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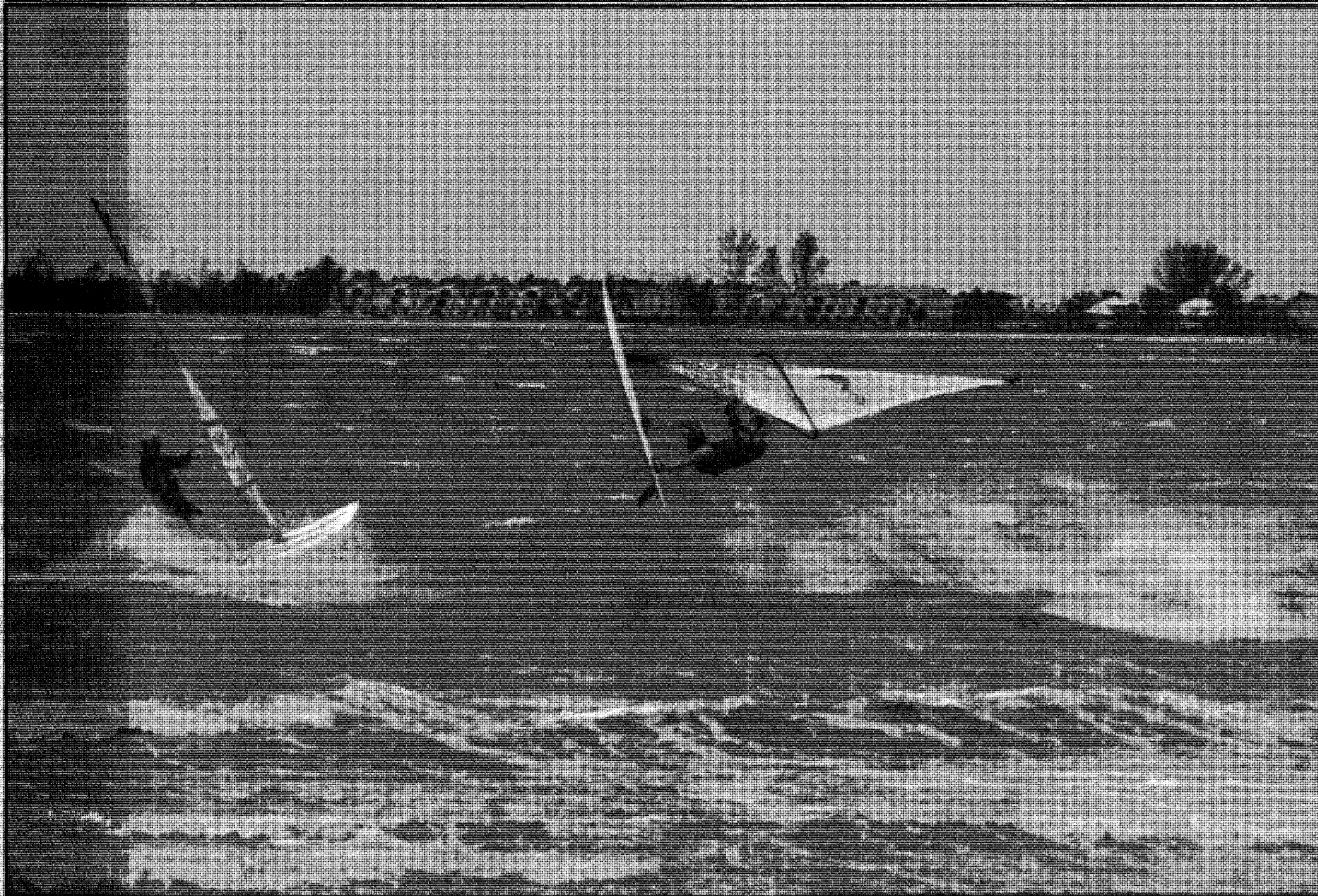
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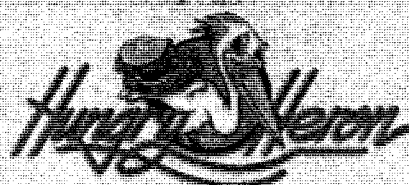
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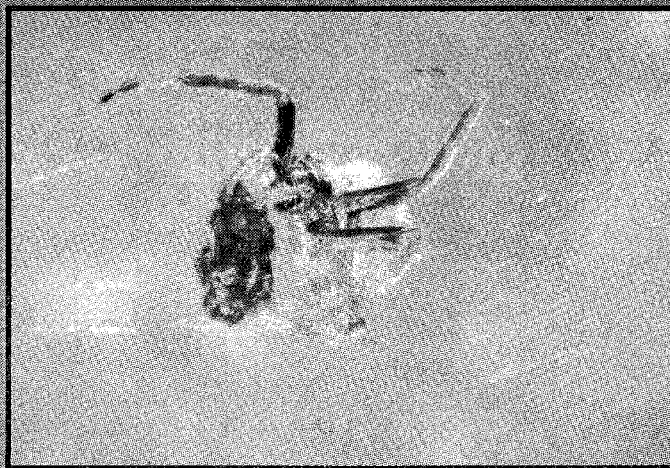


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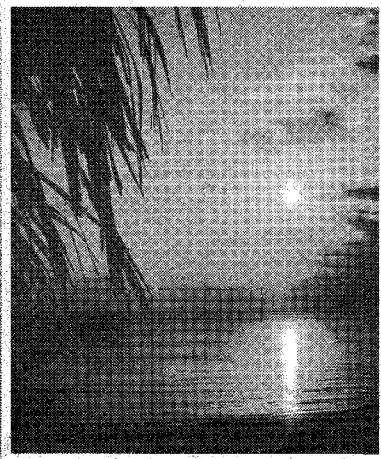
This spider was caught preparing (or consuming?) its breakfast on the bay side of the light-house beach. The fuzzy spider was at least one inch long; the relatively small web was in a sea grape tree. What kind of spider is it? We don't know.

Photos by Karen Nelson

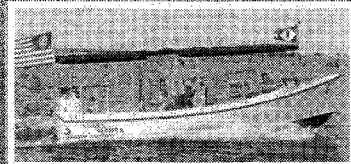
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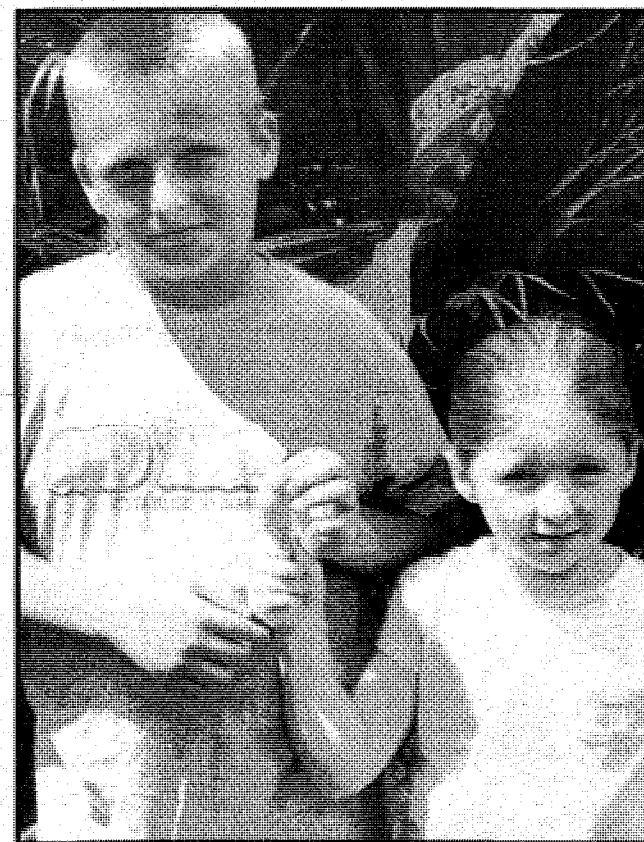
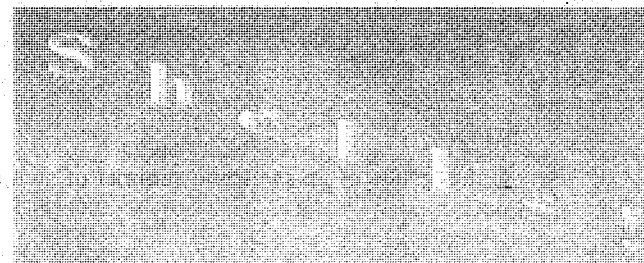
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Carter and Madison Mitchell from West Palm Beach, Fla., with their prize junonia found at Blind Pass on August 13. The Mitchell family was visiting Sanibel for the first time on the recommendation of Mom Gail's friend, Anita Winkis, who's been shelling on Sanibel for 11 years.

While 11-year-old Carter actually found the shell, he has graciously agreed to share the spotlight with his sister, five-year-old Madison. They didn't realize that they had something special until they got back home and Anita identified it, telling them that they could get their picture in the Sanibel paper.

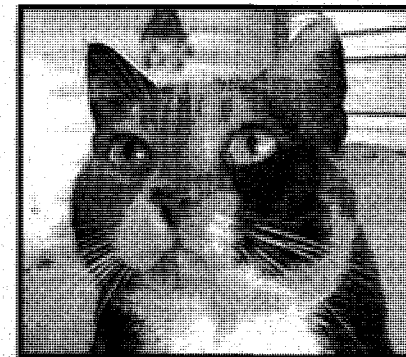
Mom Gail and Dad Sean were on Sanibel celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary, and Gail just wanted to note that "everyone at the Castaways, Mad Hatter and Capt. Joe were AWESOME... The great guys at the Shell Station fixed my car — it was fast and cheap! Now you would not expect to find that on a resort island!"

## Pet of the Week

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## S.W.A.T. Championship

The Sanibel Water Attack Team (S.W.A.T.) — challenged by hundreds of youth competitive swimmers at the End of Summer League Championship meet in Naples — came home with pride and ribbons to prove it!

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6 & under

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Alexa Lowman 8th place

13 & 14

Maura Dowling 8th place

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Alexi Lowman 5th place

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8 & under

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9 & 10

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6 & under

Alexa Lowman 2nd place

9 & 10

Meagan Lucker 4th place

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8 & under

Dara Kraig 5th place

12 & 14

Bethany Corke 8th place

**Congratulations to all!**

## Upcoming at the Chamber

### Box Lunch

The Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Box Lunch on Tuesday, September 13 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Tween Waters Inn on Captiva will provide the lunch; Dr. Walter Klages will be the speaker.

Tickets for the lunch are \$10 and you must register by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 9. After that date and at the door, the cost is \$14. Refunds will be made only if cancellations are received 24 hours prior to the event.

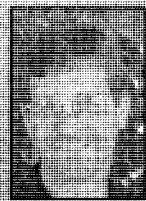
The Chamber hosts the monthly Box Lunch on the second Tuesday of every month. If you would like to help cater the luncheon at future dates, please call Ava at 472-1080, ext. 225.

### After Hours

Matzaluna Restaurant, 1200 Periwinkle Way, will host the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce AfterHours on Monday, September 19 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Reservations must be made by Friday, September 16 before 5 p.m. for all attending. There is a \$5 charge for guests and members with reservations; at

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the door without reservations, the charge is \$8.

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To register for either (or both) events, call 472-1966 for reservations or e-mail your reservation to: [office@sanibel-captiva.org](mailto:office@sanibel-captiva.org).

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## Question of the week:

How do you feel about Hurricane Katrina hitting New Orleans and not Southwest Florida?

By Laura Nickerson



"I wouldn't have wished it on anyone, but I'm glad we got to come here."

**Michael LeJong**  
with daughter  
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"I feel kind of lucky. We were planning to go to either New Orleans or Florida. We chose Sanibel."

**Chris Choi**  
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"I hope Louisiana wasn't hit too badly by this hurricane."

**Lily Lee**  
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"I surfed for three days — great waves — but feel bad for the people in Louisiana."

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**Spencer Gephard**  
(with Joseph)

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## Florida Beaches author at MacIntosh

David McRee, author of *Florida Beaches: Finding Your Paradise on the Lower Gulf Coast*, will be at MacIntosh Books and Paper on Sanibel Island for a book signing on Saturday, September 3.

