

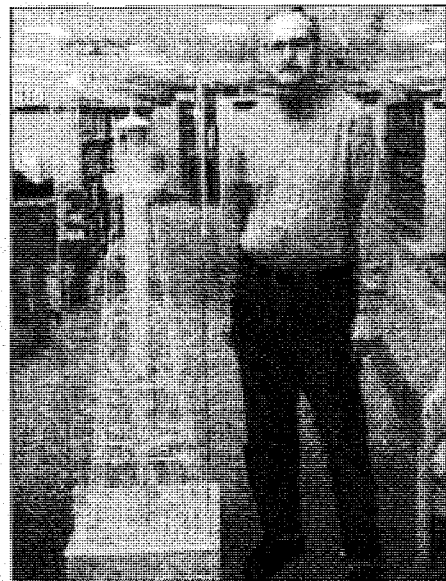


The spirited cast of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*

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Bob Paulson beside his model of the Sanibel Lighthouse

Model Lighthouse On View At Library

by Brian Johnson

When you walk up the staircase at the Sanibel Library during the coming month, one of the first things you will see is a chest-high model of the Sanibel Lighthouse.

The exact replica of the famed Sanibel landmark was created by Bob Paulson, a builder from Plymouth, Minnesota who has been wintering on the island for the past 10 years. The model contains over 700 wooden parts and took him five years to complete.

"I thought it would be a challenging project, and that I would learn a lot of new things," said Paulson.

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Water Managers: There Is No Silver Bullet Solution

by Jim George

On a cool, sunny morning last week, special interest groups and concerned individuals from around southern Florida gathered at Florida Gulf Coast University in the midst of a media frenzy to try to find some common ground in the growing water controversy that will impact millions of people now and in future generations. There was no doubt that the huge crowd was hoping to hear about a quick solution but the chief hydraulic engineer of the South Florida Water Management District stated categorically that, "there is no silver bullet solution." And thereby lies the problem. At the current rate of deterioration, the Pine Island and Caloosahatchee estuaries will be dead by the time all the plans are realized, according to many experts.

The issue - a dying ecosystem that extends from the Kissimmee River Basin to the southern tip of Florida, including the estuaries of both the east and west coasts.



Erick Lindblad, executive director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation



Kevin Godsea, JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Florida Water Management District have been releasing hundreds of millions of gallons of murky, polluted fresh water from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River during the wet season to reduce the water level in the lake. They have flushed dark plumes of water that have turned the normally clear, blue-green water of Pine Island Sound and San Carlos Bay into a tannic stained coffee color that is normally only seen in the back reaches of fresh water bodies in the state. The releases change the critical balance of salt and fresh water in the estuary and the dark water blocks the sunlight from the sea grass and other bottom vegetation. The water is loaded with phosphorus and nitrogen, not only from the lake water, but from the urban storm sewer discharges as it passes through residential and farming areas. By the time it reaches the estuary, the nutrient laden water is a carrier of slow death for marine life and vegetation.

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Rec Center Public Meeting

Sanibel Citizens for a Healthy Future will be holding a public meeting on the proposed new recreation center on Thursday, February 23, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library. No reservations required. All are welcome to attend.*

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Community Foundation Awards Grants

The Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva has awarded \$87,079 in grants to 16 local non-profit agencies during its annual Bailey grant cycle.

These grants are made possible by the donations of individuals and corporations through membership in the Community Foundation's Bailey Society and funds raised from this year's Sanctuary Charity Golf Tournament which raised more than \$50,000 for the foundation.

Checks will be presented to the agencies during the Community Foundation's annual Bailey Reception held February 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association on Periwinkle Way.

Sponsors for the reception include: Bank of the Islands, Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company and Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA.

Cocktails and refreshments will be served at the reception.

Since its founding in 2000, the Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva has made grants of more than \$1.6 million to charitable groups.

The foundation is an affiliate of Southwest Florida Community Foundation, was founded to provide funding for non-profit organizations serving residents and workers on the islands.

Further information is available by calling 274-5900, or at www.sanibelcommunity.com.

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Income Tax Aid

Every Wednesday, February 8 through April 12, AARP volunteers are offering tax help. Free to the public. "Bring your W-2s, 1099s and last years tax return, if possible. You will walk out with a completed tax return," said Katie Reid, Sanibel-Captiva coordinator AARP will be at the Senior Center at the corner of Palm Ridge Road and Library Way from 12:30 to 4 p.m. each Wednesday. No advance registration is required.



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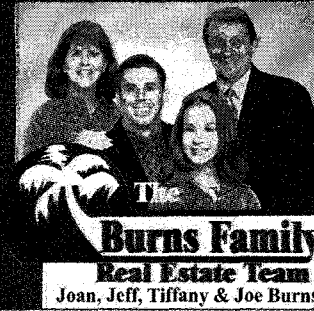
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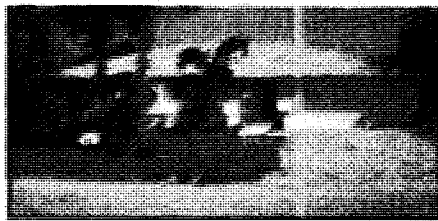
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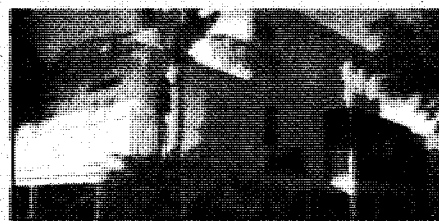
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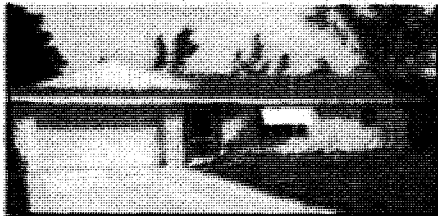
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4 Sanibel Historical Village And Museum Fundraiser A Huge Success

by Alan Smith

A huge success - the only three words that can adequately describe Sanibel's Historical Village and Museum's annual fundraiser held Tuesday, February 7 at the Sanctuary Golf Club.

More than 200 people spent the evening dining, dancing and trying to outbid one another for the more than two dozen items, including private cruises and week-long resort vacations, auctioned off as part of the evening's festivities.



Event co-chairs, Janet Halliday and Deb Gleason, stand each side of Historical Village founder, Sam Bailey. Gayle Perce, diner chair, is far right.



With over two-dozen items offered on the dinner's silent auction tables a lot of tough choices had to be made

Funds from the dinner will go toward new additions to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.

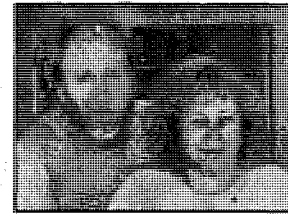
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Very Valentine

by Jane Vos Hogg

What did you do for Valentine's Day? If you'd like to see how Ruth Rutland dined that night... oh, say back in 1934... you might like to visit the dining room at the Rutland House at the Sanibel Museum.

A romantic dinner-for-two set with prized china, part of her cherished service she'd gotten as a wedding gift. Glasses and flatware perfectly matched to fit the time and, at Clarence Rutland's setting a box, possibly containing his favorite cigars. And, not to be outdone, perhaps Clarence had a gift in mind for his wife. That, too, sits near her dinner plate.

Maybe it's all museum make-believe but the dining room décor sure makes it seem authentic. And, to further play to the theme, in the glass case at the side of the room is a delightful display of Valentine cards dating from Victorian times down to the mid-1930s. These, all part of a collection belonging to Lorraine Anderson were just given to the museum as a gift last month.

Travel back to times gone by and see the setting in place through this weekend at the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum at 950 Dunlop Road, open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.✱

Navy Seabees To Meet

The Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA), Island X-8 will have a luncheon meeting at noon on Monday, February 27 at the Quality Hotel, 2431 Cleveland Avenue. (U.S. 41), Fort Myers. Wives and visiting Seabees are welcome to attend. Members will honor the wives of Seabees.

On February 18 the Island X-8 officers will participate in the Edison Festival of Light Parade in Fort Myers. They will ride in a 1942 Jeep in the Color Guard unit.

There is a membership drive to reach all Seabee veterans in Lee and Collier Counties. They are invited to attend the regular monthly meetings held on the fourth Monday of the month.

Reservations are required. For information and reservations, call Raymond Reed at 731-1901.✱

Calling All Substitute Teachers

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

All substitutes are welcome. For more information call 458-0651.✱

ABC Auction To Support PURRE

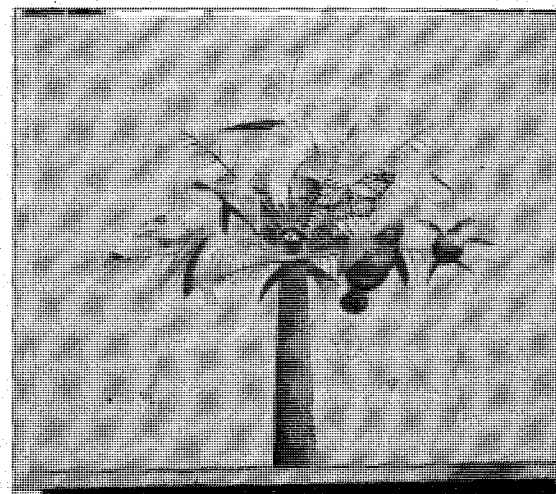
In support of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservaton Foundation and its efforts to protect local waters, the Captiva Civic Association will donate 10 percent of the proceeds of its upcoming ABC Auction to the newly formed PURRE Water Coalition.

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

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

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

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



An island art table created by Lauri Kaihanen

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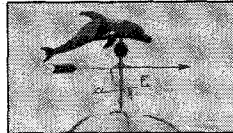
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INSIDE CITY HALL

Elevated Pool Issue Still Not Watertight

by Anne Mitchell

After floundering for more than six months, the ordinance that sets guidelines for elevated swimming pools was again problematic for the Sanibel Planning Commission on Tuesday.

Two planning commissioners voted against it and one recused himself for conflict of interest, so it was with a 4-2 vote that it was passed — and sent off for the second time for city council to decide whether they can live with it.

Despite more changes by planning staff, commission members John Veenschoten and Phillip Marks were not satisfied.

Commissioner member John Veenschoten called it “an absolute disservice to the City of Sanibel.” He added, “Time after time this ordinance came back in a new draft in order to be picked at and picked at and sent back. You have a shadow of an ordinance of what it originally was and that ordinance was to protect the island and its citizens.

“The whole idea of your land development code and ordinances is to prevent having ugly things on the island,” he said.

The latest draft — the fourth — says elevated pools must be in harmony with existing structures in the established neighborhood and not infringe upon the adjoining property owner's enjoyment of his property.

A short form permit may be issued for pools that are three-foot-six or more above grade. However, owners of property within 300 feet must be notified at the applicant's expense. All land develop-

ment codes must still be followed including those pertaining to size and mass of structures, height limits and setbacks.

Commission member Mike Valiquette, a contractor, declared a conflict of interest because he is applying for an elevated pool permit for a client.✪

Clam Bayou Dock Variance Okayed

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel Planning Commission on Tuesday granted a variance to Nanelle Wehmann for a boat dock in less than the minimum three feet water depth required for marine structures.

Wehmann wants to add a dock to her property that backs onto Clam Bayou, where over the years sand accretion has occurred.

The planning department staff report states that adjoining homes on either side had docks constructed prior to the city's incorporation. Generally docks on Clam Bayou, which have no access to the Gulf, are used for passive recreation including small boats and fishing.

Wehmann proposes a wooden T-shaped dock that staffers say doesn't impede navigation. The mean low water level at the end of the dock would be two feet less than the minimum required.

The quality of water in the now landlocked bayou is expected to improve considerably when a culvert connecting it to Blind Pass is opened this year.

In addition to the cost of the dock, which will be built by A-Salo and Salo Marine Construction, Wehmann also had to fork over \$2,675 for her application.

The amount was questioned by Commissioner Tony Lapi, who was told that was the cost of such an application.✪

Old Homestead Part Of Retail Center Remodel

by Anne Mitchell

With the 1891 Cooper Homestead being part of the Olde Sanibel shopping center on Tarpon Bay Road, the protocol for remodeling the center has come under extra scrutiny from the city.

RLR Investments LLC, the owners of the center, asked for and was granted a certificate of appropriateness by the planning commission Tuesday to do what the planning department called “an extraordinary amount of overdue maintenance to the historic Cooper house.”

Joe St. Cyr, architect for RLR, said his client was spending \$4.5 million on renovations to this and the other four shopping centers it owns. Those include Tahitian Gardens and The Village.

Plans for the Olde Sanibel center include new siding, roofing, decking and railings on all buildings.

The Sanibel Historical Committee looked over the plans in January and recommended approval with several conditions. They strongly recommended that the Cooper house be made distinctive in appearance from the other buildings in the center.

None of the work will result in either a structural alteration or a substantial improvement to the old house, which is on Sanibel's historic register.

The old two-story house, possibly plantation style with columns, was built by

George Madison Cooper on 160 homestead acres. He later added three tenant houses and a packing house which served as a polling place for islanders until 1910.

According to the city, Cooper operated schooners and launches which traded as far away as Mobile and Honduras. He put in Tarpon Bay Road to access the dock at Tarpon Bay.

Additions to the old house in 1982 turned the property into a retail center.

The plans will get a second hearing by the planning commission February 28.✪

Doc Ford's To Get 32 More Seats

by Anne Mitchell

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille gained 32 more seats on Tuesday.

After obtaining the planning commission's blessing last November to switch 32 seats between indoors and outdoors, the operators of Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille on Tuesday asked the board to make the 32 outdoor seats permanent.

Restaurant seating limits are set by the amount of available parking.

Commissioners unanimously approved allowing use of the 32 seats on the patio as well as all 210 seats inside after 5 p.m. when other businesses in the Rabbit Road Center are closed and more parking spaces are vacant. As a result, the restaurant managers won't have to eliminate 32 seats indoors each time they open the patio to customers.

As a formality, the matter will get a second hearing before the planning commission February 28.

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What Is The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan?

by Jim George

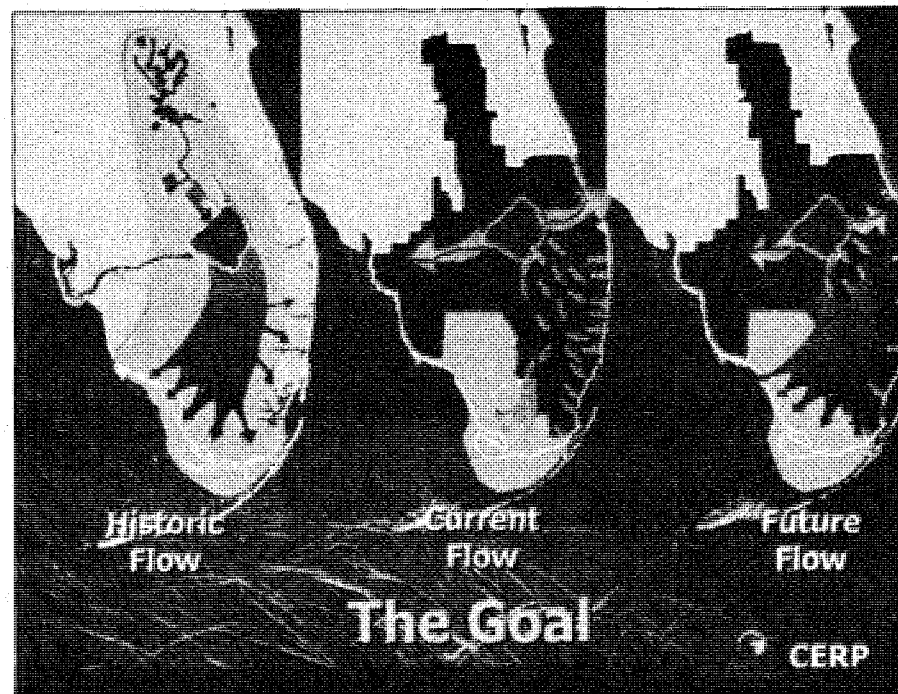
The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) provides a framework and guide to restore, protect, and preserve the water resources of central and southern Florida, including the Everglades. It covers 16 counties over an 18,000-square-mile area, and centers on an update of the Central and Southern Florida Project. That project includes 1,000 miles of canals, 720 miles of levees, and several hundred water control structures.

The project provides water supply, flood protection, water management and other benefits to south Florida. For close to 50 years, the project has performed the way it was designed. However, the project has had unintended adverse effects on the unique and diverse environment that constitutes south Florida ecosystems, including the Everglades and Florida Bay.

Those unintended consequences were the destruction of wetlands for development, flood control canals that interrupted the natural flow of water from north to south, building a dike around Lake Okeechobee, effectively turning it into a reservoir, completely disrupting its role in the natural water system of southern Florida and creating the necessity to flush lake water, now polluted, into the Caloosahatchee River, which is destroying the Pine Island Estuary.

The CERP was approved by Congress in the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. It includes more than 60 elements, will take more than 30 years to construct, and will cost an estimated \$8 to \$10 billion, and its sole purpose is to undo the damage done by the Central and Southern Florida Project. It is under CERP that all work is being done to solve the current water crisis in Lee County. Its ultimate goal is to restore much of the historic water flow to the region (see accompanying illustration).

Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, author of *Everglades, River of Grass* is largely credited with bringing the nation's attention to the destruction of the ecosystem in Southern



Left illustration shows historic water flow before Central and Southern Florida Project when water flowed in massive quantities through to Florida Bay

Florida. Her book, published in 1947, chronicled the destruction of the Everglades. The Florida Everglades was once a vibrant, free-flowing river of grass that provided clean water from Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay.

Today, this extraordinary ecosystem is dying. Further north, east and west, as development has continued around Lake Okeechobee, attempts to artificially manage water have led to the current water crisis. Even with the Everglades plan as a backdrop, federal agencies are approving the destruction of wetlands at an alarming rate, according to a recently published article by award winning journalist Craig Pittman.

Pitman says that 12,000 permits to destroy wetlands were issued by the Corp of Engineers between 1999 and 2003 - the same agency that is charged with saving the Everglades.*

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Water Managers



Chip Merriam, Water Management staff

The southwest corner of the state is not alone. Releases are also being made into the St. Lucie River on the east coast, and that estuary is also threatened. The St. Lucie estuary is about one fifth the size of the Pine Island estuary.

Although the theme of the meeting seemed to be, "let's work together," the diversity of opinion and the complexity of

the issue were raised to new levels as the small farming and lake communities took the podium to plead for consideration of the economic and social impact of the water problem on their communities in any decisions to resolve the problem. They had little patience with the suggestions of Lee County to flood farmlands surrounding Lake Okeechobee for water storage rather than flushing the sewer quality water into the Caloosahatchee River. Although water managers have long range plans for water storage, those plans will not come to fruition for several years.

Water management officials were well prepared and outlined their plans using audio visual aids with a myriad of charts, graphs and demonstrations to support their contention that they are doing what needs to be done. But the undercurrent of the various interest groups for a quick fix rippled throughout the eight-hour meeting.

Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah was not buying the argument that the solutions were being addressed. "You're using flawed data," he charged. "The computer models being used to make decisions are weighted toward the dry weather cycles and do not represent the current conditions." Board member Lennart Lendahl took issue with Judah's charge in later remarks saying he had a high degree of trust in the models, but directed the staff to evaluate and reaffirm them. In a separate interview Judah said he was gratified that Lendahl had given

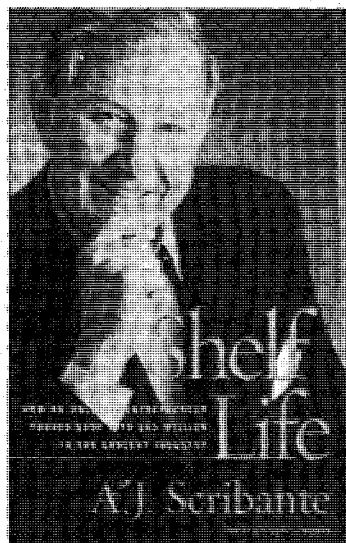
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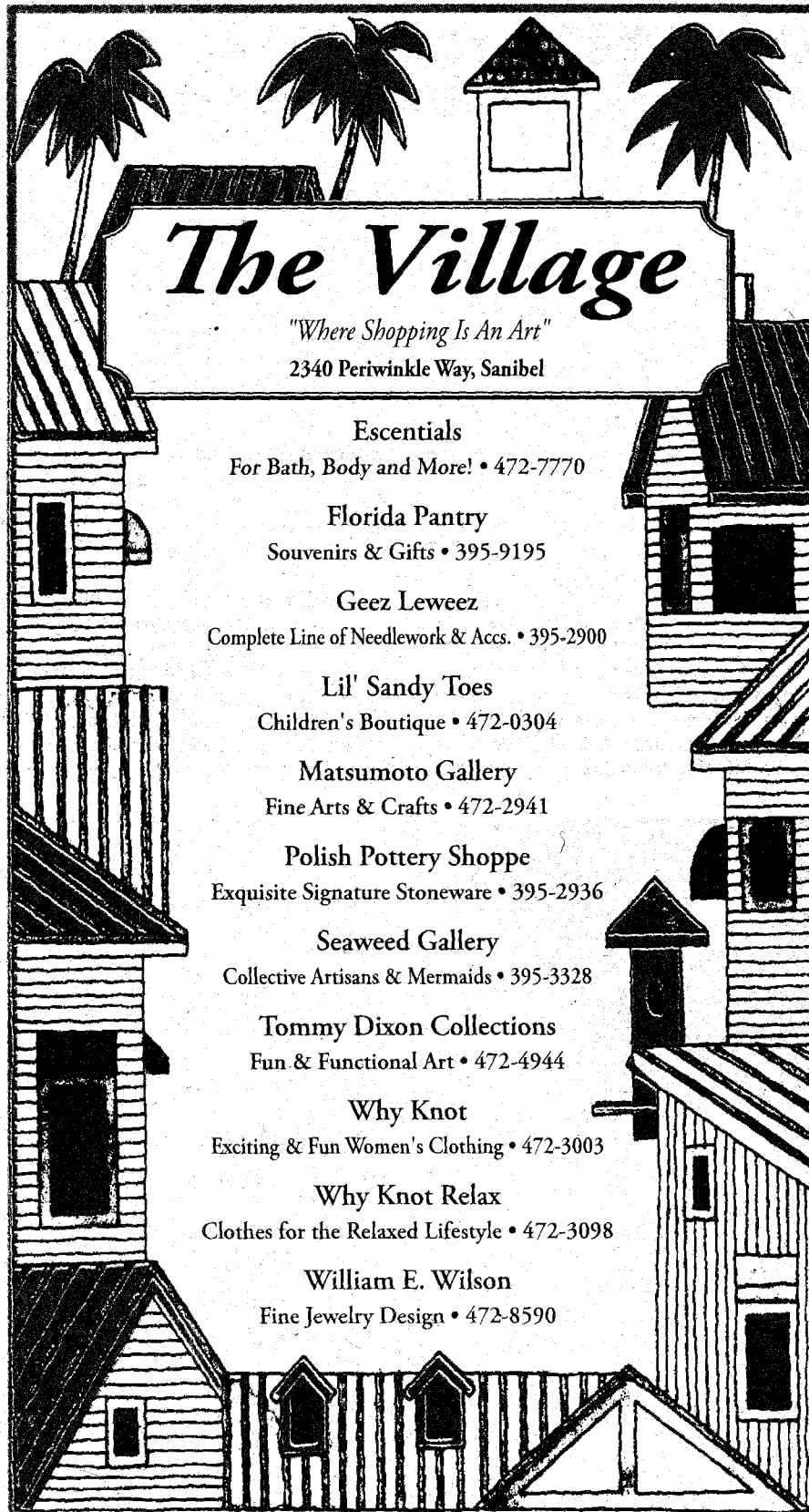
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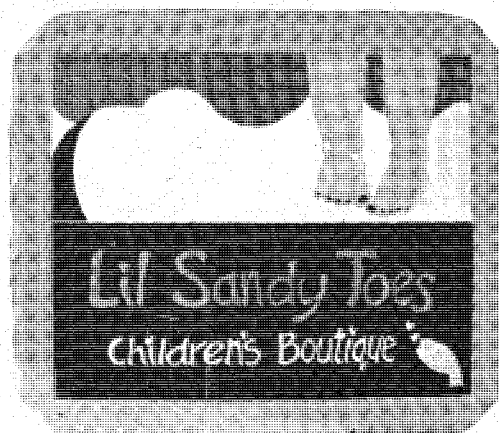
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PURRE Water Watch

by Marty Stokes

My family has lived on Sanibel Island for many generations, when taking into consideration both my Mother's and my Father's sides of the family. Children Rachel and Luke actually make-up the eighth, and hopefully not the final generation to be blessed with living here. Some residents of longevity may have known my grandparents Jake and Pearl Stokes.

Jake was Sanibel's first deputy, first wildlife officer, and perhaps the first fishing guide. This was back in the day when Sanibel had little need for any of these designations. He was also famous for fish fries held fairly regularly at the American Legion, and assuredly caught the fish as well.

As a youngster I had some fringe benefits of being Jake's grandson - like being flown around in Tom Woods' sea-plane, taking in the views of islands yet undeveloped. Huge schools of fish and porpoise could be seen from the air into crystal clear water. Nancy McCann was my school teacher for a couple of years

at the old schoolhouse on Periwinkle. There were science fair projects about our marine life even back then. We navigated the bays in Jake's cabin-cruiser, trolling the waters and catching anything we wanted.

