured musician will be James McDuffy, a well known singer who has performed the *National Anthem* at college and professional games around the country. He has opened for the Blackwood Brothers and the Capitalaires.

Speaker will be Marilyn Vaughn from Ocala, and will be speaking on "Life is a merry-go-round looking for the brass ring." She is a former college professor and graduate of Howard University.

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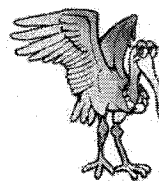
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African Journal

Coming Home, Part I

by Scott Martell

In the city of Addis Ababa, I'm on a travel adventure. But, today, I'm off to Yetebon, which will be my home for an unknown period of time. God has not called me to Africa, nor to Ethiopia, nor Addis, but to this remote village in the hinterlands. I don't understand the call; in fact I resisted it and felt God's wrath for being disobedient. When I opened my heart to prayer, doors flew open, or in some cases painfully slammed shut, as God rearranged my life so that here I was, just nine weeks later, stepping into a Land Cruiser for the journey to Yetebon.

I can't even find Yetebon on a map. I believe it is west of Addis, maybe southwest. Later, I will find it is almost directly south. Even later, strangely enough, I will find that my guidebook, *The Bradt Travel Guide to Ethiopia*, has a chapter about "The Road to Butajira." Butajira is the town where we would leave the paved road for our journey into the mountains to Yetebon. At the time the book was published, just three short years prior, the Butajira road was dirt and gravel. But this day, on a paved road, I go with the flow, mapless in geography as well as in purpose.

We creep through the bustling Addis streets, and then swing onto the Ring Road, a Chinese-built "beltway" that circles the city. We shoot off this modern road to a two-lane highway that heads out of the city. Along the road women, backs bent like Atlas carrying the weight of the world, transport huge bundles of sticks that will be burned for charcoal. There is a lot of traffic, primarily buses and mini-buses. Mini-buses are simply Toyota vans and there are thousands of them in the city. It is also the cheapest way to travel from village to village, but our Ethiopian friends say the drivers go too fast and often eat chat, a mild narcotic leaf that makes them "excited." While this congested highway has plenty of vehicles, a stream of pedestrians and animals also share the two-lane highway. Then, up ahead there is a sign.

"The Butajira Road - 115 kilometers to Butajira," says Binazin, the Project Mercy manager traveling with us. We sweep left onto another two-lane road, leaving most of the traffic behind on the road that heads to Jimma, the largest town in western Ethiopia and the capital of the region once known as Kaffa, from which coffee originated. According to legend, coffee was an Ethiopian secret for over a thousand years until the 16th century when it was traded along the Indian Ocean spice route and began to be cultivated in Yemen and other areas of Arabia. I know I will do a lot of research in Ethiopia about coffee, more of the testing and tasting kind than book research I'm sure.

After 30 kilometers, we sweep down into the town of Melka Awash and cross the



Kids in Yetebon

Awash River, one of Ethiopia's major rivers both hydraulically and archeologically. Ethiopia is apparently "awash" in prehistoric archeology, and this site is one of the most important, uncovering over one million years of history, including *Homo erectus* fossils dating back between 1.5 and 1.7 million years, as well as numerous stone-age artifacts and fossils from extinct mammals species.

On the other side of the river, we see huge greenhouses, a sign of a booming new industry, the commercial growing and exporting of flowers. While not yet among the top exports in gross sales - coffee, oil seed, vegetables, and of all things, chat - flower production and sales grew 65.7 percent between 2004 and 2005 and now equal cereals in gross sales. Later, I promise myself, I will come back for a longer visit both to learn about this booming industry and about the area's archaeological past.

Scott Martell, a longtime Sanibel journalist, is serving as a teacher for Project Mercy in a rural mountainous area of Ethiopia. See www.projectmercy.org for details about this efficient, indigenous mission that could serve as a model for the rest of a rebuilding of Africa. Please consider supporting this worthwhile organization. Martell can be reached at scottmartell@myway.com.

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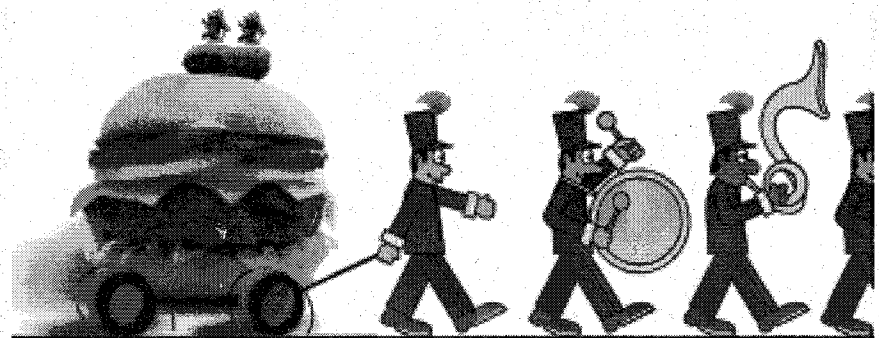


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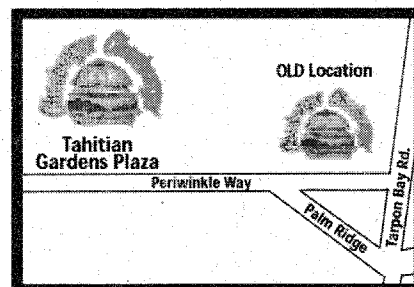
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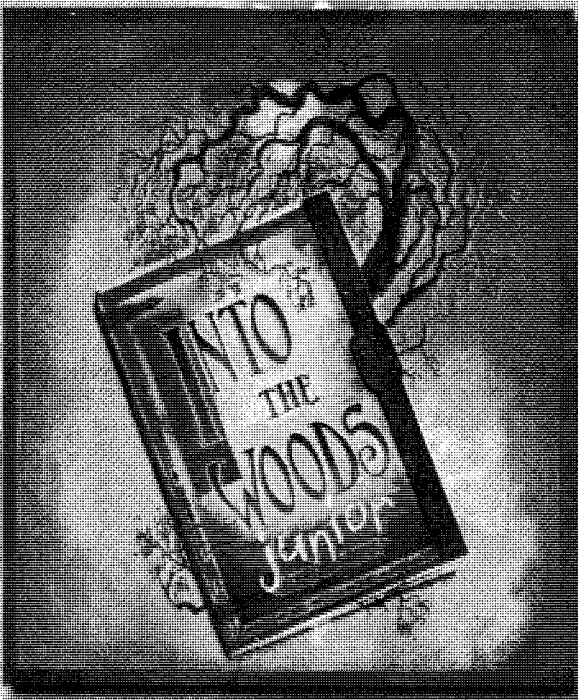


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Sanibel Bicycle Club Elects New Officers



Newly elected bike club officers Doug Dietrich, treasurer; Mary Miller and Joel Ospa, executive committee members; and Patti Sousa, president. Not pictured: Catrina Drotleff, secretary; and Darla Letourneau, executive committee.

At its April meeting the Sanibel Bicycle Club elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. Newly elected were: Patti Sousa, president; Doug Dietrich, Treasurer; and Catrina Drotleff, secretary. Joining these new officers as members of the club's executive committee are Darla Letourneau, Joel Ospa and Mary Miller.

With 292 current members, the bicycle club is committed to advancing the enjoyment of island biking and to improving cycling safety and infrastructure. The club conducts weekly rides on Sanibel and also travels to interesting off-island locations for rides each month. A highlight of the bike club calendar is a monthly pot-luck dinner, where members socialize and share details of bike rides they have experienced in unique places throughout the U.S. and abroad.

In recent months, members of the bicycle club have created and helped to support the Trails in Motion Fund, a non-profit fund whose purpose is to underwrite projects that improve and enhance Sanibel's unique shared-use path system.

Details on bike club activities can be found at the club's Web site: www.sanibelbicycleclub.org. For any questions about the club, call Patti Sousa at 395-1695. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Trails In Motion Fund, mail checks to: Trails In Motion, Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva, 8260 College Parkway, Suite 101, Fort Myers, FL 33919.✪

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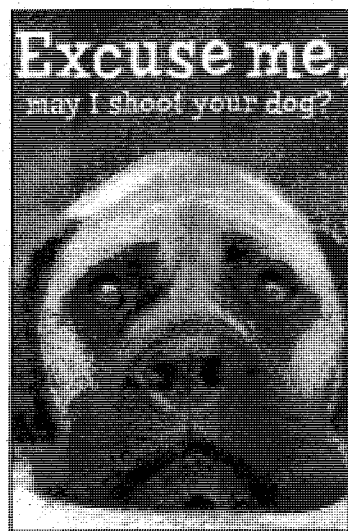
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Kiwanis News

by Bob Wimbush

Islander and historian, high wheeler and Kiwanis speaker, Don Adams had been curator of the Henry Ford Museum. He had worked with the Schwinn, Huffy, and Columbia bicycle companies' historic collections. He oversaw the preservation of the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop and a whole lot of other stuff and is currently advisor to a bicycle museum in Stuart, Florida.

The first hobby horse was actually a glider credited to Baron Karl vonDrais, German forester, in 1816. It was a saddle on a length of wood stretched between two wheels. One strode because there were no pedals. It was much faster than walking.

It took about 25 years for riders to realize that the hobby horse could be balanced – feet didn't have to be on the ground at all times – and about 25 more



Bicycling historian and high wheeler Don Adams



Speaker chair Harvey Sugarman and bicycle club member Doug Dietrich warm up the crowd

before they attached pedals to the axle of a big front wheel. The hobby horse had become le velocipede. The most popular machines had a large forward wheel and were imported from England. A buggy cost \$20 in those days. A high wheeler cost \$170. Interest spread slowly.

In 1878 Albert Pope began manufacturing a high wheeler, the Columbia, in the USA but called it a bicycle. Bicycle journals soon sprang up, and clubs began

to form. Starting in 1880, many of the nation's burgeoning bicycle clubs began to unite, forming League of American Wheelmen, a group which ultimately created and published the first road maps in this country and lobbied for the improvement of roads. Amelia Bloomer came out with a line of cycling apparel for ladies, and Charles Dana Gibson captured the new look. Pneumatic tires were invented to cushion the ride. Sprockets and chains were added. Coaster breaks and gears were invented. A process was developed to manufacture seamless tubing for bicycles, but bike makers like Pierce and Duryea quickly adapted emerging bicycle technology to cars while continuing the campaign for good roads and special rights of way. Just like Sanibel's bicycle club today. Some things never change.

Drop in on Kiwanis for breakfast any Tuesday at 7:30 at the Dunes.*

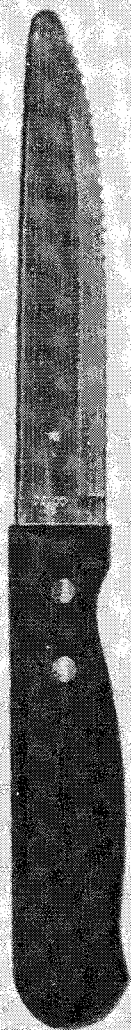
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For more information about enrollment and testing, contact Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron Education officer, Lt/C Jim Bradford, at 768-5476.

Dedicated to improving recreational boating safety through education, the Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons. A member of District 22, the squadron has more than 400 members. Participation in the monthly meetings, cruise and rendezvous, social activities and additional educational classes is limited to members of the USPS. For more information, contact Commander Mary Paige Abbott at 395-9409. ✪

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Rotary Club Scholarship Available

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club is seeking qualified candidates to apply for its University of Florida Rotary scholarship. In order to be eligible for a scholarship gift, an individual must meet all the following conditions:

Reside on Sanibel or Captiva Island, Florida. An individual living in Lee County, with one of his/her parent/guardians who are employed full-time on either island, is considered as a resident for scholarship awards.

Be an undergraduate student in good standing, attending a Lee County public or private high school.

Have maintained at least a B average, or recognized equivalent, for grades nine through 11.

Plan to attend the University of Florida. Qualify for need-based financial aid (as determined through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

Have participated in community service activities.

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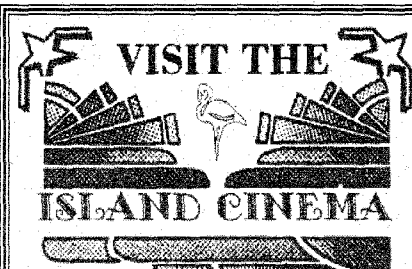
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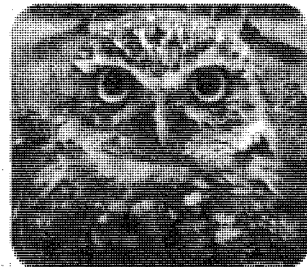


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Rotary This Week



New Rotary members Fred and Cathy Gerasin

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Jim Griffin, director of the Florida Arts Cultural Center, Fort Myers, hit all the right notes at this week's Rotary club meeting. Griffin is a man with passion and vision. His vision and passion involves the completion of the Federal Building Restoration Project in Fort Myers. This project will restore the 1933 neo-classical style Federal Post Office Building on First street and turn into a thriving downtown visual and performing arts center. The arts center will have 5,000 square feet of exhibition galleries for national and international touring art exhibits and feature regional and emerging artists, a 300-seat performance hall, classrooms, café, and retail space.



Jim Griffin

Playing the viola for 17 years with the Naples Philimonica Orchestra and touring the world with such notable classical music icons as Yo Yo Ma and Itzhax Perlman, Griffin has the background and forward-looking vision to see an opportunity to create a home for the visual and performing arts in a revitalized downtown Fort Myers. In 1997 an organization was formed to acquire the Old Federal Court House on First street for a performing arts center and the city granted this acquisition in 2000.

The estimated cost to restore and preserve the federal building for an arts center is around \$4.6 million. Jim says the beautiful building's façade does not represent the complete restoration that must be undertaken before this dream can be realized. This 1933 Works Progress Administration (WPA) built federal building was used for a courthouse and post office before being left empty for 30 years. It was necessary to stabilize the building, replace the roof, and remove all non-historic parts of the building. Four layers of flooring, wall paneling, and dropped ceilings had to be ripped out unveiling beautiful coffered ceilings and marble walls and floors. The building had been stripped of many of its original architectural fittings and a search is underway to find and replace these important elements of the original federal courthouse interior. The restoration of this wonderful local treasure will take lots of time and money.

Griffin says we can all help with the Federal Building Restoration Project. Project supporters, and government agencies have raised \$1 million to-date from private donors, corporate underwriting, state, and federal grants. Fundraising is an ongoing activity. Check out the Florida Arts Cultural Center Web-Site www.fl-arts.org for more information about the Federal Building Restoration Project.

Rotary Club speaker on Friday, May 5 will be Bill Rahe reporting on his cross-country bike ride to raise money and awareness for Phenylketonuria (PKU).

If you would like more information on upcoming meetings or would like to become a Rotary International member, call John Carney at 395-1767. Welcome new members Cathy and Fred Gerasin.✱

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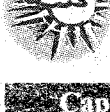
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Island Sun Weather Outlook

May 5, 2006

7-Day Local Forecast

	FRIDAY Mostly Sunny High: 80 Low: 75
	SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 74
	SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 76
	MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 72
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 72
	WEDNESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 82 Low: 75
	THURSDAY Mostly Sunny High: 81 Low: 73

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 80°, humidity of 58% and an overnight low of 75°. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1952. The record low is 52° set in 1971. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 79°.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	91	69	86/64	0.00"
Wednesday	90	70	86/64	0.00"
Thursday	89	72	86/65	0.01"
Friday	89	65	86/65	0.00"
Saturday	85	60	87/65	0.00"
Sunday	75	60	87/65	0.00"
Monday	89	64	87/65	0.00"

National Weather Summary This Week



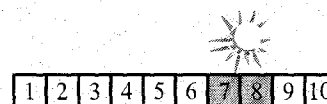
The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with a few showers today and Saturday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 79°, found in Frederick, Md. The Southeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies today, scattered showers Saturday, partly cloudy to cloudy skies Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 93°, found in Brandon, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with a few showers today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 78°, found in Ephrata, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 95°, found in Phoenix, Ariz.

Up North Outlook

City	Today			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
Atlanta	77	60	t	73	54	t
Baltimore	74	54	sh	68	50	sh
Boston	72	49	pc	68	48	pc
Chicago	59	43	pc	57	43	pc
Cincinnati	71	48	pc	66	46	t
Cleveland	60	46	pc	56	42	t
Detroit	61	43	sh	56	39	mc
Nashville	72	54	t	69	50	sh
New York City	72	55	pc	66	51	r
Philadelphia	74	54	pc	67	51	sh
Richmond	73	57	sh	73	52	t
Washington, D.C.	73	55	sh	67	49	sh

Weather (Wx): cl/cloudy; fl/furries; pc/partly cloudy; r/rain; rs/rain & snow; s/sunny; sh/showers; sn/snow; t/thunderstorms; w/windy

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UV Index
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Weather Trivia

What U.S. city has the most number of rainy days per year?
Answer: Hilo, Hawaii averages 278 rainy days in a year.

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Sun & Moon Times

	First	Last	
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Sunrise today . . . 6:47 a.m.			
Sunset today . . . 8:03 p.m.			
	Full	New	
	5/13	5/27	

Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	1:35 pm	5:37 am	9:26 pm	4:38 pm
Sat	1:21 pm	6:29 am	11:17 pm	6:44 pm
Sun	1:27 pm	7:12 am	None	7:51 pm
Mon	12:42 am	7:47 am	1:36 pm	8:39 pm
Tue	1:51 am	8:16 am	1:46 pm	9:20 pm
Wed	2:51 am	8:40 am	1:58 pm	9:56 pm
Thu	3:45 am	8:59 am	2:13 pm	10:32 pm

Redfish Pass Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	11:25 am	2:21 am	7:16 pm	1:22 pm
Sat	11:11 am	3:13 am	9:07 pm	3:28 pm
Sun	11:17 am	3:56 am	10:32 pm	4:35 pm
Mon	11:26 am	4:31 am	11:41 pm	5:23 pm
Tue	11:36 am	5:00 am	None	6:04 pm
Wed	12:41 am	5:24 am	11:48 am	6:40 pm
Thu	1:35 am	5:43 am	12:03 pm	7:16 pm

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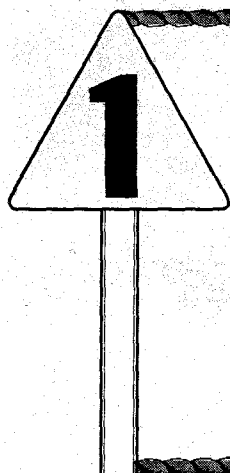
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	10:30 am	2:23 am	6:21 pm	1:24 pm
Sat	10:16 am	3:15 am	8:12 pm	3:30 pm
Sun	10:22 am	3:58 am	9:37 pm	4:37 pm
Mon	10:31 am	4:33 am	10:46 pm	5:25 pm
Tue	10:41 am	5:02 am	11:46 pm	6:06 pm
Wed	10:53 am	5:26 am	None	6:42 pm
Thu	12:40 am	5:45 am	11:08 am	7:18 pm

South Beach Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	11:19 am	2:16 am	7:10 pm	1:17 pm
Sat	11:05 am	3:08 am	9:01 pm	3:23 pm
Sun	11:11 am	3:51 am	10:26 pm	4:30 pm
Mon	11:20 am	4:26 am	11:35 pm	5:18 pm
Tue	11:30 am	4:55 am	None	5:59 pm
Wed	12:35 am	5:19 am	11:42 am	6:35 pm
Thu	1:29 am	5:38 am	11:57 am	7:11 pm

Star Watch by Gary Beckley - Jupiter Returns to the Evening Sky

Jupiter will finally reach opposition this Thursday, meaning that it will be opposite to the sun, rising at sunset and setting at sunrise. Recently, the largest planet of the official nine has been the dominating "star" brightening the southeastern sky before midnight. A few months back, Jupiter, low in the southwest, was piquing the interests of early morning risers. After opposition, Jove passes from a morning to an evening planet, setting before sunrise, but rising about four minutes earlier each day. By June 21, the date of summer solstice, Jupiter will be low in the south, becoming visible in bright twilight after sundown. Come late summer, Jupiter's brilliance will succumb in the southwest during evening twilight. Why such a short display of prominence for the mightiest of all planets? It has to do with Jupiter's position along the ecliptic, the path across the sky through which the sun traverses in response to Earth's annual circuit around our daystar. The placement of Jupiter in the sky is currently at the location of the sun in early November, and everyone knows how short the days are becoming by that time of the year. With the sun approaching summer solstice, the nights shrink to what the lengths of the days will become six months into the future. So Jupiter's glory days will be short. The most positive aspect of a late spring or summer opposition is the comfort factor. You won't have to layer yourself in 15 snowsuits to maintain some degree of warmth while observing Jupiter through a telescope or binoculars. Summer nights also produce less turbulent air which provides some compensation for the lower altitude of Jupiter and the longer air path through which telescopes must peer. Give Jupiter the "once over" during the next month. You won't be disappointed. www.astronomy.org



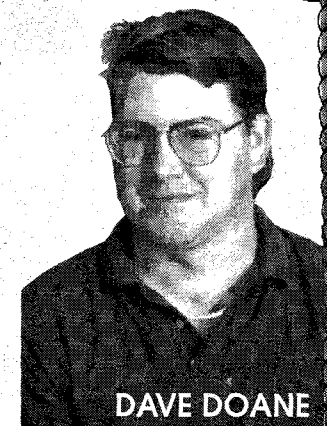
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Bobby Harrison has gained recent fame for his ivory-billed woodpecker sighting in Arkansas' Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, but long before his obsession with the "Grail Bird," he was known as an award-winning nature photographer.