McRee, a third-generation Florida native and lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast, has written detailed descriptions of more than 96 beaches. His 176-page book is filled with detailed information

on beach access locations and fees, hours of operation, descriptions of facilities, types of sand and other natural and man-made features, where to swim and where not to swim, where to find a quiet secluded beach, and which beaches have free parking. McRee also gives his opinion on the best beaches for swimming, walking, shelling, birding, camping, solitude, people watching, and snorkeling. The book's 48 black-and-white photographs and 25 maps make locating

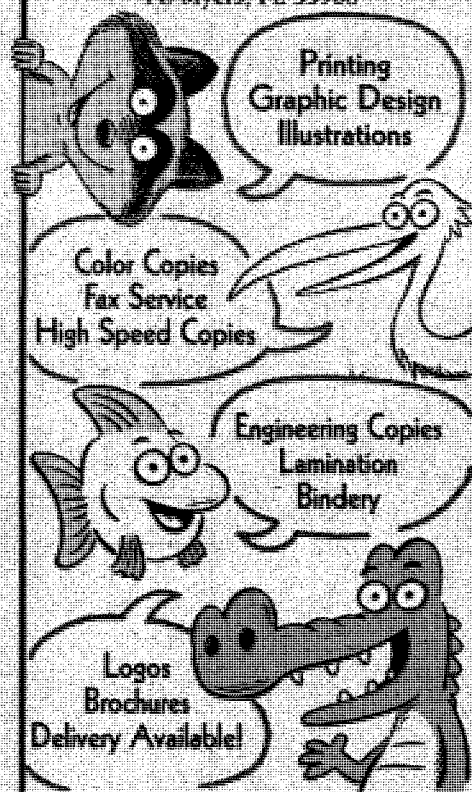
the beaches simple and easy.

The book covers beaches from Saint Petersburg to Marco Island, including Sanibel and Captiva. McRee has also included a chapter on how to deal with beach hazards like sharks, sting rays, jellyfish, lightning, water currents, and crime.

McRee will be signing his books at MacIntosh Books and Paper, 2365 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL, on Saturday, September 3, from 10 a.m. until noon. For more information call 472-1447.

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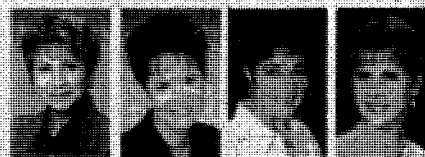
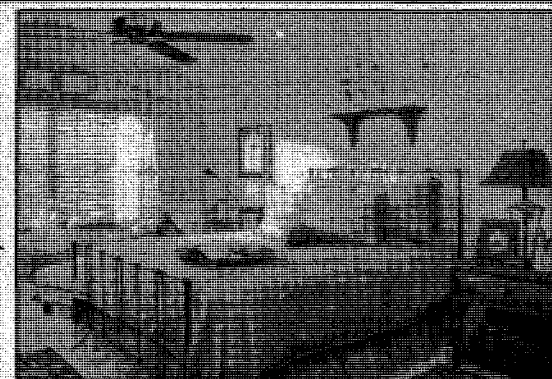
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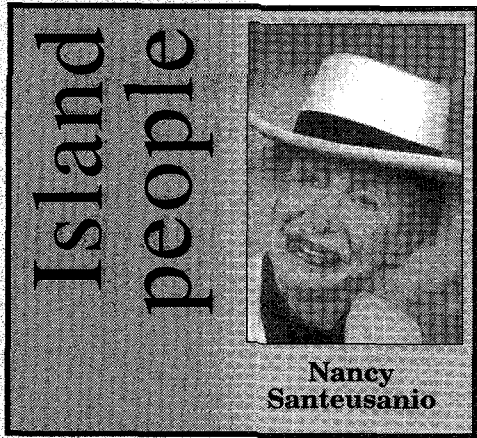
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# Daryl Jorgenson retires from West Wind Inn



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required at the next site whether it was the opening of Caesar's Palace or Circus Circus in Las Vegas, King's Castle in Lake Tahoe or the Madison Grand in Atlantic City.

After ten years of set-up experience, Jorgenson decided he wanted to eliminate "hotel hopping" and settle down to hotel management within a single hotel. Becoming manager of the Marina Hotel in Las Vegas was a top choice. Circus Circus offered another management position and — for a change of pace — he accepted a position as assistant manager at the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas before returning to the MGM Grand as credit manager.

Among the highlights of his years in hotel management was meeting so many famous people, including Elizabeth Taylor, Susan Hayward, Jack Benny, Harry Belafonte, Frank Sinatra and Peggy Lee. "I met the billionaire who owned the MGM in Reno. It's not every day that you meet a billionaire!" Back in 1967 Jorgenson delivered a telegram to Jack Benny and received a generous one dollar tip. He drove Judy Garland from the airport to Caesar's Palace and, after her delayed arrival, she performed one hour later than scheduled that same evening with a packed house and several standing ovations. At another time Jorgenson recalls having bundles of newspapers delivered to Elizabeth Taylor's suite for her three poodles. It's all part of hotel management, its intrigue and fascination.

By 1989 Jorgenson was ready for a different venue and he moved from hotels with over 1,000 rooms to become the Front Office Manager at West Wind Inn on Sanibel with 103 rooms. "The challenge is the same, whether you're managing a hotel with a large number of rooms or fewer rooms. You have the same type of responsibility. The only difference is that you're working on a different scale and with a smaller staff. The best part is meeting so many different people and learning something new every day. We have clients who have been coming here for the last fifteen years, with lots of 'snowbirds' from

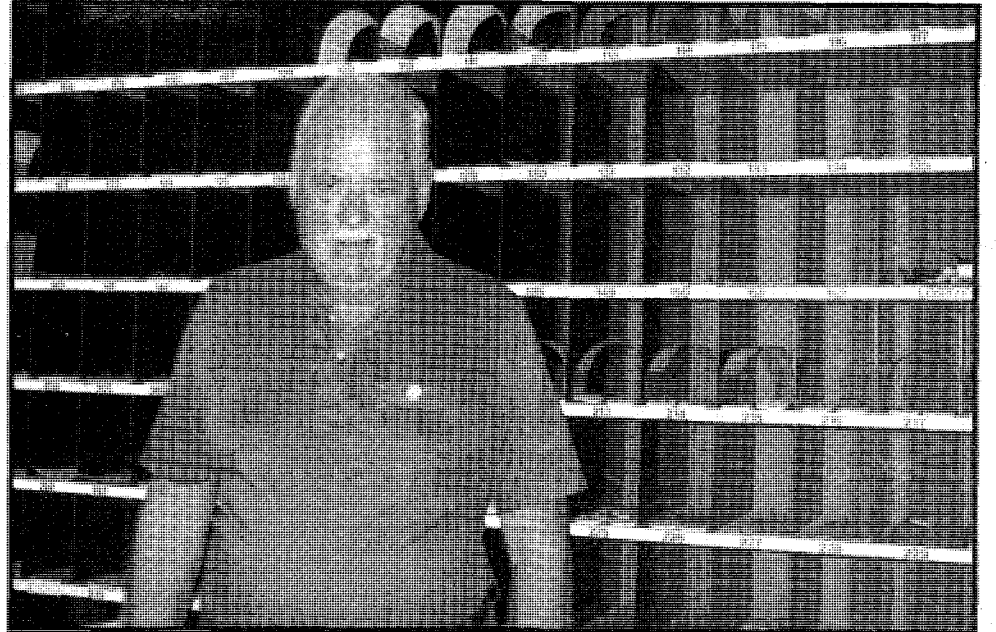


Photo by Karen Nelson

Daryl Jorgenson, behind the Front Desk at the West Wind Inn

the Midwest and summer visitors from Florida to Texas and other parts of the world." This adds a different dimension and fun to coming to work each day.

The excitement at a beach resort is very different from that at the massive waterfront hotels with their casinos and stage shows. Here one of the biggest problems is people losing their keys in the surf or sand. They can't imagine that this would happen to them until they can't find their room key or, worse still, they have lost the key to their room safe. For purposes of security this means having a new key made and adding a "key" charge to the bill.

Jorgenson credits a

great and loyal staff who have worked together for a number of years for his own sixteen years of longevity at the West Wind Inn. "This hotel has Norm Chambers, its same owner since day one, who lives in Virginia and comes here four times a year to check up on us!"

Jorgenson owns property and has lived in Cape Coral for these past years. "I don't go to the beach and I don't collect shells, but just coming to the West Wind has made this like my second home." For a

long time, his passion has been collecting classic cars and at one time he owned twenty cars from convertibles to limos. Right now he has four classics including the West Wind owner's '84 classic Seville. That's already covered and safe at Jorgenson's retirement ranch in San Antonio, Florida. Now after forty years of hotel management Jorgenson becomes the "retirement" manager of his own ranch and he is looking forward with anticipation to a whole new set of challenges.

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## Dolphin research resumes in Estero Bay

### New research director at Ostego Bay

By Vivian McMahon  
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A new research director is in place and Project Pod is getting ready to roll out again at Ostego Bay Foundation.

Project Pod will be studying the comings and goings of wild dolphins in Estero Bay and surrounding waters.

Director Nick Melosi, who is a geologist from the South Illinois University at Carbondale, said he is excited about the project.

"I have always been interested in water and water issues," Melosi said, "and I am lucky I found Ostego Bay and that they gave me this opportunity."

Melosi said he and a few volunteers have already made several trips out onto the waters to gather data.

"We go by a list of criteria, which includes recording air and water temperature, time of day, the tides and try to identify each dolphin by its dorsal fin, which is unique on every dolphin," said Melosi.

#### Re-examine data

Melosi added that they will be re-examining data compiled by the first Project Pod, which had a two-year hiatus after its last research director left.

Previous research had shown that a

permanent population of 36 frequented the bay and stayed in the area year-round.

"We will definitely be trying to find out how the permanent population is faring," Melosi said.

Researchers also will listen to dolphin communications through hydrophones, as well as photograph various dolphins, he said.

Volunteers are needed, Melosi said.

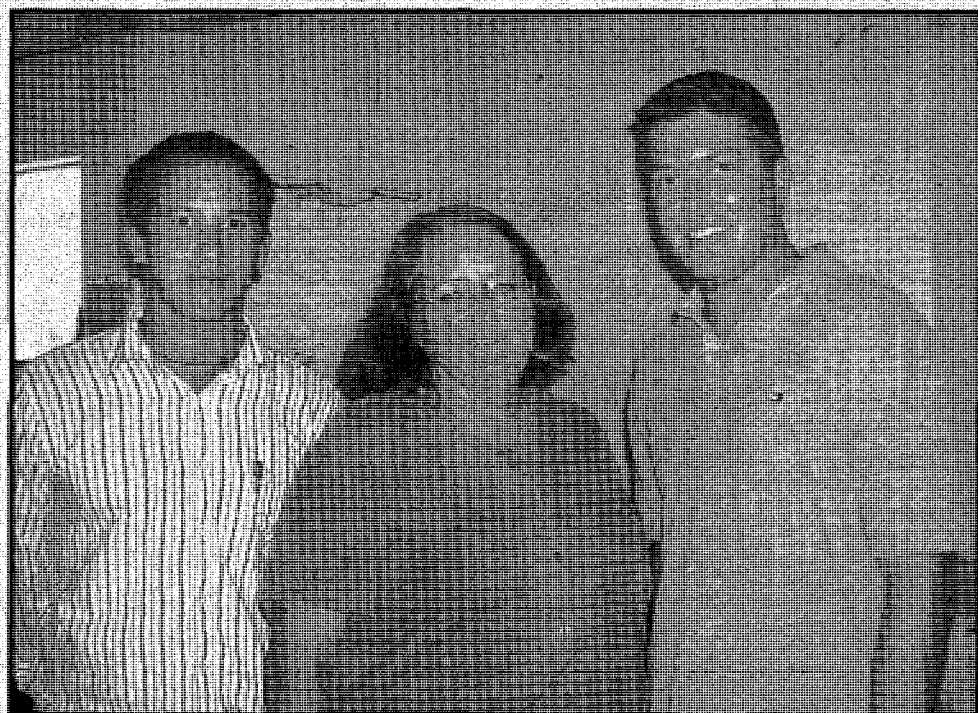
"Volunteers have to have no experience with hydrophones. We will give them the training," he said.

Asked about how frequent the research trips will be, Melosi said, "as much as possible, because the more trips the better. If someone wants to go out every day, that would be wonderful. The more data, the better."

Melosi, who is working full-time at an engineering firm, said another one of his responsibilities is to try to raise funds and write grants proposals so Project Pod out-dated, broken and missing research equipment can be replaced.

"This has been an incredible opportunity at Ostego Bay, and I love being able to work on the water," Melosi said. "What makes it very special is that I love the people here."

Ostego Bay founder and director Joanne Semmer said "we are very fortunate to have him."



Nick Melosi, Project Pod director, at left, with Ostego Bay director Joanne Semmer and staff geologist Chad Ward. They predict success for dolphin research at the Fort Myers Beach facility.

nate to have him."

Asked about what he is planning for the future with Ostego Bay, Melosi said that he hopes one day to start a research project into alligators.

