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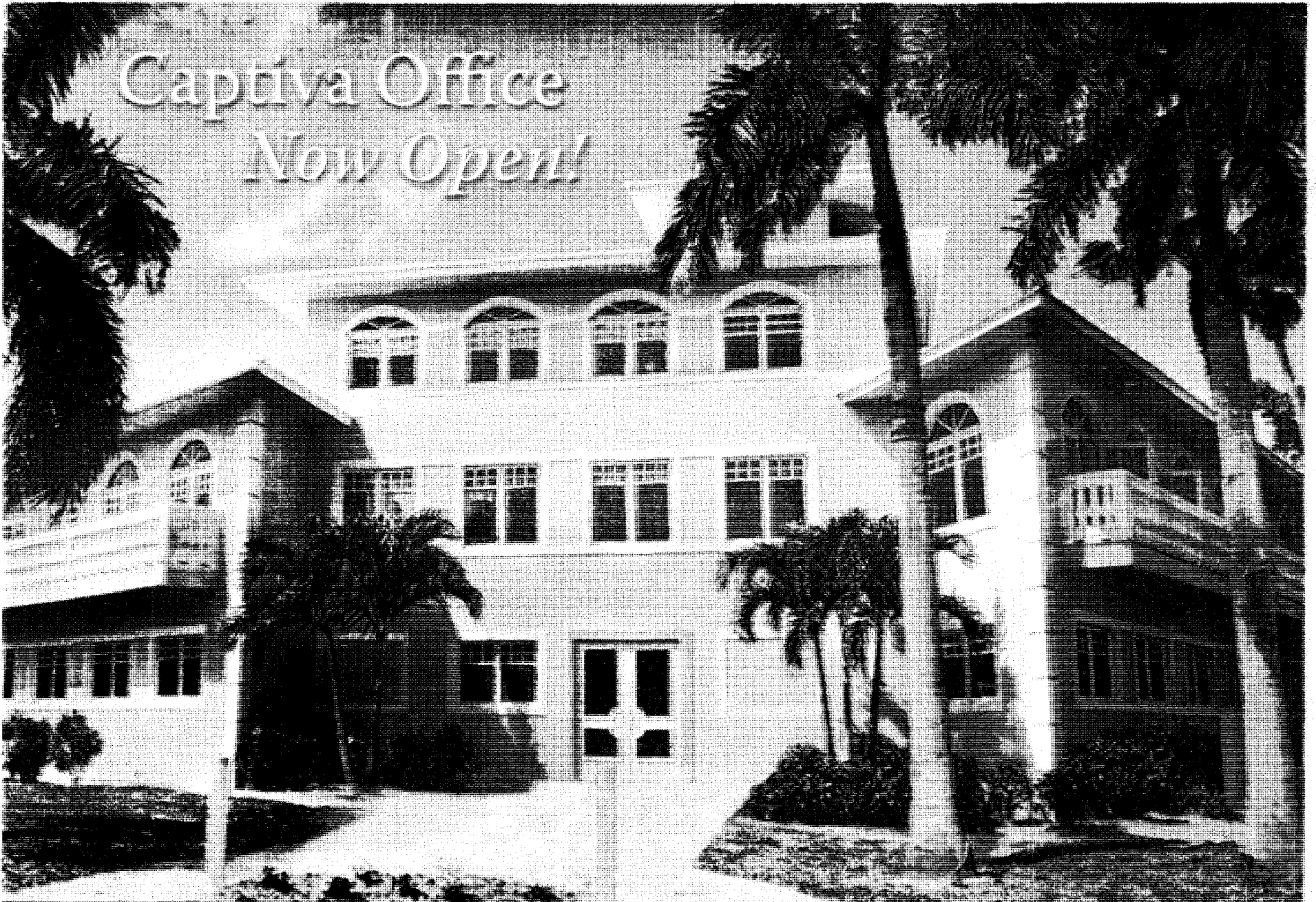
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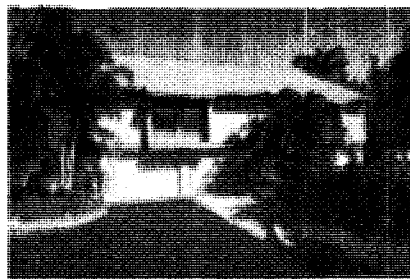
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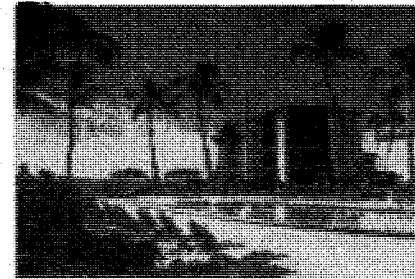
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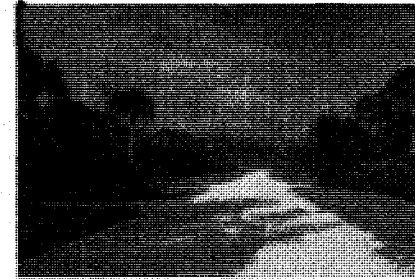
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Emerson String Quartet To Perform At Sanibel Music Festival



Emerson String Quartet

The Emerson String Quartet, winner of eight Grammy awards, is considered to be the premiere chamber ensemble of its generation. The quartet will perform at the Sanibel Music Festival Tuesday, March 25, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. Tickets at \$40 each can be purchased at Bailey's General Store, MacIntosh Books and Paper, and the Sanibel Island Bookshop.

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Spring Festival

Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Children's Education Center Spring Festival:

- Sanibel Community Park, next to the Community Center.
- Free Easter egg hunt, bring your basket.
- Games, face painting, arts and crafts, bounce house, giant slide, pony and unicorn rides; only \$10 per child for unlimited fun.
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- Hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and more. ✪



Ellie Bordiuk surrounded by bunnies on the playground at the Children's Education Center

photo by Nick Adams Photography

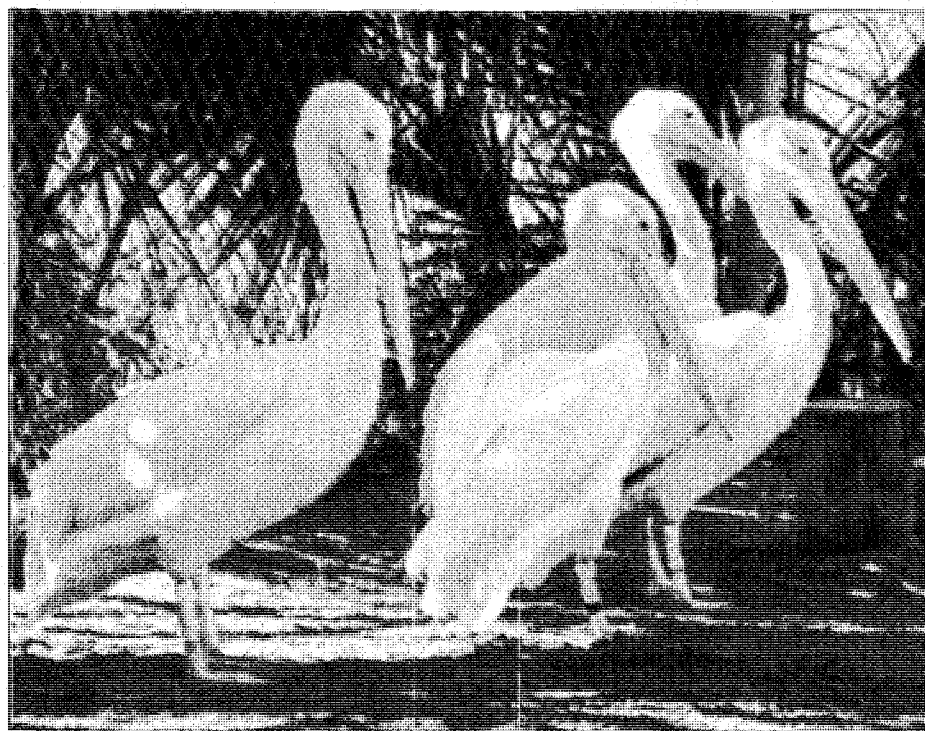
CROW Documentary To Premier

Sanibel will have its own version of a red-carpet world premier when the documentary, *Back to the Wild* is shown at BIG ARTS' Schein Hall on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

The documentary, produced by Sanibel resident David E. Carter, is a 56-minute production that was filmed over five months. The documentary follows a number of CROW's patients as they move through the rehabilitation process, and gives the viewer an insight on how the veterinarians and staff at CROW treat the 4,000 patients who are brought to the wildlife clinic each year.

The film takes the viewer inside CROW, showing the rescue of injured animals, the treatment of patients by veterinarians Dr. PJ Deitschel and Dr. Amber McNamara, and for many animals, their release back to the wild.

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White pelicans at CROW

City To Quiz Florida CFO About Investment Pool

by Anne Mitchell

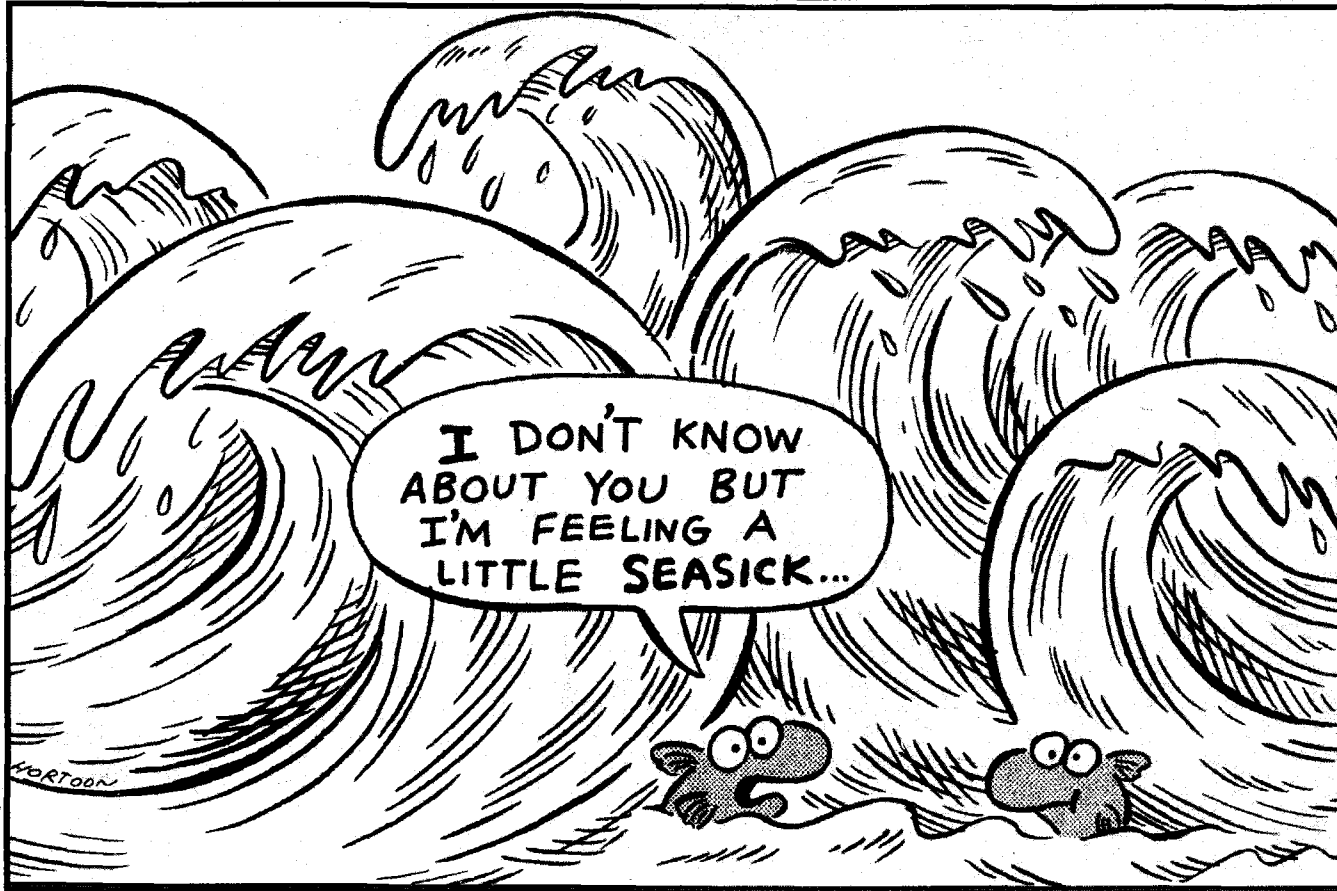
Councilman Kevin Ruane and city officials are going to Tallahassee to talk to Florida's Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink about how Sanibel's investments are being handled.

Ruane, a CPA, has been concerned about Sanibel's \$34.3 million stake in the \$14 billion state investment pool for several months – ever since last year when local governments began making withdrawals because of links to subprime mortgages.

In December, Governor Charlie Crist and members of his cabinet voted to quarantine \$2 billion of worrisome investments in a separate fund. Local governments would be allowed to withdraw about 13 percent of their assets, or as much as \$2 million, from the remaining \$12 billion fund.

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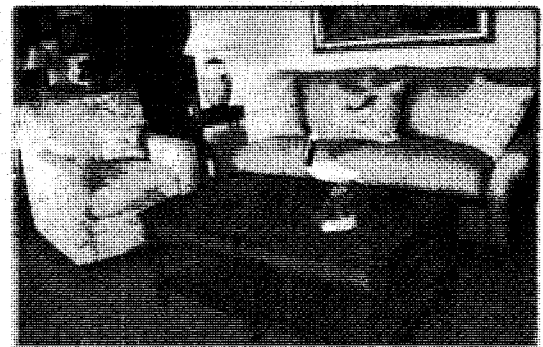
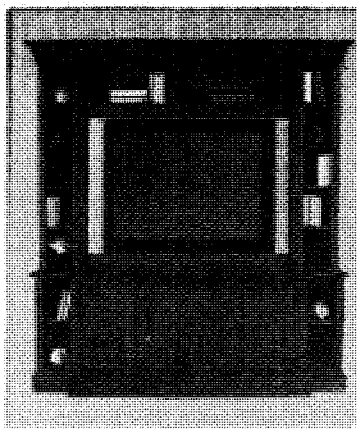
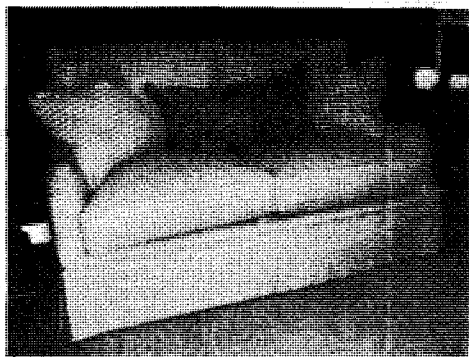
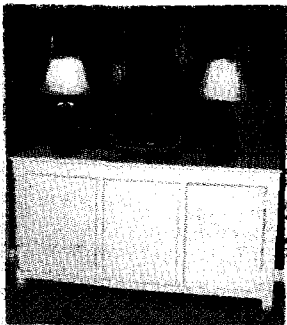
Thank You From The Sanibel School Fund

The Sanibel School Fund would like to thank those who participated in the car raffle as well as congratulate the winners. The first place winners are Mark, Kathy and Marissa Lewis. The second place winner is Al Hanser and the third prize winner is Bill Beeler. We sold over 1,500 tickets this year. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward The Sanibel School's Spanish language enrichment program teaching position. It will also free up additional funds for enhancements to our computer, art, music and physical education programs at the school.

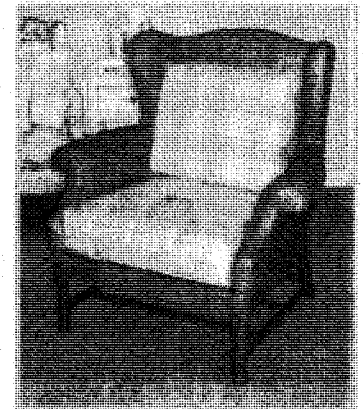
We would also like to say a special thank you to Bank of the Islands for their continued support. Thank you to the following local businesses who sold tickets for us; Bailey's, Bank of the Islands, Congress Jewelers, Doc Ford's, The Island Cow, Lazy Flamingo, Lucky Dog Boutique, Sunglasses Internationale, Sanibel Island Bookshop, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, and YOLO Watersports on Captiva.

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Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

by Ray Buck

Mike Altieri walks the boards of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village carrying a big stick and a docent mind filled with loads of facts and figures and tales of Sanibel's past (sometimes slightly tall tales, if truth be told.)

His wife Margaret, equally adept at entertaining visitors to the village with stories of people and events of old, often likes to weave her quilt of the past within the confines of the 1913 Rutland House, the introductory museum and domain of island sturdy women of the past. She is the very soul of island hospitality.

How much is Mike's sense of Sanibel's past and the village that he represents so well appreciated? One recent example will suffice. Two lovely ladies from Great Britain recently offered Mike a \$50 tip for a trip into an island's past "so interesting and entertaining." Village docents, of course, do not accept tips. But Mike was pleased to see the bill go into the pot to support the museum and village.

"Mike and Margaret are just the perfect role models for what the ideal docent should be," Gayle Pence, the village's head of docents, says. "They're committed, and their warm smiles, humor, and in-depth knowledge of early Sanibel are gifts always shared with anyone so fortu-

nate to be with them."

Historical Village docents for 15 years, the Altieris have seen the village grow from two buildings to seven and the docent corps expand from a handful to more than a hundred. For Mike, the more visitors he has trailing along after him and the more questions, the better to tale more tales.

One story both Mike and Margaret relish concerns the sad fate of the Mississippi riverboat *Algiers* beached on the shoreline later to be called Algiers Beach and its unfortunate owner, Lathrop Brown, a congressman friend and classmate of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It seems, the Altieris enjoy telling their groups, that Brown's spirit haunts the Burnap Cottage, where the huge *Algiers* ship's wheel has its resting place.

Recently, Margaret recites with a roquish smile, "two ladies and a man were all getting very excited because they could feel Mr. Brown's spirit emanating from the wheel. I helped them chase it out of the cottage." Mike is inclined to offer the spirit a chair to rest in while hearing Mike's version of the sad story of Brown and his ill fated riverboat.

Margaret notes that sometimes she reveals there's only water in those 1930s cans of Campbell soup in the old Bailey store and that the big box in the 1926 post office with all the two-cent stamps on it was really sent to Mike by their son.

Alex Werner, docent and president of the museum's board, notes that the Altieris are reliable and knowledgeable and enjoy "adding humor to their pre-

sentations and making our visitors feel right at home in an early 20th century setting." Sanibel neighbor and friend, Maggie Hanson, recruited into village docent days by the Altieris, adds, "Mike does his pied piper routine with great wit and humor so if you see a man leading an enthralled mob of visitors that's bound to be Mike with his fund of stories."

Margaret and Mike go back to Upstate New York for the summers and for additional docent volunteering, at the Lighthouse Museum in Sodus Point. "They just can't stay away from lighthouses," a companion docent quipped. Even more telling, Margaret, who especially enjoys telling the children visiting all about the 1895 Sanibel schoolhouse, had 13 years of docent volunteering at the Cobblestone Schoolhouse Museum in Wallington, New York, before they came to Sanibel in 1989.

"Stories just pop out," Mike says. They pop out for Margaret too, like the story of Mike's "Hallmark tree," really a seagrape, that provides the big leaves Mike has been sending "to women all over the place. Now the post office makes him put them in envelopes," she



Margaret and Mike Altieri

says, noting that one went, as usual without Mike's name on it, to Mary Bell (a former docent and leader in the early days of the village, who has been in poor health). "That made her day."

Mike and Margaret make their days for scores of Sanibel residents and visitors lucky enough to come to the Village when they are among docents on duty. They also undoubtedly make the day brighter for the ghost of Lathrop Brown, who never had an opportunity to enjoy his riverboat home on the Sanibel sands. The *Algiers* bell out in front of Burnap Cottage has a mighty gong.

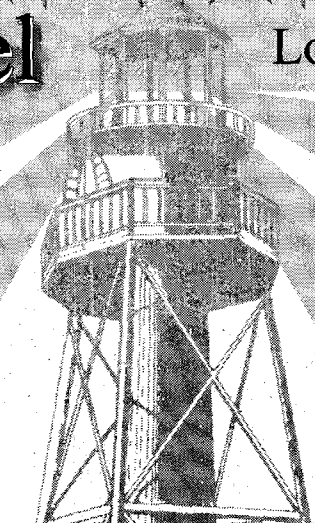
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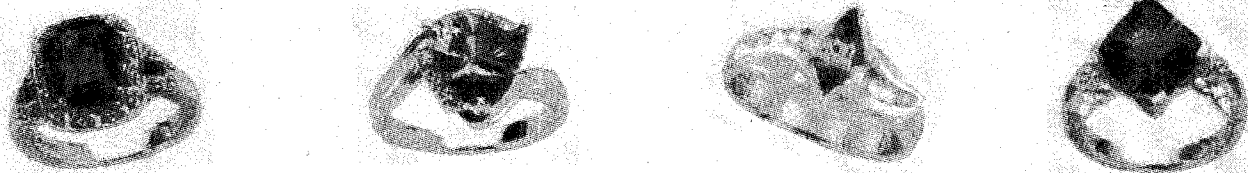
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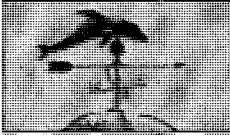
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INSIDE CITY HALL

Citizen Floats Idea For \$10m Erosion Fund

by Anne Mitchell

Some homeowners in Gulf Pines, a beachfront community on Sanibel's west end, have asked the city council to consider setting up a \$10 million beach erosion fund by levying an ad valorem tax island-wide.

The city council didn't vote one way or the other at its meeting on Tuesday, but did pledge to discuss it further.

Richard Sette, who bought his Gulf Pines property in 1980 and moved there in 2001, said a neighborhood group began discussing environmental issues and the need for financial resources to protect the island's number one asset, its beaches. Sette, who made a slide presentation, said to raise \$1 million a year, capped at \$10 million, would cost the owner of a \$750,000 home \$150 a year in tax.

He said the fund would help in situations like the severe beach erosion (and subsequent renourishment) in 1996 at Gulf Pines, and would also provide funding to take care of red drift algae and fish kills. He said residents of Gulf Shores and West Gulf Drive have also been involved in the discussions.

Councilman Peter Pappas, who lives in Gulf Shores, said, "I don't know where we are in terms of community sentiment but there are many in the community who believe affected beachfront owners should pay for it themselves and there are others who believe it is a community responsibility."

"Most certainly this city has an obligation to let these residents know how it will act in advance (of a catastrophe)," Pappas said.

Vice Mayor Carla Johnston said such a levy would require a referendum. And Mayor Mick Denham said the taxpayer "already takes care of everything else you mentioned" such as red algae and red tide-related fish kills. "This needs a lot more discussion," Denham said. "We need to look at council priorities for the coming year."

Sette said he liked the idea of having the issue raised during the council's goal-setting session, which is scheduled for May 6.

Barbara Cooley, a Gulf Pines resident, said unlike private canals, which the city helps pay to dredge, the beaches are open to all, so everyone has a responsibility for protecting them. Also, she said, "Renourishing erosion hot spots would be better than putting in hard structures" to keep sand in place.✪

Toll Changes Won't Ease Traffic, Council Says

by Anne Mitchell

Several Sanibel City Council members said Tuesday that varying the pricing of causeway tolls to help ease congestion just won't work here the way it does in Cape Coral.

The council voted 4-1 (with Jim Jennings opposed) to reject any of the proposals the Lee County Department of Transportation has come up with, such as discounts for traveling at off-peak times and surcharges for peak travel.

Lee County Commissioners will make the ultimate decision April 7. Paul Wingard, deputy DOT director, said what he was taking away from Tuesday's council meeting and reporting to the commission was "... you don't think there is a value to making the change because you don't perceive a problem that there was several years ago."

Congestion has eased on the island, said Mayor Mick Denham, since the new bridge was built. Also, island residents are well practiced in avoiding the peak periods when they can.

Another factor is that traffic has still not rebounded to pre-9/11 years even though it has been increasing in recent years, said City Manager Judie Zimomra.

Higher tolls in peak periods would hurt business owners and people who commute to the island to work, said Councilman Kevin Ruane. Yet it would not deter day trippers. Bill Austin, a consultant for the county, acknowledged it would be difficult to give discounts to cash customers short of handing them money as they left the island.

Other options under consideration by the county include two-way tolling as opposed to a single toll when approaching the island, which has been done since the first bridge was built in 1963. Always on the table, said Wingard, was the option of keeping the status quo.

The county has received a federal grant for the study, which involves seeking ways to iron out traffic peaks. Not many islanders attended a public meeting the county held to take input on the options. The county has also conducted four focus groups, each consisting of 10 people, some business owners, others commuters. Surveys were also handed out to people last weekend as they went through the toll booths.✪

Raintree Place Boundary Case Is Settled

by Anne Mitchell

City Attorney Ken Cuyler reported Tuesday that there has been "a very successful outcome for the City of Sanibel" in a long-running legal case involving property on Raintree Place off Island Inn Road.

Property owners Adrien Rothschild and Jordan Fairman had sued Ken Pfalzer, deputy planning director, the City of Sanibel, and their neighbors David and Francine Gomberg over the city's interpretation of boundary maps.

The settlement details include that, "There is no evidence that Kenneth Pfalzer or any other city personnel committed... perjury" or "wrongdoing whatsoever, including but not limited to tampering with, inserting, removing or altering in any way any city documents or records in connection (with the case)." All parties signed off on the settlement agreement this month.

Rothschild and Fairman had argued that the property in question was a roadway and the city said it's an easement.

The case was mediated last December in the U.S. District Court in Fort Myers. Earlier this month the parties agreed on a mutually-acceptable settlement. The case revolved around a home built at 421 Raintree Place by the Gomberts for which the city allowed a variance.

"The things they argued in terms of wrongdoing... they conceded in their agreement it was not the case," Cuyler told the council.✪

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Public Meeting Today On Bike Path Widening

by Anne Mitchell

The City of Sanibel is developing a project to widen the shared use path along Tarpon Bay Road from Periwinkle Way to West Gulf Drive, to a minimum of eight feet. This project will improve access to the Sanibel Gardens Preserve, JN "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Bailey Tract, and Tarpon Bay beach access and restrooms.

A public meeting is being held to gain input from residents as part of the overall planning process for the widening project. The public meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. March 21 in MacKenzie Hall at Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road. All residents are invited to attend.

A State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Greenways and Trails grant is being sought to assist with the cost of developing the improved facilities and the grant application process will also be discussed.*

City Hall Plant Tour March 26

Anyone interested in reducing the amount of fertilizer, water and work involved in maintaining their yard could learn about the benefits of native vegetation at a free guided plant tour at Sanibel City Hall next week.

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee will offer a guided native plant tour of city hall grounds, which have been planted solely with native plants, on March 26 at 10 a.m.

Guides will provide information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The city encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance and no fertilization. Besides reducing your water bill, such plants also attract birds and butterflies.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase.

For additional information regarding the guided native vegetation tours, contact the City's Natural Resources Department at (239) 472-3700.*

Extended Hours For Recreation Center Pool

This holiday weekend, March 22 and 23 the Recreation Center has added extended hours for the lap pool, splash pad, slide and interactive pool features for children of all ages from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Daily and weekly passes to the Recreation Center are available for your visiting family members.

For energetic youngsters the city also offers additional recreational activities at Bowman's Beach, located at 1700 Bowman's Beach Road, including a climbing wall, playground and an enhanced picnic area with a shade structure. And don't forget the new playground at Community Park located at 2221 Periwinkle Way.*

Bellringers Thanked

The City of Sanibel on Tuesday recognized seven employees for volunteering as Salvation Army bellringers over the Christmas season. Mayor Mick Denham commended Karen Pickens, Crystal Mansell, Francie Slane, Charmaine Yeadon, Karen Gudella, Matt Fannon and Judie Zimomra.*

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City To Quiz Florida CFO

Now, in light of major losses on Wall Street, including the near collapse of leading investment bank Bear Stearns, Ruane is even more concerned.

He received council's authorization Tuesday to go to the state capital with City Manager Judie Zimomra and representatives of the city finance department.

Ruane told council that some of the investment pool was put into collateralized debt obligations. He said 86 percent of Sanibel's investments worth \$31 million are in a plan with no risk to principal. However, \$3.1 million is in another pool, and that's what worries him and what he wants to discuss with Sink.

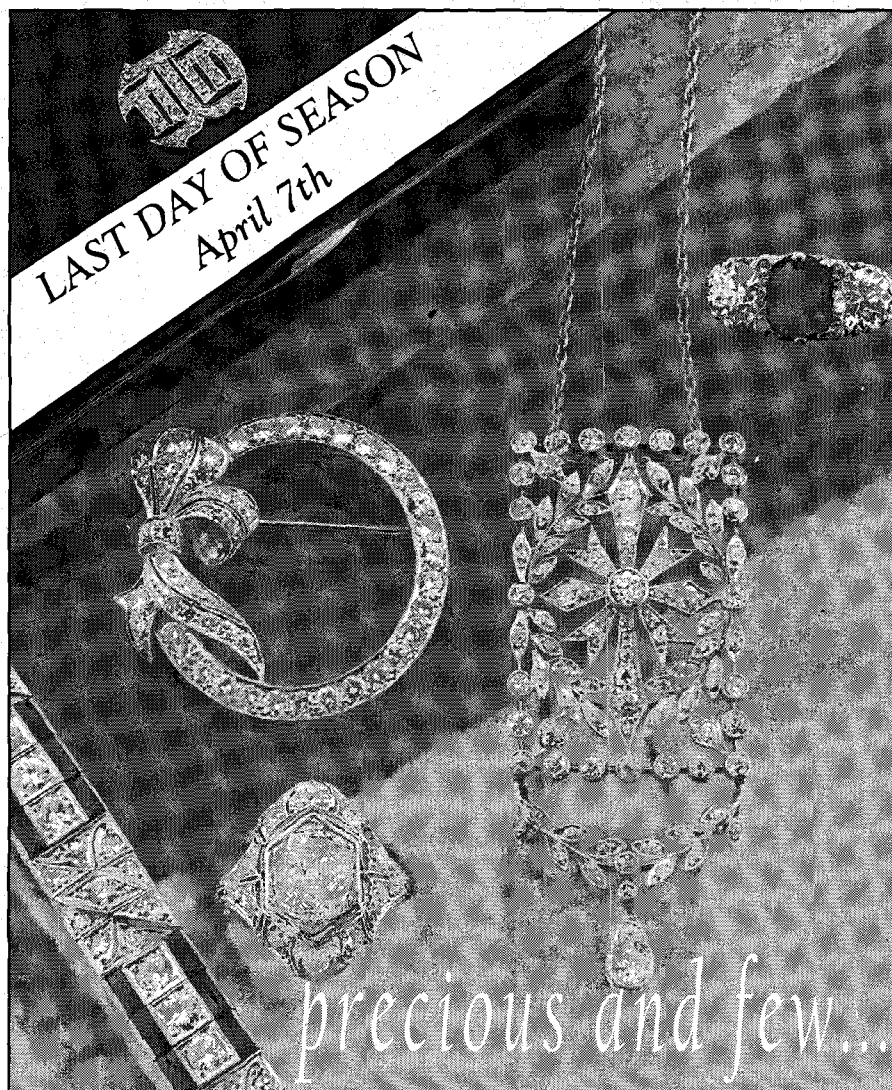
"Some of the most respected investment firms are now called into question," Ruane said. "We owe it to the citizens to probe and ask more questions."**

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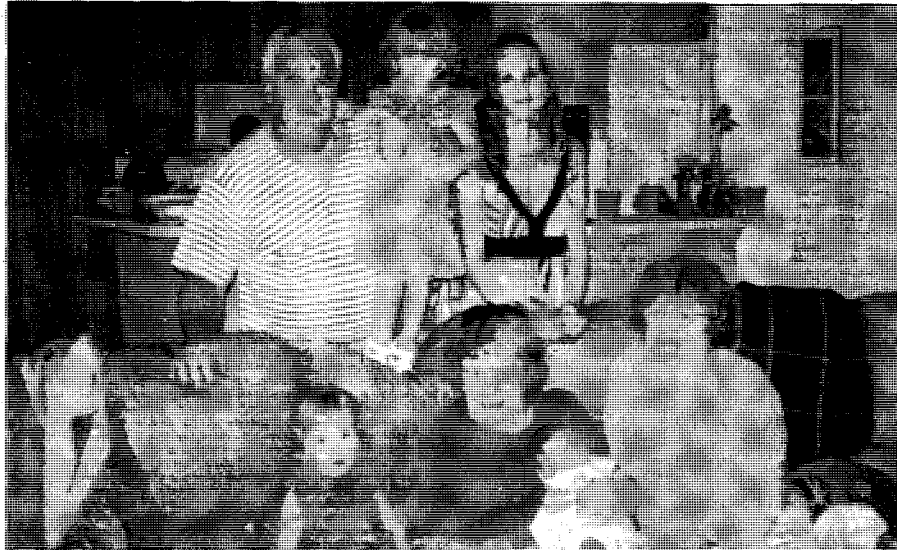
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Longtime Islander Heads Up Five Generations



Hazel Amon, center front, with her clan. Back, from left: Ronald Ritchie, Courtney Ritchie, great-great-granddaughter; Deanna Ritchie, great-granddaughter; front: Brooke Ritchie, great-great-granddaughter; Hazel Amon; Emily Ritchie, and Barbara Chapin, daughter.

by Anne Mitchell

Twenty-five years ago, Carl Peterson, then 91, of Sanibel, held his baby great-great-granddaughter Deanna on his lap for a portrait of five generations of his family. Peterson has since passed away, but now, once again, there are five generations of the Swedish immigrant's family.

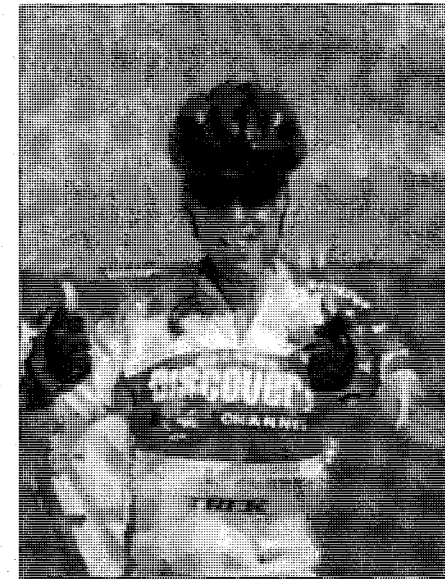
Now it's Peterson's daughter Hazel Amon, 92, who's the matriarch of the five generational clan. They were together recently for a photograph. Amon moved to Sanibel in 1952 and worked as a realtor for many years. She now lives in Fort Myers but comes to Sanibel regularly and is a member of Island Seniors. Her family members all either live or work on Sanibel.

Amon has 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.✱

Shoulder Surgery Doesn't Deter Biker



Dr. Marion Panepinto



Dr. Paul Rozeboom

Dr. Paul Rozeboom, 69, gives the thumbs up during his first ride over the Sanibel Causeway recently. Rozeboom, from Mankato, Minnesota, rode 800 miles around the islands while visiting in January and February. That's despite being told by his doctor after major shoulder surgery that he wouldn't be bike riding again. Pictured (above, left) is Dr. Marion Panepinto, also 69, of Sanibel and Springfield, Illinois. The two friends are members of the Sanibel Bicycle Club.✱

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Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club News

submitted by a Lion, Bob

Lion Fred Glazer surprised a lot of people by coming out of retirement to help work the 25th Annual Lions Club Arts & Crafts Fair.



Fred was going to cancel his membership after 36 years, because he can't drive any longer and uses a walker or motorized scooter to get around. He thought he could not attend regular meetings or events, so he may as well just drop out.



Fred Glazer

Lion Fred was born on the lower east side of Manhattan on May 9, 1914. Soon after his family moved to the Bronx and then to Brooklyn. After graduating from NYU at age 19, he then spent five years in the Army. But it was Brooklyn that brought Fred together with the light of his life, Helen. After they were married the young couple moved further out on Long Island to Roslyn Harbor and then, further yet, to Huntington where they raised their two sons, Rob and John.

Fred was a high school math teacher and volunteer fireman. As a matter of fact, local real estate agent Claudia Burns was one of Fred's math students. He joined the Lions Club in 1972 and transferred his membership to Sanibel when they moved here. Finding Sanibel was only due to some poor hotel accommodations in St. Pete Beach. While on vacation they intended to stay in St. Pete Beach however the chosen hotel wasn't what they had thought it would be. So, looking in the AAA book, they found the next listing... Sanibel. That next phone call for a reservation proved to be all they needed to convince them to plan to move south. The Glazer family relocated to Sanibel in 1981.

Lion Fred still lives in The Dunes, by himself now, since Helen passed away in 1999. Some of Fred's past activities included 20 years of service to the Red Cross, obtaining a pilot's license, membership in the Power Squadron, but he has slowed those hobbies a bit to concentrate on woodworking. Along with his typical New York wit, Fred is sharp as a tack and often gets visitors going with stories.

There are four shelves in his living room with large beautiful shells that beg the question, where did you get these? Fred's answer could be "scuba diving last year in Australia's Great Barrier Reef," or "snorkeling off the coast of Tahiti." It

all depends on which day the question is asked, different day, different answer.

After the Glazers came to Sanibel, Fred was one of the first volunteers for FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here) and spent a lot of time helping others. Now Fred is a client of FISH and with that service and his own grit, he lives life to the fullest every day.

After rethinking the good times and the friendship at Lions meetings, Fred changed his mind and cancelled his cancellation. He is again listed in our membership directory and yes, he enjoyed his work at the fair.

How 'bout a Lions' roar for Fred?
For more information about the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club email alionbob@comcast.net.*

Duplicate Bridge Results

On Monday evening, March 10, there were five tables in play at the Sanibel Community House.

The winners were:

1. Alaine and Herman Jass
2. Sue and Bob Jeffrey
3. Rosemary and Frank Bloom
4. Louise and Steve Clark

The Sanibel Community Duplicate Bridge Club holds its sanctioned game (in conjunction with the American Contract Bridge League) every Monday evening, 7 p.m., at the Community House on Periwinkle Way.

The game is seasonal and will run through the end of April. The cost is \$5 for members of the Sanibel Community Association and \$8 for non-members.*

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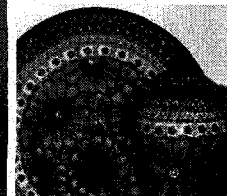
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Meets on the first Sunday of each month from November through April at the Sanibel Congregational Church 2050 Periwinkle Way at 7:30 p.m. A pot luck is held at a member's home on the third Sunday of each month. For more information call 395-3112 or email uuislands@comcast.net.✳

Congregational Church Easter Schedule

Easter worship on Sunday, March 23, at Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way (across from Periwinkle Place) will be at 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m.

The 7:45 a.m. service is an informal, abbreviated service in the church sanctuary. The 9 and 11 a.m. services include choir, Sunday School and nursery. Overflow seating at the 9 and 11 a.m. services will be in the Fellowship and Heron halls of the church. Extra parking is available behind the church building and across the street.

For more information about Sanibel Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, call the church office at 472-0497 or see www.sanibelucc.org.✳

Events At The Community House In March

On Wednesday, March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. the Sanibel Community House will host a panel discussion on the Sanibel real-estate market; is it good, bad, or ugly? Panel discussion members will include: Sharon Fuchs, a certified house staging professional; Robb Moran of VIP Realty; Marge Meek of Rozier Insurance; and David Wright of the Prime Financial Group.

Reserve seats by calling 472 2155. Bring questions and join in on Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the historic North Room; optional \$5 donation. Refreshments will be served.

Dinner Theatre is back at the Community House. After dinner walk or drive over to the Schoolhouse Theater for the presentation of *Lucky Stiff*, a musical farce includes which one dead body, a nerdy English shoe salesman, diamonds, and a lot of dogs.

For Community House members the cost is \$40 and for non-members the cost is \$45; theater tickets for that evening will be issued too. If you already have season tickets then your cost will only be for the dinner. Call 472 2155 for more information; the deadline is March 24.✳

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Marsha and Bill Schmidt

Marsha Walsh of Sanibel and Bill Schmidt of Michigan were married February 8 at Chapel by the Sea, Captiva. The bride was attended by Diane Wilkinson and the groomsman was Mike Wilkinson. The flower girl was Walsh's granddaughter Makayla Walsh and grandson Luke Walsh was the ring bearer. The bride was given away by her son TJ Walsh.✱

**American Legion
Hog Roast**

The American Legion Post 123 welcomes back the famous Hog Roast on Sunday, March 30, prepared by those good ole boys, Buzzard, Jonesey and Coonass.

There will be food served starting at 1 p.m until it's all gone with music and dancing lasting into the evening hours.

The event will support local veterans.

The legion is now having Friday Night Fish Frys and also lunch daily. The public is always invited.✱

**Family Dinner
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On Thursday nights, from 5 to 9 p.m. it's family dinner at the American Legion Post 123. Bring the whole family for dinner with your island friends. On Friday nights, come out for a fish fry, from 5 to 9 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information call 472-9979. The American Legion Post 123 is at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road.✱

Island Seniors This Week

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formance will be Mary Creswell, soprano and Ron Bowman, baritone.

It will be the group's final concert of the season and one that will benefit the Habitat for Humanity in Lee County, the most recent beneficiary of the Mastersinger's community outreach program. Each year the group selects a local

charity to support.