Harrison will lead a three-hour bird photography workshop on October 11, as part of "Ding" Darling Days. His workshop will take participants to where birds live in the refuge to learn about bird behavior, composition, exposure, depth of field, and use of tele-extenders and extension tubes. Participation is limited to 15 people.

Harrison is the director of the art program at Alabama's Oakwood College and a charter member of the North American Nature Photography Association. His ivory-bill sighting with fellow birder Tim Gallagher – the first sighting since 1944 where two qualified observers positively identified an ivory-bill in the U.S. – quickly led to the largest search ever launched to find a rare bird and ultimately to the announcement last April of the species' rediscovery.

Cost of the workshop is \$100 each and requires advance reservations. Call 472-1100 ext. 228.

Harrison will also be speaking about his ivory-bill obsession at a special "Ding" Days presentation at BIG ARTS on October 12. For more information on his appearances and other "Ding" Days events, visit www.dingdarlingdays.com.*



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by Steve Bortone, PhD

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The word data is actually the plural form of the Latin word *datum*. So a single piece of information (for example, a single temperature reading) is a datum, anything more than one piece of information is data.

At the Marine Lab, we deal with a great variety of data – some of which are pretty basic. For example, we use hand-held electronic meters to measure temperature, salinity, pH (acidity), and the amount of oxygen that is dissolved in a water sample. We also employ some fairly sophisticated equipment to obtain data. Recently, for instance, we deployed some meters in the Caloosahatchee River, which measure the amounts and kinds of light that are available to seagrasses in our local estuary. Probably the most interesting and sophisticated data that we gather are part of a cooperative effort with the biotechnology group at Florida Gulf Coast University that tracks where the water from Lake Okeechobee goes once it enters the Caloosahatchee River. This trace involves the use of an instru-

ment that gives a complete profile of all – that's right all – the chemicals found in a single drop of water.

Interestingly, not all the data we gather are numbers. Sometimes data are categories. For example, at each sample site we include a classification of the tidal conditions. This classification is usually recorded with a generally descriptive term such as: high, low, ebb, or flood. Sometimes data can be a photograph of a blue crab's color pattern or a tape recording of the sounds made by reproducing spotted seatrout (we have no shame). Data can even include the impressions of a crabber who has a perspective of many years of the changes he has observed in the fishery.

Lots of varying bits of information can be considered and recorded as data. However, first these varying bits have to be organized and stored.

Dr. Mike Hannan is our resident database manager. Mike oversees all aspects of our data gathering. He designs computer programs with user friendly data-entry forms that guard against error, that impose strictures which ensure uniform formats, that perform complex calculations, and that are linked with other data to which they are related. He also creates the programs that provide for the quick and easy retrieval of organized information that allows our scientific staff to analyze the numbers and the classifications and the anecdotes to test the hypotheses to document the trends. Quite a job, but without an efficient and effective system for entering and retrieving data, our research efforts would amount to intellec-

tual onanism.

Another feature of our data that escapes the notice of most is our effort to ensure that our data are backed up, duplicated, or otherwise stored so they do not become lost in that great electronic wasteland or spread by the winds of some future Charley. The advent of electronic data storage has significantly increased the application of all environmental data. Historically, data recorded on sheets of paper would sit in file cabinets for years. However, now with the ability to send data to other scientists in a matter of seconds via the Internet, data from laboratories such as ours can now readily become available to other scientists who are interested in including our data into their studies. Thus, the real power of our Marine Laboratory's research program lies not only in being able to gather and store and analyze data – with which to form hypotheses in order to make cogent decisions – but also in providing those data to others for inclusion in broader analyses.

In a very short time (less than four years), the Marine Lab at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation has become a major player in the region's environmental data gathering, data storage, and data interpretation efforts that serve to facilitate an evaluation of the changes taking place in the region's estuaries.

Indeed, we've got data at the Marine Lab, but we also analyze, store, and share those data to help create a clearer picture and a more focused insight into the solutions for solving problems in our local


coastal waters. Got data, give us a call.

Dr. Bortone is the director of the SCCF Marine Laboratory. ✪

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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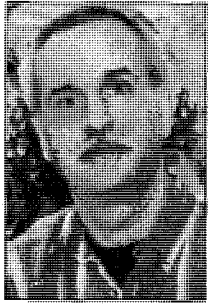
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Tulip Mania

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by Sonny Gada, Floral Designer



Once upon a time, like all good stories start, there was a flower called *Lale*. A nice Turkish name at that. This wild species started a real trend as the story unfolds. Time Line: 1500. The tulip received its name in an exotic way. Turks adorned their turbans with tulips. The Persian name for turban is *Dulband* which became the name of the flower, the latin translation of which is tulip.

Time Line: 1636-1637. The tulip was the most sought after flower. Costly and prestigious it was. As a matter of fact this craze lasted a whole year. Tulip Mania it was.

In this crazed period the tulip bulb was used as currency. Business owners even traded their businesses just to own one of these tempting beauties. The tulip bulb was even used as a food

source when food was scarce. Boiled and then mashed it was a tasteless potato like texture.

With all this going on - selling, trading, stealing - the tulip was eventually outlawed by the government. Now you can see this beauty was a win or lose flower.

Through hybridizing we now have more than 100 varieties available in all shapes, sizes and colors. In today's market Americans buy more than 85 million cut tulips in a year. Fifty nine million are grown in Holland and the remainder are grown in the U.S., and of course, the bulbs are shipped from Holland.

As a floral designer I thought I would give you a few growing tips about the tulip as plant and a cut flower.

Growing Tips:

Plant in the late fall in a sunny location. Deep rich alkaline soil, well drained. When finished blooming cut spent flowers and allow foliage to die off naturally.

For Inside Fun:

Place your tulip bulbs in cool place for 10 days. Have a low dish ready for them. In this dish place a mixture of aquarium gravel. Colored is fun but I like the natural type best. It has an earthy look to it. Plant bulbs in gravel mixture and place in a sunny window. Keep watered and watch them grow. Sounds like you're in for a real Dutch treat.

Now for my designer friends, here are some real useful tips.

Use freshly cut tulips, place in cooler to harden off. When ready, after a few hours, arrange them in clear clean water. A bowl, vase, or even a nice piece of pottery will do

the trick. Mix and match colors for that artistic flare.

Never mix cut daffodils or narcissus together with tulips. Here is a real good hint to keep in mind for those Dutch treats. To keep flowers firm place a few copper pennies or use vodka in the water. This does work.

Tulips have a tendency to stretch for the light. So make sure you cut and use them in a proper container. A single perfect tulip bloom placed in a small glass container is called a *Laledan*.

When you see tulips in shops today they are all the genes of their cousins who originated in central Asia. Now you know they have a history with a a past.

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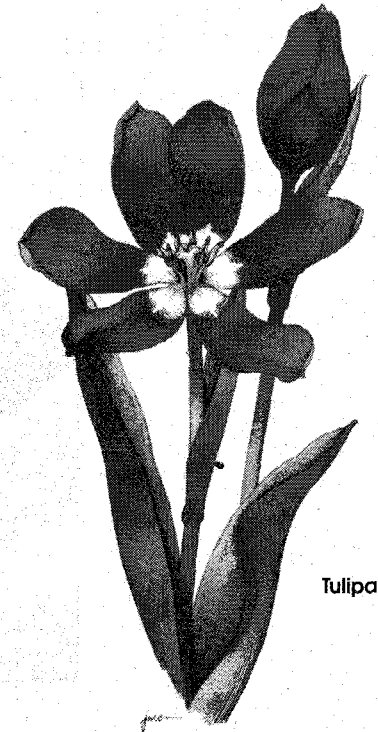
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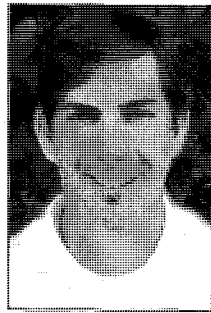
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CROW Case Of The Week: Screech Owls

by Brian Johnson



CROW sea turtle tech and senior staff rehabilitator, Chastity Ann Turner (Cat), a Lehigh Acres resident, was on the scene last weekend as wildfires charred homes and swaths of land across the area. On Sunday,

after helping her sister, Ashley Fox, six-months pregnant, evacuate her home, she received a call from CROW about three baby screech owls orphaned during the blaze.

A woman named Marge who had been evacuated found the three owls on the ground when she returned to her home. Cat was astonished, when she picked them up, that they had survived.

"The tree where they had been living looked like a piece of charcoal," she said. "They must have been tucked deep down because they were perfect little white puff balls - not a feather was singed. When I looked at the tree I couldn't believe they had come out of it."

Before she could take them into CROW, another call came in about a squirrel. This story, however, did not have a happy ending. Cat picked the squirrel up and placed him in a box, but he died before arriving on Sanibel. "The poor creature had no hair left, and the skin was burnt off his feet," she said. "He was pretty much unconscious when I got him. It was killing me to think about how many more animals were out there in the same situation."

With over 2,000 acres burned to the ground, the wildfires have been as devastating as a hurricane or a flash flood to the affected areas of Lehigh Acres.



Baby screech owls

"It's black field after black field," said Cat. "People are walking around with a dazed look."

On Monday, May 1 CROW also received a crested cara cara (a species of falcon) and a number of other baby birds from Lehigh. They expected more to come in during the rest of the week.

"We hope as people go back into the area they will call us if they find any injured animals," said CROW Veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel. "It's pretty tragic."

The three screech owls are now receiving supportive care, and will be raised at the clinic. Dr. PJ estimated they were about one-week old when they came in.

"We're pleased at how well they're doing," she said. "They don't appear to have any respiratory problems. It was remarkable they lived through the fires, they must have hunkered down."

CROW expects to successfully raise the babies and release them shortly after they fledge.

Orchid Meeting

The Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society's final meeting of the season will take place at the home of Anna and John Bralove on Monday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m. Members and their invited guests are requested to share stories about the care and revival of their orchids as well as other helpful orchid information. The meeting will be informal with light refreshments served. Orchid Society members are also invited to participate in a monthly show. Call Anna and John at 472-0862 to RSVP and get the address and directions to their home. ✨

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Islander Plays Major Role In Earth Charter Conference

FCGU professor of environmental studies and environmental education, and Sanibel resident, Dr. Peter Blaze Corcoran, presented the keynote address at a recent international conference on the Earth Charter in Higher Education, the Primer Encuentro Universitario con la Carta de la Tierra, in Guanajuato, Mexico.

Speaking to a large gathering of regional high school students and renowned environmental educators from throughout Mexico, Corcoran challenged the youth to consider three questions: "Why should you care about the future and the earth? How can you connect that personal caring to meaningful action to benefit the larger community, society, and the world? What action can you take that is in keeping with what you care about?" Corcoran then turned to the other educators in the room and asked, "What can you do that is in keeping with your own

caring...what can you do to honor and support the young people of Guanajuato in their aspirations?" Corcoran delivered his speech in English, with Spanish translation provided by Professor Shafia Sucar who leads the University of Guanajuato's sustainability efforts.

The conference celebrated the University of Guanajuato's formal endorsement of the Earth Charter, a global consensus declaration on ethics, values and principles for a sustainable future. Developed over 10 years by an exhaustive process of global consultation, the Earth Charter has been endorsed by more than 2,400 organizations, including prominent global institutions such as UNESCO and the World Conservation Union (IUCN). It is often referred to as a defining statement on sustainable development by other international documents and processes, and has inspired many action projects worldwide.

Mexico has been at the forefront of integrating the Earth Charter into all levels of formal education, with many government ministries incorporating its principles, as well. Corcoran told the audience, "We in the global Earth Charter movement look to Mexico for leadership."

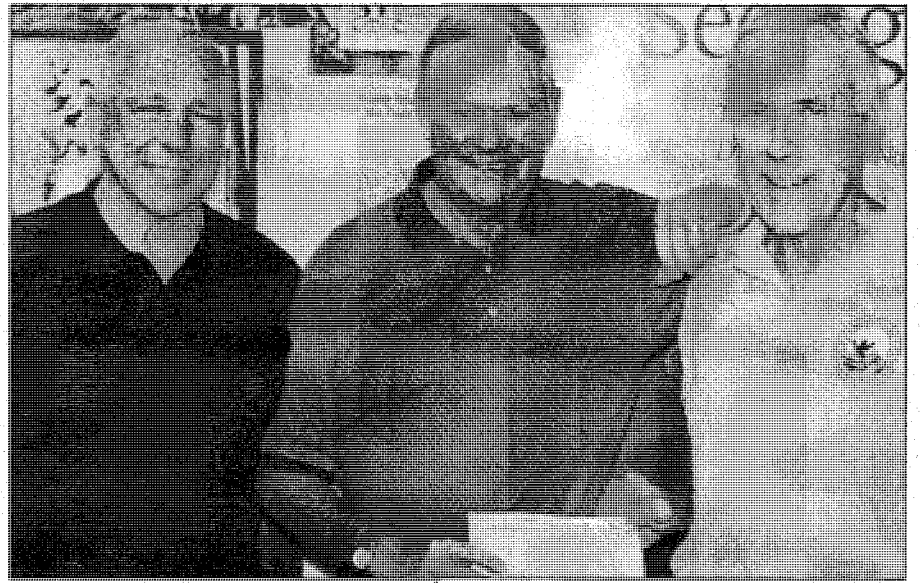
Reading from the book, *The Earth Charter in Action: Toward a Sustainable World*, for which he acted as editor-in-chief, Corcoran shared excerpts of essays from Mexico's leading poet Homero Aridjis, whose work aims to save the habitat of the monarch butterfly, in the hills of Michoacan State. Corcoran shared the conference stage with another of the book's contributors, Mateo Castillo Ceja, the leading advocate for Earth Charter education in Mexico. Finally, Corcoran read from an essay on the importance of youth employment to sustainability and peace, written by the first Earth Charter Youth Initiative coordinator, Dumisani Nyoni, of Zimbabwe, who spoke on Sanibel in 2005, during National Environmental Education Week.

Since 17 percent of the world's population is considered youth - between the ages of 15 and 24 - 17 percent of the

contributors to *The Earth Charter in Action: Toward a Sustainable World* are also youth. In fact, the book is dedicated to "the yearnings of youth for a just, peaceful, and sustainable world - and especially to the young people of the Earth Charter Youth Initiative who represent the high hopes and practical idealism of their generation by putting the Earth Charter into action."

Prior to the conference, Corcoran participated in preparatory sessions for the 4th World Water Forum, held in Mexico City, working with Mexican ministerial delegates, young people, and UNICEF. An initiative of the World Water Council, the forum is the main international event on water issues at a global level.✪

'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society Contributes To CROW



"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) recently donated \$2,000 to CROW's capital improvement campaign. Here, DDWS President Jim Sprankle (right) and Vice President Marc Giattini (left) present Bob Wigley, co-chair of CROW's fundraising drive, with a check for \$2,000

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This edition of the calendar is the first to be published since water quality became a crisis in Southwest Florida. Fowler says, "It has become a real water war. But, unlike the water wars in the west during the first part of the 20th Century caused by the natural scarcity of water, this water war is because of too much water! And it's polluted water killing our estuary!" Realizing the importance of a healthy marine environment surrounding Sanibel, in 1998 Fowler began to include an underwater photograph and educational narrative in each calendar. This edition's marine photograph even shows the effects of diminished oxygen in the water - algae. In this edition's annual "Word from the Publisher..." at the back of the calendar. Fowler takes a stand on this vital issue. Having learned that spoonbills are leaving Sanibel, Fowler added, "I can't image Sanibel without roseates or the calendar centerfold not being the magnificent roseate spoonbill!"

This year's photographs are presented by photographers Cliff Beittel, Charlie Heidecker, Bob Lindholm, Len Messineo, Clair Postmus, Charles Sleicher, Lorraine Sommer, and Lillian Stokes. In addition, there are exciting photo narratives by islander Betty Anholt, former islander

Charles LeBuff, and birding expert Bev Postmus. Each month features a shell sketch by the late islander Sue Stephens and a turtle graphic during the sea turtle nesting months.

"Created from an idea that took seed during my island experiences since I first came to Sanibel in 1972, I have tried every year to put together a calendar that truly shows the natural beauty of the islands. It continues to be my goal each year to publish a calendar that not only is beautiful and useful, but also promotes wildlife conservation through interest, information, and education."