The organization also is seeking contri-

butions, either in dollars or items that can be auctioned off at their Friday, Dec. 9, fund-raiser.

For more information, call Ostego Bay at 765-8101 or visit the website at [www.ostegobay.org](http://www.ostegobay.org).

## Lee Commission, water district disagree on upriver reservoir

By Vivian McMahon  
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A proposed reservoir near Lake Okeechobee is at the center of a dispute between Lee County and the South Florida Water Management District.

Some commissioners have been upset with South Florida water managers and their policies, which the county blames for turning both the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers into a soup thick with blue-green algae because of massive nutrient-laden water releases from Lake Okeechobee.

The South Florida Water Management District and the Army Corps of Engineers also have come under criticism from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after an in-house memo from an EPA top official was made public.

In the memo, EPA scientist Richard

Harvey wrote that a proposed reservoir that is supposed to hold excess lake water had no stipulations for water quality standards and could become a breeding ground for more blue-green algae blooms, which would then be released into the Caloosahatchee.

#### Hazard

Harvey also pointed out that the algae could pose a potential health hazard to humans as well as be toxic to marine life by robbing the water of dissolved oxygen as the bloom dies.

This issue came to a head at a meeting two weeks ago, when commissioners met with water managers and other stakeholders such as the Lee County Tourist Development Council.

The TDC's Tamara Piggott told commissioners the TDC is "extremely concerned" about the effect the algae and the brown

water from the lake would have on tourism.

But Dennis Duke, restoration program manager for the Corps, said the reservoir, known as C-43, is one of 68 various components of the \$8 billion Everglades restoration plan.

Duke pointed out the reservoir would hold excess water from the lake during rainy season to avoid a collapse of the lake's dike. Then, during the dry season, the reservoir's water would be released into the Caloosahatchee if needed due to low river levels, Duke said.

#### Healthy balance

"The C-43 reservoir will be a source of reliability for water away from Lake Okeechobee," Duke said, adding that the reservoir is needed to provide a "healthy balance" for the lake and the river.

Commissioner Ray Judah said the timing was perfect to get some water quality

standards in place for the reservoir, to which Duke replied that it was in the water managers' "interest to filter the water, but we will have to study it."

"We want to make sure we go above and beyond state water quality standards and the Corps is working hand-in-hand with the state," said Duke.

Commissioner Bob Janes adamantly told the group that the time for studies is over.

"We have enough information now without any more studies," said Janes. "We should be taking action now on this information, not making any more studies."

Detailed drawings for the reservoir are due by November 2007 and the final draft of the plan is due in January 2008.

At completion, the reservoir is designed to hold about one foot of water from the 730-square mile Lake Okeechobee.

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## Sea Turtle Nesting Totals

August 29, 2005

	Nests	Hatches date
Captiva	88	40
Sanibel East End	13	3
Sanibel West End/ Blind Pass	110	31
<b>Totals</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>74</b>

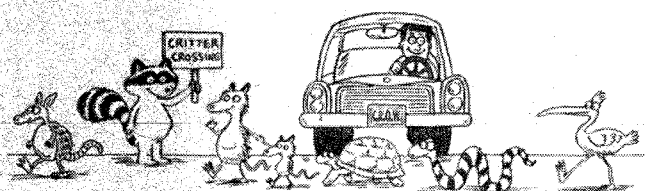
## Sea Turtle Tracks

Come join us for "Turtle Tracks" at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center at 9 a.m. on Thursdays. This interpretive program will delve into the life cycle of the sea turtles that nest on our beaches.

We will start at the turtle exhibit and marine touch tank in the nature center and talk about the life cycle of the loggerhead sea turtle. Then we will go to a beach site to discuss their nesting habitat and other fascinating marine life.

Cost for this program is \$/adult and free for children; a beach parking fee of \$2/car is necessary at the beach site.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation monitors the Sea Turtle nests on Sanibel and Captiva. If you have any questions about the Turtle Tracks program or our Sea Turtle Research Program, call the Conservation Foundation's Nature Center at 472-2329.



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*I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve immortality through not dying!*

— Woody Allen

My scans are scheduled for Monday. To say I am scared would be a real understatement... I've spent all my time with cancer believing I would survive it. Part of me still does. Monday I may find out differently and, when I do, I hope I have a fraction of the courage [my dear friend] Donna had. If Dr. Harwin tells me there is still a way to fight, I hope I can put one foot in front of the other again. I guess you would accept nothing less from me. I'll try as hard as I can not to let you down...

...First I had my CT scans and then I came back four hours later for my bone scan. Joanie was with me and Dr. McDonald came in after the bone scan to tell me that nothing had changed. We were, of course, thrilled. I have spent the last 10 years convinced that my cancer would stay confined to my bones and thus I could look at it as a chronic illness rather than a terminal one.

I asked Dr. McDonald to check on the CT results and 10 minutes later he came back. He was heartbroken when he told me that my cancer had spread to my liver. Joanie was in shock. I was devastated. This was not something that was supposed to happen. You can convince yourself that your cancer is going to stay put but it doesn't always cooperate...

Yesterday I started chemotherapy. I am in somewhat of a daze. Part of me wants to give up, but Dr. Harwin feels very confident that we can get the liver's mets into a remission. Regardless of all my sorrow and fatigue at the thought of doing major battle again, it is my nature to keep fighting. Having just lost my mother earlier this year, this latest blow has really turned my world upside down. Add to that my 15-year-old daughter who, after living with my cancer for a decade, sees this latest setback as something akin to a hangnail, and Anna, who at 23, still can't seem to deal with it at all, and it's easy to see how my biggest battle is in my brain and the thoughts that plague me relentlessly.

When is enough enough? I had a letter last week in response to one of my columns. I don't think the writer intended it to be as cruel as it was but she basically said that I should put Emily first and not put her through the



fight... for them and for myself.

I'm pretty sure this woman has never had cancer. This is always a sore spot with me anyway. Nobody wants to be in this club, but when you're in it, there is an understanding that people outside could never understand. This is my life and I want to live it as long as I can. That remains true even when I have doubts and fears. This woman suggested that I sacrifice my life to spare my daughter having to see me suffer. My response, if I were to write her back (which is unlikely), is that life is too precious even when it is incredibly hard. If and when I die, I want my children to remember that I fought with everything I had in me because of them and because I love life.

I have always been thankful for your letters and prayers. I could use them now more than ever. I'm tired and I'm scared and every letter gives me just enough to keep going. You have become my extended family and there is great power in your encouragement and prayers.

I've outlived all expectations by over five years. I want to be here to see Emily off to college. It's three years away. It may take a miracle, but I believe in miracles. Thank you for believing in them with me.

Lisa Pierot of Fort Myers writes about living with breast cancer at [www.themetastaticlife.com](http://www.themetastaticlife.com). E-mail her at [lisas-faith@swfla.rr.com](mailto:lisas-faith@swfla.rr.com). Excerpts from this column were run in last week's Islander.

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

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**Butterfly House at the Conservation Foundation** - Learn about the life cycle and behavior of butterflies and the plants they are dependent on. The Butterfly House is open every day and Conservation Foundation docents are in the house on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon; learn about butterfly life cycles and the Landscaping for Wildlife program.

**Dolphin & Wildlife Cruises (Pine Island Sound)**, In cooperation with Captiva Cruises, Conservation Foundation-trained docents narrate, with an excellent opportunity for the whole family to view wildlife in Pine Island Sound. \$20/adult; \$12.50/children. Reservations 472-5300.

**Mammals on the Islands** - Mammals may be few on the islands, but they are fun. Habitat restoration efforts are not only evident by increased bird activity but also more sightings of wildlife such as river otters and bobcat. A new, easy-going introduction to some of the more common mammals of Sanibel and Captiva is offered on most Tuesdays from 11 am to noon at the Conservation Foundation's Nature Center.

**Native Plants** - Learn about Florida native plants and how to add them to your landscape to attract birds and butterflies by attending a gardening class every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Bring plant and insect specimens to be identified. Please call for reservations and information.

**Turtle Tracks, Thursday mornings at 9 a.m.** Learn about the life cycle of the sea turtles that nest on our beaches. Talk begins at the turtle exhibit and marine touch tank in the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Nature Center and then goes to a beach site. Cost for this program is \$3/adult and free for children, a beach parking fee of \$2/car is necessary at the beach site. The Conservation Foundation monitors the sea turtle nests on Sanibel and Captiva.

**Life Along Our Trails** - Guided trail walks with discussion on Conservation Foundation habitats and management techniques. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Meet at the Conservation Foundation's Nature Center.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road (one mile west of Tarpon Bay Road). The Nature trails, Nature Center, Nature Shop and Bookstore are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$3/adult, children and members free.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of natural resources and wildlife habitat on and around Sanibel and Captiva through: land acquisition, wildlife habitat management, landscaping for wildlife, environmental education, Marine Laboratory and research and sea turtle monitoring.

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**Great Calusa Blueway Kayak Tour** - Thursday, September 8, 10 a.m. - Join us on a 2 hour kayak tour on the Great Calusa Blueway leaving from Bowditch Point Park at the north end of Fort Myers Beach. You will see many of the 300 species of birds that are in the area - we paddle past an island where lots of them roost, we frequently see dolphin and sometimes see manatees, learn some history of our natives, the Calusa, that lived here for 1000's of years, learn about the ecology of the estuary you will be in and get to know some of the critters that live on the bottom of the estuary. 2 hours - \$40

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## Sierra Club - Calusa Group

The monthly meeting is on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Calusa Nature Center on the northwest corner of Colonial Boulevard and Ortiz Avenue. This month's program is "Being Caribou," about life in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The meetings are very informative about things affecting our local environment. Come and meet the interesting and dedicated group of people who are working to keep this area the nature wonderland that it is. The public is welcome. For more information call Connie 239/694-5513.

## Clyde Butcher's Swamp Walks

Join Clyde and Niki Butcher for their Annual Labor Day Weekend Swamp Walks and festivities, September 3-5, 2005. The swamp walks last about one hour and they fill up fast. On Saturday and Sunday, walks are scheduled on the hour from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.; on Monday, they will run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be a maximum of 20 people in each group with at least two guides per walk. To accommodate more walkers, there will actually be three groups going out each hour, one leaving at 10 after the hour; one at 20 after and one at 30 after the hour. The cost for the Swamp Walk is \$20 per person, non-refundable; reservations are required and proceeds benefit local environmental organizations. For info and reservations, visit [www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com).

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being offered at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in September and October at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. The cost of the class is \$3 for non-members. While you're at it, schedule a house call either prior to or following the class to help with your specific landscape needs. House calls are available with a family membership to the Conservation Foundation. If you are not a member it is a good time to join. Call Dee at 472-2329 for info.

## Learn about island mammals

Mammals may be few on the islands, but they are fun. Habitat restoration efforts are not only evident by increased bird activity but also more sightings of wildlife such as river otters and bobcat. A new, easy-going introduction to some of the more common mammals of Sanibel and Captiva is offered on most Tuesdays from 11 am to noon at the Conservation Foundation's Nature Center. Few people know that a fox was spotted on Captiva.

Some visitors mislabel our otters as sea otters rather than river otters because they have been seen swimming in the salty waters of the bay. These plus opossums, raccoons and armadillos are some of the wildlife discussed during the program. Listen to sound recordings of bobcats, raccoons and otters. Take a close look at the design of their teeth and skulls. Learn more about the "warm fuzzies" of the islands.

**Mammals, see right**

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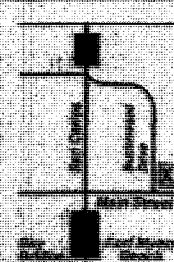
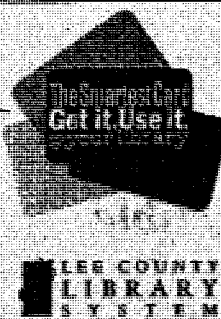
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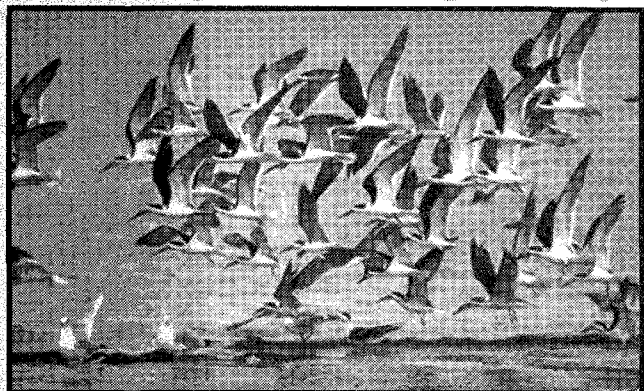
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### Two birding tours travel to Bunche Beach

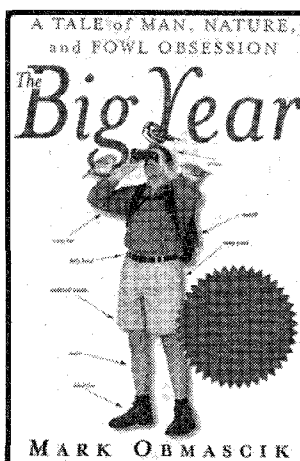
As a special bonus to members of "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS), "Ding" Darling Days planners have reserved this year an extra Bunche Beach birding tram tour for members only on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

The tour meets at Sanibel Island's J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge for a 1 p.m. departure and is limited to 29 participants. Reservations are required; please call 472-1100 ext. 221.