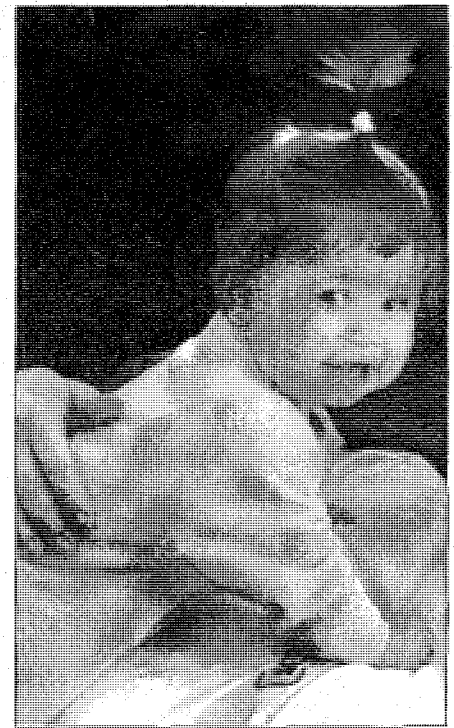
Audiences will be treated to three distinctly different styles of music, from the soaring choral passages of the *Te Deum* and the *Vespers* to the late 19th century sound of the *Requiem*.

Under the baton of Nancy Cobb-Lippens, artistic director, and Jeff Faux, assistant director, the chorus, orchestra and soloists will bring together three of the most noted composers of their time.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. First Baptist Church is at, 1735 Jackson Street.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling 239-936-4129 or 239-277-7813 or will be available at the door. Credit cards are accepted.*

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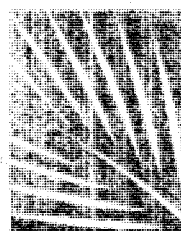
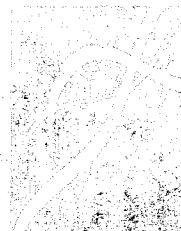
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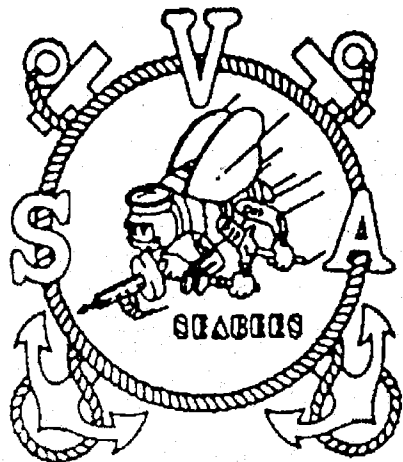
FISH Celebrates Over 25 Years Of Assistance

FISH of Sanibel (Friends In Service Here) is a non-profit, all volunteer-run organization assisting islanders and visitors with a wide range of services. For 25 years FISH has been a neighbor helping neighbors by offering services of non-emergency transport on and off the island, a daily hot meals program, temporary loan of health equipment, visitation, person-to-person telephone calls, hurricane preparedness information and health care referral service. A monthly Alzheimer support group and monthly Friendly Faces Luncheon are also sponsored by FISH.

The Walk-In Center which opened in September is staffed with volunteers meeting with individuals and families, and providing information on the services FISH provides as well as services provided by others.

FISH is currently running its annual islands mail-in fund drive. FISH relies totally on community support to fund all programs including a subsidized meals program, maintaining equipment, overhead for the Walk-In-Center, and an emergency financial assistance program for individuals and families. In 2007 FISH assisted more than 400 clients. Volunteers traveled over 20,000 miles and donated more than 2,700 hours of their time.

Navy Seabee Veterans Meeting



The Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA), Island X-8 in Lee County will have a luncheon meeting at noon on Monday, March 24 at the American Legion Post #38, at 1857 Jackson Street, Fort Myers. Wives and visiting Seabees are welcome to attend.

All Seabee veterans residing in Lee and Collier counties are invited to attend the regular monthly meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month.

Reservations are required. For more information and reservations call Raymond Reed at 731-1901.*

The walk-in center is located in the Village Shops at 2340 Periwinkle Way, Unit-I-1. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every weekday.

To contribute to FISH stop by the walk-in center, or mail a donations to FISH of Sanibel, P.O. Box 854 Sanibel, FL 33957.*

Overeaters Anonymous Meetings

Overeaters Anonymous (OA), a support group for compulsive overeaters, meets on the islands each Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Church.

OA is a fellowship of men and women from all walks of life who meet in order to help solve a common problem. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Rather than endorsing a specific diet or calorie-counting methods, OA follows the 12-

step recovery program in order to offer support in dealing with both the physical and emotional symptoms of compulsive overeating. Any medically approved plan for weight loss is acceptable.

Because it deals with inner change, OA is considered spiritual, but it has no religious requirement, affiliation or orientation. There are no dues or fees for membership but a small donation helps cover expenses of the meeting room.

For more information about OA meetings on the islands, call Esther at 395-2544 or Sharon at 395-9434. OA meets in room 105 of the Family Life Building at the church. The Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's shopping center.*

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Support Group

The Caregivers is a support group for all persons – spouses, siblings, children and friends helping to care for the ill or elderly. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Bank of the Islands, Captiva Room, 1633 Periwinkle Way. The meetings last about 90 minutes. All those interested are invited to attend.

If you have a need for someone to stay in your home while you attend, call FISH at 472 0404.*

Friendly Faces Luncheon

The next friendly faces luncheon will be held Tuesday April 8 at noon. Friends in Service Here (FISH) invites all residents and guests to this event. Reservations must be made by Sunday April 6. Call Gillian Bath at 395-4550.*

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14 Easter Performance By Ars Ventus Brass Ensemble

Ars Ventus, a brass ensemble, will offer an Easter celebration for the 2007/2008 Season of Praise Concert Series at the Village Church located in the Shell Point Retirement Community on Easter Sunday, March 23, at 6:15 p.m.

"The Easter Celebration with Ars Ventus is sure to please all residents and guests who attend the concert," said Randy Woods, minister of worship and music for The Village Church. "Tickets have been very popular for this event as it is combined with the Easter Service in the church."

The Easter Celebration performance will include festive music for brass and organ presented by Ars Ventus. Founded in 2005, this five-member ensemble is dedicated to bringing varied, exciting, brass chamber music to audiences featuring repertoire spanning five centuries. Composed of some of the country's finest brass performers, Ars Ventus offers incredible diversity in its programming, at the highest performance standards. Ars Ventus performances are a combination of demonstration, audience participation, and traditional recital presentations creating a compelling blend of entertainment and inspiration, often using custom musical arrangements.

Tickets are currently on sale and are \$5 each. To purchase tickets or receive additional information, call 454-2147 or go to <http://www.shellpoint.org/villagechurch/events.htm>.

The Village Church at Shell Point is a ministry of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and serves a congregation of more than 600. The Village Church is located near the entrance to the Island at Shell Point and seats 1,000 people. Shell Point Retirement Community is located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.✱



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Good Friday: one hour liturgy at Noon

Easter Weekend

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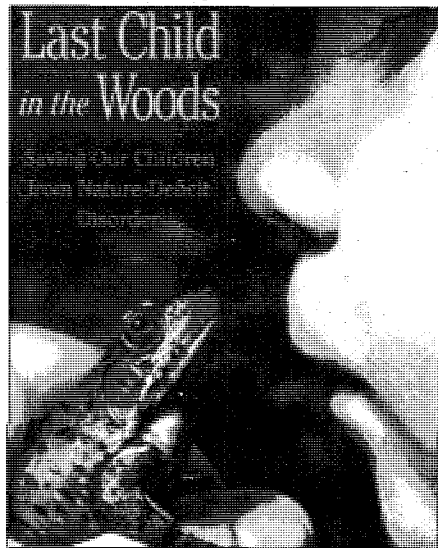
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Discussion On Nature-Deficit At Refuge



This year, JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge focuses on getting families to reconnect with nature as part of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) initiative to raise healthier children. USFWS has been training refuge rangers, including "Ding" Darling Ranger Toni Westland, as ambassadors to guide each region's refocused effort to help children and families to develop enduring conservation values and connections with nature.

To kick off the initiative, Westland will lead a discussion of Richard Louv's book *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder* as part three of the three-part "Ding" Darling Refuge Reads on Wednesday, March 26, at 10 a.m. in the refuge education center.

Admission is free to the discussion, which is sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, the refuge's non-profit friends organization. Louv's book is available for purchase through the "Ding" Darling Bookstore. For more information call 472-1100.*

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Oyster Habitat Restoration At Shell Museum

On Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., Dr. Loren D. Coen, director of the Sanibel-Captiva Marine

Lab will serve as the presenter for The Bailey-Matthews Natural Science Lecture Series. In his program entitled, *Oysters, More Than Good Eats*, Coen will discuss his experience with hands-on community restoration and monitoring of oyster habitats. One of his projects involved over 1,200 volunteers. Over 105 reefs were constructed at 28 sites using over 300 tons of shell and other materials.

Oysters and oyster reefs once were common along much of the U.S. coastline. Once valued primarily as a resource, oysters are now recognized as important ecosystem engineers in estuaries. Oysters create complex habitats relied on by numerous fish, crustaceans, bivalves, other invertebrates, birds, and mammals. During feeding, oysters also can filter large volumes of water, improving clarity and quality while transferring nutrients from the water column to the sediments.

Prior to assuming his position with SCCF in 2007, Coen was a senior marine scientist, managing the Shellfish Research Section of the South Carolina Marine Resources Research Institute. He received his bachelors degree from the CUNY, an MS at Florida State University in Tallahassee and a PhD at the University of Maryland at College Park. Coen has received numerous ecological restoration grants and awards and is the author of over 30 peer-reviewed publications and several book chapters.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Natural Science Lecture Series presentations are held at the museum which is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road, on Sanibel Island. Admission is \$5 for non-members and \$3 for museum members.*

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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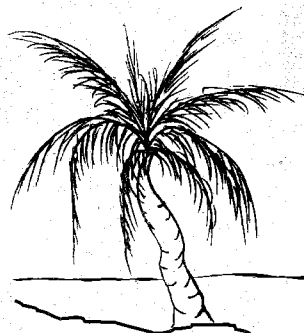
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CROW Case Of The Week: River Otters



by Brian Johnson

Back in February we brought you the story of a baby river otter discovered on Bamboo Island, a 7-5 acre peninsula in Estero, by Robin and Jeff Hurst on the same day they

awoke to find a 250-pound black bear in their back yard. Apparently the black bear had frightened the mother otter living on the island, and the baby was dropped on a trail during her effort to transfer her litter to a safer area.

The tiny otter was one of the youngest CROW Veterinarian Dr. PJ had ever admitted to the clinic. The baby arrived on November 26 and was raised in seclusion for all of December and January. Since otters are among the most social of mammals, the staff knew the little otter boy must have felt like he was missing something.

On February 7 CROW finally received another otter – a baby girl found by Fox News reporter Erica Pitzi while covering a breaking news story on a fire at Burnt Store Road in Cape Coral.

"I was waiting to get a sound byte and



Bamboo Island otter resting with play toys

I saw something out of the corner of my eye near the creek – a little black critter," recalled Pitzi this past Tuesday. "As I moved closer I could hear this little chirping sound. I thought, 'What on earth?' Then the little guy picked his head up and came crawling toward me. He was cutest little thing. I knew something was wrong for him to do that.

"With the fire one hundred percent under control, our focus shifted to the baby critter. At that point we didn't know if he was an otter or not, but I knew we had to save this little guy."

Pitzi approached the fire chief and explained the situation, and he picked out one of his firefighters to assist her. "He was a mammoth guy!" said Erica of the fireman.

Having called CROW and received instructions, she went looking for a box, but none could be found. Eventually she spied a carton of Nutrigrain bars. The firefighter dumped out the bars and together they walked to the creek.

"I'm carrying the box while he's eating a nutrigrain bar," said Pitzi.

Photographer Curt Tremper, with no



Having fun at the pool in the otter complex

fire to shoot, filmed the rescue. The fire fighter put the small otter in the nutri-grain box and they walked back to the command post. By now Fox News had given Pitzi her next assignment, which was in the opposite direction of the animal hospital where they planned to leave the otter for CROW volunteers.

Tremper cut holes in the box and taped the lid down and agreed to drop off the baby on his way back to the news station. Pitzi made calls later to make sure the transfer went off okay.

"I love animals, and one of the best parts of living in Florida is seeing all the birds and dolphins and manatee," she said. "I had never seen an otter before – they are amazing."

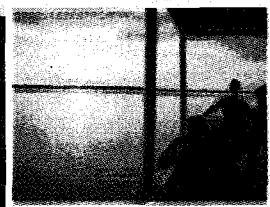
At CROW the baby was found to be thin and dehydrated. Dr. PJ estimated that she had been separated from her mother for at least 48 hours. "It was good luck Fox News happened to be there," she said.

The baby was given fluids and put in a quiet cage.

Over the next two weeks in February continued on page 51

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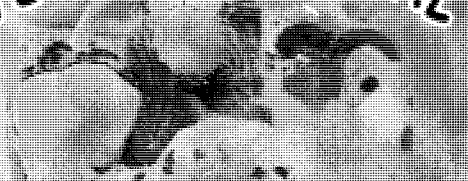
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Resurrection fern carpets the limb of a majestic live oak tree, its most common habitat. The plant is not a parasite, but an epiphyte, and uses the host tree only as a growing platform.

by Gerri Reaves

It's fitting that as Easter Sunday approaches, resurrection fern (*Pleopeltis polypodioides*) has sprung back to greenness and life.

Take a look at the vast carpets of resurrection fern on the old live oaks in downtown Fort Myers on Second Street near the Presbyterian Church, for example.

The live oak is the most common habitat for the fern, although it sometimes grows on cypress, cedar, or other trees. That tree-top location allows for the combination of full sun to partial shade it likes. In the wild, resurrection fern commonly occurs in hammocks.

During dry weather, resurrection fern can appear to be dead, dry, and shriveled. Curling up into a fiddlehead shape prevents moisture loss through evaporation and

enables the plant to survive even through drought.

Once the fern feels the magic of moisture, it unfurls and transforms to soft green.

Resurrection fern is an epiphyte, or air plant, not a parasite, and does not harm its host tree. Instead, it uses a tree as a platform to reach sun and air and to anchor itself to gather nutrients from organic debris and even animal excrement dissolved in rain and dew.


Long rhizomes, or rootstalks, creep along the furrows in the bark and attach themselves, producing wavy-edged leaflets of three to six inches along the aerial roots.

Occasionally, resurrection ferns will fall from a tree and grow on branches, rocks, or dry ground.

This epiphyte is rarely sold in plant nurseries, but you can easily propagate new plants from ones already thriving on a tree in your or a

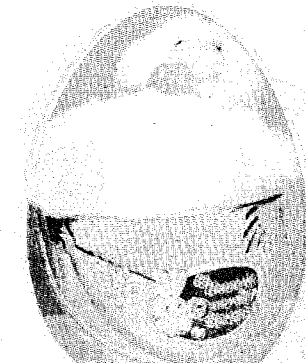


Although it may appear to be dead and curled when the weather is dry, resurrection fern unfurls, softens, and becomes green when it rains.

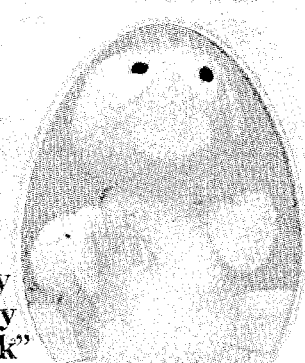


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friend's yard. Do not collect specimens from the wild.

Cut and divide the rhizomes and secure them to a branch by inserting them into the cracks in the bark of the host tree.

An experienced or more adventurous gardener might take on the challenge of propagating the fern from spores.

Resurrection fern also makes an eye-catching potted plant. Place it in a wide clay container filled with bark chips. Add an Easter egg for a decorative seasonal touch.

Sources: *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio and floridata.com.

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CROW Externs From Ohio And Idaho



Barbara VanGilder

As with many of the students, Barbara VanGilder visited CROW with her family a number of years ago. A recent graduate of Ohio State University with a BS in Zoology, VanGilder came back to CROW again, this time as a four-week student extern.

Having spent a year as a zookeeper for aquatics and reptiles at the Columbus Zoo, VanGilder was looking to expand her knowledge of wildlife. "This has been a lot of hard work," she said, "but it is very important work that goes on here." She became quite fond of raccoons because they are so smart and social. However, the cormorants and pelicans,



Sarah Bobbitt

with their unique personalities, really captured her attention. "It was great to learn how to handle a large bird like that."

VanGilder will be returning to Ohio and is anxiously awaiting news about her applications to vet school at OSU as well as graduate programs in public policy and conservation biology at the University of California — Davis and Columbia University in New York.

Sarah Bobbitt, a resident of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho is a graduate of the University of Idaho with a BS in pre-veterinary medicine. She found CROW through a Web site that matches student interests to existing scholarship programs.

Bobbitt has had previous experience with farm animals as well as working at a cat and dog clinic. She heard about Dr. PJ and her use of Chinese medicine and wanted to gain some insight into wildlife rehabilitation. "The emergency vet aspect of CROW is very exciting," said Bobbitt. "There were more birds than I expected and I was completely overwhelmed at first."

After spending four weeks as a student extern the experience has definitely changed VanGilder's thoughts. "I will definitely come away with a different mindset about animals, that's for sure. This has given me a lot to think about."

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20 Sanibel Rotary

by Shirley Jewell

It might come as a surprise but right in our own backyard, right here in North Fort Myers, is an organization that is proving to be extremely vital to the mission of fighting world hunger. Some of us might be aware of ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization), but most of us are not. Speaker this week, Mark Fountain, ECHO Ambassador and Docent at ECHO's 55-acre demonstration farm, is the perfect spokesperson for the organization. Sheer happenstance brought Mark to the ECHO farm for a visitor's tour of the property and facilities. This tour impressed him so much, that he couldn't stop talking about it to his wife. So his wife suggested, if you're so impressed with ECHO, why not join their volunteer group. That's exactly what he did. Not only does Mark spend many hours at the farm directing tours,



Mark Fountain, ECHO

but he still can't stop talking about it. So ECHO wisely has made Mark an

Ambassador for the organization and whenever possible he goes out to other groups, clubs, churches and organizations and informs the public about ECHO.

Mark said, "That governments around the world are trying to help poorer countries by sending money to feed the hungry, but they are failing to address the long term needs that these countries have". ECHO is dedicated to fighting world hunger through innovative ideas, information, agricultural training, and seeds. The 55-acre farm site is used to develop and experiment with the growing and propagation of plants and trees that will grow in specific climates of the poorer nations of the world; climates that are extremely arid, mountainous, or flood prone. The growing patterns and environments for plants and trees are studied and experimental plantings provide invaluable information that is shared around the globe. ECHO provides resources for missionaries and agricultural workers in over 190 countries. Networking with community development workers provides an avenue of learning from one another. Conferences, workshops, and courses are developed

and held where important information is shared with needy countries. ECHO Development Notes- a highly regarded technical bulletin is sent out quarterly to missionaries, agricultural development workers, teachers and scientists overseas. ECHO's specialized library allows staff and visitors to find practical answers for agricultural problems. ECHO's resources and information can be accessed from anywhere, on their Web site: www.echo-net.org.

The ECHO farm is the laboratory for learning. Oversees agricultural workers, missionaries, and college students receive hands-on work experience on the farm.

The practical experience they gain is invaluable and they take this experience and knowledge with them throughout the world. They learn crops that will successfully grow in their regions (the seed banks at ECHO holds 325 variety of seeds available for planting), how to collect seeds from plants and how to propagate plants for the continuation of a long-term solution for world hunger.

Why not plan a road-trip soon and go visit the ECHO farm. Mark says, "It will just blow your mind." Guided tours of ECHO are available throughout the year. A call to ECHO will give you more details regarding days and times 543-3246.

The Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva meets every Friday morning at 7 a.m. at the Beachview Restaurant, Par View Drive, Sanibel. For further information regarding Rotary call Shirley Jewell 337-1099.

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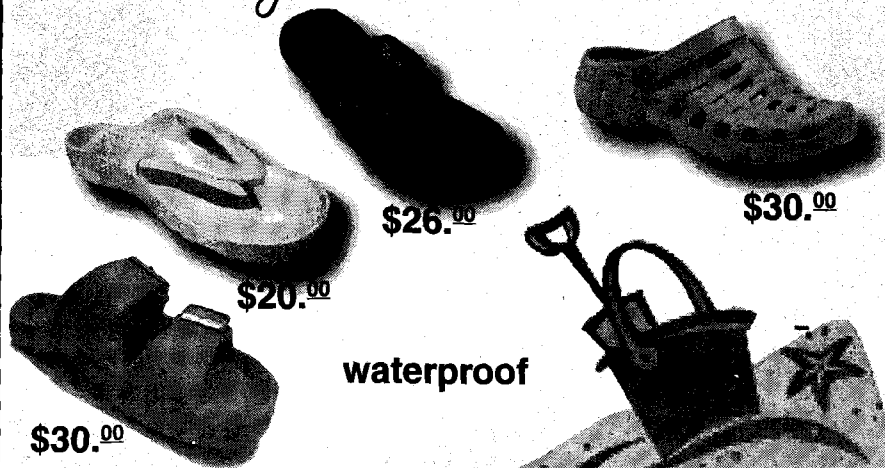
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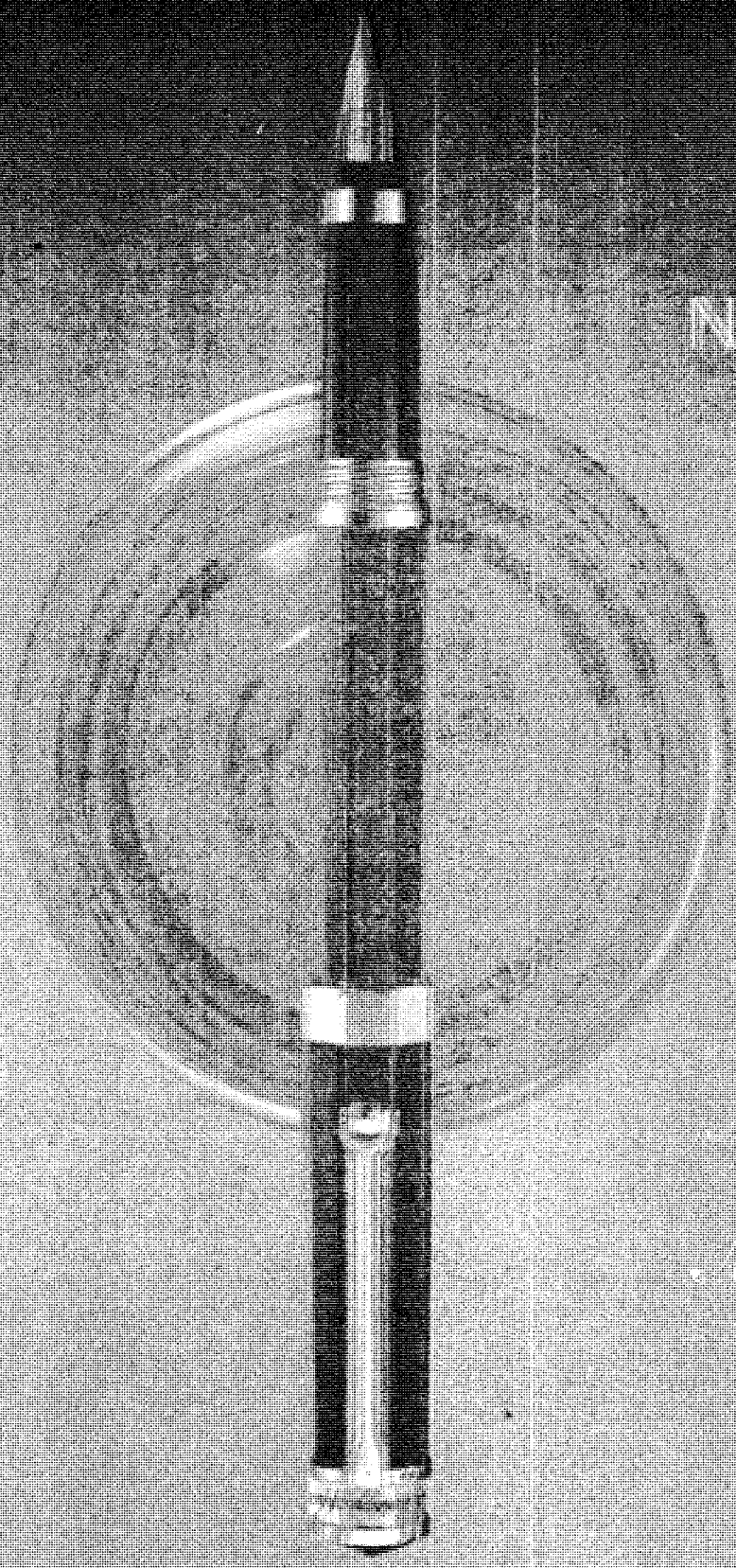
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FRIDAY

Few Showers
High: 78 Low: 66

SATURDAY

Few Showers
High: 79 Low: 63

SUNDAY

Mostly Sunny
High: 76 Low: 62

MONDAY

Mostly Sunny
High: 76 Low: 64

TUESDAY

Mostly Sunny
High: 78 Low: 64

WEDNESDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 79 Low: 65

THURSDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 63

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 78°, humidity of 69% and an overnight low of 66°. The record high temperature for today is 91° set in 1944. Saturday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	80	63	80/59	0.00"
Wednesday	79	62	80/59	0.00"
Thursday	78	56	80/59	0.00"
Friday	80	54	80/59	0.11"
Saturday	83	62	80/59	0.00"
Sunday	87	72	81/59	0.00"
Monday	86	68	81/60	0.00"

National Weather Summary This Week

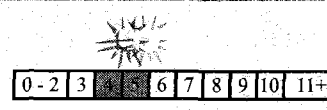
The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow today through Sunday, with the highest temperature of 60° in Evansville, Ind. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Sunday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Miami, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain today through Sunday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Sunday, with the highest temperature of 89° in Yuma, Ariz.

Local Normal Outlook

City	Today			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
Atlanta	67	43	s	65	44	s
Baltimore	56	32	s	47	30	rs
Boston	47	25	s	44	27	s
Chicago	38	27	sn	42	28	s
Cincinnati	55	31	pc	46	29	pc
Cleveland	39	28	sn	42	24	sn
Detroit	38	25	sn	39	25	s
Nashville	65	39	pc	53	34	s
New York City	47	32	s	42	31	pc
Philadelphia	52	34	s	44	30	mc
Richmond	63	41	pc	57	30	pc
Washington, D.C.	54	35	pc	46	26	rs

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

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New	4/5	7:40 p.m.
Last	3/29	
First	4/12	

Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	3:53 am	10:44 am	4:02 pm	11:08 pm
Sat	4:35 am	11:01 am	4:13 pm	11:44 pm
Sun	5:16 am	11:16 am	4:27 pm	None
Mon	5:57 am	12:20 am	4:47 pm	11:30 am
Tue	6:43 am	12:59 am	5:12 pm	11:44 am
Wed	7:39 am	1:42 am	5:41 pm	11:54 am
Thu	6:17 pm	2:34 am	None	None

Redfish Pass Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	1:43 am	7:28 am	1:52 pm	7:52 pm
Sat	2:25 am	7:45 am	2:03 pm	8:28 pm
Sun	3:06 am	8:00 am	2:17 pm	9:04 pm
Mon	3:47 am	8:14 am	2:37 pm	9:43 pm
Tue	4:33 am	8:28 am	3:02 pm	10:26 pm
Wed	5:29 am	8:38 am	3:31 pm	11:18 pm
Thu	4:07 pm	None	None	None

Point Ybel Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	12:48 am	7:30 am	12:57 pm	7:54 pm
Sat	1:30 am	7:47 am	1:08 pm	8:30 pm
Sun	2:11 am	8:02 am	1:22 pm	9:06 pm
Mon	2:52 am	8:16 am	1:42 pm	9:45 pm
Tue	3:38 am	8:30 am	2:07 pm	10:28 pm
Wed	4:34 am	8:40 am	2:36 pm	11:20 pm
Thu	3:12 pm	None	None	None

Point Pass Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	1:37 am	7:23 am	1:46 pm	7:47 pm
Sat	2:19 am	7:40 am	1:57 pm	8:23 pm
Sun	3:00 am	7:55 am	2:11 pm	8:59 pm
Mon	3:41 am	8:09 am	2:31 pm	9:38 pm
Tue	4:27 am	8:23 am	2:56 pm	10:21 pm
Wed	5:23 am	8:33 am	3:25 pm	11:13 pm
Thu	4:01 pm	None	None	None

When psychologists say that opposites attract, they must have had my wife and me in mind. I'm a spring and summer kind of a guy, while my wife, Susan, revels in the fall and winter. A prelude to "my time" came last week when most of the US switched to Daylight Saving Time, and our clocks sprung ahead, in some cases automatically if you owned an atomic clock receiving signals from Fort Collins, Colorado. On Thursday we make another big switch. In the dance of our tilted world orbiting the sun, our daystar sweeps from being overhead south of the equator to being overhead north of the equator. The exact moment of Sol's equatorial crossing will happen on Thursday at 1:48 a.m. EDT, and it is called the first moment of spring. Thursday's sunrise will find Sol ever so slightly to the north of east. Just over 12 hours later, the sun will set slightly to the north of west. Spring will be the last complete season that school will be in session, which, of course, will depress all educators, but set students to thinking gleefully about senior skip days, refreshing water balloon fights, hormonal hassles over girlfriends and boyfriends, and all of the other glorious events which lead up to the solemnity of final exams and graduation. The bonus to "spring week" is Easter which falls unusually early this year. The rules for calculating Christ's resurrection are as follows. It is the first Sunday after the 14th day of the moon (almost full) after the vernal equinox. As mentioned before, spring occurs early Thursday morning, the moon is full at 2:39 p.m. Friday, which causes Easter to fall on this coming Sunday. For educators, after the Spring Break, it's an incredibly long haul to Memorial Day, and for my wife who loves the cold, a double whammy, as we move towards the heat, the humidity, and the mosquitoes of the summer months. www.astronomy.org.



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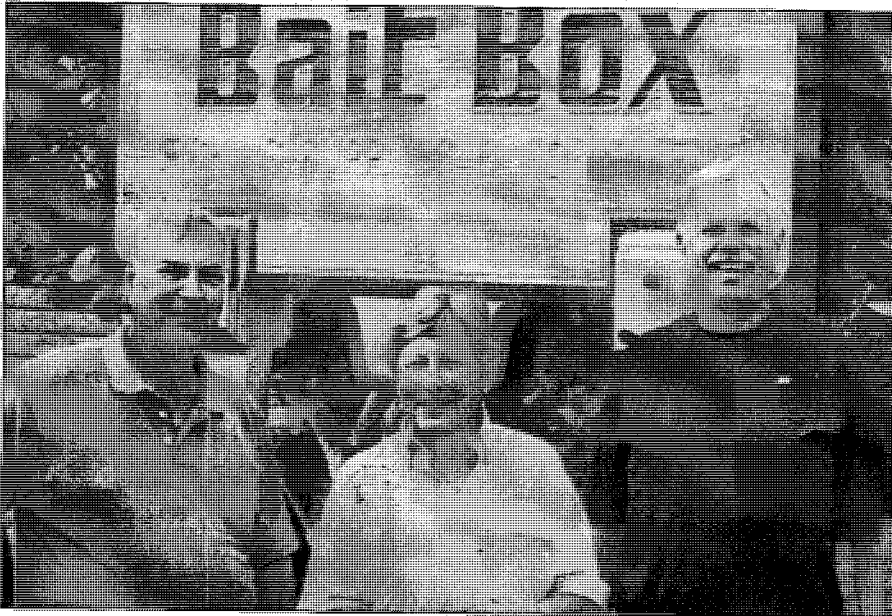
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Octifest Scavenger Hunt Clue #3



Steve and Louise Clark found the Octifest #2 prize. They are pictured with Ralph Woodring, left.

It seems that good things happen to people's brains at night. Steve and Louise Clark cracked the code for Octifest scavenger hunt #2 Friday night. They realized that the old Sanibel Firehouse was moved to its present location in the 1970s to become the Bait Box. But they had to wait until Saturday morning when the Bait Box opened to see if their hunch was correct.

Bait Box owner Ralph Woodring wasn't about to make it too easy either. Once inside, the Clarks had to search for the clue, nestled in a display of mangrove honey.

As Luc Century, the Octifest vase artist said, "Wow, mangrove honey!"

This is Octifest, a season of mission at Sanibel Sea School that will culminate in the Octifest fundraiser on April 26 at the Community Center. To celebrate these eight weeks, Sanibel Sea School is holding eight all-island scavenger hunts. Each week a clue will be published here in the *Island Sun*. The person who finds a laminated token bearing the Octifest octopus will receive a beautiful crystal vase by island artist Luc Century.

To follow the Octifest scavenger hunts between issues of the *Island Sun* tune in to sanibelseaschool.blogspot.com on the web. As soon as a token is found, the blog will carry a posting.

So, with mirth and glee we present clue number three.

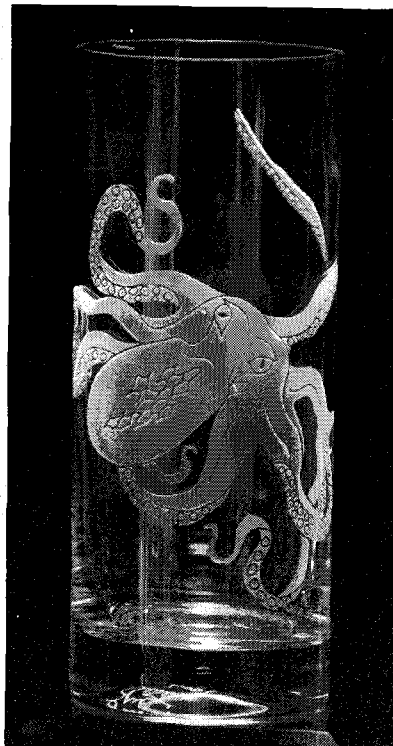
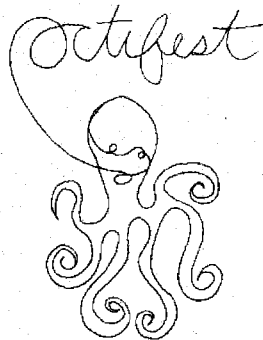
Octifest Search #3 Clue

We are islands after all
Connected by bridges short and tall.
And what that really means is that all
But the water we use must get here.

We use something every day
A lot of this, it's sad to say.
We take it for granted in every way.
It comes to us from across the bay.
That's all you need to find it.

The point you are looking for
Is where this stuff comes ashore
It's customarily reached by foot, or
A boat, I suppose, could get there.

Good luck
Happy Octifest hunting! ✨

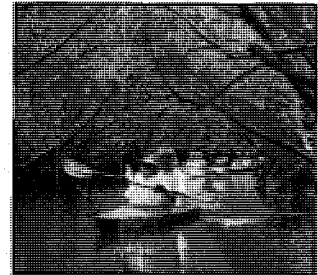


Etched vase by Luc Century



Buck Key Kayaking Adventure

Paddle in the vicinity of Buck Key, just off Captiva, while learning about the ecology of the back bay estuary and the work of SCCF's Marine Lab. \$45/person fee helps fund SCCF's school field trip program. *Space is limited; reservations required.* Call 472-2329.



Friday, March 28 at 10 a.m.

Gator Tales

The biology of alligators is an ancient tale of survival. Florida's history of gators and humans is closely intertwined. Learn about these fascinating creatures and what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands.

Wednesday, March 26 at 10 a.m.

Turtle Tracks

Learn about the life cycles and habits of the sea turtles that nest on our beaches, as well as other local marine life.



Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Meet at the Nature Center; carpool to the beach

Wading Trip

Explore underwater wonders with a guide from SCCF. See critters up close and learn about marine and estuarine ecology. We will also discuss what is being done to research and protect the waters surrounding the islands. *Reservations required.* Call 472-2329

Saturday, March 22 at 10 a.m.

and Monday, March 24 at 9 a.m.



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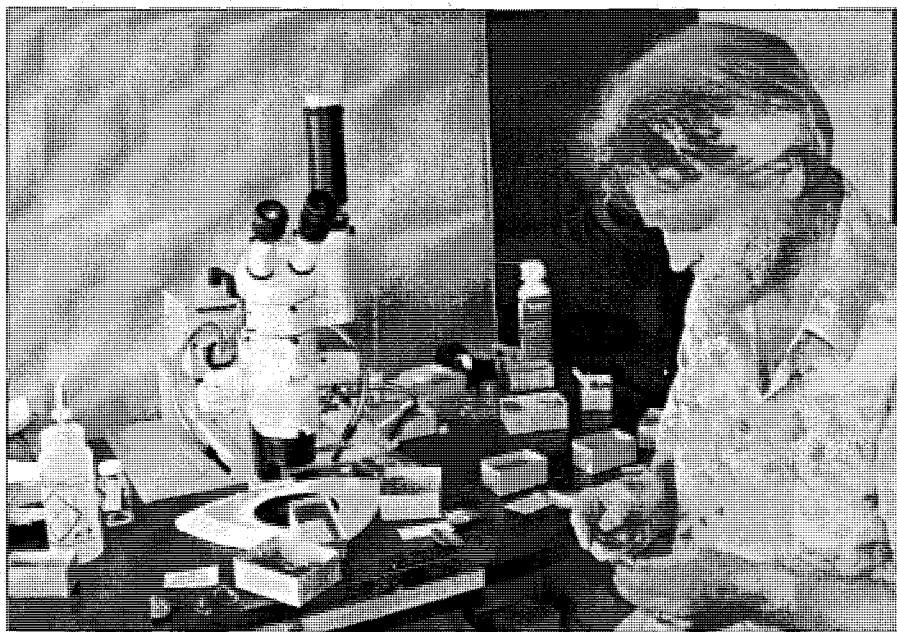
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Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Hosts Visiting Curator

Diarmaid Ó Foighil, PhD was awarded the 2007 RT Abbott Visiting Curatorship by the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and hosted for a week by the museum. Ó Foighil is the professor of ecology and evolutionary biology/curator of mollusks for the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology/Museum of Zoology at the University of Michigan.

Ó Foighil received his B.Sc from the National University of Ireland and his PhD from the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada. He was a post-doctoral fellow at Simon Fraser University, an independent researcher at Bamfield Marine Station and was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship by the Friday Harbor Labs at the University of Washington. Ó Foighil's research is widely published, specializing in bivalve research. Most recently he completed a study of Tahitian tree snails believed to be close to extinction. While visiting the museum he served as a presenter, discussing his Tahitian tree snail research.

Three of Ó Foighil's ongoing research projects involve subsections of the Floridian marine bivalve fauna. His time with the museum was devoted to working with the museum's holdings of ribbed mussels, oysters and the genus *Lasaea*.



Dr. Diarmaid Ó Foighil

Ó Foighil grew up on the west coast of Ireland. He didn't have a mentor while attending high school but books intrigued him and sparked his interest in the field of marine biology. When he first shared his dream of a research based career he was told he would never find a job, that the few jobs that existed involved highly competitive placement processes. But he wasn't discouraged by this advice. He has an intense drive to revitalize efforts to preserve endangered species. "What's important is focusing on what can be saved rather than what has been lost, said Ó Foighil. I feel very fortunate because I

love my work. It's like getting paid to do your hobby."

The RT Abbott Visiting Curatorship was established in accordance with the wishes of the late Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, founding director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. This curatorship is awarded annually to enable mollusk systematists to visit the museum for a week to perform collection-based research, assist with the curation of portions of the museum's collection and to provide an evening presentation for the general public. The museum collection consists of marine, freshwater, and terrestrial specimens. A

large percentage of the museum's holdings have been catalogued through a computerized database management system. A portion of the collection is available for online searches at www.shell-museum.org/collection.html.

Explore Wildlife Wonders While Wading

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is offering a seagrass wading trip on March 22 and March 24 at 9 a.m. The trip will be led by a foundation naturalist. It will begin at the nature center with a brief overview of the ecology of Southwest Florida seagrasses, and the importance of estuarine environments. The group will then drive to a nearby site for hands-on exploration of a local seagrass habitat with dip and seine nets. Captured organisms will be observed, identified, and then released back into the water.

This trip is an opportunity for people of all ages to explore an otherwise mysterious and hidden environment. The program is free to members and children and \$5 for non members. The trip should last approximately two hours. Be prepared to get wet; water shoes and bathing suits are recommended. Also recommended are sunglasses, hat and sun protection.

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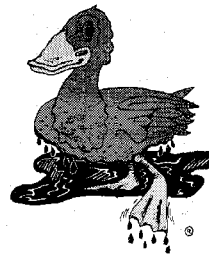
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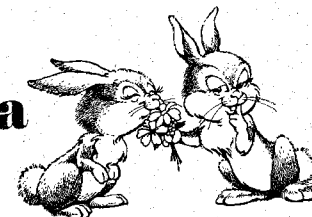


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Water Shortage Lingers Despite February Rains

Meteorologists at the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) reported that the region received above-average rainfall last month for the first time since October 2007. Water managers successfully captured and stored much of that rain, improving regional groundwater and surface water levels in advance of the anticipated height of the dry season in March and April.

Despite the rainfall reprieve, the district's 16-county region is still experiencing a multi-year rainfall deficit of more than 20 inches. The SFWMD continues to encourage aggressive water conservation to stretch and protect public water supplies until wet season rains return to replenish those resources and help pull the region out of water shortage.

District-wide February rainfall averaged 2.99 inches, about an inch higher than the historical average for the month. During the current dry season (November, December, January and February), however, district meteorologists have recorded an average of just 5.94 inches of rain – including nearly 3 inches in February. This is 65 percent of the historical average, or a relative deficit of 3.33 inches, for the November-February period.

All of the SFWMD's major basins have experienced below average rainfall this dry season. The highest rainfall percent-

age (relative to historical averages) has occurred in the District's Big Cypress Basin, where 8.35 inches of rain – about 91 percent of the basin's historical average – was recorded. Meanwhile, the district's four northernmost basins – the Upper Kissimmee, Lower Kissimmee, Okeechobee and Martin/St. Lucie County basins – all received 70 to 75 percent of their respective historical rainfall averages over the four-plus month period.