The waters all around these islands were brimming with sealife. I remember standing on the shore in front of the beach house and casting out feather lures, hauling in one snook after the other. You certainly didn't need a fishing guide to catch all that you wanted in those days. There were a lot fewer people though, and considerably fewer boats on the water seeking out the best spots. Even so, fishing has always been decent, and even occasionally good today, with exception of those times when the red tide's in town.

As a teenager I remember very few incidents of red tide. Once every two or three years was the norm, and they usually didn't last long. Now they occur several times each year and last for weeks, causing respiratory difficulties for many, as well as the kill-off of far too many fish. What was once a natural but seldom occurring event, has become an accelerated mutation and freak of nature. Does the release of toxic, chemically induced nutrient enriched water from Lake O into our waters have anything to do with the increased red tides? Well, they have only worsened as the lake's engineers have increased the number and volume of releases, if that tells us anything. However, until more scientific data become available, the jury is still out as far as what we believe we are seeing and smelling.

Actually, some amount of fresh water is needed for maintaining a proper eco-balance around our bays, but even this water should be filtered due to toxic levels, and regulated more carefully than ever - so I am told.

If responsible citizens from the Sanibel community, who have so eloquently organized the opposition to this onslaught, had not understood the need for standing up and fighting back, then I'm afraid SFWMD and Corps of Engineers would have continued without thought, without mercy. At this point they are still planning to dump more and more, but are becoming slightly cautious with the public eye beginning to focus upon them. I stress that the public is just "beginning" to become aware. Much more awareness is needed. The poisonous waste site that is now Lake O is going to continue flowing our way in unfathomably large quantities unless we force the management to an alternative course.

They currently have no short term plan to relieve us of this burden, and their so-called long-term solution is no solution at all, because the plan fails to consider the need for filtering the polluted water from the lake prior to sending it our way. The reservoirs they plan to construct will not house enough water to make significant differences on our end. Too much is too much regardless of the comparatively small amount of water being stored in a few holding tanks.

There may be legal maneuvers to slow them down in their tracks, but the greatest weapon is public outcry because only the voters will ultimately redirect politi-

cians to change outdated laws that are currently permitting what amounts are allowed to continue the toxic bombing of our environment. These laws are the key to our challenge. It would be interesting to discover which of the many environmental protection laws on the books might be applicable to our situation, that are not currently being enforced. Let's hope that the answer cannot be nailed down to just being "all about the money."

It may end up that the only true solution to what feels like 'terrorist attacks' upon our community, is for the SFWMD and the Corps of Engineers to simply stop releasing excessive amounts of Lake O's polluted waters into our estuary. Of course, this means they will have to deal with it another way. At that point we could offer some type of assistance, perhaps in the form of better planning and development, in similar spirit to many of the necessary common sense rules we observe around these islands.

For starters, continuing to develop areas below lake water level is asking for similar results as those witnessed post Katrina in New Orleans. If I lived below the lake, I certainly would not look forward to entrusting the safety of my home to SFWMD or the Corps of Engineers' management skills. Communities should not be developed below the bodies of water surrounding them, unless the inhabitants are a highly aquatic breed. Beware the Lake O tsunami.

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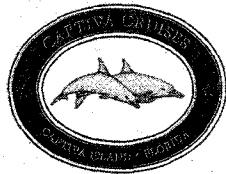
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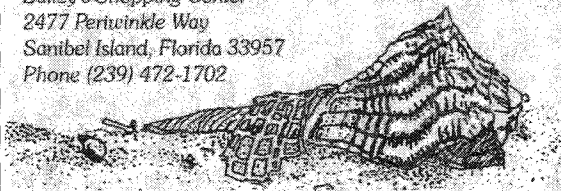
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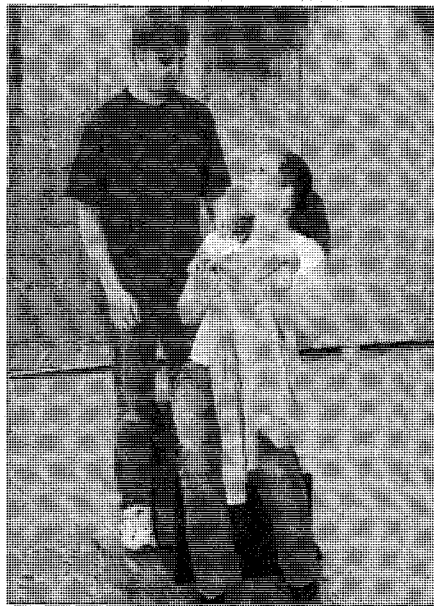
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Seven students from the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) theater department will present a staged reading of *The Women of Lockerbie* by Deborah Brevoort in the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ sanctuary, 2050 Periwinkle Way, on Thursday, February 23 at 3:15 p.m. The reading will be followed by light refreshments, a chance to meet the cast, and a discussion led by the ministerial staff of the church. There is no charge.

The play, in its final form, will be presented March 29 to April 9 at the FGCU Black Box Theatre, Arts Complex, 10501 FGCU Boulevard, South. For further information, call the theater department at 590-7268.

In this play reading a mother from New Jersey roams the hills of Lockerbie Scotland, looking for her son's remains that were lost in the 1988 crash of Pan



Bill (Timothy Clark) and Maddie (Tawnie McDowell) in *The Women of Lockerbie*

Am 103. She meets the women of the town of Lockerbie, who are fighting the U.S. government to obtain the clothing of the victims found in the plane's wreckage. The women, determined to convert an act of hatred into an act of love, want

to wash the clothes of the dead and return them to the victim's families.

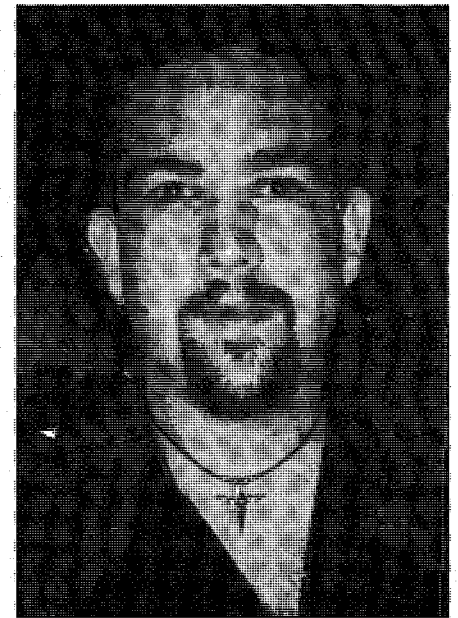
The Women Of Lockerbie is loosely inspired by a true story, in the structure of a Greek tragedy. Winner of the silver medal in the Onassis International Playwriting Competition and the Kennedy Center Fund for New American Plays award, it has been called by the *Cincinnati Journal News*, "...a beautifully written script that explores the depths of human sorrow and our various reactions to grief, showing how love can trump evil."*

OBITUARY

VAN KEITH LAWTON

Van Keith Lawton, 37, husband of Jennifer Anne Kelly-Lawton, of Cape Coral, formerly of Sandusky, Ohio, died unexpectedly January 26, 2006. Van was employed with Earthcare, Sanibel, for the past 12 years. Memorial services will be conducted 1:30 p.m. Sunday, February 19, at the Metz Funeral Chapel on Lafayette Street, Cape Coral with a memorial visitation being held from 12:30 until the hour of service. The family will also receive friends immediately following at the Lawton residence.*

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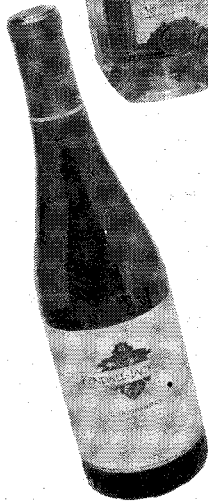
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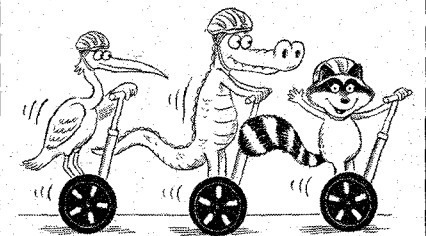
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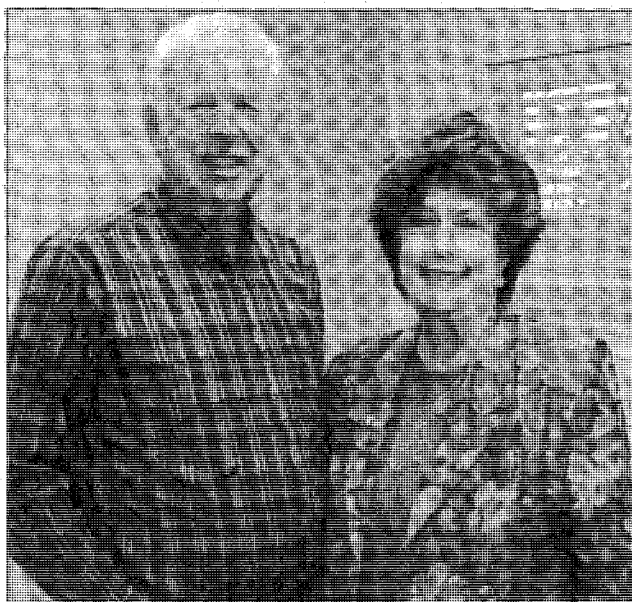
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14 CROP Walk Set For February 26

by Brian Johnson

Last October Ed VanderHey, the associate pastor at the Sanibel Community Church, saw for himself the fruits of funds generated by the CROP Walk. "I feel very strongly about the CROP Walk because I've traveled around and seen what it has accomplished," he said. "During the trip to Haiti in October we saw new wells in the villages, and drank from them. In the past the villagers had to walk miles to a polluted river - now they have clean water, and don't have to walk as far."



Ed VanderHey and Janis Beecher

This year the CROP Walk, scheduled for Sunday, February 26 at 2:30 p.m., will start at the outdoor pavilion at The Sanibel School and wind through "Ding" Darling. "It is open to the public and everyone is welcome," said VanderHey of the island family event.



People from around the globe benefit from the CROP Walk


The idea of the CROP Walk is to simulate the types of walks impoverished people from around the globe must take simply to get water or go to school. Frequently it is the children who are assigned the task of bringing back water in jugs to the village. "Little girls do these jobs all over the world," said VanderHey.




The event will fund local hunger projects such as The Harry Chapin Food Bank, The Community Soup Kitchen, Lee County Hurricane Relief, and Brightest Horizons. The majority of the money will be given to Church World Services (CWS), an interdenominational organization that provides emergency supplies such as blankets, tents, food and medicine around the globe. Last year the CROP Walk drew about 75 participants and raised over \$8,000.


The 4.5-mile route will go from the pavilion at The Sanibel School to the Indigo Trail at "Ding" Darling and loop back on Wildlife Drive. For those wishing to make a shorter walk, there will be one-mile and two-mile treks.

The Sanibel Community Church will be joined by the Sanibel Congregational Church, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Bat Yam Temple, Christian Science Church, and the Unitarian Universalists. "What makes me feel good about the CROP Walk is that it is one of the few things the churches band together for," said VanderHey. "We're united by the mission to feed the hungry."

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Democratic Club Meeting

The Democratic Club of the Islands invites island residents to meet Senator Bill Nelson at a reception at the Sanibel Congregational Church on Saturday, February 25, at 11:30 a.m. Space is limited, so reserve a place by sending a check for \$10 per person (suggested minimum donation) payable to DCI, P.O. Box 898, Sanibel, FL 33957.

A continental breakfast fundraiser for Senator Nelson will be held at 10 a.m. at the home of Ed and June Sieber, 1965 Roseate Lane, prior to the reception. To attend the fundraiser, send a check for from \$125 (suggested minimum donation) to \$4,200 payable to Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate to DCI, PO Box 898, Sanibel, Florida 33957.

Co-hosts for this event are Ed and June Sieber, Barbara Cooley, Peggy Newell, Bob Schaeffer, John Wolf, Ellis Robinson and Dick Mark.

Nelson's experience includes more than 30 years of public service in the Florida Legislature and U.S. Congress; on the Florida Cabinet as treasurer, insurance commissioner and state fire marshal; and, since 2001, in the U.S. Senate.

Over the years, he's fought many powerful interests from insurance companies to oil companies to the big banks. He has fought to preserve Social Security and Medicare for seniors; to protect the privacy of everyday citizens from hackers, identity thieves and government intrusion; and, to ensure our children and grandchildren get a good education and well-paying jobs.

For more information about these events and the Democratic Club of the Islands, contact Peggy Newell at pnewell@earthlink.net, or Barbara Cooley at 472-8568.

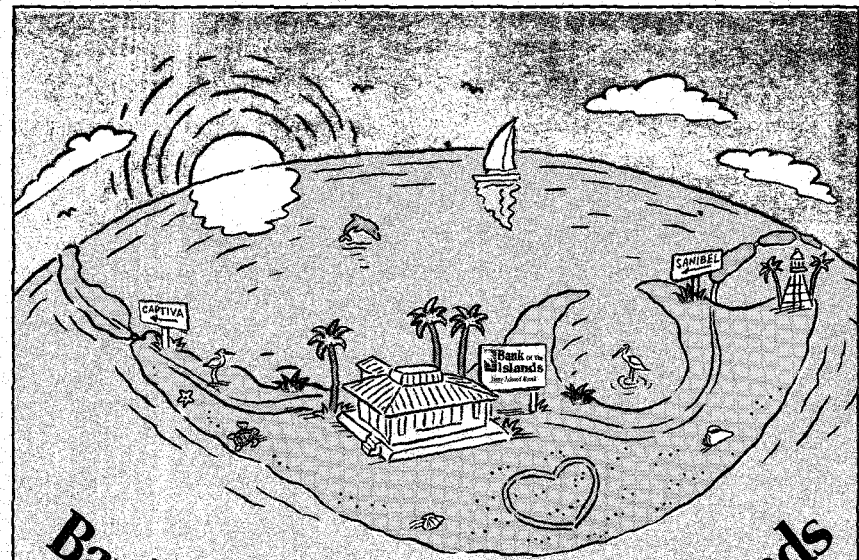
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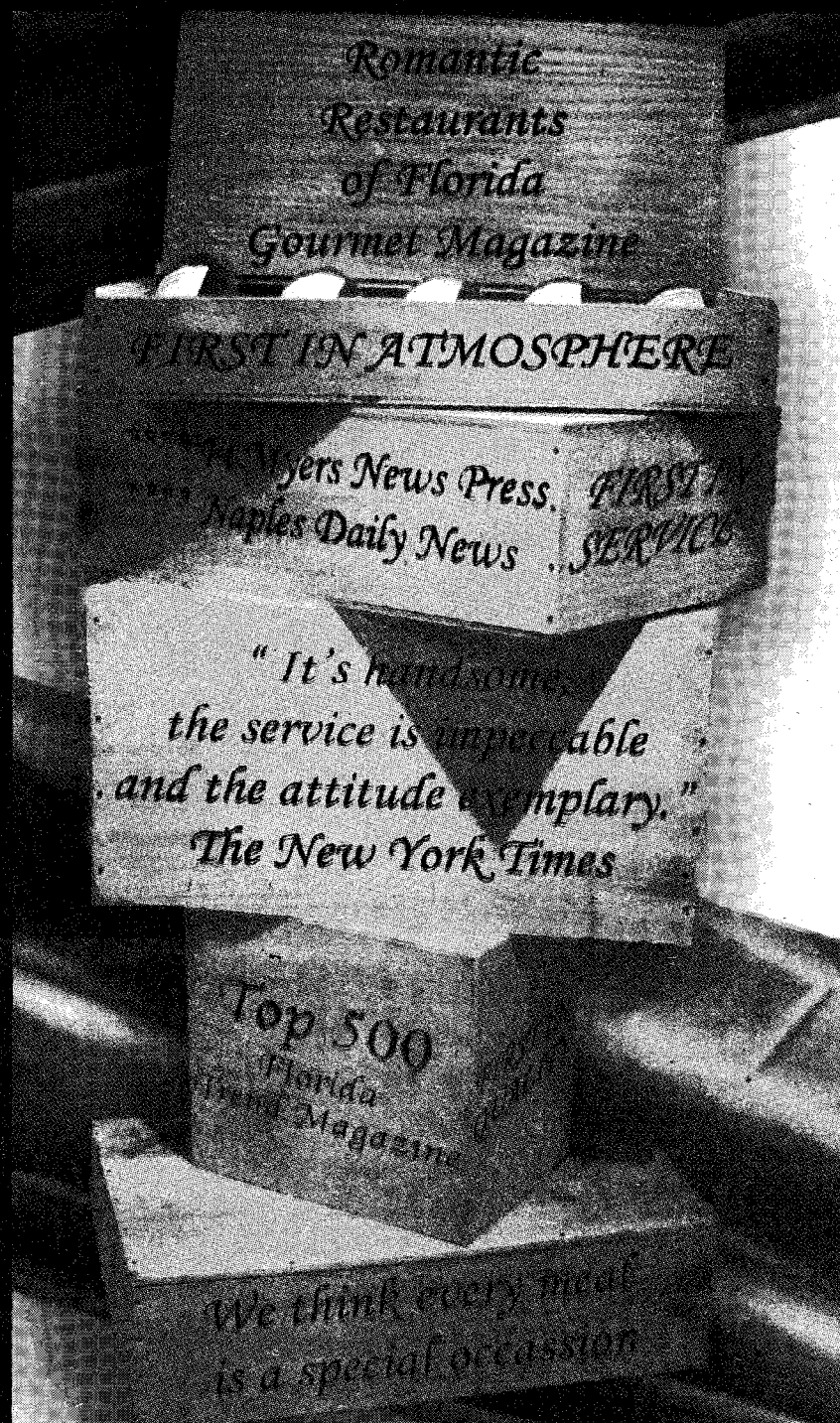


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Rec Center Supporters Hold Public Meeting



Members of the Citizens Team for the Proposed New Sanibel Rec Center, from left: back, Marly Harrity, Kevin Ruane, Dick Walsh and Maureen Valiquette; seated, Deb Gleason and Tom Gilhooly.

by Anne Mitchell

If Sanibel voters defeat the April 4 referendum on the new rec center, the land on which it was to have been built would revert back to the Lee County School Board.

That's according to Jack Luft, with the Sanibel Citizens for a Healthy Future (SCHF), a political action committee, or PAC, formed to promote the proposed \$14.2 million complex.

That issue, and the fact that the City of Sanibel didn't obtain a structural survey before deciding not to rehab the old rec center were among topics raised at a public meeting Thursday, February 9 called by SCHF to educate people about the project.

Luft said a no-vote would call into question the future of the existing rec center. "They will have to decide what to do with the facilities. They don't do pools, double gyms, arts and crafts" and such at their schools, he said.

Meanwhile the cost of building a rec center will continue to escalate, he said.

Members of the audience quizzed the PAC members on various topics including the size of the complex, its amenities and whether Sanibel is getting its fair share from the school board.

On the structural survey issue — raised by Council member Tom Rothman at the last city council meeting — the answer was that council at that time had opted not to have it done.

Dick Walsh, who was on the council back then, had said the cost of a rehab would have been more than 50 percent and as such would have to meet current codes, including being elevated. He said the old gym is not air-conditioned or insulated and the floor has "serious problems."

Kevin Ruane, committee member, said he had commissioned a structural engineering report "on my own," adding, "It will be documented and published."

Under the deal, the school board will give the City of Sanibel a 99-year lease on the land adjoining the school, and will chip in \$1.5 million towards the new center for the school's use of the facilities.

About 15 people, along with several PAC members, attended the meeting in The Sanibel School's media center. Forms for absentee ballots for the vote on the \$8.35 million city bond issue for the project were made available, as well as a five-page information handout.

There's a little disagreement on one thing: the decrepit state of the 25-year-old rec center. Luft says it was cheaply built 25 years ago with a life expectancy of 20 years.

However, there seems to be a divide between those with young families and older folks who don't expect to use the facility much or at all.

Sandy Zahorchak, one of the presenters, said there was a lot of misinformation about the project. She said there will be two swimming pools, not five, and one will include a splash pad for toddlers, and the other will be an L-shaped competition lap pool with a slide.

She said annual operating expenses for the new complex will be \$52,000 more than for the existing center, taking into account that the Lee County School Board will contribute to the upkeep of the gym, half of which will be used by students at the school. Maintenance of the 25-year-old existing facility is \$850,000. User fees bring in \$120,000.

Frances Sheldon, property owner, said the school board was only contributing to something they should have built anyway. "They are not being so very generous," she said.

Sheldon said afterwards that she's in favor of a new rec center, but not one "so elaborate."

One woman, who did not give her name, said she was concerned "about being in the pool with a bunch of kids." Zahorchak said students wouldn't be

using the pool during the school day except for a short time at the beginning of each school year when they're checked for swimming ability.

Jack Luft, one of the meeting's organizers, said the new complex won't be much bigger than the old one, except for "one pool, a splash pad and an extra office."

Another woman, who declined to give her name for publication, but who was very vocal at the meeting, said she uses the rec center almost daily. "I am all for a rec center but I don't want to build more than we need," she said.

She said about 38 people a day use the center, of which some would be repeat users. "You can't support the rec center with 38 people a day," she said. She based the number on the figure of 13,000 users annually, quoted by Luft. He said it was down from 17,000 in 2002.

For a Sanibel home assessed at \$521,000, an owner would pay \$67 a year in taxes to repay the bonds, according to city estimates. The council has talked about charging user fees but has yet to set those fees.

SCHF will hold another public meeting on Thursday, February 23, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Sanibel Public Library.✱

CARD OF THANKS

With *Raise The Roof* as its theme, last Tuesday, February 7, the Sanibel Historical Village & Museum held its first annual dinner/dance fundraiser at The Sanctuary Golf Club. More than 200 attended and the event was a great success. The funds raised will be used to create new interpretative signs for each of the museum village's buildings, to help in the completion of the museum's newest and soon to be opened building, Sanibel's original one room schoolhouse, and to provide enhancements for the various other buildings.

Of course, no event, especially one as successful as this one, is possible without a tremendous amount of help and generous community support. It seems only proper, therefore, to publicly express the Museum Village's appreciation to so many of those who contributed their time and/or money to this event. Among them were:

Wayne Boyd who designed and built, and Judith Lattavo who painted, the 15 scale models of Sanibel's 1910 schoolhouse raffled off as part of the fundraiser.

Event underwriters: Barrier Island Title; Bailey's General Store; VIP Realty Group, Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turney; and Dr. and Mrs. Edward Miller.

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Special thanks also to Heather Corbin Graphic Designs and Allegra Printing/Metro Parkway. And last, but certainly not least, the unrecognized supporters of every fundraiser and event on the islands

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The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.✱

Lions Club Art Fair Coming

The 23rd annual Sanibel Lions Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25 at the Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

Over 150 exhibitors of hand-crafted items will attend this juried event. There will be plenty of free parking and a food court.

All proceeds benefit Lions Charities such as seeing-eye dog programs, The Florida Eye Bank, Edison Community College scholarships for the blind, WGPU Radio reading program for the blind and many others. ✱

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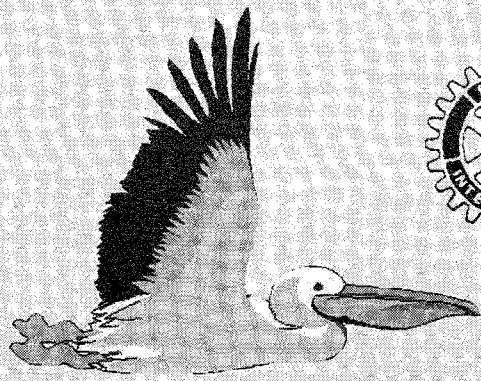
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MPO Survey

Do you have a gripe about traffic congestion?

Then the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) needs your help in identifying congested roads for which it may be able to identify relatively low-cost or "quick fix" improvements. The idea is to improve the operation and safety of the existing transportation system without resorting to major construction projects such as adding travel lanes or building new roads, bridges or overpasses.

Examples of low cost improvements include realigning minor roadways, designating reversible lanes or one-way streets, and changing road signing or striping. Other examples include installing or

synchronizing traffic signals, and adding or extending turn lanes at intersections. Persuading employers to stagger business hours, and creating incentives to increase car and van pooling or the use of buses and bicycles or less congested routes may also help in some cases.

Last year, with the public's help, several congested locations were identified. Low cost improvements have already been implemented to alleviate some of those problems identified earlier. Others may be implemented within the next few years.

Some of the recently implemented improvements include installation of a second southbound left turn lane on Fowler Avenue to eastbound Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, dual eastbound left turn lanes on Corkscrew Road to northbound Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Chiquita Boulevard and Gleason Parkway.

The MPO is interested in identifying more such traffic problems in Lee County that might be alleviated using quick and inexpensive methods. If you are aware of such a problem, go online and complete an interactive form at www.swfrpc.org/mporeportcongestion.

While reporting congested locations, you are encouraged to review the two tables posted in the internet at www.swfrpc.org/mpoothertissues to make sure that you are not reporting already identified congested locations where improvements have been recently completed or funded.

