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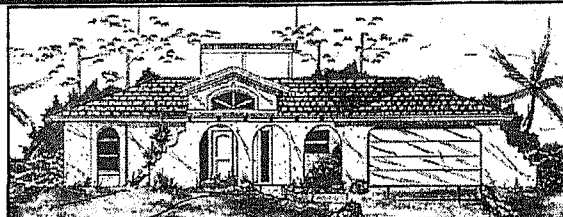


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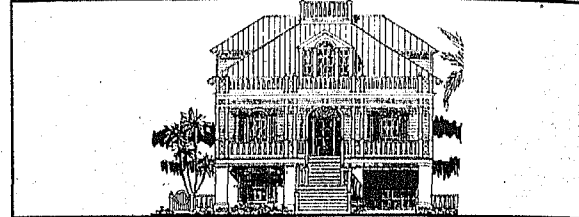


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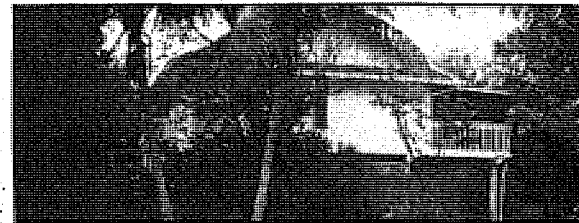


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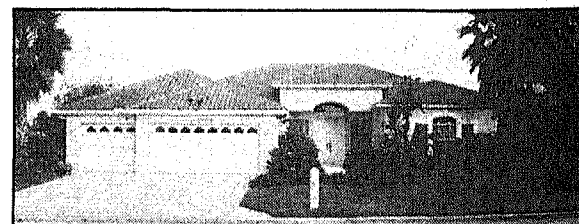
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IN THE NEWS

Rockies topple Marlins in Tuesday playoff

By Terry Blackmore

Playoff excitement electrified the air on The Sanibel School baseball diamonds Tuesday night.

The battle of the boys dressed in Rockies' black and Marlins blue commenced under clear skies and a shower of cheers and applause from the many moms, dads and fans filling the grandstands. Prior to the game, the Marlins led the league, up by one game.

Rockies pitcher Carlo Mucciga pitched a strong game through six innings, but had to go

back to his regular position — as catcher — after he'd pitched the maximum number of innings allowed per week by league rules. The Marlins battled back to an 11-11 tie. But, in the final inning, the Rockies prevailed, winning 12-11.

This means it's possible there could be a three-way tie to end the season Thursday night (after press time) — if the Giants beat the Mets. If so, the league has tentatively decided on a coin flip to decide the final two teams, who would then meet Saturday morning in the championship game prior to the 10 a.m. All-Star game and end-of-year festivities.



The Rockies team gathers together with coach Barry Waddell.



Chris and Meta Luckenbill

Summer Fare

Arts Editor Frank Wagner expresses his amazement about how the art world has changed — just a few years ago, there would have been little, if any, summer theater. This summer, the theater world rocks! This week, Wagner looks at happenings at the Pirate Playhouse, Old Schoolhouse Theater, BIG Arts and the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater. Next week, he will preview five other venues with summer productions

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Spinning out of control

Reporter Jennifer Workman, admittedly not a fitness nut, gives her spin on the new rage in aerobic workouts — spinning classes (on stationary bikes) at the Sanibel Fitness Center. She comes away a bit sore, but also empowered and ready to do it again ... perhaps.

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Postcard from New Zealand

Travel correspondent Tara Geissinger writes to us from New Zealand, where she swam with the dolphins.

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Report on the City

Interim City Manager Bob Pritt provides an overview of the past year in Sanibel City government, and where he sees us heading.

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Special Maneuvers

On Monday members of the Lee County Sheriff Special Operations unit were practicing training maneuvers on the causeway. Clad all in black from head to toe, the Special Operations team practiced helicopter pick ups and drop offs before heading off to another area of the county to do more drills. The team was training all week.



New Zealand dolphin

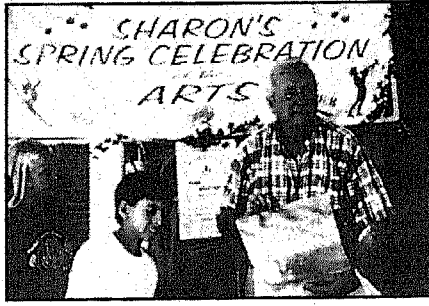
Photo Gallery



The chamber holds an afterhours at Sanibel Inn/Portofino. See page 14.



Good-bye to Diane, hello to Jean. See page 14.



Big Arts sponsors art education at The Sanibel School. See page 30.

Corrections

• Swim Coach Lisa Fenton was incorrectly identified in last week's issue of the *Islander* as her twin sister Laura who lives in Nashville.

• And in the April 30 issue of the *Islander* Schnapper's Hots owner Vince Chiaramonte was incorrectly identified as Vice. We apologize for the error.

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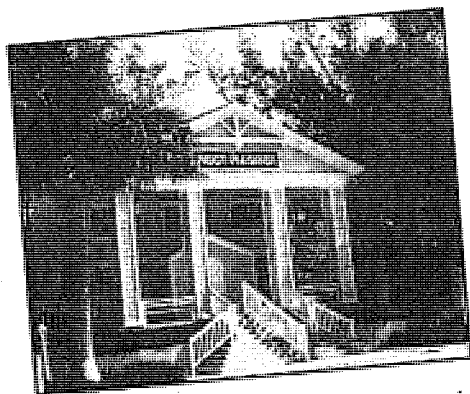
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SUMMER FARE

Part I of a two part series on theater options for the summer months



By FRANK WAGNER
Islander staff writer

'Tis true, 'tis true, "Things ain't what they used to be." Ten years ago it would have been an impossibility to announce a summer schedule of entertainment on island and in the immediate area. Way back then, you could have announced the usual summer afternoon thunderstorms, the inevitable tennis and golf matches, a Periwinkle Way almost completely void of traffic and many, many lazy, hazy days of summer trying to think of something scintillating to do. That is most certainly not true today. While the entertainment calendar is not nearly as crowded as it is during winter season, there are many extraordinary and vastly entertaining attractions booked during the summer at the Pirate Playhouse, Old Schoolhouse Theater, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Mann Hall, The Naples Phil, The Arcade and The Foulds.

Take your calendar from its place of honor, grab a pencil and get ready to circle or check any of the following summer treats you feel you might be interested in seeing.

The Pirate Playhouse Company at the J. Howard Wood Theatre:

• **June 30-July 18** — *Somewhere in Between* by Craig Pospisil. Directed by Tina McPhearson.

Remember manners and respect for others? Remember the fun of dating? Remember good ole, so-call "normal" relationships? My, my, times have changed! Welcome to the cruel world of Jasper who can't stand up to his boss at work, whose co-workers drive him crazy and who has absolutely no luck with women. This play concerns his

life in the cold, hard city of New York. Here is a no-hold-barred comedy about relationships and life in the 90's that is one continuing laugh.

The drama critic of the *Dayton Daily News* said of the play, "It's a wonderful play...a quirky, romantic comedy... alive with contemporary social poignancy."

• **July 28 - Aug. 15** — *Laughing Stock* by Romulus Linney. Directed by Ralph Elias

Laughing Stock is the title for two one-act comedies: *Sand Mountain Matchmaking* and *Tennessee*. Both of the plays are set in the Smokey Mountains of Western North Carolina.

In *Sand Mountain Matchmaking*, a young widow is courted by an outrageous and completely unacceptable series of suitors before she discovers the secret of attracting a handsome mountain Romeo.

Tennessee is the story of a mysterious woman who relates the wonderfully ironic and touching surprises that occurred during her married life in the mountains. Frances Sternhagen was acclaimed for her performance in *Tennessee*, and the play was deemed to be one of the outstanding short plays of recent decades.

The *New York Times* drama critic had this to say of the playwright, "Romulus Linney is a playwright with a rich, Faulknerian sense of humor."

Performance schedule for both plays: 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$13 for general seating for all performances. Charge by phone by calling 472-0006; reservations are now available.

After the closing of *Laughing Stock* the theater will remain dark until the opening of *Talley's Folly* on Nov. 4.

Old Schoolhouse Theater/J.T. Smith Productions

• Currently playing until Saturday, May 22, is the laugh sensation of the season — *Lend Me A Tenor*.

• **May 27-29** — Opening for a limited three-performance Memorial Day weekend is J.T.'s new and original revue *The Great American Songbook*

featuring many hit tunes from the pen of American's greatest composers. Joining J.T. will be two island favorites, Victor Legarreta and Johnna Allen. The three performances will begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 27, 28 and 29. Tickets are \$18. Reservations can be made now by calling 472-6862.

• **June 3-July 17** — Roy Cooney's mad, mad farce *Run for Your Wife* will open at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, and play Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings through July 17. This is a truly zany farce and, if you think it is difficult coping with one wife, this farce will demonstrate, in oh-so-many ways, the hazards of dealing with two spouses. Tickets are \$15 and reservations can be made now by calling 472-6862.

At the conclusion of the engagement of *Run for Your Wife*, the Old Schoolhouse Theater will be closed until November for extensive renovations.

The BIG Arts Center/Schein Hall

• **May 24** — At 1 p.m. in Schein Hall, Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre will present a musical adaptation of the Washington Irving Classic, *Rip Van Winkle*. Five giant body puppets, eight costumed characters and several traditional puppets will appear in this musical adaptation. Call 395-0900 for further information.

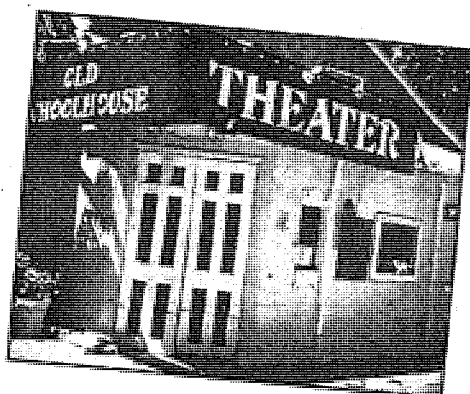
• The BIG Arts Film Society will present a summer series of beloved Hollywood musicals. Featured will be *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Hair*, *Brigadoon* and *Evita*. Call 395-0900 for further information.

Numerous classes and workshops will continue at the BIG Arts Center throughout the summer for your convenience, pleasure and hone your artistic skills.

Call 395-0900 for a schedule of these classes and information on the performances.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

• **June 3 to July 3** — *Love, Sex, and*



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I.R.S. — This insane bit of nonsense concerns two roommates who

try to fool the I.R.S. The methods used to dupe the I.R.S. auditor end up in complete chaos. Premise: To pay less taxes, one roommate has been listing the other as his wife on his tax return. How's that for a set-up for a funny bone tickler that causes laughs galore?

• **July 8 to Aug 28** — *Meet Me in St. Louis*, a stage version of the classic movie that featured Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and a host of Hollywood favorites. The setting is St. Louis in 1904 as the city prepares for the great World's Fair. The score by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane included many standard hits: *The Trolley Song*, *The Boy Next Door*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* and many others.

Performance schedule for both shows is Wednesday through Saturday with selected matinees and Sunday twilight performances. Ticket prices are \$20 to \$36. Call 278-4422 for reservations information, or visit the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

• **June 11-July 2** — *Charlotte's Web*, the popular children's story will play June 11, 13, 17-19, 23, 24, 27 and July 1 & 2. Lunch begin at noon and the show follows at 1 p.m. Tickets for lunch and show are \$12 for all ages and \$10 for show only.

The children's productions at Broadway Palm are selected with families in mind and provide a great way to introduce your children to the wonderful world of live theatre.

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(Next week, summer schedules for The Arcade, Mann Hall, Foulds Theatre and The Phil.)

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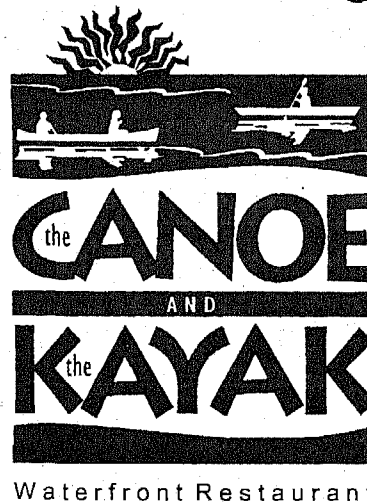
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The spin doctors

Spinning class puts new spin on exercise—even for dodge ball dropouts

By JENNIFER WORKMAN
Islander Staff Writer

N*o, not another hill*, I thought as I stood up on the pedals of my bike and struggled to keep up with Meta Luckenbill. She was ahead of me and charting our course. "We're off the road now," she called out over her microphone to the pack behind her lined up like a gang of bikers ready to rumble. We followed her every move and waited for her next direction—a sharp right turn and then a left. But, while we were pedaling madly, we weren't moving. You see, we were simply spinning our wheels at the Sanibel Fitness Center where owners Meta and her husband Chris offer this revolutionary way to exercise.

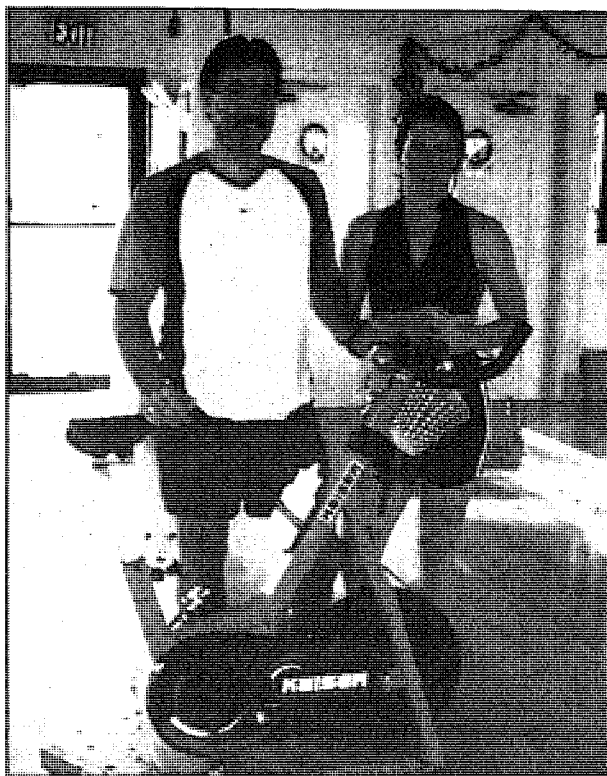
Spinning, Meta said, offers a quick fitness gain with very minimal risks of injury. The gains, she said, are unbelievable, and after one look at her fit, muscle-toned body and the glow of health on her cheeks, I was a believer.

I have to admit, I was a reluctant believer. In fact, I didn't want to get near one of those spinning bikes. I wasn't sure what I was in for, but I knew it was much more than riding a stationary bike and I knew it was going to cause me pain. I tried several times to avoid the class, but to no avail. So, I begrudgingly made my way up to the Fitness Center on the corner of Rabbit Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road for the 5:45 p.m. class last Friday.

At the last minute, I thought I was going to have a reprieve when I bumped into Sheila Hoen in the women's locker room, which, by the way, is rather fancy for a gym locker room—pink and plush with curtains for privacy. Sheila is a spinner. I couldn't believe how many spinners I was encountering. I'd just run into Mandy Greenstein and Dee Serage. Both spinners. Both in great shape. However, Sheila said she wouldn't be spinning that day—all twelve bikes were full. I thought that was kind of curious. Both Mandy and Dee, while they encouraged me to go, also warned me about the difficulty level and the pain factor involved with spinning. How could something so frightening be so popular? Now I knew I should only be a spectator. "Oh, Sheila," I said. "You can take my bike. I'll just watch and take pictures. Really, I insist." Sheila wouldn't buy it. She told me I had to spin to do a proper story. "You really must try it," she said.

So for the first time in seven years I forced myself to enter an aerobics room.

Fitness centers are not typically places I like to be. I was never what you might call athletic while growing up. If I wasn't the last kid picked for the team, I was pretty close to it. You see, coordination has never been my strong point. I can't even clap to a beat, let alone get my arms and legs moving in unison and with grace. P.E. (or physical education) was my most dreaded class in school. I always thought it was incredibly cruel to force insecure and hormone-invaded pre-teens into a concrete slab of a room, force them to change clothes in front of each other, herd them into a gym, and then encourage them to "play" a hideously ridiculous game called dodge ball. To play, two "teams" stand face to face and hurl a red rubber ball at each other with all of their might. The object of the hurlers is to hit the people on the other team with the ball as they try to dodge it—hence the name. Once you are hit you are called out and get to, I mean, *have* to sit out until the next game. I wasn't much



The inside scoop:

If you sign up by June 30, the Sanibel Fitness Center is offering a summer membership discount—three months for \$99. Spinning classes are \$5 per class extra for members. If you're not a member you can buy a \$10 day pass to take a spinning class and use the Center's other facilities. Or, you can get 12 spinning classes for \$50. Call Chris or Meta at 395-2639 for information and a schedule.

for dodging. I was kind of a kamikaze player and kind of a wimp. I would throw myself at the ball in hopes that I would be called out before the class bully got ahold of it and aimed (with incredible accuracy for a twelve-year-old) for the likes of me.