South Florida's dry season begins in November and ends with the start of the wet season, typically in May. The season's driest months are usually March and April, when increased sunlight normally leads to increased water loss through evapotranspiration rates and more rapid declines in surface water elevations.

All official climatic forecasts call for below average rainfall in Central and Southern Florida throughout March and April, coinciding with peak water demands that may strain low water supplies. Regional rainfall patterns are expected to be influenced by a strong weather anomaly in the equatorial Pacific known as La Niña, which almost always signals below average rainfall for Florida.

Despite moderate gains from recent rain events, surface water and groundwater levels across most of the district remain unseasonably low and are expected to decline with continued below-average rainfall. Water levels in the district's two largest water bodies, Water Conservation Area 3 and Lake Okeechobee, remain lower now than this time last year.

At 10.16 feet above sea level, Lake Okeechobee remains more than four feet below its historical average – and nearly a half-foot below previous historic lows – for this time of year. Water levels in the lake have been setting new record daily lows for more than nine months. Lake Okeechobee is the source of water for 500,000 acres of farmland in the Everglades Agricultural Area and serves as a primary backup supply to more than five million South Floridians.

An extreme district-wide water shortage order issued by the SFWMD instituted a one-day-a-week watering schedule for residential landscape irrigation beginning Tuesday, January 15. Landscape irrigation accounts for up to half of all household water consumption in Florida. Over the winter months, far less water is lost to evaporation than during the warmer spring and summer months, and natural plant growth is minimal so they require less frequent watering.

For additional information on the water shortage, irrigation restrictions or water conservation, call the SFWMD's toll-free Water Conservation Hotline at 1-800-662-8876, contact a regional SFWMD service center or visit www.sfwmd.gov/conserv. Helpful water conservation tips also are available at www.savewaterfl.com.

Orchid Society

The Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society elected new officers and committee chairs for its 2008-09 season at its March 17 meeting. Ronn Downey

was elected president, Nannette Lehr, vice president, chair of publicity and Marilyn Kloosterman, secretary-treasurer and chair of membership. In addition, Cel Luke was named chair of orchid shows; Tom Uhler and Nannette Lehr, co-chairs of programs; John Bralove, chair of orchid tours and visits, and Red and Mary Culver, co-chairs of library and lending.

The next meeting of the Orchid Society will be Monday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. Michael Coronado, vice president of RF Fuchs Orchids in Homestead will speak on Orchids in the Landscape. ✨

Weeds And Seeds

A group of amateur botanists who enjoy finding and identifying native plants on Sanibel. Meet every Monday morning through the end of March. They gather on the porch of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), at 8:45 a.m.

The walks, visiting different locations on Sanibel, last for two hours, and are guided by a leader with a plant list. The walks are free but donations to SCCF are welcome; also, depending on the location visited, you may need parking money. Bring a hat, water, sun-block and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks.

For further information, call Candice Ethridge at 395-9498, Betty Eertmoed at 395-9240 or Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878.

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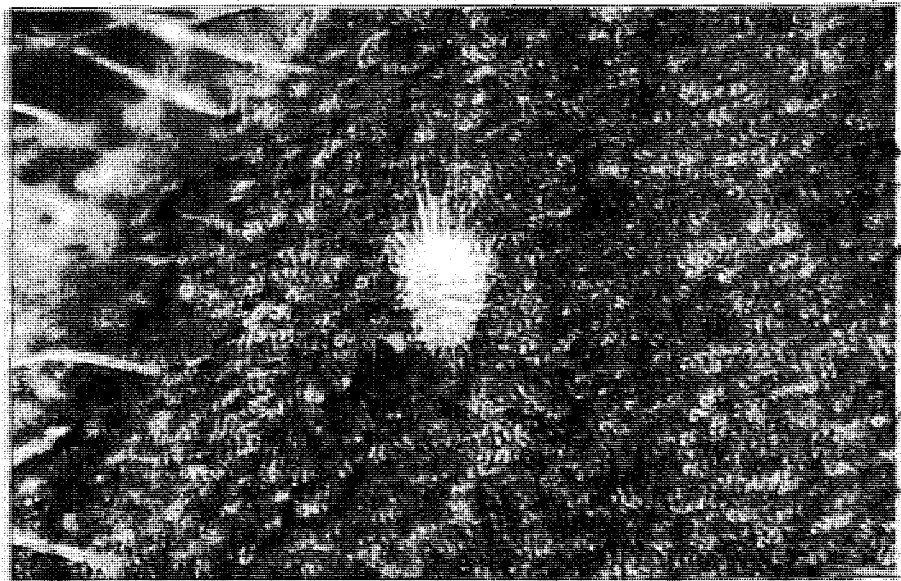
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Native Plant Nursery Q&A



A mealybug (pictured here with an ant) feeds on the sap of a plant. An infestation of mealybugs can lead to curled and distorted leaves, as well as outbreaks of sooty mold.

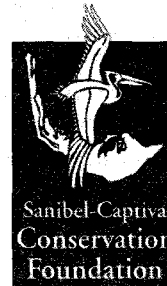
by Jenny Evans
Nursery Manager

Q: How do I get rid of the insects eating my plant?

A: The first step in ridding your plant of a problematic insect is to determine: 1) what kind of insect it is, and 2) that it is a detrimental, not a beneficial insect. There are lots of resources available to help identify the pest, including the Internet (a good starting point is: <http://woodypest.ifas.ufl.edu/insect.htm>), or plant disease/insect books (I prefer *The Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control*, edited by Barbara W. Ellis and Fern Marshall Bradley). The Native Plant Nursery is also available to help identify any unknown pests. Once you've identified the creature, make sure that it is not a beneficial insect. Bugs such as ladybugs and lacewings often eat harmful insects like aphids. Keep in mind that many insecticides will kill both beneficial insects and the target pests.

Next, determine if the infected plant continually has insect infestations throughout the year. If this is the case, you may want to consider choosing a new location for the infected plant, and choosing a different plant species for the (now empty) area. For instance, here in the nursery, there is a coontie that is infected with mealybugs every winter. I suspect that the plant is in a location that is too sheltered, too shady, and too damp throughout the winter season. The best solution is to move the coontie to a new location where it gets more air circulation. Alternatively, for the past two winters, we have clipped all of the leaves off of the plant. This has taken care of the mealybugs, at least for the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

If you decide that the plant is having an unusual pest outbreak (not something that is recurring over and over), you next should take a look at the overall number of pests on the plant. If it is only infected with a few bugs, most likely it will be easy to physically remove them by pruning or wiping them off with a paper



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towel. If the insect population is covering the entire plant, you have a couple of options. Several mail order companies sell predatory insects that prey on target detrimental insects. For example, you can order lacewings (either as eggs, larvae, or adults), an insect that feeds primarily on aphids, but also on mealybugs, scales, spider mites, and other pests. Also known as aphid lions, the larval form can eat up to 200 aphids per week. Consider that an adult female lays up to 300 eggs in a three to four week period, and you may easily have a highly successful colony of predators in your garden! Another option, which should only be used as a last resort, is to treat the pests with a non-toxic organic insecticide. Organocide and insecticidal soap (such as Safer) are both good options. Keep in mind that these products work only when in contact with the insect – so treatment may need to be made over several applications. Be sure to only spray the part of the plant that is infected, otherwise, beneficial insects may be harmed inadvertently.

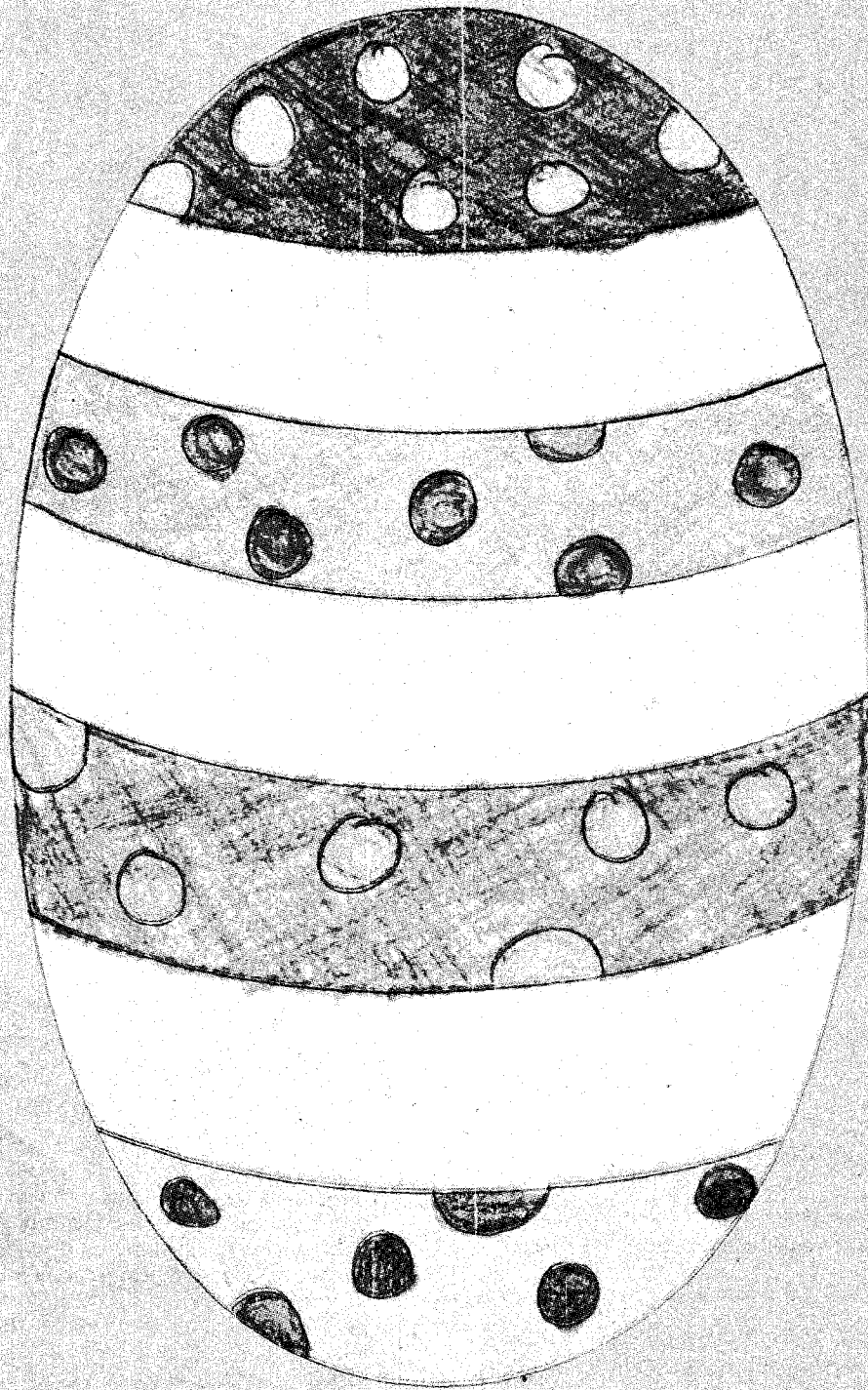
Problem solving for the root cause of your pest troubles is the best way to find an appropriate solution to the issue. Whether the plant is in the wrong location or is simply under stress for another reason, identifying the bug and treating with the least toxic method is best for our health as well as the health of our sanctuary islands.

Do you have another plant question that you would like answered? Visit the SCCF Native Plant Nursery at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road; send it to Jenny at jevans@sccf.org; or call 472-1932.*

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great time to get out on the gulfside of the islands for some mixed bag action.

Run crab pots for tripletail while keeping your eyes open for any surface activity. Springtime visitors include sharks, mackerel and cobia and not far behind will be the tarpon.

Spring days on the Gulf-side can be a National Geographic experience of watching the whole food chain in action. Keeping your eyes open and being ready for whatever species you encounter out there is the key to success. Take a wide variety of tackle and baits with you as you never know what you might run into dur-

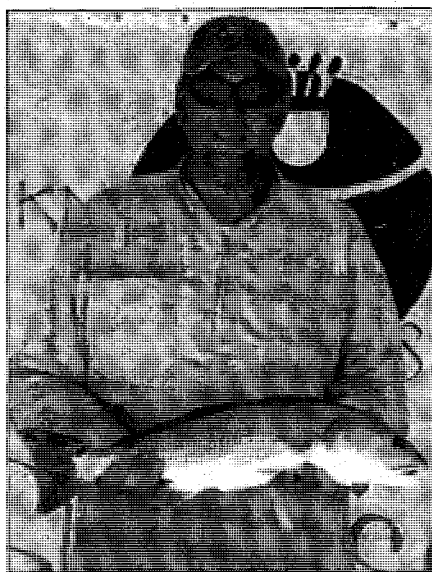
ing springtime in the Gulf.

Last week, slow daytime incoming tides made for average fishing action, though I did get a few good fish in the boat, including a few bigger reds and a two slot-size snook. These bigger fish took work and checking out lots of different spots to locate.

The trout bite was even a little slower than it has been though they are still around in good numbers. A 23-inch "gator" size specimen was the big one of the week.

The better tide to get out and fish was the late afternoon high and then the outgoing. In a two-tide-a-day cycle, as this week was, fishing can be very tough. Simply put, moving water is the most important factor in fishing our area. When the water moves as much in six hours as it does the next 18 hours it's a given when gamefish are going to feed best.

Having to fish these lazy slow tides most of the week, I looked for places the water was moving. Any kind of water movement is better than slack water even



Capt. Matt Mitchell with a 25-inch redfish caught last week

if only wind-generated. Gaps and cuts between mangrove islands work like a funnel for the wind. Wind-blown shorelines and deeper channels produced the majority of my fish all week.

By the time you read this fishing report we will be in a much better tide cycle. Tides will be back to the much better four-tide cycle. The daytime outgoing tide is going to be all about snook fishing in and around the passes for me. The dirty, stirred-up water and warm water temperatures are the key to a good pass bite. I had several reports of great snook action in the passes this week while fishing the late day fast moving outgoing tide.

Drifting a live pinfish with or without a split shot or small lead egg sinker is the tried and true method for pass fishing our area for snook. The tide rips and eddies around the edges of the passes have been producing lots of action. The same rip will produce hits every drift.

The fish have been on the short side of the slot but there are definitely some keepers in there too. Its early in the year for snook to be in the passes in such large numbers but with the unseasonably warm, mid-70-degree water temperature, it makes sense.

Jigging and trolling with silver spoons around the inside and outside of passes filled the void of back country, slack tide fishing. Consistent action on Spanish mackerel and ladyfish has been the go-to for me on slow days. Look for birds working close to the water around the passes and right off the beaches to tip you off to their location.

When conditions are calm, get out a little further from the beaches and look for sky-rocketing kingfish in the mix too. Drift and slow troll with live shiners when you see one free jump or see lots of bait around. Rig the shiners up with a small piece of light wire leader and a light wire hook. King mackerel are a blast to catch on light spinning tackle with their lightning-fast, long runs.

Capt. Matt Mitchell moved to Sanibel in 1980 and has fished local waters for 25 years. He now lives in St. James City and has worked as a back country fishing guide for the last eight years. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The *Island Sun* would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the *Island Sun*, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, or email to islandsuncity@aol.com; or call Anne Mitchell at 395-1213.

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Bonsai Artist Presentation



Shimpaku juniper styled by Michael Hagedorn

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will host bonsai artist Michael Hagedorn for a demonstration on April 1 at 2 p.m. and workshop at 6 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Church, 3049 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Hagedorn has a background in art, which includes painting, drawing, and ceramic pottery. In December 2003, he traveled to Japan, where he apprenticed for several years to acclaimed bonsai master, Shinji Suzuki. Hagedorn chronicles his experiences as an apprentice in the art of bonsai in his forthcoming book, *Post-Dated: The Schooling of An Irreverent Bonsai Monk*. His bonsai creations have won awards in prestigious Japanese bonsai shows. The demonstration on styling a bonsai tree is open to the public. For more information on Hagedorn, go to his Web site www.crataegus.com. For information on the presentation, call 463-4102 or go to the Bonsai Society Web site www.thebonsaiswfl.com

The attached picture is a bonsai masterpiece, a Shimpaku Juniper, styled by Michael Hagedorn and entered into a Japanese bonsai show in 2005.

Contact: Becky Bodnar 463-4102.*

Herb Day Conference

Come to the Herb Day Conference Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. to noon at Lee County Extension, 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers. The event is open to the public, \$8 if pre-paid or \$10 at the door.

Kaye Cude, former Lee County master gardener and Terry Wolfley, Lee County master gardener are the speakers for the morning. You will learn about perennial herbs, gingers, tasting table, and vendors will have plants for sale.

For application and more information, contact Letha at 5331-7514, or visit <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/hort/gardenhome.shtml>.*

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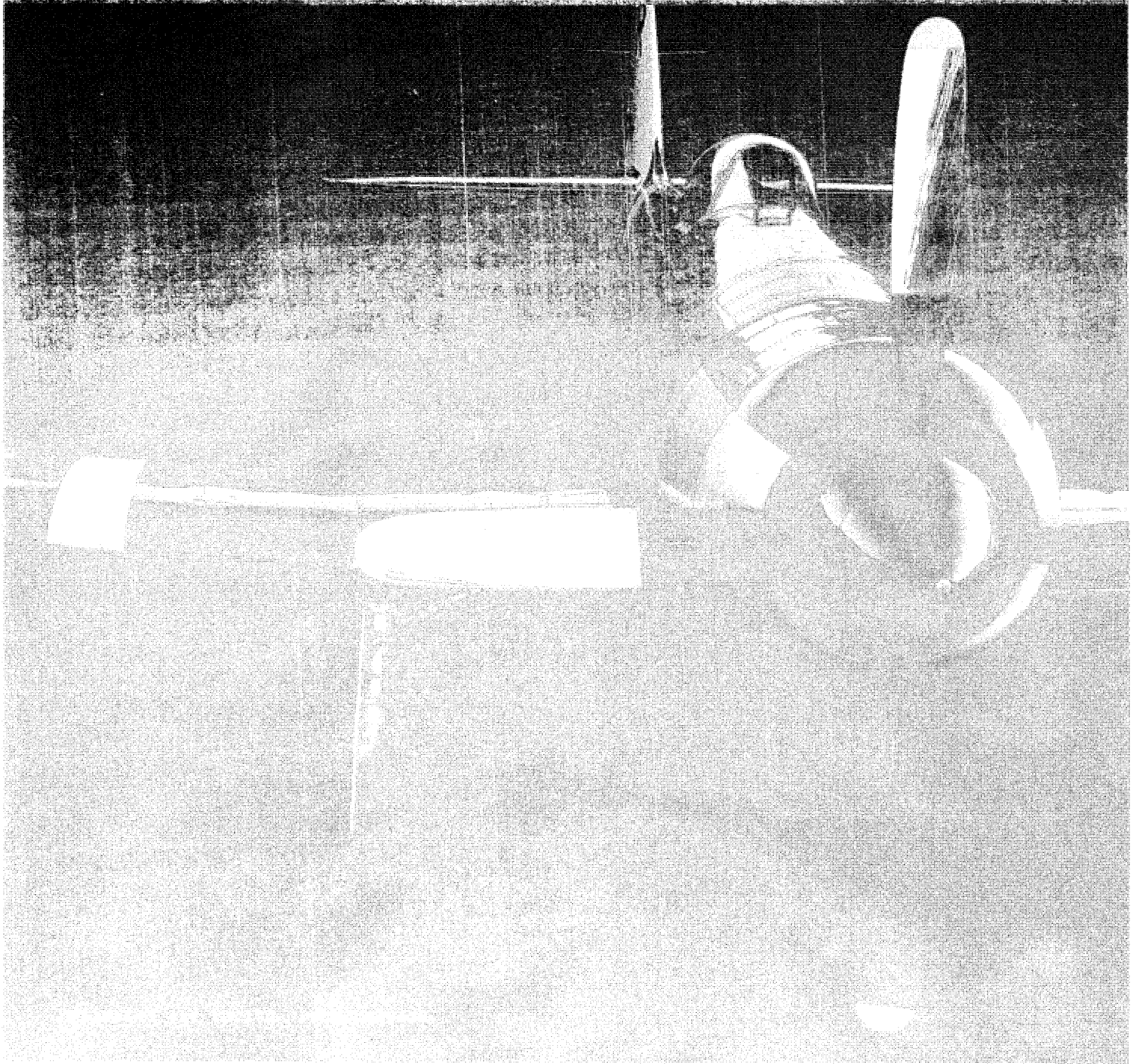


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Shells Found



Bari Diamond, Ali Halprin, and Jordyn Fischer

Bari Diamond, Ali Halprin, and Jordyn Fischer, all 18-year-old college freshmen, were shelling along Beachview's private beach area when they found a tulip shell. The three girls are on Spring break from Boston University and are staying at the Fischer Family's house in Beachview Estates.✪

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On Tuesday April 22, Earth day from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. we will be gathering at The Sanibel School Organic Garden to celebrate our earth and the marriage of Mr. Green and Sandy B. Bill Wood from Fox 4 News will be here taping live for his early morning show. There can be no better way then to start early in celebrating and honoring our earth. There will be music, crafts and activities for all. Come and share in the festivities and bring family and friends to be a part of the wedding party. Don't forget to wear Green. ? Questions and or additional ideas for the event call Tylor Compton at 472-1617 or email Tylorsc@leeschools.net.

Green Team Members Needed:
The Green Team is needed to man the booth at the Ding Darling Earth day celebration on Saturday April 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ding Darling will provide the tent and the table. We will provide



Students planting seeds

activities, face painting, Green Team Contracts and T-shirt sales. If you can make yourself available for an hour to help, call Tylor Compton at 472-1617 or email Tylorsc@leeschools.net. There are many other great activities happening that day at Ding Darling so look for the press release in the local newspapers. Hope you can help.✪

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The biology of alligators is an ancient tale of survival. Florida's history of gators and humans are closely intertwined. To learn about these fascinating creatures and what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands attend Gator Tales on Wednesday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Charles Sobczak, island author of *Alligators, Sharks, and Panthers* will be there to share his island gator stories and sign his book. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information. This program is free to all.✪

Beaches 101: Storms And Waves Steal Sand From Your Beach

submitted by American Shore and Beach Preservation Association

When choppy waves crash on the shore of your beach, there's more going on than meets the eye.

"Waves caused by cold fronts, nor'easters and hurricanes move sand from the beach in two directions," says Tom Campbell, president of Coastal Planning and Engineering in Boca Raton, Florida. "The waves move the sand both away from the shore and along the shore."

This causes both temporary and permanent sand loss to the beach and is called beach erosion. Temporary beach erosion is not a big concern, because the sand usually migrates back to the beach on its own. However, permanent erosion is much more serious, because the houses, businesses, roads and utilities that are normally set back on the beach can be damaged or destroyed when the beach becomes too narrow.

Experts say waves rarely move toward the coast perfectly perpendicularly - they usually approach on an angle. This causes a current along the beach that can move large amounts of sand.

"Think about a windy day at the beach when you are in the water - you might have a hard time staying in front of your blanket, because the current is moving you," Campbell explains. "The current moves sand along the beach in this same way."

When this moving sand hits an inlet, it can get trapped in it and may be permanently lost from the beach system. As a

result, beaches on the other side of these inlets often experience higher rates of erosion.

Although to a smaller extent, sea level rise also traps sand and keeps it from returning to the beach.

More than half of American beaches are currently experiencing some level of permanent sand loss; the rest are either stable or gaining sand. Although it widely varies, the beaches that are losing sand lose an average of two feet to three feet per year.

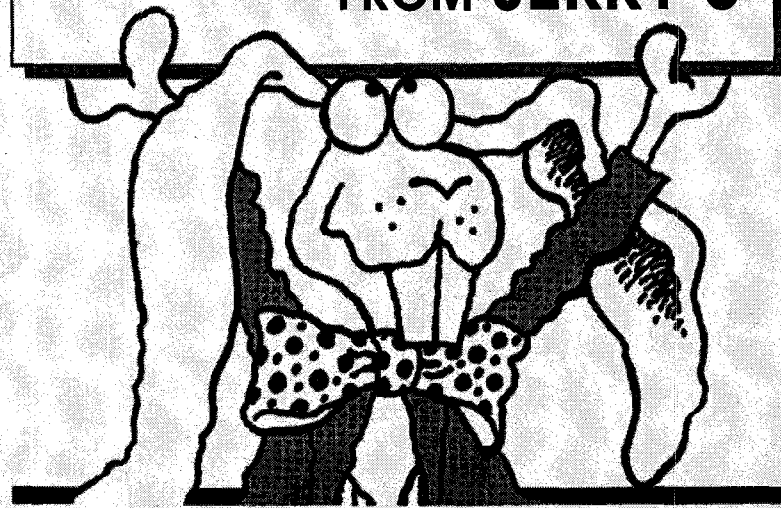
The good news is that there are solutions to help control beach erosion. In order to restore beaches and reinforce the sandy barrier between erosive waves and the structures and infrastructure near the beach, hundreds of American coastal communities have successfully nourished their beaches by bringing sand back to the beach mechanically, either from the offshore ocean bottom or from inlets. "In a sense, it's turning back the clock for these communities," Campbell said. "In addition to preserving their property, they are reinvigorating the recreation aspects of their beach."

For more information about the health of your beach, visit www.asbpa.org.

Founded in 1926, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) represents the scientific, technical and political interests along the coast in an effort to shape national research and policy concerning shore and beach management and restoration. ASBPA strives to engage in a factual debate on coastal issues and economics that will foster sound, far-sighted and economical development and preservation of our beaches; thereby aiding in placing their beliefs within the reach of the largest possible number of people in accordance with the ideals of a democratic nation. For additional information about ASBPA, visit www.asbpa.org.✪

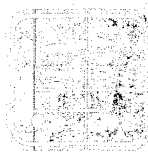
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Mass Mortality - A Natural Part of Life in the Oceans



by J. Bruce Neill,
PhD

The ocean and its living inhabitants form a complex system which is really very poorly understood.

Recently, we have had large collections of dead and dying scallops, pen shells, sea urchins and parchment worms. One would immediately assume that some form of water quality issue is responsible, and it probably is - just not the types of water-quality issues to which we have become accustomed.

It appears that perhaps this die-off is best attributed to a sudden influx of cold water from out in the deeper regions of the Gulf. Prior to a couple of weeks ago, the water temperature was in the lower 70s (F), then we experienced a large upwelling event that brought cold water from deeper regions of the Gulf resulting in water temperatures of 63° F around our island.

The density of water is inversely related to temperature (at least above freezing). Water that is colder is more dense.



The very deep portions of most ocean basins hold very cold water. For some reason, some event likely happened that caused some of this cold water to upwell - that is travel towards the surface. The triggering mechanism causing the upwelling was probably a series of strong winds. These winds push surface water away and pull up bottom water to replace it.

This cold water then rushes past many of our bottom-dwelling invertebrates, known in biological circles as benthic invertebrates. These creatures do not readily thrive in the face of rapid temperature changes and become "cold-shocked" or at times just die from the

rapid temperature change. Once weakened, they are unable to maintain their hold on the bottom and become tossed and carried about by the currents. Many are then washed ashore on our beaches.

Some parts of this explanation are based on conjecture, but what we do know is that we experienced an upwelling event offshore (we can track surface ocean temperatures by satellite) and we had a rapid decrease in ocean water temperature around Sanibel. We also know that many of the invertebrates we have seen recently on our beaches are vulnerable to rapid temperature change. With this information it seems plausible that



our recent die-offs are a result of temperature-shock; not red tide or pollution, but just another interesting wrinkle of the dynamics of the ocean and its inhabitants.

There is an old adage in medicine that says when you hear hoof-beats don't assume zebras (in North America) - sometimes what appears to be a result of some horrific pollution event is just the natural oscillation of life and death in the sea. Something we don't know very much about.

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beaches. Along with other conservation organizations and the State of Florida, we are creating a network of beach-combing volunteers to do just that. Together we can truly contribute to our understanding of the dynamics of our oceans; if you are interested in joining this effort email me at bruce@sanibelseaschool.org

Perhaps together, we will get better at distinguishing the horses from the zebras.

Dr. Neill is the executive director of the Sanibel Sea School, a Sanibel non-profit foundation promoting marine conservation through experiential education. Visit Sanibelseaschool.org.

Lecture On Bird-Watching At 'Ding'

There's more to bird-watching than meets the eye, and Burton Guttman is dedicated to teaching the necessary skills interactively. Guttman, the author of *Finding Your Wings: A Workbook for Beginning Bird Watchers*, will present a special lecture starting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the "Ding" Darling Education Center.

The author's strategy for learning to watch birds is three-fold: learn how to

really see birds, how to sort them by category, and how to learn the easiest birds first. Guttman will expound upon his strategy and the different aspects of bird-watching during his presentation.

A book-signing will follow Guttman's lecture. His book is available for purchase in the "Ding" Darling Bookstore.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, the refuge's non-profit friends organization, as the final presentation of its 12-week Thursday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

For more information, or to become a friend of the refuge, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

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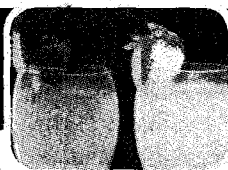
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bovine could find a new opportunity too intriguing to be ignored. But don't charge into it. Go slowly so you see how things develop as you get more involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might try to soften your stand on that important issue. A little more flexibility could actually get you what you're looking for. A new friend enters the picture midweek.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your inner voice is on the mark when it advises you to tackle that family problem now! The sooner you're able to come to terms with it, the better it will be for everyone.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone reveals important news about a longtime associate. But before you decide how to deal with this information, make sure it's reliable, and not simply self-serving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some intensive soul-searching early in

the week can help you reach a decision by week's end that should please both you and the other person involved. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The possibility of a career change is intriguing. Learn more about what it can offer and what it cannot. Weigh everything carefully. And ask questions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Work is your priority this week as you try to make up for lost time. Expect help from someone who cares about you. Things take a welcome turn by the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A health problem causes some anxiety early in the week. But prompt medical attention soon eases everyone's concerns. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As much as you might resent it, a changing situation could require you to adjust your plans accordingly. The good news: An associate agrees to cooperate.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That old problem is finally resolved, just in time for you to take on a new work-related project. This one could be the super door-opener you've been looking for.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The early part of the week presents some difficult hurdles. But once you get over them, you can start to focus on matters that are more important to you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and your dedication to doing the right thing, no matter how difficult that might be.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 30, 1820, Anna Sewall, author of "Black Beauty," is born in Norfolk, England. "Black Beauty," first published in 1877, was the first significant children's story in the English language to focus on animal characters and was made into a movie at least three times.

- On March 27, 1912, in Washington, D.C., the wife of President William Taft and the wife of the Japanese ambassador plant two Yoshina cherry trees near the Jefferson Memorial. After World War II, cuttings from the trees were sent back to Japan to restore the Tokyo collection that was decimated by American bombing attacks during the war.

- On March 29, 1927, Major Henry O'Neil de Hane Segrave becomes the first person to break the 200-mph barrier. Driving a 1,000-horsepower Mystery Sunbeam, Segrave averaged 203.79 mph on the course at Daytona Beach, Fla.

- On March 26, 1937, Crystal City, Texas, unveils America's first monument to a comic-strip hero when a 6-foot-tall statue of Popeye is unveiled in Popeye Park during the city's second annual Spinach Festival.

- On March 25, 1957, Ricky Nelson cuts his first records, "A Teenager's Romance" and "I'm Walkin'." A few weeks later, he sang the songs on his family's TV series and became an overnight pop star, despite his complete lack of musical experience.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition." -- Timothy Leary

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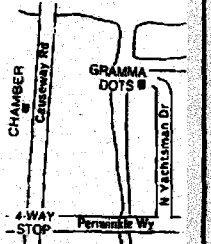
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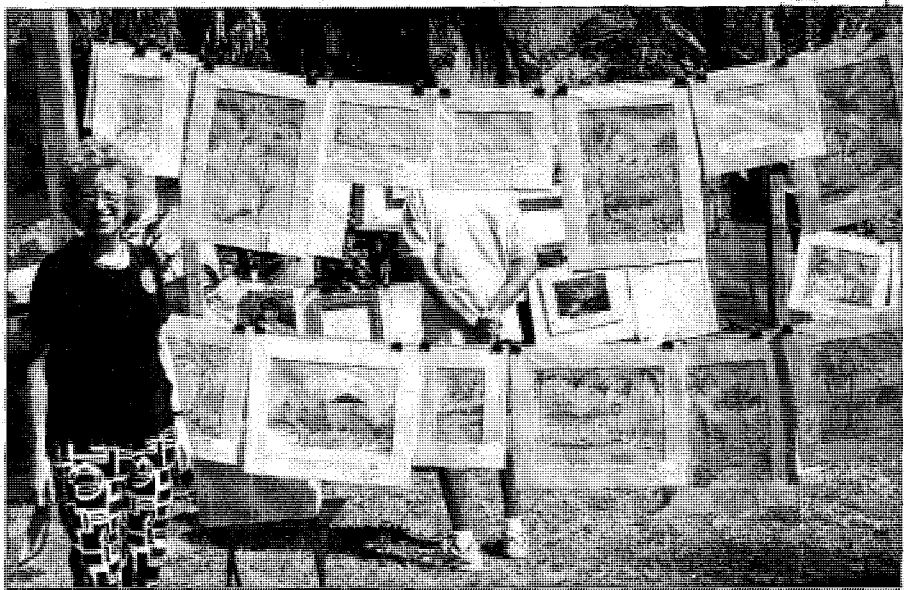
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On Sunday, April 6, the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will be sponsoring its sixth annual Poker Pedal fundraiser. Visit seven of the 15 business sponsors and collect a playing card at each stop. The best poker hands win great prizes like a week-long stay at an island accommodation, jewelry and, of course, a new bicycle. Pre-registration is \$25 and applications are available at Bank of the Islands, Sanibel - Captiva Community Bank, Tom Louwers Tax and Accounting, Three Crafty Ladies, Curves, and Island Nutrition Center.

Hop on your bike or rent one (walkers are always welcome too) and pick the winning hand from cards picked from sponsor locations. It is great family fun with fabulous prizes and After The Pedal Party at the community center. All participants receive a commemorative T-shirt! Poker Pedal is generously sponsored by Bank of the Islands and Barrier Island Title Services. All proceeds benefit ABWA's scholarship fund. For more information contact Fay Carney at 395-1767.



The 2007 clothesline sale

Art League Clothesline Sale

The San-Cap Art League annual Clothesline Sale will be held this year on Sunday, April 6, at the Sanibel Community House. This is an opportunity to buy original artwork from local artists at rock bottom prices. Works are unframed, enhancing portability, and might include watercolor, oil, acrylic, collage, prints, notepaper, pen/pencil drawings, pastel, and fabric painting.

Prices on the original pieces done by the same award-winning artists who have been showing their work in galleries, the library, Big Arts and other locations on the island, can be as low as \$5. Artists will be on hand with work hung on clotheslines or set up indoors. If it rains, all work will be indoors.

The members of San-Cap Art League look forward to selling their work inexpensively without the overhead of a gallery or the cost of framing. This is an enjoyable day, socializing with fellow artists, and informally chatting with people strolling by. The sale will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For questions call Randon Eddy at 395-4518.

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Donations Support Refuge System

The National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA) announced that the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) is donating \$15,000 in support of NWRA's advocacy on behalf of the National Wildlife Refuge System. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society views this and past donations as an investment in both our refuge and the refuge system," said Susan Cassell, president of the society. "The JN 'Ding' Darling refuge is linked to the other 547 national wildlife refuges through statute and migration; it's critical we work with and support our national partner."

Funds provided by DDWS will help to underwrite the NWRA's work in Washington as it seeks to increase federal funding for the refuge system. The

100-million-acre refuge system faces a crisis, with more than \$3.5 billion worth of unmet wildlife stewardship and public outreach needs. The current annual budget to manage an acre in the federal system is only \$4.34. Lack of funds means refuges are unable to meet their wildlife conservation goals, and fail to consistently educate diverse local communities about the conservation and quality of life values they provide.

"Support from the Ding Darling Wildlife Society will make a difference for us as we educate decision-makers about the importance of refuges to wildlife and local economies," said Evan Hirsche, president of the NWRA. "By working together nationally and locally, refuge Friends and the NWRA are creating a brighter future for our national wildlife refuges."

In early April, the NWRA will join with the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and 77 other volunteer Friends groups on Capitol Hill to send a powerful message to Congress and the administration that refuges ought to be a priority in the FY09 federal budget.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society is a non-profit Friends of the Refuge organization that supports education, visitor services and wildlife conservation at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Visit: www.dingdarlingsociety.org

The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge Association is to protect, enhance and expand the National Wildlife Refuge System, lands and waters set aside by the American people to conserve our diverse wildlife heritage. Visit www.refugeassociation.org.



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Mr. and Mrs. L. Geyer and Mrs. and Mrs. J. Weise of Claryville, New York, with the junonia and alphabet cones they found near Blind Pass. They said they were having a "red letter" day. Everyone found something to make them happy. They are staying at Palms of Sanibel.✱

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From left, Buck White, Luke Skaggs, Molly Skaggs, Sharon White, Ricky Skaggs, Cheryl White, Alison Krauss and Rachel Warren

Country And Bluegrass With The Whites

It will be a grand night of country and bluegrass music with The Whites on stage at BIG ARTS, Saturday, March 29, at 8 p.m. There will be a pre-concert interview 7:15 p.m., facilitated by the noted Helen Ketterman.

The Whites' family harmony is the result of lots of practice, more than 30 years of singing together, around the house and performing professionally on the road.

Daddy Buck and daughters Cheryl and Sharon are all top-level singers and musicians individually. And when they hit the Grand Ole Opry stage together, as Saturday night regulars, it's plain why their talents have made them one of country and bluegrass music's all-time favorite family acts.

When the younger Whites decided they wanted to sing professionally, the family moved to Nashville where they performed as the Down Home Folks and recorded several bluegrass albums. By 1982, the Whites hit mainstream country radio with a sound built on ear-catching harmonies, gliding dobro by Jerry Douglas and strong song selection. Their first Top 10 hit, *You Put the Blue in Me*, was followed by *Pins and Needles*, *Wonder Who's Holding My Baby Tonight*, and *Hanging Around*.

The group enjoyed another career highlight with on-screen roles in the 2000 hit movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* and its Grammy-winning soundtrack, contributing *Keep on the Sunny Side* to the project. They also appeared in *Down From the Mountain*, a documentary and CD featuring live performances of *O Brother* theme tunes.

The Whites concert is sponsored by West Wind Inn and BIG ARTS Angels. Tickets are available for \$40 and \$45. BIG ARTS is at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Call 395-0900 or log on to www.bigarts.org for more info.*

Pre-K Program Offered At The Sanibel School

The Sanibel School will again offer a summer Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) program. Children are eligible who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2008 (eligible for kindergarten) and who have not accessed VPK services during the school year program at either a private or public school site. Enrollment is open to all children residing in Lee County.

The VPK program is an educational program (300 hours) that focuses on preparing preschool children for kindergarten. Transportation is not provided. Lunch is provided. The program is available at no cost to parents.

The VPK program runs June 16 through July 31, except for July 4. Hours at 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at The Sanibel School.

For children who reside off-island, enrollment in the VPK Program at The Sanibel School will not automatically make a child eligible for a place at The Sanibel School in the fall. All off island

students must still apply for a waiver for consideration to attend The Sanibel School as a kindergarten student.

All students must obtain a certificate of eligibility from Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc. at 2675 Winkler Avenue in Fort Myers. They must provide original birth certificate, Social Security number if available, and proof of residency. Students do not need to reside on Sanibel or Captiva in order to be eligible for VPK at The Sanibel School. For directions or questions, call 935-6100.

Students who live on Sanibel or Captiva may enroll in both kindergarten and VPK at The Sanibel School after they obtain their certificate of eligibility. Call Donna Marks, the school registrar, at 472-1617 to schedule an appointment.

Students who live off-island must enroll their children in kindergarten first at the Student Assignment Office at The Lee County Public Education Center at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, phone 337-8247. Parents must provide all documents stated for VPK certificate of eligibility as well as physical and immunizations records. After enrolling your child in kindergarten, you may enroll your child in VPK at The Sanibel School by scheduling an appointment with Donna Marks. Call 472-1617 to make an appointment.*

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THE WHITES

One of the great groups in country music, the Whites are a regular act at the Grand Ole Opry. Their recordings have thrilled fans for decades and include two tracks in the award winning sound track *O Brother where Art Thou*. Their family harmony is the result of more than 30 years of performing on the road.

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Sun. March 30
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The Company: Collected Stories

Marsha Wagner and Susen Berg star in the Tony Award-winning two-character play by Don Margulies. A professor living in Greenwich Village agrees to let a graduate student become her assistant. Friendship dissolves into betrayal as the student twists the professor's life into a best-selling novel.
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Burt and Rosalyn McGlynn with Eleanor Ward

Burt who live on Captiva, so she has been aiming her camera at tropical birds and sunsets.

Some of her photos are transferred into GICLEE prints which have an oil painting look about them. Ward told me that she prices her pieces to sell. She doesn't include her time even though she spends hours taking images and is lucky to get one out of a hundred that she considers art worthy. A certificate of authenticity accompanies all her works. No more than 25 copies are made. Most on display at the yacht club are number one's.

A man who purchased a GICLEE print of white pelicans expected the price to be around \$3,000. He was amazed to find it was in the \$300 to \$400 range.

I asked her what she tries to capture in her photos and she replied "I try to get what most photographers say, to freeze a moment in time." To spread the beauty, warmth, tranquility, peacefulness and excitement that surrounds us has become her mission.