Describe the congestion problem and where it is located. Please be specific as to location, direction, time of day, frequency of occurrence, etc.*

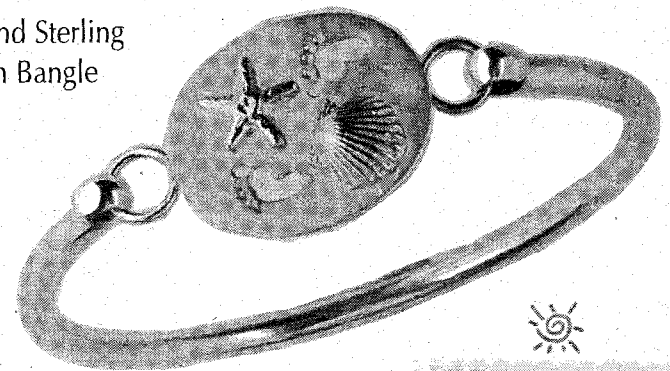
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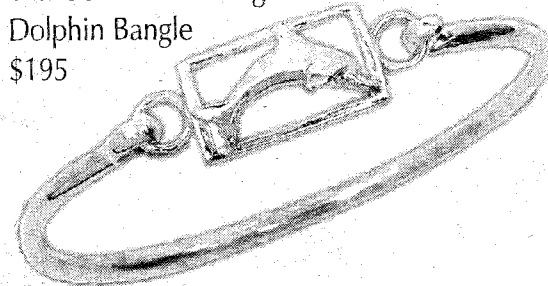
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Art Auction Raises Money For Interns

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's third annual art auction raised \$23,511 to support the foundation's internship program.

The evening began with an open bar sponsored by Bank of the Islands and hors d'oeuvres catered by Bailey's and sponsored by John and Sheila Morley. While prospective bidders enjoyed food and conversation, they viewed the art and had the opportunity to vote for their three favorite artists.

Erick Lindblad, executive director of the foundation, welcomed everyone and spoke of the interns' immeasurable addition to SCCF. "They give us energy," he said.

Auctioneer Warren Schwab advised the audience to, "Bid high. Bid often."

The auction kicked off with Helen Baller's Nantucket tray table, which drew multiple bids and was purchased by Dean and Shirley Skaugstad for \$3,600.

Baller also received first place in the favorite artist vote; Charlie Frese was second and Charlie McCullough, third.

Schwab kept the bidding active and fun with his humorous dialog with multiple bidders as interns moved through the audience to give a close-up view of the pieces. Highest bidders took home beautiful pieces to decorate their homes and gardens, the theme of this year's auction.

The Foundation and the interns send a special thank you to the following artists who donated their creations to the fundraiser:

Tom Adams, Laura Ball, Helen Baller, Kathy Boone, Jaye Boswell, Pam Broderson, Mae Buday, Lucas Century, Jerry Churchill, Pat Cleveland, Beth Collette, Lane Conville, Susan Dunn, Ginny Egensteiner, Jenny Evans, Charlie Frese, Neil Glaser, George Graham, Sheila Hoen, Kit (Caroline) Hoisington, Marcia Hopkins-York, Jane Hudson, Lauri Kaihlanen, Petra Kaiser, Joan Furia Klutch, Joyce Krivenko, Francine Litofsky, Charlie McCullough, George McKinnell, Maggie May, Steve Mickletz, Hillary Potter, Myra Roberts, Pat St.Cyr, Nancy Smith, Carolyn Swiney, Cathy Taylor, Nancy Wilson and Odia Wood.✱



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Safe Boating Day

by Brian Johnson

Just before the cold winds from the northeast moved in this past weekend, Safe Boating Day was held at the Sanibel Recreation Complex under tropical blue skies.

Sponsored by the City of Sanibel, the event featured a wide variety of booths offering tips on boating safety. "People were pleased with it," said Jim Strothers, the chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee for the City of Sanibel.

Members of the public were encouraged to wear life jackets, and Sea Tow, one of the agencies involved in the event, gave out free life jackets to kids. The Power Squadron offered free inspections to see if a vessel was properly equipped with safety devices.

People went from booth to booth, picking up flyers and chatting with the officials who came out for the day. The partnership of agencies included the Power Squadron, the Sanibel Police Department, Sanibel Fire and Rescue, Lee County Sheriff's Department, the Coast Guard, Sea Tow and more.

Strothers encourages the public to take the free educational courses about boating safety offered by the Power Squadron. For more information, call educational officer Jim Bradford at 768-5476.



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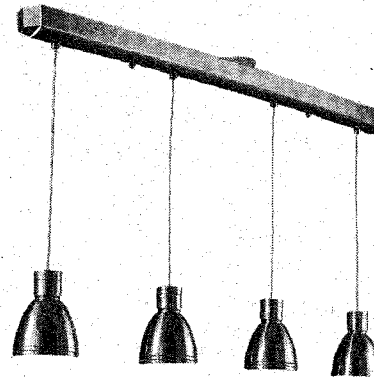
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Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m. Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah discusses Lake Okeechobee releases

The South Florida Water Management District is in charge of keeping Lake Okeechobee at certain levels because environmental problems occur when it gets too high. For that reason, water is released into the Caloosahatchee and other connected waterways. Commissioner Judah will discuss the effects of Lake Okeechobee releases on estuaries, aquatic life, and local tourism, as well as alternatives to diverting lake water to the Caloosahatchee. This program is free. However, seating is limited to 90; make reservations by calling 275-3435.

Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m. Eve Haverfield and Florida's Sea Turtles

Eve Haverfield is the founder of Turtle Time, a local non-profit organization dedicated to the continued survival of the loggerhead sea turtle. Since 1989, the group has been the Florida state-permitted monitoring organization for sea turtle activity from Fort Myers Beach to the Lee-Collier county line. Haverfield will discuss Turtle Time's endeavors and the plight of Florida's sea turtles. This program is free. However, seating is limited to 90; make reservations by calling 275-3435.

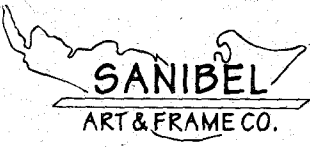
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The center consists of the Living Natural History Museum with more than 100 live animals including a skunk, bob-

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The center is located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue at the intersection of Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress in Fort Myers, one minute from I-75 at Exit 136. Additional information is available at www.CalusaNature.com or by calling 275-3435. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (ages three to 12).*


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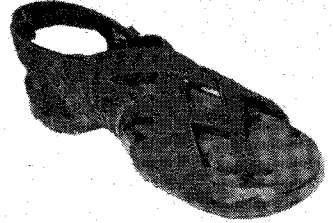
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-  **SUNDAY**
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-  **MONDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 72 Low: 60
-  **TUESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 75 Low: 63
-  **WEDNESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 75 Low: 62
-  **THURSDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 73 Low: 62

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 73°, humidity of 69% and an overnight low of 66°. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1944. Saturday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 71°.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	74	47	76/55	0.00"
Wednesday	68	48	76/55	0.00"
Thursday	69	41	76/55	0.00"
Friday	69	41	76/55	0.00"
Saturday	77	49	76/55	0.03"
Sunday	58	45	76/55	0.03"
Monday	58	39	76/55	0.01"

Up North Outlook

City	Today			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
Atlanta	62	39	pc	55	33	r
Baltimore	53	31	sh	43	24	s
Boston	45	14	sh	36	13	s
Chicago	24	11	pc	22	11	pc
Cincinnati	37	23	mc	38	15	pc
Cleveland	33	16	sn	27	18	pc
Detroit	28	12	sn	23	13	pc
Nashville	47	29	mc	41	26	sh
New York City	49	23	sh	38	20	s
Philadelphia	51	26	sh	42	20	s
Richmond	62	34	sh	46	23	pc
Washington, D.C.	56	33	sh	40	25	s

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National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 61°, found in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 78°, found in Miami, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Saturday and Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 55°, found in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with a few showers today through Sunday, with the area's highest temperature of 69°, found in Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Local UV Index



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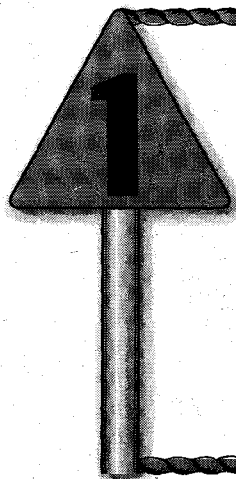
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	New 2/27	Full 3/14	

Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	5:14 am	12:03 am	5:20 pm	12:00 pm	Fri	3:04 am	8:44 am	3:10 pm	9:36 pm	Fri	2:09 am	8:46 am	2:15 pm	9:38 pm	Fri	2:58 am	8:39 am	3:04 pm	9:31 pm
Sat	6:06 am	12:52 am	5:45 pm	12:17 pm	Sat	3:56 am	9:01 am	3:35 pm	10:32 pm	Sat	3:01 am	9:03 am	2:40 pm	10:34 pm	Sat	3:50 am	8:56 am	3:29 pm	10:27 pm
Sun	7:11 am	1:48 am	6:16 pm	12:31 pm	Sun	5:01 am	9:15 am	4:06 pm	11:40 pm	Sun	4:06 am	9:17 am	3:11 pm	11:42 pm	Sun	4:55 am	9:10 am	4:00 pm	11:35 pm
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 Mercury was aptly named the Messenger, for this tiny world skirts around the sun in only 88 days, and returns to the same configuration with respect to Sol in only 116 days. Mercury makes appearances into the evening and morning skies three to four times a year. It is a real mover, so if you miss one elongation, let's say in the evening, the next appearance of Mercury in the morning sky will occur about two months later. Of course, waking yourself about 90 minutes before sunrise can be just a little grueling on the day's routine. Not so for this current apparition... Mercury is positioned to the east of the sun, allowing visibility in the west after sundown. Throughout this week, Mercury will become easier to spot as it climbs steadily higher into the evening sky. By week's end, look slightly left of the most intense area of horizon glow about 30 minutes after sunset. Your observing location must have an excellent west, unencumbered by trees, buildings, or horizon hugging clouds. Since Mercury will be bright, it really doesn't matter if you are viewing from a high-rise in town or from a rural locale. Sky clarity and a good western horizon are the key ingredients. The use of binoculars will be an added plus for better confirmation. If a bright, star like object is seen near the western horizon during the next three weeks, it will be Mercury. During the week of February 19, Mercury attains its greatest angular distance from the sun, setting approximately 90 minutes after sundown through the end of the month. With good visibility over such an extended swath of time, the weather will have to cooperate on a least one evening. By March 3, Mercury has turned the corner and is rapidly heading back towards the sun and invisibility. www.astronomy.org



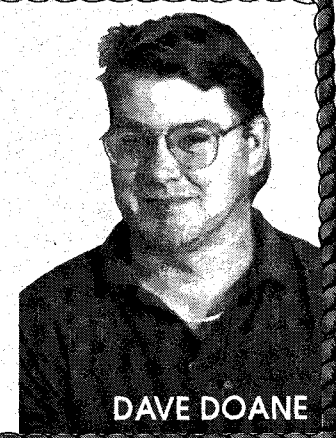
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Future Birdwalks

Organized birdwalks are open to the public. All birders are welcome. The suggested donation is \$2. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details. The following birdwalks are planned for March and April:

March 4 - Bunche Beach. Meet at beach parking lot at 8 a.m. Across causeway approximately 2.5 miles. Right on John Morris Road to beach parking lot. Free parking. Waterproof shoes are a must.

March 11- "Ding" Darling Refuge. Meet in the overflow parking lot near the trolley stop at 8 a.m. Entrance fee is required.

March 18 - Bunche Beach. Meet at beach parking lot at 8 a.m. Across causeway approximately 2.5 miles. Right on John Morris Road to beach parking lot. Free parking. Waterproof shoes are a must.

March 25- Bailey Tract/Sanibel Gardens. Meet at the Bailey Tract parking lot at 8 a.m. South on Tarpon Bay Road from Bailey's market, approximately half mile. Free parking.

April 1- Sanibel Lighthouse. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Periwinkle Way. Non-resident parking is \$2 per hour.*

Designing A Native Landscape

The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation on Wednesday, February 22 at 10am will have a class called *Designing a Native Landscape*.

Whether you want to landscape your whole yard or just one area, putting a design on paper will give you a well thought out plan to follow for the future.

The class will cover creating a functional area plan, plant bed design, and plant selection for your particular situation. Class emphasis is on environmentally friendly designs, stormscaping, and the use of native plants. Cost for the class is \$5, free for foundation members. Reservations are required; call 472-2329.*

Conservation Foundation Open House

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will hold its annual Open House on President's Day, Monday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its Nature Center on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The Open House includes activities, displays, live animals, music, and refreshments for people of all ages. The Native Plant Nursery will be offering a 10 percent discount on plants that day.

Sheilah and John Morley generously donate food and beverage for the event.

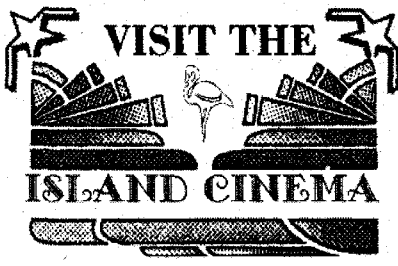
Bring a friend and/or meet new ones at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Open House. The Nature Center is located one mile west of Tarpon Bay Road, on the left-hand side of

Sanibel-Captiva Road. Overflow parking is available at the Shell Museum. There is no roadside parking permitted. People are encouraged to use the overflow parking or ride on over by bicycle.*

Shell Fair And Show Coming Soon

Mark your calendars now for the Sanibel Shell Fair and Show Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the whole family to see the beautiful shell crafts and live aquarium displays. Shells and crafts will be available for purchase. A \$3 donation is all that's required to enjoy the show at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call 472-2155.*

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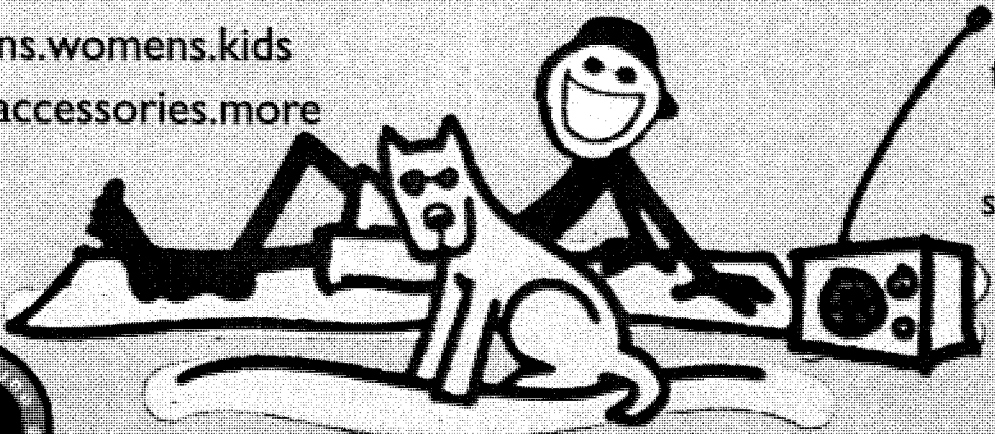
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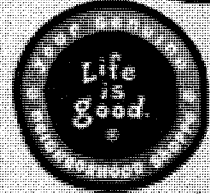

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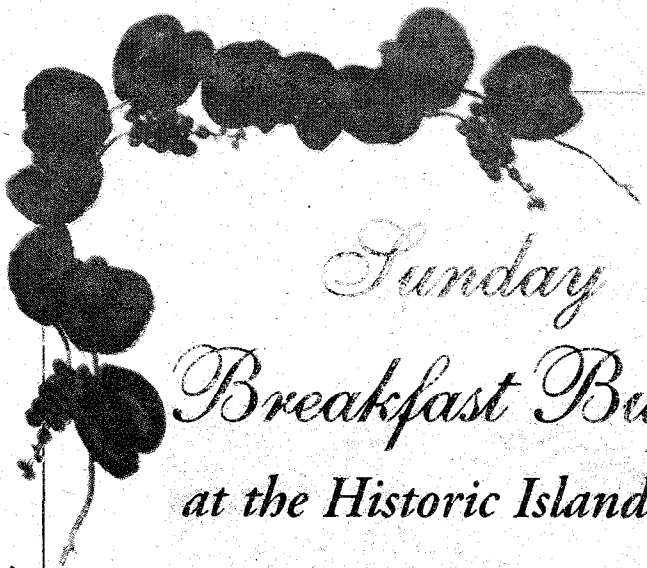



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Weeds And Seeds

Weeds and Seeds is a group of amateur botanists who love to find and identify native plants on Sanibel. They gather on the porch of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation on Monday mornings at 8:45 a.m. Walks begin at 9 a.m. and last for two hours. Parking money is necessary when the group explores various parts of the island.

For information call Candice Ethridge at 395-9498, Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or Susan Sprout at 395-2971.

During the February 20 open house at SCCF, there will be plant tours at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.*

Bird Walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society Saturday bird walk is scheduled for February 18 at Blind Pass.

Meet in the parking lot just before the bridge to Captiva at the end of San-Cap Road at 8 a.m. Non-resident parking is \$2 per hour.

San-Cap Audubon's Saturday bird walks are open to the public, and all levels of birders are welcome. A donation of \$2 is suggested. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.*

Turtle Tracks

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

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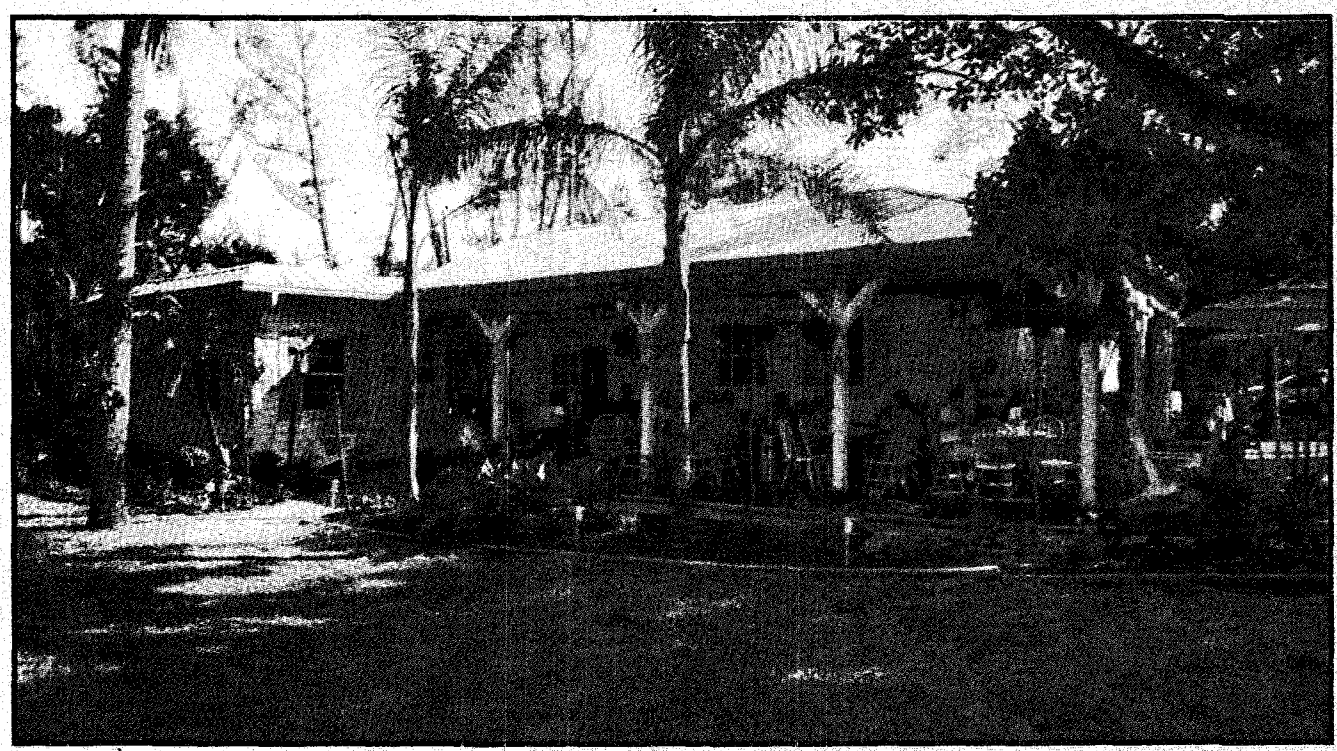
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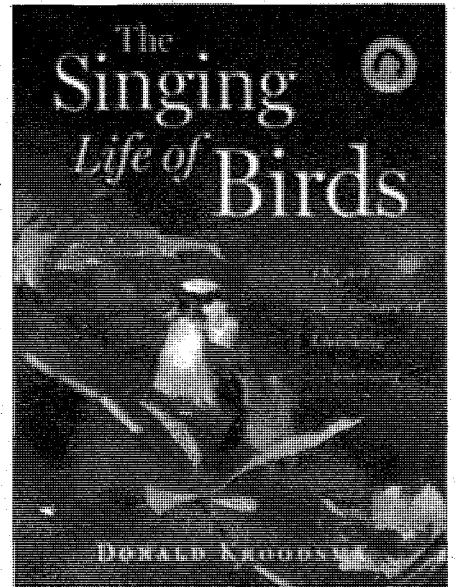
Why Birds Sing

Donald Kroodsma, highly esteemed author of *Singing Life of Birds: The Art and Science of Listening to Birdsong*, will make a special guest appearance on Thursday, February 23, at 1 p.m. in the Education Center at Sanibel Island's JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

"Kroodsma is a warm, encouraging guide to the world of birdsong, and his enthusiasm is contagious," writes *Publishers Weekly*. The coveted expert will discuss the "finest natural music on the planet" and explain how birds acquire their songs, what makes the songs unique, why songs change from place to place, and how they have evolved. Afterward, he will sign copies of his book-CD combination, for sale at the "Ding" Darling bookstore.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, the refuge's non-profit friends organization, as part of its 12-week Thursday Afternoon Lecture Series.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsociety.org.



Donald Kroodsma will sign copies of his *Singing Life of Birds*, which includes a CD of bird music, following his presentation at the refuge

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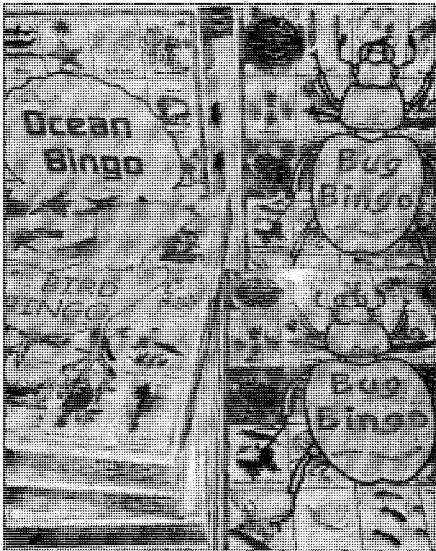
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Lise Bryant, manager of the "Ding" Darling Bookstore at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island, has announced this month's picks for kids.

"The bookstore is having a hard time keeping its *Ocean Bingo*, *Bird Bingo*, and *Bug Bingo* games on the shelf," she reports. Cost is \$13.95 each.

For young stargazers, *A Child's Introduction to the Night Sky* by Michael Driscoll includes a star-wheel guide to the constellations and glow-in-the-dark stickers. It retails for \$19.95 and is perfect for residents of and visitors to Sanibel, where strict dark-sky restrictions prevent light pollution and abet a clear view of the stars.

The not-for-profit "Ding" Darling Bookstore carries one of the region's largest stocks of birding and nature books, plus children's toys and books, birding binoculars, refuge logo wear, and other gifts for nature-lovers.

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Thurs. February 23
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Jennifer Check, Soprano

A New Jersey native, Ms. Check made her Metropolitan Opera debut during the 2001-02 season as Clotilde in *Norma*, and returned to the Met in 2003-04 as Berta in *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, the Guardian in *Die Frau Ohne Schatten*, and as Liù in *Turandot* in the Met in the Parks.
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28 Birding From A to Z

by Jim Stevenson, Ph.D.

Tits are tiny, social birds, quite vocal, with a series of high-pitched notes. They are common at bird feeders and in mixed flocks in deciduous woods. They are basically plain gray, with titmice having a crest and chickadees sporting black head patterns. They were actually called tits in the Old World. Eurasia has many that resemble our chickadees. Tits are non-migratory, along with certain nuthatches and some woodpeckers.

The Carolina chickadee is the only one of its group in the deep South. Black-caps are basically found from above the Mason-Dixon line to the Pacific Coast, and all the way to Alaska. Although range can usually separate these two species, the black-capped may be told from the Carolina by the white feather edging on the secondaries, and the brilliant white nape. Both say "chickadee dee dee."

It appears with global warming that the range of the Carolina is moving northward, and perhaps up mountains where the black-caps are actually found in the Appalachians. Other species of chickadees occur out west, but they are easily told from our birds.

The tufted titmouse has been split into two species, but they are not terribly hard to separate aside from not living in the same areas. In Texas, below the Matagorda area, all titmice have black crests, and they are thus called the black-crested titmouse. These two undoubtedly evolved from a superspecies, as well as the two chickadees above.

Further west, the bridled titmouse poses no identification problems, but the old plain titmouse has now also been split, creating two very similar species the oak and



Titmouse

juniper titmice. However, they are allopatric, meaning they do not occur in the same regions. The oak is a California bird, with the juniper living further east.