The day prior, Oct. 10, the refuge offers the same tour to the general public. The birding excursion, which debuted at last year's "Ding" Days, was so popular that the refuge has decided to add a second tour so that DDWS members are assured a spot.

Not a member? Not a problem. To join, visit the refuge's Education Center Bookstore, call 472-1100 ext. 233, or log on to [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org). Individual memberships begin at only \$20, \$10 for students, and \$30 for families.

Part of the refuge, Bunche Beach teems with shorebirds, wading birds, osprey, and other feathered friends. Join local bird experts for a tram excursion, compliments of Tarpon Bay Explorers, to this natural beach habitat at low tide. The 16th Annual Ding Darling Days runs Oct. 9 through 15. For more information on this and other events during the week, visit [www.dingdarlingdays.com](http://www.dingdarlingdays.com).



### Author Obmascik at "Ding" Days

Mark Obmascik tracks three obsessed adventurers in the greatest - or maybe the worst - bird-watching contest of all time, a 365-day, 270,000-mile escapade called Big Year. The result is his national best-seller, *The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession*, named best book of the year by USA Today, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Rocky Mountain News, and Amazon.com.

Obmascik will share stories of rare birds, their three pursuers, and the writing of his wacky travelogue at a special presentation during "Ding" Darling on Monday, Oct. 10. His two-hour lecture begins at 11 a.m. in the Education Center Auditorium, after which he will sign copies of his book, available now in the refuge bookstore.

"Ding" Darling Days celebrates National Wildlife Refuge Week and the birthday of J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's namesake from Oct. 9 through 15. For more information about this and other 16th Annual "Ding" Darling Days events, visit [www.dingdarlingdays.com](http://www.dingdarlingdays.com).

## Holistic Health Notebook: First feed the gut

Traditional healers used to say, "all disease begins in the colon." If that is true, it may also be true that "health begins in the gut." If you do not digest your food adequately, eating is pointless, isn't it? Just because food passes between your pearly whites, doesn't mean it enters your "real body" through your intestinal portals. Even good food is useless if it smolders in your small intestine. Food must be completely digested and then invited into the body through abundant, vigorous enzymes and a healthy digestive tract.

Ugh. This is an unpleasant topic, isn't it? Indigestion and fermenting food may not make good dinner conversation but it is an important topic, nonetheless. Let's get your tummy rumbling!

#1. Poor digestion is common, especially as we age. Dr. Jonathan Wright, noted holistic doctor from the Pacific Northwest, writes that the symptoms of inadequate production of hydrochloric acid and overproduction of HCl are identical but that most people, especially those over the age of fifty, under-secrete this digestive juice. HCl plays an important role in digestion. It facilitates the digestion of protein, ionizes minerals for improved absorption, and kills unfriendly bacteria and yeast that piggy-backed onto the food. Optimal pH in the stomach leads to optimal pH in the small and large intestine.

Do you feel that the food is "just sitting there" after a full meal? Any undigested food in the stool? Lots of "burping, bloating, and belching" after meals? Ask your doctor if supplemental hydrochloric acid may be appropriate. He may recommend a Heidelberg test that checks the pH of the stomach after a bicarbonate challenge.

#2. Plant-based enzymes are also excellent. Dr. Jeff Bradstreet, MD from Palm Bay, FL highly recommends using these enzymes that are active in a wide range of pH. Use pharmaceutical strength enzymes for best results. Take them at the beginning of the meal because they do much of the initial work of digestion in the stomach.



#3 Endogenous enzymes (enzymes that should be produced by your pancreas and liver) can be important in some people. If you notice intestinal gas and bloating an hour or so after the meal, your body may not be able to produce enough enzyme to do the work required of it. I like to take pepsin, betaine, and other enzymes just after the meal.

#4. Supplement with probiotics like acidophilus. A war is raging in your gut every day. It is a battle between the friendly bacteria that live symbiotically inside and pathogenic bacteria that is trying to destroy you. How much sugar you eat, whether or not you have taken antibiotics and for how long, how much chlorinated water you drink, and your stress levels tip the battle scales toward the "bad guys." Assist the good guys by using a blend of friendly bacteria.

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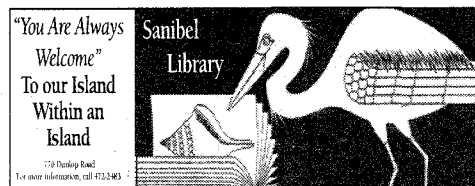
Does your stomach still not feel well? Drink a blend of aloe vera juice with soothing herbs like mullein each day. Just as aloe helps heal the skin you see on the outside, it helps heal your "inner skin" as well.

For more information, contact Carol at the Island Nutrition Center (472-4499).

## Mammals from left

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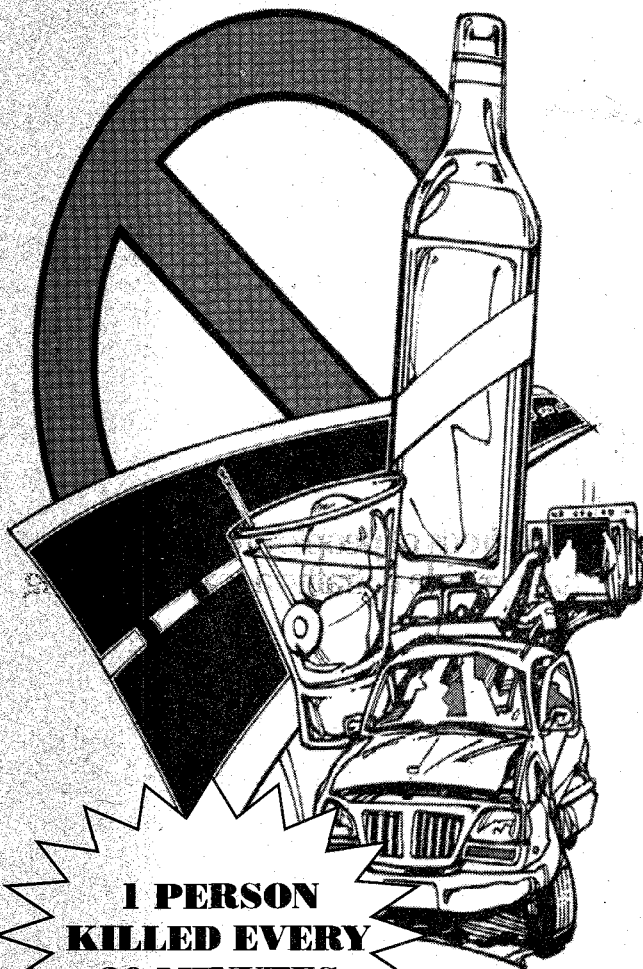


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# Kiwanis: Favorite lady

Submitted by Bob Wimbush

Kiwanis loves her, but still, it's tough to report on Judie Z. First, her talks are always so full of information that accuracy becomes a necessity (and a hardship for this reporter), and secondly a lot of what she talks about has already been reported. This talk opened with a third strike, "I really wish I could go someplace to speak and not have to talk about the hurricane, but I can't. It is still affecting life and government on

the island." Old news? We'll try to provide some interest.

Kiwanis loves Judie Z. Kiwanis was the first group that she addressed after arriving here, and before she had enough experience to know better, Kiwanis conned her into working the Spaghetti Dinner. Although now wiser, she keeps coming back. Some cons are just better than others.

Soon Judie will celebrate her fourth anniversary on the Island. This was her fourth anniversary speaking to Kiwanis. She has already

volunteered — without prompting — to work her fourth Spaghetti Dinner in February. This lady is fun! And oh so smart. Kiwanis should be intimidated. They're not, of course, because when you combine her IQ with the club's total she's really not that far ahead.

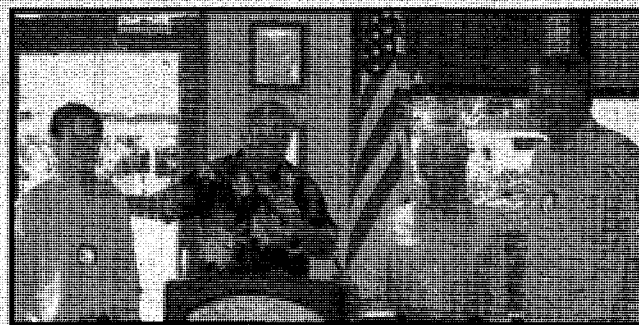
Still this session started roughly. The club had just inducted surgeon Harvey Sugarman, so there was some discomfort when Judie mentioned the "white glove test." There was an audible sigh of relief when it became apparent the test described her standards for hurricane pick up and not a new city mandate. The white glove test meant, "pick it up now, debate it later." After Hurricane Andrew some locales let hurricane debris sit for more than six years while they argued over whose job it was to get everything picked up. This is the case in some areas a year after Charley, but not here. The city's key job was, in her eyes, to protect property values.

She explained FEMA money is for "first push,"

short term recovery, not permanent repairs, and only \$6.9 million of Sanibel's \$13 million hurricane damage is FEMA eligible. So far the city has received \$4.2 million but is confident of the \$2.7 million still being processed. The City applied for and received \$3.2 million in grants, but that leaves a \$4.5 million hurricane shortfall. Losing \$825,000 in causeway tolls annually will suck an additional \$5.8 million out of the city before a positive causeway cash flow can be restored.

The hurricane also sapped Sanibel's business community. A city survey of 4,000 business licensees showed businessmen thought tolls were the biggest challenge because the current rates discourage both visitors and employees. Businesses identified the need for help with technical and management issues like, promotion, employees, e-commerce, and receivables — non-government issues — as second biggest. Legislative challenges — parking regulations, restrictions on outdoor dining, signage, parking, and of course, parking ranked third. Judie described the fourth area as the need for better partnering between businesses, government, and residents — the three legs of the economic stool.

This year's environmental challenges include a great hullabaloo about



Kiwanis President Mike Robison, Incoming President Joel Soobitsky, New Kiwanian Harvey Sugarman and sponsor Bob Chapey.

our resident (hopefully still single and singular) six-foot-long monitor lizard that so far has eluded eradication or capture. Like Kiwanians who breakfast on Tuesday at the Dunes, these lizards will eat anything but prefer bird eggs (over easy or poached with lots of bacon, please). The city considered posting a reward but rejected the idea after a group of avaricious Rotarians was overheard plotting to bring lizards in from Cape Coral in order to collect it. Smart, those Rotarians. Cape Coral has hundreds of these charming beasts (lizards), and if ours finds love, so will Sanibel. Monitors lay 60-90 eggs at a time.

Thinking small, as Kiwanians are prone to do, someone asked about iguanas. Right now they're classed as a neutral threat, same as the club. Alligator extermination? "A difficult emotional issue." (Especially for alligators?)

Raccoons are a hazard. Somewhere nearby a nine year-old kid was bitten while hand feeding a "tame" raccoon at a shopping center. The spinal fluid tap and 28 days of rabies shots have now become the high point of his vacation. Please, folks, the only wild life you should feed on Sanibel is Kiwanians.

Lambs are falling unannounced off Australian pines. Within the last couple weeks one has smashed through a picnic table at Bowman's Beach, and another, crushed a car at a local shopping center. Most have been removed from city land and the city is considering incentives to encourage private removal. How do you import a full-grown tree?

Kiwanians, who frequently grow bigger than six feet, eat bird eggs for breakfast every Tuesday at the Dunes.



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The city manager laughs easily at bad jokes.

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## The Island Moneymaker

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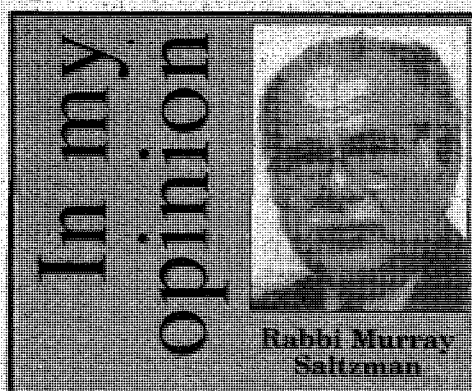
Just goes to show; history is quirky, filled with surprises.