Solo activities that require very little coordination were always my preferred form of exercise—swimming, bicycling, walking at a slow pace while blissfully lapping up a chocolate ice cream cone. Even in college, when my friends and I went to the gym, I never strayed far from the treadmill or the stationary bike. Every once in a while I'd do a sit up. But there were those rare and unpleasant occasions when a well-meaning friend would convince me to join her in an aerobics class. The last aerobics class I attended was

in 1992. My friend Jennifer dragged me to a step aerobics class. "The instructor is so good," she said. "You'll have no trouble following him." I reiterated to her that my arms and legs don't work well together (I can trip over air) and still she assured me that I would love this class.

So, I went. I made it through the warm-up phase with little trouble. But then the real meat of the class started. All around me men and women were stepping up and down and hopping left and right and arms and legs were flailing about. But when the group stepped up, I stepped down. When they hopped left I sort of hopped right. And my arms and legs were flailing, but they certainly weren't flailing in the same direction as everyone else's. I know this because in the cruel world of gym exercise there are full mirrors on every speck of every wall in the room. I was forced to watch the spectacle I was making. To make matters worse, the instructor of the class left the front of the room and came to the back corner where I was trying to hide. "Jennifer, you just aren't getting it. Here watch me," he said in his loud instructor voice and then climbed on my step with me. He grabbed my arms and he moved them where they were supposed to be going and he slowed down the steps so that my leaden feet could follow his. And while I'm sure in some world this was considered a kind gesture, all it did was fluster me more and further emphasize my lack of coordination. I wanted to throw myself in front of a dodge ball and be called out.

So, you can understand why I was wary about going to spinning class. I still blush crimson at the mere thought of my last venture into an aerobics room. But as fate would have it, last Friday I was sitting on a stationary bike in the middle of a mirrored aerobics room watching myself spin. And, don't tell anyone, but I liked it. In a sick, no pain no gain, feel the burn, sweat dripping kind of way, I really liked it.

You see, I was spinning next to my friend Jennifer (yes, another Jennifer) Chiaramonte who gave me reinforcement all the way. Chris made sure Jen would be there. He called her twice that morning to tell her I needed—insisted on—the support. So, with Jen on my right and Chris on my left I was feeling pretty confident. I do have to admit I was a little intimidated by the rest of the group—Barbara Silvers, Gail Barden, Jane Ranieri, Dave Scheiber, Roy Silvers, Lavonne Larson and Roger Spiegler—most of them have been spinning together since the classes began in October. Lavonne and Roger are both relatively new to spinning, but they both did a 150 mile bike ride with Meta and Chris from Key West to Key Largo recently—that's a far cry from my eight miles a couple times a week. So, I was feeling pretty out of my league. But when I walked in cringing, they all greeted me with enthusiasm. Jen and Chris had prepped them for my arrival. They were glad to see me, they were encouraging and they were funny. Barbara even has her own bike—the Red Rocket—that has tassels and a basket with squirt guns in it. Meta is armed with squirt guns too—she and Barbara squirt the group when they get overheated. It is welcome relief and it adds an element of fun to the workout. As do the theme days. They've had hat days and seventies days—complete with a disco ball and costumes. "People want to come and have fun," said Meta. "If they have fun the exercise doesn't seem so bad."

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It's true—having a laugh here and there helped me get through it. From the first push-up to the last vertical jog, I was sure I'd never make it. And there was a moment when I actually thought I was going to pass out. It is way more than riding a stationary bike. Sometimes you just pedal with one leg—pushing and pulling. Other times you stand up and pedal—your hands barely touching the handle bars. There are sprint type things where you alternate between pedaling really fast and then pedaling slow. There are push ups and stomach crunches and arm exercises and calve drills. Meta doesn't show any muscle on the body any mercy.

I couldn't make it through the whole routine, a couple times I had to sit back in the rest position (sitting up straight with your arms hanging to the side, but still pedaling, always pedaling). Meta assured me that was okay. It's part of the beauty of spinning, she said. "You're in charge." Each individual controls his own resistance level on the bike and decides how fast or slow he's going to pedal through the drills. "A common mistake beginners make is they want to do what everyone is doing. They have a tendency to do more than they need to," Meta explained.

I don't think I made that mistake. I had no problem going to the rest position while everyone else was climbing hills. No problem at all. And the beauty of it was, no one made fun of me. Some of them rested too. No one came over to my bike and told me I was doing it all wrong. Jen told me several times that I did surprisingly well for my first time and she promised me she wasn't just saying that. The others shared their first time stories and empathized with me. No one drew unnecessary attention to me unless it was positive and, best of all, there was no class bully with surprisingly good aim. Even Sheila, whom I bumped from the class, came back in at the end to see how I had done.

That's when I knew spinning could offer me what no other exercise ever had—a work out in which I could work at my own level and still have the camaraderie, support and understanding from a group. I didn't have to keep up with anyone and I was responsible to no one but me. That's it, said Meta. That's why spinning is so great. She gave me a sticker for making it through the class. "Anyone who does spinning is not a wimp," she said.

When I left, legs shaking, sweat dripping and red faced, I didn't feel so out of place. Actually, I felt empowered or what Meta calls endorphed. And now, three days later, with every muscle in my body still aching, I feel like spinning again. And, I'd really like to get in on a good game of dodge ball. Bullies beware.

Memorial poppies available on Sanibel

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce hear amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields. ...*

Nothing symbolizes VFW's pledge to "Honor the dead by helping the living" like the Buddy Poppy. The poppy first gained fame as a symbol of hope amid the carnage of war more than 80 years ago when Col. John McCrae, a World War I Canadian veteran, wrote "In Flanders Fields" in 1915. McCrae believed the ideals and causes for which the veterans interred in Flanders fields were fighting and dying must always be remembered.

Anna E. Guerin, subsequently known as the Poppy Lady from France, conceived the idea to sell artificial poppies to help orphans and others left destitute in war-ravaged France. But in 1922, the Veterans of Foreign Wars adopted the poppy as the official VFW flower and, in 1923, formally adopted a plan to have disabled veterans make the poppies (they had previously been commercially made). The organization's leaders envisioned the men being paid for their work, thus providing a practical means of assistance while ensuring a steady, reliable source of poppies. The first veteran-made poppies were made in Pittsburgh in 1924 and the name "Buddy Poppy" registered with the U.S. Patent Office. "Buddy" was coined by the poppy makers themselves as a tribute to the veterans who didn't come home and those crippled or scarred for life.

Since that time, millions of the blood-red artificial flowers have been made by disabled veterans — many of them disabled on the same battlefields on which their buddies were killed — and distributed for \$1 donation each (year 'round, but with a special emphasis on veteran's days of remembrance like Memorial Day and Veteran's Day). Today, veterans at 15 locations in 12 states assemble the artificial flowers.

On Sanibel, VFW members Larry Lewis and his wife, Joan, will be selling poppies at Bailey's on Friday, May 28, and Saturday, May 29.

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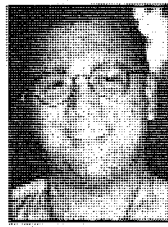
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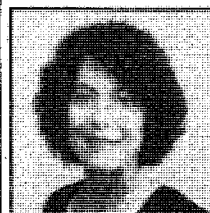
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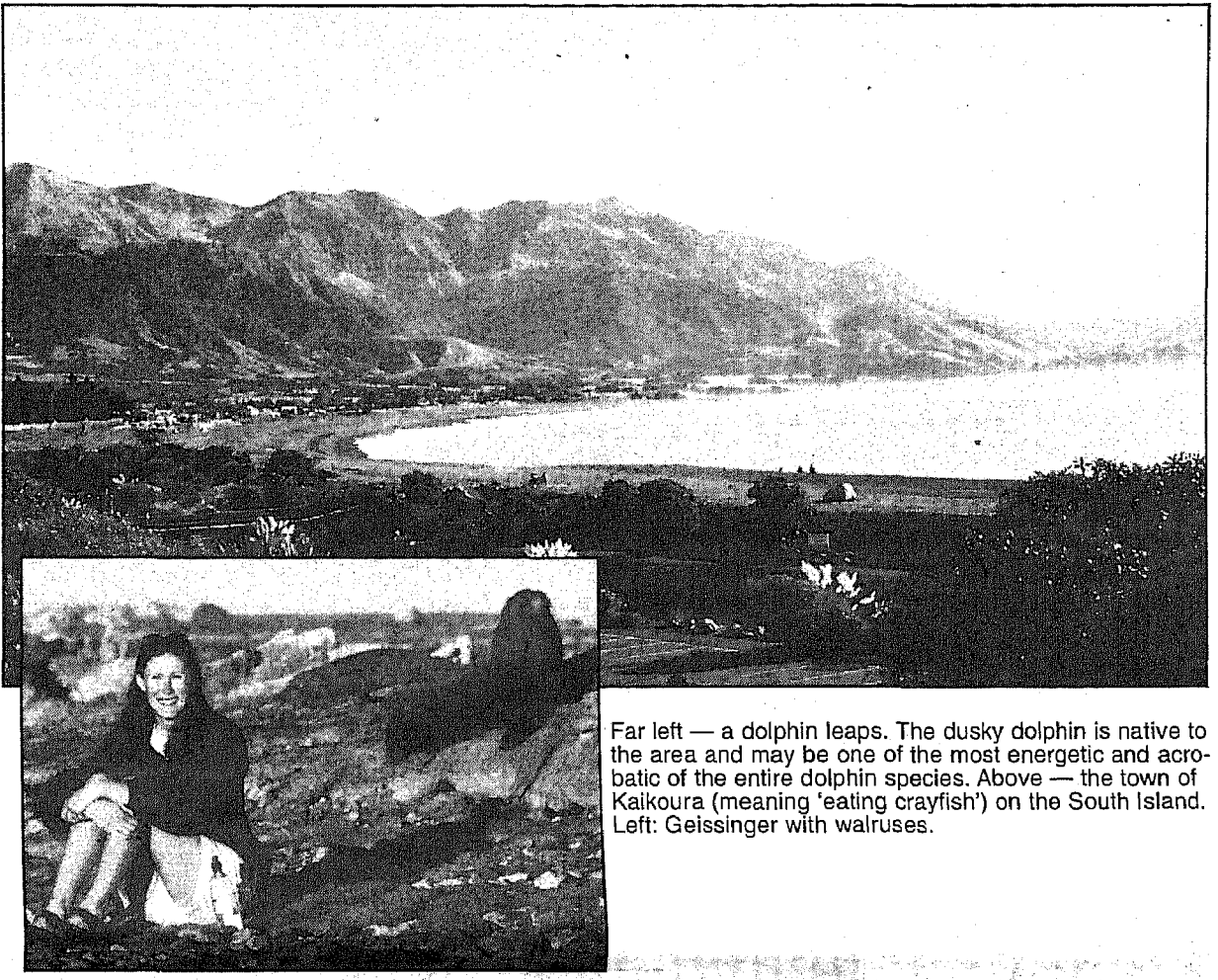
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Postcard from New Zealand, nature's wonderland



Far left — a dolphin leaps. The dusky dolphin is native to the area and may be one of the most energetic and acrobatic of the entire dolphin species. Above — the town of Kaikoura (meaning 'eating crayfish') on the South Island. Left: Geissinger with walruses.

By Tara Geissinger
Special to the *Islander*

I wish there were another word besides "amazing" in the English language to describe the South Island of New Zealand. As we traveled around, we found ourselves using it way too often. There is just no other way to describe plunging seaside cliffs, snow-capped mountains, wide stretches of beach, green rolling hills speckled with hundreds of sheep, raging rivers flowing through sheer-sided gorges, glaciers slicing their way to the ocean and 14 different fjords! It was truly amazing!

Our favorite place on the entire island was a tiny town on the Northeast coast called Kaikoura (meaning "eating crayfish" in the native Maori language). The downtown consisted of one main road running along the coast, lined with small hotels, shops and restaurants. It was as if we'd stepped back into the 1950's. Milk was delivered to the houses in bottles every morning, the people were very friendly and life was simple.

This peninsula is a Mecca for marine life. Giant squid measuring over 100 feet have been studied here as have the acrobatic dusky dolphins, rare Hector's dolphins, orcas (killer whales), sperm whales, humpback whales and the New Zealand fur seal.

One of the reasons for Kaikoura's abundance of aquatic life is the geology of the land itself. The peninsula provides a meeting place for two strong ocean currents that converge in the deep-water canyons and plunge to incredible depths just a few miles from the shore. The result is a unique ecosystem which sustains the many marine creatures found there.

As deep as the ocean is offshore, towering mountains rise up from the grassy farmland just off the shore-

line. While we were there, the mountaintops were dusted with their first winter snow. It was magical to see such rugged, beautiful mountains hugging the ocean coast! I was constantly in awe of the beauty of this little seaside town.

Because of the marine life in the area, Kaikoura offered many activities for the adventure traveler. You can feed sharks, snorkel or dive with fur seals, swim with dolphins, hike the coastal track or go whale watching. We did everything except feed the sharks (for obvious reasons)!

The dusky dolphin is a native of New Zealand and probably one of the most energetic and acrobatic of the entire dolphin species. During the summer, dusky dolphins come close to the Kaikoura coast and form large groups of 75 to 300 or even up to 1,000. In winter they move offshore.

After reading the glowing reports of past swimmers in the New Zealand Sea Adventures office and reading the brochure, we were eager to sign up for dolphin swimming. We met at the shop at 6:30 a.m. to be fitted into our wetsuits and view a video. The wetsuits were extremely thick and covered our whole bodies, including a very fashionable hood. As you can probably guess, the water was a very chilly 55 degrees!

Our boat raced across the coastal waters and we swimmers were jumpy with anticipation! Soon, dolphins started performing their water acrobatics on all sides of the boat. There were hundreds of them! Our captain maneuvered to the front of the pod and then signaled for us to softly slip into the water. At first, the water was unbearably cold, but soon the effect of the wetsuit and the thrill of watching dolphins swish past made me forget all about it.

Our guide had told us that dolphins only remain close to humans if they are being entertained. With total

disregard for dignity, we worked hard at amusing those crazy dolphins! We sang through our snorkels, tapped rocks together, swam in circles and dove under the water. It seemed to work!

A dolphin was circling below me staring right up into my mask. He seemed to be interested in this new sea creature with the black hood, fluorescent yellow flippers and horrible singing voice! We stared at each other and I dove under the water to experience more of his world. There is no question in my mind that we had a spiritual connection in those few seconds. Then, quick as he appeared, he swam off and a few more dolphins went swishing past. Their sleek gray bodies were sparkling in the sunlight underwater and I felt so blessed to be spending a few moments in their kaleidoscope world.

When I stuck my head above water, fins were flying past and dolphins were doing cartwheels on top of the water. They were literally flipping nose over tail five and six times in a row. It was spectacular. Eventually, the entire pack swam past us and became bored with our singing and lack of body flips. We pulled ourselves back on the boat and headed off to find another pack.

There is something different and special about being close to dolphins in their natural environment. This was definitely an experience I will never forget! Kaikoura was the most beautiful, unique and captivating town I have seen in the world. My heart aches to return.

(Tara Geissinger, the daughter of islanders John and Debby Friedlund, is currently living in Seoul, South Korea, where her husband, Mark, has been employed designing an integrated communications system for the new international airport. The job provides plenty of time for travel, and Tara, a freelance writer, sends us "postcards" from time to time.)

Obituary

Emily "Twink" Underhill

Former Sanibel civic leader and business woman Emily Wood Underhill died on May 6 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Mass. She was 69. Known "forever" by her childhood name of Twink, she was the widow of Edwin S. Underhill, III, also formerly of Sanibel.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Twink was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Emily Wood. She had lived in Corning, N.Y. and Madison, Conn. before moving to Sanibel in 1974 after years of vacationing on the island. She was a graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing in New York City and attended Vassar. She was a resident of Padanaram Village in South Dartmouth, Mass. when she died.

In her lifetime, Underhill was a businesswoman and civic leader who was active in environmental and conservation issues, city planning, genealogy and family planning. She served on the original Sanibel Planning Board and the board of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. She and Ed founded, owned and operated the Unpressured Cooker in Periwinkle Place and were among the co-founders of *The Island Reporter*.



Twink Underhill/Photo Charles McCullough.

Her survivors include four children — Edwin S. Underhill of Merrimack, N.H., Anne P. Underhill of Hamden, Conn., W. Allen Underhill of Northampton, Mass., and Emily Underhill Luchetti of Sausalito; three grandchildren — Stephanie, Andrea and Ethan Underhill of Merrimack; a sister, Joan Wood Swain of Old Saybrook, and a brother, Kenneth A. Wood of Deep River, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Rotch Jones Duff House, 396 County Street, New Bedford, Mass., the Acquisitions Committee of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill Road, New Bedford, or SCCF.

Public can shape long-range plan

If you've ever wished you could tell a government agency what it ought to be doing, here's your chance.

Florida law requires all state agencies to develop a strategic plan and update it annually. The plan describes the agency's public mission and outlines strategies to achieve its goals. Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford is seeking the public's ideas as he updates Agriculture & Consumer Service's plan into the year 2005.

"Our department touches the lives of Floridians every day," Crawford points out. "We can do a better job of serving the public if people will tell us what they think of the job we're doing and what else needs to be done." Suggestions may be submitted in writing during the next week or so.

The Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services has a wide range of responsibilities, including:

- Ensuring a safe food supply by inspecting processing plants and supermarkets.
- Issuing certain product warnings and recall bulletins.
- Receiving and trying to resolve consumer complaints on all subjects. The agency also

regulates certain businesses such as travel agencies, health and dance studios, auto repair shops and telemarketers.