Birds may occur in the same region and be ecologically separated, with one preferring one habitat, and the other, another setting. Others may be regionally separated, such as the flickers, but if they are migratory, they may occasionally wander, and overlap. However, with these non-migratory species, one really need not see the brownish tinge to know their California bird is indeed an oak titmouse.

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

Shells Found



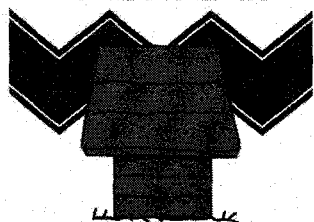
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Virgil and Vera Fox and Bonnie and Jerry Lee found a junonia and two alphabet cones at Mitchell's Sandcastles. They were visiting the islands from Bonita Springs, Florida. ✨

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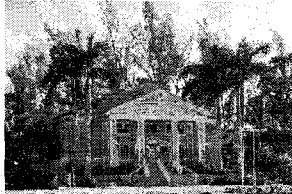
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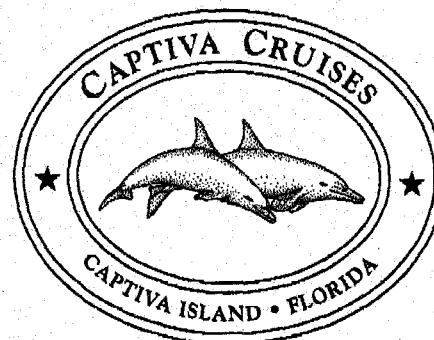
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Len Duane and Judy Karmenzino

Len Duane, of Winterhaven, Florida, found a junonia on the beach at Casa Ybel Resort. Duane exclaimed, "I'm excited!"

Wildlife Paintings On Display At 'Ding' Darling

Josephine Schneider paintings will be on display through February 26 at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 1

Wildlife Drive, Sanibel. Hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Schneider's landscape paintings of Sanibel Island include the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel's beaches and Blind Pass from 1997 to 2001.

Resident Environmental Orientation

Resident Environmental Orientations, offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, give participants an opportunity to learn more about the Caloosahatchee, its relationship with Lake Okeechobee and how it affects the Pine Island Sound estuary.

The next program is on Monday February 27. They will also be offered each Monday afternoon in March.

Participants assemble at the Nature Center of the Conservation Foundation for a talk on geology and the human history of the islands. After a visit to the Native Plant Nursery and Butterfly House, everyone heads to Captiva to board Captiva Cruises' *Lady Chadwick* for a boat trip in the bay.

Any property owner or resident of Sanibel or Captiva may participate in this free program. Bring along a neighbor.

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CROW Case Of The Week: Peninsula Cooter

by Brian Johnson

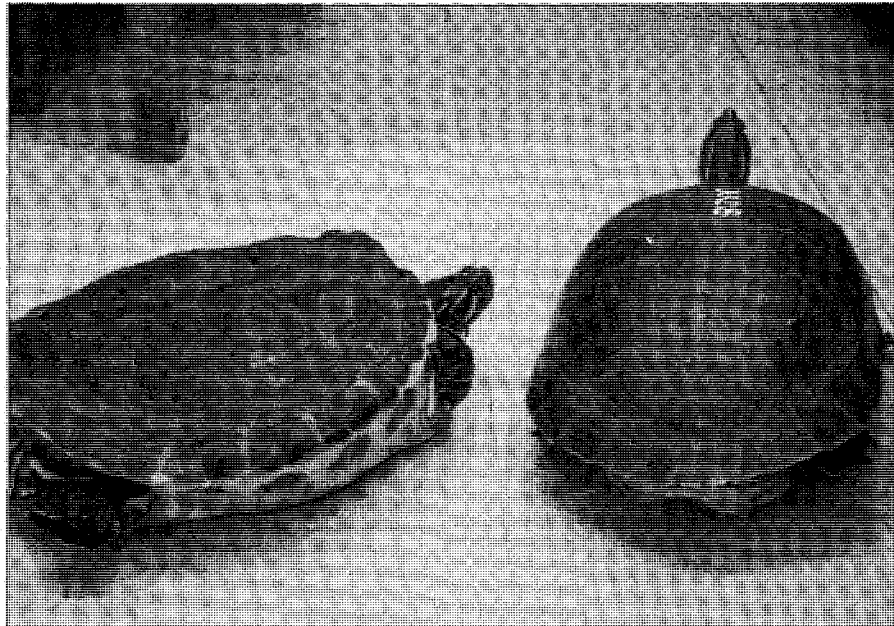


In 1995 a woman living in Fort Myers rescued a peninsula cooter hatchling from a creek near her home. A group of boys had killed some of the other hatchlings, she said, and she wanted to save the one she found.

She went to a pet store to find out how to feed the animal, and for the next 11 years raised the cooter on a diet of lettuce, shrimp, carrots, celery and occasionally a turtle formula.

On January 2, 2006, she and her son brought the 11-pound turtle into CROW. The son explained for his Spanish-speaking mother that she could no longer care for the animal. The cooter had obvious developmental abnormalities.

"I applauded the woman for her compassion, but this was a stunning example of what happens when people don't have the right information," said CROW Veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel. "The cooter had severe shell deformities, and it was really striking to see the differences when we placed her beside a



On left arrived at clinic without a domed shell

normal cooter we had in the clinic."

The turtle had been kept in a tub, isolated from other turtles, and was suffering from malnutrition. Deprived of ultraviolet sunlight, the cooter was deficient in vitamin D and calcium. She seemed to pull herself along rather than walk.

"You need direct access to sunlight for proper absorption of calcium," said Deitschel. "It doesn't even work to place a turtle in a window - the ultraviolet light doesn't penetrate the glass. Normally a cooter has a beautifully

domed shell, but her shell was as flat as a pancake."

CROW staff took her up to the reptile room on the hospital's third floor where she could begin a recovery program in a warm environment. Over the next two weeks staff shone ultraviolet light on her and gave her a balanced diet. Deitschel was not surprised or overly concerned when she showed few signs of improvement during this time. "Reptiles get sick slowly, and they get better slowly," she said.

On January 16 they took her out to

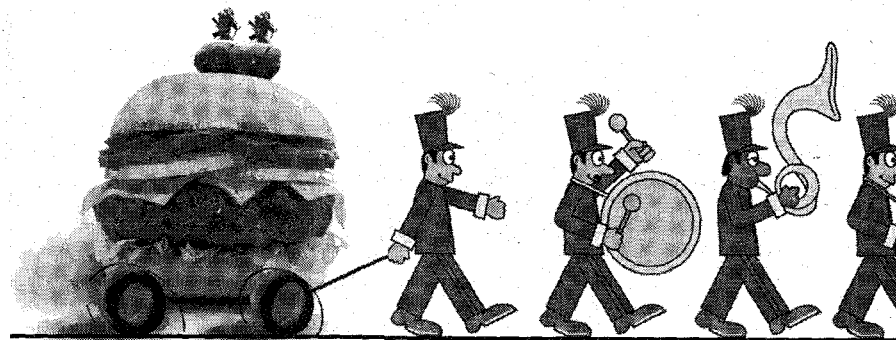
the 900-gallon sea turtle tank, where they could introduce her to water. Reptiles are instinctual, and cooters are born knowing how to swim, but 11 years inside a home apparently shortcircuited some of her neurological hardware.

"She panicked a little when we placed her on the float," said Deitschel. "She went down into the water and came right up. She looked like a child learning to swim - you panic when you don't know if you can do it or not. We didn't press her. She had never been in deep water in her life."

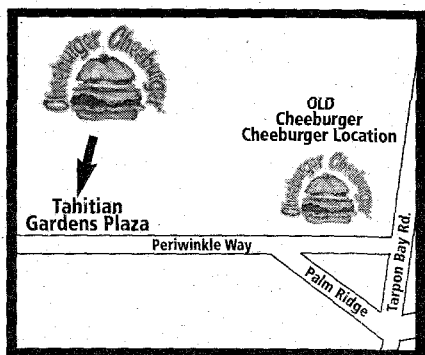
However, she immediately took to the other turtles in the tank, and devoured the fish and dark greens provided her. On January 22 staff moved her to the small-flight cage, where she would have the chance to walk on the bare earth and get real sunlight. "That was a turnaround," said Deitschel. "Moving on land got her a lot stronger. Then one day a staff member noted that her shell was beginning to dome!"

Increasing in stamina and lung capacity, the cooter began to take extended dives to the bottom of the sea turtle tank when CROW interns took her out for a swim. Each day the interns would record the amount of time she sat at the bottom of the tank, and each day her times jumped incrementally; starting at two minutes, she was up to eight minutes by the end of the week. And she socialized with the other turtles, lining up next to them as she would in a natural pond.

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Auction To Benefit CROW

The third annual Auction Inspired by Wildlife and Nature, to benefit the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) is Monday, February 27.

It is open to the public and tickets are still available with 100 percent of the profits going directly to the care of Lee County's wildlife patients.

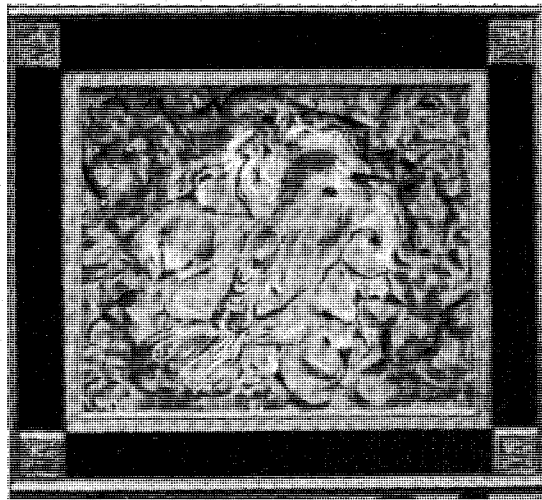
Several original works of art available at the auction are currently on display at Bank of the Islands, including recognized island artist Myra Roberts' completed original *Endangered*. In addition to Robert's piece, valued at \$8,000, there will be approximately 100 other exciting items from a stunning glass bowl engraved by Luc Century to beautiful jewelry from Congress Jewelers, William E. Wilson Fine Jewelry, Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry and Sanibel Goldsmith. Another nationally recognized artist, Leoma Lovegrove, will also have a one-of-a-kind original available for the auction.

Of the more than 3,700 wildlife patients treated at CROW in 2005, 70 percent of those were native and migratory birds.

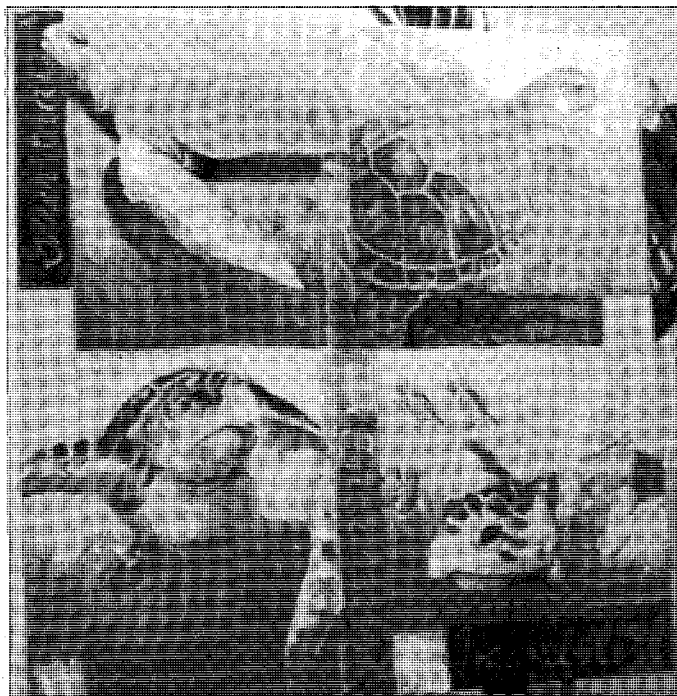
"This auction is very important to raising annual support for CROW and we hope our members and others will attend," said auction chair, Spring Rosen.

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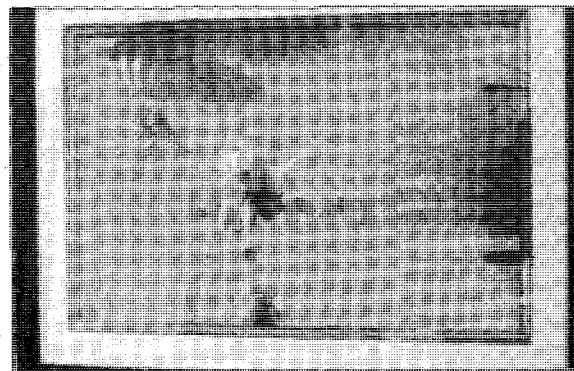
In addition to the auction, guests will have an opportunity to sample a number of different Italian wines, two of which are being supplied by the Jacaranda restaurant. Tickets are \$75 per person for an evening of good food, excellent wine, entertainment, and most importantly, an opportunity to help wildlife. Reservations are required and can be made by calling CROW at 472-3644, ext. 5.✻



Bird's Nest, an original acrylic, is donated by Naples artist Suzita George

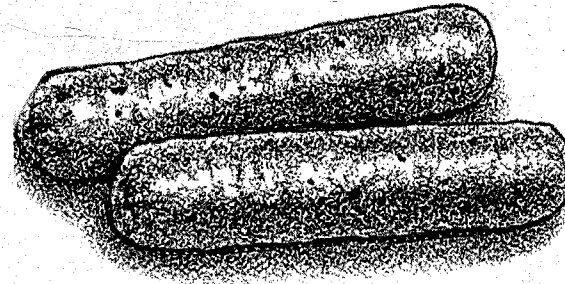


Endangered, painted by renowned artist, Myra Roberts has been arbitrarily painted with impressionistic colors, featuring a montage of four different endangered sea turtles



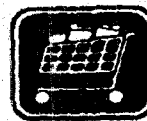
Roseate Spoonbill, photograph taken by professional photographer, Dick Fortune

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The Simple Language Of Orchids Adventure Stories About Orchids

by Dr. Faye Laurent Granberry, Sanibel orchid hobbyist



At one time or other, we have all struggled along with Brenda Starr and her love in the hopeless search for the Black Orchid. Of course, there probably is no pure totally black orchids, but I have seen some deep

purple ones that look black.

There is actually a book *The Black Orchid*, a 19th century adventure, that takes place one thousand miles up the treacherous Amazon, in a city named Mancus. There are two main characters. The first is Kincaid the adventurer, who is the spy for the Royal Geographical

Society of London, a lover of women, and whose mission was to save Mancus.

Enter Dolores, the second character, a seducer, a great beauty, with the full figure that could turn the head of even a proper Englishman.

Kincaid, looking at a white orchid specimen, shouts out, "Cattleya superba, a magnificent specimen."

This was not the correct name for that orchid, so it is told. Maybe, he was looking at Dolores.

The story continues, full of orchid mistakes, especially of the Epidendrum species he had allegedly collected, none of which grew in Brazil.

As he searches for orchids, he barely escapes with his life during a combined spying journey. The book is full of adventure, mystery, and ever pressing spy details and a little orchid information. He

uses his time to pursue Dolores.

The book states, "He held her tightly, wondering... meanwhile the city of Mancus falls." We never find out what he was wondering.

Back to reality. We will still have cold weather. If the temperatures fall under 50 degrees there are many orchids that can be damaged. It is work but they should be protected - like indoors.

Dr. Granberry is president of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. She is a well-known orchid hobbyist, lecturer, writer and a Master Gardener. She holds a BS degree in horticulture and graduate degrees in psychology.✱

Orchid Meeting Memory

by Faye Granberry

During the many years the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society has served the islands, the members have been privileged to have program

speakers that today are tops in the orchid world.

I first meet Paul Martin Brown at an international orchid society meeting held in Naples in 1999. He was teaching a class on Florida specie orchids. I attended the class and was so impressed with his wild range of knowledge of orchids in our area. After class I rushed up to him and asked if I could book him to speak to the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.

He give me a date for a year later. I explained that we were a new club and had a limited budget. That year he came for \$50. I bought Brown and his friend, Stan Folsom, breakfast. Brown was a heavy eater which was reflected in his size. I remember laughing that it cost me more to entertain him than to have him speak.

Paul Martin Brown, a two-time speaker at the orchid society, and so well received, has published two recent books on specie orchids, one for our immediate area. The books have all the qualifications to become best sellers in the orchid world. Brown's expertise and his ability to tell intriguing tales about his adventures in the orchid world have contributed to the noted interest in his books.

The last time I contacted Brown, three years ago, to speak at the society's holiday luncheon, he informed me that with his great success as a writer he was no longer on the lecture circuit. However, he had enjoyed his last visit to Sanibel and found the orchid members so kind and loving that he agreed to speak to us, but that would be his last public speaking date.

He came with his friend Stan Folsom (who did all the art work for his books) and their two dogs.

We paid him \$250 and expenses - dollars well spent.

The meeting was held at the Sundial, and I am happy to share it was a delightful luncheon and the dogs were well behaved.

Most of us watched his film show in complete awe of his knowledge regarding specie orchids. That was a wonderful holiday orchid luncheon - that day in 2001.✱

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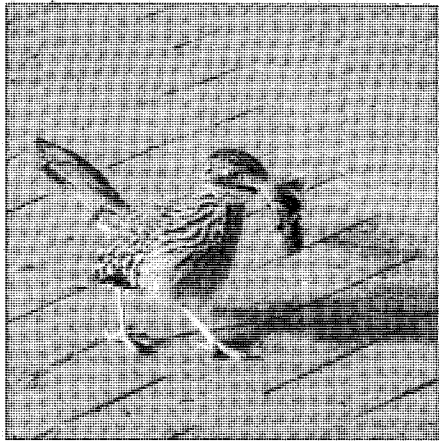
Orchid Society Meeting

Lee Behrhorst of Sundance Orchids, Fort Myers, will speak on cattleyas at the February 20 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. The meeting will be held at 1:30 at the Sanibel Library, 770 Dunlop Road.

Behrhorst will bring orchids to sell as well as answer questions about their care and propagation. Members are invited to participate in the monthly orchid show.

Ribbons will be awarded for the top species and hybrid orchids. Both members and guests can vote on their favorite orchids as well as participate in a raffle. Members are free; non-members, \$2.50. No reservations are needed. For further information call Anna Bralove at 472-0862 or Ronn Downey at 395-0681.✱

Audubon Welcomes Back Nature Lovers



Clair Postmus photograph

On Thursday, February 23, Bev and Clair Postmus will present a lecture entitled: *Flycatchers, Hummers, and More – Oh My!* at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

As former residents of Sanibel, the Postmuses return from their new home in Arizona to present a program designed to delight the eye and whet the appetite for Arizona's abundant bird species.

Since their retirement from teaching in the Chicago area in 1990, Clair and Bev Postmus have lived in northern Michigan, Sanibel and now currently in Green



Clair and Bev Postmus

Valley, Arizona. Each area has provided many wonderful opportunities to learn more about the natural world. Clair has documented the birds and plants of each area through photography while Bev has studied the ecology of the areas and particularly the birdlife.

After their move to Arizona in January 2005, they spent a half year submerging themselves in a study of the area. They became members of the Tucson Audubon Society taking advantage of twice a week field trips and the expertise of the trip leaders. Bev and Clair participated in an intensive, four-day Sonoran desert ecology workshop as well as master-birding classes. In addition, they bird nearly every day.

"With at least five life zones within easy reach of our new home," Bev says, "there is no end to the learning experience."

While Clair patiently photographs, Bev works on separating the many confusing bird species, learning their songs, and trying to discover just who lives in which life zone. While their volunteer work was put on hold for a few months, both are now happy to be back sharing their love of nature as volunteer guides for several of the Tucson Audubon field trips.

The Postmuses have also discovered many wonderful hiking trails particularly in Madera Canyon in the Catalina Mountains. On the many triple digit temperature days of the Arizona summer, they find the Green Valley recreation pools a wonderful refreshing treat. Bev has become active in the local yoga classes, and both look forward to increased involvement in the local camera and computer clubs.

All are welcomed to attend this the eighth in San-Cap Audubon's 2006 lecture series. Doors open at 7 p.m. and since seating is limited it is suggested that you come early. A \$4 donation is suggested. Parking is available at the Community House and across the street in the Schoolhouse Theater parking lot. For additional information call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878.✽

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The Captiva Island Yacht Club embarked February 1 on a three-day cruise to Gasparilla island. About 15 boats and approximately 40 people took part and the weather co-operated beautifully, said Laura Smith, who with husband Bill, hosted a cocktail party on their 48-foot boat, the *Laura M*. The party spilled over onto the dock at Boca Grand Marina. Some of the boaters also rented golf carts to explore Boca Grand. ✪



From left: Karen Haug, far left, Alan Cross and Laura Smith, members of Captiva Yacht Club, during a cocktail party aboard the *Laura M* at Boca Grand Marina.

Mrs. J. Howard Wood Supports CROW Capital Campaign

submitted by Birgie Vertesch

There are people and organizations in this area dedicated to the vital work of preserving natural habitats. CROW is working to help preserve the species that live within those habitats through rescue, care and rehabilitation. Now in its 38th year of operation, CROW is actively raising philanthropic support for its first-ever Capital Campaign, Commitment to Compassion.

A name many people recognize on Sanibel is that of J. Howard Wood. Before his passing a number of years ago, Mr. Wood was president of the Tribune Company and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. He and his wife regularly spent time on Sanibel and came to love the island, supporting it in many ways. You can see their philanthropic spirit at the Sanibel School, the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum, the arts and theaters and beyond. Mrs. J. Howard Wood is continuing the philanthropic spirit, by making a significant gift to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife's capital campaign.

"Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Wood have had an enormous influence on the spirit and feeling of Sanibel and what it is today in the area of arts, education and conservation" said campaign co-chair Bob Wigley. "We are honored to have Mrs. Wood supporting our wildlife through our capital campaign and even more excited that our gift shop within the new wildlife education center will be named in their honor" said Wigley.

The Commitment to Compassion Capital Campaign will improve all aspects of CROW's operation from direct animal care in the new and renovated hospital to the student education program and public outreach in the new education pavilion. Since going public with the \$2.8 million campaign in November, 2005, several events and small cocktail parties have been held to raise awareness of CROW and the need for continued philanthropic support to reach their goal.

"We're very excited to announce that nearly 73 percent of the goal has been reached", said John Schubert, who is the other co-chair of this campaign. "The last 27 percent is the most difficult to raise, and we're hopeful that people who love wildlife will step forward and help us raise



CROW volunteers (l to r), Jay and Barbara Berkowitz, Daniel Moore Thompson and CROW board member Ann Arnoff stand below the stained glass window that was won by Dunedin, resident, Nancy Abouhanna

the \$700,000 needed to reach our goal," he said.

Support is coming from a wide variety of people, organizations and businesses. One such business is Suncatchers Dream, owned and operated by Daniel Moore Thompson and located on Tarpon Bay Road. Moore held a raffle to raise awareness and support for the campaign, which brought in \$1,000 from Sanibel residents and tourists visiting the island.

"I love and appreciate wildlife and it's so important that we have a place like CROW to help our wildlife" said Moore. "I wanted to do something to make a difference in the campaign and hope this has helped."

It takes the support of everybody to reach our goal, and we're hoping those interested in learning more about the campaign will contact Birgie Vertesch or Anita Pinder at CROW at 472.3644, ext. 5.

Established in 1968, CROW is one of the nation's leading wildlife rehabilitation hospitals for tropical native and migratory wildlife. A nonprofit veterinary hospital, CROW provided medical care for more than 3,700 injured, sick and orphaned wildlife patients (70 percent of whom were birds) in 2005, from all of Lee County. CROW is a working hospital and is open seven days a week, 365 days a year.

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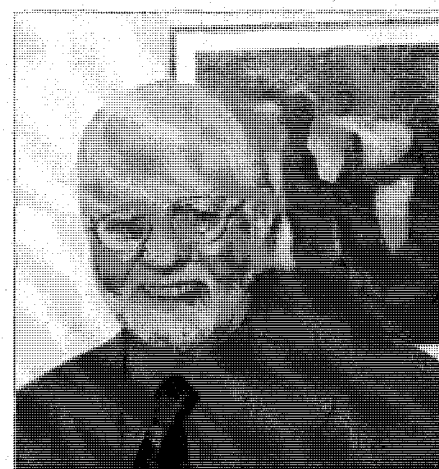
Gallery Shows At BIG ARTS

Two displays are currently in the galleries at BIG ARTS. A display of juried photography is in the Phillips Gallery and Gale Bennett's paintings are in Founders Gallery. Both are on view until Tuesday, March 1. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Award winners of the juried photography contest were as follows: George Graham, first place; Frank Moore, second place; Adele Anish, third place; and Bob Owens, Jeffrey R. Springer, Norman Bateman, honorable mentions.✪



Visitors view the work of third place photography winner Adele Anish



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An adult must accompany kids. Space will be limited so reservations are required. The program is free for kids and \$5 for adults. Additional information and reservations can be obtained by calling the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.✱

Stars Over Sanibel

Ever since people have been walking this planet they have been marveling at the stars shining down on them.