The calendar retails for \$13.95 and is sold throughout Southwest Florida in fine book stores and gift shops. Mail orders send \$13.95 (plus \$2 S&H) to: Sanibel-Captiva Nature Calendar, PO Box 356, Sanibel Island, Florida 33957. For the custom Blind Pass tide edition available this fall, send \$16.95 (plus \$2 S&H).*

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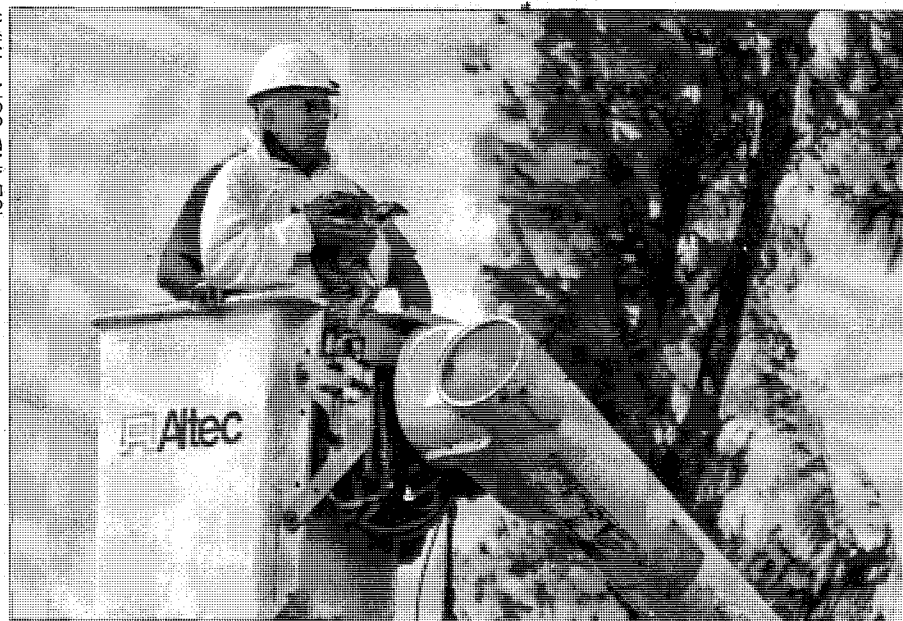
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Larry Schopp goes up in the bucket holding the osprey chick. Operating the cherry picker is Carlos Hernandez

by Anne Mitchell

One morning last week, Eric Orkin, a Bayous Preservation Association member who lives on Pine Tree Drive, found an osprey chick in his driveway. It had tumbled (or was nudged by its siblings) out of the nest.

According to Tim Gardner, a BPA member who happens to be president of The International Osprey Foundation, Orkin called Larry Schopp, a neighbor and fellow BPA member. Schopp checked the osprey for damage to legs and wings and, finding none, placed the bird in a cat carrier to protect it, and made some phone calls.

Within an hour Schopp found himself being lifted in the basket of an Asplundh tree



Larry Schopp places the osprey chick back in the nest with its two siblings

service cherry-picker while Orkin took these photographs.

"He was swaddled in a towel to protect his neck, a wind jacket, and a hard hat in case one of the adult osprey attacked during the rescue mission," said Gardner.

"The osprey mom and dad circled overhead while Larry managed to place the chick, its heart beating madly, back in the nest. The two other chicks were still in the nest and (were) larger than their fallen (or pushed) sibling," he added.

For now the story has a happy ending. The mother osprey returned to the nest as soon as Schopp had descended to earth.✪



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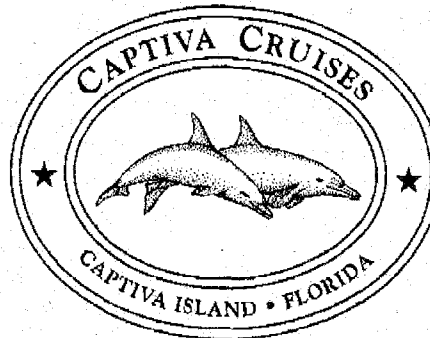
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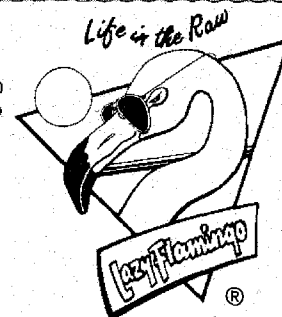
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Council Tweaks Plans For Two City Parks

by Anne Mitchell

Two city parks on Periwinkle Way will each get a new look this year and will offer opportunities for "active" recreation such as shuffleboard and children's playgrounds. City leaders say there's a need for children's playgrounds on the east end of the island.

Community Park, next to the Community Center, will have an events pavilion, picnic area, shuffleboard courts, children's playground, an area for horse-shoes, basketball and volleyball, restrooms and parking.

However, on Tuesday, Sanibel City Council seemed to want to reduce some of the features planned for Roadside Park, east of Islander Trading Post.

According to plans drawn up by Woodroffe Corp. architects of Tampa, Roadside Park would include a pavilion, playground, natural areas with picnic tables with shelter, trails, multi-use hard court, public restroom and parking.

Vice Mayor Mick Denham said the plan was "too busy" for the site, especially because of its proximity to the road and to the lake which is used by "some of the largest gators on the island."

Mayor Carla Johnston wants to "eliminate the half-size basketball court, one of the structures and some of the parking."

Council decided to look at the plan again when the bids come in. It will be bid as a series of alternates, enabling council to pick which ones they want, said City Manager Judie Zimomra.

Funding for each park will come from state grants and funds allocated by the city.

The city purchased the land near the community center for \$338,895 in February 2004.✱

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Resident Pleads For Exercise Options While Rec Center Is Built

by Anne Mitchell

After waiting almost nine hours through a packed council agenda, resident Susan Bernard on Tuesday made a plea for some alternatives for island seniors when the rec center is demolished to make way for a new one.

Bernard asked for "some sort of phased-in plan" to keep parts of the rec center open while construction is under way.

The rec center will be closed to the public May 31, the day after school ends. Demolition will take three to four weeks. The sewer will be disconnected, bathrooms moved, salvageable equipment removed and the swimming pool drained. The contractor will get notice to proceed with the new rec center June 20.

Bernard said residents will have to do without the center for a minimum of 14 months and perhaps as long as two years.

"If we have a storm on top of it anywhere in the Gulf region, that reduces labor and materials and we may be looking at a longer period of time," she said.

Older residents use the pool and weight room "to keep our bones strong," she said. "I am baffled by the idea that we are going to tear it down and do without completely for about two years. That is

a very long time for a senior person or a child," Bernard said.

She added that the beaches are not an option for swimming exercise. "The beaches right now are unusable, they are toxic."

City Manager Judie Zimomra said opting for unphased construction of the new rec center was a saving in both money and time.

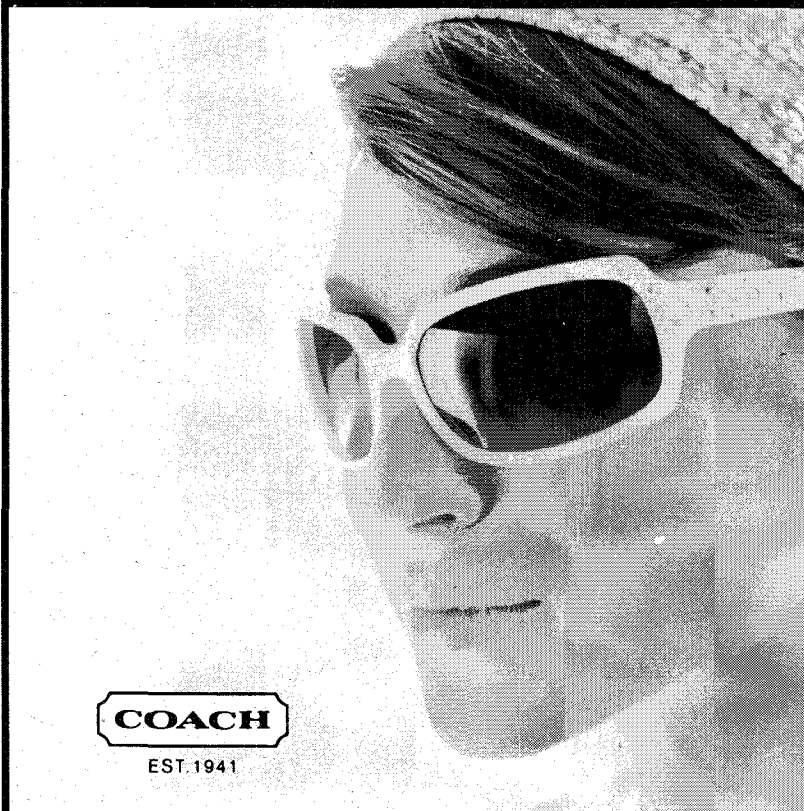
She said staff has been trying to make arrangements with a resort or private club for pool facilities without success.

Councilman Steve Brown told Bernard, "Let's work on it."

The children's summer program won't be disrupted, Zimomra said. It will take place under the pavilion and in the school cafeteria.

The city will auction the salvaged items from the rec center June 3.✱

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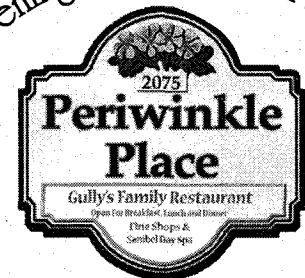
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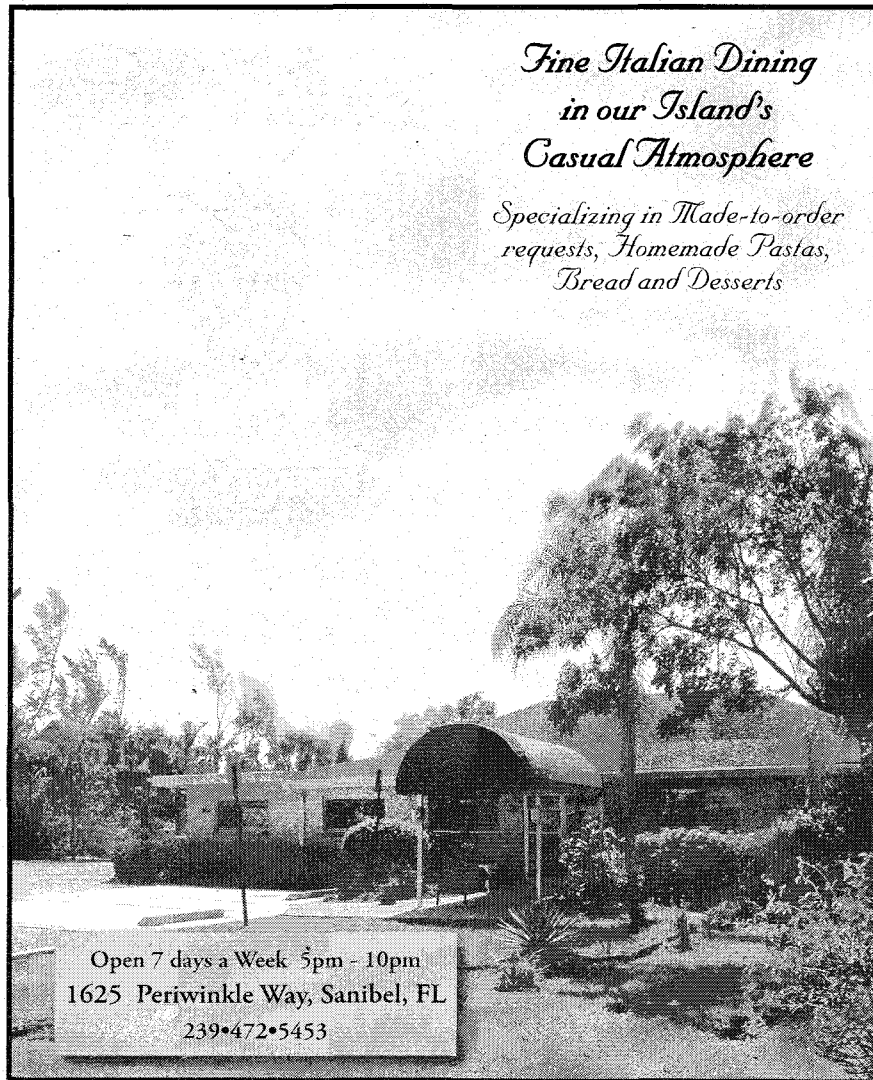
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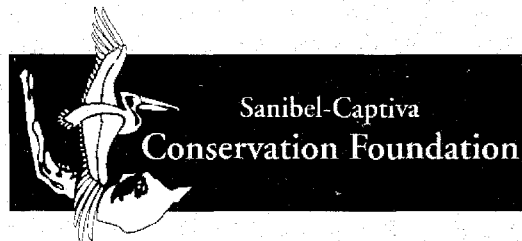
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Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road (one mile west of Tarpon Bay Road) Nature Center 472-2329; Nursery 472-1932; Marine Lab 395-4617 Trails, Education Center, Nature Shop and Bookstore: \$3/adult, children under 17 free, members free. Hours: Open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Native Plant Nursery: Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of natural resources and wildlife habitat on and around Sanibel and Captiva through: Land acquisition, wildlife habitat management, landscaping for wildlife, environmental education, marine laboratory and research and Sea Turtle Monitoring.

Program and Schedule - Fun For All Ages

Buck Key Kayaking Adventure

When: Wednesdays, May 17 and 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Begins at Captiva Kayak Company on Captiva.

Fee: \$45/person; reservations required; call 472-2329.

Naturalist-led kayak outings in cooperation with Captiva Kayak Company. The cultural and natural history of the area is discussed along the way.

Butterfly House Tours

When: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Where: Butterfly House

Fee: \$1 donation

A guide will teach you about the life cycle and behavior of butterflies. The house is also open to visitors without a guide.

Dolphin & Wildlife Cruises

When: Daily, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Where: Pine Island Sound; departs McCarthy's Marina, Captiva.

Fee: \$20/adult, \$12.50/children.

Reservations, call 472-5300.

Narrated by Conservation Foundation docents, Captiva Cruises' trips are a great

way to view wildlife in Pine Island Sound.

Otters and Others: Guided Trail Walks

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.

Where: Meet at SCCF's Nature Center.

Fee: \$3 entrance fee for adult non-members.

Docent-led walk through the interior wetlands and mid-island ridges of SCCF's Center Tract with discussion of wildlife, native habitats, natural and cultural history, and preservation efforts.

Turtle Tracks

When: Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Where: Meet at the Nature Center for a trip to a beach.

Fee: Free to members and children, \$3 for nonmembers, beach parking fee \$2/hour.

Learn about the life cycles and habits of the sea turtles that nest on our beaches, as well as other local marine life. Programs begin in SCCF's Nature Center and proceed to a beach site.

A Burning Issue

On Monday May 22, from 2 to 5 p.m. the Florida Division of Forestry is teaming up with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation to present a program titled Fire in Florida's Ecosystems (FIFE). This class will relay the importance of prescribed burns as a land management tool and is geared toward homeowners. There will be another program on Tuesday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to noon that is designed for all volunteer naturalists and educators.

FIFE includes hands-on activities, a closer look at a fire maintained habitat, and discussion about the role of fire in Florida. After the class you will know what it takes to write a prescription for a burn on the islands and how to make your home more fire wise. For information and reservations call 472-2329. Kristie Anders is the program coordinator.

Turtle Trek to Juno

It is another Father's Day trip to Juno Beach to watch mother sea turtles nesting. On the night of June 18, a limited group of people will gather in the lobby of the Holiday Inn Express at Juno Beach at 10 p.m. There is no guarantee of seeing a loggerhead sea turtle nesting, but this particular six-mile stretch of beach had over 2,500 nests last year. Participants may be out as late as 2 a.m. so it is good to get in a nap beforehand. Spaces fill up fast, so make your reservation early by calling SCCF at 472-2329. The fee is \$10 per person. It is recommended to make reservations at the Holiday Inn Express, Juno Beach or the Hampton Inn, as both motels are just a block or so from the beach. For details and any questions contact Kristie Anders at 472-2329 ext. 203.*

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**Broadway Palm's Godspell
 Hits New Heights**



The energetic cast of *Godspell*

by Di Saggau

Godspell is one of those musicals that will stand the test of time. The version now showing at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is fresh and new... updated but not contrived. What a delight it was to watch these talented performers as they tell the story of Christ, based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Matt Sopha plays the title role of Jesus, dressed in white jeans and shirt. The other players are not given stage names, they go by their real given names. There is a strong correlation to the apostles but instead of 12 there are only 11.

As the show opens it's a busy day with people going about their business, skateboarding, jogging, skating, hawking hot dogs and everyone has a cell phone. Through a huge chain link fence you can see a high span bridge and the city skyline. Jesus enters pushing a trash container. There are a couple of freeze frames by the cast mem-

bers and then Jesus methodically takes the material belongings from everyone and throws them in the trash. He reminds everyone it's not material things that will get you into Heaven. The show shares the timeless message of the Gospel, about finding your faith amid a cold, modern world without getting too preachy.

The 11 followers are dressed in bright colors and they ooze talent throughout the show. Their singing, dancing, and acting is remarkable. The lighting effects are absolutely outstanding, the best I've seen anywhere.

The staging is upbeat and original. Where else have you seen the story of The Good Samaritan told through a puppet show, or The Prodigal Son told with a touch of *The Godfather*? There are phrases that refer to famous news events and even a touch of game show theme music.

The songs include *Prepare Ye, Save The People, Day By Day, Light of the World, Turn Back, O Man, and We Beseech Thee*. Everyone sings up a storm. Sopha is perfectly cast as Jesus. The rest of the cast deserves a huge hand as well. They are: Beth Brandel, Melanie Brookins, Amber Carson, Keara Collier, Kate Feerick, Ronald E. Hornsby, Jeremy Jonet, April Monte, Jon Reinhold, Jason Rosoff and Michael Walker.

I enjoyed every moment of this show and am still trying to figure out the almost magical effect at a crucial point in the show. I feel this is a must-see musical. It makes you feel good. My friend told me he had not been to a dinner theater in years, based on a bad experience in another state. He said this show has changed his mind and he'll be back again. Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre has elevated this genre to new heights.

Godspell plays through June 17 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 278-4422 today and reserve your tickets for this musical sensation.✧

Symphony European Tour Preview Concerts

The Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus, led by Joseph Caulkins, will be celebrating the heritage and diversity of America this summer as they embark on a European tour June 1 through 9. The tour will include stops in England, France, Switzerland and Germany. Organist Jan Van Otterloo and pianist Charles Heard will accompany the group. But Southwest Floridians don't need to go across the pond to see and hear this wonderful concert.

The 100-person chorus will start this musical celebration right here in Southwest Florida on May 6 and 7 as part of the Stained Glass Series. Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral will host From Sea to Shining Sea May 6 at 7 p.m. and St. Columbkille Catholic Church will host it on May 7 at 3 p.m.

From Sea to Shining Sea will feature selections from the Chorus' 2005 recording *Sing Me to Heaven*, a variety

of American composed pieces including *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, folksongs and spirituals and an arrangement by pianist Charles Heard entitled *Fantasia on America*. The chorus will also be tipping their hats to European composers with selections from Britten, Stanford, Beethoven and Mozart.

The Children's Chorus will also join the May 6 and 7 concert with their own world-scope pieces including music from Newfoundland and Latin America.

Tickets for the May 6 and 7 events are \$12. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500.

The European Tour schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, June 1; 1 p.m.; St. George's Chapel, Windsor, England
- Sunday, June 4; Time: TBD; Giverny, France
- Tuesday, June 6; 8:30 p.m.; Chamonix, France
- Thursday, June 8; 8:30 p.m.; La Chaux de Fonds, Switzerland
- Friday, June 9; 8:30 p.m.; Boppard, Germany.✧

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Family Day Is Saturday At BIG ARTS



Fantasy Theatre Factory presents *Nick Tickle: Fairy Tale Detective*

BIG ARTS presents the first ever Family Day Saturday, May 6. The event is free and begins at 2 p.m. with an artists' reception for The Sanibel School's annual art exhibit, A New Way of Seeing. "This year the exhibit will be showcasing all the students' best work," said Tylor Compton, art instructor. "Some of the mediums used for the exhibit are six crayon techniques, tissue paper collage, watercolors, three-dimensional collage structures and construction paper tessellations."