But the funny part of it is that hurricanes only seem to feed the lust for owning Island property. You might think Charley would discourage buyers from risking the kind of money it takes to buy a home on Sanibel. There are no bargains any more on Sanibel.

It's hard to believe the prices people are getting for homes in whatever condition. The Island is a moneymaker far more profitable than any stocks I know about. Nonetheless, with the risks from fickle weather you have to be in an economic position to eat the cost of repairs after a flood, wind on the rampage, or torrential rains that bring mildew and mold. In short, your pocketbook must be a deep one to own Sanibel property.

Still, even without deep pockets, buyers come to Sanibel willingly making themselves house poor to live here. Why?

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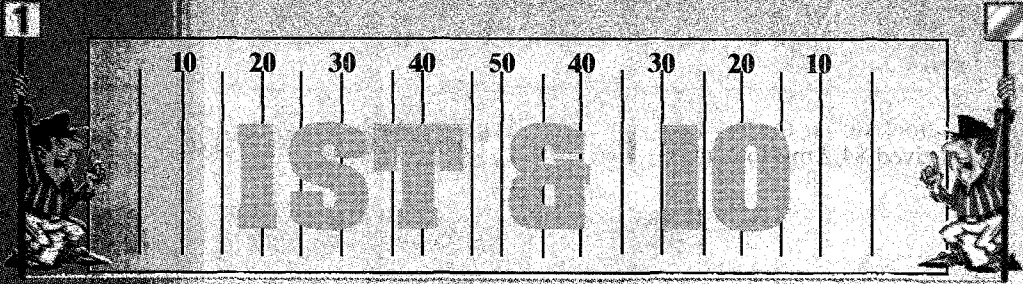
Rabbi Murray Saltzman

Sanibel stirs a mood of kinship with nature.

Heaven and earth meet in a very immediate way. The night's stillness calms the din of city life screeching with rushing ambulances, fire trucks, police cars. In the darkness only the stars cast their glowing beams, and the moon alone reveals its radiant face. Almost like a smiling visage, it hangs so high, observing the mysterious movements in the deep, moist growth by the wayside.

So sad to see the Island's simplicity overwhelmed by massive homes standing so huge and empty. It's not Katrina that threatens the romance.





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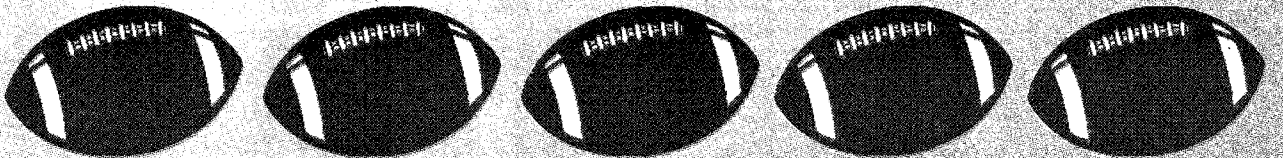
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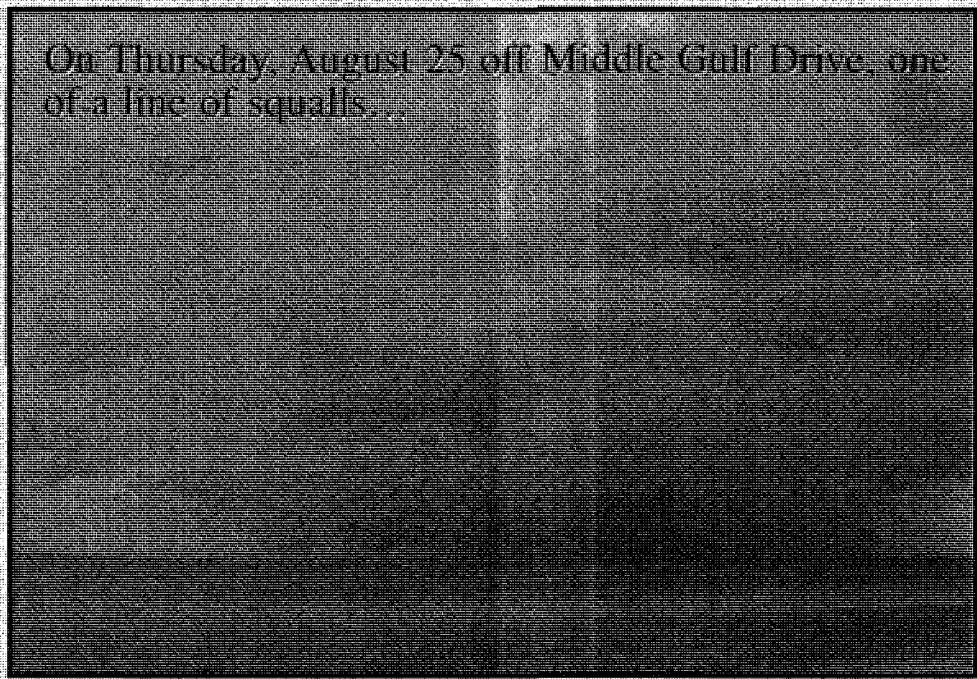
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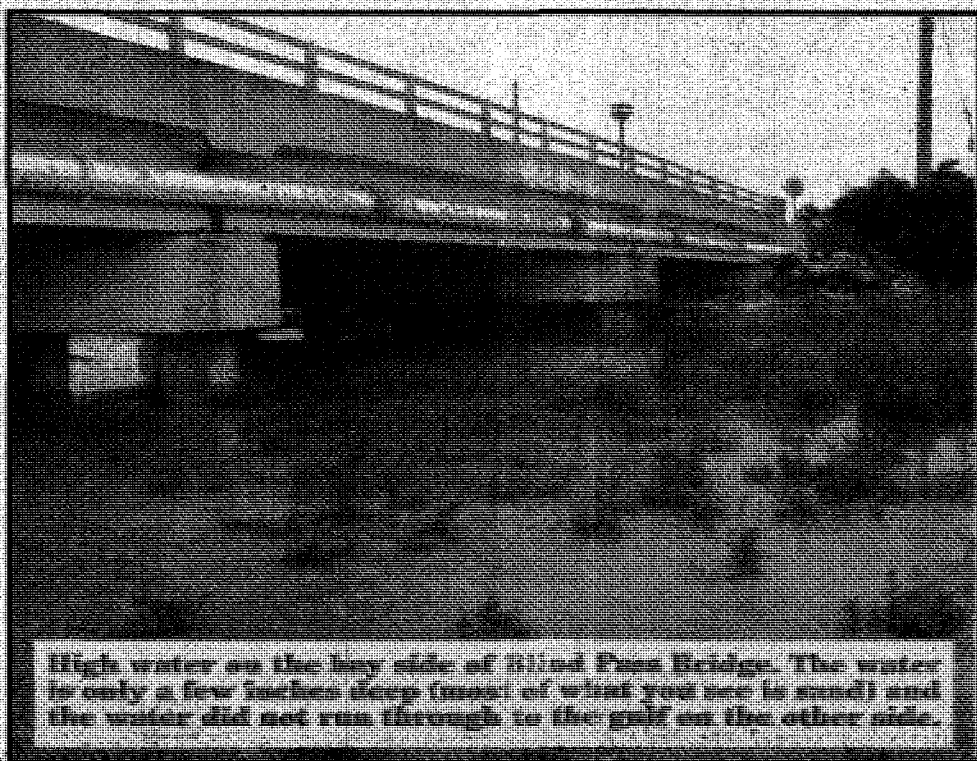
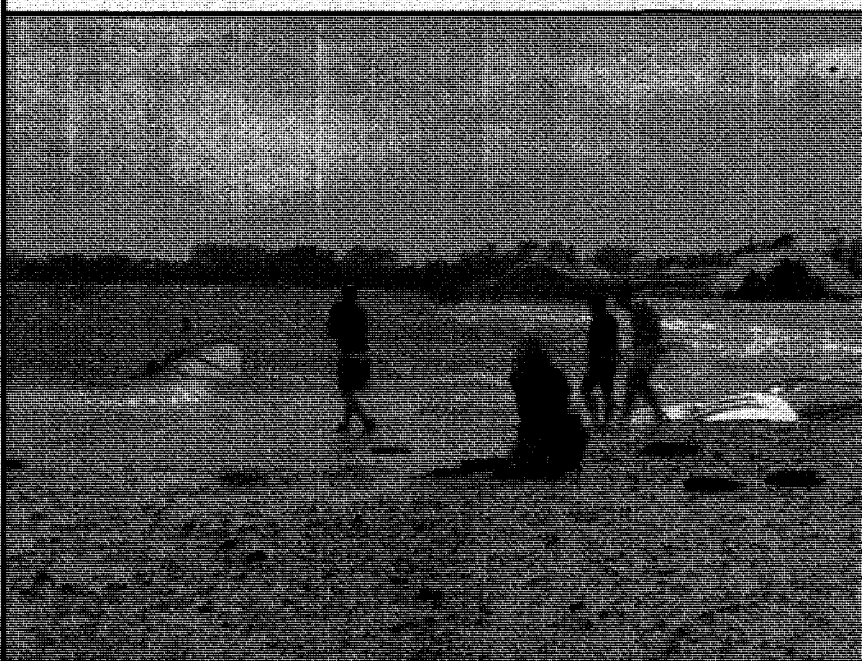
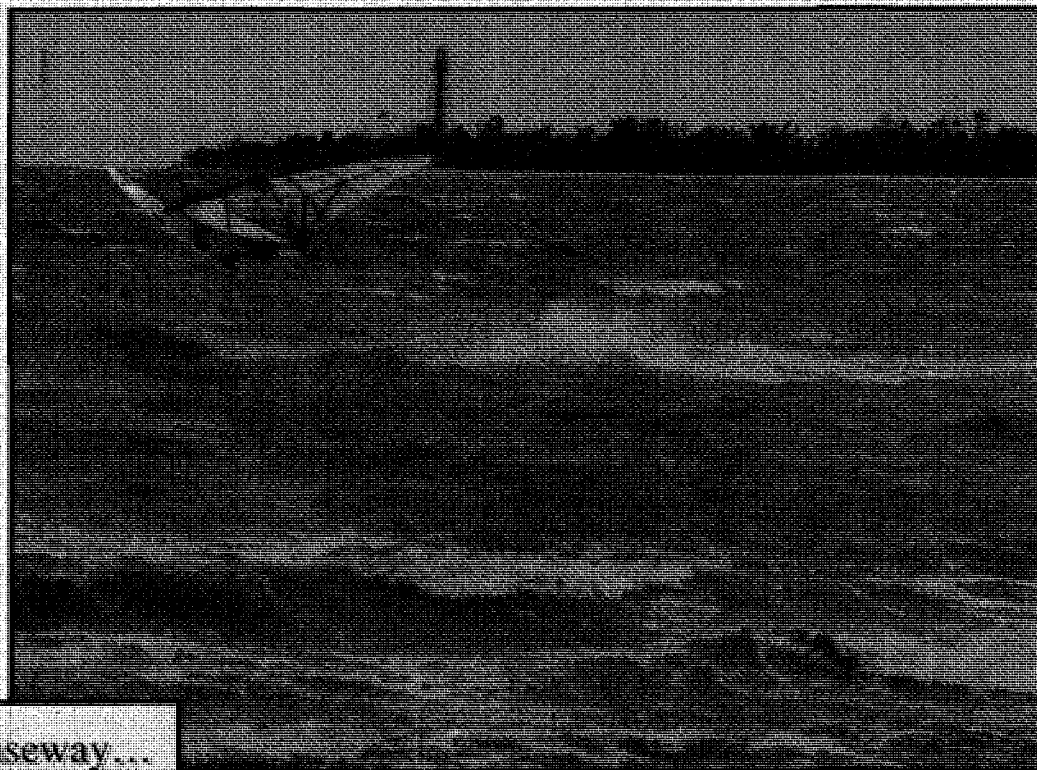
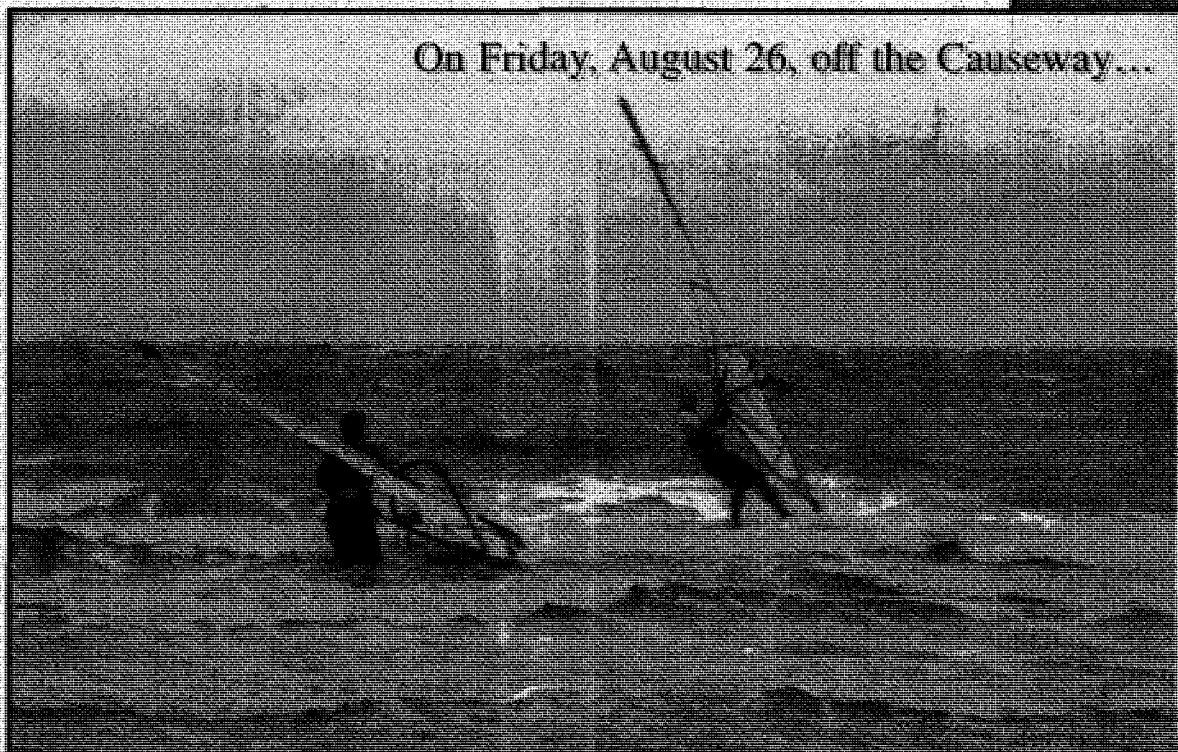