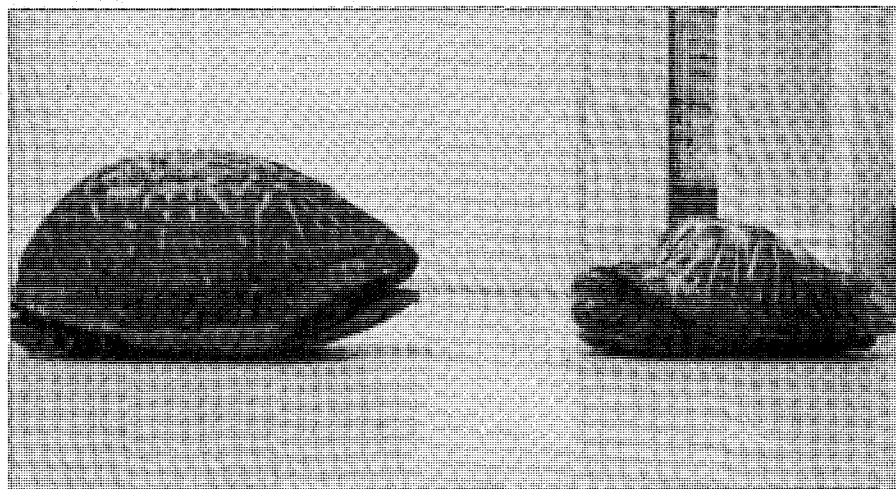
Follow that natural curiosity about the mysteries of the universe and learn about some of the sky's constellations, neighboring planets within the solar system and distant stars within the Milky Way galaxy.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation offers weekly Stars Over Sanibel programs on Wednesday evenings now through March.

Space is limited for these programs so reservations are required. Additional information and reservations can be obtained by calling the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.✱

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CROW: Peninsula Cooters



Box turtles

"You can see in her a great thirst for discovery," said Deitschel. "To see her out exploring in the grass, looking at ducks for the first time, basking in the sunlight, is very satisfying for us."

Deitschel is hopeful the cooter will continue on her road to recovery.

CROW - Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc., 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road; 472-3644, www.crowclinic.org.

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

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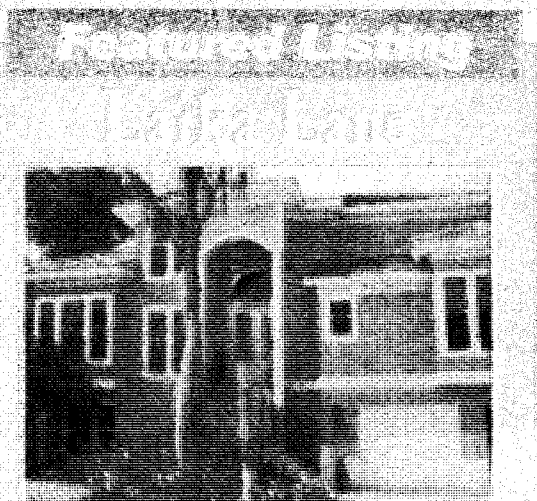
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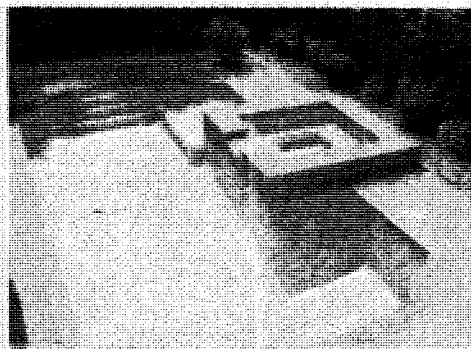
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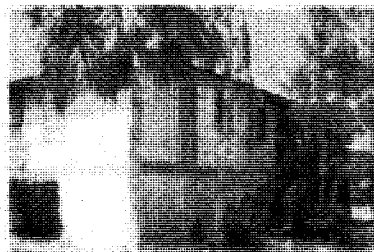
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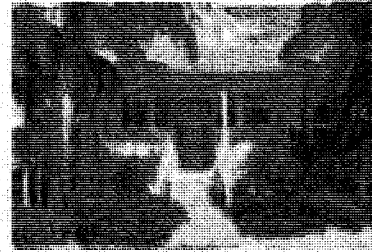
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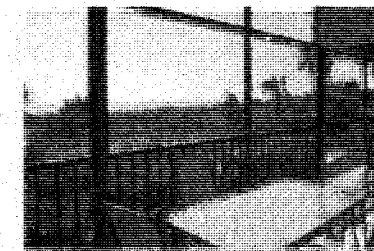
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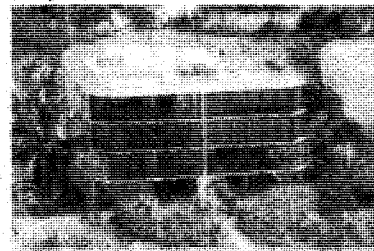
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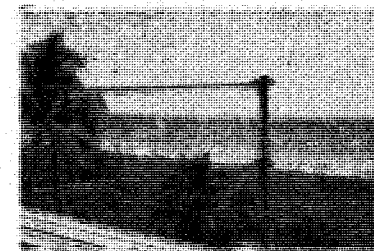
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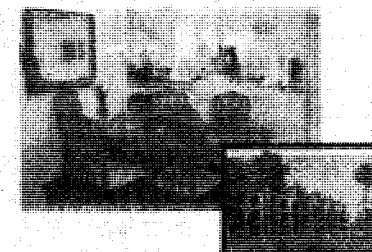
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The next kayaking adventures will be on Friday, February 17 and Friday, February 24 at 10 a.m.

Participants learn about the natural and cultural history of the area as they paddle in and around Buck Key, a unique island within The Pine Island Sound Aquatic Preserve.

These tours help fund the Conservation Foundation's environmental education program while educating participants about the importance of the

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No kayaking experience is necessary for these excursions, just a sense of adventure and a willing spirit. Very stable kayaks are used and paddling instruction is provided. The cost for an outing is \$35 per person. Space is limited so reservations are required. Reservations and additional information can be obtained by calling the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.*

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An Evening With The Bennetts



'Cello and Gale Bennett

Join Gale and 'Cello Bennett and friends for a unique event a musical journey through several centuries, ranging from Baroque to Broadway, Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., in Phillips Gallery, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

Gale Bennett, internationally acclaimed Florida artist, is also well-known for his music appreciation classes. He will offer background information on the pieces performed by his wife, soprano 'Cello, who has appeared in many European theaters as well as starring in last year's sold-out concerts, A Musical Evening in Giverny, with a select group of talented instrumentalists. These include harpist Elizabeth Lilly, who frequently appears with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra; violist James Griffith of the Naples Philharmonic; and pianist Judy Richey, who has been pianist for many of Mariner High School's musical productions and also provided accompaniment for A Musical Evening in Giverny.

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BIG ARTS OnStage Presents 'Yinglish'

Reuben and Dorothy Silver return to Sanibel for another theatrical evening, performing with a series of vignettes about the universal immigrant experience, *Laughter in Three Languages: English, Yiddish and "Yinglish."* Presented by BIG ARTS OnStage Wednesday, February 22, at 8 p.m. in the Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Tickets for \$30 can be purchased by calling BIG ARTS, 395-0900

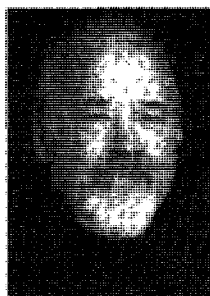
Called Cleveland's first couple of acting, these celebrated actors share stories of immigrant parents and grandparents who cheerfully butchered the English language by combining English, Yiddish and "Yinglish" as they imparted their hard-earned wisdom from the old country. Master storytellers, the Silvers transmute their acting art into theatrical treasure.

OnStage at BIG ARTS is a series of theatrical programs designed to promote enjoyment of theater arts and to provide live, enriching theatrical experiences of a professional nature to the residents and visitors of Sanibel and Captiva

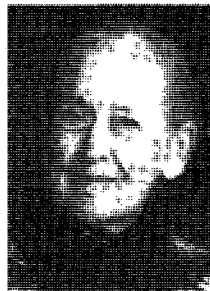
The OnStage production of *Hamilton With a Twist of Jefferson* starring Hal Bidlack and Clay Jenkinson will be Thursday, March 30. The presentation is spontaneous, humorous and deeply educational.

The Company's OnStage presentation of a delightful new production written by Bob Maxeiner, *Reigning Cats and Dogs* will be Sunday, April 9. Call BIG ARTS for tickets and additional information at 395-0900

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Reuben Silver



Dorothy Silver

Off Beach Players Hold Auditions

Off Beach Players will hold auditions for their summer 2006 season on Sanibel. They will be casting for three plays that will be performed at the Sanibel Community House.

They are looking for both experienced and non-experienced actors and actresses ages 17 and up

Off Beach Players has been producing community theater on Sanibel since 1984 and members are always willing to coach anyone who has the desire to learn. This is an all volunteer organization which produces great theater just for the fun of it

The season opens with *The Odd Couple* (female version) by Neil Simon. They are looking for six females and two males for this production. It opens Memorial Day weekend and will run the first three weeks in June

The second production is *I Ought To Be In Pictures*, also by Neil Simon. That will need two females and one male

The third production is *Talking With*

and requires 11 females

Auditions for all productions will be held on two nights, Tuesday, February 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday, February 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way, next to the Island Cow Restaurant. Reading materials will be provided.

For further information call June Koc after 10 a.m. at 246-3207 ✨

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Theater Managers Get Into Cats Frenzy

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre has hit a milestone with its current production of *Cats*. The theater spectacle opened December 29, and has been running for seven weeks in Southwest Florida. To date, the theater has sold over 31,000 tickets with three weeks remaining in the run. Not only has the production of *Cats* captivated theatergoers, but the theater management and staff has also been influenced by the feline frenzy.

Broadway Palm's Executive Chef Gregory Van Horn is the culinary artist behind the award-winning buffet for the last 10 years. With the change of each show, Van Horn creates a new menu,

always taking into consideration customer requests. Recently he spoke about the success of the *Cats* menu and he said, "The cast of *Cats* seems to favor the fish entrée, but everything on the menu is delicious."

Patti Midkiff, a long time employee of Broadway Palm, was recently promoted to gift shop manager. She has worked in the gift shop for numerous years. Midkiff has a knack for knowing what items customers like to see in the shop. She was asked about customer requests during the run of *Cats* and she stated, "We generally have a lot of inquiries as to whether or not we sell candy, but recently there's been a large number of requests for catnip."

To pounce onto the *Cats* frenzy now through March 4, call 278-4422, visit the Web site at www.BroadwayPalm.com or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$48 and children 12 and under are just \$21. ✪



Chef the Cat, Gregory Van Horn, executive chef

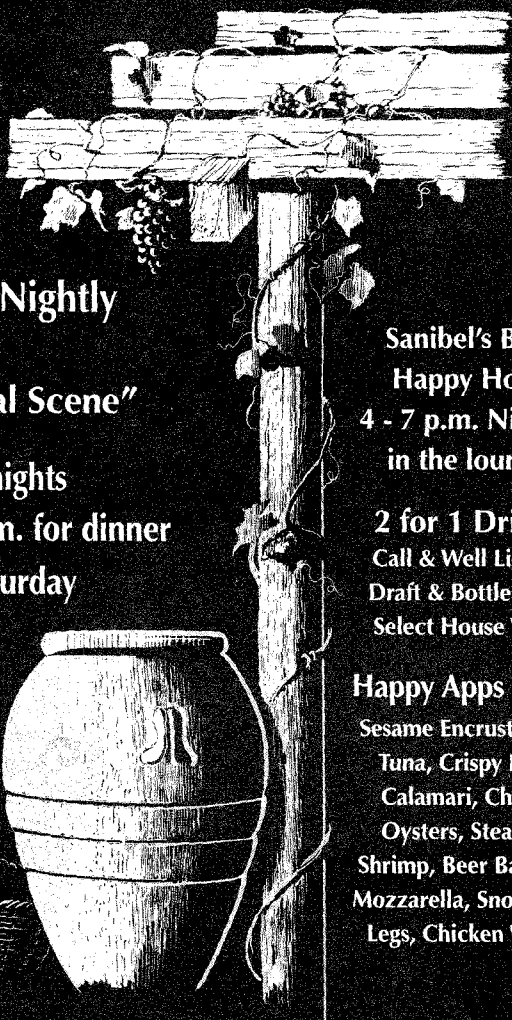


Patti the Cat, Patti Midkiff, gift shop manager

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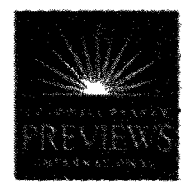
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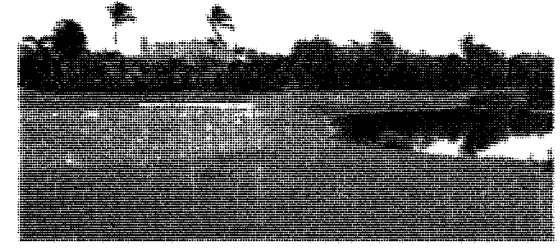
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For more information, call BIG ARTS at 395-0900.*

White And Webb Present Evening Of Words, Songs

BIG ARTS and *New York Times* best selling author Randy Wayne White and singer songwriter Wendy Webb will present an entertaining evening of words and original songs, Friday, March 10, 8 p.m. in Phillips Gallery, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

White will talk about his new book and share stories; Webb will perform her

original songs on piano and guitar following an introduction by the author.

Wight's newest Doc Ford novel, *Dark Light*, will be released March 16 by Putnams and he says that the female character in *Dark Light* was inspired by a song Webb wrote, *Morning in New York*.

Seating in the Phillips Gallery is limited and early reservations are recommended. Tickets at \$20, can be purchased by calling BIG ARTS at 395-0900.*

March Workshops At BIG ARTS

A number of workshops are offered at BIG ARTS this month. They include Creative Collage with Cathy Taylor, Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Oils with Vesta with Vesta Seville, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 6 through 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Chinese Brush Painting (Intermediate) with Edythe Newbourn, Wednesday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monotype Printmaking with Cathy Taylor, Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Baller's Baskets with Helen Baller, Tuesday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; How to Paint Rich Vibrant Pastels with Greg Biolchini, Wednesday, March 23 through Sunday, March 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Pine Needle Basketry with Gisela Damandl, Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

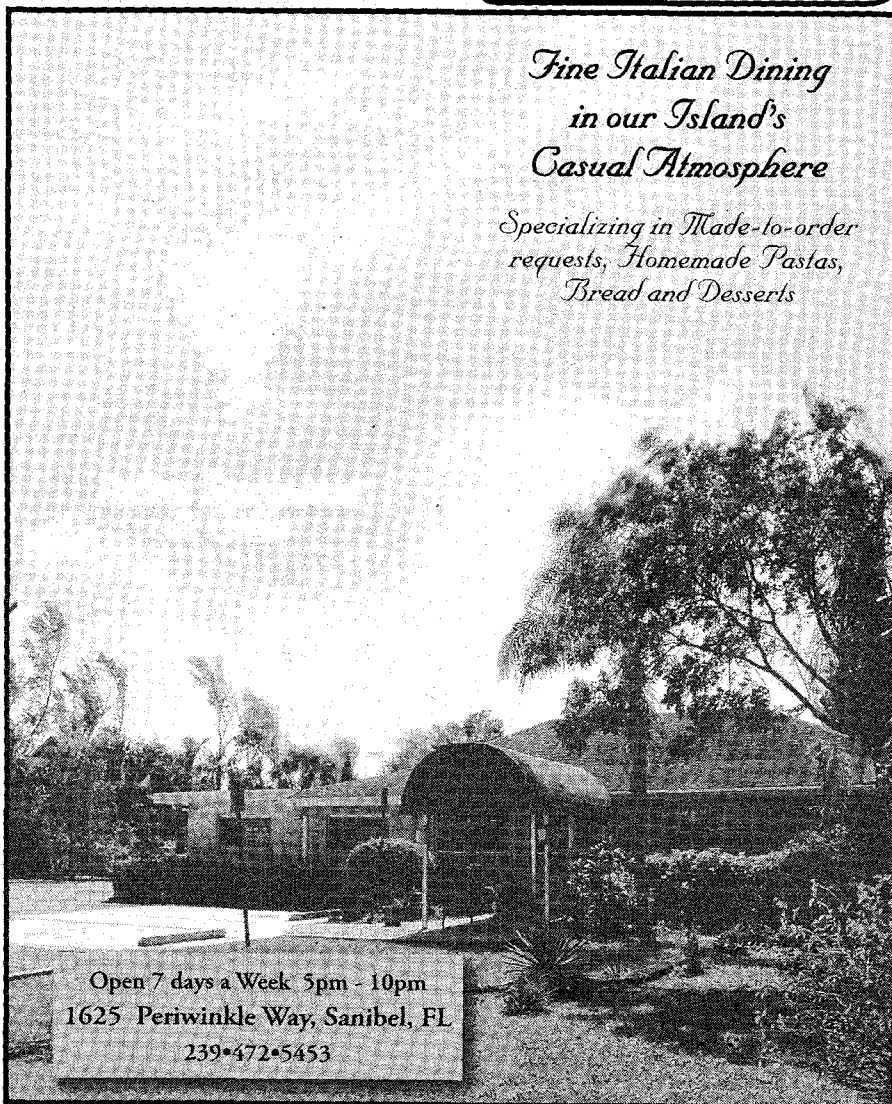
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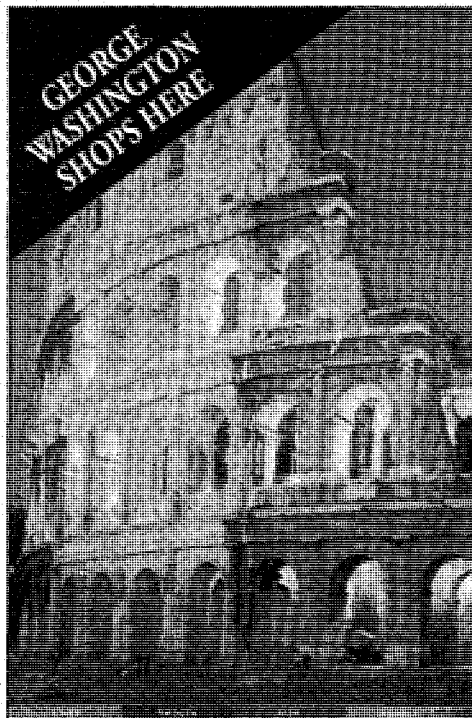
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Monday Night Movie: *Ladies In Lavender*

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

This charming, poignant film *Ladies In Lavender* has as its stars two of the most exceptional character actors of our time. Judy Dench and Maggie Smith demonstrate through their sensitive, restrained performances why they are so revered by the movie-going public. Better yet, there is nothing in the film to offend even those with the most heightened sensibilities to the trash to which we are often subjected as moviegoers.

Two elderly sisters, Ursula (Dench) and Janet (Smith) are living out their lives in a bucolic setting. A large house at the sea's edge in Cornwall is filled with cozy British clutter and their days are spent gardening, knitting, tuning in their programs on the radio and tolerating the foibles of their brusque, sharp-tongued housekeeper, Dorcas.



What could be lovelier? Well for starters, finding pale, warm-eyed, handsome, Andrea (Daniel Bruhl, the star of *Goodbye, Lenin*) washed up on the beach and nearly drowned. The young, gorgeous man, although Polish, speaks a smattering of German which the sisters can puzzle through. They spare no attentions to him and soon he is restored to health but his vulnerable male presence has set them each individually dreaming dreams of their lost youth and fantasizing about what might have been. A particularly touching moment is a conversation between the two sisters when Ursula, a spinster, reacts to Andrea's charm, voicing to Janet her regret and resentment for her lost youth and the years of love she has never and will never know.

The director, Charles Dance, also an accomplished actor who starred most recently in *Gosford Park*, has created a quiet, touching and gorgeously photographed film with a haunting soundtrack of classical violin music.

Ladies in Lavender will be shown in Schein Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 20. The film will be followed by an informal discussion and refreshments served on the porch adjacent to the theater. Admission is \$5 at the door. Be advised: this popular series is sometimes sold out; advance tickets can be purchased at BIG ARTS. For further information call 395-0900.*

Jennifer Check To Perform At BIG ARTS

The Marilyn Horne Foundation will present soprano Jennifer Check, a rising vocal talent with a multitude of awards, Thursday, February 23, at Schein Performance Hall, BIG ARTS at 8 p.m.

Check, a New Jersey native, received her bachelor of music in voice performance at Westminster Choir College. Along the way she garnered awards including first prize from the Loren L. Zachary Competition, the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation, and the Oratorio Society of New York Solo Competition. Her most recent triumph was the Zarzuela Prize in Placido Domingo's 2003 Operalia Competition.

Check made her Metropolitan Opera debut during the 2001-02 season as Clotilde in *Norma*, and returned to the Met in 2003-04 as Berta in *Il Barbiere Di Siviglia*, the Guardian in *Die Frau Ohne Schatten*, and as Liù in *Turandot* in the Met in the Parks. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in 2001 in Handel's *Messiah*. She completed The Metropolitan Opera Lindemann Young Artist Development Program in the spring of 2003. She has also performed with the Marilyn Horne Foundation, Spoleto USA, and the Verbier Festival.

During the 2004-2005 season, Check returned to the Metropolitan Opera to perform the Priestess in *Aida* and Lisa and Sister in *Cyrano De Bergerac*. While a student at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, Check performed her first Fiordiligi in *Così Fan Tutte*. She has also performed excerpts from *Fidelio* in a concert with the Opera Company of Philadelphia.

The concert is sponsored by The Marilyn Horne Foundation in association with BIG ARTS. Tickets are \$30. Call BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, 395-0900.*

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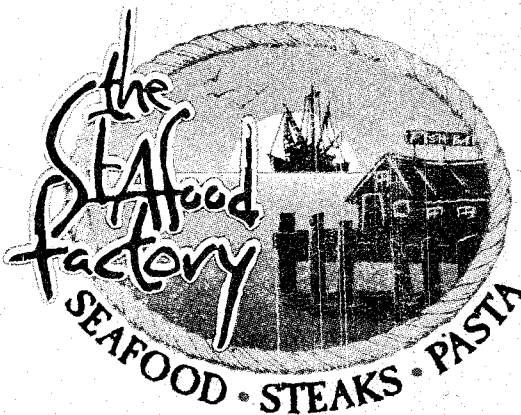
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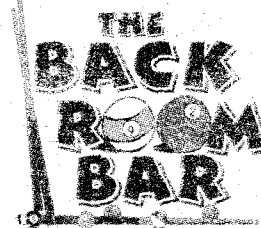
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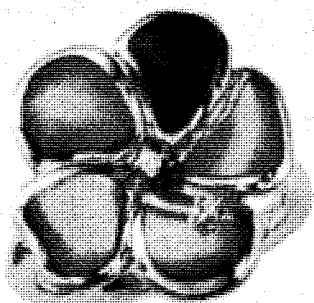
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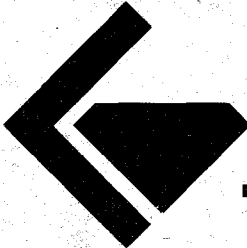


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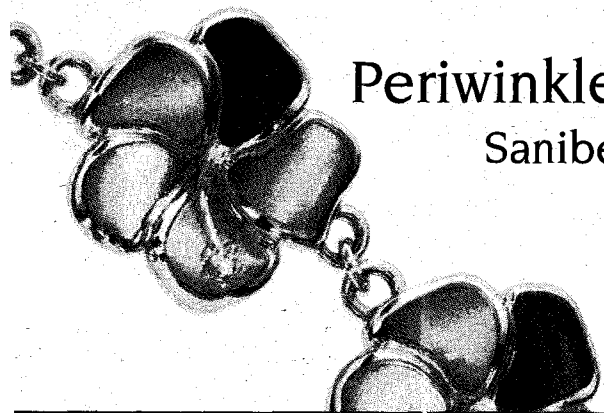
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My Stars ★★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Time is on your side in the early part of the week. But anything left undone by midweek will need to be put into rush mode. The weekend offers choices for you and someone special.

TAURUS (April 30 to May 20)

Finally getting credit for a contribution is nice for all you idea-generating Ferdinands and Fernandas. But don't sit on your laurels under the cork tree. Use it as a first step to a bigger opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Despite the progress made, a hint of doubt might set in. That's OK. You need to stop and consider not only what you're doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

The dreamer is dominant in the Moon Child's aspect, but a dollop of hard-headed practicality is coming up fast and jockeying for space. The challenge is to make room for both modes.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to start assessing what they've done and what they plan to do. Moving to a new environment -- home or job-related -- is a

possibility for some Cats.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week calls for Virgos to make tough decisions, but in a way that leaves the door open for changes. Ask for advice from someone who has been in the position you're in now.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Disappointments are never easy to take, but you have the ability to learn from them and go on to success. Meanwhile, continue to build up your contacts. You'll need them soon.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things might still be going much too slowly to suit you. But you need the time to make sure they're going in the right direction. It's easier to make a course correction now rather than later.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Showing some temperament at the way things are going is one way of getting your point across. Just don't overdo it, or you risk turning away more-moderate supporters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things could change more quickly this week than you like. But don't fret; you'll most likely find that you're up to the challenges. The weekend offers much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Big challenge coming up? Uncross those fingers and believe that you're going to do well. And keep in mind that so many people have faith in your ability to succeed.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Testing the waters is a good way of learning about an opportunity before plunging right in. Ask more questions and be alert to any attempts to avoid giving complete answers.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people -- and animals, too -- feel special and loved.