Middle school art class students, taught by Andi McCarter with the help of Lorrie Mahaney, will be showcasing clay art entitled Milk Duds. A first semester middle school class, taught by Compton, will feature Message on a Tree, large painted aluminum panels from Hurricane Charley that students painted with a message and wrapped around trees. Mary Ann Czarnecki, a second semester middle school class teacher, will share her students' drawings, painting and sculptures. The exhibit will remain on view through Friday, May 19.

Following the artist's reception will be live music with Jeff Key on the acoustic guitar, performances from Miss Vanessa's dance class, face painting, popcorn, refreshments and more.

Family Day concludes with Fantasy Theatre Factory's performance of *Nick Tickle: Fairy Tale Detective* at 4 p.m. Kids of all ages will enjoy this show where granny can't tell her favorite fairy tales because a cruel and wicked someone is stealing her props. The future of fairy tales is at stake and it's up to Nick Tickle, fairy tale detective to set things right and solve his toughest case ever. There will be lots of audience participation and laughs for junior and adult detectives. The event is sponsored by The LAT Foundation. For more information on this and other events happening at BIG ARTS, call 395-0900.*

Corvette Show At Periwinkle Place



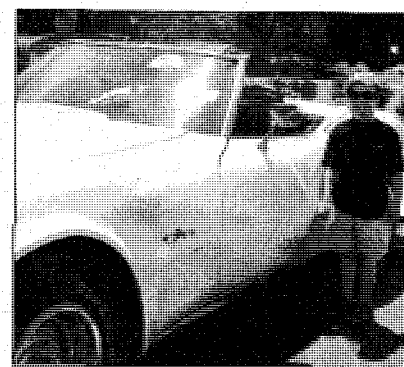
Jim and Cathy Peterecca and Kevin Kinahan

by Brian Johnson

On April 30 Periwinkle Place hosted a Corvette show in the parking lot in front of the shops. Corvettes of varying vintages lined the block as far as the eye could see.

It was a fun opportunity for car aficionados to check out the different types of Corvettes that have hit the road over the years.

Youngster Dylan McGinnis was one of many people who stopped to have their picture taken beside the classic vehicles.*



Dylan McGinnis

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New Children's Novel By Local Authors

Co-authors Annelle Rigsby of Sanibel, FL and Edwina Raffa of Fort Myers Beach, Florida announce the publication of *Escape to the Everglades*, their new children's historical novel for ages nine to 12 published by Pineapple Press. The adventure story is about 14-year-old Will Cypress, a Seminole of mixed heritage, who joins Osceola's fight to stay in Florida during the Second Seminole War. The authors also wrote an accompanying *Escape to the Everglades Teacher's Activity Guide* which includes the Sunshine State Standards.

Former teachers at The Sanibel School, the authors now give educational presentations highlighting the history of the Second Seminole War, the Everglades, and Seminole life in the 1800s. In March, the *Escape to the Everglades* book debut took place at Osceola Elementary School in Naples. Osceola, the famous Seminole war chief for whom the school is named, is the main historical character in the book.

This spring, the authors have presented at elementary schools, book festivals, and book stores. They will be the featured speakers in an education class at Florida Gulf Coast University in mid-May.

Escape to the Everglades is available at local book stores and online. For more information or to schedule an educational presentation, go to www.floridaauthors.com.



Edwina Raffa and Annelle Rigsby at an authors' presentation for Lee County fourth graders

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Mother Daughter Art Show

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Featured artists include Leoma Lovegrove and her mother Rosemary Lovegrove. In addition to her artwork, Rosemary will display her talent as a musician. Other mother-daughter duos are Beth and Judy Collette, jewelry artists, and Lyndsey and Annie Nolan. Jaylee Driskell will also show pottery. She still feels a strong spiritual connection to her late mother, also a potter, whose work was shown in galleries in St. Augustine.

The gallery owners would like to acknowledge and honor all the mothers and daughters that work together as business partners, friends and family, and ask that visitors let them know when you come to the gallery who you are.

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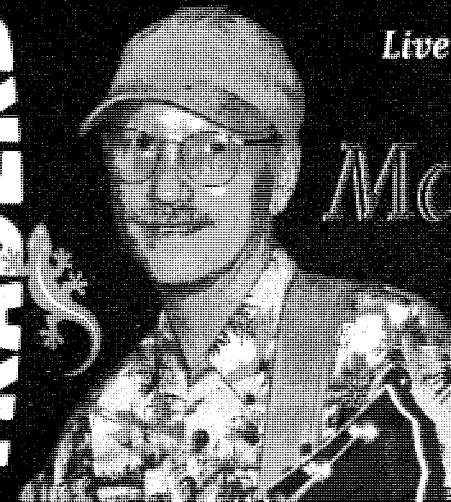
The King And I musical will be shown Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Verot Anderson Theater.

Reserved seats are \$10 and \$15. Children under 12, \$5. For more information call Daria Luth at 334-7707.*



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2006 line-up announcement soon. The Friday, October 20 Premier Concert will be hosted by The Colony Golf & Bay Club at 24610 Goldcrest Drive in Bonita Springs, a WCI community. Saturday's main concert takes place at Florida Gulf Coast University, 10501 FGCU Boulevard S. in Fort Myers. Tickets go on sale mid-summer, with package pricing for attending both Friday's and Saturday's functions. Jazz on the Green, Inc. is a non-profit organization of community volunteers with an affinity for jazz and a heart for helping kids. The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida provides complete quality medical care to local children so that families and sick children do not have to travel for appropriate care. The hospital receives no tax support and looks to the community for financial contributions to help the hospital serve all children regardless of the family's ability to pay. Over the past 10 years, Jazz on the Green has donated more than \$300,000 to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Bookmark your Web browser for www.jazzonthegreen.com and check back frequently for updates. Those interested in sponsorship opportunities or positions on the planning committee may call 561-0325 or 466-5560. To receive ticket promo discounts, event news and special insider benefits, sign up for the Jazz on the Green e-Fan Club. Register free at www.jazzonthegreen.com.

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New DWGA Golf President

submitted by Sue Richard

Joan Baumler has been elected president of the Dunes Women's Golf Association for 2006-2007. Jana Stone, past president, presented Baumler with the presidential gavel at the April 28 DWGA closing luncheon.



Joan Baumler

Other new officers include: Lil Gailius, vice president; Carol Brodersen, secretary; Nancy McConnell, assistant secretary; Nancy Greenberg, treasurer; June Muench, assistant treasurer; Donna Griesbaum, auditor. Retiring officer Mary Ann Parmelee was thanked for her assistance throughout the year.

In addition to the above officers, the following women will serve on the 2006-2007 DWGA board in the following capacities: Nan Frymoyer, handicap/membership; Rosemary Ryan, assistant handicap/membership; Sue Richard, publicity; Tanya Hochschild, assistant publicity; Betsy Cox, tournaments; Karen Hendricks, assistant tournaments; Irmingard Markusch, rules; Marcia Cohen and Adrienne Cross, hospitality; Debbie

Fairbanks and Becky Ciriello, Member-Guest Tournament; Judy Wellons and Marcia Cohen, Memorial Tournament; Grethe Christensen and Pam Brodersen, Sweetheart Tournament; Lil Gailius and Barb Cassavell, Club Championship Tournament; Millie Ford and Jan Baker, Rally For a Cure; Millie Hasselman, Outside Invitationals; Linda DeFrancisco, Ringer Cards; Mary Ann Parmelee, Pat Wentling, Big/Little Sister; Birdie Book; Frankie MacNulty, Scrapbook; Karen Hendricks and Pam Brodersen, photographers. Ex-officio to the board is Jana Stone.*

The Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Men's Golf Association results for the April 26 18 Hole - Two Man Better Ball Match - Net Score - Full Handicap - Pairings Flighted are as follows:

A-C Flight:
First Place (tie): Doug Mallon and Fred Brodersen; Jim Bradford and Max Friedersdorf, 57

Third place: Terry Finzen and Jack Trautwein, 59

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Second place: Marv Seibold and Dave Jones, 54.

Third place: Rob Baumler and Skip Richard, 55.*



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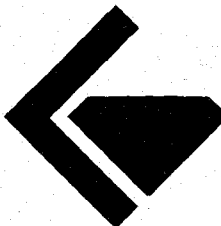
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You're the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you'd be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your adversary hasn't given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool -- someone in authority knows what's happening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spring debuts with a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance -- perhaps with a Leo or Libra.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don't cut any current ties until you're sure you're ready to make the change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connec-

tion. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship that survived some rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I'm pleased to say,

continue to improve.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing and the clergy.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On May 10, 1869, the presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads, making transcontinental railroad service possible for the first time in U.S. history.

- On May 12, 1925, a Philadelphia radio station broadcasts the first all-star radio program featuring film actors and actresses. The broadcast marked the first time that most listeners had heard the voices of silent-film stars like Lillian Gish and Marion Davies.

- On May 14, 1944, "Star Wars"

filmmaker George Lucas is born in Modesto, Calif. Lucas was the first director to hold out for ancillary rights, and in the 20 years following the release of "Star Wars" he sold more than \$3 billion in merchandise based on the movies.

- On May 13, 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon's car is attacked by an angry crowd while traveling through Caracas, Venezuela. The incident dramatized anger over America's failure to address the pressing economic and political needs of many Latin American nations.

- On May 9, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approves the world's first commercially produced birth-control pill. Development of "the pill" was commissioned by birth-control pioneer Margaret Sanger and funded by heiress Katherine McCormick.

- On May 8, 1973, on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, armed members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) end their 71-day siege of Wounded Knee and surrender to federal authorities after White House officials promise to investigate their complaints of broken treaties.

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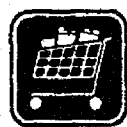
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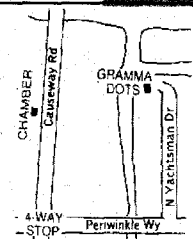
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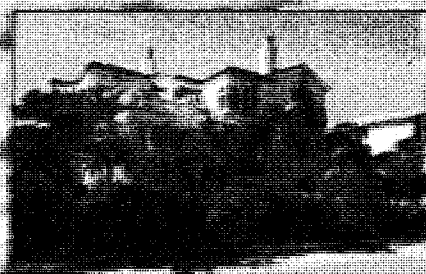
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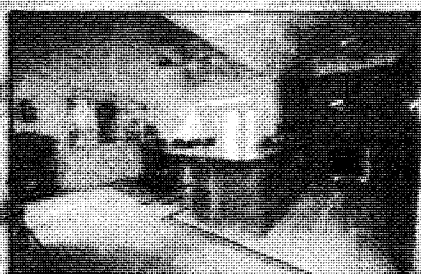
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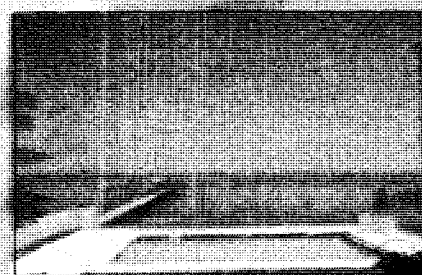
**CAPTIVA SHORES**

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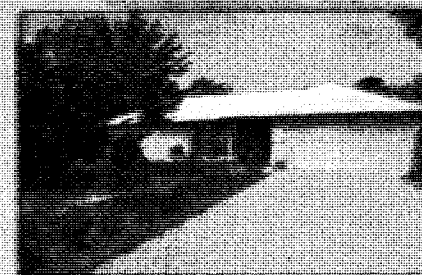
**VILLAGE BY THE SEA**

Beautiful 4 BR/4 BA home just steps from the beach. Quality construction, open and airy floor plan with detail throughout. Roof top sundeck with gorgeous Gulf of Mexico views. Home has a heated and fenced pool with spa, vaulted ceiling, wood, tile & carpet flooring, 2-car garage, gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, private elevator and Gingerbread detail on the exterior. \$2,495,000

**CAPTIVA HIDE-A-WAY**

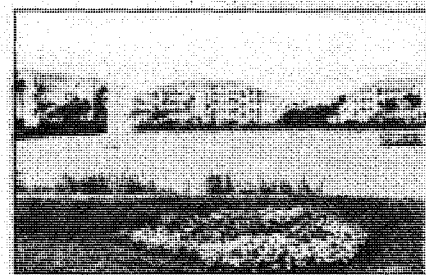
Spectacular views of Pine Island Sound from this 2 BR/2 BA Bay-front condominium located in a small complex of only 8 units. The interior is in the process of being completely finished with tile and a light, bright décor. Community amenities include a pool, fishing pier and dock with Gulf access.

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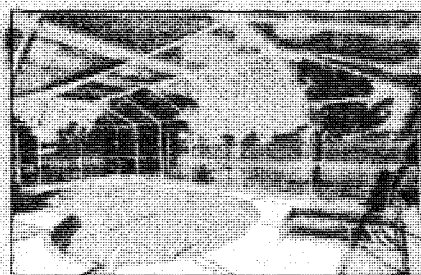
Great home located in Sanibel Bayou on a huge corner lot. Tile and carpet flooring, glassed in lanai, partial split wood rail fencing, tiled and screened front entry, 2 car garage with built-ins and plenty of storage, screen enclosed porch with an outside shower and brick pavers. Enchanted garden with unique mosaic tile pathways.

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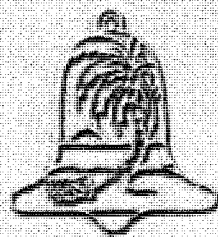
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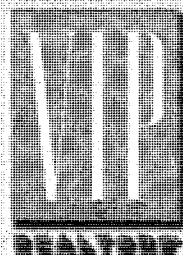
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Theatre Conspiracy Captures Home Town Feelings During World War II

by Di Saggau



See *Rock City* is now showing at Theatre Conspiracy. It's the sequel to *Last Train to Nibroc* that played three years ago, written by Arlene Hutton and again directed by Dick Westlake. This is a very human, touching play about what two families go through amid the turmoil of war.

May (Bridget Wilkins) and Raleigh (Jordan Wilson) have come back home to live with May's parents. Mrs. Gill (Joann Haley) is a warm person who welcomes them with open arms - the perfect mother-in-law. Her son Charlie has been called back to the war so Raleigh helps fill this void in her life.

Mrs. Brummett (Lauren Drexler), Raleigh's Mom, is a demanding woman who considers her son a lazy dreamer. She fails to recognize his worth. Drexler is almost unrecognizable in

her role. Not only is she padded to present a more mature figure, she twists her face in a permanent grimace that affects her speech as well as her looks. It was quite a transition.

The play moves rather slow, but that's OK because it's very lifelike and allows us to get to know the characters. May is a school teacher and Raleigh is a writer with success selling short stories, until now. He's reached a dry spell and the rejection slips are piling up. This creates tension between the newlyweds. Raleigh enlisted in the Army, but was discharged early for medical reasons. The townsfolk treat him like a coward and even transfer their feelings to his mother.

Raleigh talks about a time in his life when he painted black stripes on a white mule just to see what a zebra would look like. He also knows the exact year and model of every car that drives by the house. When he receives a letter from Maxwell Perkins, F. Scott Fitzgerald's editor, it's a real high point for him. However, Perkins wants him to write a novel and that's something Raleigh has never done. At the play's end I got the



Bridget Wilkins and Jordan Wilson play May and Raleigh

feeling Raleigh would make it, he'd write that novel. During a talk-back with playwright Hutton, she told us that in the third play of her trilogy, Raleigh becomes a successful writer. Hooray! This play, which takes place in Florida 10 years later, will premier in Los Angeles in September. Keep your fingers crossed we get it here.

We also learned that the authenticity of the story comes from tales she heard from her family going back five generations in Kentucky. The jar of pickles in the play is actually made from an old family recipe. Raleigh is based loosely upon her father who did paint stripes on a mule.

This play offers a moving portrayal of a bygone era. The set by Dave Utz consists of what appears to be free standing windows and door with large wooden porch chairs outside and a clothesline for hanging laundry. It was authentic and effective. The costumes also fit the time period. The play is well cast and the players bring depth to their characters. See *Rock City* plays through May 13 at Theatre Conspiracy, Foulds Theatre, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 936-3239 for tickets. ✪

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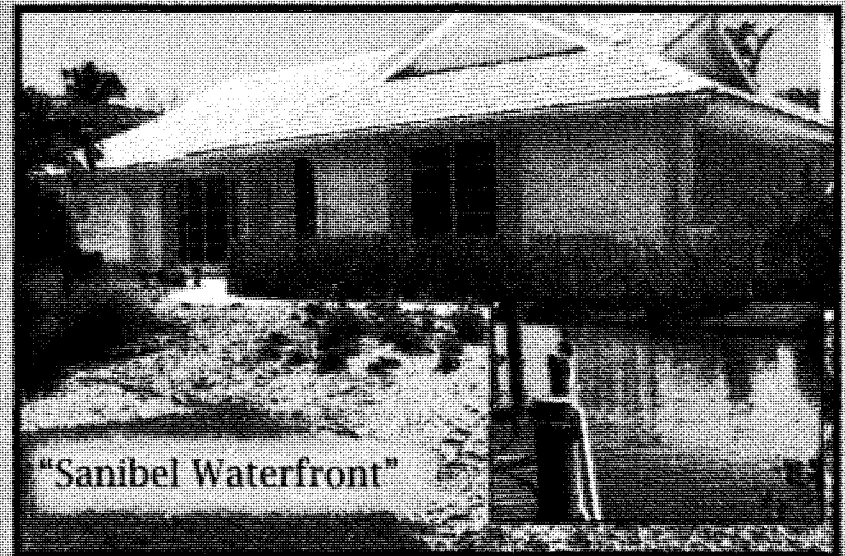
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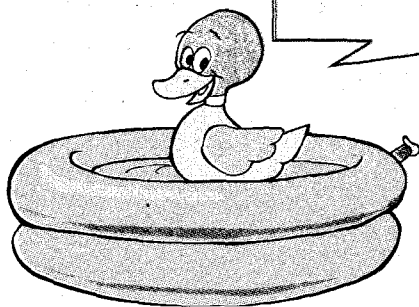
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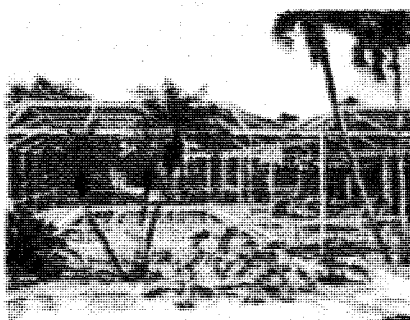


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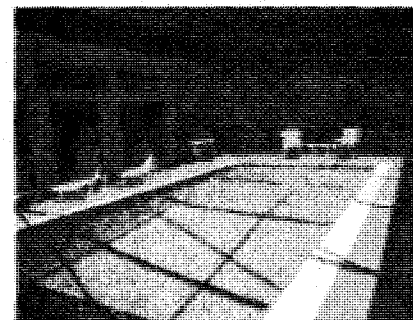
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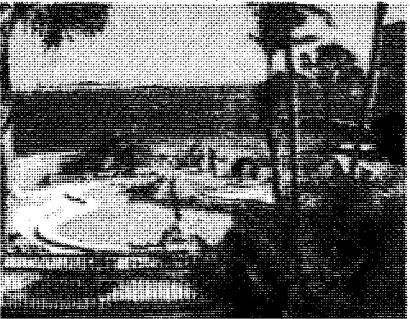
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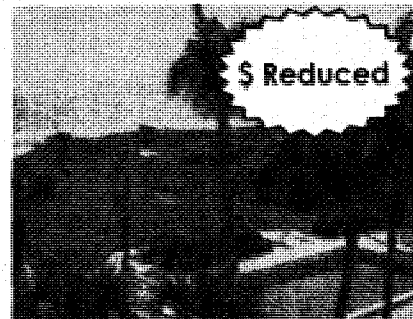
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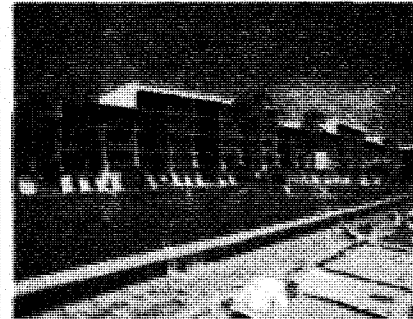
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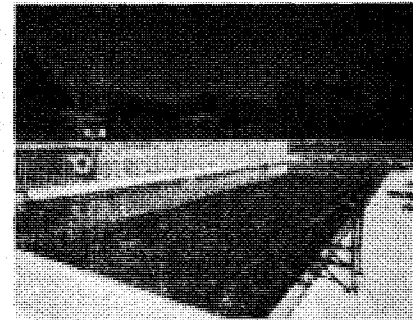
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42 Grand Opening Party

Captiva rocked Monday night, April 24 from 5:30 until well after 7:30 p.m. It was the opening of Sandy Stilwell's new stores, Keylime Cove and Sanderilla's Girlee Giriz, named in honor of Sandy's girlfriends. These two new gift and accessory boutiques are located at Celebration Center on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva. The Heather Brooks Band provided music while people danced, drank and dined on delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by Keylime Bistro. The co-chairs of this event were Zontians Claire Mallon and Cyndy Lorry.