# San-Cap breathes a sigh of relief as Katrina

On Thursday, August 25 off Middle Gulf Drive, one of a line of squalls...



On Friday, August 26, off the Causeway...



High water on the bay side of Blind Pass Bridge. The water is only a few inches deep (most of what you see is sand) and the water did not run through to the gulf on the other side.



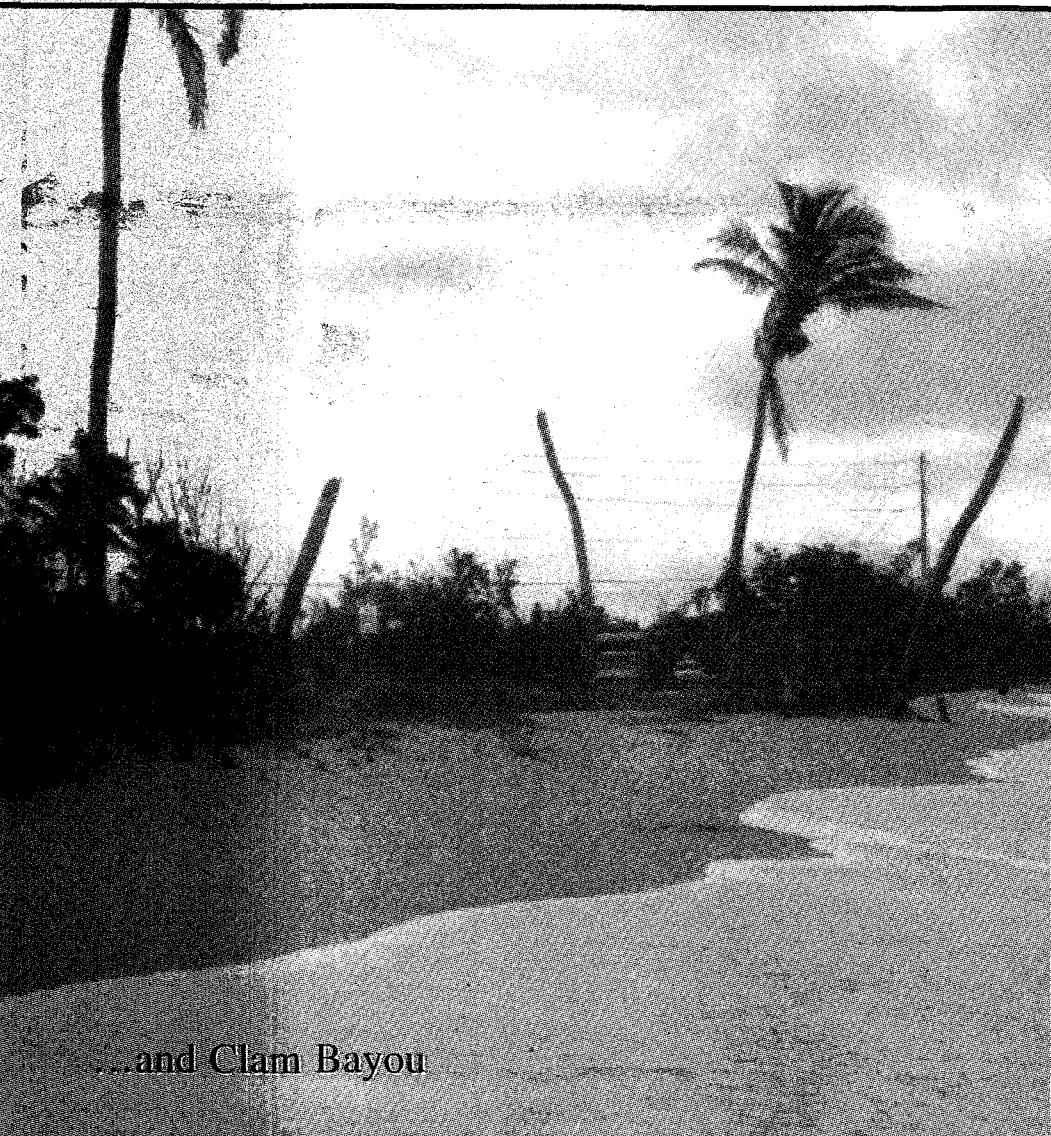
On Saturday, August 27 near Blind Pass...



# just brushes us



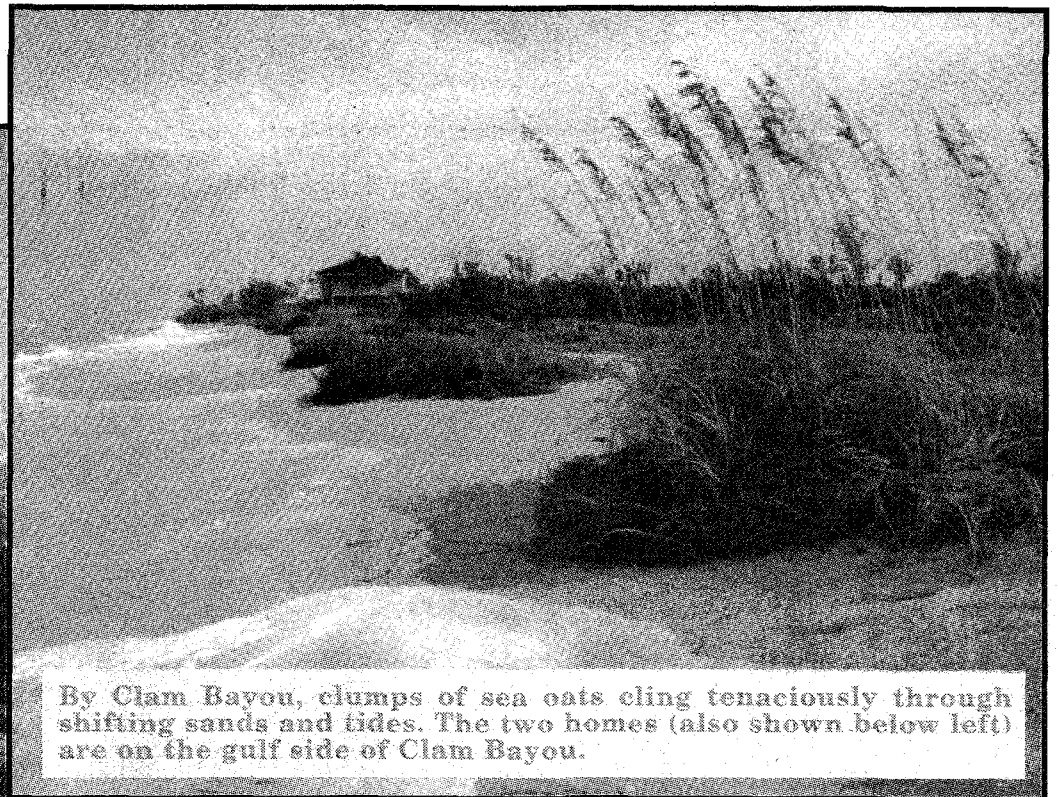
The last buttonwoods jutting out into the gulf just south of the Lazy Flamingo access have succumbed to the encroaching water.



...and Clam Bayou

The unofficial beach access across from Lazy Flamingo I. Last fall's ledge has been filled in (or wiped out). On a high tide like last weekend, the highest waves creep up to about 30 feet from San-Cap Road (note approaching trucks).

Photos by Karen Nelson



By Clam Bayou, clumps of sea oats cling tenaciously through shifting sands and tides. The two homes (also shown below left) are on the gulf side of Clam Bayou.



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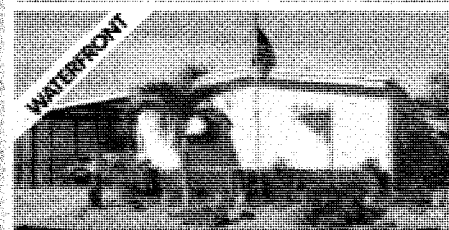
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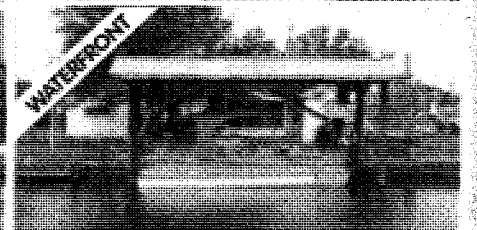
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Paintings by League members Nancy Smith (above) and Neil Glaser (below right)

Sanibel-Captiva Art League

Sanibel-Captiva Art League's Summer Exhibit continues at Sanibel Public Library and BIG Arts this month, featuring 100 paintings of landscapes, still life, portraits and other subjects in a variety of media including watercolor and oil. Both buildings are on Dunlop Road, near Sanibel City Hall.

Island visitors are welcome to use the library facilities and visit the new media addition that includes computers, newspapers, periodicals, CD's, DVD's, tapes and much more. Call 472-2483 for hours.

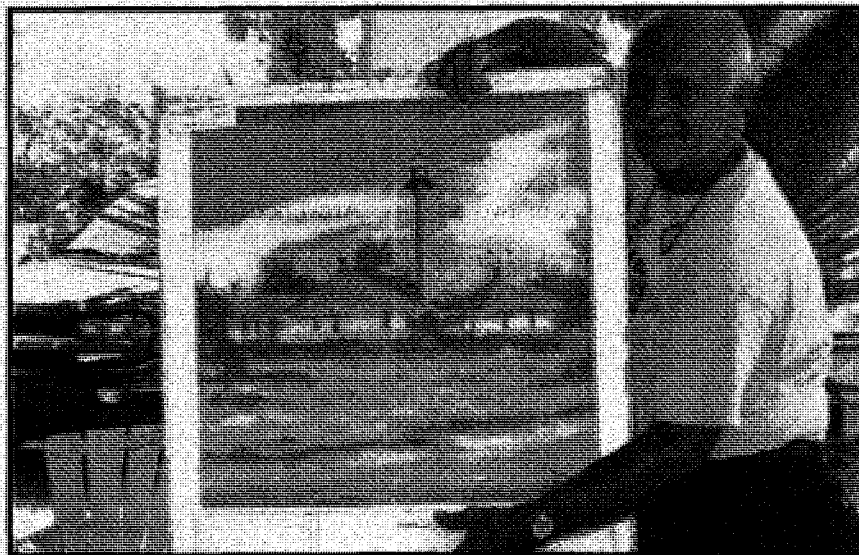


Photo by Karen Nelson

Tony Rinaldi will be showing his Sanibel paintings — including this Sanibel lighthouse, framed in a window from the Old Schoolhouse — on Labor Day, September 5 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the sidewalk by Rinaldi Fashion Shoes. There are also scenes of Italy. He's located on Palm Ridge Road, by Chico's and the Hungry Heron; refreshments will be served. For info, give Tony Rinaldi a call at 472-5666.