- On Feb. 20, 1725, a posse of New Hampshire volunteers comes across a band of encamped Abenaki Indians and takes 10 "scalps" in the first significant appropriation of this American Indian practice. The posse received a bounty of 100 pounds per scalp from the colonial authorities in Boston.

- On Feb. 25, 1890, Vlacheslav Skryabin, who took the revolutionary name Molotov and became foreign minister for the Soviet Union, is born in Kurkaka, Russia. Molotov advocated the use of throwing bottles filled with flammable liquid and stuffed with a lighted rag at the enemy, and the

famous "Molotov cocktail" was born.

- On Feb. 26, 1903, Alexander Winton, driving his Winton Bullet, sets the first speed record ever achieved at Daytona Beach, Fla. Built in 1902, the "Bullet Number 1" drove a measured mile at more than 65 mph.

- On Feb. 24, 1938, Variety reports that MGM has cast Buddy Ebsen for the film "The Wizard of Oz." However, Ebsen dropped out after just nine days of shooting when he was poisoned by his makeup, and Jack Haley replaced him as the Tin Man.

- On Feb. 23, 1945, during the battle for Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines and a Navy corpsman raise the American flag on Mount Suribachi, an event captured on film by AP photographer Joe Rosenthal. Three of the six men seen raising the flag in the famous photo were killed before the battle for Iwo Jima ended more than a month later.

- On Feb. 22, 1950, Walt Disney's animated feature "Cinderella" opens. Based on a fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm, "Cinderella" featured songs like "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and became one of Disney's most beloved films.

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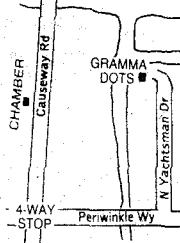
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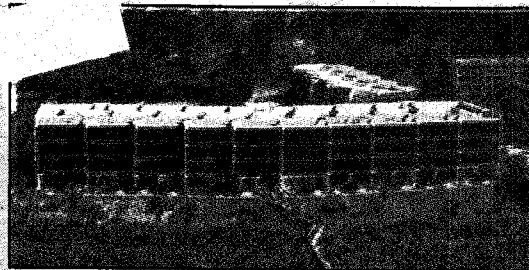
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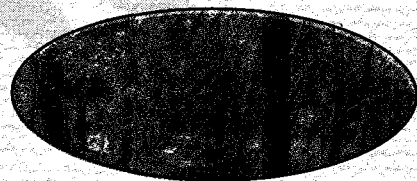
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48 French Ambassador Witnessed Attack On Twin Towers

by Max Friedersdorf

Ambassador Jean-David Levitte, the top French envoy to the United States, witnessed the attack on the Twin Towers from the 44th floor of the United Nations building in New York, a capacity audience at Schein Hall was told on February 8 during The Forum at BIG ARTS' Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series.

Ambassador Levitte was serving on September 11, 2001, as France's permanent representative to the United Nations when he witnessed the horrific event.

Speaking quite emotionally, and patting his heart, the ambassador commented, the event will "remain in my heart the rest of my days. It is important to remember that we are all together."

Recalling another American disaster, Hurricane Katrina, Levitte said he had visited New Orleans. He also described how many people in France have been contributing checks for the rebuilding of New Orleans, commenting, "We want to be part of the future of this wonderful city."

"History matters," the ambassador added, recalling that the United States was formerly French from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and the cit-



Jean-David Levitte, (right), French Ambassador to the United States, addressed the The Forum at BIG ARTS on February 8. He was introduced to the capacity audience in Schein Hall by Dick Wright, Forum chair.

ies of St. Louis and New Orleans were founded by the French.

Levitte explained that the French people recall the American participation in World Wars I and II, and the D-Day invasion to liberate France.

Turning to the subject of the Iraq war, he said, "As a free country we express our own views, and from time to time we may disagree."

Levitte said that France did not agree on the necessity of war in Iraq, and believed the U.N. inspections were working.

"We must make sure that Iraq does not become a nest for Al-Qaida," Levitte stated, and said Iraq needs an inclusive government strong enough to take into consideration the views of all factions. He also urged the rebuilding of the army and police force on a national basis.

With regard to Iran and the fear of nuclear bomb production, Levitte indicated that France started negotiations 22 years ago to stop such production. By referring the problem to the United Nations Security Council, a consensus has been formed, with the support of China and Russia, for compliance with a consortium to control uranium enrichment in Iran.

"There is a way out," Levitte continued, "but, we do not want to isolate Iran from the world community."

Levitte said he does not believe Iran is in the position to blackmail other countries by withholding oil, because Iran itself imports 40 percent of its gasoline, and badly needs the income from its oil production.

In his far-ranging foreign policy lecture, the ambassador urged that China

not be considered "a threat," but rather as a "supporter and partner" of our efforts in world diplomacy.

With regard to Europe, Levitte said France has been invaded by Germany three times during the past 136 years; France suffered 600,000 casualties in World War II, and 1.4 million dead and 4.2 million wounded in World War I.

"It is important to make war impossible," the ambassador stated. Partially because of the Common Market and the European Union, 80 percent of the French people consider Germany the country's best friend, and 80 percent of Germans regard France as their nation's best friend, Levitte explained.

Levitte also praised NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) as "the most successful alliance in history that has preserved the peace for five decades."

In response during the question and answer session, Levitte acknowledged that France possesses nuclear weapons, but commented that these nuclear forces are kept at a "minimum level," and would only be used if a state threatened to destroy France with arms of mass destruction.

In his concluding remarks, Levitte paid tribute to the "wonderful relations with the United States; more than 200 years of marriage, which makes France the oldest ally of the United States."

Ambassador Levitte was introduced by Dick Wright, forum chair, who also moderated the question and answer session. Levitte and his wife were honored with a reception in Phillips Gallery following the lecture. ✪

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Harper Lee Classic At Florida Rep

by Di Saggau

The social themes of racism and prejudice take center stage at Florida Rep during their production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The story is known to most. A young black man named Tom Robinson is accused of raping a white woman and Atticus Finch takes on the job of defending him, going against the wishes of the townsfolk.

It's the early 1930s in the fictional town of Maycomb, Alabama. Atticus Finch (Will Stutts), a widower, has two children - Scout (Jill Hunt) a tomboyish 10-year old, and Jem (Jake Johnson) her older teenage brother. Atticus is bent on teaching his children social values.

He says, "You never really understand another person 'til you look at things from their point of view, or walk in their shoes."

Scout and Jem don't quite grasp the meaning of this until the end of the play. Another youngster, Dill (William Moore), based on a young Truman Capote, who is visiting his aunt, forms a close friendship with the Finch household.

The three youngsters do a commendable job in their roles. A few words were lost either due to mic level or lack of projection, but these kids really performed well.

The story is wound together by Jean-



Young stars of *To Kill a Mockingbird* - Jake Johnson (Jem), Jill Hunt (Scout) and William Moore (Dill) - with Will Stutts (Atticus Finch)

Louise (Carrie Lund), the grown up Scout, who serves as a moderator. She fills in the blanks in between the live action on stage. This works well. She describes a time when there was nowhere to go, nothing to buy and no money to buy it anyway. The kids often slept in the back screened porch in an effort to escape the heat. Jean-Louise explains, "We didn't know it yet, but a nightmare was upon us."

Scout and Jem had to bear the tormenting of other kids because their dad took the case. When Scout asks her maid and caretaker Calpurnia (Christine Peete)

"Cal, what's rape?" Calpurnia quickly replies, "I think you better ask your father." Peete was great in her role, especially during the mad dog scene.

Jem is anxious to own a gun, but Atticus tells him he'll have to wait until he's older and repeats his father's words, "You can kill all the bluejays you want, but it's a sin to kill a mockingbird."

When the towns folk storm the jail in ignorant mob fashion, it's Scout who tames the crowd by simply talking to them. The children learn many lessons throughout the trial. They learn to respect their father and also not to form quick

judgments on their neighbors.

Stutts does a compelling job of portraying Atticus. He's very laid back, which works well most of the time. He looks the part and is a fine actor, but I would like to have seen more emotion from him during the trial.

Peter Thomasson is exceptional in the role of Bob Ewell, who oozes hate and racial intolerance in every word he utters. Audra Yokley is great as his daughter Mayella. Watching both their faces during the trial was fascinating.

Others in the cast include: Betty Madonna as Mrs. Dubose, a crusty neighbor; Niels Miller as Judge Taylor; John Archie as Reverend Sykes; Kevin Craig West as Tom Robinson; John Newton as the sheriff; Jason Parrish as the prosecutor; Tom Senter as a man influenced by the mob; and Zolan Henderson as Boo Radley, a reclusive neighbor.

To Kill a Mockingbird, written in 1960 by Harper Lee, continues to be read and admired by millions and is taught often in the United States. It's a classic story and Florida Rep does an excellent job of bringing it to life on stage under the direction of Robert Cacioppo. The set by Richard Crowell and the lighting by Todd O. Wren, are most impressive.

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Prizes awarded were as follows:

Top Placement:

First place, Rita Mach Skoczen for *French Rabbit*

Second place, Neil Glaser for *November*

Third place, Sue Pink for *Jackson*

Merit awards:

Olga Persson for *Florida Wetlands*

Jane McKanna for *Beachwalk*

Terry Shattuck for *Gulf Silhouettes*

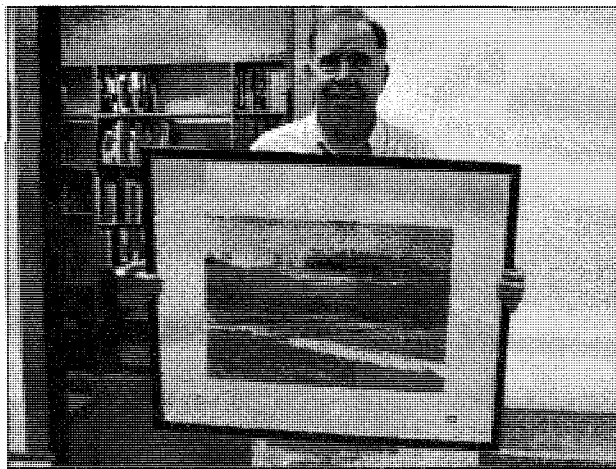
Honorable Mention:

Constance Pois for *Tess*

Carol Berman for *Fruit with Jade Goblet*

Liz Aberdale for *North Light*

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Neil Glaser with his winning piece, *November*

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The Peanuts Gang

The cast (under the direction of Victor Legarreta) features island favorites Bobby Logue as Linus, Mindy Montavon as Lucy, and newcomers Cara Testino as Sally, Clifford Hogans as Schroeder, Adam Cooley as Snoopy and last, but certainly not least, Reid Kirchoff (the hilarious movie star impressionist from *Let's Go to the Movies*) as Charlie Brown.

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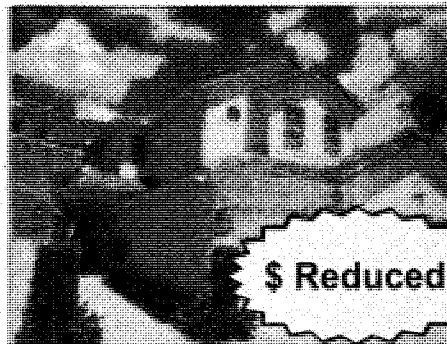
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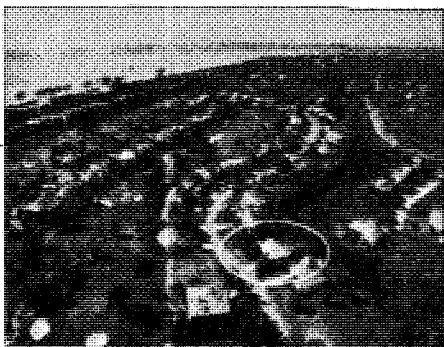
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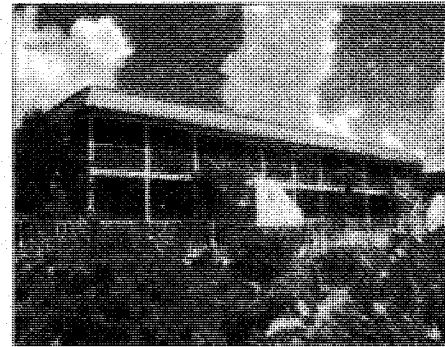
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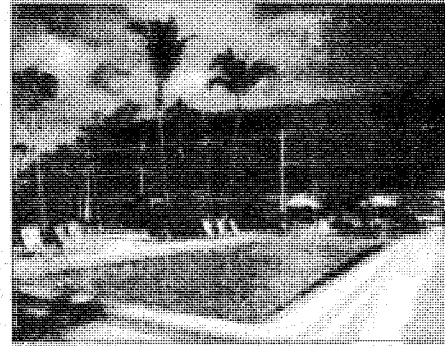
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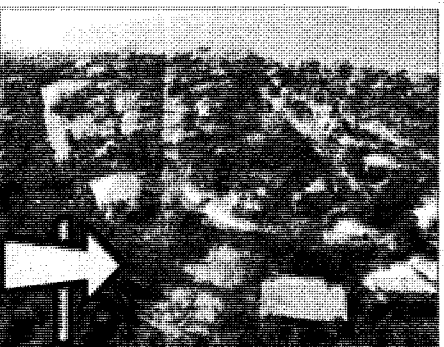
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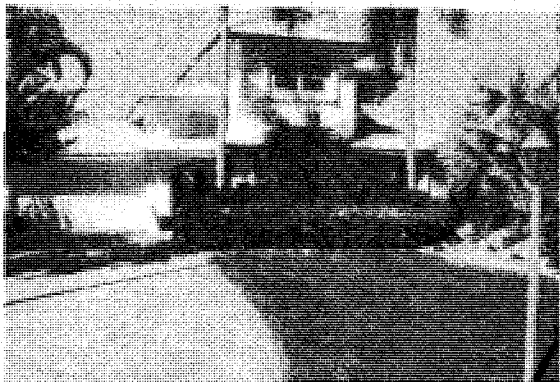
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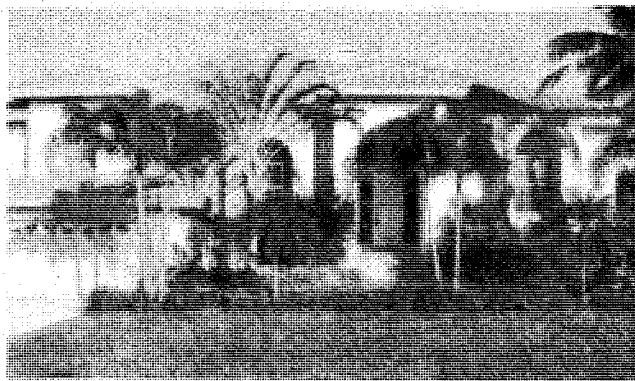
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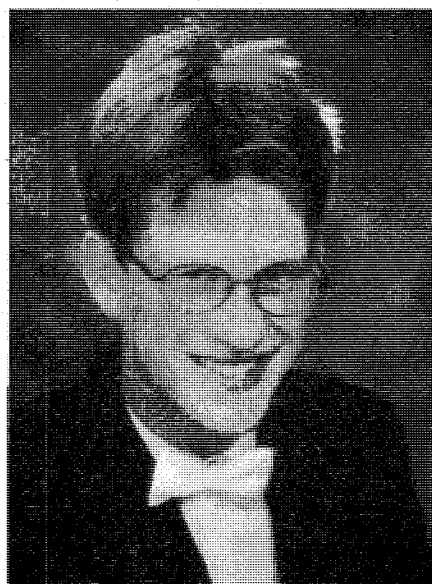
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Balint Karosi

The Music Committee of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is sponsoring an organ, piano and clarinet concert by Balint Karosi and Joanna Jerierska from the Oberlin and New England conservatories at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 26. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of the church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. A

free-will offering of \$10 is suggested.

Karosi was born in 1979 in Budapest, Hungary. He began piano studies at the age of six, and organ studies while in high school. From 1997-1999 he studied at the Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest with Gábor Lehotka. His studies continued from 1999-2001 at the Conservatoire Supérieure de Musique de Geneva in the "classe de virtuosité" with Lionel Rogg, where he received his "Prix de virtuosité avec distinction" in organ and in clarinet performance. His clarinet teacher was Thomas Friedli.

Currently, Karosi is enrolled in the Historical Performance program at the Oberlin Conservatory, where he is studying organ with James David Christie. He is the organist at First Church of Oberlin (United Church of Christ).

Karosi has won prizes at several international competitions as both organist and clarinetist. In 2001 he won the Grand prix d'improvisation "Rochette" at Geneva's conservatory, second prize at the Carl Maria von Weber clarinet competition in Essen and third prize at the organ competition in Korschenbroich, Germany. In 2002 he received the first prize at the International Organ Competition in Dublin, and won the second prize at Prague's Spring International Clarinet Competition. In 2005 he won first prize at the Arthur Poister organ playing competition in Syracuse, New York, and second prize at the international organ competition in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Jeziarska will accompany Karosi's clarinet pieces and then play two solo pieces. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Music in Collaborative Piano program at the New England Conservatory under Irma Vallecillo. A native of Poland, Jeziarska received the Pi Kappa Lambda, The Theta Chapter Award, in 2004. Her Bachelor of Music in piano performance under Robert Shannon is from Oberlin College. ☆

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Beachview Women's Golf Association

by Bea Maggio

On Wednesday, February 8 the members of the Beachview Women's Golf Association gathered to play a Pink Ball Bonanza. What, the reader might well ask, is a Pink Ball Bonanza? Basically, it involves giving a pink ball to a foursome of players. On each hole to be played, taking turns, one member of the foursome is handed the pink ball which she and only she can play on that specific hole.

While all four players can post their score on the hole, the only score that counts in the competition is the prowess of the person with the pink ball.

This is a game of nerves. Lose the pink ball in the water and the score for the team on that hole is a goose egg. It matters not that one of the players has a birdie or another has a par, once the pink ball is gone it is gone and so is the competition for that team. Among the eighteen hole players in the group three players lost their pink ball while four of the nine hole players did the same.

Left standing with pink ball intact in the 18 hole group was the team of Shirley Mackay, Mary Jane Bolon and Nancy Carlile who posted a 95 for first place. In second placed with a 102 was the threesome of Gloria Waterhouse, Marilyn Humphries and Nancy Stell.

Third place was taken by Cecilia Olsson and newcomers to the league Jeanette Travis and Patty Molnar.

With a pink ball still playable, the team of Kathy Krause, Linnea Sadd and Sally Gillett placed first in the nine hole division with a 52. One stroke behind them was the threesome of Ginny O'Neil, Nancy Ruedig and Carol House.*

Dunes Women's Golf Association

The results of the February 10 Sweetheart Scramble were:

First place, Judy Wellons, Roy Broderson, Margaret Dwyer and Adrienne Cross, 90 (scorecard playoff last nine holes);

Second place, Don Weymouth, Noel Barbee, Claudia Finzen and Cantor Eagleson, 90;

Third place, Nancy Greenberg, Michael Funk, Betsy Cox and Muriel DeRoberts, 91 (scorecard playoff last nine holes);

Fourth place, Irmingard Markusch, Howard Dwyer, Pet Wentling and Diane Schults, 91;

Fifth place, Daphne Hellmuth, Marv Seibold, Carol Broderson and Millie Ford, 92.*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. When was the last time an American League team led the majors in team ERA for a season?
2. Name the last major-league pitcher to lead a league in ERA and win 25 or more games in the same season.
3. Who are the only two sophomore quarterbacks to win Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year?
4. In 2004-05, Reggie Miller became the fourth NBA player to, at age 39 or older, tally 30 or more points in a game. Name the first three players to do it.
5. When was the last time the New Jersey Devils missed the NHL playoffs?
6. Which Major League Soccer player played on the most MLS championship teams?

ANSWERS

1. The 2001 Seattle Mariners (3.54 ERA).
2. Ron Guidry of the New York Yankees in 1978 (1.74 ERA, 25 victories).
3. John Elway of Stanford (1980) and Matt Leinart of Southern Cal (2003).
4. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan and Karl Malone.
5. It was 1996.
6. Jeff Agoos was on five title teams during his 10-year MLS career.

Beachview Men's Golf Association

by Ed O'Neil

When a golfer plays the same tee time after time, a certain comfort level builds. Any change causes subtle alterations to most swingers.

Backing up to championship tees usually leads to a tighter grip and a deadly increase in speed. Moving up to the ladies' tees leads to doubts about which club to use.

All of these factors came into play when the Beachview Men's Golf Association held its annual Red, White and Blue scramble on February 11.

And the effects were noticeable. Most scrambles wind up with a lot of teams in the 50s. This one only took a 60 to come out on top. Bill Stell, Bill Sadd, Phil Jones and Al Krause fashioned that winning score. Players had to use each of the colored tees six times during the morning.

It could have been much worse. The Blue holes included three par 3s with not much room for extra pain.

Some day it would be fun to watch when the tips of 9, 14 and 17 are used. The 17th starts at Donax drive, covers more than 150 yards of the unpretty part of the Sanibel River and reaches a landing area about the size of a place mat. Whenever you want to torture guests, take them back there.

Tony Baldino, Chuck Bye, John Boynton and John Moores finished second with a 62. It took a scorecard playoff to edge out Dick Codair, Jim Sauer, Rob Cutler and Rene Lohser.

The nine-hole tournament on Feb. 7 was a four-man variable better ball in which one player is needed on par fives, two on par fours and three on par threes.

This one wound up in a dead heat, a 51, and Chuck Bye, Barry Humphries and Rod Verblaauw won the playoff. The team of Bill Stell, Jack Tukey, Frank Esposito and Jerry Tucker were only unfortunate enough to lose the playoff but they wasted a "career" score of 25 by Tucker, an Indiana community developer, on the back nine.

Jim Sauer, John Boynton, Don Travis and Tom Ware were third at 54.*

Hole In One

Don Egensteiner made a hole in one on February 10 at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on hole number 9 with a yardage of 111. Witnesses included Bill Swain, Bruce Noble and John Frymoyel.*

Hole In One

Doris Dewitt made a hole in one on February 10 at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on hole number 17 with a yardage of 72. Witnesses included Marcia Cohen and Otis Timberlake.*

SCA Duplicate Bridge

Results of the Sanibel Community Association duplicate bridge game on Monday, February 13, are as follows:

Marianne and Jim Masterson were tied for first place with Terry and Clara Terrana with a 57.0 percent game. Barb and Larry Malboeuf were tied with Nancy and Harold Greten for third with 55.5 percent.

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

CARD OF THANKS

The Sanibel Recreation Department would like to thank Ron Rich and the Lazy Flamingo II for their time, compassion and generosity shown at the Safe Boating Day event at the Rec Center February 11. Due to Ron's efforts, \$140 was raised for the Sanibel Water Attack Team. We're off to a great start. Thank you from SWAT.*

The Sanctuary Golf Club Memberships For Sale Sanibel Island

Sanibel Land Investments, Inc. ("SLI") a developer in The Sanctuary, has only a **FEW** remaining memberships for sale to interested parties. These memberships do **NOT** require you to live in The Sanctuary. For those memberships sold by March 1st, SLI will pay your first year dues and food allowance (a **SAVINGS** of approximately **\$11,000**). For more information, please call Steve Cochlan at 312-759-2600.

Pro Golf Tour Update

February 16 - 19, 2006

This Week's PGA Tournament

The Nissan Open
Defending: Adam Scott
Total Purse: \$5,100,000
Yards: 7,078
Par: 71





The Nissan Open has been part of the PGA Tour since the mid-1920s. Known then as the Los Angeles Open, the tournament kicked off in 1926 with Harry Cooper being the inaugural winner. Nissan became the title sponsor of this event in 1987 and will be entering its 19th year of involvement with this tournament. MacDonald Smith holds the record for the most victories, winning on four separate occasions in 1928, 1929, 1932 and 1934. Both Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer are three-time champions of the then-Los Angeles Open. Last year's rain-soaked Nissan Open was shortened to only two rounds with Adam Scott defeating Chad Campbell in a Monday playoff.

Last Week On The PGA Tour

Tournament Results
Champion: Arron Oberholser
Purse: \$972,000
2nd Place: Rory Sabbatini
Purse: \$583,200
3rd Place: Byrd, Weir
Purse: \$313,200

Arron Oberholser survived a shaky finish to clinch his maiden PGA Tour victory at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am by a record-equaling five shots on Sunday. Left-hander Mike Weir, started the round tied with Oberholser, but fell back into a tie for third at 11 under after a nightmare start that included a double-bogey seven at the second hole. Rory Sabbatini closed with a 70 to finish second, although he was never a factor. Oberholser's fiercest competition came from within. He had a six-shot lead with six holes to play when he started missing shots left and right. His tee shot on the 15th hit the cart path twice and was headed for trouble when it bounced off a tree and kicked back into an opening. With a view of the green, Oberholser hit a wedge into 8 feet and turned the mishap into a birdie.