This fun-filled event not only celebrated two new fantastic stores but it also benefited the Zonta Foundation and its charitable partners: Southwest Addiction Services, Girls Making It On Purpose, Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Breast Cancer Care. The raffles and the silent auction netted over \$5,000.

Many thanks go out to Sandy Stilwell and to the many in attendance as well as those who donated items. The premium raffle item,



Sam Landry placing pendant from Cedar Chest around Sandy Stilwell's neck

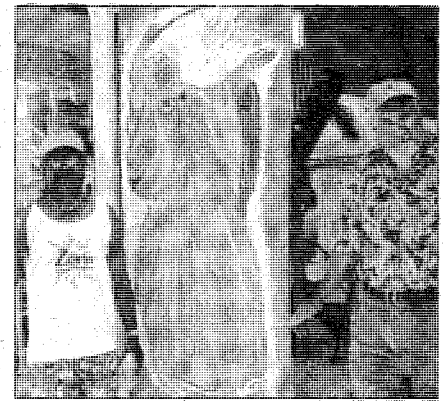


Bill and Jean Hiser, winners of the 50/50 raffle

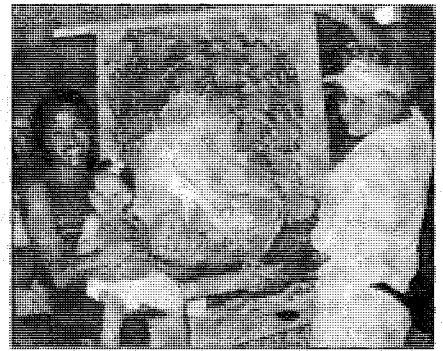


Doug and Kari Miller, removing the Sanderilla poster

a beautiful 18K gold palm tree necklace donated by Cedar Chest Jewelers was won by Sam Landry who promptly placed it around Sandy Stilwell's neck. Jean and Bill Hiser, who have a home at South Seas and Cleveland, Ohio won the 50/50 raffle winning over \$300. The large murals painted in the Sanderilla theme by local artist and Zontian Caroline Hoisington, were auctioned as well. Cinderella herself will be flying home to Rochester New York with Doug and Kari Miller for their daughter Kayla, five years old. The glass slipper will be residing in South Bend Indiana with Leah Rowan and her daughter Gia.




Gopal "Indy" Pati and Michael Mallon - "Z men" helping to set up



Leah Rowan and daughter Gia with Artist Caroline Hoisington

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. Additional information about Zonta is available at www.zontasancap.com.


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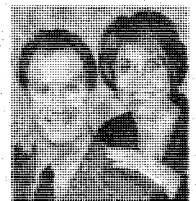
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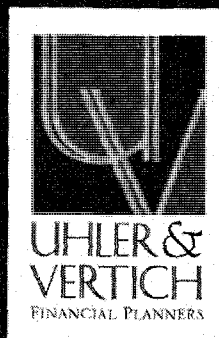
Canterbury Seniors Recognized For Community Service



Students who received the award are (l to r): Hans-Philipp Runge, Jennifer Harris, Carly Emerson, Danielle Daitch and Brittany Petrescu. Not shown: Kristy Corbin, Andrea Price and Sheena Swartz

Eight Canterbury School seniors were recognized for surpassing 400 hours of service to community during their high school years. Kristy Corbin, Danielle Daitch, Carly Emerson, Jennifer Harris, Brittany Petrescu, Andrea Price, Hans-Philipp Runge and Sheena Swartz received clocks in recognition for their service of time. The eight will also wear silver cords at graduation to signify their exemplary service.

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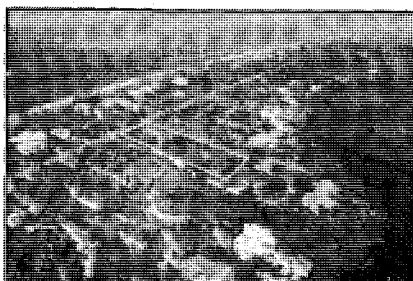
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Beachview Men's Golf Association

by Ed O'Neil

Someone figured out a complicated way to get the departing snowbirds to leave Sanibel with a smile on their faces when the books were closed on the Beachview Men's Golf Association April 29.

A tournament imported, reportedly, from Arkansas wiped away the tears. It was called Sucker in a Bucket and applied extreme pressure to some poor guy every four holes. You were glad to get away by day's end.

Coming on the heels of the Texas Scramble that required shots from rivers, lakes, rooftops and strangler fig roots, it was not pretty to watch.

It works this way: on the first hole you count the lowest net score of the team. At the second hole use the low score of the remaining three players. The remaining two are chopping away with the low score counted.

And that leaves one poor devil on the fourth hole to play all alone while three partners critique his every move. He

is, truly, the Sucker in the Bucket. This repeats every four holes.

The team of Rich Rompala, Jim Sauer, Tom Maggio and Roger Cogswell battled off the pressure and netted a sterling 53 to win.

Second went to Mike MacKay, Jack Tukey, David Miller and Al Krause with a 57. A playoff at 58 saw Bill Fellows, Dan Seaward, Don Ray and Stan Sheft beat Barry Humphries, Mark Ryan, Jim McMahon and Russ Bilgore.

A nine-hole scramble on April 25 was the other feature of the final week of a highly successful Beachview season. Bob Mooney, Jerry Kohmescher, Rich Waterhouse and Barrie Humphries won out with a 19.76 net. Jack Tukey, Bill Sadd, Tom Maggio and Dick Grant finished second with 21.5 while Bill Stell, Joe Hoffmann, Al Krause and Ralph Suechting posted 22.25 for third.

It was a season that saw the membership of the Beachview men's group reach the 100 mark, with most of the members sharing in the prize pot somewhere along the way. And most headed for faraway places to reload and look forward to the fall... which really isn't all that far out there.✱

Dunes Women's Golf Association



Grethe Christensen



Mary Ann Czarnecki



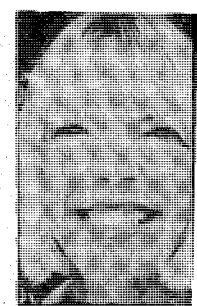
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Millie Hasselman



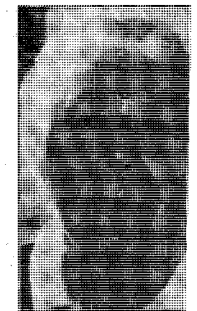
Sue Ritchard



Pam Brodersen



Linda De Francisco



Joan Eschert

weather and friendship for the close the season game. A delicious lunche followed.

First Place: Grethe Christensen, M Ann Czarnecki, Pat Sawin and Millie Hasselman, 101.

Second Place: Sue Richard, Pam Brodersen, Linda DeFrancisco, Joan Eschert, 104.

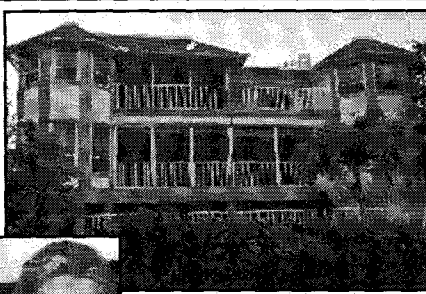
Third Place: Becky Ciriello, Joan I Jana Stone and Rosemary Ryan, 107

Fourth Place: Mary Ann Parmelee Nancy McConnell, Ginny Fleming and Jan Baker, 110.

Chip-Ins
Joan Eschert, Jan Baker, Betsy C
Congratulations to the winners.✱

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Rec Department Offers Game Time For Disabled

submitted by Hazel Schuller

The Sanibel City Recreation Department has games programs at the Senior Center open to adults of all ages and abilities. The activities and outings offered there are inclusive and try to accommodate all citizens with disabilities and/or special needs.

The Friendship Games Day started May 1 and will continue on Monday mornings at the center in a secluded conference room. Table games for all levels of playing ability are offered: fun-

card games (Hearts, Concentration, Phase-10, Skip-Bo), jigsaw puzzles, Rummikub, Dominos, checkers and chess. Participants may bring their own favorite game. Bring a friend, tell a friend and share new ideas for adult recreation.

Volunteers help guide activities one-on-one with individuals having brain or vision disorder that causes inability for group table/card games. Caregivers can be free to enjoy games in the company of others, while still taking responsibility for a dependent family member. volunteer coordinator for the Monday Games is Sanibel resident Hazel Schuller MSW, ACSW.

Conversation is encouraged and the general public is welcome. There is no fee. Membership in the Island Seniors, Inc. is available for \$15. Transportation

to the center from a Sanibel/Captiva home can be arranged by calling Friends-In-Service-Here (FISH) 472-0400.

Geriatric Specialist Dr. Michael Franz Raab, MD author of *Creating A Personal Healthcare Book* spoke with a group of varied ages of adults at the Senior Center in April. He is associated with HealthPark to help promote something like Friendship Games Day at an independent living facility in Fort Myers. Mental exercises such as table games with friends is a one way to maintain good health.*



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Pro Golf Tour Update

May 4 - 7, 2006

This Week's PGA Tournament

The Wachovia Championship



Defending: Vijay Singh
Total Purse: \$6,000,000
Yards: 7,442
Par: 72

The Wachovia Championship is one of the newer events on the PGA Tour. The championship first became an official tournament in 2003. The home course, Quail Hollow Club, is one of the favorites of the PGA Tour, so this event will draw the bigger names on the tour. David Toms took home the inaugural crown, defeating the trio of Vijay Singh, Robert Gamez and Brent Geiberger by two strokes. Last year, Vijay Singh took advantage of a record-tying collapse by Sergio Garcia, as well as an untimely mistake by Jim Furyk to win the Wachovia Championship on the fourth playoff hole.

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Last Week On The PGA Tour

Tournament Results

Champion: Chris Couch
Purse: \$1,080,000
2nd Place: Funk, Howell III
Purse: \$528,000
4th Place: Appleby, Wetterich, Durant
Purse: \$248,000

Twice on the verge of a collapse, Chris Couch recovered by chipping in from 55 feet for par on the 18th hole at English Turn to close with a 7-under 65 and win the Zurich Classic by one shot over Charles Howell III and Fred Funk. Couch, who turns 33 on Monday, won for the first time on the PGA Tour and

capped off a week in the Big Easy he won't soon forget. Couch, who made the cut on the number at minus-four, became the fourth player in PGA Tour history to make the cut on the number, then go on to win the title. Fred Funk nearly made a miraculous comeback in the final round. He fired a 10-under 62, one off the course record, to end in a tie for second place at 18-under par 270.

PGA Tournament FORE!CAST

Thursday



Partly Cloudy
 Hi: 80 Lo: 57

Friday



Few Showers
 Hi: 80 Lo: 58

Saturday



Isolated T-storms
 Hi: 75 Lo: 51

Sunday



Scat d T-storms
 Hi: 70 Lo: 48

Golf Trivia

In what tournament did Tiger Woods miss his first cut as a professional?

- a) Bell Canadian Open
- b) Las Vegas Invitational
- c) Greater Milwaukee Open
- d) The Players Championship

Answer: a) Bell Canadian Open

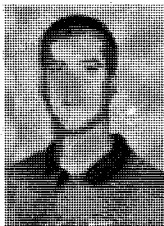
Golfing Tip



One of those awkward shots that can really be mastered with a bit of practice is when your shot lies up against a tree and you can not take your normal stance. As you may expect, you will need to turn your body around and do the opposite of

PGA Tour Player Profile

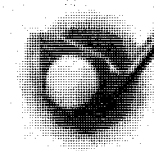
Chris Couch



Birthdate: May 1, 1973
Birthplace: Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Residence: Gainesville, Fla.
Turned Professional: 1995

World Ranking: 368
2006 Earnings: \$1,102,278
PGA TOUR Victories: One victory, the 2006 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Golf History



May 5, 1963 - Jack Nicklaus captured the Tournament of Champions for what would be the first of his five victories in the event. Nicklaus posted a 273 total, defeating Tony Lema and Arnold Palmer by five strokes.

what you normally do. You want to use irons with the biggest faces (wedge or 9-iron) and flip it over to match your flipped stance. As you prepare to make your swing, the first piece of advice is to not take a full swing. A short backswing will eliminate any errors since you are not used to swinging the club this way (backwards). You also want to abbreviate the follow-through, trying to keep your right arm straight (normally, you want to keep your left arm straight). Try this technique out a few times and you should be able to get a good grasp of it fairly quickly.

2006 Money Leaders

Rank & Player	Money
1) Phil Mickelson	\$3,205,547
2) Stuart Appleby	\$2,670,902
3) Tiger Woods	\$2,485,083
4) Geoff Ogilvy	\$2,424,959
5) Rory Sabbatini	\$2,253,710

World Rankings

Rank & Player	Score
1) Tiger Woods	17.66
2) Phil Mickelson	9.93
3) Retief Goosen	8.57
4) Vijay Singh	8.44
5) Ernie Els	6.44

Driving Distance

Rank & Player	Avg.
1) Bubba Watson	318.9
2) J.B. Holmes	310.8
3) Tag Ridings	309.2
4) Robert Garrigus	308.7
5) Brett Wetterich	307.9

Putting Average

Rank & Player	Avg.
1) Tommy Armour III	1.697
2) Phil Mickelson	1.700
3) Brian Gay	1.707
4) Nathan Green	1.707
5) Todd Fischer	1.710

Beachview Women's Golf

by Bea Maggio

Wednesday, April 26 marked the end of the 28th season since the founding of the Beachview Women's Golf Association in 1978. Back in days of yore, the course was limited to 9 holes, there was no clubhouse, much less a restaurant. Moreover, a more traditional game was played than the one that was set for the day's play.

To allow for more than one winner, Wednesday's game provided victory in the categories of low gross, low net and lowest score on hole #9 for both 9 and 18 holers.

Among the 9 holers, the low gross award went to Linnea Sadd while low net was captured by the League's President Nancy Stell. Two veteran players, Ginny O'Neil and Nancy Ruedig tied for the lowest score on the 9th hole.

In the 18 hole group, the low gross award went to newcomer Sandy Sauer, while the gal with the lovely lilting accent, Shirley MacKay, took second place. Ever steady Diane Metz got the top honors in the low net category while the league's Vice President Jill Bugby placed second. The lady from Massachusetts, Gloria Waterhouse, had the lowest score on hole 9.

For the members of the league who failed to capture any of the above awards on the final day of play, the cry of the hapless old Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team "wait til next year" still rings true.*

SPORTS QUIZ

- Name the last team to win a World Series in the same season it had the regular-season league Most Valuable Player.
- In 1920, Babe Ruth hit 54 home runs, topping the total for each of the other American League teams. Which A.L. team was closest to the Yankee slugger's total?
- Who holds the NFL record for most TD receptions by a tight end for a season?
- Name the last team before Siena in 2002 to win an NCAA Tournament game with a losing record.
- Who was the last Washington Capitals player before rookie Alex Ovechkin in the 2005-06 NHL season to tally at least 40 goals for a season?

ANSWERS

- The Los Angeles Dodgers with MVP Kirk Gibson in 1988.
- The St. Louis Browns had a team total of 50 homers.
- Antonio Gates of the San Diego Chargers with 13 in 2004.
- Bradley won twice in the 1955 tournament after getting in with a 7-19 record.
- Peter Bondra had 45 goals in 2000-01.

What's Wrong With The Twins? Horrible Start Puts Them Far Behind in Division.



by Ed Frank

Only a month into the 2006 major league baseball schedule, we wonder what in the world is wrong with the Minnesota Twins?

When the Twins left here in early April after a winning spring training season attended by a record 126,000 fans, there were reasons to believe they had assembled a roster to compete in the American League Central Division against the World Champion Chicago White Sox and the retooled Cleveland Indians.

But look at the disastrous results after the first 25 games that, as of the first of this week, found the 9-16 Twins (.360) in fourth place in the AL Central, nine games behind the first-place White

Sox.

The Twins are 3-12 on the road, including last weekend's three-game sweep by the Detroit Tigers when they scored only one run in the three games.

You need only to look at the first-month batting averages of the Twins to see why they got off to such a miserable start:

Torii Hunter, an All-Star center fielder and gold glove winner, was batting .189

Designated hitter Rondell White, .136

Third-baseman Tony Batista, .208

Shortstop Juan Castro, .234

Outfielder Lew Ford, .214

Designated hitter Ruben Sierra, .188

Pitching, always strength of the Twins, was as woeful as the batting during the first four weeks. Here were the records of four starting pitchers:

The 2004 Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana was 1-3 with a 4.45 ERA.

Carlos Silva, 1-4, with a whopping 10.31 ERA

Veteran Brad Radke, 2-3, an ERA of 8.89

Kyle Loshe, 1-2, 8.77 ERA

Perhaps Santana's troubles can be attributed to the World Baseball Classic when, early in spring training, he threw 8-1/3 innings for the Venezuelan team and then went winless in four starts for the Twins.

Several top pitchers who played in the WBC are off to a rocky start as well, includ-

ing Bartolo Colon of the Los Angeles Angels, Esteban Loaiza, Oakland A's, Jake Peavy, San Diego Padres, and Carlos Zambrano, Chicago Cubs.

The Twins returned home to the Minnesota Metrodome Monday where the losses continued, dropping the first game of the home stand 8-2 to the Seattle Mariners.

They better right the ship quickly if they hope to get back in the AL Central pennant race.

Season Ends for Florida Everblades

The Florida Everblades post-season run for the ECHL Championship ended Monday night when the Gwinnett Gladiators defeated the Everblades 7-4 at Germain Arena to win the best-of-five series three games to one.