In BIG Arts Phillips Gallery, students from the Florida Migrant Summer Institute Program at Florida Gulf Coast University have their large acrylic banners on display. The Sanibel School PEOPLEWORKS mobile is also on view, along with Art League paintings. These can be seen weekdays from 1 - 4 p.m. Call 395-0900 for more info.

For more information about the League paintouts, workshops and seasonal meetings, call 472-2726 or

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Speak Up - Speak Out at Alliance

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of 150 pounds.

Artwork delivered on September 26 and 27 with a completed entry form will be juried for exhibition. The opening reception for "Arte!" is September 30, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Alliance Galleries and is free to the public. The show will be available for viewing Monday through Friday, from 9 - 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 - 3 through October 15. For more information, please contact the Alliance at 239-939-2787 or [exhibitions@artinlee.org](mailto:exhibitions@artinlee.org).

## Art on view from left

to literal representations and everywhere in between.

This exhibition, sponsored proudly by Hal Adams, P.A., Attorneys at Law and DJC Insurance and Financial Services, will be available for viewing in the Alliance Gallery through September 24, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The artwork of Joeline Black will be showcased in the Member Gallery. For more information, please call 239/939-2787 or visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org).

### Picasso exhibit in Fort Myers

The Southwest Florida Museum of History will debut - for the first time ever - an art exhibit featuring the works of Pablo Picasso.

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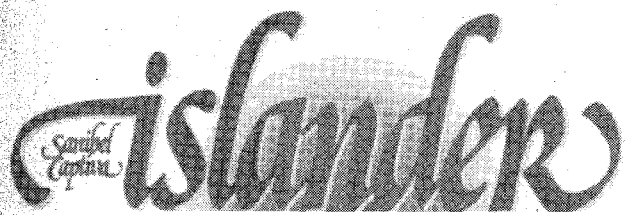
This exhibit includes the works "Femme au miroir," "La petite Colombe" and "Portrait of Dora Maar." Picasso reworked "Portrait of Dora Maar" after this printing. "La petite Colombe" is one of two in the exhibit in which Picasso did drawings next to his signature. The works in this exhibit show Cubism and its flowing into an almost Surreal Cubism and the spiritual struggle that was a constant factor in the years after the war.

All the works in this exhibit are hand signed by Picasso. Cost to see the exhibit is the price of admission to the museum.

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## Beehive: An outstanding production at Broadway Palm

By Anne Bellew  
Staff Writer

The late Larry Gallagher's '60s girl groups revue, *Beehive*, opened at Broadway Palm on August 26 to a well-deserved full house. And boy! did the audience get its money's worth, starting in the lobby before the show with the PT Cruzers and their singer for the night, blond bombshell Andrea Prather, the wife of theater-owner, Will Prather. Gorgeous and dressed for the occasion complete with the over-the-calf boots, this gal is beautiful, has a terrific voice, wonderful timing, and an enormous sense of fun.

I lived through the '60s. I participated. But I never really put together the whole picture of what that era was all about until I saw this revue with its fabulously talented young cast Friday night.

The '60s were a major turning point of the 20th Century. Everything changed: politics and political

expression, visual arts, dance, advertising, product design, mores & customs, lifestyles and life purpose and, of course, the Music! Sure there were the songs of love and loss, but adolescents grew up overnight — many went to war — and these young adults wanted a bigger say in their lives and in the life of their country.

The music of the period expressed those needs, from the humorous (to adults) angst of the teenage girl who's just been dumped (Lesley Gore's "It's My Party" played by Kate Feerick) to the lighthearted danciness of Brenda Lee's "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" (April Monte — a perfect Petula Clark, as well) to Janis Joplin's familiar "Me and Bobby McGee" and gut-wrenching "Ball and Chain" (Brooke Jacob). Slender and elegant Tymia Green led the Supremes' medley as Diana Ross in the group's "I Hear a Symphony," and her appearance as Annette Funicello was both spot-on and funny — her rendition of "Dream About Frankie" was... well, was Annette.



Melanie Brookins was amazing — both as the Narrator and as several of the legendary songstresses: she was on stage for almost the entire production. It was after her rendition of "The Beat Goes On" as Cher and her monologue leading up to the finale, "Make Your Own Kind of Music," that I finally got it... 35 years later.

This presentation scrolls through the years and draws you back in time through the look/the sound/the feel. Loren Strickland's musical direction and keyboard participation was right on the money — he was "into" the music as much as any of the *Beehive* Ladies and on the medley, "A Natural

*Beehive*, see below right



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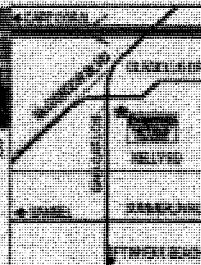
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## Fortune opens Florida Rep's new season

Are people's lives really predestined, or do they have choices? Florida Repertory Theatre explores this question in *Fortune*, the two person romantic comedy that opens Florida Rep's Eighth Season on September 9.

"Live your life, it's all you get," the fortuneteller Madame Rosa says. Rosa, whose real name is Maude, has been blessed with the gift of prophecy but for her, it's also a curse. When a lonely, young accountant barges into her life, the brassy Maude is forced into altering her all-business approach to fortunetelling. She doesn't socialize with customers, but she kind of likes this guy and then she sees his palm, which is dominated by the darkest of portents.

*Fortune*, penned by award-winning playwright Deborah Zoe Laufer, premiered at California's Marin Theatre Company this past January. Her play, *The Last Schwartz* premiered at Florida Stage in Manalapan, Florida in 2002. In *Fortune*, Laufer gives the star-crossed lovers, played by Florida Rep company members Stephanie Davis (*The Sugar Bean Sisters*; *Lost in Yonkers*) and Jim Van Valen (*Biloxi Blues*; *The Foreigner*), blunt, beautiful, funny dialogue which infuses her slice-of-life play with an empathic insight into the aches, conflicts and dreams that make us human.

Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo directs Laufer's playful comedy. "With levitating tables, crystal balls, hidden identities, rolling thunder and cherry bobka," Cacioppo says, "this is a play that excites the spirit and satisfies the soul."

*Fortune* plays at Florida Repertory Theatre from September 9 - October 2. Performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees on Wednesdays, Sundays and selected Saturdays. Ticket prices range from \$15 - \$34 and may be purchased by calling Florida Rep's Box Office at 239/332-488 or Toll Free at 877/787-8053. Group and Student discounts are available.

Florida Repertory Theatre is located in the Historic Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers on Bay Street, between Jackson and Hendry Streets. Free parking is available one hour prior to show time. Visit Florida Rep online at [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

Deborah Zoe Laufer's *Fortune*, is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Christine S. Johnson.

Florida Repertory's 2005-2006 Season is sponsored in part by the City of Fort Myers, the State of Florida and by JetBlue Airways.



Stephanie Davis as Fortuneteller Maude in Florida Rep's Eighth Season opener, *Fortune*.

## Florida Rep auditions

Florida Repertory Theatre, Southwest Florida's Premiere Professional Theatre (S.P.T. 8), located in downtown Fort Myers, Florida, will hold local non-union auditions on Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the theatre on Bay Street, between Jackson and Hendry Streets.

Auditions will take place by appointment for the following roles:

*My Three Angels* by Sam and Bella Spewak

First Rehearsal: November 1

Opens: November 25

Closes: December 18

- Mme. Parole: Character role; nosey neighbor type; needs to be in everyone's business. Age 40 and up.

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
Adapted by Christopher Sergel

First Rehearsal: January 17

Opens: February 10

Closes: March 5

- Scout — Girl, 7-8 years old. An imaginative, curious, and energetic girl who

is a bit of a tomboy.

- Jem — Boy, 13 years old. Older brother to Scout, he likes to know, and be a part of, what's going on around town. He is almost always questioning Atticus.
- Dill — Boy, 9 years old. A new boy from Meridian, MS. Likes to tell stories and do things to get attention. Could almost be considered a little trouble maker.
- Also looking for people of all ages and types to be part of the ensemble. Speaking Character roles are still available for adults. Script sides may be given at time of audition.

Young people should prepare a short poem or monologue of their choosing. Adults should prepare a brief (1 min.) contemporary monologue. Acting sides will be available at Florida Rep's Box Office one week prior to audition. Box Office is open Monday through Saturday 10 - 6 p.m.

All actors are paid positions.

All children will be understudied.

Call Florida Rep's Audition Hotline at 332-4665 x 30 to make an appointment.

## Beehive

from left

Woman/Do Right Woman," which Feerick and Nicole Stephenson absolutely nailed (it brought the house down), he exploded off his stool with both arms raised in a triumphant salute. Stephenson's Aretha was right on the money (as was her Tina Turner) — no mistaking that drive, that urgency in her delivery.

MaryLu Hubbard's costumes made the production look real while lovingly spoofing the extremes to which we went back then with our mod attire. Jason P. Hayes' hair and wig designs were the finishing touch. (Hayes is the key hair designer for TV's *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* and has a string of Broadway and film credits as well.)

This show is pure rock'n'roll-ickin' review

fun! If you were in your 20's, 30's or early 40's during that era, don't miss it — it is so well done that, even if you don't remember all the lyrics, you can't help but relive it in spirit. If you've only heard about it from your parents or their generation, come prepared to learn a lot from this absolutely super production.

*Beehive* plays Wednesdays through Sundays with selected matinees through Oct. 1st. Dinner and show tickets are \$25. Reservations may be made by calling 278-4422, visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com), or stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Royal Palm Square.

—H.D. Sprinkle contributed to this

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# Stalking the Stalker

By Bill Highsmith

Behind Bailey's Store  
a little pond  
and picnic area.  
sign warns, "Don't feed the Alligators."

I glimpse reptilian tail  
in the tall reeds,  
eyes closed,  
body crushes a bed of grass.

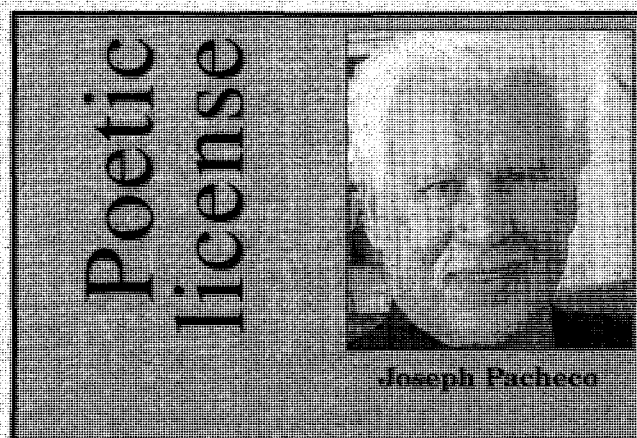
In controlled steps  
I move forward,  
only movement along its length —  
knobby eyelid blinks

yellowish membrane  
opens — we are eye to eye,  
a quarter billion years of  
evolution.

I stare  
into the beast's eyes  
hoping for that Caloosa  
animal connection.

It happens, so primal:  
flight or fight?  
who is the menace?  
am I food or is he luggage?

I back away, sit on a stump.  
ponder my encounters  
with gators and with people —  
now hidden from view.



Joseph Pacheco

How far beneath this  
facade of civilization  
do I dig  
to touch the primal inside?

With foolish bravado,  
I stalk from behind,  
out of view of the "eye,"  
use bushes to creep closer.

The King of stalkers  
Has had enough of me,  
slaps tail, bounds pondward.

I wipe splash off my shoes.

Marsha Wagner's Center Stage columns written during her six-month northern sojourn can be found in the Island Reporter.

## Comedy Asylum finds a new institution

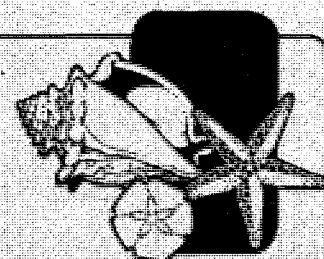
Comedy Asylum is bringing its sold out performances to Jimmy's Pink Cadillac Café near Fort Myers Beach. This unusual evening of adult sketch comedy, improvisation, and naughty puppets will be performing on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 9 p.m.

On tap for the upcoming show is Amish Cops, Gene of Arcadia, the First Holodeck, Aruba Tourist Campaigns and Redneck Family Feud.