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by Di Saggau

Meet the Artist reception was held recently at the Captiva Yacht Club for Eleanor Ward. Her works are found in private collections across the United States. She has also exhibited at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Ward's photo art will be on exhibit through the end of March. Originally she focused on florals and butterflies at her home in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Three or four times a year she visits her sister Rosalyn McGlynn and husband

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Collected Stories

"I don't care what the basis of the story is as long as it's a good story," the worldly Ruth Steiner says to her fatefully porous ingénue Lisa Morrison. Sunday, March 30, 8 p.m. a Tony Award-winning two-character play of role-reversal and creative ethics comes to BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Rd., Sanibel - \$20. *Collected Stories*, written by Don Margulies and directed by John Bartis, stars two well-known island personalities: Long-time actress/producer Marsha Wagner as Ruth Steiner teamed with talented co-star Susen Berg as Lisa Morrison.

In this tale about the craft of writing, Margulies poses the question of whether artistic license gives a writer the right to turn a living person's experiences into fiction without that person's consent. The play focuses on the close relationship between a veteran writer in her 60's and an aspiring writer in her twenties, following them over six years as their relationship deepens from tutor and pupil to mother and surrogate daughter. When Lisa unveils her first novel, one clearly based largely on Steiner's life, the bond they share collapses. Ruth, subtly beseeched by Lisa, had revealed details of her early days as an aspiring writer in bohemian Greenwich Village. Ruth regards Lisa's fictionalization of her life, her personal experiences as a complete betrayal of her trust and invasion of her privacy, while Lisa cites artistic license as defense for her decision.



Marsha Wagner (left) and Susen Berg (right)

Marsha Wagner, most recently seen in the well-received *Love Letters*, said of her part as Ruth Steiner, "Not since playing Maria Callas in Terrence McNally's 'Master Class' have I encountered such a challenging and fascinating role."

Susen Berg is very active in Community Theater, both in her summer residence and as a committee member of OnStage at BIG ARTS. Susen has performed *The Company* in *Con Amore*

and *Cats & Dogs*, both directed by John Bartis.

"This is one of the best written and best acted plays I have encountered so far," Bartis said of *Collected Stories*.

Writer Don Margulies is best known for his screenplay *Moonstruck* and the 2000 Pulitzer Prize winning *Dinner with Friends*. Literate, intellectually stimulating, Margulies is able to create characters of dramatic and human interest. He has

developed screenplays for HBO, NBC, Touchstone Pictures, Paramount, and Tri Star. He also teaches playwriting at Yale University.

For further information about this event, other upcoming events and workshops at BIG ARTS, to purchase tickets, sign up for workshops, or become a member, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road Sanibel, call 239-395-0900, email info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.★

Figure Drawing

Greg Biolchini will do a one-hour figure drawing demonstration on Friday, March 28 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at BIG ARTS, Sanibel. For a one-session class the cost is \$25.

After Biolchini demo the class will resume with regular life drawing until noon.★

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44 Trust Company Hosts Luc Century Art Viewing



Artist Luc Century and Trust Company CEO Al Hanser

by Brian Johnson

The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company held a viewing of Luc Century's art work on March 18 at a reception at The Sanctuary. The event built on last year's tribute to wood carver Jim Sprankle.

Century's trademark glass art, with the etched forms of herons, dolphins, and sea turtles, were set up as an exhibit. The glass, together with the unveiling of new art works on canvas, gave islanders a chance to see the full range of Century's talent.

"Luc is an island treasure," said Al Hanser, the CEO of the Sanibel-Captiva



Mariane Denk, Marianne Kanzius, Betty Cafer, Luc Century, Marlene Donaldson

Trust Company, in his opening remarks. "I don't think there are any of us here who don't have something Luc created. It is truly a pleasure for all of us to honor Luc tonight. Thanks a million, Luc!"

Taking the microphone, Century gave the guests a Joycean portrait of the artist as a young man, recalling the magical moment when he first decided to work in glass: "I was 21 years old, and out of school, and I was washing windows," he said. "I pulled the squeegee across the window and saw my face in the reflection - that's when I thought I could put images on glass."

His hobbies in high school - engraving skis, taking photographs - converged into a career of etching, imagery and light. He came to national attention for his pioneering photo stenciling technique that was used to inscribe the names on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Century came to Sanibel shortly afterwards, finding the tropical air more suitable than the Ohio climate. "When I came to Sanibel, everything seemed to go right - things started to click," he said.

He gave credit to his wife Dee, who drew many of the wildlife designs on the glasses and vases that are seen all around the islands.

After the talk, guests took a closer look at the art, and crowded around Century to ask questions.

In the months ahead Century will press on with work to etch personal letters into the back of the granite Vietnam war memorial recently established in Fort Myers. He is still accepting letters from vets and family members and working to raise the funds to pay for the project. Those interested may contact him at 1160 Buttonwood, Sanibel, FL 33957, or call 472-4496.



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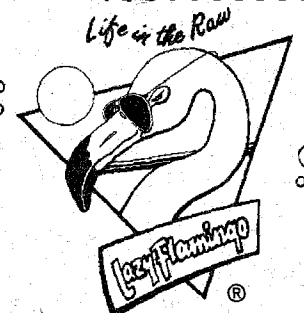
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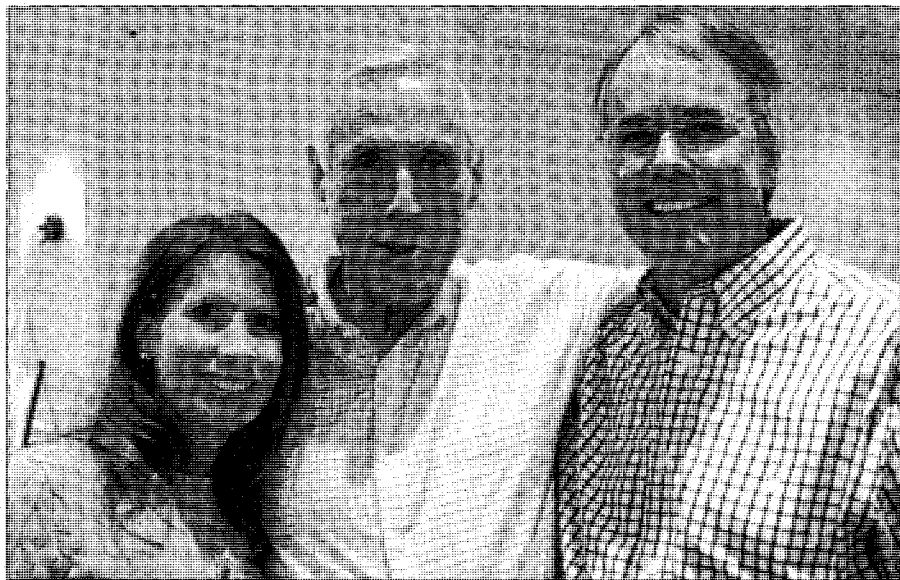
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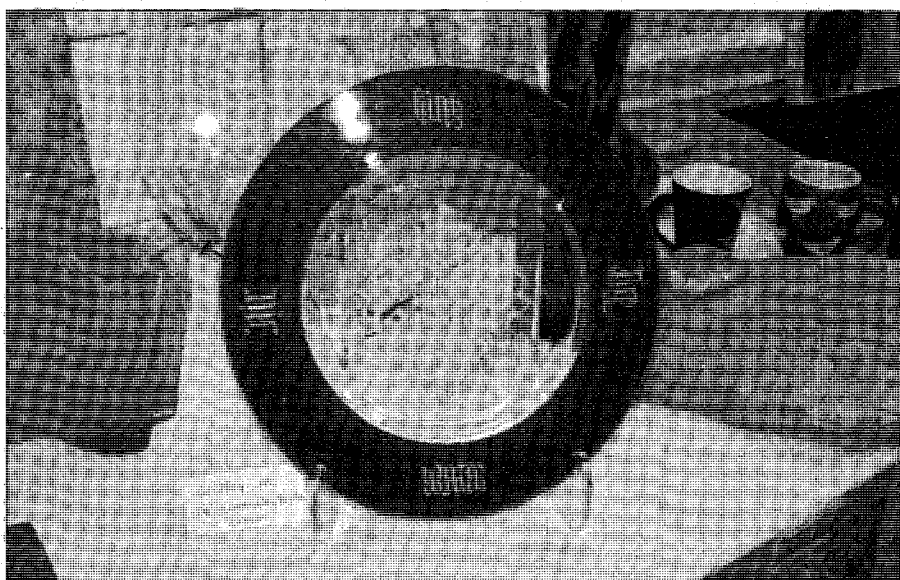


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Glass art by Luc Century on display at The Sanctuary

Shell Point Welcomes The U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors Band

The internationally acclaimed U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors Band will be offering a performance at Shell Point Retirement Community on Monday, April 14, at 7:15 p.m. in the Village Church Auditorium on the Island at Shell Point.

The U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors Band travels around the country, as well as across the world, playing a variety of musical selections. Many types of music will be included in this concert such as Big Band, Latin, Swing, contemporary, Dixieland, and other popular tunes. Many patriotic songs will be performed as well to show support for the many who serve our country on a daily basis. This group formed in 1969, and travels around the world to keep the will of American people behind our armed forces, as well as raise awareness for diplomatic efforts around the globe.



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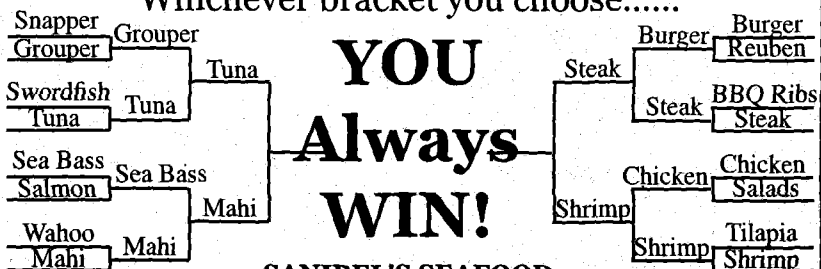
"Shell Point is honored to have such a popular and internationally acclaimed band perform for our community," said Ted Yeatts, program coordinator for Shell Point. "I know that our residents and the many guests who will come from the surrounding community will thoroughly enjoy the variety of musical selections that will be presented in this performance."

This performance is a free event, but seating is limited and tickets must be reserved in advance. Due to the high demand for this concert, you may only reserve two tickets. Reserved tickets must be picked up in person from the Woodlands Service Desk at 14441 Woodsong Lane. Call 454-2067 for additional information.

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- *The Star Spangled Banner* - unaccompanied, arr. Lloyd Pfautsch
- *Americana* folk song suite (*Oh Shenandoah*, *Skip to my Lou*, *Sweet Betsey from Pike*) - arr. Luigi Zaninelli
- *Watu Wote (All the People)*, Swahili - Albrecht and Althouse

Solo ensemble: Edina Lessack, Jacquie Boyce, Jan Gworek, Carole Judge, June Sieber, Bob Boling, Lillian Decker, Gloria Hannan, Elaine Keeler, Bob Bannister

• *Set Down Servant* (Spiritual) - arr. Schram Soloists: Nancy Harrod, Gloria Hannan, Lillian Decker

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• *Hallelujah, Get Happy!* (a medley of *Get Happy* and *Oh, Happy Day*) - Harold Arlen/Ted Koehler; Edwin

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- *That's a Plenty* - arr. John Edmonson

- *Midway March* - John Williams
- *Summertime* (from *Porgy and Bess*) - George Gershwin
- *Yesterday* - arr. Claudia Burns
- *Clarinet Marmalade* - arr. John Edmonson

- *Onward-Upward March* - Edwin F. Goldman
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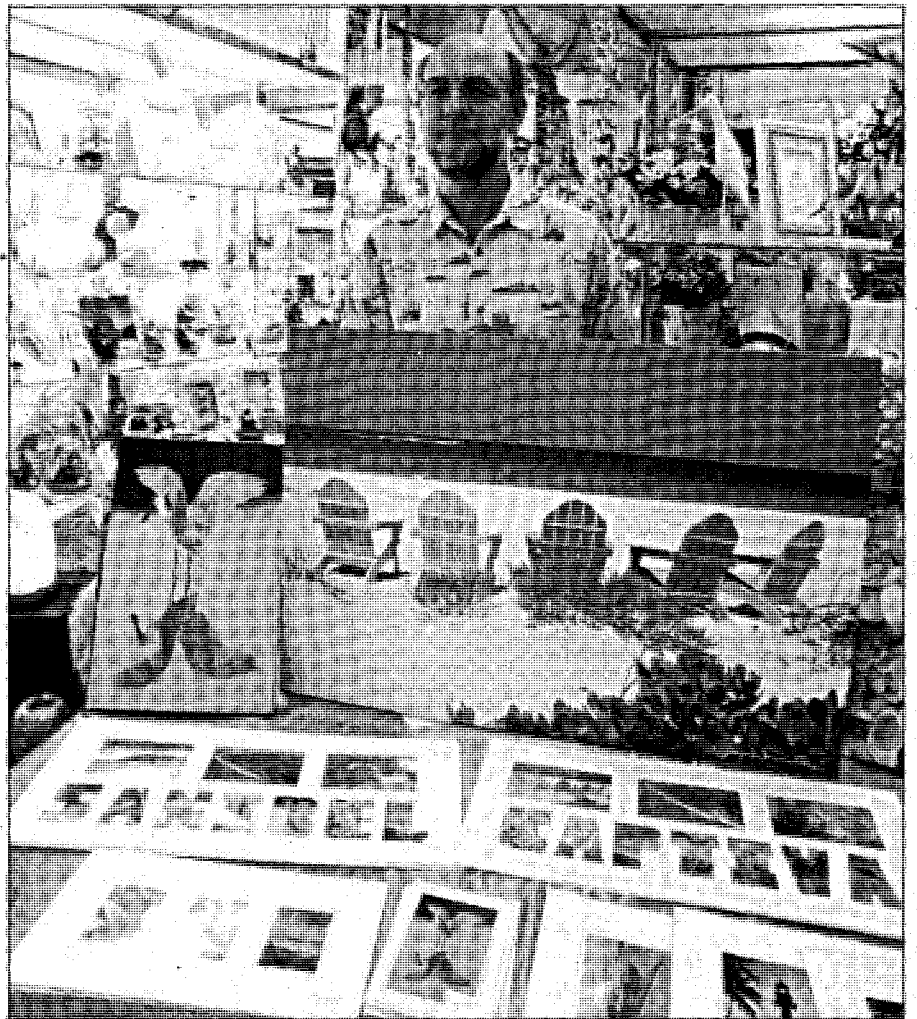
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Opening Reception At ACT Gallery



Paul Rodino bench

Join Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, April 4, from 7 to 10 p.m. for its opening artist's reception for April.

A collection of 44 images by Paul Rodino ranges from tiny items on a dresser to large architectural elements. Comprising the hustle of a city to a quiet



Joseph Swenarton Ravello-Morning

moment at a local county fair, graphic, traditional and straightforward, these images are a montage in both color and black and white. This must see exhibit for art photography lovers represents the magic that Rodino finds in the everyday.

Rodino was born the same month that The Beatles began their Magical Mystery Tour of America and changed pop music. By the time he was 14, Sony introduced the Walkman and he had access to various family cameras and began document-

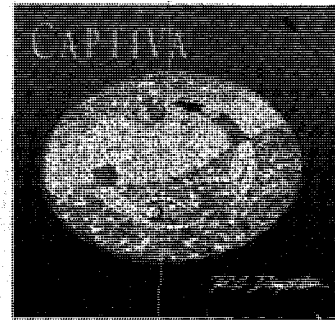
ing the major family events. It began with a 126 Kodak Instamatic. He transitioned to Polaroid cameras with their instant gratification and by art school was using a 35mm camera and living in the darkroom. For the past 10 years, he has explored various places looking for moments to document. His photography is a sum of all the individual items, colors, shapes and magical experiences he has witnessed up until now.

Joseph Swenarton is a Naples, Florida

artist. He grew up in Washington, DC and attended Montgomery College. Using vibrant colors, Swenarton transforms his canvases into stunning florals and landscapes of Southwest Florida. These vibrant artworks of tropical beauty are not to be missed.

Melissa Allen is an emerging 18-year-old artist award winner. In July 2006 she received a scholarship award from the Art of the Olympians. Not only does Allen excel in art, she is also a dedicated soccer and lacrosse player. Allen primarily paints people and especially their faces in abstract surrealist compositions. Again in 2007, Allen won first place for her poster benefitting the Special Equestrians. Come see what this young artist will produce next.

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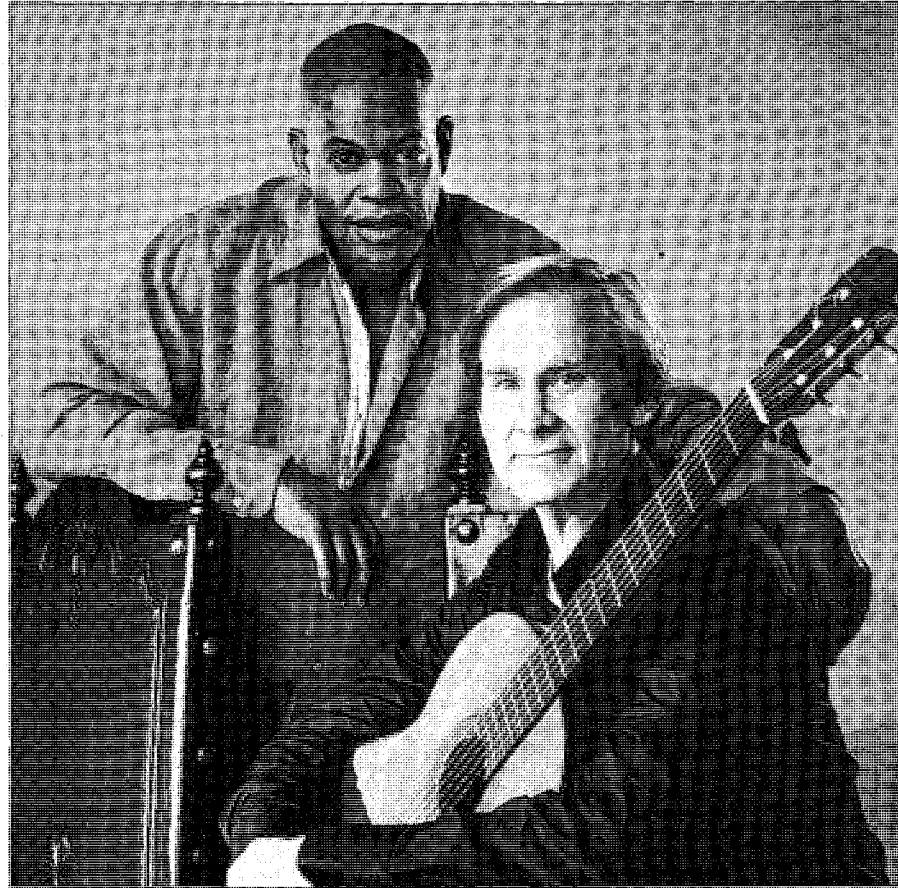
Parkening And Sykes To Visit Shell Point

Christopher Parkening and Jubilant Sykes will perform as part of Shell Point Retirement Community's sixth annual Fine and Performing Arts Concert Series of 2007/2008. The presentation will be on Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium on the Island at Shell Point.

"Our residents appreciate the musical performances that are available to them throughout the year in our community," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life at Shell Point. "Having Christopher Parkening and Jubilant Sykes perform at Shell Point just adds to the variety of musical offerings for our residents and the surrounding areas."

Parkening is celebrated as one of the world's preeminent virtuosos of the classical guitar. *The New York Times* described his playing as "so intelligent, sensitive and adept that one can forget everything but the music."

Sykes, a classically trained baritone, has created a diverse and personal approach to singing by bringing a modern flavor to classical sounds. Much in demand as a soloist, he has performed with some of the world's finest symphonies and opera companies including the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, Houston Grand Opera and the Metropolitan Opera.



Jubilant Sykes and Christopher Parkening

Tickets for this concert are still available and are \$25 each. To purchase tickets or receive additional information about this concert or payment information, call 454-2067 or visit www.shell-point.org.

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Emerson String Quartet

In 2004, they were the first chamber ensemble to win the prestigious Avery Fisher Prize. Formed in 1976, the quartet took its name from American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson. Violinists Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer alternate in the first chair position and are joined by violist Lawrence Dutton and cellist David Finckel. Celebrating more than 30 years as a quartet, they approach classical and contemporary repertoire with equal mastery and enthusiasm. *Time* magazine calls them "America's greatest quartet."

The quartet will perform Schubert's *String Quartet in A minor, op. 29 No. 1* (D 804); Shostakovich's *String Quartet No. 7 in F-sharp minor, op. 108*; and Beethoven's *String Quartet in C major, op. 59 No. 3 Razumovsky*.

The concert is sponsored by Roz and Jim Marks; Northern Trust, and Henderson Franklin, Starnes & Holt PA.

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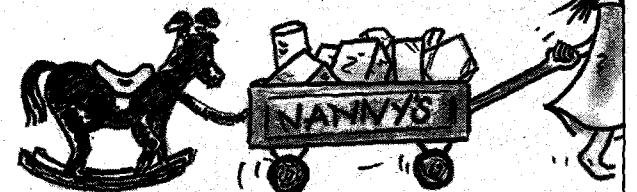
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A Visit To A Birders' Paradise

An Eventful Birthday



In Africa, it isn't only the birds, pictured at right, that use the sandbars

by Scott Martell

Who would have thought I'd get a hippo for my birthday? After a busy week, I needed quiet time for study and meditation (Scott, lighten up! You really mean sleep and relaxation!). A wonderful group of students and staff from Regis University was visiting our village, and they'd be gone for the day - this was my chance. They kept asking if I'd join them for their day trip to the Rift Valley. I did my Mona Lisa smile imitation, but said no. But they kept asking. And, they really meant it. They really wanted me to go... a grumpy old guy, about to be one year older.

The night before the trip, God really laid it on my heart to go, and when I told the group, they were pleased. Such a blessing is beyond words and I realized, yet once again, how much I have to be thankful for.



I was particularly thankful for the Regis students because they'd arrived when I could hardly walk due to back pain. It just happened (or it was an act of God, yet once again) that many of these students were doctoral students in physical therapy. Within a few days of their arrival I was lying on the grass as they worked on me with a variety of manipulations and exercises. Almost immediately I was relieved of pain and could walk again... now we're not talking here about Jesus and the paralytic of Luke 5:17; still, to me, it was a miracle of sorts.

Our small caravan of Land Cruisers cut down the escarpment to Butajira, where the main road heads to the capital, Addis Ababa.

Instead of blessed pavement, we continued straight down the escarpment on a rough and gravel road. While higher up the landscape was still green with crops still to be harvested, the lower in elevation we drove, the browner and drier it became. Lake Ziway, the highest elevation of the Rift Valley Lakes, is at 1,636 meters.

We were coming from Yetebon, at about 2,800 meters, at the base of the Gurage Mountains which tower above our compound like a rugged wall (and on that wall live and toil mountain Gurages, tough pioneers who, regretfully, burn up the mountains every January and February, thinking they are improving the land - but that's another story.

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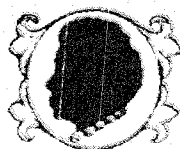
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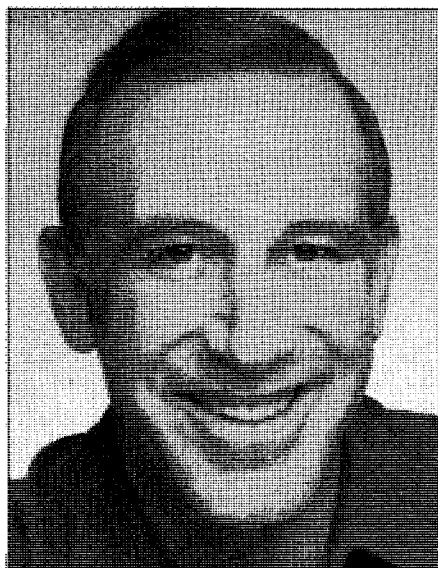
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Florida Premiere Of *Married Alive!* Features Some Of Broadway's Best

As the finale to its second season, Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples presents The Florida Premiere of the new musical *Married Alive!* a four-character musical comedy featuring some of Broadway's finest actors and musical talent. Written by Sean Grennan with music by Leah Okimoto, *Married Alive!* is a touching tongue-and-cheek chronicle of modern marriage -- from Niagara to Viagra -- as seen from the eyes of two couples: the wide-eyed new-lyweds and seasoned "oldyweds."

Married Alive! lampoons every subject from new babies to empty nests, job stress, sex, and everything in between.

The cast of Broadway and off-Broadway talent includes Tony-nominated Broadway actress Catherine Cox in the role of Diane, who starred in the original *Baby on Broadway*, as well as *Footloose and Oh, Coward!*



Stephen Berger

Stephen Berger, cast in the role of Ron, is often seen on TV's popular *Law & Order*, has several Broadway credits include *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, Neil Simon's *Little Me*, *Wonderful Town* and *The Pajama Game*. Berger has been featured in numerous national tours and at many professional regional theatres



Catherine Cox

including The Cleveland Playhouse, Dallas Theatre Center, Papermill Playhouse, and the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis.

No stranger to the professional stage, the second male lead, Brian Cooper as Paul, recently appeared in the National Tour of *Miss Saigon* and has performed in all fifty states in professional productions, including *Babes in Toyland* at Avery Fisher Hall, and as an original cast member in the off-Broadway hit, *End of the World Party*.

Rounding out the cast is Broyhill Broyhill as Erin. Summer received a BA in music from Florida State University, was in the national tours of *Hairspray* and *I Love A Piano*, and appeared with a number of major professional theatre companies including Georgia Shakespeare Festival and the York Theatre Company.

Kristen Coury, founder and producing artistic director of Gulfshore Playhouse, will direct. She has directed several productions for Gulfshore Playhouse, but Kristen's professional career as director, writer and producer has been centered primarily in New York and London. Her feature film, *Friends and Family* has been released worldwide and is currently available on DVD.

Coury has directed countless readings and new works, as well as frequently for the Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy series in Raleigh, NC. She has worked for the English Shakespeare Company in press and marketing, Disney Theatrical on international productions of *Beauty and the Beast* and for Andrew Lloyd Webber's production company, Really Useful, on the Broadway production of *Sunset Boulevard* and the National Tour of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

The *Married Alive!* Musical Director, Keith Levenson, has conducted orchestrated and arranged venues from Broadway and TV, to symphony orchestras and rock and roll. Keith conducted the Broadway and National tours of, among others, *Annie*, *Big River*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Dreamgirls*. On the rock scene he has worked with Meat Loaf, Billy Preston, Peter Frampton, Alice Cooper, The Who and Roger Daltrey. His symphony orchestra credits include The New York Philharmonic, and Sydney, Los Angeles, and Melbourne Symphonies. Keith's TV work includes *The Tonight Show*, *David Letterman*, *The Tony Awards*, and *The Wizard of Oz* in Concert at Avery Fisher Hall with Jewel, Jackson Browne, Natalie Cole, Joel Grey, Debra Winger and Nathan Lane.

Married Alive! is at the Norris Center from March 27 through April 5 with evening and matinee performances. A VIP opening night and closing night patron party with the stars on March 27 and April 5 is \$100 and general admission \$30. A free performance for the community benefiting the Shelter for Abused Women and Children and Harry Chapin Food Bank is April 2. Price of admission is canned goods. First come, first served for the free performance. Call 866-811-4111 or visit www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org for tickets.*

Symphony Presents Young Peoples' Concerts

The Southwest Florida Symphony extends an invitation to all 4th grade and middle school children in Lee County public and private schools and all school-age home schooled children to attend the annual Young Peoples' Concert April 22 and 23. This free, 45-minute program, conducted by Joseph Caulkins and performed by the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, offers a program of Beethoven and Mozart. Curriculum guides are available on the Symphony Web site at www.swfiso.org.

The April 22 concerts will take place at Lehigh Senior High School and the April 23 concerts will take place at South Fort Myers High School. Private and public schools should register through Leigh Byers at Cypress Lake Middle School, 8901 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33907, or fax 481-3121. Home school children should register through the symphony office, attention: Carol Gault by fax at 418-0725 or by e-mail to cgaultswfiso@Comcast.net by March 28. Call the symphony office at 418-0996 for more information.*

Interactive Cooking Class For Girls

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. and Ada's Natural Foods are offering all girls ages nine to 13 a fun, hands-on cooking class. Girls will study with Chef Brooke to learn how to make basic meals. This will be a fun interactive class that will leave the girls with a feeling of accomplishment and eagerness to get in the kitchen. The class will be on March 25, 6 to 7 p.m., at Ada's Natural Foods 4650 South Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers. The cost is \$12 per girl price includes activity fee, all cooking supplies, and non-Girl Scout membership fee of \$10.

Contact Amy Gainey, youth/adult development specialist, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. 561-1800 ext 402.

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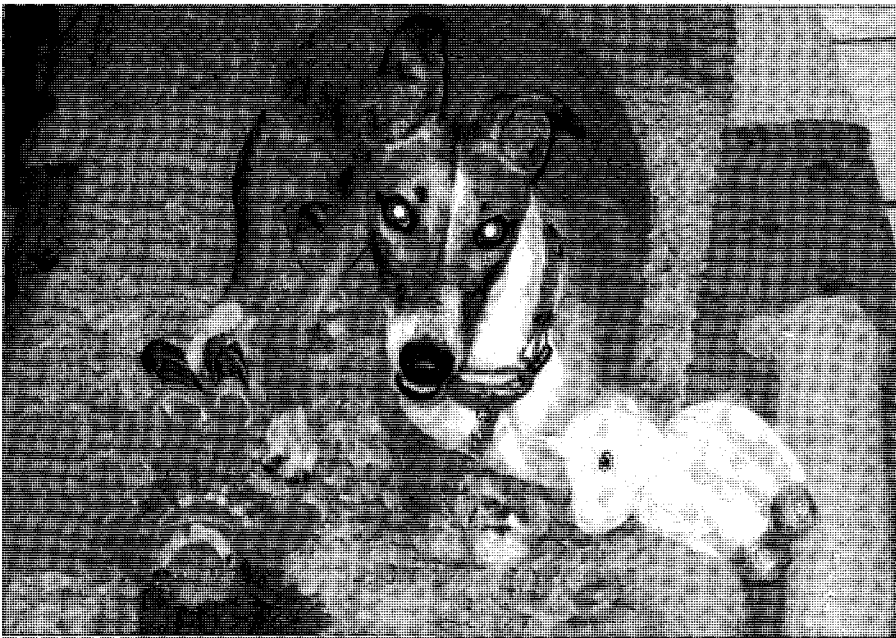
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Thank you, to everyone for your help in searching for our little greyhound. She was lost for six nights and because of the help and prayers from the caring island residents, businesses, and visitors, she is now safe.

We are so grateful to Lindley Hanson in finding Bella in the woods off Wulfert Road on Monday, March 17 at 7:45 a.m.

Our heartfelt thanks to all.

- The Fulk Family ✨

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River Otters

CROW received two more baby otters from around Southwest Florida - one from the North Captiva Fire Department and one from Collier County.

These three housed together indoors while the Bamboo Island baby remained by himself in the outdoor otter complex. Fed a virtually unlimited supply of food, the Bamboo Island baby was older and far larger than the other three.

Toward the end of February CROW staff felt the little trio was ready for the otter complex. The first meeting was on the comic side. "The three stuck to each other like glue, and wanted to follow him around like he was their big brother," said Dr. PJ. "But he was not sure what to do - he was a little shy."

It was only a matter of time for the ice to thaw. "Within a week he had warmed up to them, and they were all sleeping together in the same carrier," said Dr. PJ. "He's been teaching them how to get into the water and swim in the deep end. They move in a mass, like one humongous slinky. When one of them goes on the slide, they all do. They are curious, and constantly playing and rolling in the sandbox."

In March CROW received two more baby otters, bringing the total to six. It's a happy ending - or beginning - for Bamboo Island otter, who escaped a black bear in Estero and is now the leader of a small band on Sanibel. All the otters are eating like champs, and will go through about \$800 of herring and smelt per otter before they are released. Dr. PJ welcomes local fishermen to drop their live or fresh dead catch for the otters.

CROW - Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc., 472-3644, www.crowclinic.org.

CROW is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from Lee County and along the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. ✨

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CROW Documentary To Premier

Nick Clooney, the veteran newsman who was most recently a host on *American Movie Classics* and father of George Clooney, narrates the documentary.

Writer-director David E. Carter has produced documentaries that have run on PBS stations around the country, and his comedy sketches appeared numerous times on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* from 1988-1992. Carter is a multiple Emmy winner.

A question and answer discussion with Deitschel, CROW founder Shirley Walter, and Carter will be held immediately following the film. A reception will be held following the premier. Tickets are \$15 for a single person or \$25 per couple in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the CROW gift shop in the Olde Sanibel Shoppes, on Tarpon Bay Road, or by calling 472-3644, ext. 5. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, but reservations are strongly recommended. ✨

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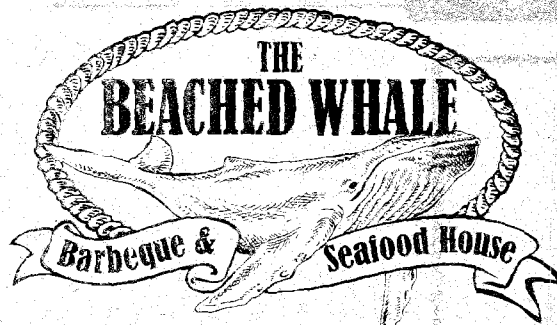
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Luisa (Stephanie Kirkman) and Matt (Timothy Clark)

by Di Saggau

The *Fantasticks* is cited in the Guinness Book of Records for being the world's longest running musical. The original production opened on May 3, 1960 at the 150 seat Sullivan Street Playhouse in New York City's Greenwich Village, where it played 17,162 performances before closing January 13, 2002.

A classic coming-of-age story, *The Fantasticks* feature two meddling matchmaking fathers who scheme to get their children together but when the couple is united, the real drama begins.

A moving tale told in a world of fantasy and performed on a small stage platform. The story follows the two young lovers as they face life's trials and tribulations, only to ultimately discover true love.

It features the beloved songs *Try To Remember* and *Soon It's Gonna Rain*. Whether it's an old favorite or your first time, you won't want to miss this crowd pleaser that's certain to steal your heart.

The Fantasticks will be presented by Jodick Productions at the Foulds theatre at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers on two weekends April 25 through May 4.

The Foulds is reminiscent of Sullivan Street stage in that it has intimate seating for just 150 patrons.

Jodick Productions is a volunteer based community theater collaborative based in Cape Coral. This will be its second show of the year, following on the heels of the smash hit *Nunsense* which was performed in January at CCHS to artistic and critical acclaim.

The multi-talented cast hails from various communities in the greater Fort Myers area.

Bob Hedlund (El Gallo, the Narrator) is from Bokeelia and has many productions under his belt.

The meddling fathers are portrayed by veteran Fort Myers actor Dan Vall as Bellomy, the penny-pinching father of Luisa, and making his Florida debut at Hucklebee, the retired Navy man and father of Matt is Cape Coral's Steven Pawlowski.

The children: Luisa, a lovely romantic idealist is played by mezzo-soprano Stephanie Kirkman of Cape Coral seen last spring as Tyzieta in *Fiddler on the Roof*; the inno-



A scene from *The Fantasticks*

cent young Matt is portrayed by Timothy Clark, a baritone also from Cape Coral and a theatre graduate of FGCU who recently played Anthony in *Sweeney Todd*.

Comic relief is provided by Cape Coral's Joe Neelon as Henry, the aging over-the-top thespian. Joe's credits include several roles on local community theatre stage, and by Ken Ruissi of Fort Myers, as Mortimer, the man who dies. Ruissi has been "acting like an actor" for several years mostly in Cape Coral.

Holding it all together is Fort Myers Lauren Redeker as The Mute. She has been seen (and heard) in many productions from Fort Myers to Naples.

Musical direction is provided by Barbara Atkins of North Fort Myers, who has been plying her creativity and talent for musical theatre in Florida for the past 15 years.

The show is under the able direction of Dick Steele who has been entertaining audiences as a singer, actor, and director from Boston to Florida for over 50 years.

The show will be at the Foulds Theatre, Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, April 25 through 27 and May 2 through 4, Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Limited seating. For tickets call 297-3077. Ticket prices: adults \$22, seniors \$20. Special rates available for groups of 10 or more (\$15 when purchased in advance.)

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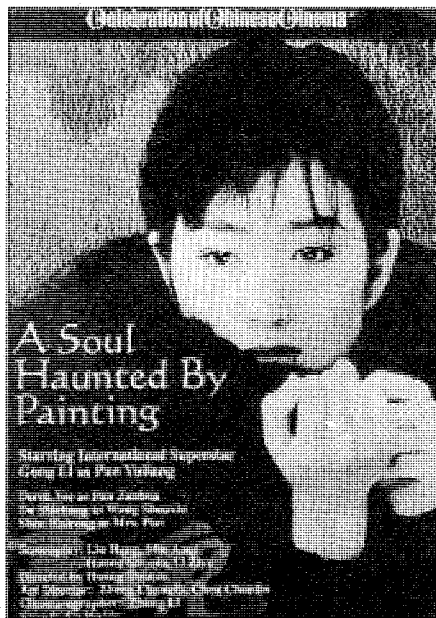
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Big Arts Monday Night Movie: A Soul Haunted By Painting

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

This is the story of a disadvantaged young girl who becomes a prostitute. She attracts the attention of a wealthy government official and... does this plot sound familiar? No, no, wait, this is another prostitute, Chinese, more deserving and she can paint. Monday night's film, *A Soul Haunted by Painting*, follows the life of a Chinese painter, Pan Yuliang, as her life changes when her parents die and she is sold into a brothel at the age of 12. The top prostitute retires and is summarily killed and Pan Yulian succeeds her, supposedly a promotion in the brothel hierarchy. On her very first engagement she attracts the interest of a custom's official; he is already married but he buys her freedom and marries her as a second wife. She accompanies him to Shanghai where she begins to study western painting at the Shanghai Art School.

Pan Yuliang used her own body as a model for her paintings of nudes. These paintings were considered a violation of cultural norms in China and she moved to France where she gained artistic acclaim in France and other countries in Europe; winning many awards and hav-



Actress Gong Li As Pan Yuliang

ing her work exhibited in some of the finest galleries. After her death her paintings were sent back to China and are now in a collection at the China National Gallery in Beijing.

The role of Pan Yuliang is played by Gong Li, the exquisitely beautiful actress seen in many Chinese films, among them; *Red Sorghum*, *The Terracotta Warrior*, *Ju Dou*, *Raise the Red Lantern*, and *Farewell My Concubine* which was awarded the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. Her most recent films are *Zhou Yu's Train*, a

poignant tale of love, longing, loss and happenstance, and the romantic drama 2046. She incurred the enmity of some Japanese citizens (and probably actresses) when she took the lead role in *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

This beautiful film, *A Soul Haunted by Painting*, the story of an exceptional artist, was released in 1995. It will be shown in Schein Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 24. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased before the film or in advance at the BIG ARTS box office. Following the film refreshments will be served on the lanai by film society volunteers and there will be a brief discussion. For information call 395-0900.*

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Church Holds End Of Season Book Sale

Sanibel Congregational Women in Mission (SCWIM) is holding its third annual well-organized end of season Recycled Book Sale from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, at Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Included are gently used books, DVDs, CDs, videos, audio books, puzzles and games. Most books are 50 cents (paper) or \$1 (hard cover) with special bargains on March 30.

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to area non-profit agencies offering support for children, women and families. Parking is free. For more information call the church office at 472-0497.*

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Kim Strickland is currently a pilot flying Boeing 767s for a major airline. She lives in Chicago with her husband and two sons. This is her first novel.

**Bob Sabatino Wednesday,
April 2nd 10am-12pm.**

This book was written to give you an idea of the complete change in the life of a person when he is lucky enough to find the right path in life. That path led me to Sanibel and Captiva Islands when they were truly islands. In this book the life style of people living on these Islands will make you think we were crazy, or the luckiest people on earth. I tend to think it's the latter. I hope you enjoy this book as a testament of people who gave up some convenience of mainland life for the life of an islander.



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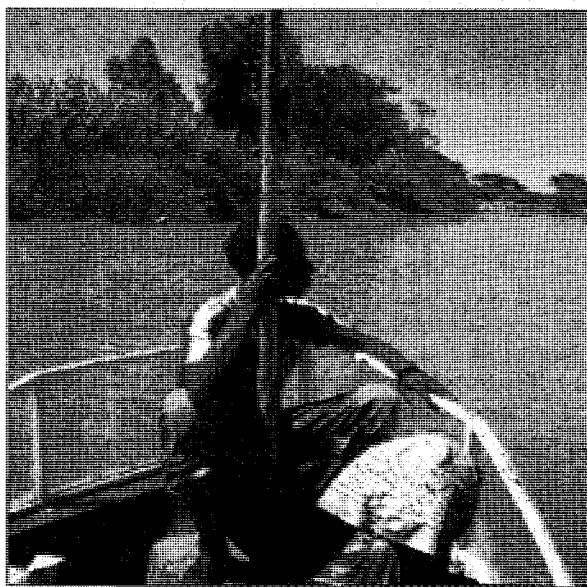
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Ziway is, in my estimation, kind of like a garden spot, particularly after the long dry ride. The town is lined with trees and little "parks" separate a lot of the businesses from the main road. It makes you want to stop and shop. In that way, it kind of reminds me of Sanibel. But our goal wasn't shopping; we came to take a boat into the lake and search for hippopotami.