The loss in the ECHL South Division Finals was in stark contrast to the last two years when the local team advanced to the Kelly Cup championship finals.

After splitting the first two series games with the Gladiators on the road, the Everblades returned to Germain with the opportunity to advance to the league's American Conference finals.

But back-to-back home losses - Gwinnett was victorious Saturday 6-4 - ended the 2005-2006 season for the Everblades. The defeat Monday was the first time since February that the Everblades lost two games in a row.

LPGA Returns to Florida

It's been five years since the LPGA left our area and there has been interest ever since for a return of the women pros to Southwest Florida.

That day may be getting closer as the result of last weekend's inaugural Ginn Clubs & Resorts Open in Central Florida won by Mi Hyun Kim who picked up the \$375,000 winner's check.

The Octagon Company, manager of the Champions Tour ACE Group Classic held each February in Naples, has expressed interest in bringing the LPGA back to this area. The success of last weekend's tournament near Orlando should be a step forward.

Firecats Win Third Straight Game.

The Florida Firecats Magic Benton became arenafootball2's all-time leading receiver last weekend when the Firecats won their third consecutive game, a 47-26 thumping of the Bossier-Shreveport BattleWings.

The victory improved the team's season record to 3-1 and a second-place hold in the league's South Division.

Benton set the record when he caught a 28-yard toss from quarterback Chris Wallace to move him past the record of 4,829 yards previously set by the now-retired James Smith.

The Firecats are on the road again this weekend when they face the 1-4 Tennessee Valley Vipers. ✨

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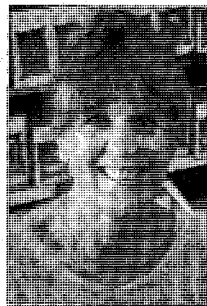
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Around The Islands With Anne You'll Give A Hoot About This Movie



by Anne Mitchell

The Island Cinema is showing *Hoot* for the next two weeks, a family adventure movie about Cape Coral's colony of burrowing owls and the efforts of a boy to save them from the

bulldozers.

To mark the occasion, cinema owner Shelly Kaplan is doing a giveaway of *Hoot*-related posters, bookmarks, pamphlets and even some CDs of the movie soundtrack by singer Jimmy Buffett, who is also one of the producers.

Hoot, which is about 90 minutes long, was filmed partially in Cape Coral. It's based on a novel by Florida author Carl Hiaasen that's become a *New York Times* bestseller.

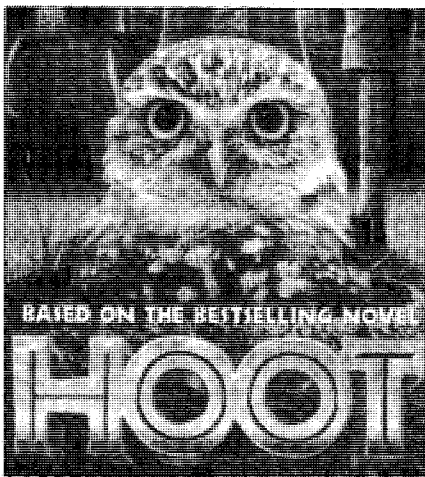
Other locations include Fort Lauderdale and Boca Grande.

What's not to love about these ground-dwelling birds. Just looking at them makes you smile. An entire movie about them sounds like a winner to me.

Hoot will show daily at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. starting tonight. It's rated PG. The giveaways are only while supplies last.

Island Cinema is in the Bailey's Shopping Center at the corner of Periwinkle and Tarpon Bay Road.

Johnny Costanzo has been dishing up pizzas for 21 years, 12 of those on Sanibel. Johnny's Pizza has some of the best in the area, including some recipes handed down through the family from Grandpa John, Grandma Rose, Uncle Ken and others. People rave about the Chicken Alfredo Portabella Pizza, along with other specialty



Poster for the movie showing a burrowing owl



Johnny Costanzo taking a pizza out of the oven

concoctions. He also offers pizza by the slice.

"We make everything here, the sauce, the dough, the meatballs," said Costanzo, 44. He also makes a mean antipasto salad and delicious subs.

He was an entrepreneur at a young age, running a mobile marine repair business and the first bicycle shop on Sanibel by the time he was 21. In 1984, he opened Johnny's Pizza in Kingston Square, just off-island in Fort Myers, before moving the business to Sanibel.

Because of the hiring crunch here and around Lee County, Costanzo was disappointed that he couldn't take part in the annual CROW benefit on Sunday, Taste of the Islands, or compete for an award. "I'm sorry I couldn't make it but I didn't have the help. I truly support CROW's efforts," he said.

However, he made 25 pizzas and took them over to the event so staff from other restaurants could enjoy a slice.

Billy Kirkland, owner of several Sanibel businesses including **Billy's Rentals** that make visiting the island more fun — bike and scooter rentals and Segway tours — is celebrating what he calls "Twenty years of surviving on Sanibel." He started with

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Billy Kirkland, right, with Al and Evelyn Fuller. Fuller has been an unofficial "employee" of Kirkland's for 20 years, handing out beach towels and bike helmets at some of Kirkland's rental businesses. Though he's not on the payroll, he was among the invited guests at a dinner Monday at Traders to mark Kirkland's 20th year in business on Sanibel.

beach chair rentals.

It's quite an accomplishment, given the ups and downs of the national and local economy, and Kirkland has used innovation as a tool.

Last Monday, he threw a 20th anniversary party for current and past employees and their spouses — about 35 in all — at Trader's Store & Cafe.

Southern Tradition Landscape Contracting is a Fort Myers-based company with strong ties to Sanibel and Captiva. Owner Bill Blauvelt grew up on Sanibel

and still does a lot of work on the islands, even though his business has expanded tremendously around the county.

He was involved in the Sanibel Beautification project at Causeway Road and Periwinkle, supplying the plants and lending a hand with planting.

Blauvelt started Southern Tradition Landscaping in 1998. The company mostly does high-end projects, some of which include waterfalls and koi ponds as well as lighting.

The company now consists of three



A koi pond on Captiva designed and installed by Southern Tradition Landscaping

divisions: landscape design and installation, irrigation, and sod, and has 50 employees.

He has an AS degree in landscape golf course technology and design from Lake City Community College and a BS in landscape design and management from FAMU in Tallahassee.

Blauvelt has also worked in St. Kitts, West Indies, for the government and a private company. One project was to design and landscape the hotel grounds of the Fort Thomas Hotel.

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To learn more about the company, log onto www.stlc.net, or call 590-6230.

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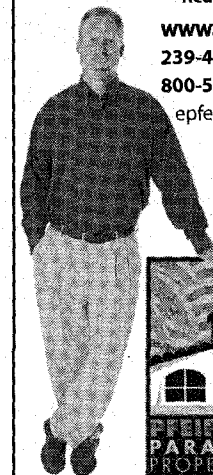
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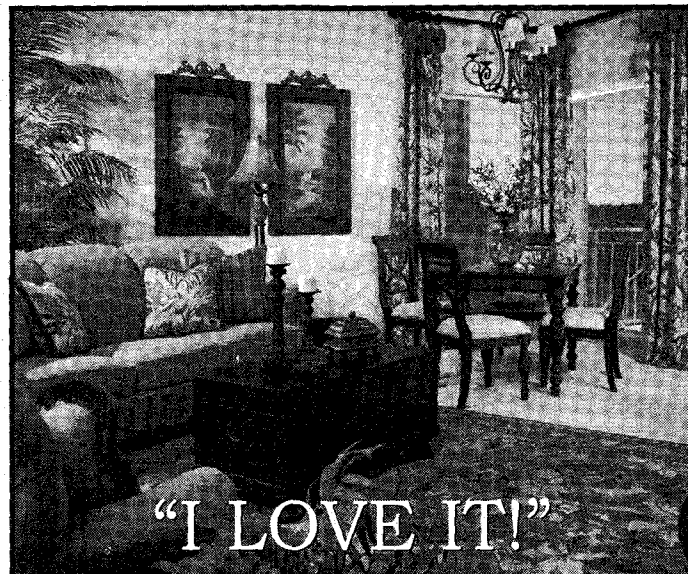
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Danny Morgan & Friends also appear Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 p.m. at **Traders**, 1551 Periwinkle Way for listening and dancing.

Morgan also entertains, along with Diana Lynn, aboard **Captiva Cruises'** sunset cruises Wednesday through Saturday. Call 472-5300 for times and reservations.

Dolce Vita has entertainment seven nights a week. Here's the line-up through May 12: Tonight, Friday, Andre & Soli, oldies, Motown, rock 'n' roll and jazz; Saturday and Thursday, Paul Ventura and Skip Perry, jazz standards, Italian tunes and pop; Sunday, Gino Federico, oldies, pop, rock 'n' roll and jazz; Monday and Tuesday, David Jenkin, popular dance, R&B, disco and jazz; Wednesday, Woody Brubaker & Skip Haynes, jazz and popular dance music.

Fridays and Saturdays at **The Riviera** restaurant, it's Gino Federico with jazz, pop, Italian, rock 'n' roll and oldies at the piano and keyboard. On

Sundays, Michael Moore-Kelly plays romantic songs at the piano.

Beachview Steakhouse & Grill has entertainment on Fridays by singer Paul Ventura.

There's live jazz at **Ellington's** seven nights a week at 937 East Gulf Drive.

There's live music Tuesday through Saturday at **The Seafood Factory**.

The Island Cow restaurant has casual acoustic music nightly featuring Greg Watts on Monday, Vinny Jacobs, Tuesday, Diana Lynn, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, and Keith Colie on Thursday and Friday.

Along with its fabulous sunsets, **The Mucky Duck** on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, features the music of John Butler on Monday, Friday and Saturday, Greg Watts on Tuesday, Mark Dupuy, Wednesday, and Gene Federico, Thursday.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly in the Jac Bar.

ENTERTAINMENT ROUNDUP: Restaurants and bars, please fax or e-mail Anne Mitchell with your entertainment schedule for the coming week at 395-2299 or islandsuncity@aol.com.

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Around The Islands

wide, Americans will send more than 150 million Mother's Day cards.

My current favorites are Hallmark's musical cards by original artists. Among the six celebrating Mother's Day is one with James Brown belting out *I Feel Good*. Another is Louis Armstrong sweetly singing *Wonderful World*, a great tribute to mom.

You can get them at **Arundel's Hallmark** store at 1626 Periwinkle Way in Heart of the Island shopping center.

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Great Strides Walk Set

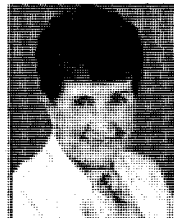
The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will have its Great Strides walk in Fort Myers on Saturday, May 13 at Lakes Regional Park.

Registration is at 8 a.m. at Shelter B-1 and the walk begins at 9 a.m. There will be a celebration following the walk.

Those wanting to participate in the fundraiser to find the cure for cystic fibrosis are asked to form teams with the goal of having 10 team members who each raise \$150. Teams can register online at www.cff.org.

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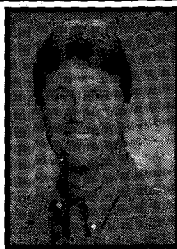
The IRS allows you to keep significant tax-free profit from the sale of your principal residence - \$500,000 for a married couple and \$250,000 for individuals - if you lived in the house for at least 24 months during the five years prior to the sale. What if you were required to sell before you met the two-year residency requirement?

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to maintain housing expenses, military duty, multiple births from the same pregnancy and death of the homeowner, spouse or co-owner also qualify as unforeseen circumstances.

The partial exclusion is based on the number of days you lived in the home, times the standard exclusion (\$500,000 or \$250,000) divided by 730 days (2 years.) Consult a tax professional for further details!

Margie specializes in Sanibel, Captiva and Ft. Myers real estate. She was named Realtor of the Year by Sanibel and Captiva Assn. of Realtors in 2000 and 2002. Her new book, "How To Make Your Realtor Get You The Best Deal--South Florida Edition" is must reading if you are thinking of buying or selling. Call Margie at ResortQuest 472-1511, or e-mail her at Margie@MargieDavison.com.



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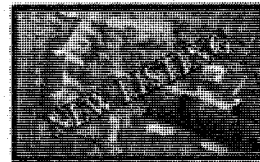


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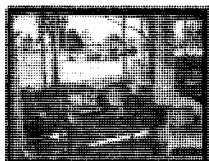


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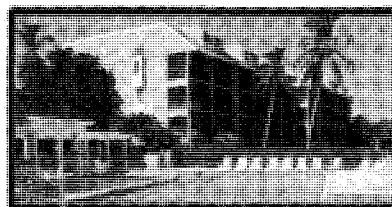
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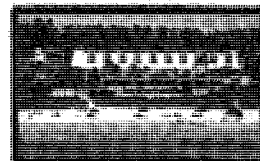


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52 Will Power Intangible Tax No More

by Craig R. Hersch, Florida Bar Board Certified Wills,
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After years of reducing the Florida intangible tax, it appears that the tax will be no more. As I am writing this article on April 28, I have a posting on a professional listerserv that I belong to indicating that

the Florida Senate has passed a bill to eliminate the Florida intangible tax, now requiring only Governor Bush's signature to make it the law of the land.

The Florida intangible tax is (was?) a tax on the value of intangible personal property. Intangible personal property is taxed at the rate of 50 cents per thousand dollars of assets subject to the tax, with a married couple receiving \$500,000 of exemption and a single person receiving \$250,000 of exemption. Certain types of assets, such as cash in banks and qualified retirement plans are exempt from intangible taxation.

So if a married couple has \$1 million of money market funds, stocks, bonds and mutual funds then the tax in 2006 after the exemption would have been \$250. Therefore, you can surmise why most

professionals called it a "nuisance tax." A single person with the theoretical \$1 million of assets pays only \$375 of intangible tax.

When Florida rids itself of the intangible personal property tax it reminds us again what a benefit it is to be a Florida resident. We have no state income tax, no state death or inheritance taxes, and our sales tax rate is low compared to other states. While some lament our increasing property taxes, becoming a Florida resident allows one to avail oneself of the "Save Our Homes" property tax assessment cap.

Eliminating the intangible tax also provides a beneficial means to use LLCs for privacy and asset protection planning. Under the intangible tax, LLC or S Corporation interests were subject to the personal property tax, while for some unexplained reason partnership interests were not. LLCs offer some advantages when engaging in privacy and asset protection (I'll save that topic for another article) but a traditional downside included the intangible taxation of those same LLC interests. With the repeal of the intangible personal property tax, those avenues look that much more attractive.

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International Real Estate

by JB Novelli



Records Set For Demand In Second Homes

Vacation and investment-home sales both set records in 2005. The combined total of second home sales accounted for

four out of 10 residential transactions. The market share of second homes rose from 36 percent of transactions in 2004 to 39.9 percent in 2005. The annual report, based on two surveys, shows that 27 percent of all homes purchased in 2005 were for an investment and another 12.2 percent were vacation homes.

Southwest Florida properties, especially those on Sanibel are in a favorable position for those looking for a vacation or investment home. We have seen the Baby Boomers who want multiple empty nest homes in different settings. Many investors are looking for second homes with more square footage or are buying multiple condos in a particular area.

The demand for hot properties for vacation investment homes should not decrease any time soon. This is a great time to be in the right place. Buyers have

a great selection and interest rates are low, low, low!

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

Realtors Attend Monthly Membership Meeting

More than 90 realtor and affiliate members attended the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors, Inc. monthly membership meeting at Beachview Steakhouse.

Association President Art Corace conducted the business meeting; affiliate members Tim Murty and Robert Monk, of Murty and Monk PA Attorneys At Law, sponsored the meeting.

Corace presented Realtor Debbie Staley with the Sanibel Captiva Islands Specialist Designation, and recognized new Realtor member applicants.

Committee reports were given by Debbie Staley (Professional Development), David Schuldenfrei (RPAC), Glen Simmons (Government and Political Affairs), and Ray Ochester (MLS and Internet).

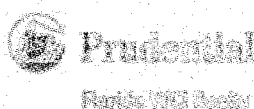
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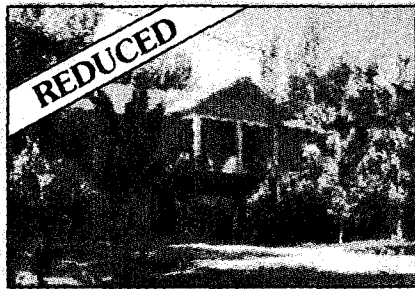
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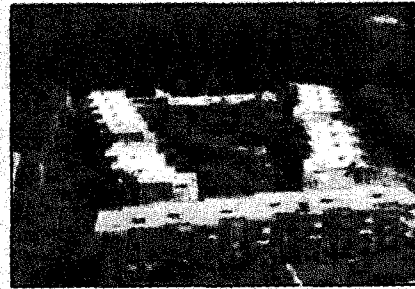
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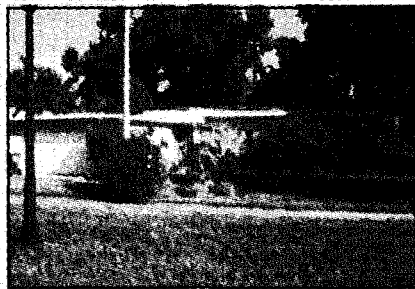
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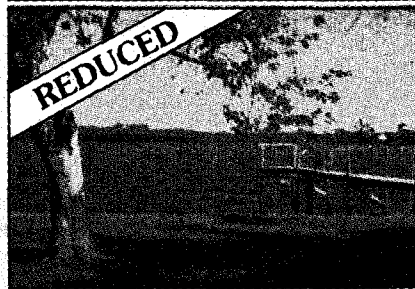
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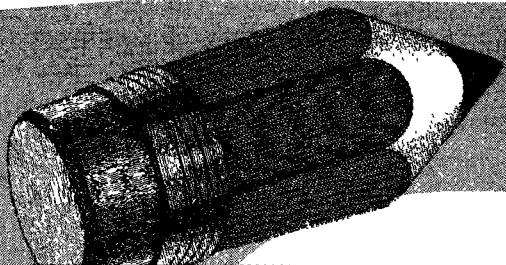
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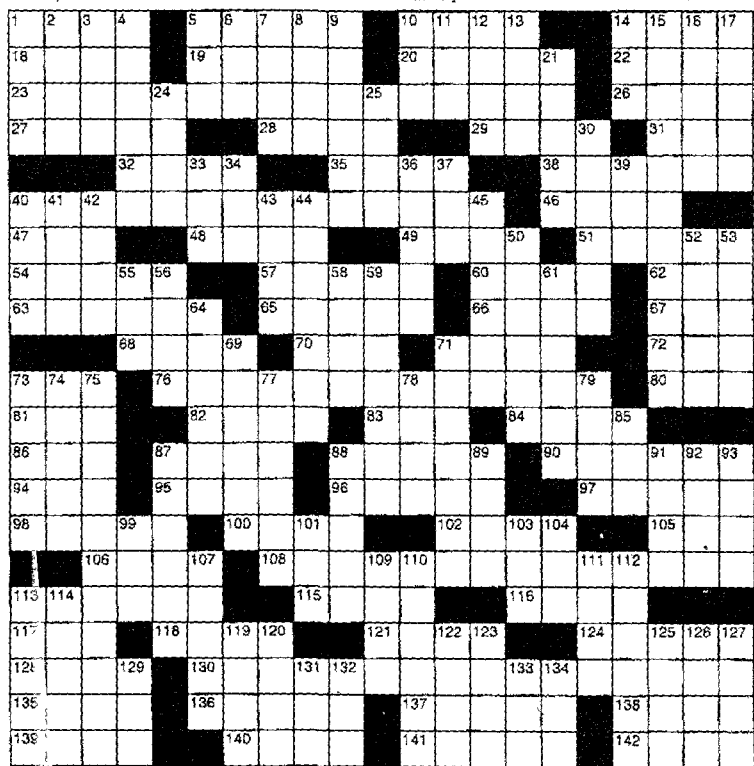