- Protecting Florida's natural environment by managing a million acres of forest land and by ensuring that farm chemicals are used properly and farm practices are environmentally responsible.

- Promoting, protecting and assisting Florida's farmers to ensure the production of a wholesome, abundant food supply and maintain the economic viability of the state's \$6 billion agriculture industry.

- Inspecting various mechanical devices — gas pumps, supermarket scanners, weights, measuring devices, taxi meters, and scales — to ensure that consumers receive fair measure for their money.

A preliminary draft of the department's strategic plan will be available to the public for comment early in June. Suggestions and requests for the draft report should be sent to Commissioner Bob Crawford, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, 407 South Calhoun Street-Room 110, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800.

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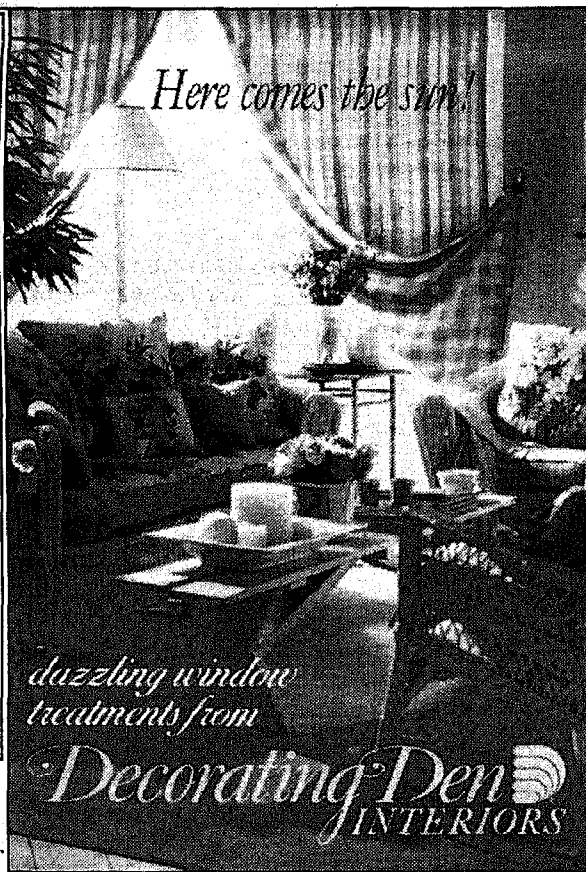
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You mean all day long or just on bicycles?

Councilman Bill Hillebrandt to Steve Brown's hypothetical suggestion that the city consider an ordinance to make adults wear helmets.

I'll just agree.

Councilwoman Nola Theiss, in keeping with her policy to not repeat what's already been said, in regard to the praise the other council members gave the budget review committee for a job well done.

Okay folks, we're whispering up here because we're discussing where we're going to lunch—it's rather important you see.

Mayor Bob Janes.

It's only Jennifer who doesn't need to take people outside and interview them. That's the young people for you today—you just take it all in.

Janes regarding the fact reporter Jennifer Workman was the only of the three city reporters to not interview a telecommunications company representative after the discussion of the possible telecommunications moratorium.

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Searching for a new main man

City Council narrows City Manager applications to seven candidates

By Jennifer Workman
Islander Staff Writer

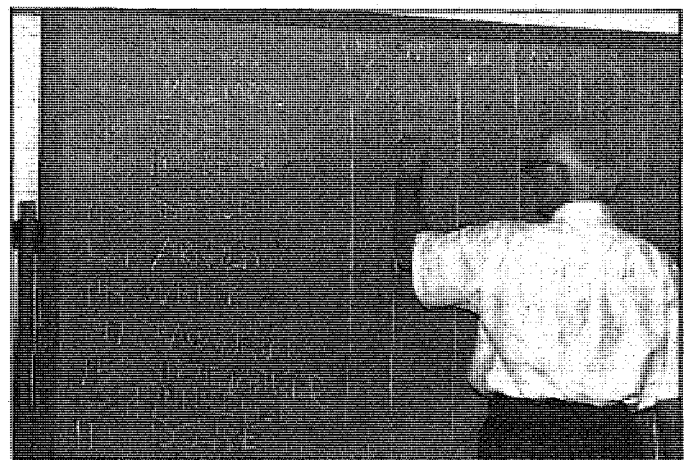
Council narrowed the field in the city manager search down to seven applicants who will be invited to interview for the position within the next two weeks.

On May 12, council received a list of 10 candidates and two runners-up for the city manager position from Range Rider Richard Simmons. The Range Riders are a group of former city managers who aid municipalities in the city manager hiring process. They were asked to narrow the original list of 176 applicants for the Sanibel job to 10 qualified candidates.

Simmons recommended to council that they create a list of finalists as soon as possible because a delay could result in losing the best applicants to another city. And with City Attorney and Acting City Manager Bob Pritt poised at the chalk board to keep a tally, that's just what council did. Council members used Simmons' list of recommendations and matched it against their own candidate choices to come up with a final list.

The seven final candidates are:

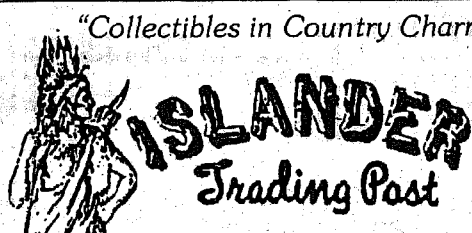
- Donald D. Crawford of Streator, Ill. Crawford is currently the Streator city manager and has served as city manager in Boca Raton, and DeKalb, Ill.
- Richard J. White of Lexington, Mass. White has been the Lexington town manager since 1987. He has also served as a budget analyst, the interim town manager of Winchester, Mass. and the town administrator of Bedford, Mass.
- Mark M. Williams of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Williams has been the city administrator of Isle of Palms, S.C. since 1985. He has also served as a roving public administrator in Greenwood, S.C. and the town administrator of Ridgeland, S.C.
- Henry Clarke Dolive, Ph.D. of Cincinnati, Ohio. Dolive has been the township administrator for Anderson Township in Ohio since 1989. Dolive has been a professor of Political Science and earned his degrees in Florida. He has a Bachelors of Arts from Stetson



Bob Pritt tallies up votes for top City Manager candidates.

University and his Master's and Doctorate degrees are both from the University of Florida.

- Edward L. Sealover of Atlantic Beach, N.C. Sealover is currently the Atlantic Beach town manager and has served as county administrator in Marlboro County, S.C. and Cecil County, Md. He has also been the city manager, town administrator or town manager of cities and towns in Pennsylvania and Maryland.
- Susan M. Miller of Pensacola. Miller has been the assistant county administrator of Escambia County, Fla. since 1995. She served as the director of financial planning and administration in Hollywood, Fla. and the director of administration and finance in Jacksonville. She also served as assistant city manager and finance director in Boca Raton. Miller received her Master's degree from the University of West Florida.
- Anthony L. Shoemaker of Boca Raton. Shoemaker is the assistant city manager of Boca Raton and has served as a management consultant to Hillsborough County, Clearwater and Gainesville. Shoemaker was also the county administrator for Citrus County and city manager in Tarpon Springs and Clearwater.



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Police Beat

Arrested

Robert Lee Jones of Fort Myers was arrested May 14 after he was stopped for speeding on Middle Gulf Drive. A license check revealed that Jones' license was suspended in February for child support delinquency. A warrants check revealed Jones had an outstanding warrant from March for failure to pay a fine for having a tag not assigned to his vehicle. Jones was ticketed for traveling 53 mph in a 30 mph zone and was arrested

on the outstanding warrant and transported to Lee County Jail.

Break-in

James Henry Willis, the caretaker of a home on Dimmick Lane, reported that the storage area under the home was broken into May 16. Willis said he discovered the locked storage room door open and he saw pry marks, noticed the locked was jammed and found a jar containing change spilled on the floor. Willis

notified the owner and then called SPD who took the jar for evidence.

Slashed tires

David Muench reported May 15 that his tires were slashed while his vehicle was parked in the Sanibel boat dock parking lot. Muench said he didn't know of any suspects and signed an intent to prosecute.

Trespass Warrants

• Gary Bonner received a trespassing warrant May 14. The warrant was requested by McTs manager John Goetz who said he'd been having trouble with Bonner.

• Tommy August of Naples was issued a trespassing warrant for trespassing in his father's home May 11. The caretaker of the house, Sam Landry, found August in the guest room of the home and reported him to the owner who asked Landry to request a trespassing warrant.

August was arrested on May 12 when Landry called the police after finding August in the pool at his father's house.

Landry found August at the home in the hot tub on May 15 and called SPD. When responding to the call, SPD saw August riding his bicycle and reminded him of the trespassing warrant. August told police he had permission to be at the house from his parents and from the judge.

No service rendered

Steven Smith of Sanibel reported May 14 that Michael Rembrandt did not do the lawn maintenance work he was contracted to do for \$900 between May and October 1998. Smith said Rembrandt is attempting to collect an additional \$200.

Checked out

Suzanne Pickens of Photo Sanibel reported May 11 that Patrick M. Visconte of Cape Coral wrote a bad check for \$328.47 on a closed account.

Traffic Tickets

- James Matthew Hartson, Jr. of Grand Island, Fla., May 15, for traveling 56 mph in a 35 mph zone on San-Cap Road.
- Maritza Ann Krupp of Fort Myers, May 15, for failure to change her address and a warning for speeding on San-Cap Road.
- Victor Manuel Rodriguez of Cape Coral, May 13, for traveling 56 mph in a 35 mph zone on San-Cap Road.
- Calvin Larmonica Roberts of Fort Myers, May 13, for traveling 58 in a 35 mph zone on San-Cap Road.
- Peggy Louise Hahn of Sanibel, May 13, for traveling 52 mph in a 30 mph zone on West Gulf Drive.

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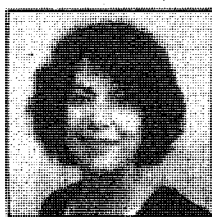
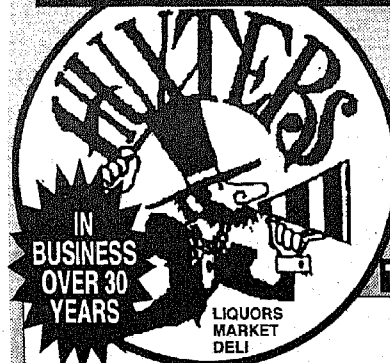
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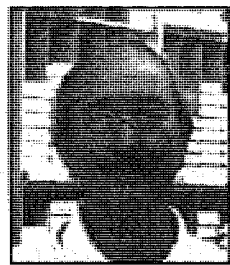
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City Briefs

Telecommunications moratorium

After some strong statements of position by members, Council declared the first reading of an ordinance pertaining to a moratorium on processing or approval of application for telecommunications devices and facilities.

Council heard from members of the public, like John LaGorce, who supports the moratorium, but also heard pleas from representatives of the telecommunications companies. Russell Schropp, the attorney for Sprint PCS, urged Council to come up with a short term solution for service on the island.

"We have been trying to provide and initiate service since 1997," said Schropp who suggested using an existing tower to provide short-term service. Another Sprint attorney, Matt Uhle said increasing the current tower height from 150 feet to 180 feet would offer a short term solution. And Nextel attorney Laura Belflower said that without the increase in height Nextel will have

no option to provide service on the island because the other towers are full.

The pleas for short term solutions, said Councilwoman Nola Theiss, were the reasons she opposes the moratorium, which she called a stop sign. "I'm hearing a lot of work and effort that has to go in to solving the short-term problem," said Theiss. "But I think we should be concentrating on the long-term... I regret this ordinance is here and I will continue to vote against it."

Mayor Bob Janes agreed with Theiss and said he felt the moratorium was sending the wrong message to the providers. "I, too, am opposed to the moratorium and will vote against it," said Janes.

But Councilmen Steve Brown and Bill Hillebrandt said they didn't see the moratorium as a stop sign. "Our purpose with the moratorium is not to delay," said Hillebrandt. "I think it works to set a definite deadline." Hillebrandt added that he felt council could have a long term

plan in effect by the end of this calendar year. And Brown said he thought short term remedies would be acceptable as long as they could be undone when the long term plan is in place.

Councilman Andrew Reding said he agreed with Brown and Hillebrandt that the intent of the moratorium is not to create a delay but to set a deadline, but added that he would be opposed to making any exceptions to the moratorium. "It's either a moratorium or it's not," said Reding.

The second reading is set for June 2 at 10 a.m.

Sewer updates

Island Water Association has entered into a contract for the drilling of the deep injection well. City Attorney Bob Pritt said, providing there are no hitches, the well should be finished by the end of this year. "They're starting to put things into place and starting to do site preparation," said Pritt. "They're wanting to move pretty quickly."

Pritt also reported that the Department of Environmental Protection has accepted the Sanibel sewer facilities plan. The plan includes the following steps:

- Upgrade and expansion of the Donax Water Reclamation Facility
- Wastewater collection and transmission system expansions in two phases
- Raw wastewater transmission system from Wulfert Point to Donax
- Upgrades to existing transmission system
- Upgrade Donax to a high service pump station
- Island Water Association deep well injection
- Percolation ponds at Wulfert Point
- Convert Wulfert Point to effluent/storage facility

Finally, Pritt reported that Captiva has shown an interest in sharing in the Island Water Association injection well, but Council agreed that they had to settle Sanibel's sewer issues before taking on Captiva's.

SNICKERS, FROM PAGE 11

A D-J is just one person spinning a record?

Janes asked Jean Baer of the Dunes in regard to her request to extend the hours for outdoor entertainment on New Year's Eve 1999.

C.D. [compact disc]
Theiss correcting Janes.

C.D. Oh, well I'm really showing my age today.
Janes to Theiss.

At least you didn't say victrola.
Hillebrandt to Janes.

If I vote for someone and he's hired and he turns out to be a lemon, then we'll fire him. It's not complicated.
Janes regarding his philosophy on the hiring of a new city manager.

Plus, he's got a great name—Sealover.

Theiss explaining her support for city manager candidate Edward Sealover of Atlantic Beach, N.C.

We could take them out and show them how dark the skies already are.

Hillebrandt teasing Reding about the proposed lighting ordinance, while suggesting the city manager candidates are assigned a city employee to welcome them to, and show them around, Sanibel.

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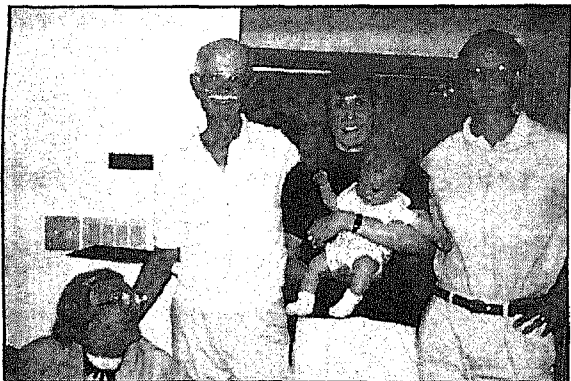
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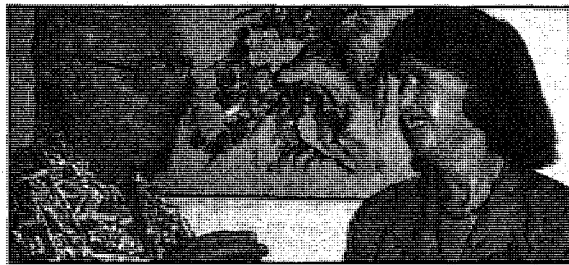
Most of the City of Sanibel's esteemed vegetation committee (along with some hangers-on) met on Friday, April 30, at Art and Joyce Weissbach's home to honor one of the committee's longest-standing and most active members. Bob Slayton — who has served as chair, been in the forefront of revising (several times) the City's vegetation standards, was a Charter Member of Weed 'n' Seeds and served as Trail Guide Coordinator at SCCF — will be moving off-island and feels that he must cut back on some of his on-island activities. He will continue to work with SCCF and will serve on the Veggie Committee until October.



Slayton and his "Remember us always" gift from the committee — a pot full of plants considered "noxious" on Sanibel



Edie and Bob with their daughter, Alice Slayton Clark, her husband Ted and Miss Hannah wiggling



Two former mayors, Wally Kain, representing his committee member wife Joan who was tending to a new grandchild, and Louise Johnson, who, among her other numerous services to the City, served at one time on the Committee..



John and Frida Burke share a moment with Bill Wollschlager.



The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce held its May afterhours at Sanibel Inn/Portofino this past Monday. In the photo on the right, City Councilperson Nola Theiss and Robin Humphrey prepare to partake. . Middle — L-R: Bert Jennks, Joyce Turney, Joan Goode and Annette Ennes.



Notices Periwinkle construction starts

Construction on Periwinkle Way between Casa Ybel and Meridian began on Monday and will last until Wednesday, June 30. The work will consist of raising the road, making drainage improvements and overlaying the bikepath and drive-ways.

One-way traffic flow on Sanibel's main artery will be maintained at all times with minimal interruptions occurring for ingress/egress to the adjacent shopping centers.

Graduating? Your turn to shine

The Islander plans to publish a graduates' page the second week in June. To do that we need pictures as well as vital statistics on the graduates. Please mail the information to *The Islander*, P.O. Box 56, Sanibel 33957, or bring them by our offices at the Sanibel Promenade (across from the Post Office)-Unit 13.