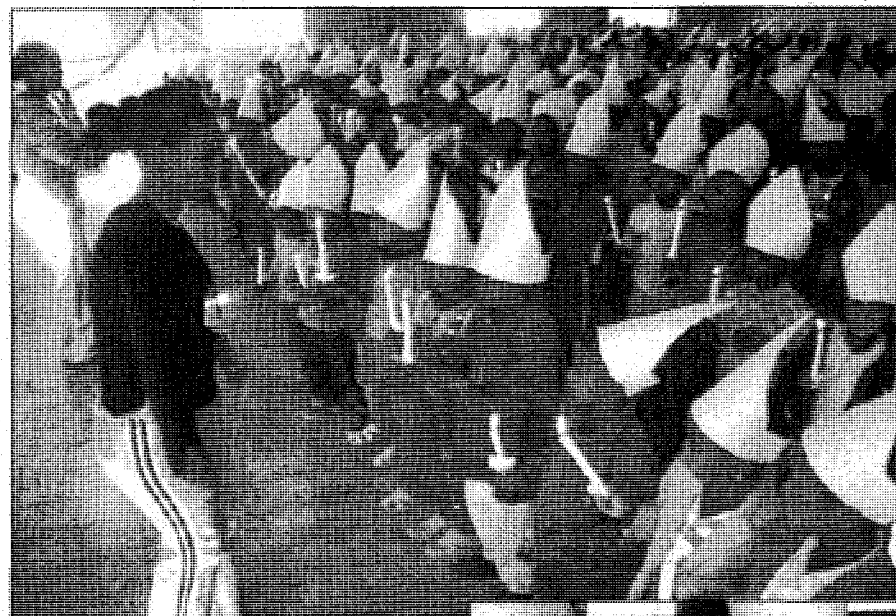
We crowded into one long boat and headed out. The wind swept across the open lake with great fury - like Ahmed Gagn did when the Muslim invader swept through the Rift Valley and into the highlands in the early 16th century. The boat was narrow and it was interesting riding the waves for a while.

There are five islands in the lake, and I longed to visit them. One is home to the Debre Tsion Monastery. It may be the oldest monastery in southern Ethiopia and its history includes allegedly preserving the Ark of the Covenant in the 10th century A.D. At that time, an allegedly Jewish Queen, Yodit (the monster), tried to remove Christianity from the country, slaughtering Christians and turning their churches to rubble. Yodit is believed to have been the daughter of a Felasha king called Gideon. Ethiopian history is kind of... well, like England's - one isn't sure where myth and legend mixes with history. But one can easily see that the lakes' islands would make good refuges.

The wind sent us into a long river that winds through a jungle-like environment. Birders - you wouldn't believe it! As you know, heavy wind sends birds to more sheltered covering. In this papyrus marsh was some of the best birding I've ever seen; and



The marsh and river habitat is home to a wide variety of birds and who knows what might lurk underneath the hull of the boat



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I had no idea what I was seeing. My trusted guidebook (Brad's) reports that the writer saw 60 species in two hours, including two types of kingfisher, several different water-fowl, jacana, white pelican, marabou and yellow-billed stork, sacred ibis and black crane. He also reports that this is one of the best places in Africa to see the black egret (also known as the black heron), whose unusual habit of fishing with its wings raised to form a canopy has given rise to the colloquial name of 'umbrella bird.' (Five bucks to the reader who knows a Southwest Florida bird that does the same thing...no, never mind. Too easy.)

I'll mention a few more since there may be fanatics reading this: lesser moorhen, lesser jacana, black-tailed godwit, garganey, European marsh harrier, Ruppel's griffin vulture and red-breasted pipit. That's all that is listed in the book. I tried so hard to get good pictures, but with my little camera, the images mostly remain in my mind. Anybody have a long-lens digital camera they want to send to Ethiopia.

Anyway, at this point, a hippo was meaningless - the birds were blowing me away. The wind and cold that made for good birding, apparently made for bad hippo-ing. We got out of the boat and even tramped through mud and grass to a dike to search for the big guys to no avail. Then, giving up and heading back, we saw a big ripple. The guides got excited, trying not to shout, trying to get our attention. Silently, we watched the top of the water near a mud bank. Soon, two big eyes slowly came up of the water... not big eyes; huge eyes. Then came the rest of the snout and head. I knew hippos were big, but this head was just massive. For the next half hour, we drifted the marsh and saw several hippos. They'd come up for a second or two, then splash down when they noticed us - which is a good thing. They aren't tamed or unafraid. They showed they were truly wild, praise God! Otherwise, surely they'd be dead and gone.

As I've said many times, Ethiopia should be a tourist mecca in Africa. Historically, geographically, naturally, and humanly, it is one of the most fascinating places in the world... to me, there's no question of it.

On Christmas Eve, Ethiopian calendar (January 6), the world came home to Ytebon. A family of refugees from the recent terror and upheaval in Kenya arrived in our village. Two sisters - one with a young baby, the other pregnant - were left off for safety and revival, while their parents headed back to turbulent Nairobi. We don't hear much news here in the mountains, but how sad and ironic - Kenya has always been the "refuge" for those fleeing violence from the rest of East Africa - Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda. Today, we hear that over 1,000 people have been killed - with machete, arrows, guns - and hundreds of thousands have fled normally stable Kenya into Ethiopia.

Interesting, too, that this occurred close to the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Jesus, too, was a refugee, soon after he was born.

Our Kenyan friends spent almost two weeks in our village, and then returned to Kenya. They believe they'll be safe, and that Kenya will once again return to the prosperous democratic light of Africa that it has been. Deep Christians, this family, too, has faith.

(See <http://scottinethiopia.blogspot.com> for more Island Sun columns by Scott Martell. Martell is a longtime Sanibel journalist who 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 Africa. Please consider supporting this worthwhile organization. Martel can be reached at scottmartell@myway.com.)

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Super Delegates To Decide Dems Nomination



Dr. James Thurber

by Micx Friedensdorf

The 2008 Democratic nomination for president will be decided by the 797 super delegates meeting next July in Denver, according to Presidential scholar Dr. James Thurber.

"This will be the first brokered convention in more than 50 years," Dr. Thurber predicted before an audience in Schein Hall on March 8 during the season's final Forum at BIG ARTS lecture series.

Thurber, professor of government and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University in Washington, D.C., believes neither Barack Obama nor Hillary Clinton will be able to attain the 2,025 delegates needed for the nomination prior to the Democratic Convention.

The 2008 campaign has produced the most presidential candidates in history; has become the longest campaign, and the most expensive, Thurber explained.

The speaker predicted the total cost for the primary, general and Congressional elections this year will top \$4 billion.

The nation is in a "highly polarized and partisan" political situation, "with a very unpopular president and an unpopular war," Thurber continued.

Citing President Bush's continual clashes with Congress, and unwillingness to compromise on issues, as an attitude of only "reaching out to work with people who agree with him."

Thurber said the presidential campaign has prompted "a lot of young people to become involved, those between 18 and 29 years."

Bush's unpopularity, Thurber noted, has resulted in the number of persons identifying themselves as Democrats to increase this year in academic polls from 42 to 48 percent, while the number of Republicans has decreased from 42 to 31 percent.

Thurber noted that Bush was first elected in the disputed election of 2000 "by one vote in the Supreme Court" and had "no mandate."

The events of 9-11 "saved Bush," according to Thurber, when Bush benefited from a "rally effect" and his approval rating quickly rose from a dismal 30 per-

cent to 91 percent.

Whoever is elected president, according to Thurber, will have a difficult time legislatively because of the extreme polarization of the Congress.

Thurber said the situation can be described as "the missing middle" because nearly all of the moderate Republicans have been defeated, and the percentage of moderate Republicans in the House has shrunk from 30 percent to two percent.

Thurber said that any representative on either the Democrat or Republican side of the aisle that strays from the party line becomes a target for primary opposition and defeat.

Thurber blames party control of Congressional redistricting for the extreme partisanship existing in the House. Only 60 out of the 435 seats are competitive, and only one of 53 seats in

California is competitive, Thurber adds.

"The House is about as competitive as the Politburo in Havana, maybe less so," Thurber commented.

The deadlock in the House and Senate is the result of party control of redistricting which seeks to maximize the seats that are non-competitive, he explained, "and both parties have been hi-jacked by party extremists."

Eleven states are redistricted by public commissions rather than party bosses, and these states have the most competitive districts, Thurber added, including Iowa which has the most competitive elections in the nation.

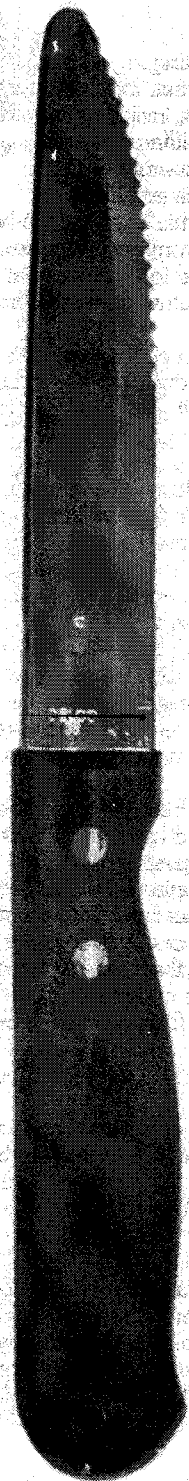
Thurber said he has no favorite in the presidential race, but noted that polls show that Obama is favored by 56 percent of the public as the most likely to unite America, compared to 40 percent for Clinton.

In the question period, Thurber said he believes the economy will be the top issue in the November election "because people are worried about losing their jobs and their homes." He placed Iraq high on the issue list, noting that "70 percent wanted us in the war at the beginning until no weapons of mass destruction were found, and the neo-conservatives switched the reason for the war to democratizing the Middle East, including Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia. The Iraqi parliament can't get anything done and are almost as bad as the U.S. Senate."

Voters will have a clear choice on the Iraq war issue, Thurber noted, with McCain calling for more troops in Iraq, and the Democrats wanting redeployment within 60 to 90 days.

Thurber concluded that the nation's 30 percent independent voters will decide who will be the next president. ✪

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impact we make on our loved ones.

Simon has appeared on *Oprah* and also on the *Phil Donahue* show. He is internationally known for his work in Values Clarification. He tells us that one of his deepest satisfactions has been as host to *Stories For Grownups* on Sanibel. He recently co-starred with Marsha Wagner in the AR Gurney play, *Love Letters*, at BIG ARTS in February.

For more information call the library at 472-2483.*

Invitation For Local Poets

The Sanibel Public Library is hosting *Island Poets Read* on Wednesday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at the library, 770 Dunlop Road.

April is National Poetry Month, and the library is working with local poets Joseph Pacheco and Lorraine Vail to highlight poetry and its vital place in American culture.

The library is providing a setting for local poets to read their work and share their talent with the community. All local poets are encouraged to participate.

If you are interested, contact Duane Shaffer, program coordinator at the Sanibel Public Library, 472-2483.

National Poetry Month is a celebration of poetry first introduced in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the United States. It is held each April.

Support for *Island Poets Read* is provided in part by the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc.*

March Is For Dummies Month

The Sanibel Public Library is participating in the annual *For Dummies* Library Display Contest sponsored by Wiley Publishing Company.

The contest gives participating libraries a chance to show off their collection of *For Dummies* books.

With a *Dummies in Paradise* theme, The Sanibel Public Library is hoping for a chance to win. Prizes include *For Dummies* books for the library's collection, a trophy, a pizza party for library staff, and other *Dummies* brand promotional items such as mugs, book totes, and T-shirts.

Some of the many titles available at the Sanibel Public Library include: *Bird Watching for Dummies*, *Buying a Car for Dummies*, *Running for Dummies*, *Alaska for Dummies*, *Dieting for Dummies*, *Fishing for Dummies*.*

Mailing Options For Late Tax Filers

Postmaster Anne Murray advises last-minute tax filers that due to construction at the Page Field main Post Office, extended hours for Tax Night, April 15, will not be offered. Last minute tax filers will be able to obtain full retail service at the Cape Coral Central Post Office, 1030 Southeast 9th Avenue, until 9 p.m. The last collection of mail at this location will also be 9 p.m. This will be the only extension of hours or service in the Fort Myers area.

The Fort Myers Processing and Distribution Center located at 14080 Jetport Loop Road, Fort Myers will offer a special midnight collection of mail from the outside blue collection boxes for an April 15 postmark. There will be no retail service offered at this location (stamp sales).

Postmaster Murray is encouraging tax filers not to procrastinate. In previous years it is estimated that over 1,000 tax filers took advantage of the extended service hours until midnight and special drive through drop-off for tax returns.

The United States Postal Service receives no tax dollars and is self supported through postage sales.*

Poetic Voices



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

selected by Don Brown

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by Berdena Thompson

A garden
Is empty
Without the warmth
Of beating hearts
Sharing the beauty
Of elegance

Sharing My Garden

by Berdena Thompson

Shrewd
red-shouldered
hawk's piercing eyes
alert and waiting

Stately white egret
inches down
the garden path
with a purposeful rhythm

Lizard on a sabal palm
hangs upside down
proudly inflates and bellows
his colorful dewlap

Fragile butterfly
to its delight
pushed by
the wind
into a delicious
red flower

Black snake
slithers gracefully
through tall grass
disturbing nothing
down the avenue
of the unknown

*Berdena Thompson moved to Sanibel Island in 1983 from Northville, Michigan. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Master's degree. She taught creative writing as part of Michigan's Wayne-Westland School System's Reading Curriculum. Many of her students' writings were published and won awards. Her poems and stories have been enthusiastically received by students of the Sanibel Elementary School and children and adults at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. She is a member of Island Writer's Group 3.**

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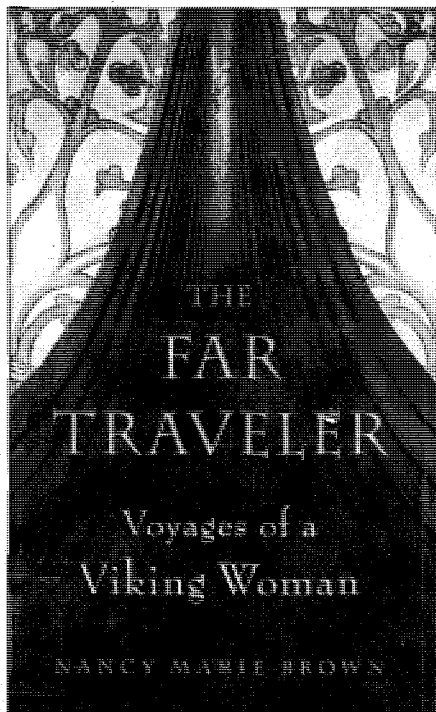
by Priscilla
Friedersdorf

Fiction: *Bone Rattler*
Eliot

Patterson has constructed a historical novel based on the migration of Scot prisoners on a convict ship bound for the New World.

Aboard the ship there are a series of murders and suicides which are

inexplicable. Duncan McCallum, one of the Scotch Highlander prisoners is a former clan chief who is chosen to discover the reason for the rash of deaths. He is told, "You can have your indenture, have the freedom offered the Company tutor, but you will provide an answer to this horrible crime." McCallum finds a link to the violence in the savage Indians of the New World. He disembarks into the area of the Six Nations of Indian tribes that border Lake Ontario to the North where even more murders have occurred. As the novel progresses McCallum becomes romantically involved with the daughter of Lord Ramsey, a British tyrant, whose



frontier estate is the epicenter of violence and dark dealings.

Non-fiction: *The Far Traveler; Voyages of a Viking Woman*

Nancy Marie Brown poses an interesting thesis with her new book: "Five hundred years before Columbus, a Viking woman named Gudrid sailed across the North Atlantic in search of Vinland." This land was first discovered by Leif Eiriksson. She supposedly lived there for three years and gave birth to a baby before sailing home.

In 2001, scientists discovered a house in Iceland and Brown joined them in trying to trace with cutting edge technology Gudrid's sojourn on land. The map on the book's frontpiece illustrates how relatively short the voyage, undertaken circa 1000 to 1030, would have been between Norway and Iceland. In her last voyage she returned to Norway and undertook

a religious pilgrimage to Rome and in so doing became a nun. Brown writes, "If she spoke to Pope John or told her tale of Vinland to any churchman, we have no proof of it, although more than one writer has imagined a secret record of just such a conversation hiding in the Vatican archives."✱

Partners for Breast Cancer Care Tennis Tournament Results

On February 16 and 17, The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club for the fourth consecutive year was the proud sponsor's for a fundraiser tennis tournament to benefit Partners for Breast Cancer Care.

The tournament this year raised \$6,752.00 which was made possible by sponsors and local business and all the tennis players who played for two days in the tournament.

The tournament results are as follows:

- Ladies 3.0 Division Winners: Gayle Pence and Judy Lane
- Finalist: Jodi Cort and Debbie Staley
- Ladies 3.5 Division Winners: April Tzanis and May Jane Vinson
- Finalist: Faith Middleton and Debbie Smith
- Ladies 4.5 Division Winners: Joann Irwin and Kelly Irwin
- Finalist: Carol Curcuru and Patti Mixson
- Men's 3.0 Division Winners: John Bralove and Gayle Scott
- Finalist: Peter Perkins and Fred Nordstrom
- Men's 3.5 Division Winners: Peter Cline and Bob Scherer
- Finalist: Phil Howard and Dick Schneider
- Men's 4.5 Division Winners: Bob Vinson and Paul Cole
- Finalist: Tom Rizzo and Dave Hudson
- Mixed 3.5 Division Winners: June Wendell and Mike Cunningham
- Finalist: Bridget Funk and Fred Gobel
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- Finalist: Janet Turner and Helmut Peters.✱

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Author Connie May Fowler at the Sanibel Public Library on Friday March 14, 2008. Pictured here signing her photograph which will be placed on the Author Wall in meeting room #4 at the Sanibel Public Library.

Library Helps With Tracing Family Trees

Come to the Sanibel Public Library and find the pieces to your family puzzle.

Demonstration on Tuesday March 25th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Reference Area.

The Sanibel Public Library is highlighting new resources that use technology to make tracing family trees easier.

HeritageQuest Online and Ancestry Library Editions, Web-based reference tools are now available. HeritageQuest Online™ is available through the Sanibel Public Library website to anyone with a Sanibel Public Library card. Ancestry® Library Editions can be accessed within the library only by stopping by our Reference Area. With these new resources you can start exploring your roots by searching a surname.

The Sanibel Public Library is responding to a growing interest in family history and genealogy. A new nationwide survey performed by Market Strategies, Inc. shows 73 percent of Americans want to learn more about their roots. Twenty-five percent of those surveyed became interested after searching for a family surname online.

The Reference Staff at the Sanibel Public Library have found that more and

more of our patrons want to explore their past and these resources make it easy and convenient. The Library expects this to be one of the most popular services.

HeritageQuest Online, available with a valid Sanibel Public Library card at home or in the library allows you to access several paths to information - the U.S. Federal Census collection, over 20,000 family and local history books, an index to nearly two million magazine articles with genealogical information or a database or Revolutionary War era records. Simply select a path and enter a name to be searched. HeritageQuest Online instantly searches for matches and gives you the results. Click on a name and an image and the matching record appears.

Ancestry Library Editions is available within the library only. Come to the Reference Area to get started! Enter the name, click on "Search" and Ancestry Library Editions scans U.S. census data, birth, marriage and death records, World War I draft registration information, Social Security death records and immigration lists. It also includes an extensive collection of information for the U.K. and probate records dating back to the 1500s from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

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Every Day Is Saturday The Hilarious And Unvarnished History Of Sanibel And Captiva

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

Every tourist and resident who has had the heart-pounding experience of approaching these islands from the causeway and finding themselves suddenly in paradise will relate to the new book by Captain Bob Sabatino. Those of us who love these islands have a life change that we will never forget; the heart-stopping moment we saw Sanibel and Captiva. Sabatino has written a unique book describing his life on the islands with honesty and a wry humor. He relates his stories as though he was sitting next to you in a bar telling you some of the most uproariously funny tales of his life before and after he landed on a barrier island.



Captain Bob Sabatino

Sabatino has personally crafted the book by hand; and by that I mean wrote, printed, assembled and glued this autobiographical gem together. On the back cover, he writes, "If you like to smile as you read a sometimes humorous spin on the life and times of someone lucky enough to have found what most people have been looking for all their lives, this reading will suit you well." In a more philosophical vein he adds, "This book was written to give you an idea of the complete change in the life of a person when he is lucky enough to find the right path in life... the life style of people living on these Islands will make you think we were crazy, or the luckiest people on earth." Sabatino profoundly subscribes to the latter theory.

The *Island Sun* has been publishing excerpts from *Every Day Is Saturday* in the past months but there is nothing like having this exceptional personal history next to you in the cozy place where you read. Sabatino begins his story with a remembrance of his New York City school years; he was reading books about idyllic pastoral settings in places where the streets were named "Elm," "Maple" and "Pine" and "...looking out of my dirty classroom window and seeing nothing but endless gray sky, gray buildings,



and gray pavement below." He jumps on a boat to escape... but it is a tugboat; and he is off-loaded back on the dock. He writes, "I was never what you would call a bad kid; I just happened to live in an area that schooled them."

A mentor suggests that he join the coast guard since there was such a waiting list for the navy, and his life's adventure begins on "...the dirtiest rust bucket you could imagine." But they moored at night along the east coast on the intra coastal waterway. On Craig Key, his fate is sealed when in a restaurant he met Sue, a young lady from an island called Sanibel.

His introduction to the islands, in which he recalls what seems a recent era although it has mostly vanished, is enthralling in its descriptive passages, always tinged with his gift for keen observation doused with wry humor. He attempted to find employment at Nave Plumbing but was nearly rejected and out the door when they remembered they needed a helper at Captiva.

He found an unfinished island house in an area which is presently some of the most expensive property in Florida. He describes putting food on his family's table by hunting local creatures, which included frogs speared "at night along Rabbit Road. He remembers "Bailey's General Store" as "the Wal-Mart of Sanibel and Captiva" and the old grocery on Captiva with its sometime hours as "the inconvenient store."

Sabatino tells of the woman who thought she was getting her son away from the bad influences of marijuana by moving to Sanibel, he scoffs, "Fort Myers could have changed their motto to 'Marijuana Capital of the World.'" Becoming a fishing guide for Andy Rosse, his many adventures and marital history add some additional spice to this enchanting island remembrance of a remarkable man with a gift not only for living life, but fortunately for us, writing about it.

Every Day Is Saturday by Captain Bob Sabatino is available in Island book stores and is currently on the list of the islands' Top Ten Best Selling Books.

Sanibel Island bookshop will host author Captain Bob Sabatino at a signing of his new book, *Every Day Is Saturday* on Wednesday, April 2, from 10 a.m. until noon. Each book sold that day will be a handmade first edition. The Bookshop is located at 1571 Periwinkle Way. For further information telephone 472-5223.☆

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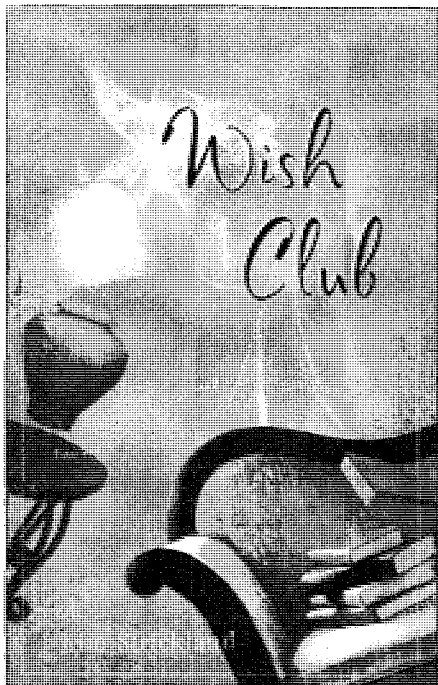
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Wish Club Book Signing By Author Kim Strickland



by Priscilla Friedersdorf

The Sanibel Island Bookshop will host a book signing of *Wish Club* by author Kim Strickland on Thursday, March 27, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The new novel is subtitled

Five women, five dreams, and some not-quite-witchcraft. Strickland has a true gift for descriptive writing, she begins her book with a page that sets the scene and the mood; "The orange Chicago streetlights traveled away below her to the horizon, and her eyes followed them, beginning a scan of the western sky for a different kind of sign, a clue to what was troubling her."

Strickland's novel recounts the lives of five women interconnected by their friendship and their membership in a book club they have begun. An experience bordering on the mystical interests them in the possibilities of the occult. One member, Mara, urges them to change the group's focus; "Wouldn't it be magnificent if we really could use our energy to make changes? I'm talking about helping each other... harnessing and controlling your own energy and using it for good." And so the "book" club becomes the "wish" club; and each woman has an element to her life that she truly desires to change or heal.

The mystical focus of the cohesive group seems to enforce their ability to gain a new approach to their lives. When a first effort to bring about the healing of a sick pet has a miraculous outcome they are each emboldened toward hope in more complex problems. They summon the supernatural to aid in love life, pregnancy, affluence, weight loss or in one case, more time for herself. A chant, with candles burning and relaxing glasses of wine, enables the group to focus on each desire; it begins, "Oh Great Goddess hear our plea" and continues a rhyming stanza

incorporating the individual wish.

Results from their venture into the occult are not precisely as they planned but each life is changed in some way. A formula is discovered, "To know, to dare, to will, to be; the faith is in yourself... unwavering belief in yourself."

This novel by Strickland is well written, thought provoking and could be the impetus for a life realignment. The author is a pilot flying Boeing 767s for a major airline; this is her first novel.

The Sanibel Island Bookshop is located at 1571 Periwinkle Way. Telephone 472-5223 for further information.✧

Sanibel Public Library Events

March 21, 2 p.m., author and speaker Sid Simon on Legacies Computer Workshops

March 18, 10 to 11 a.m., Wireless at the Library

March 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Digital Cameras, hands on

Advance registration for computer workshops is required in person at the Internet Help desk.

March 26, 2 p.m., Library Book Discussion Group, "The Faith Club"

Readers are invited to discuss "The Faith Club" by Ranya Idleby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner.

"The Faith Club" traces how three American women of different faiths worked together to understand one another while identifying the connections

between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Throughout their meetings and the book, they openly discuss the issues that divided them, and what drew them together.

Discussion begins promptly at 2 p.m. in the library ground floor meeting room across from the elevator, room 4. Reference materials, which include reviews, author biographies, and discussion questions are located at the library. It is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the lively discussion, but all are welcome.

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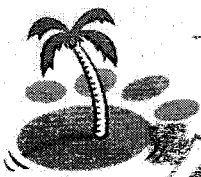
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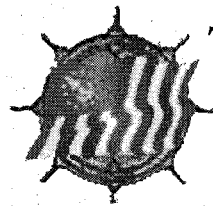
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Academic First Team Honorable Mention

Engineering major Jessica Ogden received an honorable mention and was included in the list of winners for USA Today's 19th annual All-USA College Academic First Team. The winners' names were announced in the publication, which has a circulation of more than two million.



Jessica Ogden

The program honors students who not only excel academically but also have had impact beyond the classroom. Winners were selected by a panel of judges from about 500 juniors and seniors nominated nationwide.

"I was honored to receive this award," said Ogden, "especially because I had written my application essay based on the research I originally began through ENGS 56 (Introduction to Biomedical Engineering.) The opportunity to be involved in research with this sort of impact as an undergraduate, and that it would be recognized by a national award, is a testament to the amazing opportunities available to undergrads at Thayer. My research experience has been significant to my undergraduate

experience, and is something I will always remember."

Ogden is pursuing a bachelor of art in engineering modified with economics as well as a bachelor of engineering from Thayer School with a special emphasis on the biomedical field, and plans to work for a consulting firm after graduation. An honors student, she has mentored other students as a teaching assistant and volunteered in the Women in Science Project (WISP), the engineering department's New Student Mentorship Program, the Summer Enrichment at Dartmouth (SEAD) program for high school students, and the FIRST Lego League for area grade-school students interested in robotics. She also has worked as an online math tutor, has researched nanoparticle hyperthermia for cancer treatment in a Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center lab, and has taught piano and music theory.✱

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62 ISLAND SUN - MARCH 21, 2008 **Lions Arts And Crafts Fair
A Huge Success**



Harry Vandavelde, Bill Wollschlager and George McKinnell serving lemonade at the event

submitted by Lion, Bob

If you didn't notice the traffic on Periwinkle Way last Friday and Saturday you must not have been on Sanibel. People came in droves to walk the paths of the Sanibel Community Park, looking and buying. They were in and around 135 exhibitor tents of artists who had created watercolors, oils, photos, clothing, sculpture, jewelry, and crafts of all types. Everyone would stop to listen to The Music Masters Duo of Bob and Joan Jarlenski. Most people would then head over to the Food Court where many options were available.



Missy, Coulton and Eamon Sullivan

Attendance exceeded last years' which makes this the best ever for the Sanibel Captiva Lions Club. All proceeds will be used to increase our charitable activities.

Over half of the exhibiting vendors were repeaters from last year, as were some of the prize winners. There were three categories judged for prizes: two dimensional, photo or painting, three dimensional, which is jewelry, sculptures, and creative crafts, including clothing, furniture, etc.

In the two dimensional category first place went to John Harmon, who also won last year. Second place was awarded to Stephanie Pollack and third place to Edward Park. In the three dimensional category first place went to John Smedley, second place to Sara Aune, a previous winner and third place to Tom Chamberlain. For the creative crafts category first place went to Arlyne Julao, second to Rita Wick and third place to Jisela Damandl who has won repeatedly over the past several years.



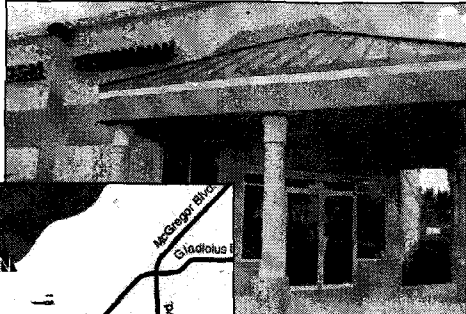
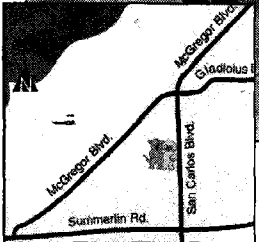
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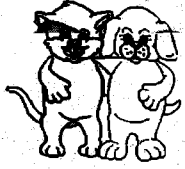
Many locals and vacationers found their way to the Lions Arts and Craft Fair

The overall Best in Show prize was awarded to Tiffany Maser for oil paintings. Randon Eddy, Carolyn Johns, Elinor Harries and Ann Bischoff, all members of the Sanibel Captiva Art League, performed the judging. Not only were these the judges, they were also the jury. They actually review exhibitors' work prior to the fair to ensure our visitors of a quality arts and crafts fair.

We sincerely hope you had an enjoyable weekend. If you would like any additional information, e-mail alionbob@comcast.net. If you would like to make a donation please mail it to Sanibel Captiva Lions Club, P.O. Box 391, Sanibel. We thank you for your generous support.★

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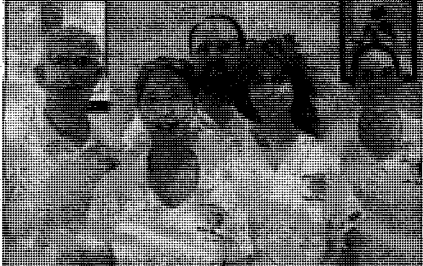
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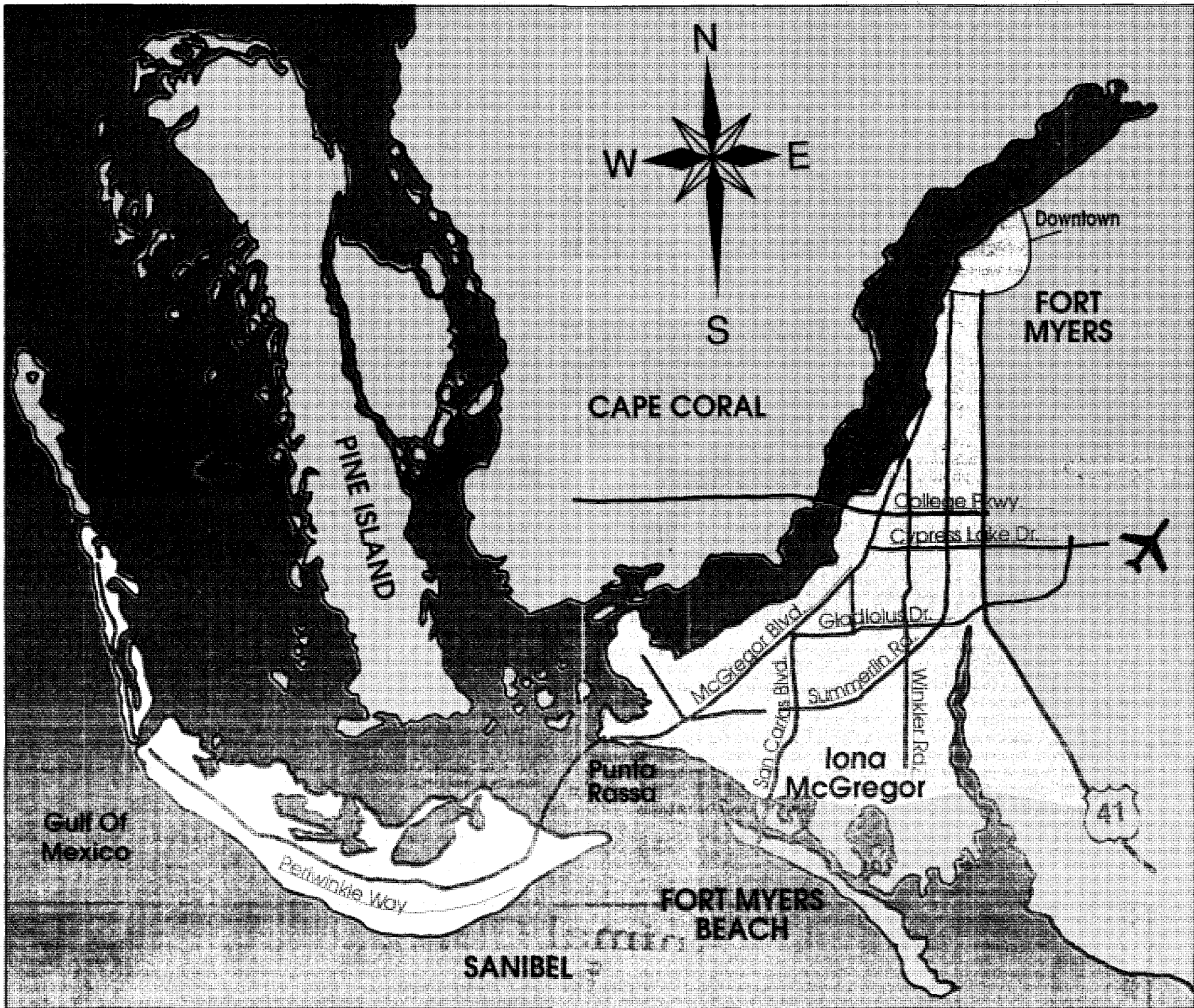
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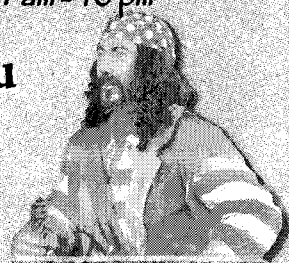
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Island Celebration To Benefit The Children's Hospital Of Southwest Florida

The eighth annual Island Celebration to benefit The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida will be hosted by Sanibel-Captiva Cares on April 6 at The Sanctuary Clubhouse.

A party to thank event sponsors was held on Sunday,

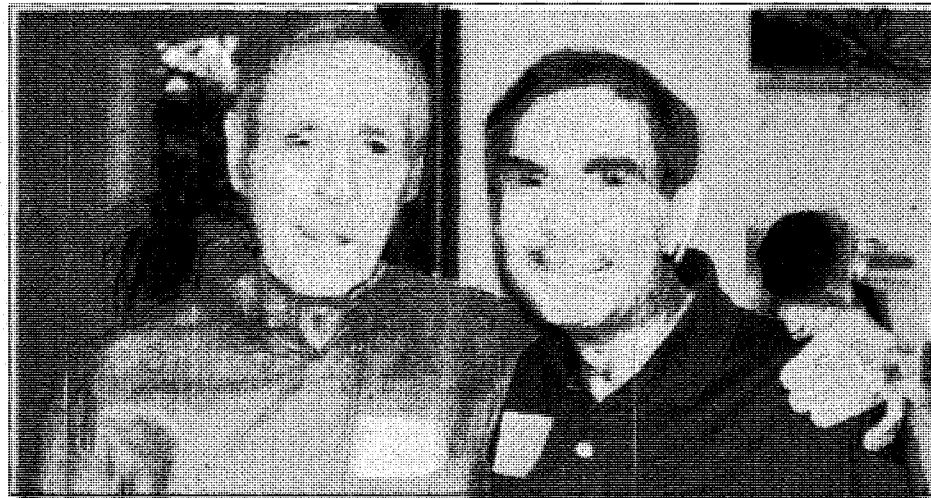
March 16, at the home of honorary chairpersons Pete and Pat Allen. Pat, who is also on the foundation board of her local hospital in Arkansas, expressed her delight that she and her husband were chosen honorary chairpersons of this year's event. "The Children's Hospital, and children's health care is a cause near and dear to our hearts. The hospital provides such quality care to the children of Southwest Florida, it is truly our honor to chair this event, and to help raise funds toward the hospital's mission to care for our children," she said.

Dr. Brett Shannon, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon and island resident, attended Sunday's party. Dr. Shannon had high praise for The Children's Hospital, calling it the area's best kept secret. "Cutting edge medical procedures are performed at The Children's Hospital every day. As a physician, I am grateful that the hospital does not turn away my patients, regardless of their ability to pay. The generosity of local residents and the interest they generate in the hospital goes much farther than they realize, and helps make it all possible," said Shannon.

Jim Nathan, president of Lee Memorial Health System, thanked the group gathered at Sunday's party. Nathan described the Children's Hospital as "the little hospital that could. It is the little hospital that keeps getting better every day and providing state of the art healthcare for all children because of your generosity each year," said Nathan.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is once again the master sponsor of this year's event to benefit The Children's Hospital. Chip Lesch, trust company president, told

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Jim Sprankle and Jim Nathan

Unique Carving To Be Auctioned

A carving of two ruby throated hummingbirds by world-renowned Sanibel wood carver Jim Sprankle, is one of the many exciting items which will be up for bid in the live and silent auctions during this year's The Tao of Giving celebration to benefit The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. This year's Asian theme event will be held on Sunday, April 6.

When Sprankle was approached by co-chair Evelyn Neill about this year's event, Sprankle thought the birds would be a wonderful piece to celebrate the Asian theme. "It's hard to find a better cause to support. Kids are so special. I feel compelled to help in any way I can," said Sprankle.

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Ruby throated hummingbirds

Around The Islands With Anne Salon Marks Nearly Six Decades And Three Generations

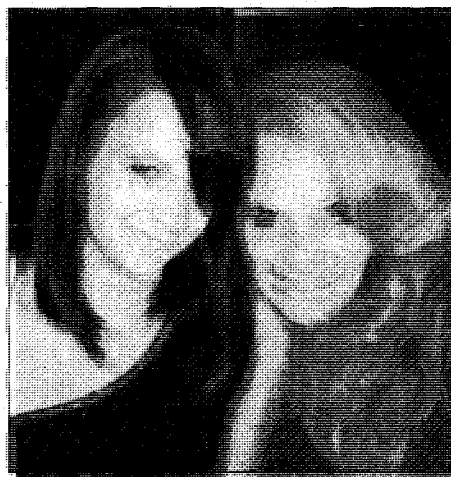
by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel Beauty Salon celebrates 57 years in business this month. That's remarkable in itself, but especially so when you consider that it's been in the same family all these years and that it began in pre-causeway days.

Mary Aleck opened the salon on March 25, 1951. Even though all her equipment had not arrived on the island in time, she was determined to open on March 25 because that's Greek Independence Day and she was a member of the Kontinos family that settled here many years ago.

"On that day, she celebrated both her Greek heritage and her independence as a pioneering businesswoman; as unbelievable as it sounds now, she had to have her husband file papers in court saying that she was competent to own a business," says MaryAnne Banta, her daughter and current owner of the salon.

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MaryAnne Banta and her daughter Deena, the second and third generations



Mary Aleck, founder of the Sanibel Beauty Salon

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Home Sweet Home



by Bob Sabatino

When HR's boys came home from the army, we had to move out of their house. Living in that house left us with some interesting memories, if nothing else.

Mr. HR had the job of smoothing out the washboard roads of Sanibel and Captiva with a road grader. It was a large wheeled machine with a big blade in front of it. He would start at one end of the island and go down every road and take the ruts out. But by the time he got one half of the island done the other half was already in bad shape. So, he had job security.

One of the results of the rough shape

of the island roads was whenever we would travel to the mainland and drive on a smooth paved road, our cars would shake and rattle, which meant the car's wheels were out of alignment. You never realized this while driving on the island roads. The car was always shaking anyway, because of the washboard roads! So you had to get the wheels re-aligned at the first shop you could find in order to continue to Fort Myers to shop, a hidden cost of living on the island.

At that time, downtown Ft. Myers was the only place you could do any major shopping. There were no "malls" in this area back then. Fort Myers would not expand south for quite awhile, so it was downtown or nothing. The two big names downtown were Sears and JC Penny.

Mr. HR also used the county grader as his personal transportation. As Mr. HR liked his share of booze, there were many times you would see him slumped over the steering wheel of the grader just off the side of a road.

One night we were awakened by a

loud bang. I jumped out of bed and ran to the front door, it would not open! I then went out the back door and ran around to the front of the house. What I see is the grader right up against the front door with the steps pushed up over the blade.

It seems that whenever Mr. HR felt the need to dry out, he would use this house to sleep it off. But in his stupor, he forgot that Sue and I were in it. I could not wake him, so I let him sleep.

The next morning I found out why he didn't go through the house. When I got up he was nowhere in sight, so I went looking for him in the surrounding bushes, when here he comes walking up the driveway carrying a five gallon can of gasoline. Now I knew! He ran out of gas as he pulled into the front yard and the grader coasted into the house. If that didn't happen, I might not be writing this story.

Now we have to find another place to live.

Priscilla Murphy, a real estate person we knew, (her husband was the mailman of our little post office), told us about a place on Dinkins Bayou on Sanibel. It was the only place she knew of. At least it didn't need too much fixing up. It just needed a little cleaning.