PGA Tournament FORE!CAST

First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Final Round
			
Partly Cloudy Hi: 67 Lo: 47	Partly Cloudy Hi: 65 Lo: 48	Partly Cloudy Hi: 66 Lo: 48	Partly Cloudy Hi: 66 Lo: 46


Golf Trivia

What golfer has the most official victories on any golf tour in the USA?

a) Sam Snead c) Mickey Wright
b) Jack Nicklaus d) Kathy Whitworth

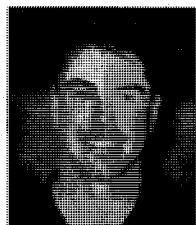
Answer: (d) Kathy Whitworth had 88 LPGA tour wins.

Golfing Tip



One of the most difficult things for the amateur golfer to adjust to is the long putt on the green. Long putting is a skill that is rarely practiced and, consequently, whenever we have a very long putt to attempt, the end result is usually not what we want. Most amateurs faced with a long putt automatically go into the thought process that they need to smack the ball to get it to the hole. This thinking pattern will get you a three-putt more times than not. When you try to kill the putt, all of the motion in your putting stroke comes from the wrist. The ball usually pops up off the ground and there is little to no chance for success. A long putting stroke needs to be generated by the shoulders with nothing to do with your wrists.

PGA Tour Player Profile



Arron Oberholser
Birthdate: Feb. 2, 1975
Birthplace: San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Residence: Scottsdale, Ariz.
Turned Professional: 1998
World Ranking: 41st

Joined TOUR: 2003
2006 Earnings: \$1,239,363
PGA TOUR Victories: One victory, the 2006 Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Golf History

Feb. 18, 1973 - Bob Dickson, who is one of only four men to win both the U.S. Amateur and the British Amateur in the same year (1967), won the Andy Williams-San Diego Open. He finished three better than Billy Casper, Bruce Crampton, Grier Jones, and Phil Rodgers, and many people at the time thought that Dickson would be the tour's next superstar. However, it turned out to be his second and last PGA Tour win. A couple years later, he quit competitive golf.

2006 Money Leaders

Rank & Player	Money
1) Chad Campbell	\$1,392,334
2) Stuart Appleby	\$1,282,428
3) Rory Sabbatini	\$1,266,294
4) Arron Oberholser	\$1,239,363
5) David Toms	\$1,120,800

World Rankings

Rank & Player	Score
1) Tiger Woods	17.48
2) Vijay Singh	8.98
3) Retief Goosen	7.73
4) Ernie Els	7.67
5) Phil Mickelson	7.47

Driving Distance

Rank & Player	Avg.
1) Bubba Watson	320.5
2) J.B. Holmes	313.5
3) Camilo Villegas	305.6
4) Trevor Immelman	305.2
5) Tag Ridings	304.4

Putting Average

Rank & Player	Avg.
1) Scott Verplank	1.612
2) Nathan Green	1.671
3) Daniel Chopra	1.681
4) John Rollins	1.687
5) Doug Barron	1.692

Golf Quality Corner Patience And Passion

by Brad Murray

The winter Olympics are upon us. High in the majestic Alpine town of Turin, Italy, history is in the making. There is so much I love about the Olympics. The awe in the eyes of the athletes as they march into the stadium for the opening ceremonies. The gathering together of so many nations for a pure, common cause. To celebrate and demonstrate on the snow, on the ice and in the air the beauty, power, passion and grace of the Olympic spirit. To break through barriers and limitations, to expand perspectives, to see new views, and do what has never been done before.

Passion was the theme of the opening ceremonies and the culmination was Pavarotti's soul-stirring rendition of Puccini's *Nessun Dorma*. Pavarotti is passionate about opera just as all the athletes are passionate about their particular sport. They all share a deep love for their sport, their country, and the opportunity to test their skills and spirit on a universal stage.

After giving a great deal of thought to the subject of Patience for this article I began to see a strong connection between patience and passion in the pursuit of a given endeavor. In preparing for an Olympic competition an ice-skater needs tons of

patience, fueled and fired by passion to continue to get back up after thousands of falls. A cold, sometimes dark and lonely daily discipline inspired by a dream, punctuated by perfect landings and a graceful glide to the next level. And the process continues, again and again.

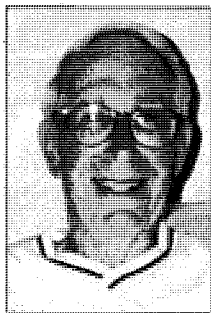
In golf patience looms large in the learning process. The game has levels upon levels. It is extra challenging to be a life-long learner in golf because of the barrage of information and "stuff" constantly thrown at us. There has been more written about how to swing a golf club correctly than has been written about how to play all other sports combined, from ice-skating to curling and from ski-jumping to snowboarding. There is the golf channel, all the great new swing aids, high tech clubs, diets, and stuff. All the golf magazines, what the pros say, all the hundreds of golf schools, thousands of teachers and zillions of tips from well meaning but often misinformed or misunderstood friends and acquaintances.

In the midst of all the noise and hype the true student of the game will patiently plod along fueled and fired by passion. In my personal case, I'm passionate about learning, friendships, beauty and breakthroughs. I'm passionate about striking solid shots with fine-tuned focus and freewheeling abandon. I'm passionate about the smell of fresh cut grass sprinkled with early morning dew. I'm passionate about Pebble

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World's Top Senior Golfers Here Next Week For Ace Group Classic

by Ed Frank



Master champions, Golf Hall of Fame members, 29 of the 30 top money winners on last season's Champions Tour, nine former winners here – this is the star-studded field of next week's Ace Group Classic at the Club at TwinEagles in Naples.

For the 19th consecutive year, the world's greatest senior golfers will assemble here to compete in one of the most popular tournaments on the Champions Tour. Pro-ams and practice rounds begin Monday, with the \$1.6 million tournament played next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The action will be televised all three days on the Golf Channel.

Defending his title will be 2005 winner Mark James. Other former winners who will be here are 2004 champion Craig Stadler, two-time winners Hale Irwin, Mike Hill and Gil Morgan along with Vicente Fernandez, Lanny Wadkins, Allen Doyle and Bob Murphy.

And this is just the beginning:

Loren Roberts, the hottest player on the Champions Tour, having won the first two tournaments of the year, made his commitment to play here just last week.

"Loren's commitment confirms that we will have our most competitive field in the 19-year-history of the event," said Jason Camp, tournament director. The only player from last year's Champion Tour top 30 to not commit is Jay Haas, who is expected to play in the PGA Tour's Nissan Open next week.

Here are some of the other golfing greats who will tee it up next week:

Former master champions Raymond Floyd, Ben Crenshaw and Fuzzy Zoeller. Floyd and Crenshaw have been inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Last year's top money winner Dana Quigley, who became the first player on the Champions Tour to earn more than \$2 million in a single season.

Hall of Famer Tom Watson, winner of last season's Charles Schwab Cup, who more than tripled his winnings over 2004. He finished in the top 10 in nine of 13 starts on the Champions Tour.

Top five money winners Mark McNulty and DA Weibring.

There is concern that this year could be the final year the tournament is played at the Club at TwinEagles as the club has not decided whether to renew its contract with the tournament sponsor, Octagon, a sports management company.

The tournament has been held at TwinEagles since 2002, but as membership in the club has grown and more homes built, parking and members access to the club present future problems for the Ace Group Classic. The Ace Group, a worldwide insurance firm, is signed through 2007 with negotiations underway for an extension through 2010.

Tickets for next week's tournament are available by calling 1-800-566-3470 or online at www.theacegroupclassic.com

In addition, there are ticket outlets at Alf's, Edwin Watts, J & L Golf, Lumpy's Pro Golf Discount, Pro Golf Discount, World of Golf, and Zee's Proline Golf.

Flame Sizzles With New Line-Up

A revamped lineup featuring the return of guard Bracey Wright from the Minnesota Timberwolves and the debut of Duane Erwin has the Florida Flame on a six-game home winning streak and in sole possession of first place in the NBA Development League.

The 18-10 Flame defeated Fayetteville 101-88, and Arkansas 112-105 last week at Germain Arena. The five-game home stand continues this week with the Flame hosting Arkansas again Tuesday and Albuquerque Thursday and Friday.

"I like the balance and versatility of our club right now," said Florida coach Jeff Malone whose team began play this week with a one-game first place lead over Fort Worth.

Tickets to Flame games are available by calling 877 Flame Tix.

Everblades Snap Losing Streak

A five-game winless streak extending more than two weeks finally came to end last Saturday as the Florida Everblades defeated the Idaho Steelheads 4-3 before a crowd of 6,555 at Germain Arena.

The victory avoided what would have been the longest winless streak (six games) in the team's eight-year franchise history.

At week's end, the Everblades were in second place in the ECHL South Division, eight points behind Gwinnett.

The Everblades are on the road this weekend at Pensacola Friday and Saturday nights.✪

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Golf Corner

Beach, and Royal Portrush In Northern Ireland. I'm passionate about The Masters and those heavenly views seen from pristine pews. I'm passionate about my home turf up in the great Pacific northwest, the rich deep greens, and views of Mt. Rainier from McCormick Woods golf course. I'm passionate about a good walk and a talk and lots of healing laughter in a golf game with my buddies. I could go on and on.

This list helps me realize more clearly what gets me through the bumps and the falls and the sometimes dark and lonely days in my golf journey. This passion and love motivates us to keep practicing patience as we learn, and helps us remain focused and patient in a practice session or at the top of our backswing or at impact. This passion, this love, brings a deep and powerful patience to our golf experience.

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

Open House At The Conservation Foundation

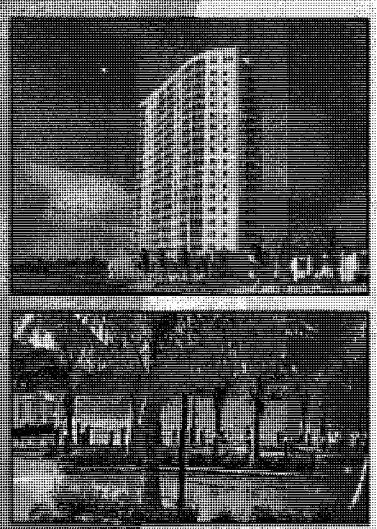
The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will hold its annual open house on President's Day, Monday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its Nature Center on Sanibel-Captiva Road. The open house includes activities, displays, music, and refreshments for people of all ages. The Native

Plant Nursery will be offering a 10 percent discount on plants that day. Sheila and John Morley generously donate food and beverage for the event.

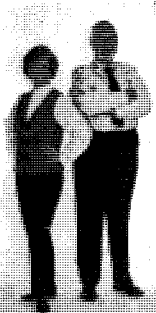
Bring a friend and/or meet new ones at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's open house. The Nature Center is located one mile west of Tarpon Bay Road, on the left-hand side of Sanibel-Captiva Road. Overflow parking is available at the shell museum. There is no roadside parking permitted. People are encouraged to use the overflow parking or ride on over by bicycle.✪

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Homeowners Scramble At Annual Meeting



Winning team (l to r) Fritz Clifford, Ken Steele, Rob Cutler and Cecilia Olson with golf committee chair Rene Lohser

In conjunction with the annual meeting of the Beachview Homeowner's Association, a golf tournament was held on February 12, at the Beachview Golf and Tennis Club followed by cocktails, dinner and dancing at the Beachview Steakhouse.

The results of the golf scramble are as follows:

First place: Cecilia Olson, Rob Cutler, Ken Steele, Fritz Clifford;
Second place: Rene and Terry Lohser, JB Novelli, Murray Flood;

Third place: Bill and Nancy Stell, David and Beverly Wisely.

Closest to the pin were JB Novelli for the ladies and Tom Maggio for the men.

Many prizes were awarded thanks to the support by Beachview Steakhouse, Ellington's Restaurant, Island Paws, Sanibel Day Spa, Matzaluna Restaurant and Jayne Lumley of Coldwell Banker Realty.✧

Breast Cancer Tournament Results

The results for the Breast Cancer Tournament Results on February 11 and 12 at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club are as follows:

Ladies - 3.5 Div.

Champions - Debbie Smith and Faith Middleton

Finalist: Janie Savoie and Carol D'Orio

Ladies - 4.0 Div.

Champions: June Wendell and Janet Turner

Finalist: April Tzanis and Linda Wheeler

Men's - 3.0 Div.

Champions: Carmine Marotta and Bill Burks

Finalist: Gary West and John Bralove

Men's - 3.5 Div.

Champions: Ted Watros and Don Kennedy

Finalist - John Palmer and Carl Johnson

Men's - 4.0 Div.

Champions: Tom Rizzo and John Ramsey

Finalist: Fred Gobel and Bill Rosenberg

Mixed - 3.5 Div.

Champions: Jane Settani and Dick Feldstein

Finalist: John Gersack and Ginni Gersack

Mixed - 4.0 Div.

Champions: Linda Wheeler and Pat Tzanis

Finalist: Janet Turner and Wayne Turner.✧



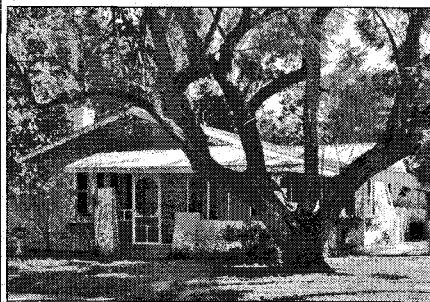
Men's 3.0 Div. Winners From left to right Bill Burks, Carmine Marotta, Diane L. Marotta (chairperson) and Gary West

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History Of Sanibel/Captiva Australian Pines

submitted by Sandy McCartney Ehlers

The first couple to build a winter residence on Captiva Island was John and Julie Dickey, John owning a pharmaceutical company in Virginia and Julie being a concert pianist. They discovered the island in 1904 and constructed their winter home (in the vicinity of today's Tween Waters Inn) in 1906. The Dickeys had three young boys who continually sunburned, as the island had no shade trees. Julia became intent on both protecting her sons and beautifying the island. She visited Boca Grande and was impressed with the beauty of their towering pines. Julia was told the Florida State Agricultural Bureau was recommending Australian pines to keep the sand from eroding along Boca Grande's beaches. The enterprising young woman invited two other Captiva mothers to join her and the three ladies made endless boat trips between Boca Grande and Captiva transporting Australian pine saplings. They carefully transplanted hundreds of these six-inch saplings, three rows deep, along the island's merging shell roadways. They also filled their own yards, and those of year-round residents, with the tiny trees. These six inch saplings grew into the famous canopy that so distinguished Captiva's main road for 87

years. The mature trees withstood many a hurricane, even the disastrous one that created Redfish Pass, dividing Captiva into two islands.

In the last 20 years there were continuous attempts by Lee County to remove many of these historical trees because they paralleled Captiva's only road, presenting a disturbing hazard in case of serious hurricanes. The island's electrical lines were also threatened by the huge trees. On one occasion, when the county became especially adamant about removing the pines, the residents of Captiva tied yellow ribbons around every tree that stood on private property. The proposal was quickly dropped as it became obvious that most of the trees bordering the roadway stood on private land over which Lee County had no jurisdiction.

On that occasion Captiva's pro-pine people won the day and the Australian pines continued to draw visitors from all over the world to the famed sub-tropical island paradise. Then, on August 13, 2004 Hurricane Charley struck Sanibel and Captiva islands. Lee County's worst fears were realized as hundreds of trees were damaged, making it impossible to navigate the roads. Sanibel and Captiva were closed to all residents as heavy equipment began to roll up and down the beaches. Thousands of chain saws whined, hundreds of chipping machines roared. Endless containers of fatal poison flowed. In a matter of days the famous iron woods were destroyed and the great Captiva canopy became history.

Today, a year and a half after the fact, Captiva's Gold Coast residents continue

to work to recover from the dramatic damage; meanwhile the island's businesses struggle to keep their footing.

Sanibel Island has an equally fascinating history regarding its Australian pines. In 1894 Frank Bailey arrived on the island. Frank - like John Dickey - grew up in Virginia where his father worked in a tobacco warehouse. Frank came to Sanibel via Kentucky where he was as a clerk in the steel mills. When he learned that Florida was establishing a land grant program, Frank decided to try his hand at farming. He had a high school education, was a natural leader and with the help of other island farmers as well as his own tenant farmers he built a thriving business. By 1918 the islands of Captiva and Sanibel represented two of the most productive truck farming districts in the entire United States and Frank Bailey led the pack, shipping vine ripened tomatoes across America.

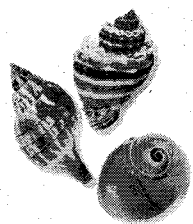
Bailey's delicate tomatoes had to first be transported over Sanibel's wash boarded roads prior to reaching the island dock where they were carefully packed onto boats en route to the railroad station. Florida's Agricultural Department gifted Bailey with as many Australian pines as he wanted, suggesting that he would minimize the island's roadway erosion by planting the trees parallel to the shell roads. The trees grew rapidly and Bailey - like the Doles in Hawaii - realized the pines would serve as excellent windbreaks for his tomato fields.

Frank instigated a pine management plan as the trees were prolific and he didn't want them to invade his fields. Sam

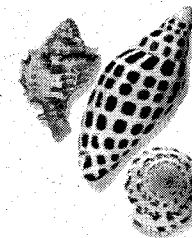


Bailey, Frank's youngest son, remembers he and his brothers, Francis and John, could "easily pull up a dozen pine saplings in 30 seconds." And it was well worth the effort; the roads improved, there was ample wind protection for the

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A Few Special Finds



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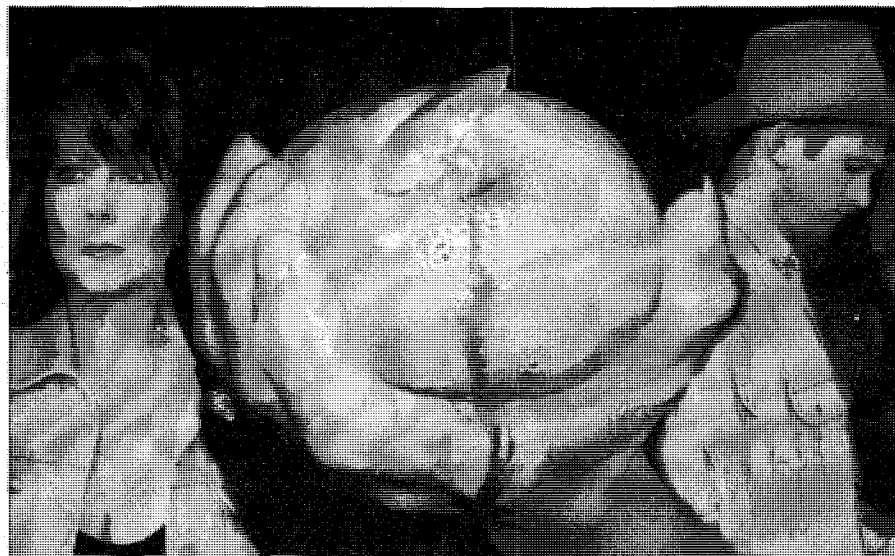
58 Facing Life's Demons Is Theme At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

I am continually amazed at the cutting edge theater presented by Theatre Conspiracy and their latest original play *Here Lie The Demons* lives up to all my expectations. Written by Port Charlotte playwright Joan Kufrin, the play takes us through the Korean and Vietnam wars to present day and shows how one family is affected by these time periods. You leave the play with a lot to think about.

In the lead roles are Lauren Drexler and Mike Breen as Lili and Homer Learned. My but they are well cast. Drexler personifies the tormented Lili as she wrestles with her demons. Breen is perfect as the husband who came home from the war a changed man. You first meet them as a young couple fresh out of high school, full of ideas for the future, each with different goals. Lili yearns to further her education while Homer is content with tending his Florida orange groves. Love wins out and Lili places her dreams aside to marry Homer, cook the meals, clean the house and raise their son Luke. She has no regrets until an unexpected event shatters their lives.

Lili moves on in life with the thought of being free to do what she chooses



Here Lie The Demons plays at Theatre Conspiracy through February 25

when she chooses. She meets Sam Kopitsky, played to perfection by Dave Yudowitz. Sam becomes her dearest friend and supporter. Yudowitz gets most of the humorous lines, like "sarcasm is wasted on the elderly," and a whole bunch of others. His delivery and timing were great.

Jordan Wilson has a dual role, that of Luke and also Ben, a writer of unpublished novels. Rachael Endrizzi is Tiffany Glass, a young woman with her eye on one thing, success in the business world. Donald White is John Lancaster, Lili's father and though his part is small he makes it stand out.

Here Lie The Demons is well writ-

ten, acted, directed and staged. The set has stark trees in the background with cobweb-like material hanging from them. They could represent the orange groves at night, or the bleakness of war, or both. It was effective. There is a different seating configuration for the audience, in three-quarter thrust, which allows people to view the stage from three angles. It worked well. The play is about facing your demons in order to conquer them. At least that's my take on it. It's about forgiveness, freedom, patriotism, healing, loss, independence, love, regrets, the importance of magnolia trees and landing on the same word.

During a talk-back with the playwright,

Kufrin complemented the cast and crew for their wonderful collaboration and Stewart Brown for his directing skills. She said the characters were only in her brain until the actors made them flesh. Two people, who loved the play overall, didn't like the way it ended, especially the last line. Kufrin said they wrestled with this, but feel they came up with the best solution. See what you think.

Prior to the show a song, *Crow In The Cradle*, which contains lyrics appropriate to the plot, is played. Drexler enters from an aisle in the audience and explains that years ago unknown territories on maps were referred to as "Here lie the demons." The line and entrance were interesting.

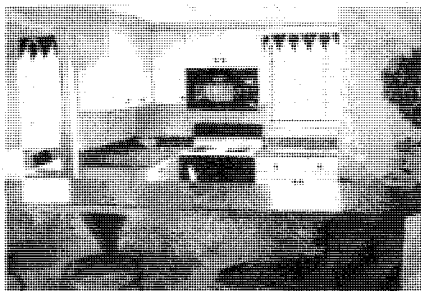
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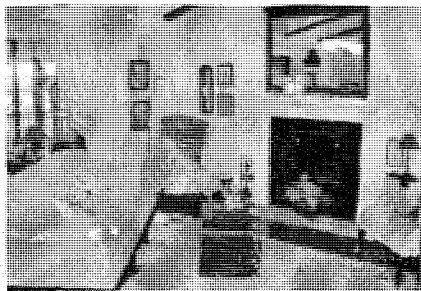
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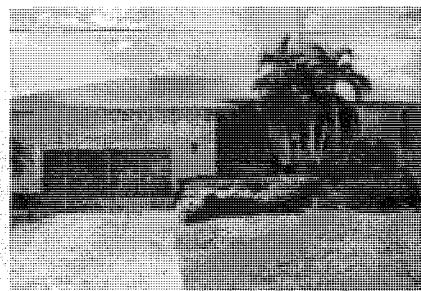
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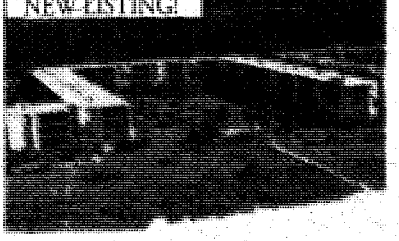


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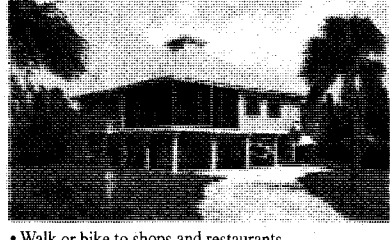
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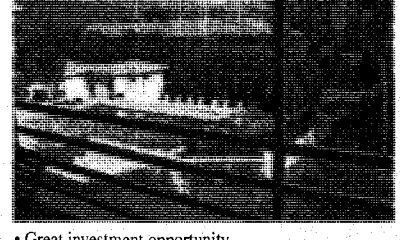
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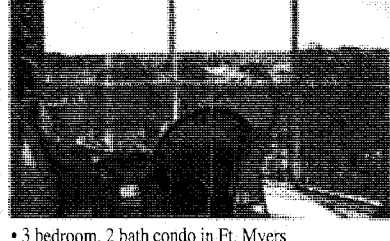
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Eric Pfeifer was awarded VIP's top Sales Associate for 2005. Not only did Eric finish the year as Sanibel and Captiva's number one VIP sales Associate but he was also the top real estate agent for all 5 VIP offices throughout Southwest Florida! Eric also won two more company wide awards for marketing excellence by a sales associate. He earned one marketing excellence award for representing more buyers than any other Southwest Florida VIP agent and another award for performing the most real estate transactions as a sales associate company wide in 2005.

"Never before in the history of VIP Realty have we seen an agent accomplish what Eric has done in such a short time" stated Jim Hall during the awards ceremony. In only three short years Pfeifer rocketed from "Rookie of the Year" in 2002 to "Realtor of the Year" in 2005. Along the way Eric also obtained his Brokers License, CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), and GRI (Graduate of Realtor Institute) designations. Pfeifer's website www.SunnySanibel.com also earned top ten honors from the Florida Real Estate Association in 2005 for the second year in a row as one of the best real estate agent websites in the entire state of Florida.

Moving to Sanibel in 2001, Eric and his wife Mary Ellen quickly became involved donating countless hours of time and energy to the island community. In his spare time you will find Eric coaching his son John in little league baseball and basketball and coaching his daughter Darby in softball. He also started Sanibel's first NFL youth flag football league which just completed its third season. Eric sits on the board of the Sanibel Captiva Kiwanis Club, and he is also on the Sanibel and Captiva Parks and Recreation Committee.