Turn in hazardous waste tomorrow!

Tomorrow, May 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Solid Waste Division of Lee County Environmental Services is sponsoring a household hazardous waste collection at Page Field on North Airport Road across from the Main Post Office in Fort Myers.

Residents of Lee County are urged to bring items that are hazardous to the family and the environment and don't belong in the regular garbage — products like pesticides, household cleaners, pool chemicals, any paint, thinners, paint removers, solvents, automotive fluid, batteries and fluorescent tubes (no radioactives). No business waste will be accepted.

Toy search in progress

Betty Fisher and Barbara Jones, co-chairs of the Historical Village's Antique Toy Show, are asking winter res-

idents to check their northern homes for vintage playthings they might bring back to Sanibel and lend the Village for the December show.

"Antique" is defined as 50 years of age or older and includes trains, Erector sets, models, dollhouses, Shirley Temple Dolls, even miniature utensils and housewares.

9th annual 4th of July parade

Organizers of Sanibel's 9th Annual Fourth of July Parade hope to make this the biggest and best parade of the 20th Century, and are looking for volunteers, participants and sponsors. Entrants (which range from folks on trikes, rollerblades and skateboards to a fancy little plane and a roll-a-way house) are charged \$10, non-commercial, and \$25, commercial.

The 1999 parade — *America the Beautiful* — will start Saturday, July 3, at 9:30 a.m. at Colonial Bank on Tarpon Bay Road and be followed immediately by the traditional Road Rally, organized by the Optimist Club. The City's fireworks display will be that night.

Volunteers are needed to help out with the event the week of the parade. Call Ginny Bissell (472-1080) or Trish Phillips (472-9131) to volunteer, sponsor a little league team or girl scout troop, or get an entry form.

Volunteers needed

Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Inc. (ACT) — a non-profit agency serving victims of domestic violence and their children, survivors of sexual assault, and the new and temporarily homeless — is in need of volunteers for the agency's On-Call Program. This program provides immediate support and crisis intervention to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault immediately following an incident at area hospitals and the rape trauma centers. For more information call Laura Kardauskas at 939-2553.



The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation held a good-bye party for Business Manager Diane Altieri, who has retired to travel around the country with her husband, Ralph. She is pictured above with the new Business Manager, Jean Beach.

Groups

Library book group to meet

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton is the topic at the next meeting of the Sanibel Public Library book group on Wednesday, May 26.

Beth Gillis will lead the group's discussion of this tale of a group of off-beat characters — some lovable, some repellent. Critics have called the book Dickensian, disturbing, a human comedy. Copies are available at island bookstores.

All readers, are welcome to the group, which meets for one and a half hours at 2 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the library meeting room. It will continue through the summer with a reading list available at the May 26 meeting. The group's advisor is Patricia Allen, Library Director, and its co-leaders are Jo Fernandez and Jeanne Fuchs.

Tarpon Club meeting Thursday

The Sanibel Island Tarpon Hunters Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday evening, May 27, at Beachview Inn. Cocktails and fishtales are at 6, and

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Stephanie Bilske — a young optimist

By JENNIFER WORKMAN
Islander Staff Writer

Like any 11-year-old girl, Stephanie Bilske spends lots of time in her room, talking on the phone and listening to music. She's hip and popular and pretty—ready for school Monday morning in her just-the-right-color-blue jeans and her "Tommy" (as in Hilfiger, the designer) shirt. Her hair is long and flowing—natural, but chic. And she wears an eager smile. But, unlike other 11-year-olds, Bilske spends lots of time volunteering, too. The Cypress Lake Middle School 6th grader is the current vice-president of the Junior Optimist Club on Sanibel and, in September, she'll step up as president. The members of the service-oriented club meet every two weeks to discuss and vote on what volunteer activities they will participate in, said Bilske, referring to one of the meeting agendas in her very organized and well-kept Optimist Club folder. Recently, Bilske and current Junior Optimist president Tim Goodman, treasurer John Turansky and member Danny Loucks helped plant sea oats on the beach. "It was kinda hard and it took four hours," said Bilske.

But for Bilske, the hard work is worth it. There's fun stuff too—such as dances. Bilske said the group is planning a luau for middle schoolers in June.

With hanging out in her room time and volunteer time, it's hard to imagine Bilske has time for much else, but she does. She has time to be a kid and enjoy it. What could be better than that?

What do you do for fun? Talk on the phone, go to the movies and the mall. I play on the computer a lot.

The Internet.

Who would you like to have dinner with? Justin Timberlake of N-Sync. **Why?** Oh my gosh. You have to see him, he's so cute.

What kind of music do you like? Dance, hip-hop type stuff.

What do you read? I read love stories, but with comedy a little bit.

What's your favorite dessert? Vanilla ice cream.

What advice would you give to someone in elementary school? Have fun while you still can. You can't play a lot in middle school.

What's your worst habit? Biting my nails.

What's the best thing about you? My personality. That's what everybody tells me.

What's your favorite time of day? I like the afternoon because I'm all jumpy. I'm not tired.

What are you most proud of? Of my grades—how I'm keeping them to all A's. I made it the whole year with all A's going.

Do you wish you could sing like anybody? I can sing. I was in a musical for school.

What about acting? I'm in drama—in the intermediate class and I'm hoping for advanced.

What's your biggest pet peeve? When my sister barges in my room because the door makes a screeching sound and it really annoys me.

What's your favorite color? Yellow. **Why?** It's something different because everyone likes blue and green and I wanted to be different. Plus, it's a really pretty color.

What's your favorite saying? Never say never.

What's your favorite movie? Pleasantville.

Your favorite movie star? Adam Sandler.

Your favorite book? *Alice in April*. It's about a girl that's becoming a woman. She's turning 15.

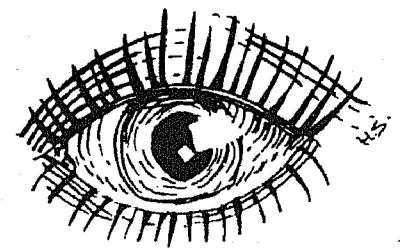
Do you have a mentor or someone you look up to? I look up to my Aunt Ruth. Her name is Ruth Paradise. She's just so cool.

If you could have one wish, what would it be? For all those killings in Colorado and all those other things with violence that they could never have happened cause at our school everyone is freaking out.

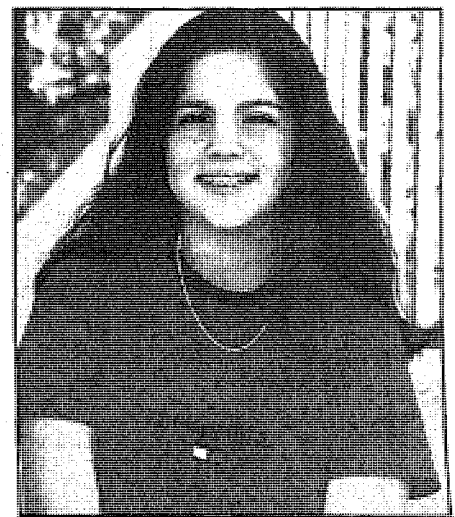
When making a new friend what quality do you look for first? People who I can joke around with.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be an actress. I either want to work in movies or a small community theater.

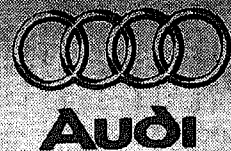
What age do you want to be? It'd have to be 16—cause I could go out and drive. It's gotta be the best age of your whole life.



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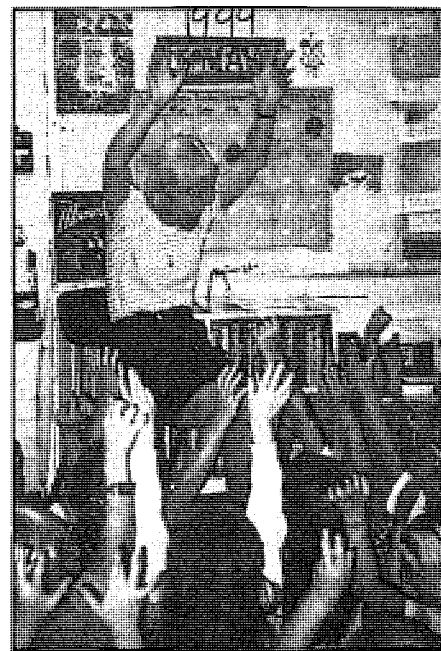


Sea of Love

Scott Schirtzinger and Bettina Menzel were married May 2 after the Taste of the Islands. The couple joined friends Brian Murty and Kim Bowden aboard Murty's boat and cruised to the lighthouse for the ceremony. Photo by Tyler Lecky-Murty, age 6.



Area preschool students visited Sanibel Elementary last week to see the school that most will call "home" for the following nine years. Above, Lu Sares, a teacher at the Children's Center, receives a big hug from kindergartener Allison Lohnes, center, a Children's Center alumni who served as a "big buddy" for preschooler Jocelyn Harder, right. Right — Teacher Barbara Simmons leads her class of kindergarteners and their guests in a song. Photos/Cindy Pierce.



TARPON CLUB, FROM PAGE 14

the program and meeting at 7. This month's speaker is Capt. Ozzie Fisher who will talk about jigging for tarpon in the passes. He will also cover light tackle and fly fishing for tarpon on the back bay flats. If time allows, he'll also pass on some tips on fishing for snook and redfish in the shallow waters of the passes, along the mangroves and off the sandbars.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 472-3691.

People

New kid in town

Tony Reid, Sanibel School Phys Ed Assistant, and his wife, Debbie, had a baby girl last Wednesday, May 12. Tyler weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth.

Anderson honored

On May 6, A. Boyd Anderson of Sanibel was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Greater Cleveland Hospital Association

at its 83rd annual meeting of the membership. The honor is bestowed annually on the individual from the health care community who is recognized as an outstanding manager, leader, mentor or teacher. Formerly Administrator and President of Southwest General Health Center in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Anderson has also been honored with the establishment of a scholarship in his name for a student in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh.

An 18-year resident of the island, Anderson is active in the Historical Society and restored the Sanibel Packing Company's Model T truck on display at the Sanibel Historical Museum.

Events

Story Swap at Library

The Sanibel Public Library will hold a "Story Swap" today, May 21, at 2 p.m. in the library meeting room. People who want to learn more about story telling, as well as those who want to tell stories — either personal or tradi-

tional — are invited to attend and participate. hosted by Maggie and Steve Mullins, the informal session is expected to be ongoing.

Kids

The Sanibel School

• **Congratulations to Citizens of the Week** Evan Hahn, Haylee Nedblake, Sam McDowell, Chelsea Grinstead, Joey Earle, Tajana Pettinato, Jackson Stone, Katie McCurry, Dylan Faraone, Austin Drum-Williams, Megan Scurry and Sarah DeGeorge.

• The Lee County School Board will decide on May 25 if it will change the hours of The Sanibel School to 9:15-3:15 for the 1999-2000 school year. The proposal, which affects many other schools as well, would save the school district approximately \$3 million. If approved, The Sanibel School will offer a Before-School day care program for parents who need to drop their kids off between 7:30 and 9 a.m.

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Beth Laky of Hackettstown, N.J. found this small, but perfectly formed junonia at Blind Pass after sunset on May 17. This was her first time shelling, and her first time on Sanibel. She found an alphabet cone earlier in the week.

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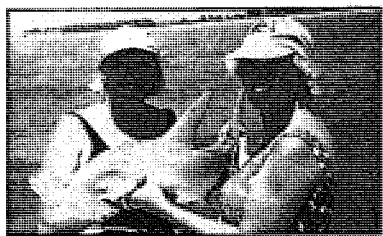
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Reel Women



Carlene Brennen
& Mina Hemingway

With rough seas in the gulf this past week, my husband and I have not attempted to take our boat into the Gulf. Is there any type of fish that can be caught in the back bay son days like this?

Mina: Redfish don't seem to mind the chop and actually enjoy the drop in water temperature. Some of my best days in the back bays have been when the water is rough. Fishing with Capt. Ozzie Fischer, Brian Baugher and Carlene on a day when the water was so churned up that it looked like soup, we caught and released over 40 redfish. We were fishing off a mudflat on an incoming tide.

Do anglers jig for tarpon in this area?

Carlene: I personally don't know of anyone jiggling for tarpon off Sanibel; but in Boca Grande Pass where the tarpon are so concentrated, it has become a very popular way to fish. If anyone locally is having luck jiggling for tarpon, whether in the backbay, in the passes or in the Gulf, please let our readers know.

When fly fishing for tarpon, what colors work best in the Gulf off Sanibel?

Mina: Depending on the color of the water... orange, black and purple, red and white, and dark pink and white work well for me. Any fly in the colors of local bait fish is a good bet.

Did I see Mina in a credit card commercial a few years back?

Carlene: Yes, she was the owner of the well-known Austin Angler Fly Shop for 15 years and now serves them as a consultant. She made the commercial in her store.

Mina Hemingway is the author's grand-daughter. She grew up on the east coast of Africa fishing for marlin, caught her first sailfish at age nine, and has fished all over the world, following in the footsteps of her famous grandfather. She is on the boards of the Sanibel Island Tarpon Hunters Club, the Ostego Bay Marine Science Center, and is president of Hemingway Kids, a company that promotes an awareness of conservation and the enjoyment of fishing to young children.

Carlene Brennen was the first woman president of the Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club, a charter member and first woman president of the Sanibel Fishing Club, and founder and first president of the Sanibel Island Tarpon Hunters Club. When not working as a publisher and wildlife photographer, she tournament-fishes for tarpon.

Please don't feed the pelicans

The University of Florida and the Florida Sea Grant program are launching an educational campaign to let fishermen know they are hurting, not helping, brown pelicans by tossing them the remains of cleaned fish after a day of fishing.

"The problem," according to Harrison Bresee, a UF marine agent based in the Miami-Dade County extension office, "is that a lot of people get to a cleaning station, clean their fish, put the filets in the cooler and feed pelicans the leftovers, thinking the free meal is helping the birds." Actually, it's hurting them. "Pelicans can't catch large-boned fish such as dolphin or grouper on their own. And they can't digest the bones of the larger fish. They fly off, bones caught in their throats or pressing against their

"If the bones make it into the bird's stomach, they can puncture the stomach and other organs."

Harrison Bresee

stomach linings.

"If the bones make it into the bird's stomach, they can puncture the stomach and other organs," Bresee continues. "If they get caught in the bird's throat, they can block passage of other food, and the pelican literally starves to death. By feeding the birds in this way, people are killing them with kindness."

That theme appears on the educational signs Bresee and other marine agents are posting at about 1,000 marinas

statewide. The signs, produced with the help of the Yamaha Contender Miami Billfish Tournament, are aimed at alerting fishermen to the dangers of being too kind.

For those who just can't resist feeding the birds (even though feeding wildlife of any kind does not help the balance of nature), Bresee recommends offering boneless chunks or smaller fish that would be part of their natural diet — pinfish, grunts, small mullet.

It has only been in the past 10 years that the brown pelican has been upgraded to a protected species from endangered. During the '70s, this bird, along with several others — the osprey and the bald eagle among them — was in danger of extinction due to poor reproduction rates resulting from exposure to DDT.

Safe Boating Week is May 22-28

The Department of Environmental Protection Division of Law Enforcement's Florida Marine Patrol, along with Sanibel Police, the Sheriff's Department and the Coast Guard, will be stepping up enforcement on area waterways for the Memorial Day weekend. The campaign will be kicked off this next week, National Safe Boating Week — May 22-28 — around the theme *Boat Smart from the Start. Wear Your Life Jacket.*

The San-Cap Power Squadron and the National Safe Boating Council offer the following advice to all captains before they venture out on the water:

✓ **PFDs** (Personal Flotation Devices or Life Jackets) — Is there one for everyone aboard? Easy to reach and *not* in plastic bags? All belts and snaps in working order? (The captain and regular crew should have their PFDs labeled and adjusted to fit so that they can be put on quickly.)

Statistics show that last year 1,251 boating accidents were reported. Sixty-seven people died. Fifty-three of them were not wearing their life vests.

✓ **SOUND DEVICES** — Does your horn work? Do you have a back-up (hand-held airhorn or whistle) right at the helm? Plastic whistle on each PFD?

✓ **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS** — Gauges in the green? Or inspected within last year? (Remove dry chemical extinguishers and shake to prevent chemical from "packing" in the bottom.)

✓ **RUNNING LIGHTS** — Turn them

all on to make sure they work.

✓ **VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS** — Do you have three unexpired day/night flares? (A recent test of out-of-date flares indicated that half *do not work!*)

✓ **VHF RADIO** — Receiving signals clearly does not necessarily mean you are transmitting clearly. Check transmission by calling a towing service on Channel 11 and requesting a radio check. (In Lee County, SeaTow will respond.) Your VHF radio may be your only way to summon help in an emergency.

✓ **VENTILATION** — On boats with inboard engines, check to determine if all air ducts are connected and doing the job when you turn on the blower.

✓ **VESSEL REGISTRATION** — Is it readily available? Current?

And remember, all boat operators under the age of 21 in Florida must have a boating safety ID card indicating that they have passed a boater safety education course or the equivalency exam. The Sanibel Marine Patrol regularly issues citations to underage boat operators who do not have these cards.