It was only one bedroom, but as our son Ronnie was a little tyke, we could manage. The strange thing about this house was small scorpions also lived in it. Our son Ronnie seemed to be a scorpion magnet. He was the only one they would sting. We were lucky they were not the large poisonous kind, but they did sting and poor Ronnie let us know about it. For some reason they disappeared

a short time after we moved in. I have never seen another one in all the years I have lived on the islands.

The house was close to the water of Dinkins Bayou, so many times I just went fishing from the shore and would catch snook or redfish for dinner.

On one of my exploring expeditions around the neighborhood, I discovered we lived close to an abandoned key lime grove hidden by a row of thick tall pine trees beside Wulfert Road. I could not believe the acres of lime trees that were unattended. It looked like hundreds of lime trees, all in neat rows, and no one around to tend to them. The trees were covered in limes, and there were limes lying on the ground all over the place. I loved key lime juice in iced tea. It has a different taste than regular limes and it takes very little of it to flavor anything.

After visiting this lime grove a few times a light lit over my head.

This is an excerpt from *Every Day Is Saturday* by longtime islander Bob Sabatino. He moved to Sanibel back in the days when gladiolus were grown along Gladiolus Drive and when a ferry connected Sanibel to the mainland. Other excerpts will appear in the *Island Sun* from time to time. His book is available in island bookstores.✪

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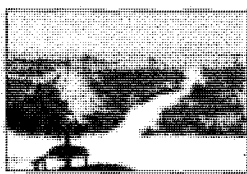
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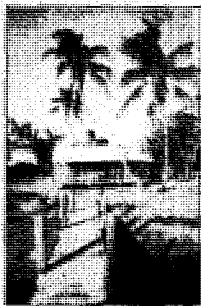
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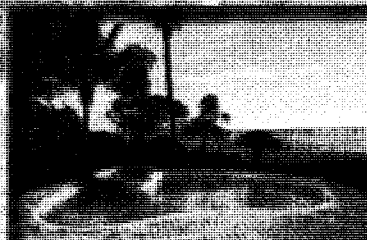



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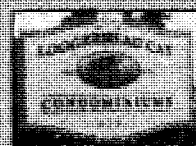



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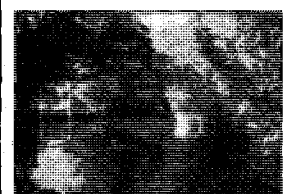
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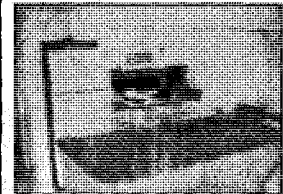
Hemingway's Hideaway
 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths w/ pool
 gulf access, mangrove canal with dock
 tropical lot with canal on 2 sides
\$869,000



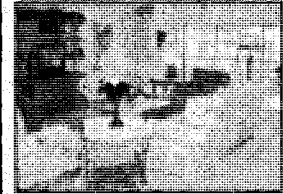
Seaside Cottage
 3 bedroom, 2 bath with pool
 Vaulted ceilings with exposed beams
 Charming island decorating & furniture
\$1,295,000



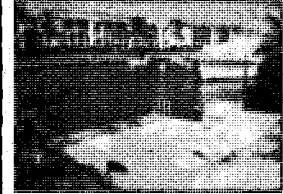
Seconds from the Sand
 3 bedrooms, 3 baths
 Located on Sanibel's desirable East End
 Large lot with room for pool or addition
\$980,000



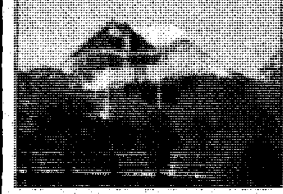
Unbeatably Priced Unit Close to Beach
 1 bedroom, 1 bath with screened lanai
 Remodeled with open kitchen
 Boat dockage behind unit
\$369,000



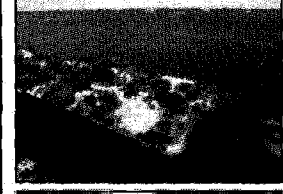
Casual Beach Living
 Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath
 Corner unit with lots of natural light
 Beautifully updated with decorator furnishings
 Views of the Gulf
\$875,000



Deep Water Dreaming
 Deep water, direct access canal
 Ground level pool home
 Includes 1987 Mercedes convertible
\$1,695,000



Attention Boaters
 Beautiful direct access canal home
 1 minute by boat to bay and 15 minutes to Gulf
 50 ft Brazilian Ipe hardwood dock
 Bright, open and airy, well appointed interior.
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360-degree Water Views
 Direct access canal lot
 Views of San Carlos Bay
 Boat dock on wide deep-water canal
\$2,450,000



Desirable Wedgewood Penthouse
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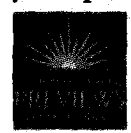


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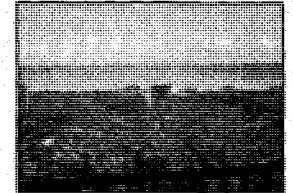


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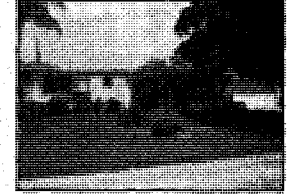
You Can Have It All
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Gulf Front Town Home
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\$1,749,000



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 Views of lake and golf course beyond
 Located in the popular Dunes subdivision
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Beautifully Remodeled Sundial Unit
 Spacious 2 bedrooms, 2 baths plus den
 Tropical views of the Gulf
 and lake with fountain
 Attached cabana for more
 patio and storage space
\$849,000



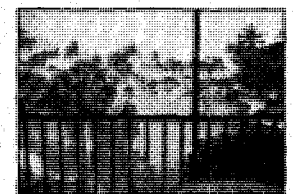
Gulf "Front" Views & Boating Access
 Unbelievably beautiful Gulf "front" views
 Gulf access mangrove canal with dock
 Home w/ 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, & pool
\$1,395,000



Gulf Front Luxury
 Gorgeous, remodeled 2000 sqft unit
 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 3 lanais
 Top of the line upgrades
 incl. induction cooktop
 Breathtaking sunsets over the beach
\$1,665,000



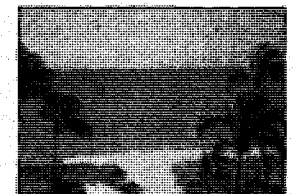
Least Expensive Pointe Santo
 1 bedroom, 1 bath
 Beautifully remodeled and decorated
 Excellent rental income
 Tropical views of the palm lined lagoon and Gulf
\$619,000



Charming Near Beach Cottage
 2 bedroom, 2 bath piling home
 Large lot on East End
 Just a few lots from the beach
\$549,000



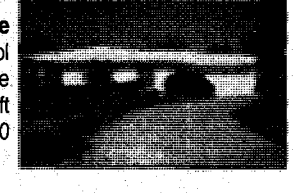
Luxurious Gulf Front Penthouse
 Unparalleled Gulf views
 Sunsets over the Gulf
 2,700 sqft, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths
 Westerly views & rooftop sundeck
\$2,700,000



Direct Access Canal Home
 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with pool
 Spacious screen enclosed lanais
 Boat dock & lift on sea walled canal
\$1,895,000



Sailboats & Large Powerboats Welcome
 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with pool
 140' Direct Access canal frontage
 Boat dock & lift
\$1,995,000



Edison's Quest For Rubber Subject Of Documentary

The most exciting botanical project in the early 1900s in Southwest Florida was the quest for rubber by Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone in Fort Myers.

The three men formed the Edison Botanic Research Laboratory to find an American source of rubber at a time when U.S. dependence on foreign rubber was a serious problem.

Combining Edison's interest in botanical research and the desire for America to be self-sufficient for strategic and valuable resources, Edison planted, plotted and examined hundreds of plants until he found one suitable for the production of rubber. The process and the notable experts with whom he collaborated are the subject of WGCU's latest *Untold Story The Wizard's Laboratory: Edison's Quest for Rubber*.

The documentary follows the work of Edison from the early 1920s until his death in 1931 and outlines the critical role his laboratory along the shores of the Caloosahatchee River played in his research.

Edison was as comfortable among the hundreds of plants growing on his Fort Myers estate as he was in his laboratory.

Dr. Mark Finlay, rubber historian and author, who is featured in the documen-



Edison in his research garden

tary, says "as Edison started collecting plants for this project, they were coming in from all over the country, and it ended up being 17,000 different species of plants that were tested."

The WGCU documentary explores Edison's passion and commitment to finding a scientific solution to the nation's demand for rubber and his association with famed naturalist John Burroughs; well-known plant breeder and author Luther Burbank; founder of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company Harvey Firestone; as well as Henry Ford and the

role each of these men played in Edison's quest for rubber.

Chris Pendleton, president and CEO of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, who is featured in the documentary, explains Edison's collaborative spirit, "Edison's practice, in all of his work, was that many minds working on similar projects can produce great works and that was certainly true of the rubber research project."

Lynne Frazer, producer of *The Wizard's Laboratory: Edison's Quest for Rubber* said, "In producing this documentary, I learned the significance of Mr. Edison's research in finding an alternative source for rubber. I was most fascinated with the pivotal role that Southwest Florida played in his research. I think the audience will be amazed, too."

Many of images in the documentary are from the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Images and documents were also made available by the Edison National Historic Site and the Florida State Archives.

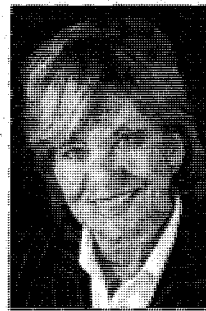
Production of the WGCU documentary was made possible by funding from the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Inc.

The television premiere of *The Wizard's Laboratory: Edison's Quest for Rubber* is on Friday, March 28 at 8:30 p.m. on WGCU-TV 30/Cable 3. The program will re-air on Saturday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 30 at 11 p.m.

The estates is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For additional information call 334-7419 or visit www.efwefla.org.

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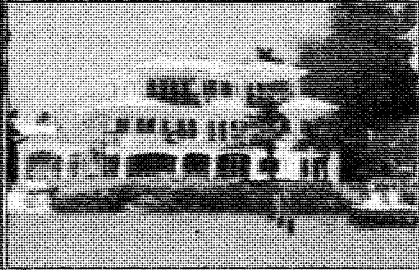
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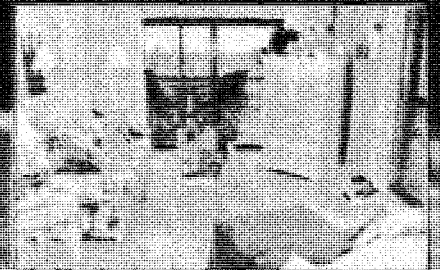
SANIBEL ESTATES CANAL FRONT

- Beautiful Key West style home
- 3 BR/2 BA
- Situated on a canal
- Dock with Gulf & Bay access
- Completely remodeled
- \$999,000 x 288



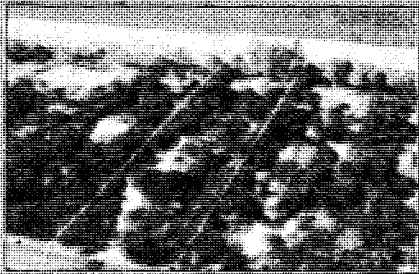
CAPTIVA'S "VILLAGE"

- Custom built 5 BR/3 BA
- Close to the beach
- Custom free form pool and spa
- Private elevator / gourmet kitchen
- Solid furnished
- \$2,895,000 x 270



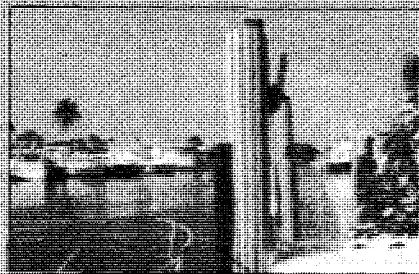
CAPTIVA SHORES

- Direct Gulf front / Fantastic sunsets
- 2 BR/2 BA / Solid furnished
- Close to the beach
- Community pool
- Docks with Gulf & Bay access
- \$1,195,000 x 270



GULF-FRONT ESTATE

- 1.7 Acres, estate sized
- 2 BR/3 BA Main house
- 3 BR/2 BA Guest house
- Heated pool & spa
- Spectacular sunsets
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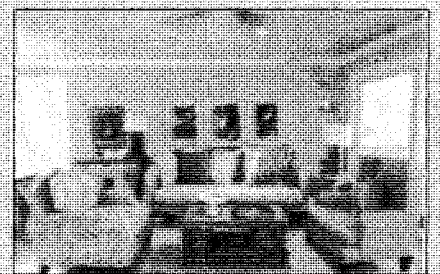
- Beautiful marina views
- Canal front lot
- Gulf & Bay access
- Deep water dock up to 60 ft. boat
- \$1,295,000 x 270



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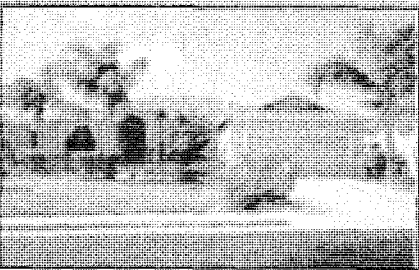
GUMBO LIMBO

- Custom built 3 BR/3 BA
- Numerous upgrades
- Great lake views
- Screen enclosed pool
- 2 Car garage
- \$799,000 x 288



CAPTIVA HIDE-A-WAY

- Spectacular views!
- 2 BR/2 BA
- Completely remodeled
- Designer furnished
- Community pool & dock w/ Gulf access
- \$995,000 x 270



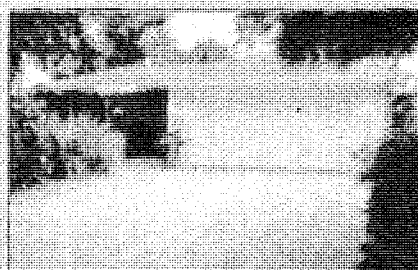
WELLINGTON

- Great Neighborhood
- 4 BR/2 BA
- Fresh paint / French doors
- Community pool
- Close to area beaches
- \$324,900 x 288



CALOOSA SHORES

- Canal front
- Birders Ding Darling Sanctuary
- Direct access canal
- Some of the best fishing in the area
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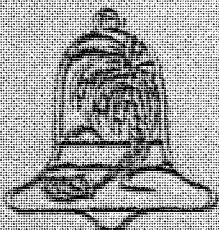
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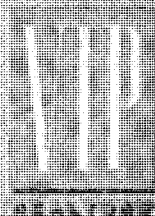
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Around The Islands



An unidentified client reads a magazine while sitting outside on a sawhorse to dry her hair when the salon first opened in 1951 and the dryers, which had to come by boat, hadn't arrived

Aleck opened for business with two hair stations and four dryers. "Actually, the hair dryers did not arrive for opening day so clients sat outside on a sawhorse in the sun to dry their hair," Banta says.

There was a cistern behind the hop to catch rain water — no doubt a great help in making clients' locks lustrous. Aleck's premise was, and still is, "Keep Sanibel Beautiful."

Aleck's legacy is now in its third generation with granddaughter Deena joining the family business that her mother, Banta, has run for more than 35 years.

Mary Aleck, now deceased, would hardly recognize the place these days.

There's a computer up front, six chairs, manicure stations, eight stylists and several nail techs. And the salon not only does temporary tattoos, it also offers permanent make-up. There's even hair-braiding and beading, waxing and facial treatments. The salon also caters to men. Call 472-1111 for more information.

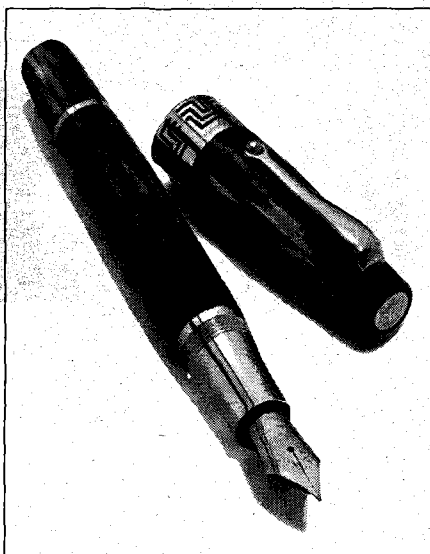
Italy's foremost pen manufacturer will bring the Montegrappa d'Oro Limited Edition Exhibition to **Congress Jewelers** on Sanibel March 24 through 29. The rare, 18-karat gold, handcrafted writing instruments represent the most exclusive of Montegrappa's limited editions and are the last pieces available to the public.

"These are pens for those who can indulge in daily luxury," said President Scot Congress. "They are beautiful, handcrafted objects, pens inspired to the Italian style. A Montegrappa pen matches the mood of the writer, reflecting his or her spirit."

Congress Jewelers is located in Periwinkle Place on Sanibel. The store will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. during the showing.

Montegrappa pens are made of natural celluloid and precious metals. By combining traditional methods, such as die-casting, with more recent innovations such as low-relief engraving and cold enameling, the traditional pen is formed of quality materials and transformed into a precious and beautiful object.

The exhibition includes the Sophia, one of 58 limited-edition pieces that celebrate the role of writing as a means of transmitting knowledge and the devel-



A Montegrappa pen from the collection to be shown at Congress Jewelers March 24 to 29

opment of human thought. The barrel of the pen shows a detail of Raphael's fresco, *The School of Athens*, depicting Aristotle, Plato and Pythagoras. Made with the burin-engraving technique exclusive to Montegrappa, the pen features 18-karat white and pink gold details and is priced at \$13,650.

Also included in the exhibition is the Eternal Bird, Montegrappa's homage to the mythological Oriental dragon Feng Huang, the Phoenix that can rise reborn from its own ashes. A sculpture of the Eternal Bird is die-cast on the 18-karat gold body. This piece is one of 100, and

is priced at \$15,350.

The Animalia is Montegrappa's tribute to the wildlife world and the elements of water, air, and earth. Animals come to life on the pen through hand-etching and engraving of detailed gold applications. One of 100 pieces, the Animalia is offered for \$13,350.

Montegrappa first began manufacturing pens in 1912; its factory and headquarters are in Bassano del Grappa, Italy. Ernest Hemingway, who had volunteered as an ambulance driver on the Italian-Austrian front during WWI, tried Montegrappa's pens and produced some of America's greatest literature with them throughout his life.

To learn more, log onto www.CongressJewelers.com.

The **Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry** in Tahitian Gardens has launched its new Atlantis Sealife Collection, a stunning group of colorful gems in intricate, sea life-inspired settings including starfish, dolphins, and scallops.

Speaking of jewelry, **Friday's the Sanibel Diamond Store**, is liquidating stock at 25 to 75 percent off. In connection with the sale, the store is asking customers to register for \$5,000 worth of prizes — just by walking in the door. Purchases count for extra chances, and so do donations of any dry Purina puppy or kitten chow or wild bird seed for CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation Of Wildlife).

Charitable Giving: Bob and Peggy Peterson won \$700 in **Bank of the Islands'** most recent promotion and decided to share the money between

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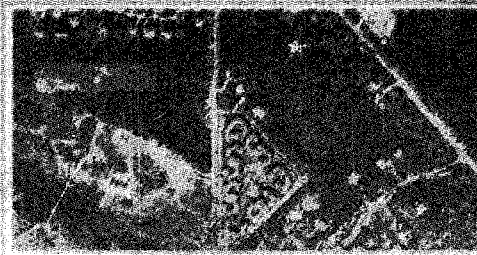
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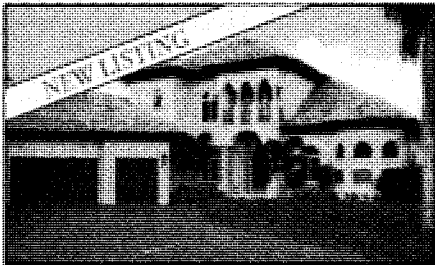
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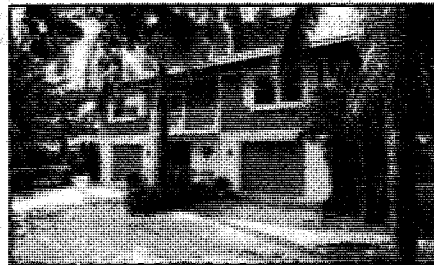
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- Olde Florida style on oversized lot
- Remodeled kitchen and bathrooms w/granite
- Screen enclosed, heated pool
- \$849,000 (2701773) Call Jim Hall



PENTHOUSE

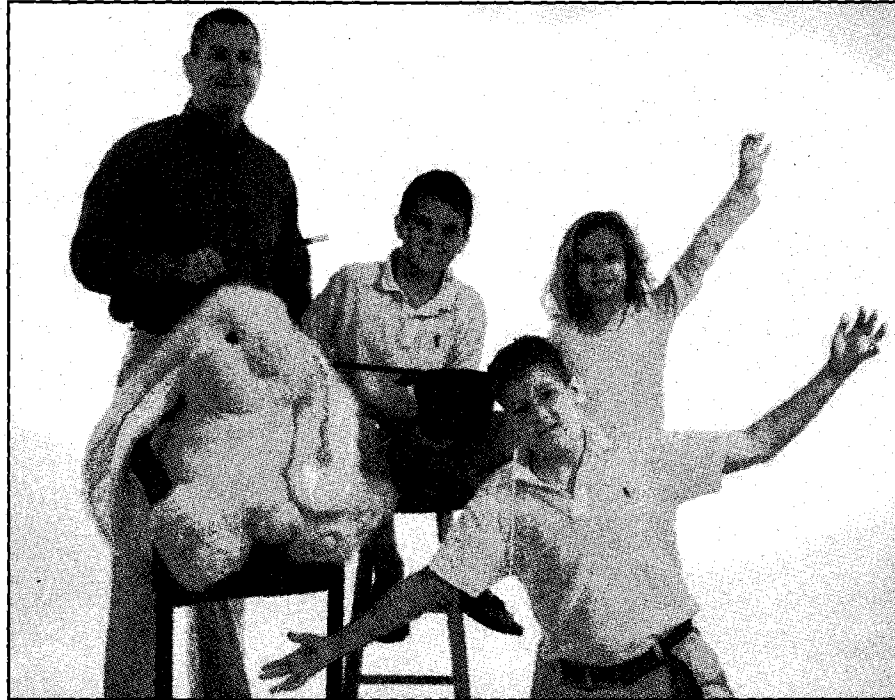
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- Remodeled w/upgraded kitchen & baths
- Great weekly rentals, light and bright
- Large pool, tennis, shuffleboard
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- Breathtaking, direct Gulf views
- Bamboo floors, vaulted ceilings, beadboard
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- Exclusive Lighthouse way
- 3 BR/3BA
- Lushly landscaped
- Room for pool
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- Very private, oversized one acre lot
- 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, ground level
- Formal living & dining rooms, wood floors
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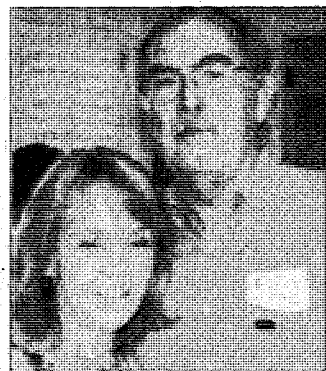
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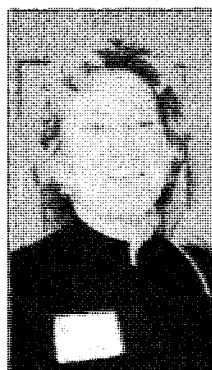
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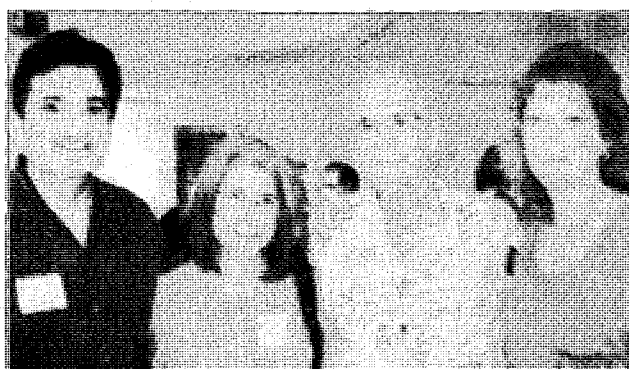
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p.m. for Sunday brunch.

The Island Cow has entertainment seven days a week from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The line-up: Monday, Dan Confrey; Tuesday, Jeff Key; Wednesday, Ken Wasiniak; Thursday, Diana Lynn; Friday, Greg Watts; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and

The Mucky Duck has entertainment six nights a week from 5 to 9 p.m. as follows: Monday, Mark Dupuy; Tuesday, Dan Confrey; Wednesday, Diana Lynn; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, John Butler.

Danny Morgan and Friends play at **Traders** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Jac Bar at **The Jacaranda**, 1223 Periwinkle Way, has entertainment nightly.

Restaurant owners/managers, please e-mail or fax your entertainment schedule to Anne Mitchell at islandsuncity@aol.com or 395-2299.✪

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Unique Carving To Be Auctioned

"Jim's hummingbird carving, and the other wonderful acquisitions we have for the auction should inspire all of us to bid high to raise funds for The Children's Hospital," said Neill.✪

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Seahorse Festival Draws Huge Crowd



Mary Benzrihem holds watch donated by Congress Jewelers

by Brian Johnson

The Seahorse Festival was a big hit this past Sunday, packing the grounds at The Sanibel School with island families and supporters from the community.

The popular annual fundraiser brought in record-breaking funds for the PTA to offer enhancements to The Sanibel School.

"The kids seemed to have a good time with the rides - they were busy all day!" said Co-chair Jennifer McSorley.

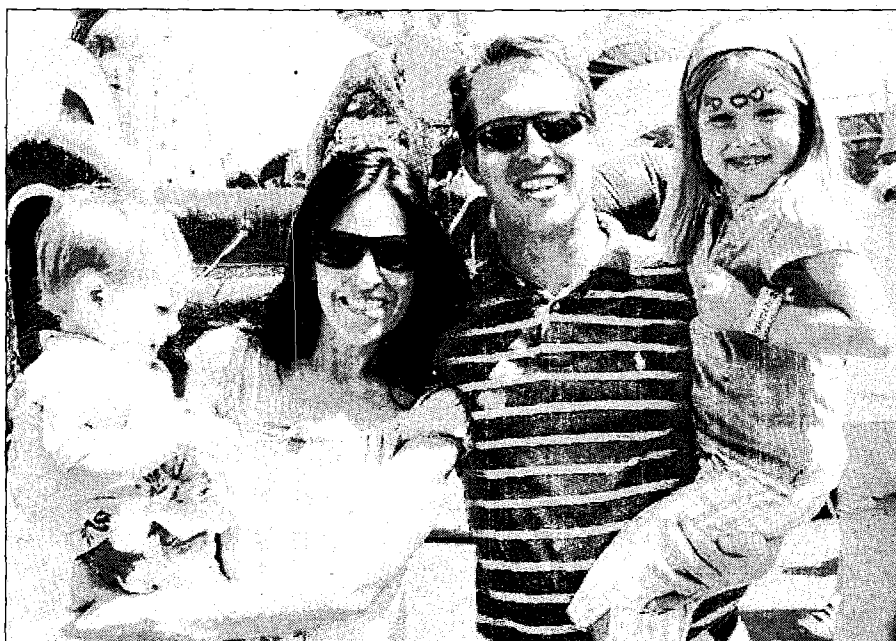
"It was a great community event, and we had 100 percent participation from the staff at the school," added Co-chair



The Costanzo family



Alexandria Cloutier and Vie Kremer in front of shark slide



Ronan, Georgie, Rob and Siena Palles

Betsy Ventura.

For the second year the company Fantasy World, out of Maryland, brought the larger-than-life size inflatable slides. The shark and alligator rides drew lines of kids all day.

Local businesses and individuals, led by gift sponsor Heidi Marinello, donated over 200 items for the silent auction held in the shade of the pavilion. Kym Nader, a co-owner of Great White Grill, set up the auction tables and spearheaded a

group of parent volunteers.

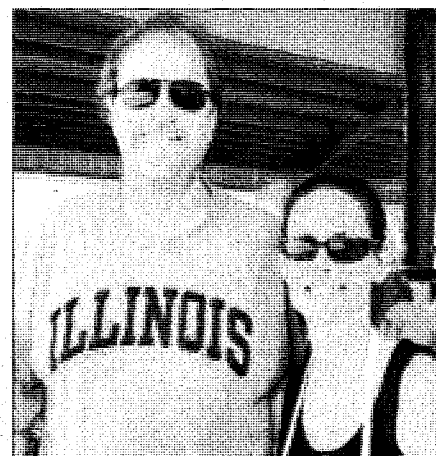
"We couldn't have done it without Kym," said McSorley. "She was our MVP. We also had help from Richard Johnson from Bailey's - he worked with us to make sure we had everything we needed."

Bailey's General Store was joined by food sponsors from the Hungry Heron, Island Pizza, and Dairy Queen. RE/MAX brought the hot air balloon.

Each year the PTA donates enhancements to the school in areas such as the



Lily Ganske and Rachel Wexler with lab puppy

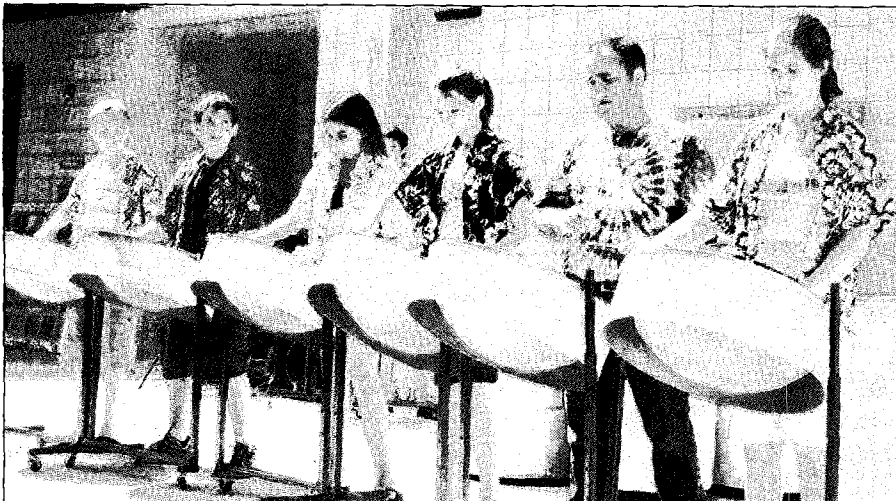


Island dad Tim Garmager with co-chair Betsy Ventura



Gabrielle Cooper and Destiny Kosloske

physical education class, the performing arts, classroom supplies, and more. This year they have a goal of raising \$40,000 to help the school upgrade the computer software and purchase new computers.*

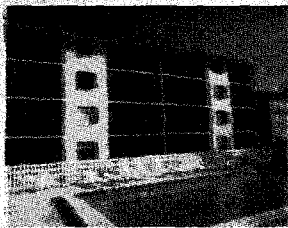


Music Teacher Joe Angelo leads Sanibel School students on the steel drums

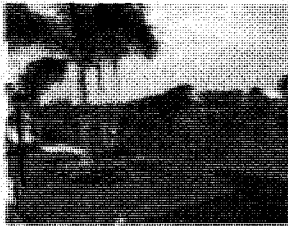


Jay and Lori Richter, Tracey Mitchell, and Cindy and Elizabeth Sifton

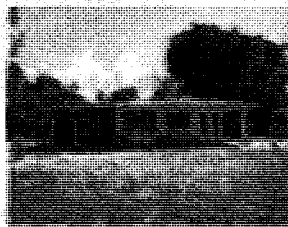
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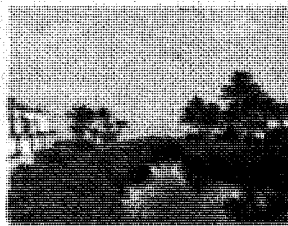
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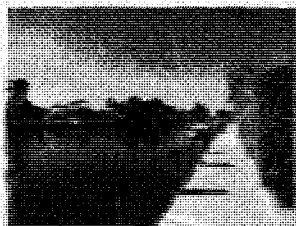
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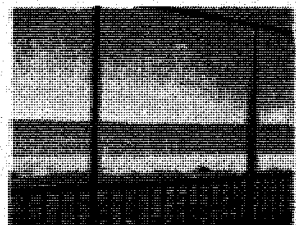
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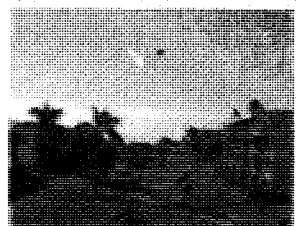
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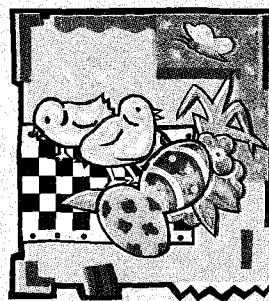
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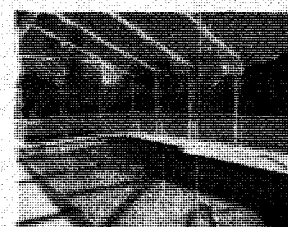
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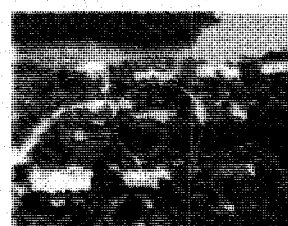
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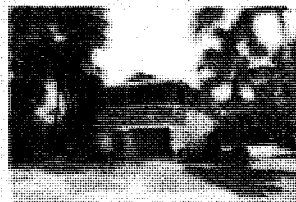
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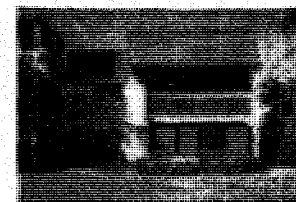
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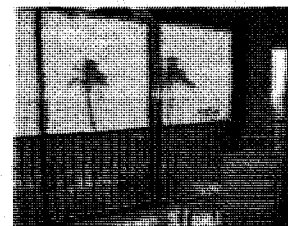
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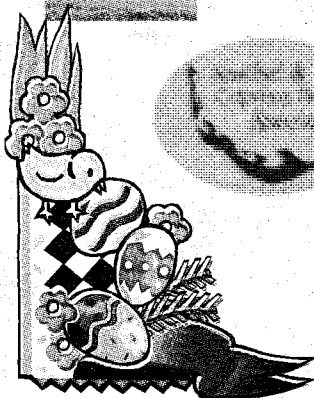
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1. Which team holds the major-league record for hitting into the most double plays in a season?
2. When was the last time the Kansas City Royals won a division title?
3. Three Florida Gators have won Heisman Trophies. Name them.
4. Name the last player to average at least 20 points and 10 assists per game for a season in the NBA.
5. Which goaltender holds the record for most starts in an NHL season?
6. Two countries have twice won gold medals in the Olympic team ski jumping event, which began in 1988. Name them.
7. How many times did golfer Betsy King win LPGA Player of the Year?

ANSWERS

1. The Boston Red Sox hit into 174 double plays in 1990. 2. In 1985, the Kansas City Royals won the AL West. 3. Steve Spurter (1966), Danny Wuerffel (1996) and Tim Lincecum (2007). 4. Magic Johnson averaged 22.3 points and 11.5 assists per game in the 1989-90 season. 5. Grant Fuhr started 79 games for St. Louis in 1995-96. 6. Finland (1988, 1992) and Germany (1994, 2002). 7. Three times (1984, 1989, 1993).

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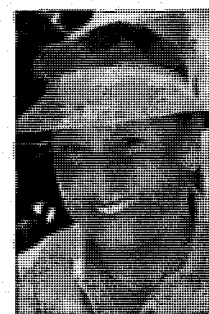
Karen Hendricks is the 2008 DWGA Champion. This is her third Championship win at the Dunes. The format was stroke play, 54 holes, with Karen winning by 15 strokes. She also won her second championship at Indian Valley Country Club Telford, Pennsylvania, her northern course.

Final winners of A Flight, Sherry Hughes; B Flight, Joan Kent; C Flight, Nan Frymoyer.★

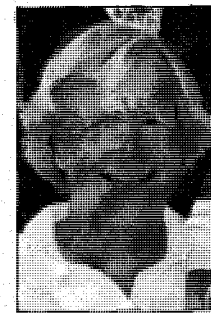
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Nancy Greenberg



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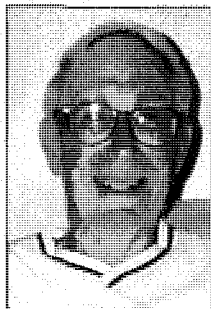
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140 Youngsters From 18 Countries Chase Major League Dreams At Twins Minor League Training Camp



by Ed Frank

It's a mini-United Nations at the Lee County Sports Complex. About 140 minor leaguers from 18 countries – that's right, 18 countries – are chasing the dreams, glory, and million-dollar-plus contracts in the hope of becoming major league baseball players.

"Why it is necessary to spend millions to bring youngsters from throughout the world to your minor league spring training camp?" we asked Jim Rantz, the long time director of minor league operations for the Minnesota Twins.

"We're not the only club doing this. We go where the talent is and today the talent is worldwide. We do what is necessary to be competitive," he said.

So if you tour the sprawling training facilities of the Lee County Sports Complex you will find players from Australia, Canada, Curacao, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Honduras, Mexico, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Russia, St. Martin, South Korea, Twain, Spain, Venezuela, and the United States.

"Thirteen are from Australia which is probably the most in any major league operation," Rantz said.

"We know that this is at least a 3-4-year program as that's usually how long it takes for a promising minor leaguer to make it to the majors," he said. But he also pointed out that only about 10 per cent ever make it to the big show.

The Twins provide English classes three or four days a week for the Latin players. The others know enough English to understand.

Minnesota, a small market, low payroll team, has long relied on the efficient minor league system Rantz has directed since 1986. Seventeen of the players on the 40-man major league roster came through this system.

"We're always heavy on pitching and our minor leagues usually account for about half the players that have been promoted to the 40-man roster," he said.

The Twins are known as an organization that stresses promotion within, and that philosophy is a strong plus for their minor leaguers. You need only to look at the large number of Twins' players whose early professional careers were right here playing for the Fort Myers Miracle and the rookie Gulf Coast League Twins.

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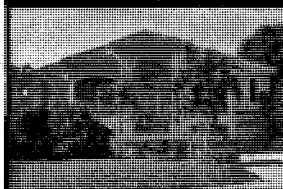
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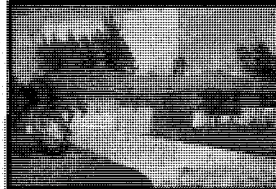
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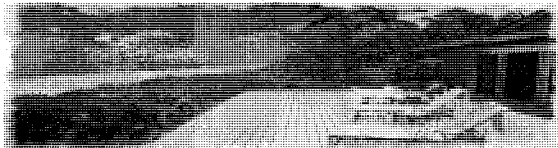
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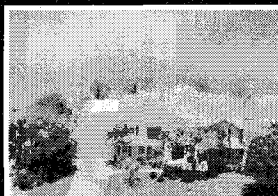
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Dunes Mens Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Men's Golf Association event results Wednesday, March 2, format 1 better ball of 2.

Flight 1
1st Richard Giangiorgi 53
Jim Burkholder
2nd Hank Humphrey 59
Allen Larson

Flight 2
1st David Dyke 56
Stan Hirschfeld
2nd Bruce McLaughlin 59
Howard Dwyer

Flight 3
1st Jay Sleiter 56
John Frymoyer
2nd Greg Jennings 61
Jack Roberts

Flight 4
1st Ivan Davis 60
Dave Jones
2nd Philip Pilibosian 61
George Martinez*

Beachview Men's Golf Association

submitted by Ed O'Neil

Little kids hunt Easter eggs. Big (and more practical) guys hunt golf balls. Finding both is easy. The little guys hope their parents remembered to boil the eggs. Big fellows just hope the ball is playable when they get it.

Beachview's Men's Golf Association celebrated the peak of the season with two tournaments March 11 and 15.

In the former, the team of Dick Croce, Mark Ryan and Jerry Mader carved out a neat 102 in the variable better ball tournament for an easy victory. Rich Rompala, Dave Rubien and Bob Cushman took second with 108, while Tony Baldino, Gus Young, Jerry Tucker and Terry Myers were third at 112.

The nine-hole section was led by Bill Stell, Phil Jones, Ed House and Ken Karasin with a net 62. That nosed out the 63 posted by Jerry Kohmescher, Stan Sheft, Al Krause, and Bud Ristow. Third went to Bob Ritchlin, Bill Blankenship, Dick Grant and John Moores with 70.