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 - 79 They're often glossed over
 - 85 Actor Herbert
 - 87 Sissy of "In the Bedroom"
 - 88 Host
 - 89 Out of — (incompatible)
 - 91 Soprano Te Kanawa
 - 92 007's school
 - 93 De a farrier
 - 99 Bull's beloved
 - 101 "Quiet!"
 - 103 Overhead film
 - 104 "Birds — feather . . ."
 - 107 Colleague of Shelley
 - 109 Coll. hotshot
 - 110 Whitman's bloomers
 - 111 Panache
 - 112 Multitude
 - 113 "GoodFellas" Oscar winner
 - 114 De Valera of Ireland
 - 119 Heavy blow
 - 120 As a result
 - 122 Aerial
 - 123 "O patina mia" singer
 - 125 Taj town
 - 126 Comparative word
 - 127 Sicilian volcano
 - 129 Merry
 - 131 — Claire, WI
 - 132 Unit of work
 - 133 Lepidopter-ist's need
 - 134 When Sahe swelled

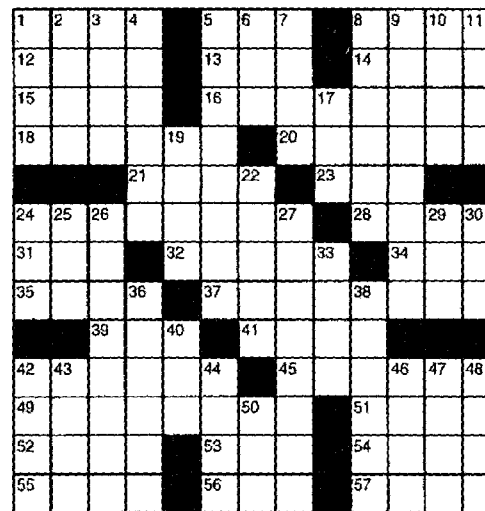


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Low poker hand
- 5 Pocket watch chain
- 8 Liniment target
- 12 Discourteous
- 13 - Jima
- 14 "Take -Train"
- 15 Press
- 16 Unambitious types
- 18 Half a winter twosome
- 20 Piano style
- 21 Tinkerbell's handful
- 23 Black bird
- 24 Sails near the stern
- 28 Coaster
- 31 Lubricate
- 32 Packs cargo
- 34 Shelter
- 35 Rosary component
- 37 Running shoes
- 39 Miler Sebastian
- 41 Deserve
- 42 Missouri tribe
- 45 Revolt participant
- 49 Pickle line group
- 51 Story
- 52 Tardy



- 53 Actor McBride
- 54 Authentic
- 55 Mine diggings
- 56 Heavy weight
- 57 Egg part

DOWN

- 1 Overly proper one
- 2 Emanation
- 3 "American -"
- 4 Fame
- 5 Trawler gear
- 6 Hooter
- 7 Feathery accessories
- 8 Diet doctor

- 9 Bedspread fabric
- 10 Roll-call reply
- 11 Bridge position
- 17 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
- 19 - Fifth Avenue
- 22 Hum
- 24 Bawl
- 25 Chart format
- 26 Item by item
- 27 Administers an oath to
- 29 Always, in verse
- 30 - Moines
- 33 Wrap of India
- 36 Orphaned cattle
- 38 Complex, as a problem
- 40 "A mouse!"
- 42 Norway's capital
- 43 Celebrity
- 44 Denomination
- 46 Poi base
- 47 Hebrew month
- 48 Stench
- 50 Pi follower

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 C B O Z L Y X V C U A I C O R
 Q C P L L A B N R O C I N U C

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

- Capricorn
- Cornball
- Cornea
- Corned
- Cornelia
- Cornell
- Corner
- Cornet
- Cornhusker
- Cornice
- Cornish
- Corns
- Cornwallis
- Scorned
- Unicorn

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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 BEAD SNEAKERS
 COE EARN
 OSAGES RIOTER
 STRIKERS TALE
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SUPER CROSSWORD

GARR PAGED THIN MAMA
 OLIO ENERO AESOP ORAL
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 ONAIR STEW SHAW CIA
 NEAT MADE GATHER
 SIMIANBUSINESS ERIN
 ARA TARA APPT MAIZE
 KORDA GNARL LAST DEN
 INSULT EGRET ARCH MBA
 OTIS RAT ASTA ARC
 PAR AMPHIBIANHALL NAT
 ABE BREA NUT NEIL
 TOP SEER EUROS SPOKES
 OUT PRAM MEANY SMITH
 UTICA DISC INSO ROO
 LOCK THEBLACKFELINE
 PEEWEE HEMI YALE
 EAR KATE OLGA AGATE
 SMOG THREECAMINENIGHT
 COCA SUGAR CADET ORAN
 INKY DOUG STATE NANA

MAGIC MAZE

CORNY WORDS

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2	4	6	1	3	9	5	7	8
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TRIVIA TEST

- HISTORY: Which pope launched the First Crusade?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear characterizes the condition known as ophidiophobia?
- TELEVISION: For which president did James T. West work as an undercover agent in "The Wild Wild West"?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Irish Sea separates which two islands?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the Oxford Movement?
- BIOLOGY: What is a protozoa?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is a siren?
- MEDICINE: What is lumbago?
- ART: Who painted the "Portrait of Dr. Gachet"?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote "The Right Stuff"?

ANSWERS

1. Urban II 2. Fear of snakes 3. Ulysses S. Grant 4. Ireland and Great Britain 5. A 19th-century religious reform effort 6. A single-celled organism 7. Half-woman, half-bird creatures whose songs lured sailors to their deaths 8. Lower back pain 9. Vincent Van Gogh 10. Tom Wolfe



NEWSPAPER
 Sanibel & Captiva Islands

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 Captiva 472-9494
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 Administrative Office 472-3700
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 Community Housing and Resources 472-1189
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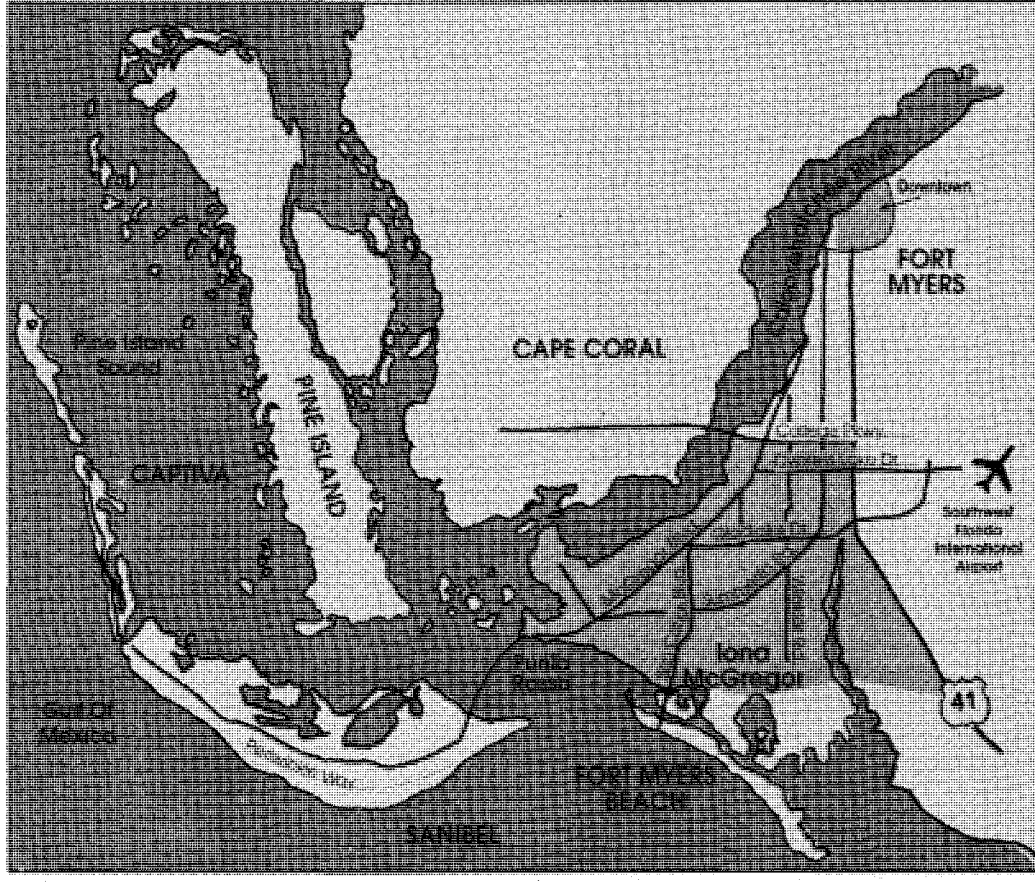
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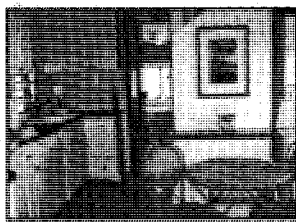
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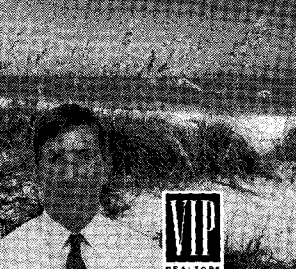


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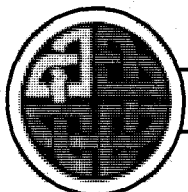
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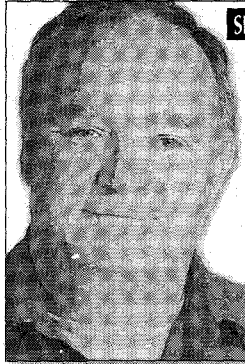
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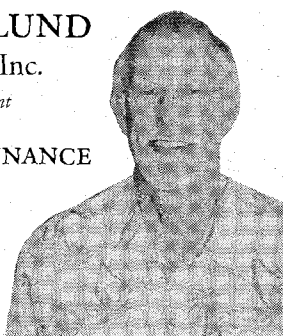
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by Lizzie and Pryce

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Dear Mom & Me,

Last week I received a most unusual letter from my dentist. I have always had confidence in his expertise, and he has given me very good care for the past 20 years. He frequently mentioned his wife and their two children.

Suddenly my Dr. Paul will be Dr. Paula. He announced that he will be on medical leave for the necessary surgery and treatments. He will be practicing at the same location in eight weeks. If I need care during his/her absence he suggested who I should call.

I was stunned and don't know how I should respond. Please give me some suggestions.

Mandy

Dear Mandy,

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Pryce

Dear Mandy,

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A support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on May 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 10051 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 101, Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns, and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or assisted living residents at no charge.

For more information, the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center can be contacted at 437-3007.*

Chiropractic Playing A Larger Role In Athletics



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

Increasing numbers of people of all ages are getting into sports and athletic activities. This is another reason chiropractic care is growing

in importance as an alternative health approach. Most sporting activities involve body contact, quick starts and stops, and a great deal of strain on the back and skeletal system. Individuals who enjoy sports realize that their doctors of chiropractic can help in one of two ways: preparing their bodies for strenuous activity or providing treatment when the body has been overused or injured.

Doctors of chiropractic look at a person as an integrated being, giving special attention to the spine, joints, muscles, tendons, ligaments, and nerves. Chiropractic is a natural healthcare approach that places importance on having all systems of the body functioning effectively, so players can enjoy peak performance, the least risk of injury, and fast recuperation.

Many world-class and Olympic athletes, as well as professional stars and teams, use sports chiropractors to provide care. For example, the Players Association of the National Football League has officially incorporated sports chiropractors as a regular part of care. Chiropractors have also been attending doctors at the Olympic games and at national and world championships in track and field, cycling, volleyball, power lifting, aerobics, and triathlons.*

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Got A Problem?

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3. Take a noise break from machines. Unplugging is good. Take a break from computers, radios, TV, clocks, pagers, answering machines, for 10 minutes a day and see what happens in this silence.

4. Be in nature. Set up a birdfeeder on or near a window, and spend several moments every day staring at it for several moments. When darkness falls, turn your gaze to the stars.

5. Just stop and sit for a minute. Whether you are running errands, cleaning the house or working at the computer, take a break to sit and do nothing for several moments. This will calm and center your mind and you will feel refreshed. You will actually feel more productive as you go back to your activities.

Dr. Clancy is a licensed mental health therapist, certified hypnotherapist, life coach, author and public speaker. You may contact Connie at 472-3797, email Connie@drconstance.com and visit her Web site at www.drconstance.com.

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five school districts, several family groups, and state and community organizations to bring the event to the region.

"Supporting the successful participation of persons with disabilities is the right thing to do. It enriches our communities and is a positive contribution to our local economy," Peg Sullivan, project coordinator of the partnership, said.

Admission to the conference is free, however advance registration by telephone at 590-7747 or online at <http://itech.fgcu.edu/USurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=204> is required to ensure participation in the luncheon.✱

Safe Sitter Course

Lee Memorial Health System Childbirth & Family Education will be holding a Safe Sitter Course beginning June 3 and 4; June 10 and 11; and August 12 and 13 from, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at HealthPark Medical Center, 9981 South HealthPark Drive, Fort Myers.

The Safe Sitter Course is a two-day course (six hours each day).

The Safe Sitter program is a medically oriented instruction course that teaches children ages 11 to 13 techniques for safe babysitting.

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Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy



Q: My life is very hectic and busy and I truly am craving some solitude. Where can I go to get this?

A: The author of *Precious Solitude*, Ruth Fishel has several suggestions to create solitude whenever you may need it.

1. Write a letter. With the accessibility of e-mail and phones, "snail mail" has become a lost art. But to sit and write a handwritten note or letter is a wonderful way to create some focused time alone. At the same time, it is an opportunity to connect with others.

2. Mindful walking. Walk slowly and deliberately to and from your car as you set off from home in the morning and again when you return in the evening. Pay attention to the four basic movements in each step: lifting your foot, mov-

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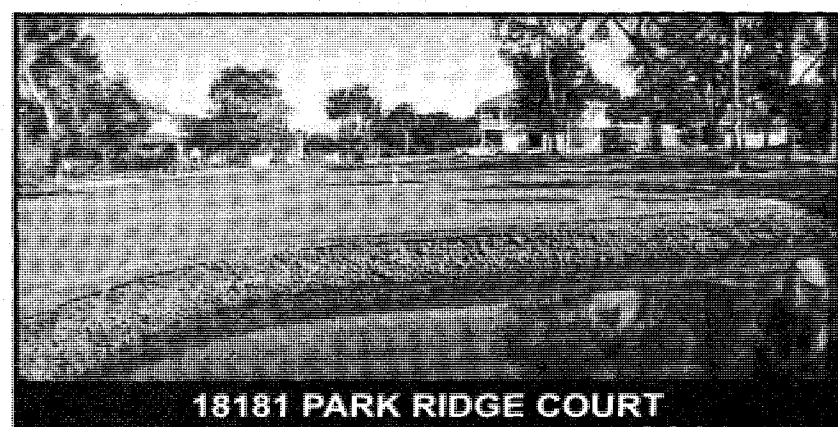
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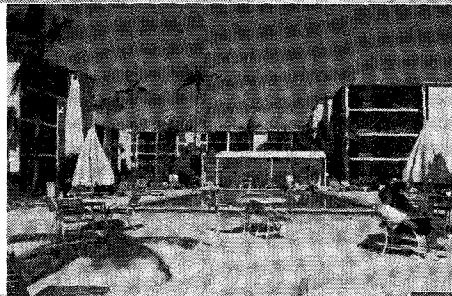
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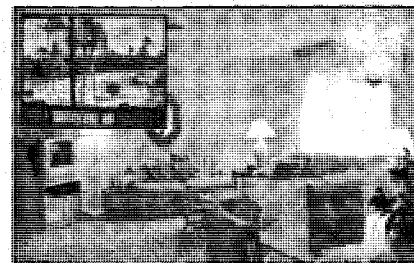
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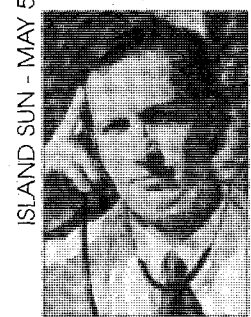


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She enjoys the exercise and, as the daughter of a GP, she has no money. "Why didn't you train to be a specialist, dad?" "Why aren't you Britney Spears?" is my sorry no-cash reply. She gets \$15 a day for delivering 106 of my mugs to your doors.

On many occasions I have been struck with the number of patients who have gone from fat sedentary jobs to the healthy slimming job of delivering either the mail or the newspaper. One overweight female patient who worked for years as a mail (male?) sorter was virtually unrecognizable after seven months as a letter carrier. Shedding innumerable pounds of potential disease, I was shocked to see how changing her job description changed her dress size. Makes you want to go postal. But my daughter, despite slugging, lugging and tugging heavy newspaper bags up and down stairs for miles and miles is actually get-

ting fatter. She is currently brewing her second child, due in a few weeks. While her husband looks after the first, she continues to get her exercise and earn the cash that she can't pry out of my cold dead hands. But I do drive several miles into town at 4:47 a.m. to help her with the extra heavy Saturday papers. So while your Saturday paper may be doctor-delivered, my daughter may suddenly deliver while delivering, perhaps on your doorstep. Please have warm towels ready by the door.

I have learned a few things delivering to your home. Like a close up look at personality disorders, neurosis and exercise physiology. #1176 Bloggins Ave. doesn't want the paper through the mail slot as the rottweiler goes ballistic at the sound of the door being violated. But #1178 wants the paper all the way through the mail slot. She even met me at the door one morning to remind me to push the paper "... ALL the way through, young man." "Sure, why is that?" I asked. "I don't want people to know if I'm here or not" was her cheerless reply. #2765 houses a jovial toddler who waves to me through the bay window with one hand, holding a bottle with the other. 3156 also has a bottle or two waving about. 4316 wants NO SOLICITORS, an unpleasant sign I hate to see. Does the fuller brush guy still come around? Solicitors nowadays are Girl Guides selling cholesterol, earnest clarinet players raising funds for the band's trip to Nunavut or some amiable LDS missionaries far from home. So lighten up, 4316. You too, 4410, you who gets cranky if the paper is not there

by 0537 and opens the door to chide me as if you've been waiting for it all night. Urgent paper machee project due at the anger management school? Never leaves a Christmas tip either. 4412 is a great tipper, thank you (I haven't told my daughter yet.)

While puffing and panting my way up and down stairs, I was impressed that for many of my sedentary patients who spend hours pouring over the paper that they would be better off to spend an equal amount of time delivering it. There is simply no better prevention for many diseases than daily exercise. It not only reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease (strokes and heart attacks) but even colon cancer and diabetes! It lowers blood pressure, raises psychological well-being and shrinks obesity with all of its horrific complications. Daily exercise is actually associated with a lower risk of Alzheimers and other brain diseases by increasing the levels of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF).