Save the Manatee Club also urges boaters to remember that just because manatees are not gathered in warm water springs or power plant effluents this time of year doesn't mean they have left Florida. "Manatees are more widely dispersed during the summer months — they could be anywhere," said SMC's staff Biologist Patti Thompson. "Since they don't have to worry about cold weather, they are out and about doing what manatees do

— feeding, breeding, calving and exploring. You may, in fact, be more likely to encounter one this time of year than during the winter.

The Florida Marine Patrol offers the following tips for detecting manatees and avoiding collisions with your boat:

- Wear polarized sunglasses.
- Stay in deep water channels. Avoid running your motor over seagrass beds.
- Look for the manatee's snout, back, tail, or flipper in the water. A swirl or flat spot signals a manatee may be swimming below.
- Obey posted speed zone and sanctuary signs.
- Don't discard fishing line, hooks, or trash into the water... ever!
- Look but don't touch. Resist the urge to feed manatees or give them water.
- Call 1 (800) DIAL-FMP, *FMP, or use VHF Channel 16 if you spot an injured manatee.

Officers in all the services will provide free educational information for boaters on safe boating procedures, conduct safety inspections on boats, and target operators boating under the influence or those who operate boats or personal watercraft carelessly.

Sanibel officers Jane Cechman and Dave Jalbert will be doing courtesy inspections at the Sanibel boat ramp, and Cechman urges anyone who would like to arrange for a courtesy inspection to leave her a message at the police department (472-3111). "I would much rather check anyone's boat for compliance *before* they go out than issue a citation on the water," she says.

Tarpon Hunters hit the water for Doc Kline Memorial Tournament

The Sanibel Island Tarpon Hunters Club held its third annual Doc Kline Memorial Tournament Saturday, May 15. Carlene Brennen, fishing aboard *Tarpon Times* with husband Terry, Capt. Bill Gartrell and famed tarpon dog, Bear, released the first tarpon of the hunt at 9:05 a.m. Terry Brennen boated a four-foot lemon shark on light tackle. Joan Baugher caught and released the second tarpon of the day on 20-lbs. test line. She was fishing with son, Brian, and Ben Corace aboard Brian's boat, *Fin Tailer*. Dick Rudluff, fishing with Donna Fox and Capt. Ozzie Fischer caught and released the third fish of the day. Dick was jigging in Boca Grand Pass when the big fish took the artificial bait. The team went one for four that day. Keith McMenamy, fishing with Andy Carmen, aboard Keith's new flats boat *Special K*, jumped five tarpon and released six black tip sharks. Steve Brown and sons Steve Brown Jr., and Chewi, aboard *Shadow Merchant*, jumped two tarpon, plus Chewi claimed the honors of reeling in the most bait fish, making him eligible for a wacky shad award.



Gathering at Gramma Dot's for treats and awards.



The team *Tarpon Times* captured first place in the Doc Kline tournament, and the prestigious traveling tarpon trophy. Carlene Brennen also won first fish of the year in the women's division. Joan Baugher took second place in the hunt, first place in the hunt's light tackle division, and first place for the year for light tackle in the women's division. Dick Rutluff captured third place in the hunt and leads for most fish released on jig for the year. The *Special K* team took home honors for the

the most sharks released.

The club ended the day with a celebration at Gramma Dot's Seaside Restaurant at Sanibel Marina. Platters of grouper and chicken fingers were served with pitchers of ice cold beer. Fish tales were exchanged with club members, family and friends. All agreed "Doc" would be proud.

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Bear honored

Lee County teacher Cindy Bear was named the recipient of the 1999 Calusa Award in honor of her lifetime contributions to environmental education in Southwest Florida. The award was presented at the Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium's Annual Meeting and Volunteer Celebration Dinner on May 4.

A native of Florida's east coast, Bear has lived in Lee County since 1984 when she came to the Nature Center from Gainesville as an Intern Naturalist. At the conclusion of her internship, she was hired as an

Education Specialist/Naturalist. She obtained her certification to teach middle and high school sciences in 1988 and accepted a full-time position with the Lee County School District in August of that year, serving as an Environmental Ed Resource teacher ever since. She has written curricula as well as student and teacher guides on a number of topics, led field trips for thousands of Lee County students, and won and administered grants from numerous entities to fund summer programs for high school students, a marine biology curriculum, a marine science seminar series for teachers, and field trips and teaching materials for students of all ages.

Best 'gator show in
South Florida

More than 40 alligators are now congregating at Corkscrew Sanctuary's Lettuce Lake — this spring's best alligator viewing in South Florida.

"The 'gators are in a feeding frenzy," said Ed Carlson, manager of the National Audubon Society Sanctuary. "The drydown effect of the drought shrinks our waters, which in turn forces fish and other prey to con-

gregate in ever-smaller areas."

Alligators at Corkscrew are wild and in their native habitat. A 2 1/4-mile boardwalk leads visitors to the Lettuce Lakes that are located about mid-point along the walk. The large reptiles can be observed lolling in the sun, feasting on fish and occasionally bellowing. Benches provide seating for up to 40 people and there is ample standing room.

Other wildlife activity includes recently fledged barred owls, red-shouldered hawks and lots of sunning turtles — all in the lush, shady cypress forest.

Corkscrew boasts the largest forest of ancient bald cypress in North America. The boardwalk meanders through an open prairie, through a pine flatwood and into the cypress forest which is home to hundreds of alligators, otters, Florida black bear, white-tailed deer and red-bellied turtles. Almost 200 bird species are residents, including both great and snowy egrets, white ibis, limpkin, and blue, green and tri-colored herons.

Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through November (7 to 5 from December through April), Corkscrew Swamp is located at 375 Sanctuary Road in

Naples. Admission is \$7 (adults), \$5.50 (college students), \$5 (Audubon members), \$3.50 (ages 6-18) and Free for children under 6.

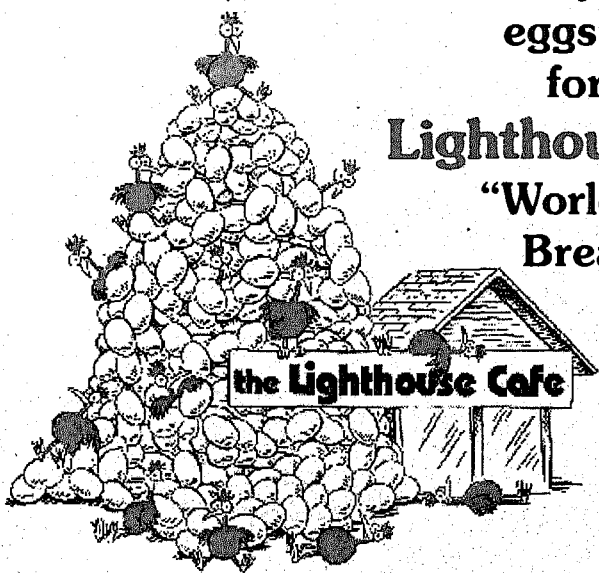
New birding
opportunities

A new *Opportunities for Birders*, published by the American Birding Association, is now out. The 1999 directory contains over 600 projects and thousands of chances for birders to get involved in field projects from Alaska to Thailand, with most being right here in North America. Some offer the pay expenses and provide all equipment, others require the birder to provide everything. Some require several months, others just a few days.

Using the book is simple. Opportunities are listed under the states, provinces or countries in which they take place. To order, send \$2 to ABA, *Opportunities for Birders*, Post Office Box 6599, Colorado Springs, CO 80934. Or you can use the directory free on ABA's web site www.americanbirding.org.

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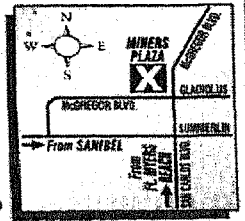
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Major League

Marlins 14-5

Rockies 14-5

Giants 13-6

Yankees 8-11

Mets 6-13

Astros 2-17

Minor League

Indians 9-1

Tigers 6-4

Pirates 3-7

Cubs 2-8

Softball

Blue Jays 7-0

Dodgers 4-4

Phillies 0-7

Weekly Highlights and Scores

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Rockies vs. Yankees 12-6, 6-17

Marlins vs. Mets 10-0, 9-4

Giants vs. Astros 11-7, 8-6

Blue Jays vs. Dodgers 14-9

1999 Sanibel All Stars

The 1999 All Stars game will be played on May 22 at 10 a.m. at the fields on Sanibel. There will be a game for each division. This year's teams are:

Majors — American League

Max Fitz, John Tolisano, Steven Radakovic, Michael Molinari, Ryan Hall, Seth Pepitone, Greg Gleason, Brett Shannon, Nicholas Dowd, Evan Bogdon, Chris Tipton and Alex Doud.

Major — National League

Sam Woods, Ty Curtis, Carlo

Muccigla, Spencer Hamilton, Andrew Davies, Tony Tromba, Thomas Cote, Tyler Baer, Joey Harity, Josh Stewart, Jake Fisher and Andrew Moen.

Minors — American League

Westley Hoffman, Britt DeGennaro, Melissa Mason, John Michael Hodge, Joey Earl, Jed Krause, J.D. Hall, Carl VonHarten, Palmer Rosen, Jelle Verner, Johnathon Cain and Matthew Cacioppo.

Minors — National League

James Dickerson, Zachary Caldwell, Tad Caldwell, Nathan Papanicolas, Aaron Walton, Alexander Cook, Christian Ligon,

Jimmy Shannon, Sam McDowell, Chris Moen, William Gelpi and Chris DiBiase.

Beachview Men's Golf Association

In the May 15 two best balls of four 18 hole match the winners were Tom Judson, Jim Hombrook, Ralph Ariss and Jack Harrington in first. Jack Tukey, Bill Pritchard and Dick Grant were second and Pat McGuffin, Dick Corbin, Les Snell and Joe Steinert were third.

The Tuesday tournaments have stopped for the summer.

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Permits & Deeds

Deeds recorded at the Lee County Courthouse for more than \$80,000 during the period ending May 2 included:

(Addresses are Sanibel unless otherwise indicated.)

Non-Condos

\$1,175,000: Mornington Industrial Holdings, Ltd. to Kathleen E. Duffy & William L. Schrader—16897 Captiva Drive.

\$1,100,000: Robert J. Wigley to Sandra Rowan Metz, Trustee, and Sandra Rowan Metz Trust—547 Kinzie Island.

\$1,025,000: Joyce Shaw Lamb, Trustee, and Joyce Shaw Lamb Trust to A. Dale & Sueanne H. Mayo—2703 Wulfert.

\$725,000: Marguerite & George E. Irwin, Jr. to Phillip L. & Donna Hinderaker—760 Periwinkle.

\$665,000: David W. Webber and Mary A. Staples to Paul & Lynn Yeakel—3000 Turtle Gait.

\$640,000: Jean Wilkowski to James F. & Karen B. Mazzulla—11411 Dickey, Captiva.

\$600,000: Demiter & Wintress N. Christoff to Lelio M. Tempesta and Soo Chistoff—11547 Wightman.

\$505,000: Martine Tourillon; Martine Tourillon, Trustee; and BMS Trust to Alberto and Carolyn J. Rubio—1293 Parview.

\$375,000: Madelyn L. & Owen P. Miles, Jr. to Philipp N. Glaser—1418 Causey.

\$369,000: Lois Casey to Elaine Jett—1017 South Yachtsman.

\$245,000: Huscorp, Inc.; William Broeder, Trustee; and National Investment & Development to David W. & Mary A.S. Webber—Lot 1, Sawgrass.

\$365,000: Michigan Homes, Inc. to Edward G. and Carol A. House—649 Pyrula.

\$350,000: Andrew C. and Denise M. Barnard to H. Pharr and Virginia, H. Brightman—977 Black Skimmer.

\$319,000: Michelle M. Beardsworth and Paula Scheb to Anthony F. Vesh—945 South Yachtsman.

\$240,000: Larry F. Bator to Allan L. and Julie A. Gettemy—209 Robinwood.

\$206,300: Michigan Homes, Inc. to Reliable Homes, Inc.—729 Pyrula.

\$200,000: Huscorp, Inc.; William Broeder, Trustee; and National Investment & Development to Elizabeth S. Brooks—Lot 2, Sawgrass.

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Enterprising Blauvelt returns home to begin design landscaping firm

By JENNIFER WORKMAN
Islander Staff Writer

As a teenager on Sanibel, Bill Blauvelt operated a landscape maintenance company. And now, two degrees and 16 years of experience later, the enterprising Blauvelt is operating another landscape company on the island—but this one doesn't have anything to do with maintenance. This one is about design.

Southern Tradition Landscape Contracting, Inc. is a commercial and residential design and installation firm that Blauvelt opened on Sanibel in January of this year but, Blauvelt said, he plans to expand the company to do work in Bonita, Fort Myers, Marco Island and as far north as Port Charlotte.

Expansion is something that Blauvelt is familiar with. When he folded up his maintenance company from his days



Bill Blauvelt

as a teenager, he packed up and moved to Tallahassee where he attended Florida A&M University and earned degrees in Landscape Golf Course Techniques and Landscape Design Management. Then, when he finished school, Blauvelt helped to build a multi-million dollar landscape design company.

But last year he heard the call of

home and family (Blauvelt's mother and long-time island resident, Louise, owns Designer Consigner on Palm Ridge Road) and moved back to Sanibel. "I'd had enough of Tallahassee... And this is my niche—this type of landscaping," said Blauvelt who explained that he likes to use a lot of color and create low maintenance designs for his clients.

Southern Tradition's services include landscape and irrigation designs, installation and renovation. Blauvelt said that his business motto is "Professionalism is the key" and that dependability is crucial. "The business strives on true professionalism... We do what we say we're going to do," he said.

With his business underway, it looks like Blauvelt's come full circle—he took a kid's enterprise and turned it into a man's dream.

Business Briefs

Galietti, Tolp honored at JNA

Ralph Galietti has been named sales person of month for April, having garnered over \$9.1 million in sales in April, setting a new company record. "We couldn't be happier — Ralph is a real go getter," said Sales Manager Jay Richter.

Toby Tolp was honored with the top listing agent designation. Tolp, a long time islander, joined JNA in November after a long tenure with Sanctuary Realty Service and South Seas.

Kramer leads Worthington

Denise Kramer has been named the top producer for Lexington Country Club. A Tiffin, Ohio native, Kramer attended Edison Community College after moving to Southwest Florida in 1984. She has 13 years of

real estate experience as an office administrator and manager. She became a sales associate for Worthington Communities after she held the position of office manager at Lexington for more than three years.

Robison joins Bush Entertainment

Bush Entertainment, the film and television company that recently released the documentary *Uncommon Friends*, has hired Sanibel resident Mike Robison to develop the local market for commercial television production. Before joining the Bush team, Robison was employed at Meridian Broadcasting (WINK) as a marketing consultant.

Chapin, Potts team named tops at RE/MAX

Barbara Amon Chapin has been named the top listing agent at the RE/MAX office for April. A multi-million dollar producer and a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Chapin has

consistently been a top Realtor on the islands since she began her real estate career in 1979.

Julie and Steve Potts have been named the top producers for the month. The husband/wife team joined the RE/MAX organization in 1987 and have consistently been recognized for their outstanding achievements on both the state and national levels. For nine years consecutively, they have received the distinction of being members of RE/MAX International's 100 Percent Club, an honor within the RE/MAX system which is reserved for the top one percent of RE/MAX Realtors world wide.

In addition, the Potts were recently inducted into RE/MAX International's coveted Platinum Club. The Platinum Club award is based on outstanding sales volume and commissions earned within the RE/MAX system in 1998.

VIP recognizes associates

Cathy Gerasin has

been honored as the VIP Realty Group, Inc. 1998 Rookie of the Year. The award, presented at VIP's annual recognition breakfast at the Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa, is given to a new associate who has no prior real estate experience, and produced the highest sales volume among other rookies. Gerasin, a Sanibel resident, joined VIP Realty's Sanibel office in May, 1998. She earned her sales license in 1991 and her broker's license in 1997. Prior to entering the real estate field, she worked as a chamber of commerce executive director, president and vice president.

Robin Humphreys of VIP's Sundial office, received the overall 1998 Associate of the Year award for VIP. Also honored with an Associate of the Year award was Mike McMurray of the Sanibel office.

The company also designated its Five- and Three-year Service awards. Associates in the Sanibel office who received the Five-year

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Service Award were Polly Cosyns, Ruth Hamann, Linda Holloway, Jennifer Hendera, Rosanne Ondarcho, Valerie Pool, Ada Shissler and Bette Zeigler. Ralph Hansen of the Sanibel office was recognized with the Three-year Service Award.

In monthly honors, VIP Realty Group has pinpointed Mike McMurray as the top sales agent for April and Rose Gibney Dakos as the top listing agent. McMurray has been in real estate for the past five years. He belongs to the Sanibel & Captiva Board

of Realtors, National Association of Realtors, and Florida Association of Realtors, and has been awarded VIP's #1 sale agent designation on several occasions in his career. Dakos, a Florida Broker/Salesperson, has been selling real estate primarily on Sanibel for the past 16 years. She has marketed new condominium and subdivision projects including Lantana on the Gulf and Eastwood Landings. A mom, Dakos is heavily involved with the Sanibel Elementary School PTA where her son, Billy, attends school.

PMR announces top sales people

Jim Branyon and Margie Davison tied for the top listing agent status for the greatest number of listings developed for Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc. Mary Lou Bailey was honored with the top selling agent title for the greatest number of sales. Davison and Bailey work out of the Periwinkle Way office on Sanibel, and Branyon calls the Captiva office home.