The Saturday special was Modified Stableford point tournament and Don Hummel, Bill Blankenship and Dick Chocol won out with 112 points. Bill Stell, Dan Keys, Guy Tober and Dick Grant finished second at 107, followed by the 102 Dick Croce, Jack Tukey, Rene Lohser and Ed House.*

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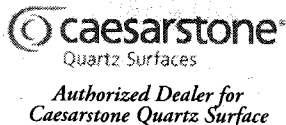
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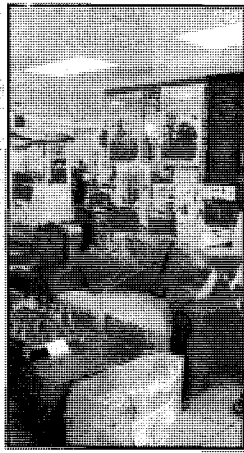
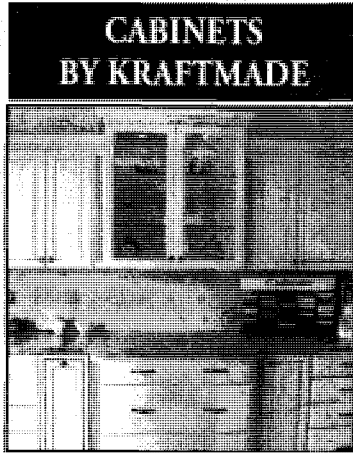
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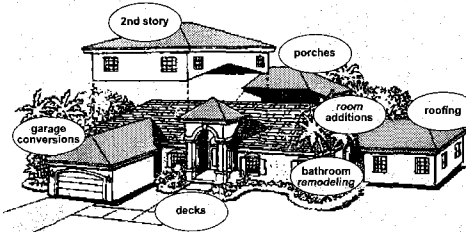
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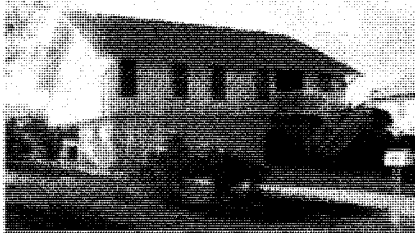
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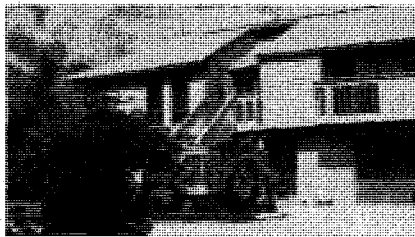
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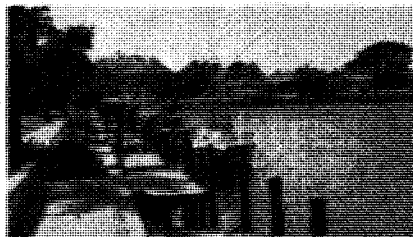


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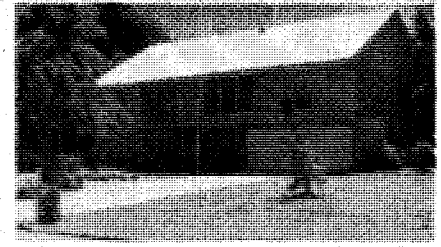
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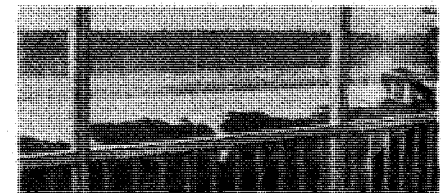
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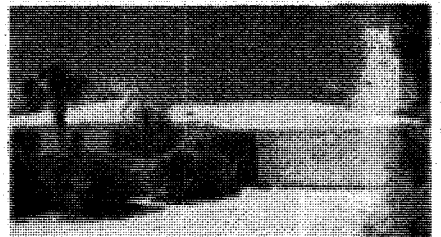
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16B Will Power

Recent Case of Undue Influence

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

ISLAND SUN - MARCH 21, 2008



From time to time one of my clients expresses concern that his or her will or revocable trust will be challenged. Typically a will or trust cannot be challenged until the person who has created and signed the document has died. At that time, he or she obviously cannot speak for himself or herself, so it is important that the formalities of signing such important documents be adhered to.

Anecdotally I will tell you that it seems will and trust challenges are on the rise. A decade ago it was extremely unusual for me to hear of a challenge to someone's will or trust. Today we see them more frequently.

So it becomes important to understand how a will or trust can be challenged. Today I'm going to review a recent case settled in February, 2008 by the Florida Second District Court of Appeals (the one that applies to Southwest Florida) defining the presumption of undue influence. This is the most significant case since the 1971 Florida

Supreme Court ruling in the Carpenter case that set the standards a claimant must meet to create the presumption that undue influence occurred.

The presumption of undue influence is said to occur when certain factors are present. A Will - or a portion of it - produced by undue influence is void. If a substantial beneficiary under the will had a confidential relationship with the testator and is active in procuring the contested will, the presumption of undue influence arises. Here are a few of the nonexclusive criteria established by the Florida Supreme Court when determining whether undue influence has occurred:

1. The beneficiary is present at the execution of the will, or was present when the testator expressed a desire to make or change her will;
2. The beneficiary recommended the attorney who drew the will;
3. The beneficiary had knowledge of contents of the will prior to its execution;
4. The beneficiary provided the attorney instructions to draw the will;
5. The beneficiary secured the witnesses to the will;
6. The beneficiary had possession of the will after its signing.

Will contestants are not required to prove all of the listed criteria. The court

decides when any of the factors are present whether the presumption of undue influence has occurred. The presumption shifts the burden of proving the will valid onto the party who has exerted the influence in a difficult position - they must prove the nonexistence of a presumed fact. This can be a very difficult hurdle.

In *Tompkins v. RBC Ministries*, the Florida Second District Court of Appeal ruled that Barbara Tompkins had exerted undue influence over Lewis A. Simoneau. Ms. Tompkins was present at the execution of the will. She was present when the decedent expressed a desire to make a will. She did not recommend an attorney to draw a will; rather she drafted it on her home computer. She was therefore aware of its contents prior to its execution. Tompkins secured the witnesses to the will, who were neutral parties according to the court. Finally, Tompkins had possession of the will after its signing.

Since Tompkins was a substantial beneficiary under the terms of the will, these terms were deemed voidable by the court under the presumption of undue influence.

It's important to know how these sorts of cases arise. Proving something didn't happen is harder than proving something did. The lesson learned is to be careful when helping loved ones visit with their attorney or in creating estate planning documents.

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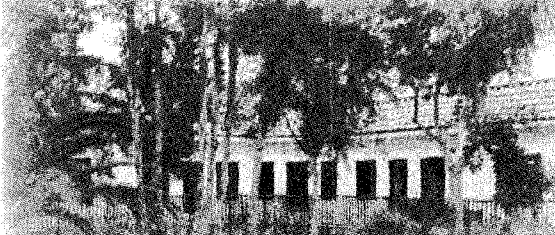
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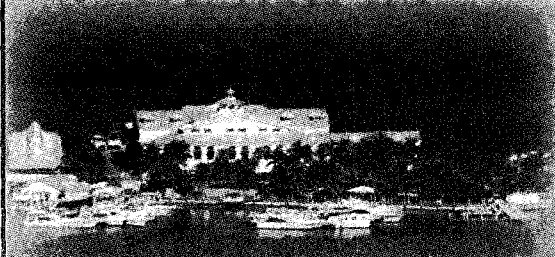
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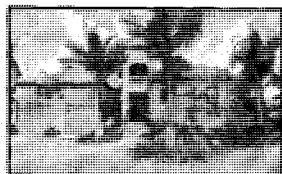


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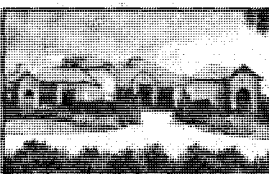
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Training Camp

Two years ago, we wrote about a gangling youngster from the Netherlands, Ldek Van Mil has advanced from the rookie Gulf Coast League Twins, to Elizabethton, and this year will pitch for the Low A Beloit Snappers. He recorded a good 2.63 ERA last season while holding opposing batters to a lowly .171 batting average.

Rantz said he needs to work on his breaking ball, but don't be surprised if he ends up here with the Miracle before season's end.

That's the purpose of the minor leagues. And that's the reason why there's a mini-United Nations right now at the Lee County Sports Complex.

New Indoor Football Team Clobbered in Season Opener. Home Debut This Weekend.

The new Florida Stingrays of the American Indoor Football Association were destroyed 56-9 last weekend by Huntington, W. Va., in the franchise debut at Huntington.

"We didn't execute," said Stingrays assistant coach Les Green in an obvious understatement.

The Stingrays open their home schedule tomorrow, Saturday, at the Lee County Civic Center in North Fort Myers. Tickets are available by calling 239-543-7469.

The Augusta Colts, loser to the Columbus Lions 54-44 last weekend, will provide the opposition.

Firecats Open AF2 Training Camp.

With only 10 players back from last year's squad, the Florida Firecats of arenafootball2 opened training camp last week with 35 in attendance, including 21 rookies.

The veterans returning included quarterback Chris Wallace and receivers Chris McKinney and Brent Burnside.

The perennially competitive Firecats open the 2008 season April 6 at Texas. The home opener at Germain Arena is Saturday, April 12, against Tennessee. The kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Everblades Down to Eight Regular Season Games.

The Florida Everblades began the week with only eight regular season games remaining and are on the road this week at Gwinnet and South Carolina.

After losing two of three on the road last week, the Everblades remained in fourth place in the ECHL South Division with a 35-21-8 season record. They trail Gwinnet and South Carolina, both tied for second, by five points.

The Everblades return home to Germain Arena next week for three games against Gwinnet, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.✪

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Friday, March 21
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Sunday, March 23
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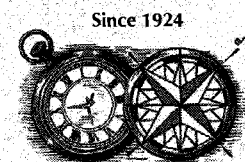
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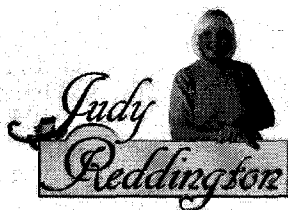
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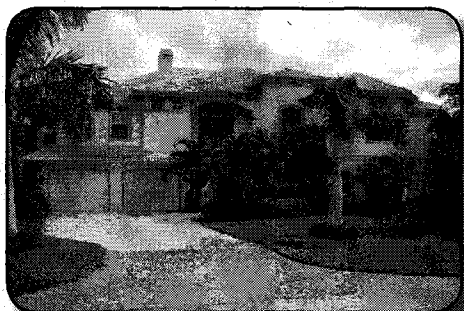


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Canterbury Advances To National Odyssey



Two of Canterbury School's Odyssey of the Mind teams will compete at the state competition in April: (front) Haley Leatherman, Grayson Golden, Brenden Hewins, Savannah Bonnette, Samantha Tiffany, Andrew May; (back) Wyatt Smith, Deanna Young, Jagnoor Walha, Elaine Cornwall, Randi Birr and Audrey Guerra

Two teams from Canterbury Middle School won the right to compete at the State Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) competition. The teams placed first and second at the regional competition and are headed for Orlando on April 4 and 5 in hopes of securing a berth at the national championship to be held at the University of Maryland in May.

Cindy Baker, OotM coach, says students have spent countless hours preparing for the regional competition and will now continue their efforts until they leave for Orlando.

"Odyssey of the Mind is an excellent opportunity for our students to put into practice what Canterbury has taught them throughout their years — to think outside of the box. The judges were impressed with the Road Rally Team when they were able to not only drive their car forward, but to also back it up by switching the cables on the negative and positive terminals, which they learned how to do in their science class.

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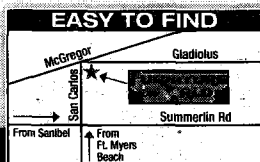
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Representatives from FGCU's Testing center, financial aid and scholarship office and campus recreation will be available to answer questions. The office of graduate studies will provide admission requirements.

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- Scenic DUNES golf course views
- Airy interior w/glass enclosed lanai
- Updated kitchen and baths
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Gulf Shores Subdivision



- Private deeded beach access
- Nice lot size 91' x 135'
- Home of the Bald Eagle
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Lakefront Family Home



- 4BR/2.5BA, master on first floor
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- Large screened porch, spacious one bedroom
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- Sundial Beach Resort
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St Charles Community



- Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath home
- Open floor plan, oversized lanai
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Bay Views



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A Design For A Future Without Cancer

Part-time Sanibel resident and full time gemologist and jeweler from Downers Grove, Illinois, Marian Denk and her daughter Nancy Denk Abraham custom-designed a limited edition pendant called the Kanzius Wave in honor of John Kanzius and his invention that may be a cure for cancer. The first of this limited edition was donated by Marian and Nancy for the upcoming March 30 Island Charity Event to raise money for the Kanzius medical research taking place at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Denk and her husband Bill think the world of John and Marianne Kanzius. "I feel like John is my brother, and I am so proud of all that he has accomplished and ultimately will accomplish with the continuation of his research to find a cure for cancer," said Denk. "Everyone on my side of the family has died from cancer and I know first-hand how horrible this disease can be for the individual suffering and for their loved ones, watching them go through the pain and agony" said Denk. "We wanted to do our part to help raise money for this research, which is showing such incredible results in the first round of animal trials."

She and her daughter opened D&M Gem Creations 18 years ago and have been



Event Chair Marian Denk displaying her Kanzius Wave Pendant

designing custom jewelry for clients around the world. Both are trained jewelry designers and gemologists and have used their skills in designing this unique pendant, which is 14 kt white and yellow gold encrusted with color diamonds in the shape of a wave to signify research. A portion of the proceeds from any future orders of the limited edition pendant will go directly to the research.

The invention by John Kanzius uses a high energy radio wave field and nanoparticles to kill cancer cells. It is receiving growing attention in the medical research community and prestigious medical institutions around the world.

This March 30 event will give people an opportunity to show their support for Kanzius with the proceeds going to continue his research and ultimately bring it to human clinical trials.

These trials will be held at a small number of sites around the country, one of which will be the Lee Memorial Health System in Fort Myers.

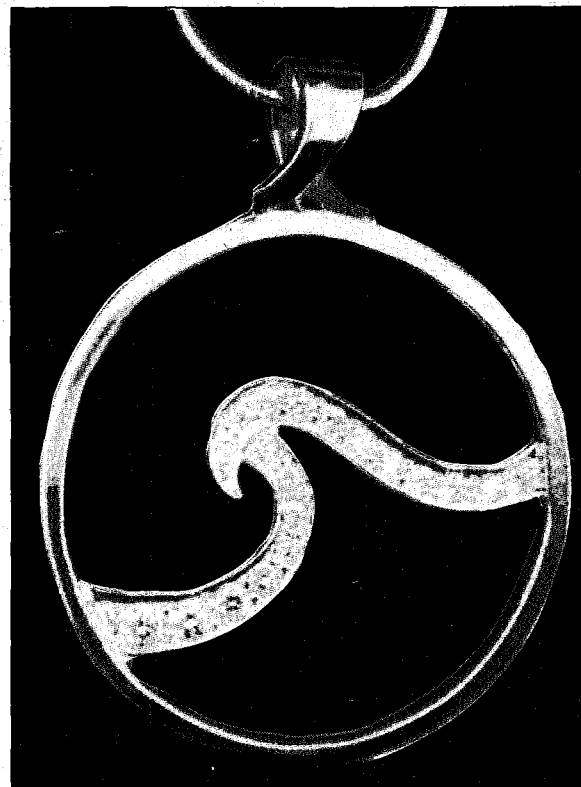
The event will include food, entertainment and a silent auction.

"We are so pleased with the island support we have received thus far and continue to receive phone calls from people who want to become sponsors and donate auction items," said Denk.

Sponsors at the Lifesaver Level are The Burns Family Team at Coldwell Banker. At the Protector Level, sponsors include Lily & Company Jewelry Gallery and Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. Researcher level sponsors include Bank of the Islands, Barbara Cassavalle, George and Lynn Campean, realtor, Sanibel Susan, Susan Andrews and James K. Donnell.

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The March 30 event will be held at Traders Restaurant on Sanibel, and is open to the public; reservations are required. Cost: is \$100 per person; and reservations and payment can be made by calling Denk at 395-9159 or Birgie Vertesch at Lee Memorial Health System Foundation 985-3557.*



Close-up of the Kanzius Wave Pendant



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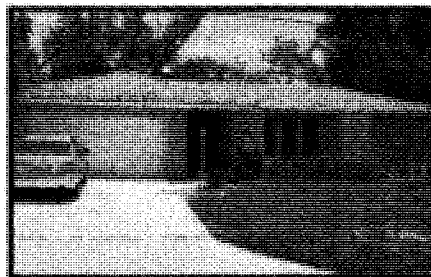
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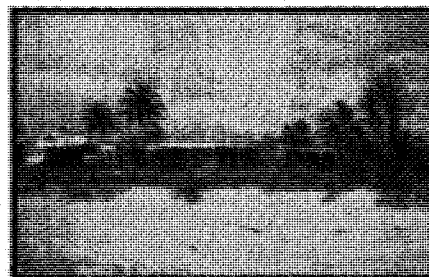
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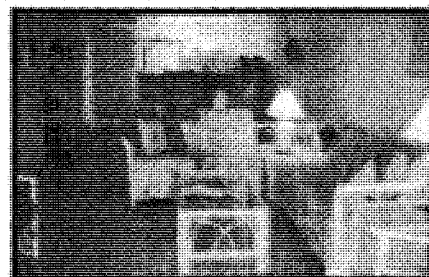
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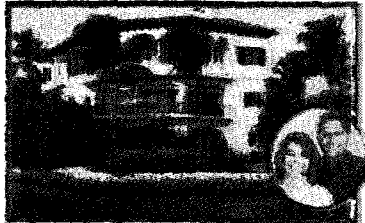
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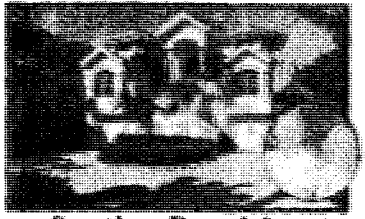
Gulf Ridge East
Over 5 beachside acres! Tropical vegetation surrounds architecturally unique 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath residence. Beamed ceilings, oversized freeform pool. \$6,495,000
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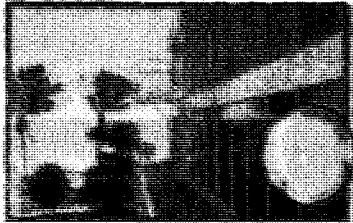
Sanctuary Bay Views
On Sanctuary's 4th hole, this fully furnished 19 room home features 5 BR 5 1/2 BTH, chef's kitchen, walk-in wine cellar, library, summer kitchen. \$5,200,000
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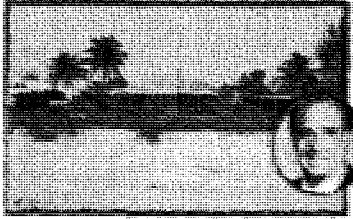
Gorgeous Sanctuary Community
4 bedrooms 4 1/2 baths. Beautifully furnished w/ expansive master suite & elegant bath, 2nd floor guest suites with pool table & game room. \$2,435,000
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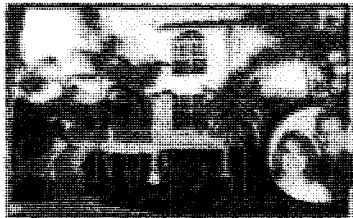
Captiva Beachfront
Never-ending views of the Gulf! 5 bedrooms & 2 king sized guest suites. 4 sets of sliding glass doors open to incredible garden, beach & sunset views. Fully furnished & exceptionally appointed. \$5,825,000
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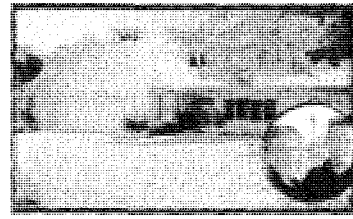
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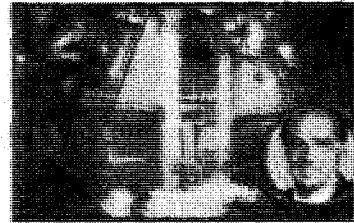
Dramatic Gulf Views
Incredible views of Gulf of Mexico and bayou from remodeled 4/4 featuring large gourmet kitchen, elevator, great pool & outdoor kitchen. \$2,950,000
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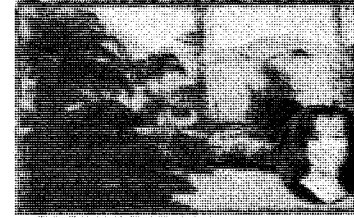
Shell Harbor - Sanibel
5 bedroom, 4-bath pool home on Sanibel's largest basin. Completely renovated in 2004. Large living area overlooks pool & canal. Boatlift is 10,000 lbs. - minutes from Bay and Gulf of Mexico. \$2,099,000
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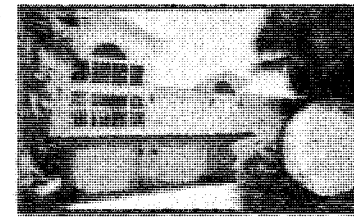
Sanibel Isles
An opportunity like no other! 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, wood burning fireplace, granite countertops. Views of San Carlos Bay from almost every room. 160' ft. dock. Furnished with a few exceptions. \$2,900,000
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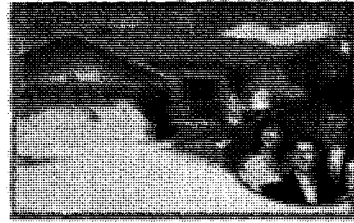
Sanctuary At Wulfert
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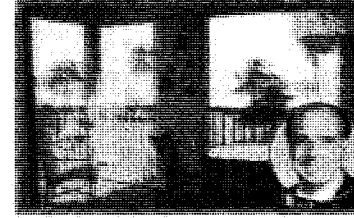
Beachview CC Estates - Sanibel
Beautifully appointed with pool & spa overlooking 18th hole! Spacious 3 bedroom plus den with private screened decks. Closest location to beach access. \$1,525,000
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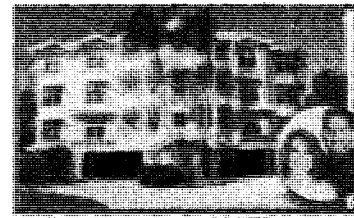
Shell Harbor - Sanibel
Stunning, newer 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 pool home on direct access canal. \$1,895,000
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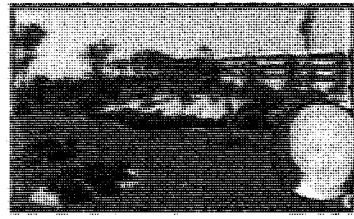
Sanibel Sunset
Over 2,000 sq. ft. of Gulf front luxury. Gorgeous remodel in 2006 makes this unit a breathtaking opportunity. 3 bdrms 2 baths corner unit offers spectacular views of the Gulf! \$1,665,000
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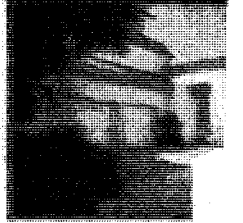
Island Beach Club P1E -
Penthouse 2/2 Corner Unit with beautiful views of beach! Wraparound screened porch. Popular complex with parking under building, elevator & pool. Furnished with a few exceptions. \$939,000
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Sanctuary Golf Village
Beautifully furnished 2 BR 2 1/2 BTH plus den that's easily converted to 3rd BR. Fabulous lake, sunset & golf course views from wrap-around lanai. \$675,000
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Gulfside Place - Sanibel
Luxury Condo! Easy walk via stairs to Gulf and pool. 2 bedroom + den, 2 bath with new A/C condenser and security shutters. 6 tennis courts, 2 heated pools. \$1,295,000
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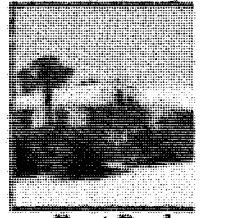
Sanctuary
Beautifully decorated, 5 1/2 home - nearly 4,000 sq... courtyard entry, pool and views over lake & 10th BOB & VIV RADIG



Sanibel I
Gorgeous Gulf views above room over a vacant lot thru Steps to beach, updated kitchen & spa. \$
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Sanibel I
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East Rocks
Private location @ end of condition 3/2 near beach hole 2005. Tile throughout Large caged pool with solar
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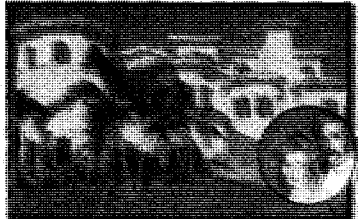
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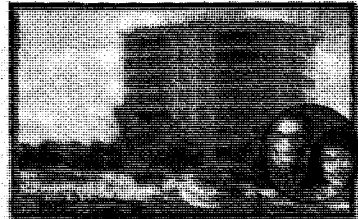
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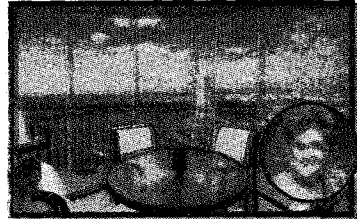
The Dunes - Sanibel
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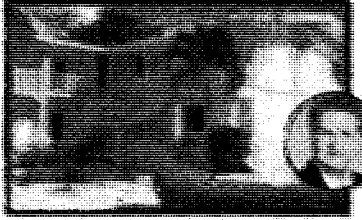
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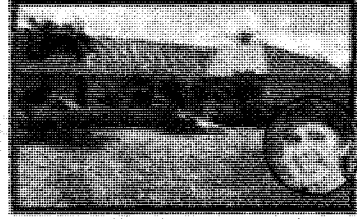
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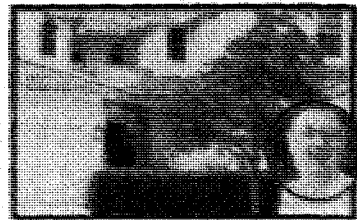
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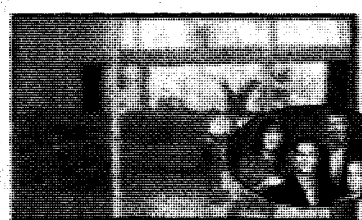
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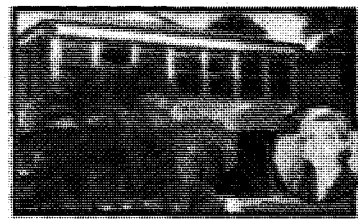
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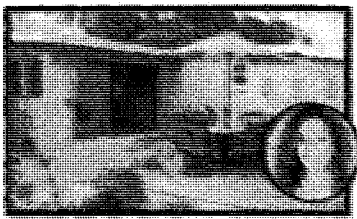
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Caregiver Support Group Meets On Sanibel

The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is offering a new monthly support group meeting for caregivers of individuals with memory impairment. The group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. beginning March 26 at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

The caregivers support group meetings include an opportunity for caregivers to meet others who are facing similar challenges and to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and effective coping strategies. Informational material about memory impairment, caregiving issues, and community resources is also available at the meetings. Caregivers who are car-

ing for loved ones with other illnesses are also welcome to attend.

A caring and compassionate staff member of the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is available at each meeting to facilitate discussion and provide valuable information for caregivers.

To learn more about participating in this group, please contact the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center at 437-3007.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides information, support, and education for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related memory impairment and their caregivers in Lee County. The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is located at 10051 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 101, Ft. Myers. For more information about the support groups or other services offered for caregivers, contact 437-3007.✳

Realtors Monthly Membership Meeting

More than 100 realtors and affiliate members attended the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors, Inc. monthly membership meeting at Beachview Steakhouse February 28.

Association President Diane Stocks conducted the business meeting, and affiliate members Henderson, Franklin, Starnes and Holt PA, Dick Collman, and



Robin Humphrey

Oswald Trippe & Co., Mike Gadaletta, generously sponsored.

During the business meeting, Committee and Taskforce Reports were given: Communication & PR Committee: Judith Anderson, VIP Realty Group; RPAC: Brian Murty, South Seas Sanibel Captiva Properties; Government & Political Affairs Committee: Jack Samler, VIP Realty Group; Professional Development Committee: Debbie Staley, VIP Realty Group; Environmental Education Taskforce: Susan Andrews, SanibelSusan Realty Associates; Water Quality Taskforce: David Schuldenfrei, VIP Realty Group; and Periwinkle Planting Taskforce: Ada Shissler, VIP Realty Group.

In addition, new realtors members having recently joined the association were acknowledged. Those recognized included realtors members Tiffany Burns, Coldwell Banker Previews International; Millie Dinkel, Coldwell Banker Previews



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International; Cathy Shields, Royal Shell Preferred Properties; Myrna Speas, Coldwell Banker Previews International; Patricia Testa, Coldwell Banker Previews International.

Following the General Membership Meeting, Robin Humphrey led the MLS Caravan.✳

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REMODELING: COST VS. RESALE VALUE

Data provided by Remodeling Magazine's latest Remodeling Cost Vs. Value Report shows four projects that return the greatest profit at resale nationwide. This year, your home's curb appeal is at the top of the most profitable remodeling projects. A new wooden deck will give you an 81.2 percent return on your money outlay. Replacing your old siding with vinyl or fiber cement siding will provide an 83.2 percent return, while installing new windows throughout will get you 81.2 percent back from your expenses.

This is not the year for big indoor remodeling projects. With construction costs still high and home sales slowing down, it's better to put off that luxury bath remodel if you are planning to sell your home this year. The one project that still holds value is the

minor kitchen remodel. Replacing cabinet doors, flooring, sink and faucet, and upgrading your stove will bring you back 83 percent of your outlay.

In a market where property values are readjusting, remodeling can potentially help your home stand out among the crowd. To make sure your project will be cost effective, be sure to consult a real estate professional about your remodeling plans.

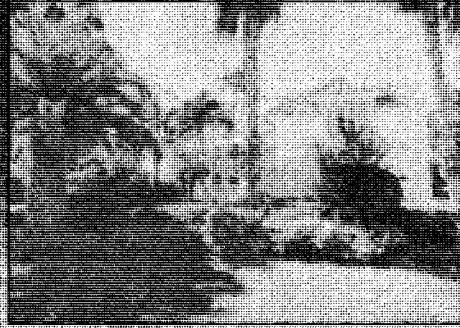
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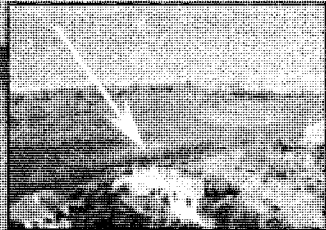
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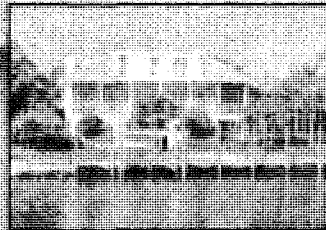
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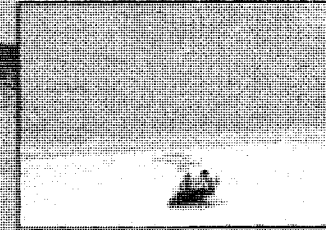
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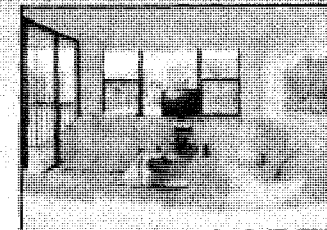
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Light Up Your Life With The Right Lighting



by Marcia Feeney

In addition to knowing which colors are the most flattering to you, it's also important to take into consideration how natural and artificial light will affect your desired color scheme. First consider how much natural light enters the room, and for how long a period during the day.

In sunny rooms with a southern exposure, cool colors will be more pleasing than warm ones; hot yellows and reds will produce an unpleasant glare during a large part of the day. These colors are more effectively used in rooms that face north and need the warming effect of sunny colors. Darkening the room by covering the windows doesn't help, it just makes all the colors in your room look dark and gloomy. The window treatment you use will definitely affect the amount and quality of natural light in your room, and therefore your color scheme.

Artificial light can affect colors even more dramatically. Generally, standard incandescent bulbs give off a yellowish light. Standard fluorescents create a cold

and harsher light. However, many different tints of bulbs are available in both types of lights. Using the right tint in the bulbs you select will definitely help you control the way your colors look in artificial light.

Red light makes pink or red hued walls look grey; blue tinted light makes them look purple; yellow light makes them look red-orange.

Blue light makes blue-tinted walls look grey; red light makes them look purple; yellow light gives them a greenish cast.

Yellow light makes yellow walls look grey; red light makes them look orange; blue toned light makes them look unpleasantly greenish.

Red light makes green walls look grey; yellow light makes them look bluish-green; blue light makes them look yellowish green.

As you can see, the effect of different colors is not always predictable, but throwing a light of one color on a wall of the same color will always tend to neutralize that color and ultimately make the wall look dull and grey. Definitely not a pretty picture.

So, once you select your color scheme, be sure to carry through with a lighting plan that will enhance and compliment the effect you have in mind. The right light will make or break your decor.

Marcia Feeney is an interior decorator on Sanibel. ✪

A Green Community Action And Success



by John Fjeldstad

Japan is the world's most energy efficient industrialized economy and the leader in energy efficient homes. A typical home is equipped with the latest energy-efficient air conditioning units,

the lowest wattage electrical appliances. And some homes even have an energy conscious refrigerator that emits a signal if you don't close the door properly. There is a new gadget that converts natural gas into clean hydrogen, and in the process, home electricity. There is even a new fuel cell device that alerts the user when the evening bath has been drawn at the perfect temperature.

Most citizens see energy conservation as their responsibility, their duty and that's not just lip service. In the 1970s the Japanese economy was crippled by the Middle East oil embargo. The nation vowed it would never be an energy victim again. The leaders in Japan set global standards for energy conservation, raised the bar for fuel efficient cars (world's first hybrid gas and electric vehicles), built more nuclear power plants (providing

a third of the nation's electricity—compared the USA where nuclear provides one-fifth), and promoted solar energy so successfully that power companies now buy the excess electricity from some customers.

All consumers ultimately are at the heart of Japan's energy savings. Conservation there has become a state of mind.

Japanese companies that ignore this mentality do so at their peril. Appliances have prominent stickers with fuel efficiency ratings. The two-star may cost a little less but it's the five-star that most Japanese want. Nothing beats those life-long Japanese habits of just saving energy whenever you can.

New York has launched a \$3.2 million campaign (privately funded) asking residents to think green. The goal is to cut carbon emissions 30 percent by 2030. Signs suggest: Change your light bulbs to compact fluorescent; bring your cloth bag to the grocery store; and unplug chargers and appliances when not in use. An amazing fact is that 40 percent of electricity used to power electronic devices is consumed while the products are turned off, but still plugged in.

Los Angeles is considering a ban on plastic foam food containers and cups because they are littering the beaches. Once in the ocean it can last hundreds of years.

John Fjeldstad has been a Sanibel and Captiva resident since 1993 and is a local businessman. You may reach him with comments or questions at: JFjeldstad@VIPRealty.com. ✪

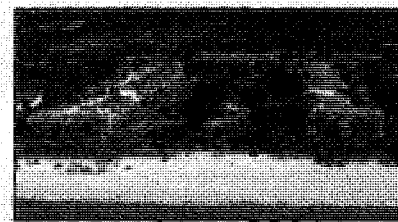
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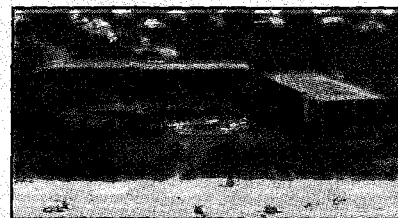
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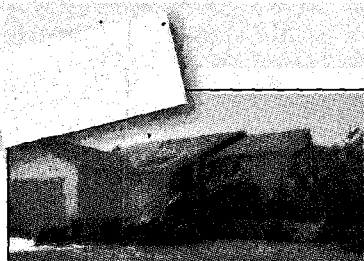
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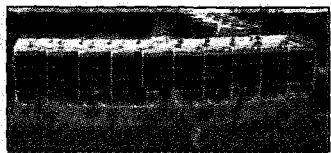
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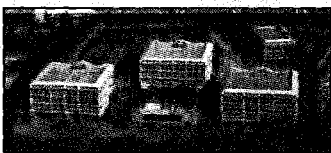
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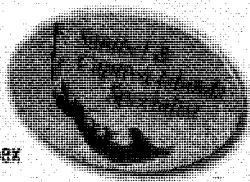
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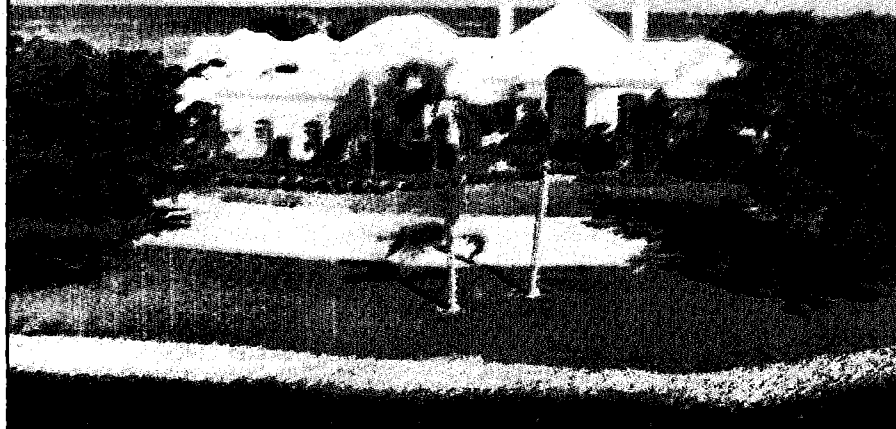


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Evidence-Based Research Drives Care Decisions. Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) is holding the 3rd Annual Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice Conference Friday, April 4, 2008 at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers. Health care professionals and students are invited to this free, one-day conference as part of a global effort to expand the understanding and use of research-based evidence to produce the best patient outcomes.

"Evidence-based nursing practice combines the results of scientific research and the experience of the nurse as well as patient's preferences to determine care of each individual," said Susan Torres, MSN, RN, BC Nurse Specialist with Lee Memorial Health System. The LMHS Foundation and Nursing Research Council sponsored conference is approved for 7.5 contact hours of continuing education through the Florida State Board of Nursing.

The keynote address will be presented by nationally renowned Linda Q. Everett, PhD, Executive Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive of Clarian Health in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will speak about the American Organization of Nurse Executive's Research Priorities and the Role of Evidence-Based Practice. Also presenting are Marianne Rodgers, Director of FGCU's School of Nursing, as well as Lee Memorial Health System

nurses engaged in nursing research and evidence-based practice. Selected evidence-based practice project posters will also be displayed.

To register, please call the LMHS Clinical Learning Department 239 262-2621.

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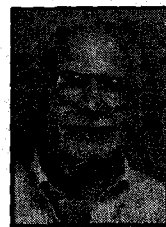
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Port Authority Approves Research Center

The Lee County Port Authority Airports Special Management Committee and Board of Port Commissioners has approved an agreement for a ground lease and commercial development of non-aviation land at Southwest Florida International Airport. The project approved is Phase 1 of the Madden Research Loop, the first of several properties to be developed in public/private partnership on a 750-acre site called the Skyplex Commercial Center, located on the north side of airport property on Chamberlin Parkway, off Daniels Parkway.

The developer is a subsidiary of the John Madden Company, a real estate development firm with more than 40 years experience that is recognized throughout the U.S. for its innovative approach to master planning which integrates public art, water features and public access parks in its developments. Based in Denver, with an office in Fort Myers, it has developed Class A office space in Colorado, California, Arizona, Michigan and other U.S. states.

Madden Research Loop is being developed as a bioscience and technology research complex that will attract academics, researchers and entrepreneurs to a center where new ideas thrive.

Phase 1 includes 25 acres of land and 275,000 square feet of Class A space

in multiple buildings and a 3-story parking structure. Groundbreaking of the first building is tentatively scheduled for third quarter 2008.

"This property offers an ideal combination of proximity to the international airport, accessibility to local educational institutions and a unique opportunity for collaborative ideation among a diversity of research and medical companies," said Steve Brown, Jr., vice-president of project development for John Madden Company. "The Madden Research Loop will be master-planned to create an environment that encourages knowledge transfer among its tenants. The natural setting, the siting of the buildings and the mix of tenants will all contribute to creating a setting where innovative thought and medical advancements can occur."

The first phase is expected to support a total of 800 jobs and generate 500 new jobs in the life sciences and medical industries. This includes high wage earning positions such as pathologists, biochemists and microbiologists that have an annual income range of \$65,000 to \$129,000.

All the office space within Phase 1 will be designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. LEED is the internationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

The LEED green building rating system - developed and administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, a Washington D.C.-based, nonprofit coalition of building industry leaders - pro-

motes design and construction practices that meet the highest standards of environmental responsibility.

"The development of the Skyplex Commercial Center will add considerable economic benefits to Southwest Florida," said Robert M. Ball, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "The convenient road access between the development site and the airport, our foreign trade zone designation, and the overall appeal of living in Southwest Florida make this a very attractive location."

Brown said, "Phase 1 of the Madden Research Loop will increase international visibility of our area as word about this property spreads across the life sciences and medical research communities."*

Real Estate Firm Opens Captiva Location

RLR Investments LLC, a privately-owned real estate investment company with offices in Wilmington, Ohio and Sanibel, Florida, and, Royal Shell Preferred Properties, a real estate brokerage company, have moved into their new offices located at 15050 Captiva Drive.

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Royal Shell Preferred Properties offers a full range of real estate services, assisting clients with every aspect of a real estate transaction including listing and selling. The firm has a second location at 1456 Periwinkle Way and specializes in primary residences, second homes, and investment properties.

RLR Investments' current holdings on the islands also include Tahitian Gardens, The Villages Shops, The Old Sanibel Shoppes, Tarpon Bay Center, Town Center and The Island Grocery. RLR is the national real estate investment company of the Ralph L. Roberts family with hospitality, resort and industrial properties located throughout the United States.*

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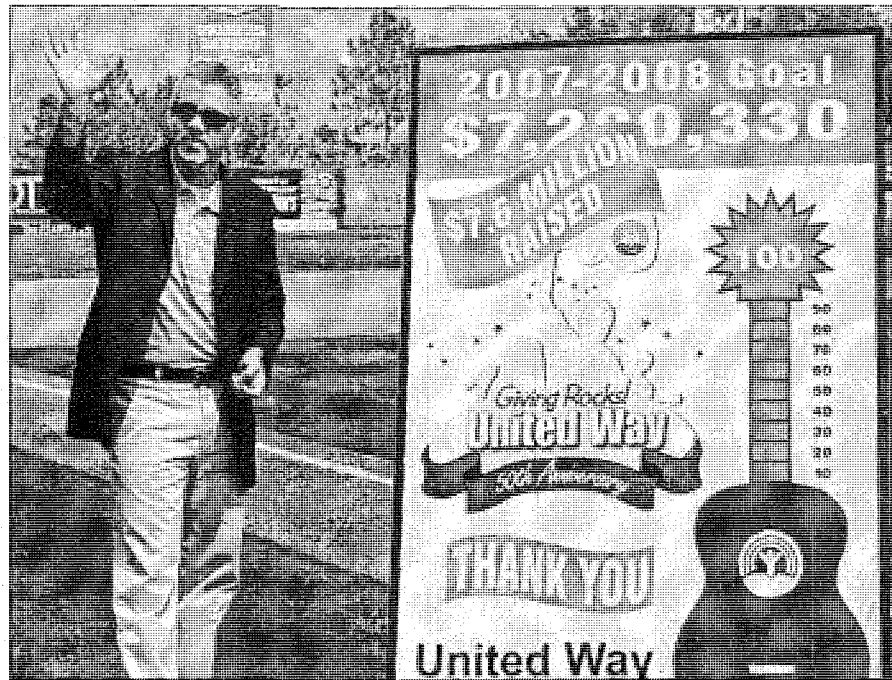
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Local United Way Surpasses Campaign Goal

Representatives of United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades announced at the Red Sox vs. Twins game at Hammond Stadium that local residents and companies contributed \$7,600,332 to create real and lasting solutions to critical local issues. This surpasses the goal announced in June of \$7.2 million and is a 10 percent increase over the amount raised last year.