So though I get up early, spend a small fortune on gas and perspire my way through the predawn mist, I prevent a host of potential medical problems and when the delivering is done, hey... I get a free paper. Now if I can just snag a few more tips.*

FGCU Hosts Conference For People With Disabilities

The Southwest Florida Professional Development Partnership, a project of the College of Education at Florida Gulf Coast University, invites family members, individuals with disabilities, professionals, community members and media representatives to attend the Treasuring Transitions conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20 in the Student Union ballroom to learn about supporting people with disabilities to lead productive lives.

Keynote speaker Lou Brown, emeritus professor, consultant, expert witness, and key mover and shaker in the field of education and disability, presents *The Quest for Ordinary Life: Preparing individuals to function productively in the real world of work.*

The conference includes a variety of breakout sessions organized in themed strands including an orientation to adult services for persons with special needs, advocacy and self determination opportunities, exploration of best practices to support futures to get excited about, as well as sessions to support persons with disabilities to live, work and play in our local communities.

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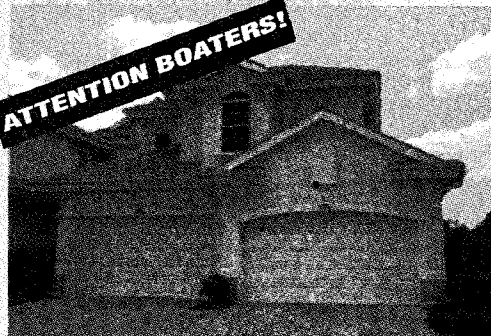
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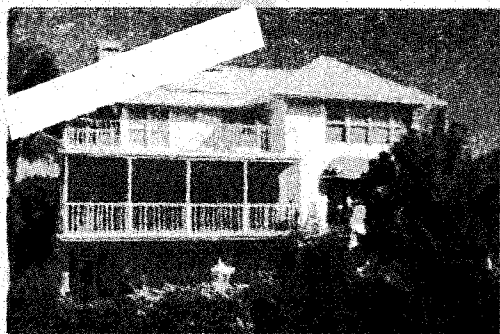
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by Ken Rufo, Postmaster Sanibel

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can register to take the written test to become a rural carrier associate.

Rural carrier associates earn from \$16.24 per hour. Individuals must take a written test to receive this classification. These employees will work a full schedule and will start seniority to become a full-time carrier.

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Mixing Up A Media Room



by Marcia Feeney

Okay. So you long for your own private media room. And the room that you envision is filled with deep, cushy, comfortable leather recliners, complete with drink hold-

ers. You're surrounded with upholstered leather walls and ceiling all soundproof, of course. Your room screams comfort, relaxation, and casual drama. Let's talk about a few of the practical aspects of creating such a dramatic hideaway — as well as some additional "creature comforts".

Plasma televisions — all the rage.

That's right. No well appointed media room would be without one. But, if by chance, your media room has to double as a family/recreation room, then you might be interested in considering some clever options for displaying your new TV. Today's furniture manufacturers are truly jumping to the task of displaying — and more importantly — hiding these sets when not in use. Beautiful entertainment centers, in a wide variety of design styles and wood tones, have been cre-

ated with clever disappearing television shelving units — all operated by remote control. Now you see it — now you don't. And another big TV option is to consider installing it above your fireplace unit — especially if you have the option to include this feature in a newly constructed home. By placing your plasma TV above your fireplace area and including cantilevered doors — once again — you have the option of now you see it — now you don't.

A deck of cards, popcorn and a soft drink or two.

Today's media rooms can be expanded to include a variety of additional design options. How about including a game table. Did you know that many of the game tables available today can actually expand — or flip over. One side for poker and when it's flipped over the other side features a backgammon board.

And, a must for any nearby media room is a swivel or corner bar unit. Again, many are now being designed to actually disguise their real purpose. Most look like beautiful accent furniture pieces, until you turn them around, or swivel them to see a well appointed bar.

Whatever your pleasure, it's important to take stock of all the activities you wish to incorporate in your new room, and do some careful planning to ensure your completed design is absolutely perfect.

Marcia Feeney is an interior decorator on Sanibel.

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Mothers, daughters, grandmothers and friends are invited to enjoy an early Mother's Day among the beautiful gardens of the newly restored Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Hot and cold tea, a variety of scones, tea sandwiches, desserts and a cookie from Mrs. Edison's personal recipes will be served. Guests are welcome to tour the estates or sit and enjoy a pleasant afternoon along the

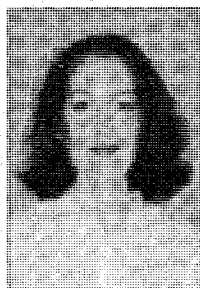
Caloosahatchee River.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 334-7419. The cost is \$30 for estates members and \$35 for the general public. In the event of rain, Estates High Tea will be served in the museum.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates are open daily Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:30 p.m. The estates is a National Trust for Historic Preservation Site and Florida Historic Landmark. The estates receives grants and support from the Florida Department of State Historical Resources and the Lee County Tourism Development Council. For additional information call 334-7419 or visit www.edison-ford-estate.com. ✨

Cruikshank To Lead Caregivers Group

The Caregivers is a support group for all persons – husbands, wives, children, friends – helping to care for the ill or the elderly. This group meets the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, May



Catherine Cruikshank

17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bank of the Islands Captiva Room.

The group will be led by Catherine Cruikshank who is well versed in the care of the ill and elderly, having received her MA in geriatric administration. Her current studies focus on positive living environment for people who are ill or losing autonomy. Cruikshank has worked with individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related dementia for more than a decade.

This meeting will last approximately one and a half hours. All those who are interested are invited to attend. If you have a need of someone to stay in your home while you attend, FISH has volunteers who will. Call FISH at 472-0404 to arrange visitation. ✨

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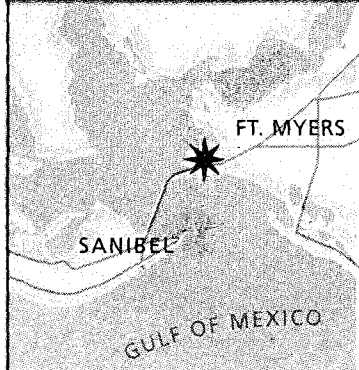
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Airport Traffic Strong In March

Almost one million passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport last month. Although it was the second highest-volume March in airport history, it was 1.96 percent below last year. The actual total for the month was 997,869 – or, 19,921 passengers less than the prior year.

As always, monthly traffic peaked in March due to the high demand for travel to the region. However, with Easter falling in April this year and the current instability in the airline industry, passenger traffic did not break the 22-year record set in March 2005. Nevertheless, year-to-date passenger traffic at SWFIA is still up over 1.23 percent compared to the industry decline of one percent reported by the Air Transport Association.

Rising fuel costs and a myriad of other economic issues facing the airlines are affecting flights and seat capacity at Southwest Florida International Airport. Some airlines responded to the turmoil with reductions in service while others expanded to fill the void. The net result was a loss for the month of only six flights per day compared to last year.

"Consumer demand for access to and from Southwest Florida was a significant factor in stabilizing the March schedule," said Robert M. Ball, AAE, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority.

"However, the uncertainties in the airline industry will continue to have an impact on the region's air service, despite the strong economic indicators for Southwest Florida's continued growth."

Air freight was up almost 12 percent compared to February 2005 and set a new record for the month with almost four million pounds moving through the airport.

Southwest Florida International Airport opened in May 1983 and served more than 7.5 million passengers during 2005. The original terminal reached its capacity seven years earlier than predicted and, on September 9, 2005, airport operations moved to a new \$438 million terminal complex, south of the airport's runway. The new terminal has the capacity for 10 million passengers annually. To learn more, visit www.flylcpa.com.

Pet Of The Week

Lily was found abandoned in a parking lot, shivering and cold. She is a healthy, eight-week-old little girl. Her coat is mostly white with black markings on her face and back. In spite of her rocky start in life, she is very affectionate and so loveable. Lily would love a second chance and a loving forever home.

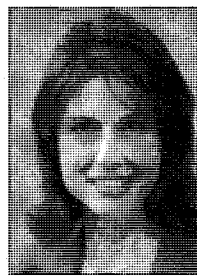


Lily

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dearPharmacist

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist:

I've been taking the prescription drug phentermine every day to help me lose about 30 pounds. What exactly does this pill do inside me to reduce weight? Is it

harmful? Does it affect the heart?

- C.W., *Orland Park, Ill.*

You know that feeling you get when you're in imminent danger or a heated argument? Your heart beats in your throat, you get dry mouth and shallow breaths. It's called the "fight or flight" response and you can almost feel the adrenalin surging through your body. People who experience panic attacks know this feeling well. Certainly it is not a time for hunger.

Phentermine tricks your body into reacting to brain chemicals (including adrenalin), which effectively triggers this fight-or-flight response. In normal doses, it's a mild reaction that speeds your heart up and gives you energy, while reducing appetite.

Some scientists theorize that phentermine also raises leptin, one of our "feel full" substances, so we eat less. The drug does affect the heart rate and can occasionally cause PPH (primary pulmonary hypertension), a dangerous cardiac prob-

lem, especially if combined with other medicine.

Is it harmful? Yes, it can be. Stimulants are my last suggestion for overweight people, who already have a serious burden on their heart from the extra weight. Why further tax the heart with drugs? The risks just don't seem to be worth it. Typical side effects include dizziness, headache, insomnia, hypertension, irritability, tremor and dependence. If you get chest pain, psychosis, swelling in the hands or feet or lightheadedness, skip your dose and call your doctor or 911.

Dear Pharmacist:

Will taking red yeast rice reduce my high cholesterol? My sister-in-law suggested this instead of statin drugs. I asked my doctor, but he didn't know about it. Do you feel it's safe?

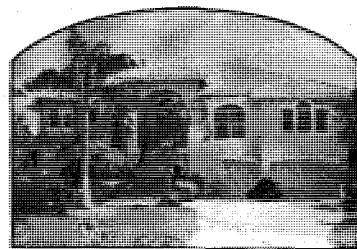
- A.R., *Seaford, N.Y.*

Yes, it's safer than statins – popular ones are Lipitor, Zocor, Pravachol, Lescol, Advicor, Crestor and Mevacor. Statins reduce cholesterol well, but I doubt they improve lifespan. I'm not a fan of statins – they have dangerous side effects and the ability to compromise heart health, the very reason people take these drugs.

Statin deplete nutrients like CoQ10, which your heart needs in order to beat. This is why some experts, including cardiologists, suggest red yeast rice. It's nature's statin and even though CoQ10 is affected, the depletion is very subtle. You can easily supplement with CoQ10. Red yeast rice works just like a natural statin, but it's milder, so there's less risk

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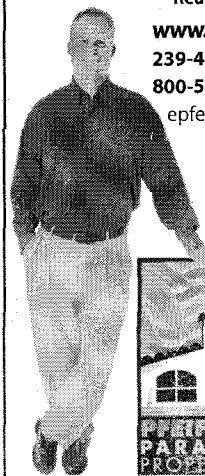
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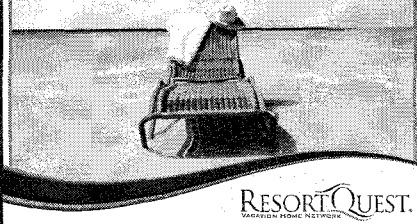
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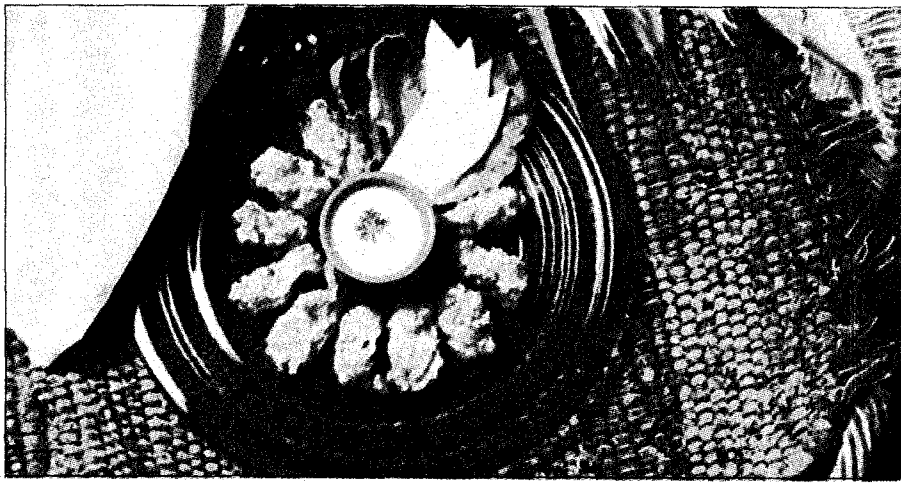
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Spicy oysters with mango dip

population coupled with our growing health consciousness.

"As people become more aware of the importance of a healthy diet, they're eating more fresh produce, and they're looking for variety," Bronson said. "Tropical fruits have been enjoyed around the world for generations, but many people in this country are just now discovering how delicious and nutritious they can be."

Mangos are an excellent source of vitamin A, which promotes eye and skin health, and vitamin C, which boosts the immune system. Both vitamin A and vitamin C are antioxidants and may help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and certain cancers. Mangos are free of sodium and saturated fat and rich in potassium and fiber. A serving (half a

mango) contains just 70 calories.

When shopping for mangos, look for firm, well-shaped fruit with shiny, taut skin that is free of cuts and blemishes. Color isn't always the best indicator of ripeness, since skin color differs from variety to variety.

According to King, the best way to select mangos is by smell and touch. "Choosing a mango is a lot like choosing a peach," she said. "A ripe mango will have a little bit of give to it and a nice aroma."

Mangos continue to ripen even after picking. To ripen a mango, store it at room temperature away from direct sunlight, checking it daily to prevent over-ripening. It's also a good idea to turn the fruit occasionally.

"Once your mango is ripe, you want to go ahead and eat it as soon as you can to enjoy the best flavor," King said. "Treat mangos the same way you would peaches and you'll be fine. The same rules for selection and storage apply."

Mangos can be refrigerated once ripe, but their flavor is most intense at room temperature. Rinse under cool running water before eating or preparing.

"My favorite way to eat mangos is fresh -- over the kitchen sink," King said. "They're good in ice cream and smoothies, too. Some people make smoothies and add a little rum. You can make mango bread and mango cobbler. You can use mangos in all the ways that you would use a peach. They're wonderful dried. Just slice them thin and put them in the food dryer for a while and you've got something really delicious."

Mangos work equally well in both sweet and savory dishes. Enjoy sliced mangos as a topping for pancakes and waffles or as a taco fixing. Use them in sauces on grilled chicken or fish, or try one of these tasty recipes. For more Fresh from Florida cooking ideas, visit www.Florida-Agriculture.com.

Mango-Avocado Salsa

- 2 Florida mangos, diced medium
- 1 Florida avocado, diced medium
- 1/4 cup red onion, minced
- 1 tablespoon Florida jalapeno pepper, minced
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients. Mix well and refrigerate until use.

Spicy Oysters with Mango Dip

- 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 1 Florida mango, pureed
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons Florida honey
 - 3 cups vegetable oil
 - 3/4 cup bread crumbs
 - 3/4 cup flour
 - 2 teaspoons curry powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1 pint Florida oysters, shucked
- Make dip by combining sour cream, mango puree, salt, and honey. Refrigerate until needed.

Heat oil to 350 degrees F. Combine bread crumbs, flour, curry powder, white pepper, and paprika. Drain oysters and dredge in bread crumb mixture. Fry in hot oil. Serve with mango dip.

Yields 4 to 5 appetizer portions.✪



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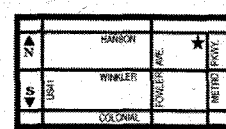
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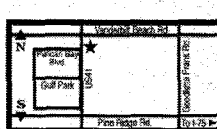
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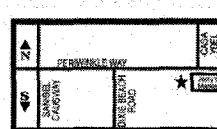
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The mango is the world's most popular fruit, and all it takes is a bite to understand why. The abundant flesh is golden, juicy, fragrant, and sweet, and its flavor can be likened to a blend of pineapple and peaches. Many Americans associate the exotic taste of mangos with romantic, faraway places, such as India, Thailand and Malaysia. They might be surprised to learn that delicious, high-quality mangos are being grown much closer to home — in Florida.

"Because of its climate, Florida grows many tropical fruits that are not cultivated commercially anywhere else in the continental United States," Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson said. "In fact, Florida farmers grow over 20 varieties of tropical fruit, including coconut, lychee, starfruit, longan, papaya, passion fruit, and, of course, the beloved mango."

Florida mango season runs from late June through September. Most of the state's commercial mango groves are found in Miami-Dade County, in the agricultural communities of Homestead and the Redland. In the last 10 years, Florida mango growers have faced stiff competition from Mexico. To keep the industry viable, Florida growers have become even more creative by experimenting with new products and exploring new markets.

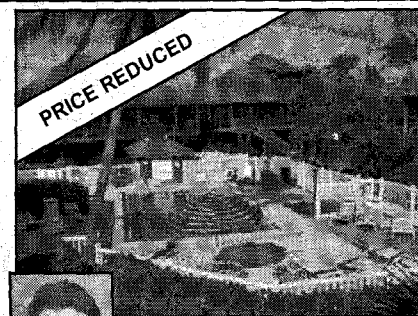
"Florida growers are now selling green mangos and specialty mangos to ethnic and gourmet shops," said Louise King of the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc., a group of about 100 growers dedicated to supporting and advancing Florida's tropical fruit industry.

Green mangos are mangos that are picked before they are ripe. They're firm and tart, tasting a little like sour apples — and they're very popular in Asian cooking. In India, they're a common ingredient in pickles and chutneys. In Thailand, they are shredded and eaten in salads. Now, green mangos are catching on in the United States.

"There is also increased interest in organic mangos," King said.

It seems reasonable that Florida farmers should succeed in finding a niche for their high-quality products: Tropical fruits are experiencing a surge in popularity in Florida and around the country. Experts say the trend is due to the increasing diversity of our

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Contradiction in Love by Patricia Cable Deeder

You offer me delight
and give me pain.
You make me sigh with contentment
only to leave me unfulfilled.

You give me hope
while you offer hopelessness.
You ask me to speak freely
then ignore my voice.

You are my energy
as well as my weakness.
You honor me
then disrespect me.

You allow me wings
as you tie me down.
You are my pleasure
and my misery.

You cut my chains.
I am bound still.
You are my love.
You are my enemy.

Loss by Patricia Cable Deeder

My world is hollow
with absence of color
as I mourn the loss of a friendship.
Will I ever feel magenta again?

Separation... by Patricia Cable Deeder

...as echoes tangle among moonbeams,
and the Aurora flashes across the sky,
and flickering Aspen dance in the night,
I watch your shadowy figure disappear
among dark shafts of forest.
Lonely words follow your trail —
— Come back... soon...soon...soon...

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

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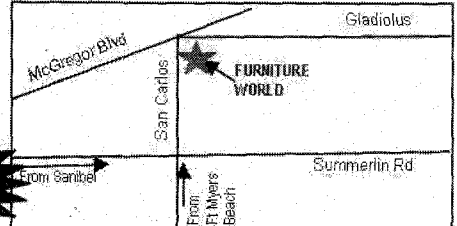
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