Andrew completes training

Susan Andrews, President of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors, successfully completed the Advanced Spokesperson Issues Training program conducted by FAR and held at its headquarters in Orlando. The course, designed to increase awareness of the issues affecting the Realtor profession, was taught by Tom Morgan and Mark Barker, Orlando-based communications experts who have extensive experience in print and electronic media news.

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\$185,000: Robert H. Cook to Katie Gardenia—L6, Bb, Upper Captiva Shores.

\$150,000: Michigan Homes, Inc. to Leisure Concepts, Inc.—1329 Eagle Run.

\$150,000: Michigan Homes, Inc. to The Wolter Group—1333 Eagle Run.

\$85,000 each: Robert E. Snow; Robert E. Snow, Trustee; and Robert E. Snow Trust to Peter & Carola Wilkens—1400 & 1408 Tahiti.

\$80,000: Anthony Paul & Carol Jean Tomasi to Meike &

Karsten Timm—266 Hurricane. **Condos**

\$1,875,000: James A. Hock; James A. Hock, Trustee; and James A. Hock Trust to Dale E. & Jeri L. Peterson—Wedgewood-Unit 206.

\$1,400,000: Billig Family Limited Partnership to NBD Bank, NA, and Kathryn O. Miller, Trustee—Anglers Key-Unit 301.

\$1,225,000: Kathryn O. Miller to John E. & Frances E. Utley—Anglers Key-Unit 101.

\$700,000: William C. & Carolyn Thorne King to Artla Limited Partnership—Atrium-Unit 306.

\$620,000: Butler, a Min-

nesota Junonia Partnership, to PTO Partnership, a Maryland General Partnership—Junonia of Sanibel-Unit A101.

\$475,000: Gerard & Marjorie M. Morrissey to David B. & Patricia G. Penske—5657 Baltusrol-Unit 2A.

\$440,000: Maria Louise & John A. Weibel, Sr. to Richard A. & Lori A. Tanner—909 Marina Villas-Unit 1B, Captiva.

\$410,000: Denise S. Katsaros to Bennett Harris, Trustee; Carole Harris, Trustee; and Harris Trust—2228 Beach Villas-Unit C208.

\$375,000: Waclaw & Mar-

garet Alexander Rolland to Ana Berta Chepelinsky—Pointe Santo de Sanibel-Unit C34.

\$260,000: Alberto & Carolyn J. Rubio to Richard E. Wolin and Elizabeth A. Doherty—Light-house Point-Unit 119.

\$246,000: Henry G. Rogers and Kathleen S. Rogers to Joan M. Kelly, Trustee, and Joan M. Kelly Trust—Sand Pebble-Unit 4A.

\$237,000: Leonard & Deidre Devick to Douglas J. & Susan M. Smith—Mariner Pointe-Unit 1052.

\$220,000: Manfred & Barbara R. Holland to Shirley A. Sauder—Sanibel Arms-Unit A4.

\$220,000: Felix & Lorene Freeman to Randy & Karen Croat—Sundial-Unit H310.

\$200,000: Douglas M. Reid to David J. Martin and K. Kelly Martin—3120 Tennis Villas-Unit A210, Captiva.

\$155,000: Howard Dunbar to Joseph & Brenda Decapua—Sanibel Arms-Unit F7.

\$150,000: 1196921 Ontario Ltd, to Raymond E. and Carol Wittekind—Coquina Beach-Unit 2B.

\$123,000: Douglas M. Macneil and Helen Jane Macneil to Arthur G. Tallas & Lucy H. Tallas—Sanibel Cottages-Unit 111 (Wks. 11-13).

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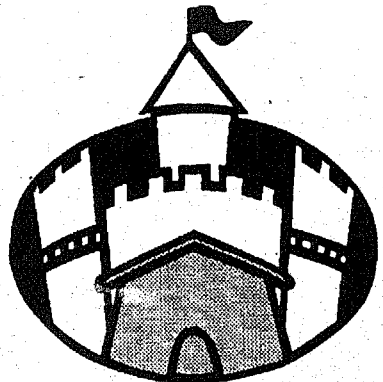
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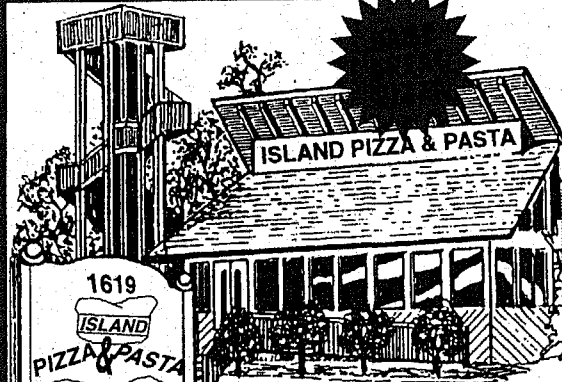
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COMMENTARY

The state of the city

(Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer ... Shakespeare: Richard III)

In many ways the past season was one of discontent in Sanibel. It was also one of marked change.

First, and perhaps foremost, was the decision of long-time City Manager, Gary Price, to take early retirement. Contrary to later reports, Gary's decision to leave was made well in advance of the election. I know, because we discussed it. I advised that any announcement be made after the election so that it did not become an election issue. Also, I hoped he would change his mind.

Second, was the outcome of the election itself, in which a long-time incumbent was not re-elected, and two relative newcomers were elected. The significance of this has already been overly debated. However, it indicates, at least, that islanders, who were perceived to be allergic to change, were willing to take a chance concerning the most important institution in the community.

Third, there was the early retirement of almost nine percent of the work force of the City, most of whom were at higher level positions in city government. This was in the works for over a year. However, it was implemented in December and January. None of the positions have yet been filled.

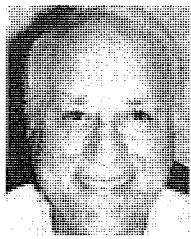
Fourth, was the unexpected resignation of Councilman Madison, and the reasons listed for it. This threw city council into disarray. Fortunately for all, former councilman Bob Davison came back until a special election could be held. Thus, by the time Bill Hillebrandt was elected at the end of March, council averaged less than 2 years experience. Apart from Bob Janes, the average was under 1 year. It is noteworthy that Council has been hitting on all five cylinders for less than 2 months.

Fifth, was the allegation of impropriety against a council member. Although that had a tremendously disruptive effect, from the point of view of the institution (the city) it just slowed down the ability to get things done.

Sixth, was the telecommunications "uprising" by the citizenry. It was not surprising that people would be upset by the specter of unwanted structures in their backyards. Nobody howled more than I at the Telecommunications Act of 1996. It is federalism at its worst—Congress

From the Desk of the Acting City Manager

Bob Drift



preempts most of a local government's authority over land uses, while leaving the illusion of local control. This is designed so residents will air their grievances to the local governing body rather than bothering their Congressmen. This technique is used by the state also. Unfortunately, Sanibel remains in a gridlock on this issue.

Seventh, is the Causeway. Council, staff, the planning commission and the public have spent considerable amounts of time and effort formulating a response to the county's plans and methodology for studying causeway issues. Hopefully, this can be resolved by June.

Eighth, is the City Manager search. Of the 176 timely filed applications, none came from in-house. Each eligible person has his or her own reasons, but it is a safe bet to assume that the lack of inside applications is a result of a correct perception that the sense of council is to hire someone from outside the city. This is consistent with the notion that more change is in the wind.

So, what has the administrative staff been doing during amid this time of controversy and change? It has been providing the same level of competent services to the public as ever.

For example, the police department was able to crack the dinner-set burglary ring. The major disputes with Florida Department of Environmental Protection over the sewer system have been resolved. Phase I is nearing readiness for hookup, Phase II is in the works and the \$500,000 state grant is still in the state budget. The IWA/City reclaimed water injection well is about to begin drilling (pardon the noise until Christmas). And we have been able to fast-track a pipeline to begin a reuse water system for the Middle and West Gulf Drive areas. This will allow for irrigation with reclaimed wastewater rather than drinking water.

Other departments are managing to operate with the reduced staffing level.

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Letters

The reality of dark skies on Sanibel

To the Editor:

As a year-round resident of Sanibel, I have generally applauded the actions of City Council to preserve the ambiance of our island. However, every once in awhile such a hair brain scheme surfaces that one can only despair that our elected officials, much less our paid city employees, have so little productive things of value to occupy them that time can be spent on it. "Dark Skies" is such a scheme.

Reality is that there is almost no place on Sanibel where a beautiful star-filled sky cannot be seen on a clear night — lights or no lights. Reality is that a flight over Sanibel at night reveals little, if any, light shining skyward. Reality is that there is little, if any, evidence that "dark skies" provides any environmental or ecological benefit. Reality is that if substantive energy savings were available through "dark skies," local businesses would have probably adopted it with or without an ordinance, some time ago. And reality is that the cost of implementing and enforcing this idiotic ordinance, if adopted, will not be born by local business or the city but, ultimately, by those of us who live or visit Sanibel.

One can only hope that "dark skies" is not typical of the legislative agenda of our Vice-Mayor, Mr. Reding. I shudder to think of him in the role of Mayor if it is!

Michael J. Baldwin
Sanibel

Community effort helps Relay for Life

To the Editor:

I want to thank all members of the Islands' Optimist Club, Rotary Club, the Junior Optimist Club and Junior Girl Scouts and parents for their efforts in the 1999 Relay for Life this past weekend, May 14-15. Club members helped the American Cancer Society by giving a monetary donation or by donating their time to make our island team successful in raising money and ensuring that the 1999 Relay for Life event reached this year's goal of \$200,000. Also, thanks goes to Bailey's and Jerry's supermarkets for their donation of food the clubs use to raise additional money for the American Cancer Society during the event.

It was very rewarding to be a part of a team of all ages and to be a part of a community that got together for such a good cause.

Linda Turansky
Relay for Life Team Captain

Guest Commentary Correction

Typographic error misstates STOP-IT position

Last week's *Islander* carried a Commentary column by STOP-IT, in which the group objected to key elements of Mariner's proposal to develop the 44-acre land parcel located near the Periwinkle-Bailey Road intersection. One of its objections was to a reported plan to dedicate some of the residential land to the City, which would have the effect of lifting deed restrictions and covenants that prevent traffic access through a residential building lot. The City would then theoretically be asked to allow the developer to run road cuts through the building lot to carry commercial and non-residential traffic to and from Bailey Road. Due to a typographic error, it was not made clear that STOP-IT would vigorously oppose such a plan as one that "puts commercial interests and increased traffic above the welfare and safety of residents." STOP-IT also objected to what it termed the "ominous precedents" such an action would set and asked "What neighborhood covenants would not be a risk if maneuvers like this were permitted?"

The *Islander* regrets the error.

C o m m e n t a r y

CITY MANAGER REPORT,
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We have received complaints of some delays in processing of permits, but this is attributable in part to a very good economy and an abnormal number of permit applications.

We have also implemented a few innovations. We are now using computer aided projector presentations (Power Point) and are building a library of digital photographs. Any organization that would like to have a speaker and presentation, should call my office.

Another improvement is the Civic Tracker system. We can put citizen complaints and inquiries on the computer and follow up with the responsible department. This will be infinitely better than the current "sticky note" system.

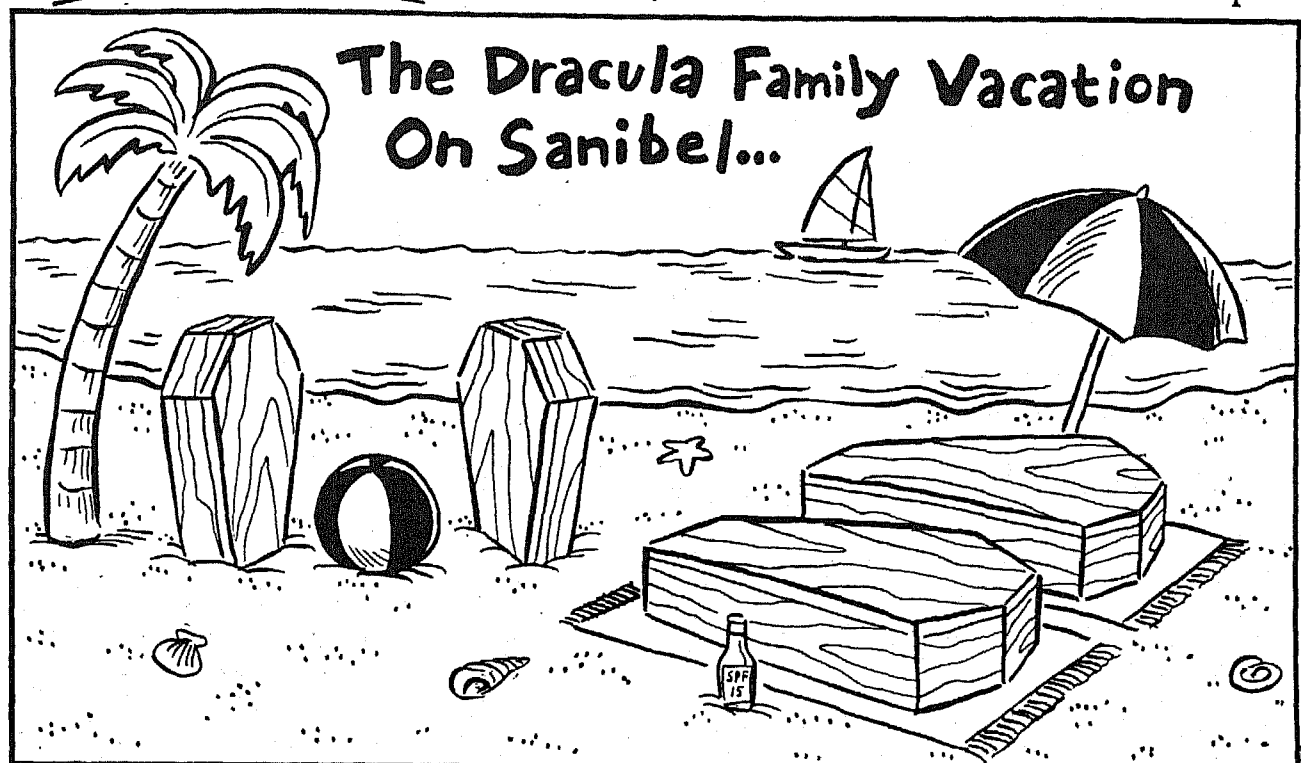
What is the prognostication? The internal turmoil and lack of experience of council are relegated to history. The new city manager will likely be on board within the next two months. There will still be many challenges, such as appropriate staffing levels, review of past policies, and implementation of new ideas. There will be a clash of past ideas with new ideas and eventually a synthesis. Sanibel government is not finished changing. It will be an interesting ride.

Hopefully, it will be a glorious summer.

(P.S. I love this place!)

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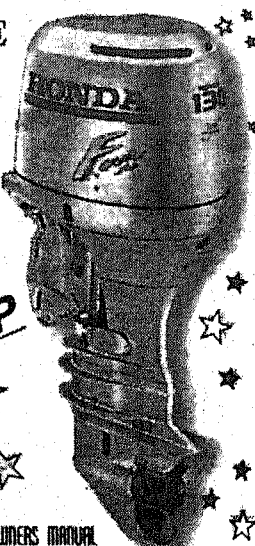
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Local artists featured in May exhibit

Six artists from the Sanibel-Captiva Art League are exhibiting their paintings at the First Union Bank on Captiva (in the Post Office Building) for the month of May.

• **Betty Weise** is showing three charmingly detailed watercolors of local scenes, and an etching of shells in blue and mauve.

• **Ann Bischoff** uses pastel and oil in radiant and sensitive colors. (She is a member of Sanibel's Hirdie Girdie Gallery).

• **Don Daniels** uses watercolors to create interest in simple and complex subjects (He, too, is a member of Hirdie Girdie).

• **Carol Hagerman** is a well-known, gifted teacher and artist. Her watercolors show great evidence of her classical training in composition, color values and techniques.

• **Judy Andrews Friedman's** abstract oil painting was inspired by an antique iron gate. Its outstanding features are purity of line and fetching earth tones, combined with a serene power.

• **Alice Loomis** works in oils. She is primarily an outdoor artist specializing in landscapes but also enjoys the freedom of abstract shape and color rhythms

The Captiva bank welcomes visitors, art enthusiasts and shoppers to view this exhibition. For further information contact Lela Russell at 472-7110.

'Second Act' is Coming

In an effort to expand its services, Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) is opening a non-profit boutique and fine art gallery, featuring some of Florida's finest artists, in Royal Palm Square. The project is called, 'Second Act,' and is scheduled to open June 4.

All proceeds from the boutique and fine arts sales will benefit victims of domestic violence, their children, and survivors of sexual assault.

ACT is asking for community involvement through the donation of fine, estate and antique jewelry, evening wear, bridal and prom gowns, and upscale men's, women's and children's clothing.

ACT would appreciate a prompt response from those who can help. As always, they will be happy to furnish you with an in-kind donation form. Also, limited pick-up of items is available. Call 939-2552 to make a donation or for further information

At The Phil: Beethoven Fest No. 2

The best-known of all symphonies will be the centerpiece of the second program in the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's *Beethoven Fest* at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 27 and 28, at The Phil.

Beethoven's Fifth Symphony — with its famous four opening notes said to represent fate knocking on the door —

will be performed under the baton of Music Director Christopher Seaman.

On the same program, renowned violinist Leila Josefowicz, who brought audiences to their feet in her previous Phil appearances, will perform Prokofiev's *Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor*. The concert opens with Mendelssohn's overture, *The Hebrides*.