This is the 10th year in a row that residents and companies have come together to produce a double digit increase in



Scott Edmonds, campaign chair

giving. "This makes our community's United Way the number one United Way for campaign increases in the entire nation over the past decade," said Cliff Smith, president.

"Throughout this campaign, I have repeatedly heard how much people value United Way and the results being achieved," stated Scott Edmonds, 2007-2008 United Way campaign chair and chairman, president and CEO of Chico's FAS. "The community has placed its

trust in United Way and their network of partner agencies and initiatives to help the most people in the most efficient and effective way possible. I want to thank all of you who contributed and I promise you that your gift is going to improve the quality of life for the people of our community!"

Smith said "We are pleased that we will not only be able to fully fund our 70 partner agencies, but we will be able to support them with additional funds

so that they can help even more of our friends, neighbors, families and co-workers right here in our community."

Sarah Owen, director of Community Cooperative Ministries, a United Way Partner, is delighted with the news. "United Way funding is crucial to our program. The fact that United Way has achieved their fundraising goal during these slow economic times gives all of us in human services the confidence that we will be able to provide the critical services that our community needs."

Since the inception of United Way in 1957, \$80 million has been raised in the community. All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. United Way partner agencies and initiatives like Alvin A Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, LARC and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations, United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

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Scientists Honored With Postage Stamps

by Ken Rufo, Postmaster Sanibel

The U.S. Postal Service has issued 41-cent American Scientists commemorative stamps in four designs in a pressure-sensitive adhesive pane of 20 stamps. Designed by Victor Stabin of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, the stamps are on sale nationwide. A total of 28 million stamps have been printed.

This second American Scientists stamps issuance honors theoretical physicist John Bardeen, biochemist Gerty Cori, astronomer Edwin Hubble, and structural chemist Linus Pauling.

For each stamp, Stabin created a collage featuring a portrait of the scientist along with diagrams or photographic representations that are associated with major contributions made by the scientist. Information about the specific elements in each collage is contained in the design briefs of the individual profiles on the back of each stamp.

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first day of issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office, Contract Postal Unit, by telephone at 800-STAMP-24, and the Postal Store Web site at www.usps.com/shop. To obtain the first day of issue postmark, customers must affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place them in a larger envelope addressed to: American Scientists Stamps, Postmaster,

421 Eighth Ave. Rm. 2029B, New York, NY 10199-9998. After applying the first day of issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelope through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by May 5.

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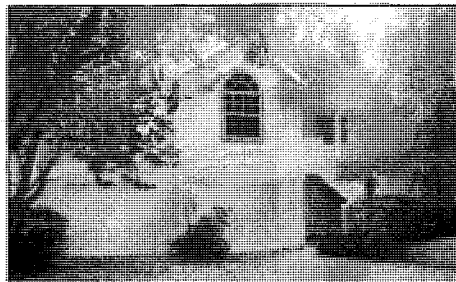
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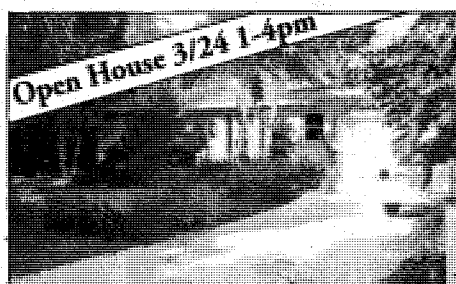
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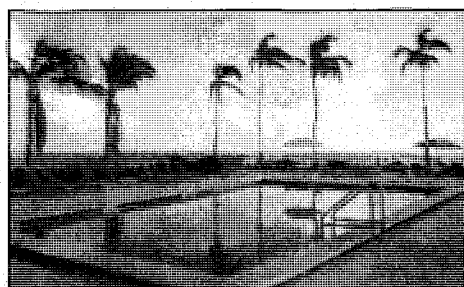
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John Jones with Dean Jones' painting, *Almost Home*

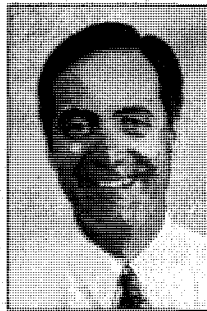
We are all victims of cancer. Some lose mothers and dads; some sisters and brothers and some lose their spouse. John Jones lost his darling Nancy Dean Jones to lung cancer in 2007. She was a prolific painter who displayed her work at The Hirdie Girdie Gallery on Sanibel. This was her passion and she was her husband's and children's pride.

Dean Jones loved Sanibel and was inspired by its beauty for 17 years. In her memory, John donated a giclee copy of her painting titled *Almost Home* for auction at the upcoming Islands for Charity event supporting John Kanzius Cancer Research Fund. This event is being held on March 30 at Traders on Sanibel.

Tickets can be obtained from Marian Denk by calling 395-1590 or Lynne Campean at 395-1590.✱

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Chiropractic Is For College Kids, Too



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

Young people, college students among them, can reap benefit, both long- and short-term, from the care of a chiropractor. The lifestyle of many college students can ultimately lead to problems with the back and with other joints.

Long hours spent hunched over a laptop computer or over a book in the library or a dormitory room can strain muscles and bone alignment throughout the body. Sports activities ranging from varsity competition to hurling a Frisbee on the commons can also tax the body. Carrying a heavy, book-laden backpack is something the American Chiropractic Association has long warned against. And it's no secret that college students' sleeping habits are also not particularly conducive to long-range health. Sleeping curled up in a chair after a pre-exam all-night study session, for instance, is not the best way to care for the back. Sleeping on one's back, rather than on the stomach or a side, is the best way to take pressure off the back.

A college student, like any other young person, feels invincible. But habits developed and actions taken as a young person can develop into problems later in life. Advise the young people in your life, whether they're college students or not, to visit a chiropractor for an examination and advice.✱

FGCU Presents Mental Health 101 Workshop

FGCU Florida Institute of Government will present a Building Bridges and Alliances... Mental Health 101 half-day workshop from the Florida Institute of Government's Non-Profit Series.

This workshop, geared to managers and staff in the public and private sectors, will assist participants in their interactions with individuals whose behavior they do not understand. It provides an overview of the major mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depression, helping to dispel the myths about individuals who have these illnesses and emphasizing the importance of re-framing stereotypical thinking. Participants will leave with a greater understanding of how to interact successfully with all individuals they encounter.

Michael McNally and Dr. Jan Eustis are instructors for the program.

It will be held 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 24, in Student Union 213.

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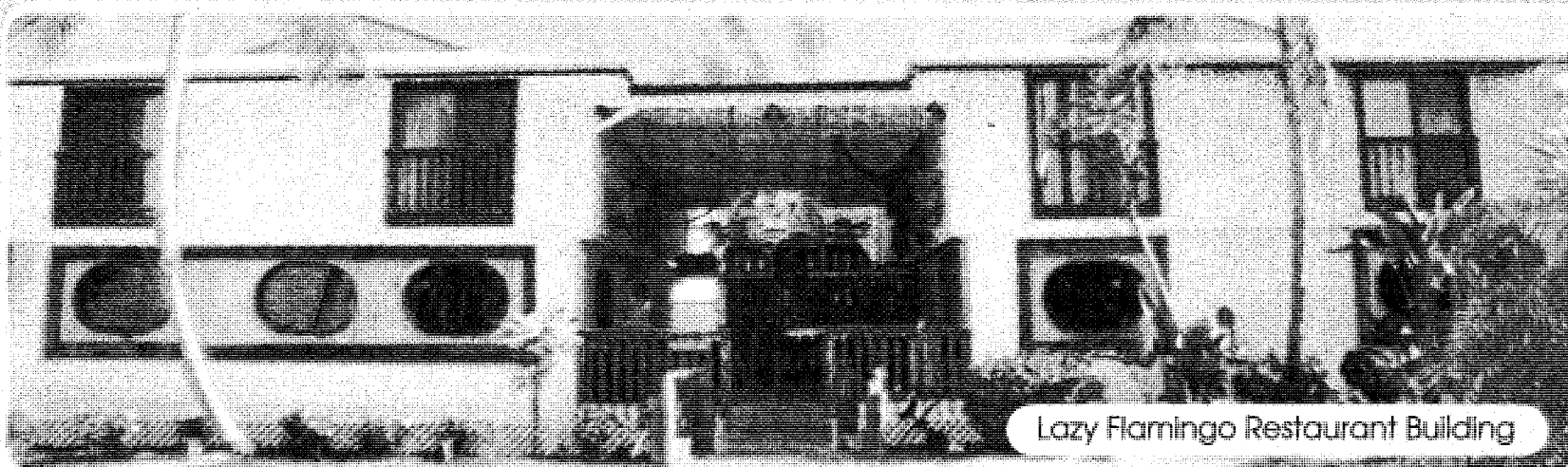
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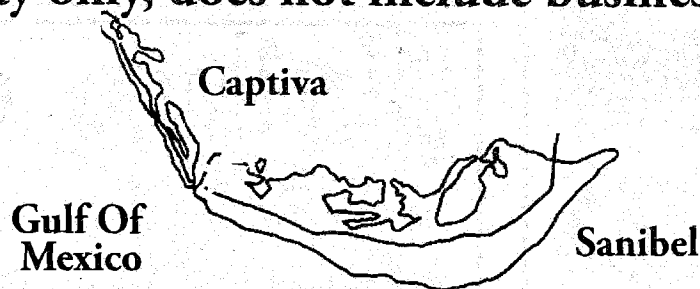
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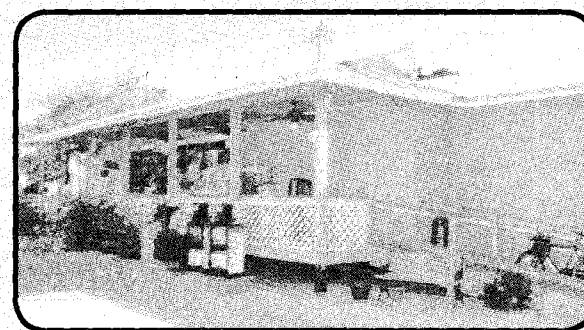
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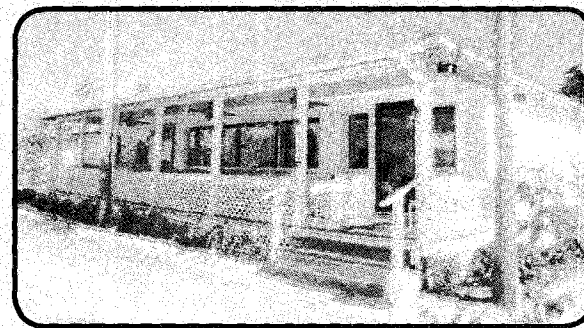
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by Lizzie and Pryce

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Dear Mom & Me,

We visited our recently transferred son and his family in their new home and city. It is a beautiful area with good water that contains all of the suggested additives for health reasons, i.e. tooth decay.

We were shocked that they only drink and cook with bottled water. As we visited some of their friends we observed that the young people seemed to drink only bottled water.

This seems like an unnecessary expense to us, or do the young people not have faith in the water in the cities where they live?

We think the bottled water companies have just done a magnificent con job. Your opinion please?

Gerard

Dear Gerard,

I absolutely, positively cannot relate to the bottled water craze. Why pay about 500 percent more for water that may not even be nearly as healthful as their water out of a kitchen tap. There is no guarantee where the water is coming from, it all just sounds crazy to me.

I recently read that one U.S. city is considering putting a 40-cent tax on all bottles of water – in order to help with the cost of disposal of these plastic bottles. Drink water yes – but fill a bottle from your own city water tap!

Lizzie

Dear Gerard,

Bottled water was a marketing boom! Running from exercise class, karate and sports practices my family and all of our friends carry bottled water. Water is a healthy choice unlike sodas. So, what could be better, a healthy choice in a convenient package suitable for active life styles.

I wish I had the idea!

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.

Local Attorney Reaches Out To Help Children Get Adopted



Alison Hussey

There are currently 112 children available for adoption in Southwest Florida; all have suffered abuse and neglect. Thirty-five of those children do not have a family identified to take them home.

Each month, the Children's Network of Southwest Florida works to recruit families for these children. Once a home is found and approved, the Children's Network petitions the court to finalize the adoption.

One local attorney is lending her expertise and time to make this process easier. Alison Hussey, a partner with the

Pavese Law Firm, has volunteered to do pro-bono adoption finalizations for these needy children.

"So often legal professionals deal with people who are in unhappy situations," said Hussey, who is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator. "I have the opportunity to help innocent children become part of loving families. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?" With her assistance, the Children's Network will finalize more adoptions in less time.

There is still more to be done. Attorneys who are interested in following in Hussey's footsteps are urged to call the Children's Network of Southwest Florida at 226-1524.

The Children's Network of Southwest Florida is committed to working with the community in building and maintaining a child protective system that promotes safety and stability for children and families. ✨

Alzheimer's Support Group

A support group specifically for adults who have a parent with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder will meet on April 1, from 6:15 to 7:15 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 adult children face as they provide care to a parent with memory loss or strive to learn more about Alzheimer's disease. The group is open to all interested individuals at no charge.

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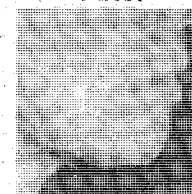
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That scary study you refer to is the Women's Health Initiative (WHI), which was halted in 2002 when certain parts of the trial suggested a greater risk for cancer, heart attack, stroke and blood clots. The medications used in the study contained equine estrogen and synthetic progestins (i.e. Premarin, Prempro).

A new JAMA study found that once women stop these types of drugs, their risk for heart attack and blood clots does go down, although the risk for cancer still remains slightly higher than women who did not take these drugs. Now, the development of cancer depends on many, many things - your genes, your weight, how long you took these drugs, your liver and kidney function, whether you exercise and what you eat. I wouldn't "worry" because this type of negative "meditation" only frightens you. But it's completely within your power to take

action and make changes to help yourself. Some cancers are driven by estrogen - any kind of estrogen, even the bio-identical sort, and the type used in birth control pills. So just remember: estrogen has to do its job in your body and then leave. When the harmful by-products of estrogen linger, rather than clearing your body, your risk for cancer increases. So I always tell my patients that if you take (or have taken) estrogen-containing hormones of any sort, it's time to focus on ways to "unglue" the harmful estrogen by-products that are wedged in your cells waiting for the right set of circumstances to start multiplying.

If overweight, you should exercise because fat cells hold onto estrogen and when you lose weight, the estrogen burden lessens. What you eat matters too. So simple, but true. Foods rich in a compound called I3C (indole-3-carbonal) turns aggressive estrogens into meek ones that leave the body easily. Guys, I3C can confer protection to your prostate too. You could supplement with I3C (200mg twice daily) or you can eat foods naturally rich in I3C such as broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, green leafies like kale, turnip and mustard greens, spinach and chard.

Oatmeal helps unglue poisonous cancer-causing globules that hide deep inside the crevices of your colon. Kick it up a notch and sprinkle a tablespoon of ground flaxseed meal on your oatmeal, or any meal, to help normalize estrogen levels. Also, iodine-rich foods (like seafood) or supplements may help because iodine is needed for healthy breast and thyroid tissues. Research these for yourself and speak to your doctor to make sure this

is right for you. Everything you do now, matters later.

Did You Know:

Estrogen, sulfa drugs, sleeping pills, and alcohol are drug muggers for pantothenine, so supplement.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.

Proper Disposal Of Medications

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Florida Department of Health (DOH) are reminding Floridians to properly dispose of unwanted medications. Disposing with household trash rather than flushing down the toilet or a drain helps reduce the amount of pharmaceutical traces in Florida's water bodies and drinking water.

Many medications contain compounds, also known as microconstituents, that are used to enhance our quality of life by protecting human health, enhancing consumer goods, and optimizing agricultural production. Microconstituents may be found in very low concentrations in surface water, ground water, domestic wastewater, industrial wastewater, agricultural runoff, reclaimed water, and other waters.

While the issue of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in water is

not new, current media coverage on the topic may prompt concern among consumers," said State Surgeon General Ana M. Viamonte Ros. "So far, these chemicals have been found at extremely low concentrations and current research has not demonstrated an impact on human health at the trace levels at which they have been found."

The amount of microconstituents can be reduced by properly disposing of unwanted medications. While flushing them down the toilet or a drain prevents immediate accidental ingestion, it can impact our environment because many wastewater treatment systems, including septic tanks, are not designed to remove many of these medications.

To properly dispose of unwanted household medications:

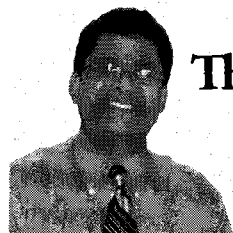
- Keep the medicines in the original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested.
- Mark out your name and prescription number for safety.
- For pills, add water or soda to start dissolving them. For liquids, add something inedible like cat litter, dirt or cayenne pepper.
- Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape.
- Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque container like a coffee can or plastic laundry bottle.
- Tape that container closed.
- Hide the container in the trash. Do not put in the recycle bin.

For more information on the proper disposal of unwanted medications, visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications/default.htm>.

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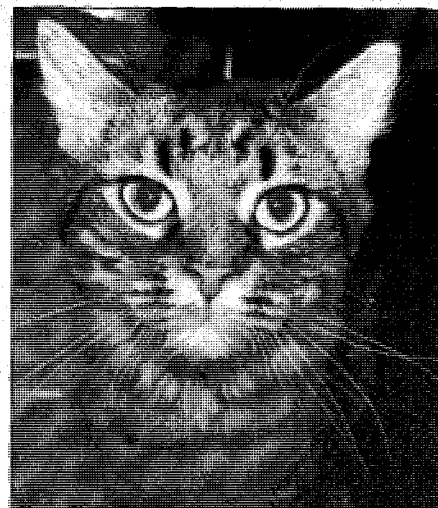
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McGregor



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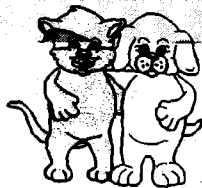
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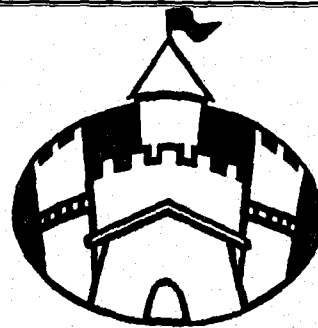
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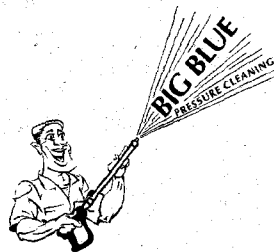


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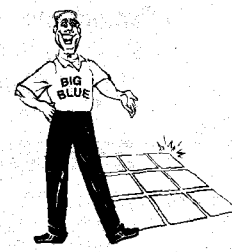
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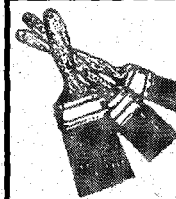
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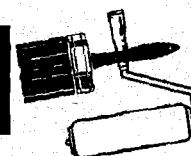
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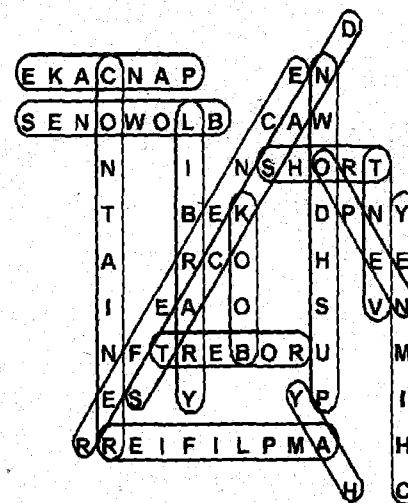
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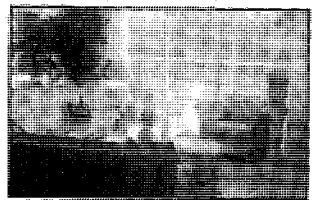
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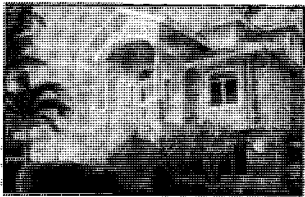
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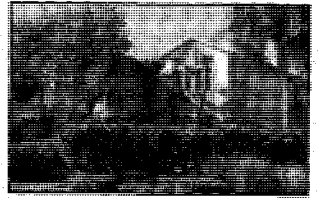
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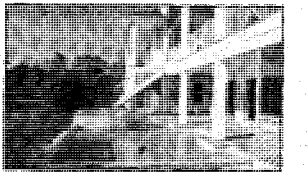
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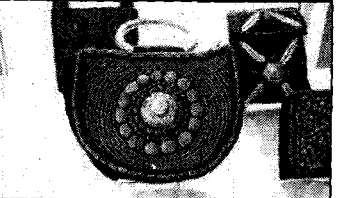
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Declarer now leads a spade to the queen, and, when West shows out, South has a difficult problem to solve. Somehow he must arrange to take two more trump finesses and also get rid of his club loser on dummy's ten of diamonds.

South leads a low heart and, after West follows low, finesses the ten! This is, of course, an unusual play, since South has three heart tricks without a finesse. Yet the finesse is justified not only because West is likely to have the jack on the bidding, but also because South needs three entries to dummy -- not just two -- to accomplish his mission.

As expected, the ten of hearts wins, putting declarer well on the way to his goal. He takes a second trump finesse, leads the nine of hearts to the queen and takes a third trump finesse. The ace of trumps then picks up East's king, after which the king-of-hearts lead to dummy's ace allows South to discard his club loser on the ten of diamonds.

It is true that South would have failed to make the contract if East had held the jack of hearts. In fact, he would have gone down two instead of one by finessing the ten. But this would not in any way change the inherent correctness of the finesse, which under the circumstances offered the only real chance of finishing with 10 tricks.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 8 7 6
♥ A Q 10
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ A 8 7

WEST

♠ —
♥ J 8 6 4
♦ A K 6 5
♣ K J 10 9 5

EAST

♠ K 5 4 3 2
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 4 3
♣ 6 3 2

SOUTH

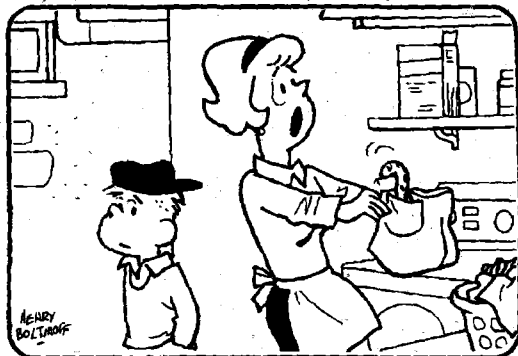
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ K 9 5
♦ Q J 2
♣ Q 4

The bidding:

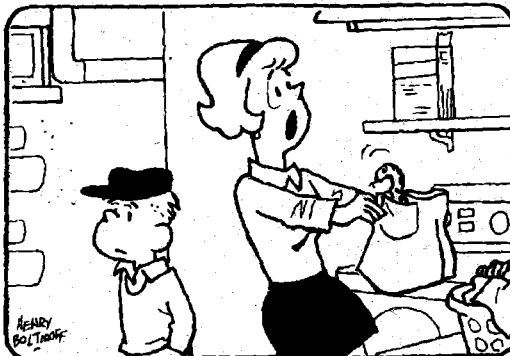
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dble	Redble	Pass
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass

HOCUS-FOCUS

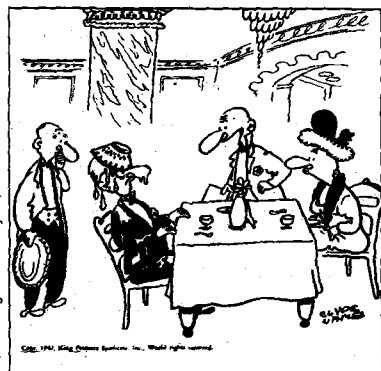
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Apron is missing. 2. Boy's cap is turned forward. 3. Shorts are longer. 4. Items are missing from shelf. 5. There are more wall bricks. 6. Pipe is lower on wall.



"We have a

establishment here in the hotel, sir -- and the prices are very reasonable."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORDS

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Sanibel & Captiva Islands

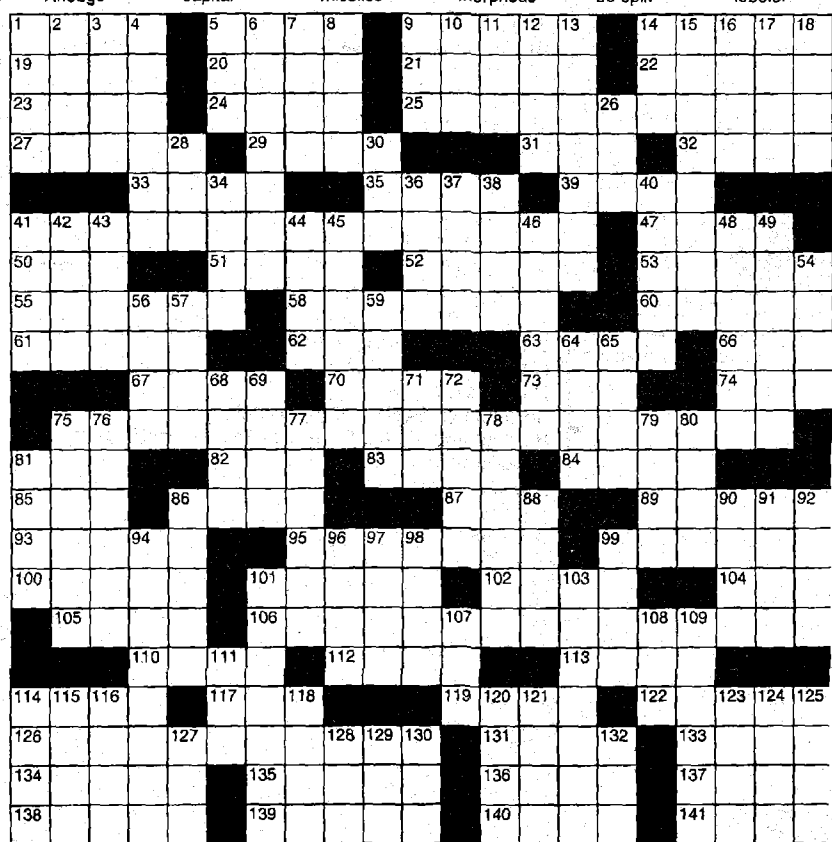
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Emergency	911
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Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel	472-5525
Captiva	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
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Chamber of Commerce	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources	472-1189
Planning Department	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel	472-2483
Captiva	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Senior Center	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Gulf Coast Symphony	472-6197
Lee County Alliance of the Arts	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic	(239)597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival	(239)336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony	418-0996
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.)	466-0548
American Legion	472-9979
Angel Flight SE (Ted Tyson)	472-8394
Audubon Society	472-3156
Sanibel Bike Club	sanibelbicycleclub.org
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	418-9693
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	274-5900
CROW (Clinic For The Care & Rehabilitation of Wildlife)	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here)	472-0404
Fishing Club	472-7257
Horticultural Society of the Islands	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva	472-8334
Kiwanis Club	472-4979
Lion's Club (Jack Samler)	472-1511
Master Gardeners of the Islands	472-6940
Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-1027 or 472-9383
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	418-9693
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	395-2040
www.sanibelsoccer.org	
The Military Officers Ass. of America (MOAA, Alex MacKenzie)	395-9232
The Sanibel Rocks Association	rocksassn@aol.com
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline	(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club	671-6381
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
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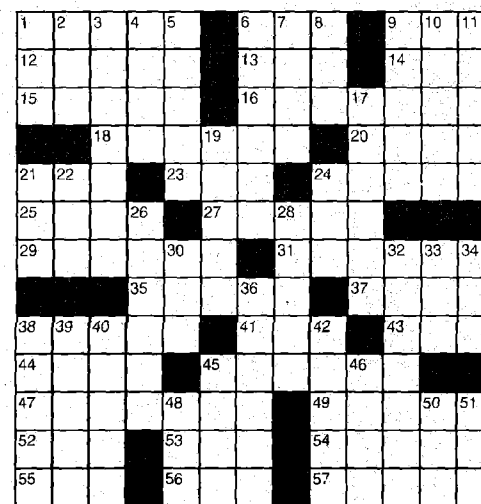
Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stromboli spew
 - 5 "Waterloo" rockers
 - 9 Envelops
 - 14 Gaifers
 - 19 Mideastern muck-a-muck
 - 20 Spooky Stoker
 - 21 Disprove
 - 22 Let
 - 23 General Bradley
 - 24 Rustic tower
 - 25 Start of a remark by 126 Across
 - 27 Athenian sage
 - 29 Indian sectarian
 - 31 Airport abbr.
 - 32 Good-sized
 - 33 Author Jessamyn
 - 35 With 81 Down, '44 chemistry Nobelist
 - 39 Hatch's home
 - 41 Part 2 of remark
 - 47 TV's "The Love —"
 - 50 Santa —, CA
 - 51 "Oh, woel"
 - 52 TV exec Arledge
 - 53 Citified
 - 55 Like a dachshund
 - 58 Cozy cloth
 - 60 Marten
 - 61 — bear
 - 62 Asian holiday
 - 63 Skilled
 - 66 Scottsboro's st.
 - 67 Rubberneck
 - 70 Morlocks' prey
 - 73 Mexican Mrs.
 - 74 Point
 - 75 Part 3 of remark
 - 81 Crone
 - 82 R-V hookup
 - 83 Head for the clouds
 - 84 Actress
 - 85 Khan
 - 86 ER exclamation
 - 87 Minify a midi, maybe?
 - 89 Top-drawer
 - 93 Feeling
 - 95 Like a gymnast
 - 99 5 Across' home
 - 100 Michael of "Dynasty"
 - 101 Schell or Shriver
 - 102 European capital
 - 104 Foster's "— Dog Tray"
 - 105 Half-baked?
 - 106 End of remark
 - 110 McGregor of "Train-spotting"
 - 112 Creme — creme
 - 113 Bathday cake?
 - 114 — League
 - 117 Fond du —, WI
 - 119 Metric measure
 - 122 Pulsate
 - 126 Speaker of remark
 - 131 Writer Rendell
 - 133 Autumn implement
 - 134 Boredom
 - 135 Draw forth
 - 136 Exercise aftermath
 - 137 Brute
 - 138 Prepares cherries
 - 139 Hazardous gas
 - 140 — tetra
 - 141 Tide type
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Composer Janacek
 - 2 Bullets, briefly
 - 3 Lab vessel
 - 4 Cupid's missiles
 - 5 Pecc's partners
 - 6 "The — Stomp" ('61 hit)
 - 7 Part of Indonesia
 - 8 Out of control
 - 9 Twisted
 - 10 Rock's — Speedwagon
 - 11 — Dhabi
 - 12 Purple hue
 - 13 Lawyer's concern
 - 14 Bando of baseball
 - 15 Excess
 - 16 Jai —
 - 17 Haynes or Rundgren
 - 18 Fluctuate
 - 26 "Unforgettable" name
 - 28 Born
 - 30 Torrid
 - 34 Corset part
 - 36 Aquatic bird
 - 37 '82 Jeff Bridges film
 - 38 Hautboy
 - 40 Liplash?
 - 41 Door hardware
 - 42 In the know
 - 43 Julia of "Havana"
 - 44 Float
 - 45 In the arms of Morpheus
 - 46 Loosen the ropes
 - 48 Conductor Claudio
 - 49 Fat stuff
 - 54 Shipshape
 - 56 Unfashionable eyewear?
 - 57 Wild child
 - 59 Reference volume
 - 64 Soft cheese
 - 65 Arrive at Kennedy
 - 68 "Yo!" at the library
 - 69 Singer James
 - 71 Lennon's lady
 - 72 "My Own Private —" ('91 film)
 - 75 Endangered feline
 - 76 Kampala's country
 - 77 Sheriff's quarry
 - 78 Aftershock
 - 79 Had no doubts
 - 80 Patriot Nathan
 - 81 See 35 Across
 - 86 Creature for taming?
 - 88 Kid's creation?
 - 90 Matinee —
 - 91 Reveal
 - 92 They may be split
 - 94 It's all in your head
 - 96 Angered
 - 97 Location
 - 98 Comic Mort
 - 99 Mediocre
 - 101 Superintendent
 - 103 Basutoland, today
 - 107 Acorn, eventually
 - 108 Welcome item?
 - 109 "Silkwood" screenwriter
 - 111 Flagon filler
 - 114 Very long time
 - 115 Flat rate
 - 116 Excellent
 - 118 Musical finale
 - 120 Where to speak Farsi
 - 121 Last name in publishing
 - 123 Frenzy
 - 124 Creole veggie
 - 125 Freeway sound
 - 127 "Platoon" extras
 - 128 "Father Knows Best" kid
 - 129 Author Umberto
 - 130 Actor Canou
 - 132 Lady lobster



ACROSS

- 1 Data
- 6 Irving or Grant
- 9 Choose
- 12 Wahine's welcome
- 13 Pigeon's sound
- 14 Actor McBride
- 15 Libyan money
- 16 Hide
- 18 Pollen-producing organ
- 20 Kiln
- 21 Jackie's second mate
- 23 With it
- 24 De Mille or Moorehead
- 25 Unuttered "alas"
- 27 Wild West transport
- 29 Overlook
- 31 It may be lead or grease
- 35 Anorak
- 37 Heavy reading?
- 38 Theme
- 41 Mine car contents
- 43 Gripe repeatedly
- 44 See 20-Across
- 45 Odium
- 47 Set
- 49 Rendering dumbfounded
- 52 Smack
- 53 Dance syllable?
- 54 Musical link
- 55 Billboards
- 56 Switch places?
- 57 Artist Max
- 6 Take
- 7 Werewolf's inspiration
- 8 Thither
- 9 Lindbergh's view
- 10 Aspect
- 11 Pinball infractions
- 17 Appealing to the mind
- 19 Skinflint
- 21 "- was saying, ..."
- 22 Semi, e.g.
- 24 Time of your life?
- 26 Optimistic
- 28 Here and there?
- 30 U.K. fliers
- 32 Appropriate
- 33 "- Little Teapot"
- 34 Journey segment
- 36 Eucalyptus eaters
- 38 Starbucks flavor
- 39 Egg-shaped
- 40 Bivouac array
- 42 Obliterate
- 45 Physicist Otto
- 46 Basin accessory
- 48 Green (Pref.)
- 50 Greek consonants
- 51 Obtain



DOWN

- 1 Craze
- 2 Hogan's "American Gladiators" co-host
- 3 Give over (to)
- 4 Just one of those things?
- 5 Jessica Parker or Michelle Gellar
- 6 Take
- 7 Werewolf's inspiration
- 8 Thither
- 9 Lindbergh's view
- 10 Aspect
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MAGIC MAZE ● — STACK(S)

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

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

- Amplifier
- Container
- Pancake
- Short
- Blow one's
- Hay
- Push-down
- Stacks and
- Book
- Library
- Reference
- Vent
- Chimney
- Open
- Robert

Puzzle Answers On Page 42B

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GRAND FRONT MANSION
5 bedrooms, custom English kitchen, large pool area w/ dramatic views of the Gulf & beach, separate guest house with 2 room guest quarters, fitness room.

10,000,000



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On Sanctuary's 4th hole, this fully furnished 19 room home features 5 BR 5 1/2 BTH, chef's kitchen, walk-in wine cellar, library, separate kitchen.

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Fabulous panoramic waterfront views, beautifully furnished, elegantly appointed with faux painted walls. Pine Island Sound location with boat dock & lift.

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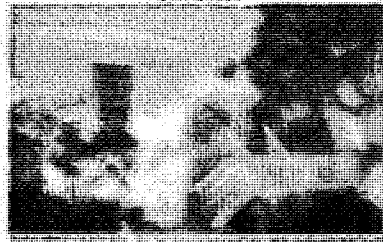
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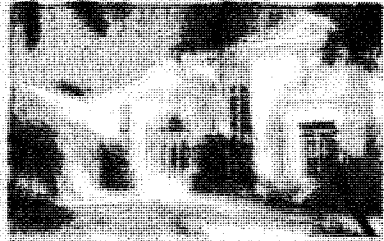
THE DUNES - SANIBEL
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11,000,000



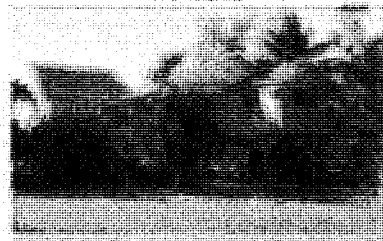
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Beautifully furnished 2 BR 2 1/2 BTH plus den that's easily converted to 3rd BR. Fabulous lake, sunset & golf course views from wrap-around lanai.

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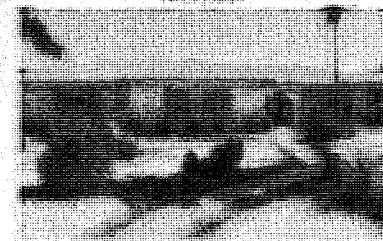
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10,000,000



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10,000,000



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11,000,000



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11,000,000



SAINT JAMES' ROYAL PALMS
Stunning panoramic views of lake & wildlife. Fully furnished 2 BR 2 1/2 BTH w/ high ceilings, built-in bookcases, cozy breakfast room & spacious lanai.

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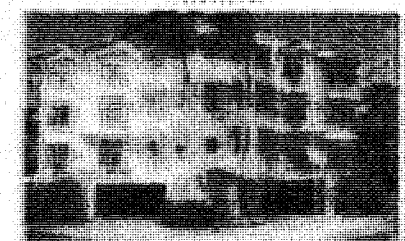
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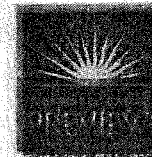
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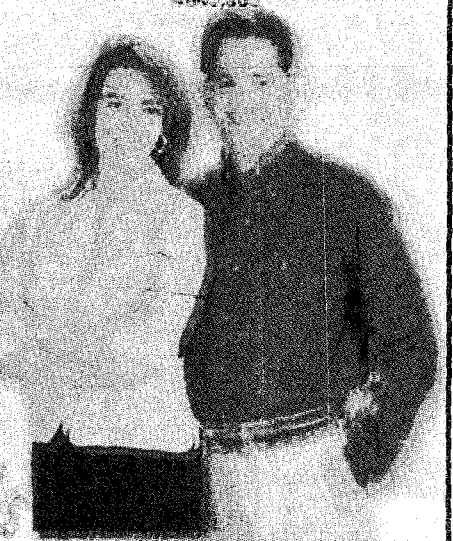
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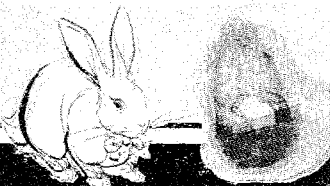


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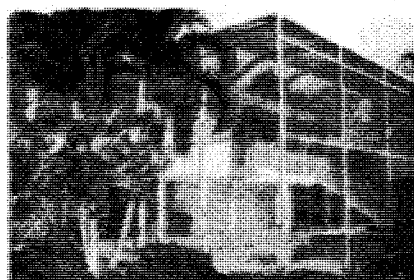


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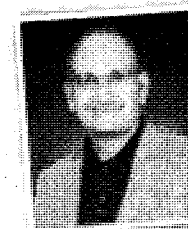
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Kurt Harjung

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Fabulous 2BDR/2BA condo overlooking the Gulf and preserve, peaceful, private and fully furnished. Offered at \$795,000 • Call Kathy Polk



Prestigious West Gulf Drive

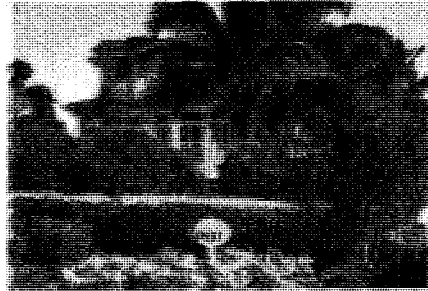
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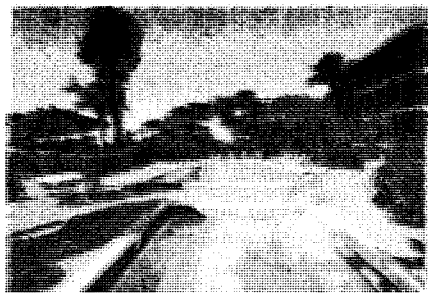
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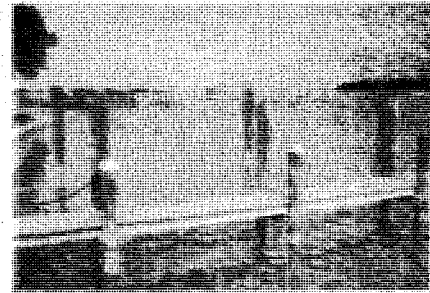
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