Comedy Asylum will interact with the audience, using suggestions and occasionally participating in cruel and unusual amusement for the others. The show will also feature original mixes by our own DJ Finger.

The Comedy Asylum show is September 10 at 9 p.m. at Jimmy's Pink Cadillac Café, 16641 San Carlos Boulevard, between Gladiolus and Summerlin. Food and beverage service are available throughout the evening. Tickets are \$10 cash. Reservations are strongly suggested. Call 332-7992.

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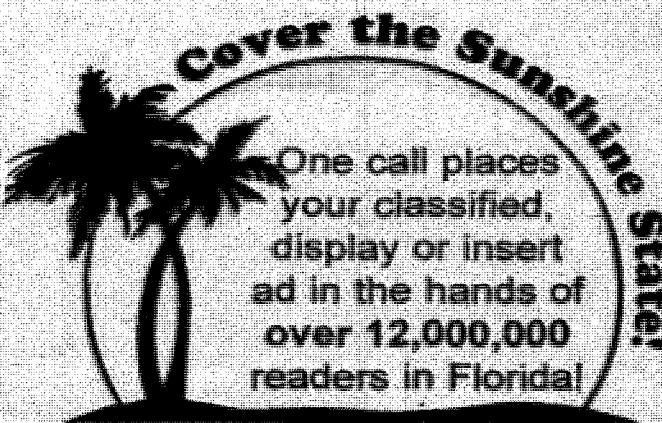
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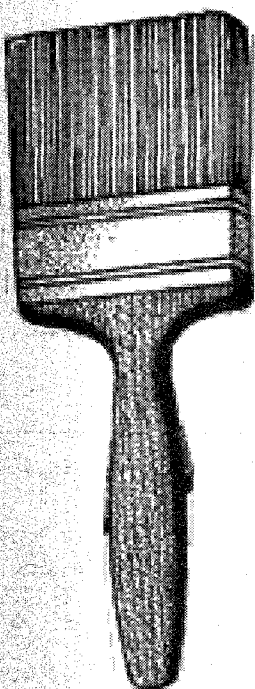
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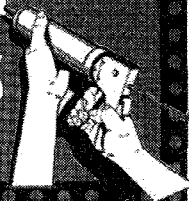
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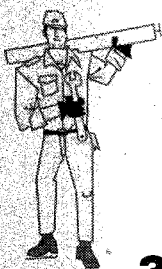
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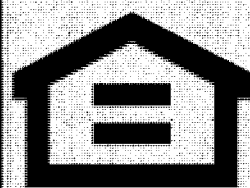
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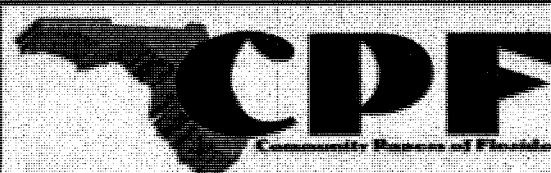
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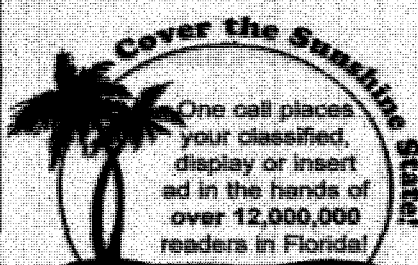
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**Sanibel Community Church.** 1740 Periwinkle Way, 472-2684. Dr. Daryl Donovan, Senior Pastor; Ed VanderHey, Associate Pastor; Barb Nave, Ministry Pastor; Tom Walsh, Youth Pastor. Sunday worship hours: • 9 a.m. Traditional Service with Communion

• 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with Kids' Church

Childcare available at all services. Sanibel Community Church is a Christ-centered non-denominational church.

**Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.** 2050 Periwinkle Way (across from Periwinkle Place Shopping Center), 472-0497. Pastors and Teachers of the church are Dr. Randall H. Niehoff, Dr. Sandra R. Boler and Dr. James E. Boler. Beginning July 1 and continuing through September, Sanibel Congregational United

Church of Christ will gather for worship at 10a.m. each Sunday morning. Child Care and Sunday School will be available during this 10 a.m. service. There are elevators for easy access to the sanctuary.

**Bat-Yam Temple of the Islands.** Shabbat worship services will be held at the Sanibel Congregational United Church at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel every Friday evening at 8 p.m. Rabbi Murray Saltzman. Call 395-3156.

## At Sanibel Community Church

### Got Purpose?

Beginning September 7 the Sanibel Community Church will engage in the life-changing six-week study series, *The Purpose Driven Life*. The study is designed for all ages: pre-school through adult.

Besides Rick Warren's, *"The Purpose Driven Life,"* two other adult courses will be available. *"If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat"* and *"The Life You've Always Wanted,"* by John Outherg.

Courses begin on September 7 and will run six consecutive Wednesday evenings.

Each evening will begin with a delicious meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by a brief time of fun and singing...then everyone will go to their respective classes. It will all wrap up at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

The courses are free and open to the public. A love offering will be received to defer the cost of the evening meal. Come enjoy six great nights of fun, fellowship and spiritual growth for the all ages. Pre-registration is suggested by calling the church office at 472-2684. Nursery and pre-school classes are provided as well.

Feel free to dress casually!

## The Smartest Card is @ your library

September is national Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Lee County Library System wants to remind you that "The Smartest Card is @ your library" — it's your library card. Observed since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all — and that public libraries are essential for a free people, as partners for vibrant and educated communities, and places of opportunity.

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opportunity," said Karen Sloan, Lee County Library System Development Specialist. "What other card in your wallet gives you free access to books and CDs, magazines and movies and all sorts of other resources that can change your life - or just make it a little more fun?"

Captiva Memorial Library is part of the Lee County Library System; phone 472-2133. LCLS phone is 239/479-INFO (4636) or see the library's Web site [www.lee-county.com/library](http://www.lee-county.com/library).

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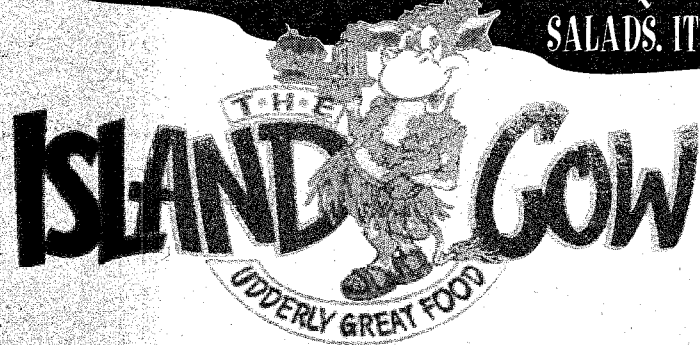


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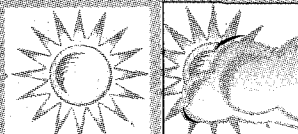
WEEKEND FORECAST FOR SEPTEMBER 3 & 4

SATURDAY  
A.M. P.M.



Chance of thunderstorms.  
High 90 low 75.

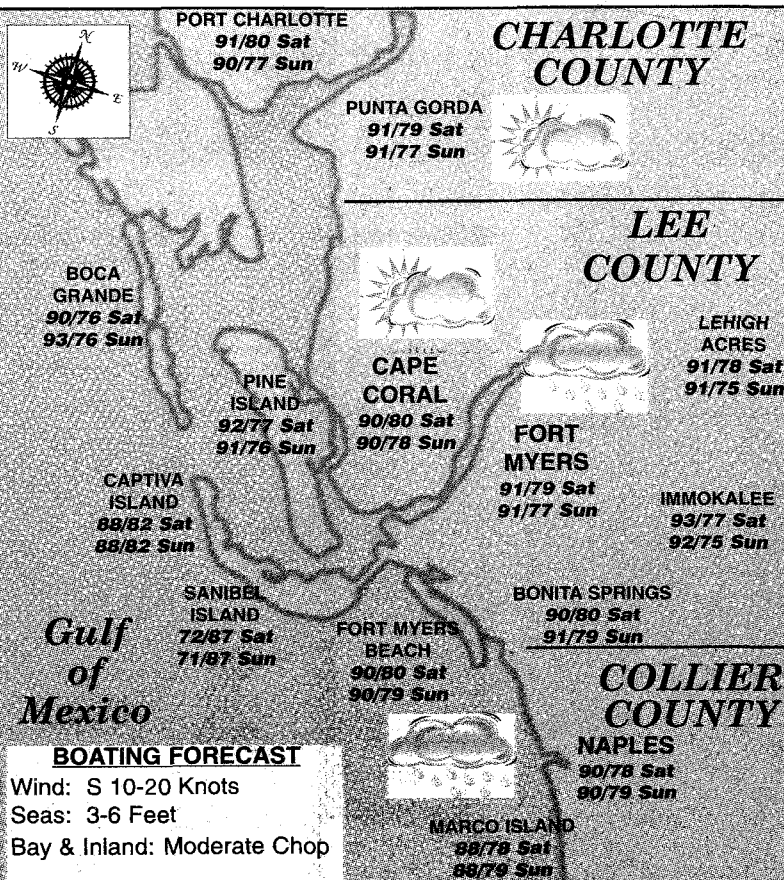
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Chance of thunderstorms.  
High 90 low 77.

WEEKEND TIDES

City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral	2:20 a.m.	7:42 a.m.	2:37 a.m.	8:43 a.m.
Bridge	12:57 p.m.	8:55 p.m.	2:06 p.m.	9:34 p.m.
Captiva at	12:10 a.m.	4:26 a.m.	12:27 a.m.	5:27 a.m.
Redfish Pass	10:47 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	11:56 a.m.	6:18 p.m.
Fort Myers	3:13 a.m.	8:24 a.m.	3:30 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
	1:50 p.m.	9:37 p.m.	2:59 p.m.	10:16 p.m.
Matlacha	1:48 a.m.	7:08 a.m.	2:05 a.m.	8:09 a.m.
Pass	12:25 p.m.	8:21 p.m.	1:34 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Pineland	12:46 a.m.	6:06 a.m.	1:03 a.m.	7:07 a.m.
	11:23 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	12:32 p.m.	7:58 p.m.
Point Ybel	9:52 a.m.	4:28 a.m.	11:01 a.m.	5:29 a.m.
	11:32 p.m.	5:41 p.m.	11:50 p.m.	6:20 p.m.
Punta Rassa	12:04 a.m.	4:21 a.m.	12:21 a.m.	5:22 a.m.
	10:41 a.m.	5:34 p.m.	11:50 a.m.	6:13 p.m.
St. James	12:35 a.m.	4:56 a.m.	12:52 a.m.	5:57 a.m.
City	11:12 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	12:21 p.m.	6:48 p.m.



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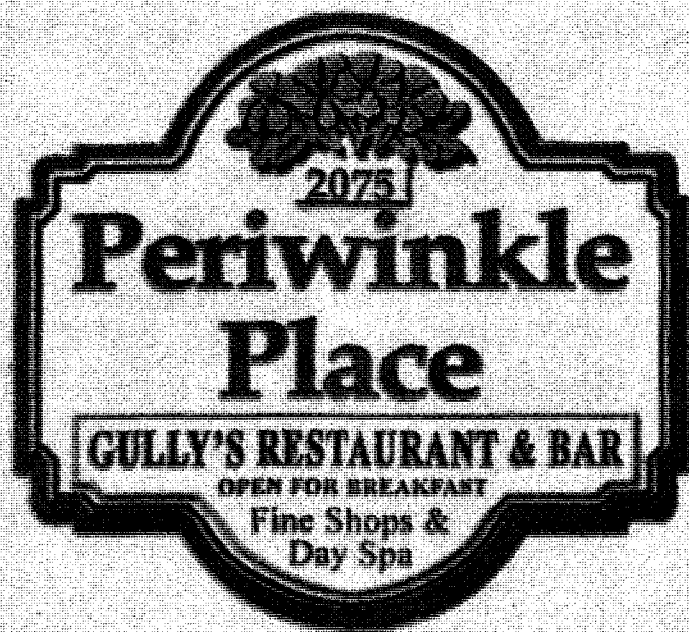
STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

CITY	LOW/HIGH
CAPE CORAL	73/88
DAYTONA BEACH	68/86
FT. LAUDERDALE	75/88
FT. MYERS BEACH	72/87
GAINESVILLE	65/83
JACKSONVILLE	65/82
KEY WEST	78/88
KISSIMMEE	68/86
MIAMI	75/88
ORLANDO	68/86
PANAMA CITY	67/80
PENSACOLA	67/77
SARASOTA	70/88
ST. PETERSBURG	70/88
TALLAHASSEE	67/82
TAMPA	70/88
VERO BEACH	68/85
WEST PALM BEACH	72/88

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SATURDAY  
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