Tickets are \$32 (adults) and \$16 (children).

ECC Gallery of Fine Art presents:

The Edison Community College Gallery of Fine Art is pleased to present *Expanding Expressions: Contemporary Master Prints*, an exhibition of 35 innovative screen prints. The work of seven internationally known artists — Brad Davis, Frank Faulkner, Sam Gilliam, Roberto Juarez, Miriam Schapiro, George Sugarman, and Robert Rahway Zakanitch, with master printer Carl Cowden at Berghoff-Cowden Editions in Tampa — will remain on display until July 11.

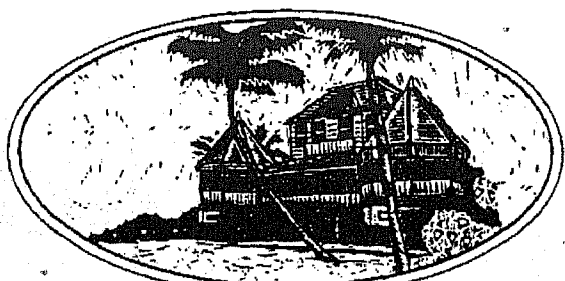
Each artist explored new territory in the use of non-toxic acrylic inks, and approached the work with heightened sensitivity, developing and expanding aesthetic talents in the process. Intense colors, layers of color, collage elements, and fabric overlays create new dimensions and vibrancy in these contemporary prints.



Young Artist Competition overall winner, violinist Katrina Rozmus with Maestro Paul Nadler, outside the Barbara B. Mann Hall at Young People's Concert held May 4 & 5. The concerts featured the Symphony of Southwest Florida and the Palm Coast Youth Orchestra were attended by 6,500 students.

The Gallery of Fine Art is located in Humanities Hall on the Lee County Campus of Edison Community College at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. It is closed on Mondays. There is no admission charge.

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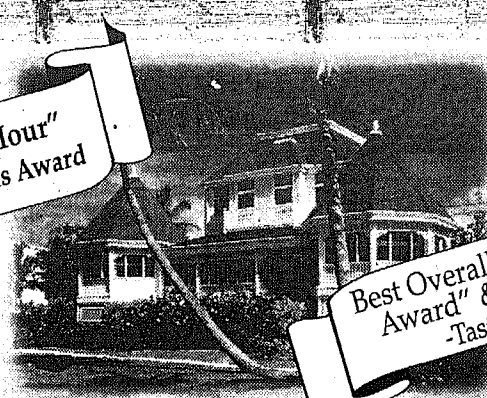
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or 5- show subscription. The new season begins on Nov. 4 with *Talley's Folly*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Award.

Don't miss J.T. Smith's Memorial Day week-end special, *The Great American Songbook*... This tuneful review will contain songs by our finest American composers in special arrangements by J.T. and performed by the maestro, Victor Legarreta and Johnna Allen. Performance schedule is 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 27, 28 and 29; tickets are \$18. The number to call for reservations (you can make them now) is 472-6862. Please Note: You only have 2 more performances to see *Lend Me A Tenor* which closes tomorrow, Saturday, May 22. If you don't see it you've missed the laugh riot of the season.

Attention, all avid opera fans... The John Nuveen Company is the national sponsor of the Chicago Lyric Opera broadcasts, carried on more than 500 radio outlets. A new production of Richard Strauss's opera *Ariadne Auf Naxos* consisting of a prologue and one act sung in German, will be broadcast from your local PBS radio station (WGPU) at 1:30 on Saturday, May 22.

In the opera segment the role of Naiad will be sung by Lynette Tapia, Dryad by Jennifer Dudley, Echo by Elena Kolganova, Ariadne by Deborah Voigt, Harlequin by Russell Braun, Scaramuccio by Sanley Jackson and Bacchus by Jon Villars. The conductor will be Robert Spano and the stage director is John Cox.

Fort Myers Classic Repertory Theatre at the Foulds... A new drama festival is being produced by Florida Gulf Coast Uni-

versity, sponsored by The Alliance For The Arts, and will present three plays in repertory: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Love Letters* (with Gail Edwards and Paul Conrad), and *Cherchez The Doctor!* (Moliere's *Doctor in Spite of Himself*). Performance schedule: May 27 through June 13 with curtain at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 5 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday and a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. Individual tickets are \$15 (for Thursday, early Saturday performance and Sunday matinee) and \$18 (for 8 p.m. Friday and 8:30 Saturday performances). The number to call for reservations and further information is (941) 590-7150 from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Wagner

The first time I saw Jack Cole dance it was at Cafe Society Uptown in 1941. He was appearing with his two partners, the Kraft Sisters, Beatrice and Evelyn, and shared top billing with the beautiful, voluptuous jazz pianist, Hazel Scott. The Cole trio of dancers did a type of East Indian and Hindu dancing set to jazz music. They wore exotic costumes which included the mandatory leg and ankle bells, and the movements were so exact, so phenomenally different that they immediately caught your eye. Somehow Cole had been able to blend the exotic moves to jazz music and it was dazzling to watch. Its impact was

The Dance Makers: Jack Cole brings to Broadway a new style of dance

tremendous and left me with an everlasting memory of the brilliance of Jack Cole and his strange and mesmerizing, hybrid style of dance.

I saw him again in a Broadway theater in 1942 in a variety show called *Keep 'em Laughing*, and he and the Kraft Sisters stopped the show. Once again the enticing Hazel Scott was on the bill. On my first furlough from the army, I saw his name listed as a featured performer in the Ziegfeld Follies of 1943 that played the Winter Garden Theater. Even in that hodgepodge of big-name star talent his *Wedding of the Solid Sender* and *Hindu Serenade* was mentioned in all of the reviews.

I was looking through my Playbill when I saw Ethel Merman in *Something for the Boys*, and the name of the choreographer immediately caught my eye. It was Jack Cole. His dances, as always, were exciting, but the most unique thing about the dancers was that they all danced in sneakers. It was the first time on a stage I had seen anything but stan-

dard dance footwear, and they were almost always from Capezio's.

During my stint in the Army I would constantly see musicals with dance numbers that I knew had to have been choreographed by Cole. A careful look at the film credits always confirmed what I thought.

In Hollywood during the late 40's and early 50's there were many so-called "contract players." An extremely pretty young girl, or a very handsome young man, would be spotted by a talent scout and if their screen test proved them to be a favorite of the camera's they were put under contract at a minimum salary and trained in all facets of performing. They took acting lessons, singing lessons, dancing lessons, diction lesson, fencing lessons and almost anything else, including how to dress and who to see and be seen with. They then waited to be called for a small part to test their mettle and from there on, come what may.

Cole had requested that he be

given a group of those performers who were already good dancers under contract so he could work with them daily to improve their technique and teach them the basics of his own style. No sooner said than done, and some 12 to 15 dancers reported to Cole for a daily workout that either left you strong as an oxen or a cripple with no knee cartilage left. The most famous of that group was Gwen Verdon, who later became a huge Broadway musical star. But there were also Buzz Miller, George and Ethel Martin, Carol Haney, Rod Alexander and many big names in the dance world that have faded into the past.

Cole choreographed a night club act for the group and it was one of the most successful night club acts ever booked. They worked with the dynamics of a pile-driver, the exquisite technique of one kissed by Terpsichore herself, and take it from an admirer who saw

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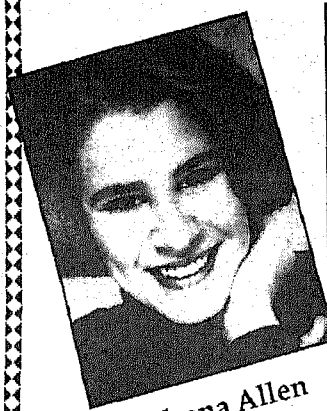
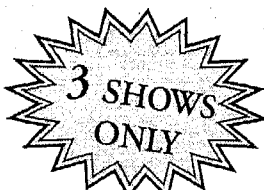
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them perform, you'd never forget the impact of those magnificent bodies performing in the tight space allotted them in a night-club.

Cole's movie career suddenly began to zoom and he became the only choreographer Marilyn Monroe would allow to set her dance numbers or stage her musical numbers. Betty Grable and Gwen Verdon were a magnificent two-

some in a film called Meet Me After The Show. In that film Grable did a wonderful Cole number with 8 muscle men called No-Talent Joe. It was Grable and Cole at their best.

Next week: The films with

Marilyn Monroe, Cole's return to Broadway choreography, and how one can lose one's perspective when you begin to depend almost entirely on a camera.



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The following is a list of specials for the month of May:

• **Artist in the Atrium — Jean Dean.** Through May 23.

Dean is winner of over 100 awards and her work has been included in a U.S. Embassy Madrid exhibit, and in the Hirschhorn Collection. Come celebrate Dean's powerful and dynamic style of her work now exhibited in the Atrium.

• **Inside Secrets from a Design Pro (Session 1)** 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. May 27.

Design Consultant Tony Bower leads this two-part series. In Session 1 you'll learn that you get what you pay for when it comes to quality furniture construction. Bower teaches you what to look for in solid wood and veneer construction and what questions to ask. This seminar is offered twice on the same day. The 6:30 p.m. session has been added to give the

working set an opportunity to attend.

• **Inside Secrets From a Design Pro (Session 2)** 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. June 3.

During this session Bower will introduce you to some inside knowledge about what hides under your upholstery — from spring construction to choosing the best cushion fills. This session is also offered twice on the same day.

For reservations please call the Fort Myers seminar hotline at (941) 437-6959, ext. 267. Reservations are *not required* for Artists in the Atrium. Please note: all events are subject to change.

Cypress Lake High presents a concert

The Cypress Lake High School Music Department will present its 8th Annual Prism Concert at 7 p.m. Friday, May 21. The concert will feature music from various war periods.

Something new for this year is a silent auction that will begin at 6 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Cypress Lake High School Music Department.

Tickets are \$4, children 12 and under are admitted free. For further information call 481-4850.

BIG Arts at Sharon's Art in the Courtyard

BIG Arts provided a week of artists for this year's Sharon's Art in the Courtyard (April 26-30) at the Sanibel Elementary School. Laverne Phillips, President of BIG Arts, states "We have been pleased to participate in this program every year since Sharon [Schlegel] started it."

This year's artists were Helen Baller, Basketry; Louis Ferguson, Furniture Painting; Frank Glodowski, Watercolors; Cathy Taylor, Acrylics; and Carmen Embry, Poetry Writing. Demonstrations are presented in the courtyard during the lunch break, giving students the opportunity to observe and question different art forms in process.

Bronsted offers summer workshop

A new summer workshop in Sculpture and Pottery at the Wheel taught



Frank Glodowski

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Performance schedule: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$13. MasterCard & Visa.

The schedule for the 1999-2000 season has been set and season's subscriptions are available at the box office.

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Last chance to see...

Lend Me a Tenor—What happens when opera star, Tito Merelli, is unable to perform the title role in *Otello* for the Cleveland Opera? Sidesplitting laughter, that's what! Don't miss this uproarious bit of fun written by Ken Ludwig. Plays through May 22 at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Special Memorial Weekend Feature:

The Great American Songbook—Favorite songs by the greatest American composers... Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and many others. Three fabulous performers... J.T. Smith, the maestro himself; Victor Legarreta with the big voice, pleasing personality and a delicious sense of humor; and Johnna Allen, the amazingly talented, triple-threat performer who has just completed a run in *The Vaudeville Follies* at the Off Broadway Palm. Three performances only—8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 27-29.

Coming attraction:

Ray Cooney's hilariously funny and wildly titillating farce, *Run for Your Wife*, opens at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, and plays Thursday-Saturday evenings through July 17.

Performance tickets are \$15. Visa & MasterCard.

BIG Arts Center

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Sanibel-Captiva Art League's Summer Show is currently on display and will hang until Oct. 15. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. daily, including Sunday.

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Cats—Five performances of this international favorite, which is still playing on Broadway and in London's West End, begin on Friday, May 21. Performance schedule: 8 p.m. May 21; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Tickets are \$46, \$38 and \$31 (plus tax).

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Off Broadway Palm

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The Vaudeville Follies—Presented by Michael Oberfield and Paul Bernier. Performances at 8 p.m. through May 23.

Tickets (which include dinner or lunch) are: Evenings \$30, Matinees \$27; Show only price is \$18.

Foulds Theatre

McGregor at Royal Palm Square 939-2787

Coming Attraction:

The New Arts Festival '99 plays July 25 through Aug. 14. Watch for complete schedule of this 10th anniversary edition!

Arcade Theatre

2267 First Street 332-4488

Skin of our Teeth by Thornton Wilder is the first of three summer productions. Directed by Niels Miller, the play runs from May 27 to June 13. Performance schedule: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday with 2 p.m. matinee Sunday. General admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at door.

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J Jumbo — An unusually large person, animal or thing; unusually large as jumbo shrimps.

After Jumbo (circa 1865 - 1885), a large elephant exhibited by P.T. Barnum. Apparently, among elephants Jumbo was of gigantic size. He stood 10 feet, 9 inches at the shoulder and weighed in at six and a half tons. His first home was at the London Zoo for 17 years. The story is that his daily food intake consisted of 200 pounds of hay, five pails of water and a quart of whiskey. He was bought by Phineas T. Barnum's circus, the Greatest Show on Earth and shipped to America in 1882, which the British public, including Queen Victoria, loudly protested. It was said that a million children rode on his back during his 3 1/2 years with the circus. His nationwide popularity made Jumbo a household name in America. Sadly, in a fatal accident, he was hit by a freight train in 1882.

Word historians are not quite sure who gave Jumbo his name and how it was derived. It may have been taken from the compound word mumbo-jumbo or from the Swahili term jumbe which means chief.

What's in a name? Part II

K Knickerbockers (knickers) — Full breeches gathered and banded just below the knee.

After Washington Irving's fictional historian Diedrich Knickerbocker, in his book, *A History of New York from the Beginning of the World to the End of the Dutch Dynasty* which was published in 1809. It's believed that Irving's choice of Knickerbocker, as the fictional narrator of his book was derived from the Knickerbocker family which once had a long and proud history in the Hudson Valley going back to the seventeenth century.

The 1850 edition of Irving's book was illustrated by George Cruikshank, a noted English caricaturist, which showed Diedrich Knickerbocker and his fellow Dutch burghers wearing loose-fitting breeches gathered just below the knee.

Before very long, knee breeches, which were worn then for sports activities such as bicycling and golfing, were being called knickerbockers inspired by Cruikshank's illustrations.

Eventually the word was shortened to knickers.

You may be surprised to know, that today in Great Britain knickers are not worn by men, unless you're a transvestite. It's a term for a female undergarment that we call panties, here in the States.

L Leotard — A snugly fitting, stretchable one-piece garment with or without sleeves that covers the torso, worn especially by dancers, gymnasts, acrobats, and those engaging in exercise workouts; tights.

After Jules Leotard (1830 -1870), French aerialist, who wrote in his memoirs: "Do you want to be adored by the ladies? A trapeze is not required, but instead of draping yourself in unflattering clothes, invented by ladies, and which give us the air of ridiculous mannikins, put on more natural garb, which does not hide your best features." What natural garb was he referring to? The leotard, of course, his own creation, which he wore at all his performances. Among his other claims to fame he perfected the first aerial somersault which, by the way, did not kill him. He died, ironically, of small pox, while still a young man.

M Maverick — An unbranded range animal, especially a calf that has become separated from its mother, traditionally considered the property of the first person who brands it; a dissenter; being independent in thought and action.

After Samuel Augustus Maverick (1803-1870), a Texas lawyer, politician, and 'sometime' cattleman who was given 400 head of cattle by a client in lieu of cash to settle a \$1200 debt. The acquired cattle, for reasons unknown, were never branded and allowed to roam at will over Maverick's 385,000 acres. Conjecture has it that Maverick abhorred the cruelty of branding or was just plain lazy. Neighboring cattlemen, of course, took advantage of Maverick's oversight and burned their own brands on any strays they could find, to Maverick's consternation. Soon, the term maverick to signify any unbranded cattle spread throughout the West.

Eventually the word acquired the transferred sense, as we know it today, of anyone who is a member of a group and refuses to be 'branded' by the policies of that group, such as a maverick Republican or Democrat.

N Nicotine — A colorless, poisonous alkaloid, derived from the tobacco plant and used as an insecticide. It is the substance in tobacco to which smokers can become addicted.

After Jean Nicot (1530?-1600) French diplomat. While serving as ambassador to Portugal, Nicot cultivated plants from tobacco seeds brought back from the New World by Portuguese explorers. He is credited for having introduced tobacco to the French court and as one of the first Europeans to grow the plant as a profit crop. The Swedish botanist, Linnaeus, named the genus that includes the common tobacco plant *Nicotiana* in his honor. In 1818, the oily substance found in tobacco

leaves was first isolated and named nicotine which was formed in French after *Nicotiana*.

O Oscar — A trademark for a statuette awarded annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for achievement in movies.

After Oscar Pierce, a Texas fruit and wheat grower. The story of how a ten-inch, gold-plated bronze statue of a man with his arms in front of him resting on the handle of a sword became the name of an annual award given for excellence in the movie industry seems like a Hollywood creation in itself. The story, however is true.

In 1931, Margaret Herrick, on her first day of work as a librarian for the Academy noticed a statuette on the desk of an executive. When she inquired what it was she was informed that it was the Academy's "foremost member" to which she remarked "He reminds me of my Uncle Oscar." A Hollywood columnist who overheard Mrs. Herrick's remark wrote in his column the following day: "Employees (of the Academy) have affectionately dubbed their statuette 'Oscar.'" As you can see the name stuck.

P Pasteurize — To subject to pasteurization, i.e., the act or process of heating a beverage, or other food such as milk or beer, to a specific temperature for a specific period of time in order to kill microorganisms that could cause disease, spoilage, or undesired fermentation.

After Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), French chemist who founded modern microbiology. In 1854, while at the University of Lille as professor of chemistry and dean of the science faculty, he was studying moulds growing on sour milk. The idea came to him that fermentation was not a result of spontaneous generation as had been previously believed, but was caused by microorganisms borne by the air. How was he to prove this? He devised a simple experiment to test sterile solutions which were exposed to heated air only. His observations indicated that fermentation did not occur. And so the process of pasteurization was born.

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If you are out of the loop, a Binky is a pacifier. I didn't invent the name, "Binky." I think somebody somewhere came up with it because "pacifier" sounds sinister, like something Al Capone would use on Elliot Ness. Baby Products, Inc., invented this horrible little rubber thing that is far more addictive than crack cocaine and they wanted it to sound cute and child-like. This really is a good idea, if you think about it. After all, if heroin was called Snooky-doots or Tinky-bears, who would get upset about it? Imagine the police saying they had busted a Tinky-bear ring and confiscated a load of Snooky-doots with a street value of a million dollars. We would all yell about police brutality. Free the Tinky-bear 5!

So calling the nasty, habit-forming pacifier a Binky was smart marketing, if that isn't an oxymoron. But I have some bad news for the person who came up with the name. "Binky" still doesn't sound cute and child-like. Not when it's 3 a.m. and your three year-old is screeching, "I WANT MY BINKY!" at the approximate noise level of a Titan rocket with multiple warheads crashing and exploding into an earthquake.

Which Pookie does quite often now. The screeching, I mean; not the part about the earthquake. Pookie screeches, and not just at 3 a.m. Any time I refuse to let her have a third bowl of ice cream, or watch the Teletubbies video for a 14th straight time, or if I dare to stop her from grabbing a lighted candle from the dinner table and holding it under the dog's tail — she juts out her lip, wrinkles her brow, and snarls, "I want my Binky." And when I say no, she screeches. It's like watching an animated cartoon of the Tasmanian Devil having a temper tantrum. You truly expect to see a truck roar up to dump a crate of Acme Binkys and a personal note from Mel Blanc — "just give her the damn Binky! Best wishes, Mel." Anything to keep her quiet.

Except I have been told in no uncertain terms by world class experts — the dentist, the pediatrician and my mom — that it is now way past time to wrestle the Binky away from Pookie. Sure. Wrestle it away. Maybe

Pookie the Hutt and Dad-eye Knights: It's Binky Wars

Goldberg could manage it. But it's more likely that he'd end up with a split lip, just like mine.

I remember very well how concerned these same experts were when my oldest girl, T.L. Bear, would not take a Binky at all, no matter what. And they were thrilled when Pookie took the Binky happily and with enthusiasm. And now that she is three and has made it clear that she considers Binky to be her life partner, they have all turned on me.

Grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, strangers in the supermarket — everybody is appalled at the fact that somebody who considers himself a responsible parent would actually let a three year-old stick a Binky in her mouth. Even worse, the dentist is now out to get me. Last visit, he showed me a huge, coffee table-sized book of rotting molars and malformed mandibles. "Of course, we don't want to alarm you," he sneered, and the nurse laughed behind his back, "but here are some pictures of what COULD happen if she keeps the Binky." The pictures were very effective, even though I knew they were set up to deliberately manipulate my emotions. They were all painted on velvet with big-eyed kids.

I don't need my emotions manipulated right now. I need support and kindness. I need Mr. Rogers, and I'm getting Jerry Springer. Because the Binky War has brought me to my lowest point as a parent. Three year-old Pookie has actually looked me in the eye — more of a glare or a snarl than a look, really — and said, "I don't like you." And all because I wouldn't give her the Binky. Even worse, I am no longer invited to her birthday party.

She likes that nasty rubber thing more than she likes me. I give her ice cream, push her on the swings, tickle her, read to her, teach her about ketchup, and she prefers the Binky.

Lord knows I've tried reasoning with her. I tell her she's a big girl now, and big girl's don't use Binkies. This always worked with Pookie's older sister, T.L. Bear. We got her to give up the bottle on her third birthday by saying, "Now you are three, and almost grown up. That's too old for a baby bottle." And Bear gave up her bottle. She actually went for it. And I was very proud of the strength of character that showed, although it does not fill me with optimism about what might happen if she ever buys real estate.

But Pookie won't hear it. She goes along with the part about being big now, if we are talking about the high chair or crib. But when we say anything at all about her Binky, she gets a kind of crafty-innocent look in her huge blue eyes and says, "I'm not really big-big. Just little-big." She has already learned to play the middle line better than your average ambulance-chasing lawyer. She's too big for her car seat, but too little to carry things in from the car. She's much too big for the little plastic bowl if it

has ice cream in it, but she's still way too little to give up Binky.

And so there has been a little bit of tension lately between me and my big-little three year-old. My mother says it's just a phase, but I learned a long time ago that my mother always says that instead of swearing. Personally, I'm not so optimistic. I'm leaning toward believing what my friend Cesar says,

that I should just accept it, wait until Pookie gets married and then give her kids Binkys.

I can't imagine where this will end up, but my worst nightmare is that it won't end up at all. And in a few years I will be walking Pookie down the aisle in a beautiful white dress — and giving her away to a huge Binky.

I hope he's kind and has a good job.

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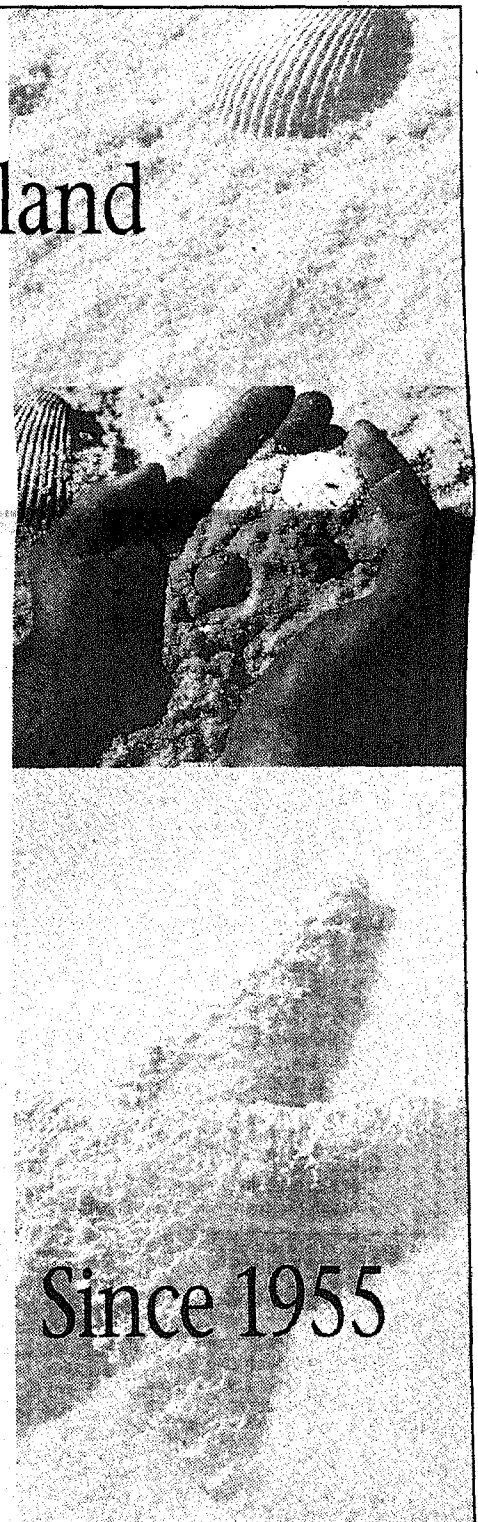
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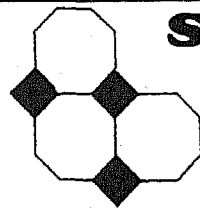
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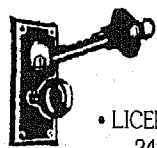
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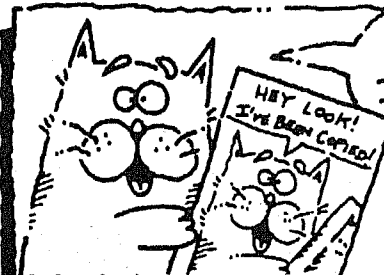
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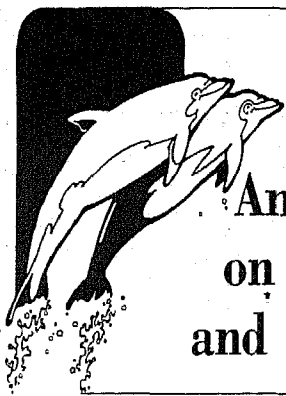
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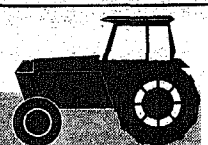


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• *101 Ways to Bug your Parents* by Lee Wardlaw has just been named the 1999 Sunshine State young Reader's Award Winner for both grades 3-5 and 6-8. Many Sanibel Sunshine Readers not only read the book but voted for it.

• By law, every public school in Florida must have a School Advisory Committee reflecting the ethnic population of the school as well as interests of students, parents, teachers, support personnel and the community. The Sanibel School SAC normally meets the last Monday of the month at 2:15 p.m. to discuss school issues and make recommendations to the principal. People interested in becoming a member of SAC for the next school year should call the school at 472-1617.

Canterbury School

• Seven Canterbury students were inducted into the Soliedad Honoraria Hispánica! (Spanish Honor Society) this month. The Society, founded in 1953, recognizes students who have attained a high level of success in their study of Spanish. Among the seven are two Sanibel residents — Clint

Ellenberg, son of Barbara and Ken Ellenberg, and Danny Herrick, Patty and Doug Herrick's son. To be inducted students must be sophomores or above, be in their second semester of Spanish II or higher, and must have an A- or higher grade point average for the past three semesters.

• Three eighth grade students have been awarded merit scholarships for the 1999-2000 school year — Brent Steinberg from Trafalgar Middle in Cape Coral, Nathaniel Holmes, a home-schooled student, and Sanibel resident Travis Zeigler from Dunbar Middle. Travis is a National Junior Honor Society member, plays basketball and is a docent at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. He is the son of Norman Zeigler and Elizabeth Grimm.

Canterbury Merit Scholarships are for students new to Canterbury, entering the ninth grade, who have demonstrated they will become superior citizens and will make distinct contributions to the school community.

• During the summer, kids lose a lot of what they gained during the school year, and this summer Canterbury will offer an enrichment program for students of academics,

sports and recreation. Courses include several in algebra, music, SAT prep, history, Spanish, science, soccer and basketball.

A special pre-school through grade four component is divided into weekly themes. Week I is *Lights, Camera, Action!*; Week II, called *Olympics*, features geography and includes a trip to a Mexican restaurant; Week III is *The Ocean*; and Week IV deals with the *Rainforest*.

Classes begin on Monday, June 14 in one- to four-week blocks. School begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. with day care offered from 7:30 until 5. Lunch is available daily.

TROA awards 5th graders

The San-Cap Chapter of The Retired Officers Association will recognize the boy and girl selected by their peers as Outstanding Citizen of the Year at the 5th Grade Awards Ceremony at The Sanibel School on June 8. The recipients will each



Zeigler

receive a \$200 Savings Bond.

This is the 17th consecutive annual award by to the outstanding boy and girl by TROA and signifies the importance placed on good citizenship by TROA members and the community of faculty, staff and students at the school.

Hope Hospice Summer Camp

For three days in June approximately 70 children between the ages of six and 16, who have recently lost loved ones, are scheduled to spend a weekend at Hope Hospice's annual Rainbow Trails Summer Camp in Ellenton, Florida. Started in 1989, the camp has taught hundreds of kids the necessary skills to cope with the grief of losing a loved one.

The camp runs from June 18-20, and Hope Hospice is seeking sponsors to make it possible for children to attend. The cost is approximately \$250 per child and any donation will go a long way to making a kid's attendance possible.

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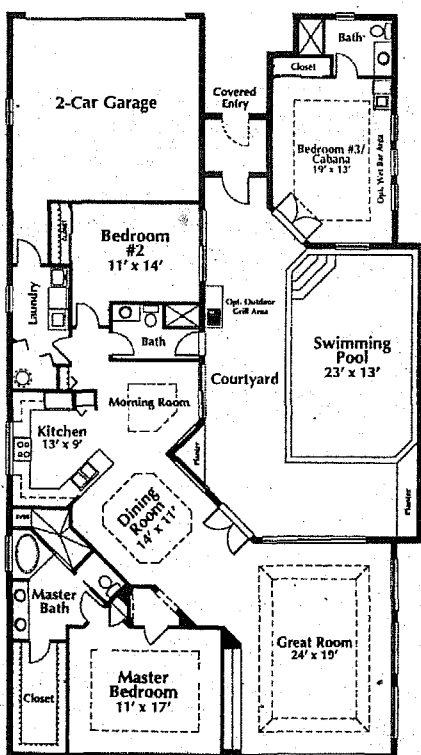
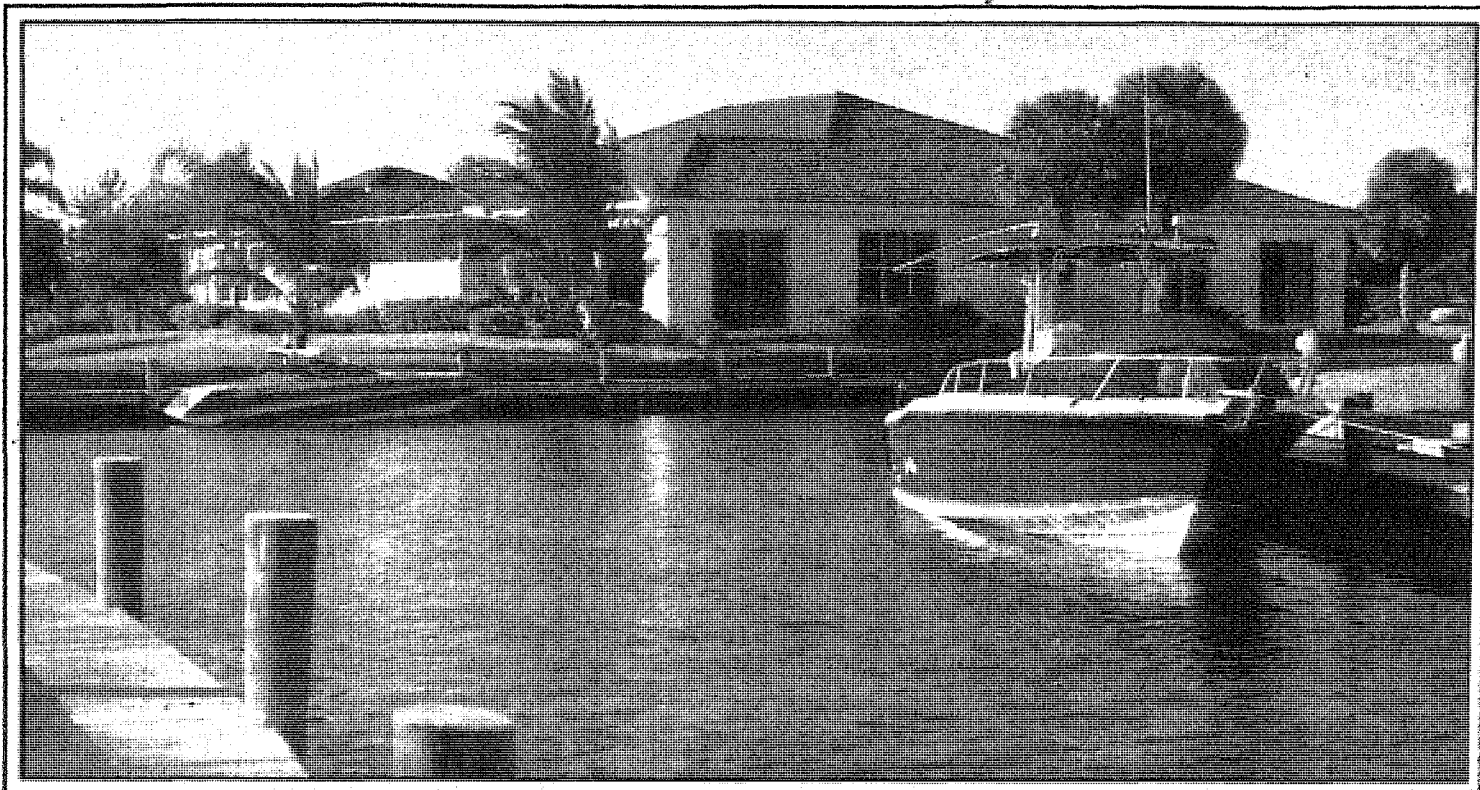
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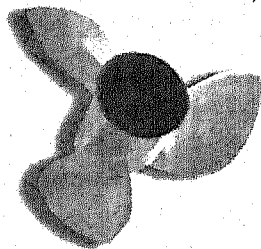
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