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Eric attended The Gilman School and is also a graduate of Vanderbilt University's school of Engineering. With his professional Engineering License in the state of Florida and his Contactor's License, Eric is committed to providing his buyers and sellers with outstanding service.

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Arts & Festivals Calendar February 2006

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February 17

* ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS, 10091 McGregor Boulevard presents Olympian Artists, the second international show to travel to the Alliance in 2006. View artwork from former Olympians, now artists, from all over the world, including Al Oerter. At the closing ceremony March 9 visitors can meet the artists. This show runs through March 10. For more information call 939-2787.

February 18

BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, presents Swingin' - The Benny Goodman Songbook with vocalist Terry Blaine. Celebrate the magic of classic jazz and how Benny Goodman's clarinet and vocalists helped shape and define the 1930s Swing Era. For more information call 395-0900.

February 20

BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, will show the film, *Black and White in Color*, from the Ivory Coast, winner of the 1976 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. The film is a powerful satire on racism, colonialism and war. Set on the Ivory Coast during the World War I, the French, spurred on by a capricious moment of patriotism, decide to attack their German neighbors. For more information call 395-0900.

YOUNG ARTISTS AWARDS. Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, presents The Young Artists Awards 21. The show presents the best of the performing arts talents of area youth. Lois Thome of WINK-TV hosts this Edison Festival of Light sanctioned event. Dinner will be served. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local youth cancer initiatives. Tickets and additional information are available at www.youngartistsawards.org or by calling 574-9321.

February 22

BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL, 13350 Edison Parkway, please don't miss presents Donna Summer. An artist who once defined the '70s pop music generation as the Queen of Disco, Summer has become one of the world's leading singers and songwriters. The career of the five-time Grammy winner spans a range of musical genres from R&B and rock to inspirational and dance. Her hits include: *Love to Love You Baby*, *Bad Girls*, *Hot Stuff* and *She Works Hard For The Money*. For more information call 481-4849.

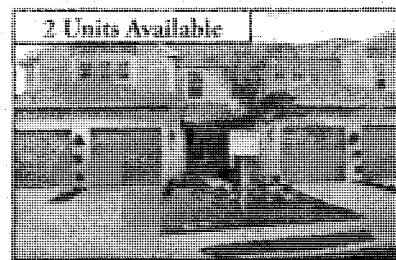
BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, presents *Laughter in Three Languages: English, Yiddish and Yinglish*. The play stars Reuben and Dorothy Silver in a delightfully comic, yet touching, series of vignettes about the universal immigrant experience. For more information call 395-0900.

February 23

BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, presents Jennifer Check, soprano, in association with the Marilyn Horne Foundation. She has appeared in numerous roles with the Metropolitan Opera during the past three seasons and with the Tokyo Opera Nomori. For more information call 395-0900.*

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Australian Pines

crops and merciful shade for the families who worked in the steaming, mosquito filled fields.

When the time came to string Sanibel's first electrical lines across the island the Baileys encouraged the utility company to avoid placing the lines parallel to the pine trees. "There was no reason for the trees and the lines to be pushed up against each other. They didn't listen and we knew they were making a big mistake," said Sam Bailey.

As Sanibel's beautiful pines developed along Periwinkle, eventually camouflaging the ugly electrical lines, the Baileys were rightfully proud. "We thought Sanibel's canopy of trees were just as beautiful as the famous royal palms that lined Fort Myers' McGregor Boulevard," Sam remarked, adding "I've never understood all this talk about native trees and non native trees. As far as I'm concerned our pines are native. They've been here my entire life."

It has been understandably difficult for Francis and Sam to accept the fact that Sanibel's grand canopy of trees was destroyed by Charley. "I've gone on record about this," Francis said. "The way the pines were taken down after Charley was criminal."

"Personally, I believe in taking care of the pines," Sam Bailey said. "I take good care of the pines that border my house. When Charley came I lost two big pines down by the beach that I hadn't trimmed, but the trees by my house, the ones I've taken care of, they made it fine. The only damage I had from Charley in regard to my house came from the stuff that blew off my neighbor's buildings."

"I'm trying to stay out of this," Sam, a retired football coach for the University of Tampa, remarked. "I'm getting too old to fight. But I tell you, if anyone goes after my pines, the pines on MY property, they'll have to be in for a fight. I won't have it."

Frank Bailey's boys, Francis and Sam, despite their feelings regarding the hostile attitude of some islanders regarding their family's beloved trees, continue to cultivate good senses of humor. "I'm friends with Judie Zimomra, the city manager," Sam remarked, smiling. "Whenever I telephone and Judie's not in I always leave her the same message. I say 'Judie, I'll get in touch with you later. Right now I'm busy. I'm going out and plant Australian pines!'"

Jim Lehrer Lecture Re-set For March 19

Jim Lehrer, host of *The News Hour* on Public Television, will appear on March 19 at THE FORUM OF BIG ARTS' Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series.

The event, originally scheduled for February 12, was postponed when Lehrer's flight to Fort Myers was canceled due to the major snowstorm on the east coast.

The lecture will be held in Schein Hall at 7:30 p.m.*

Attic Treasure Sale Coming

Presbyterian Women Of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church announce their annual Attic Treasure Sale on Saturday, March 4 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church at 8260 Cypress Lake Road, between Summerlin Road and Winkler Road in South Fort Myers. All proceeds are given back to various local charities such

as ACT and Harry Chapin Food Bank. There will be books, records, clothing, electronics, flowers, baskets, furniture, household items, jewelry, bath, lamps, pictures, kitchen items, linens, outdoor items and toys.

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Pick The Oscar Winners

The Island Sun/BIG ARTS Academy Award Contest

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BALLOT

Best Film

- Brokeback Mountain
 Capote
 Crash
 Good Night and Good Luck
 Munich

Best Actress

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

Best Actor

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

Best Foreign Film

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

Best Original Screen Play

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

Best Director

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

Best Supporting Actress

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

Best Supporting Actor

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

Best Documentary

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

Best Cinematography

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



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

How to enter: Mail your ballot to the Island Sun, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, FL 33957. Or drop off your ballot at the Island Sun office or the BIG ARTS box office at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.*

ISLAND SUN - FEBRUARY 17, 2006 **62** Sanibel Students Make Valentine's Day Cookies



Eliza Chamberlain, Nikki Bressanelli and Bethany Corke

by Brian Johnson

The middle school students in the home economics class spent the past week making Valentine's Day cookies to serve the community and help raise money to fund their elective course.

The kids baked 600 cookies and wrapped them up in pairs. "They're a good bunch of kids," said new teacher Naomi Vogel. "We've learned a lot about cooking, and we've enjoyed doing it."

Assistant Principal Nancy McDole said the class received a \$2,700 grant from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, and a donation of \$800 from Sam Bailey and Bailey's General Store to purchase food. The kids have raised over \$320 from the sale of the Valentine's Day cookies.

Home economics may be the most popular class at the school. It is filled exclusively with 8th grade students, who had first choice in signing up for it.

Vogel taught home economics at Bloomington Junior High School from 1975 to 1983 in Illinois. After moving to Fort Myers a little more than a year ago, she decided to get involved in the Florida school system.

She has taught the kids how to cook a variety of meals, including orange French toast, crepes, "monster" cookies, chicken casserole, and hamburgers. The kids have learned about the basic elements of a meal - color, flavor and texture - and different food groups and nutrients.

"She has done a fabulous job," said McDole. "She's very creative and informative."

The kids meet at 8:05 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.✽

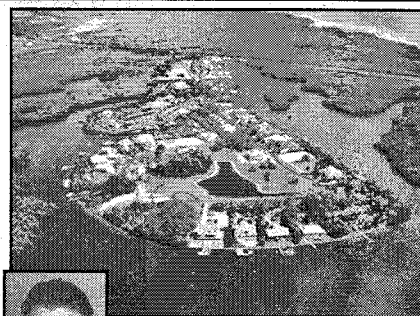


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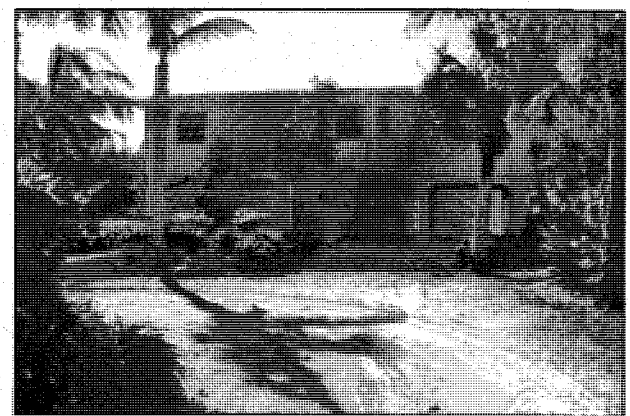


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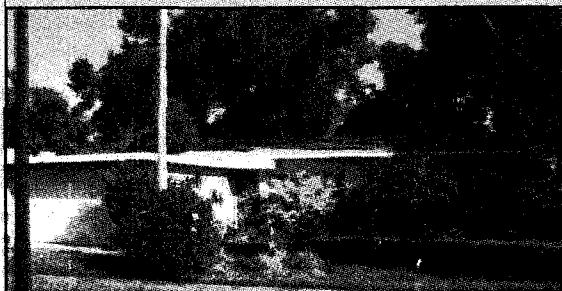
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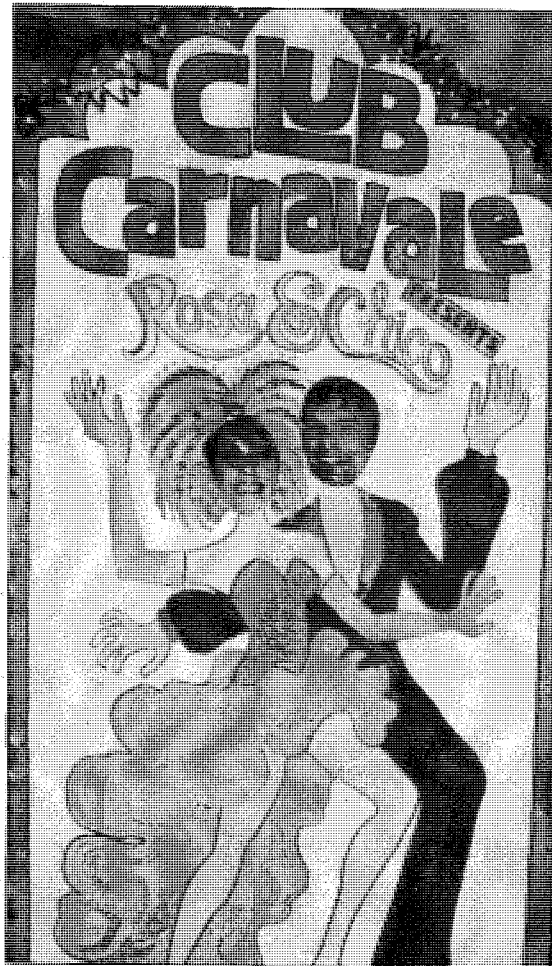
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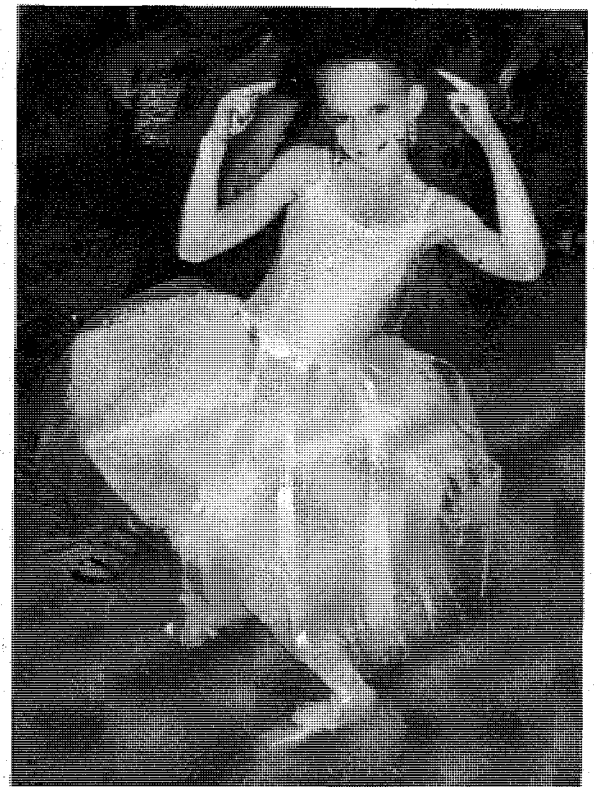
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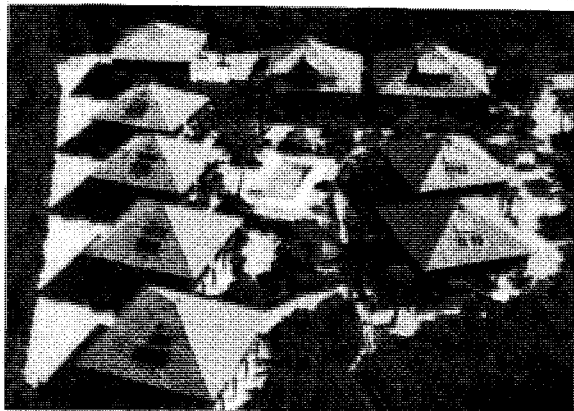
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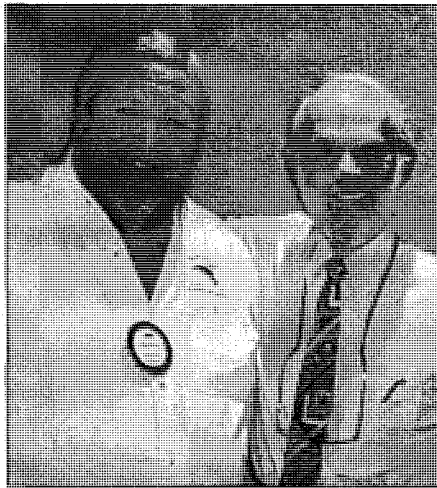


Rotary This Week

Rotary was honored this week to have Dr. Sidney Simon, professor emeritus at the University of Massachusetts, author, nationally known speaker, seminar/workshop leader, storyteller, father and grandfather; as our guest speaker. Sid (as fellow islanders call him) is a recognized authority in the areas of values clarification and values realization, self-esteem and negative criticism. He spoke to Rotary on the subject, Legacy.

The dictionary definition of Legacy: something passed on by an ancestor or predecessor. First thing that comes to mind is wealth, but that was not at all what Simon came to Rotary to talk about. Simon's Legacy is a brilliant intangible gift that we can leave to our children, grandchildren, and friends. A Legacy we leave beyond money.

To help our understanding of the subject, he told us a story about a family with an aging father. A father that began to feel the effects of old age, a father who began to teeter and tremble. His daughter brought him into her family's home. As her kids watched, she lovingly took care of him, adapting to the father's worsening condition. When her father was unable to control his trembling hands at mealtime, she laid a tarp under his chair to catch the spills. When his shaking caused him to break the dishes, the family used non-breakable dishes. All the while, the kids were watching. One day the mother heard banging and pounding out in the garage. Her son was making a



John Carney and Sid Simon

wooden bowl for his grandfather to use. What kind of Legacy was that mother leaving her children?

Simon passed out a planning board grid and asked us to consider how we ranked the following Legacy values: keep your word, honor your promises, deep respect for culture, deep belief in social justice, courage of convictions, capacity to entertain yourself (without batteries), know how to be a friend, how to be a good love partner, and have a spiritual conviction. These values have no correct ranking. The question was an exercise in looking at ourselves. Are we prepared to teach or model the values we believe in? What will be our Legacy?

Hope to see each and every one of you at the Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, February 18 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

or Sunday, February 19 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian on the island will pull duty at this major fundraising event, so why not come by, say hello, enjoy the fair, and support the cause.

For information regarding Rotary meetings or Rotary membership call Club President John Carney at 395-1767.✱

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Model Lighthouse

He set up the model near the front desk of the library on the morning of February 14, and the sight of the beautifully constructed lighthouse, made of bass and beech wood, quickly attracted the interest of a number of people.

"Do you have a fire staircase inside?" one observer joked.

The level of detail in the model is such that Paulson was, in fact, able to show him where he built tiny steps leading from the top of the tower into the watchman's quarters. The model also contains details such as the hand holds on the side of the tower and a kerosene jug.

In the following days, said Library Director Pat Allen, quite a few people made comments about the lighthouse, and how interesting it is to see the design up close.

"It's such an important part of Sanibel history," added Allen. "I'm appreciative of anyone who can make something so intricate."

The actual Sanibel Lighthouse was built on the island in 1883. It has come to symbolize the island, and is the main

tourist attraction of Sanibel's east end.

Making a replica of the historic structure was no easy matter. Paulson had to develop his own techniques to hand-build the complicated design. "There was no manual or instruction kit!" he said.

However, he did have one document that turned out to be worth its weight in gold: a plate of the lighthouse drawn to scale, furnished by Jody Brown of the Sanibel Historical Society. He used the plate as the basis for his calculations. Paulson also used pictures supplied by Charles LeBuff and research assistance from the staff at the Sanibel Public Library.

"Because of the help I got from Jody Brown, Charles LeBuff and the public library I was able to go into this sort of detail," said Paulson.

The lighthouse will be on display at the library until March 23. Paulson will give a talk at the library about how he constructed the model on March 8 at 2 p.m.✱

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by Bob Wimbush

As the building department's Harold Law told Kiwanis. "It's easier to ask first than to get forgiveness." He suggests getting a permit anytime you do structural work in excess of \$750. And, he thinks a building permit is the cheapest insurance you can buy. A permit triggers inspections that ensure the job will be done right and can sometimes protect you against liens placed by shoddy, disappearing, or dishonest contractors.

Likewise, only use licensed contractors. It's a two-word reason: "Workmen's comp". You will be held liable when any-



Harold Law addresses Kiwanis

one working on your property without workmen's comp insurance of their own gets hurt. One of the club's fine legal minds was more emphatic, "Ask for a license, workmen's comp and a current certificate of insurance before you let anyone start work." Some contractors have been known to purchase comp, get a certificate and then cancel comp.

Warning signs? If you select a contractor who is a whole lot cheaper than everyone else, he may not be paying comp. Your savings are insignificant compared to the risk.

On codes, it is important to understand that on October 1, a lot of local options and prerogatives disappeared because the new Florida Code was passed as law -- obviating the need and option for localities to adopt it.

Don't blame the code people for everything you don't like. Often it's not the city, it's the National Federal

Insurance Program (NFIP) that won't cover things in flood zones. One city suggested it would permit them anyway, so the feds cancelled all flood coverage. One day later the city acquiesced.

Oh, and when you're excavating, don't forget to erect a silt fence. It protects the drainage system.

Mark your calendar. Buy tickets. Kiwanis annual Spaghetti Dinner is February 25 at the Community House. Over a thousand of your best friends will be there.

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Summer Pre-K Program At Sanibel School

The Sanibel School will be offering a Summer VPK Program for children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2006 (eligible for kindergarten) and who have not accessed Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) services during the school year program at either a private or public school site. Enrollment is open to all children residing in Lee County.

The program (300 hours) focuses on preparing preschool children for kindergarten and is available at no cost to parents, with lunch provided. Transportation is not provided.

The program will be offered at The Sanibel School June 5 to July 21 (except for July 3 and 4). Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A certificate of eligibility may be obtained at The Sanibel School on Thursday, February 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (phone 472-1617) or from the Child Care of Southwest Florida Resource and Referral Office, 4315 Metro Parkway, Suite 400 (phone 278-4114). Applicants must provide birth certificate, Social Security number, if available, and proof of residency in Lee County. Students do not need to reside on Sanibel or Captiva in order to be eligible for VPK.

Students who live on Sanibel or Captiva may enroll at The Sanibel School on February 23 or schedule an appointment with Donna Marks, the school registrar off-island students must enroll at the Student Assignment Office, 2266 Second Street in Fort Myers (phone 337-8247) and must provide all documents previously referenced as well as physical and immunization records. Donna Marks can be contacted at 472-1617.

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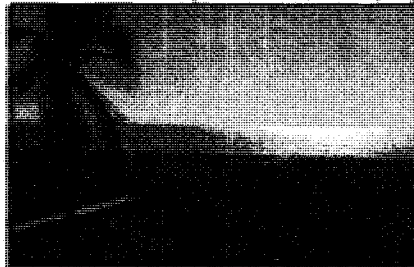
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by Joyce Voet

Grandchildren are so hard to please
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If I could discover just the right thing
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Their wish-list contains items ultra-smart
Some that appeal to my heart
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My obtaining it easily, I confess.

So I'll continue searching for treasures
To show love beyond monetary measures.

Layers
by Joyce Voet

If love could be divided layer-by-layer
On top would be constant care
Next, a spark from me to you, dear,
And then warm fuzzies from year to year
For as long as we both shall live
All to you I freely give.

Joyce Voet is a retired English teacher and librarian from Michigan who writes for fun while spending six months in Florida each year and participating in a writing group called Wordsmiths at Siesta Bay R.V. Resort on Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. ✨

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Valentines Day, Presidents Week and the month of February will be celebrated Friday, February 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. with an open mic reading at The Bean on Sanibel.

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Prizewinning poet Elisavietta Ritchie will begin the readings with selections from *Awaiting Permission to Land*, her latest collection.

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For more information, call Joseph Pacheco, 472-1280, or The Bean at 395-1919. ✨

**Library Book
Discussion Group**

An *Almost Perfect Moment* by Binnie Kirshenbaum will be the focus of the Wednesday, February 22 meeting of the book discussion group at the Sanibel Public Library. The 2 p.m. meeting is free and open to the public. Nancy Carlile will serve as leader for the discussion.

An Almost Perfect Moment is the story of coming of age in post-Eisenhower Brooklyn, as Jewish teen Valentine Kessler struggles with love, enmity, and betrayal in the shadow of her mother's sharp-eyed band of Mah Jongg players.

Discussion begins promptly at 2 p.m. in the ground floor meeting room across from the elevator. Reference materials are available at the library circulation desk. It is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the lively discussion. If you have questions, call the library at 472-2483. ✨

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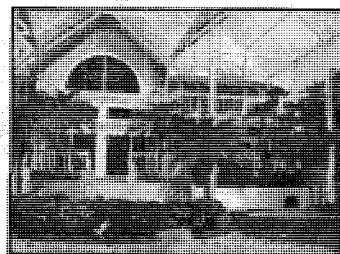
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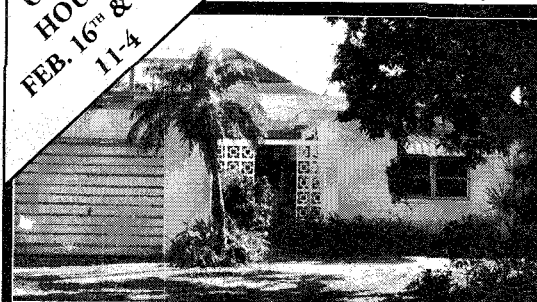
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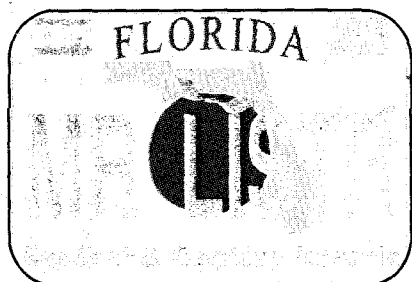
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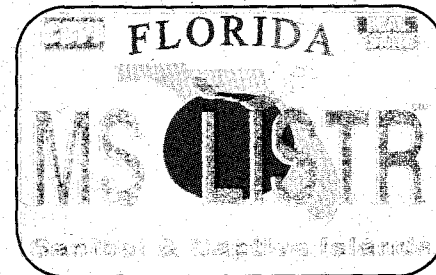
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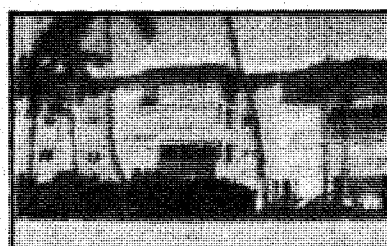


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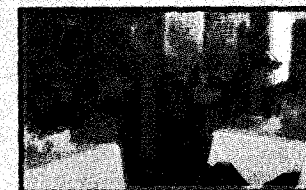


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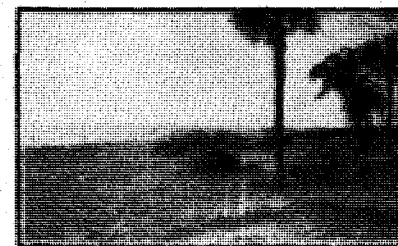
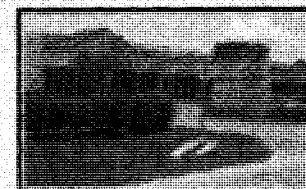


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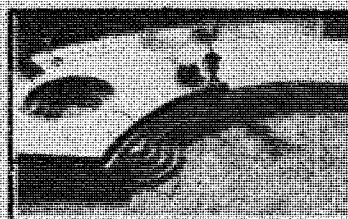
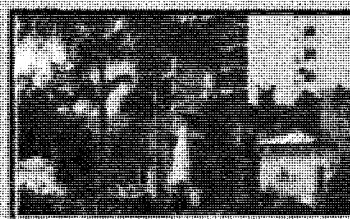


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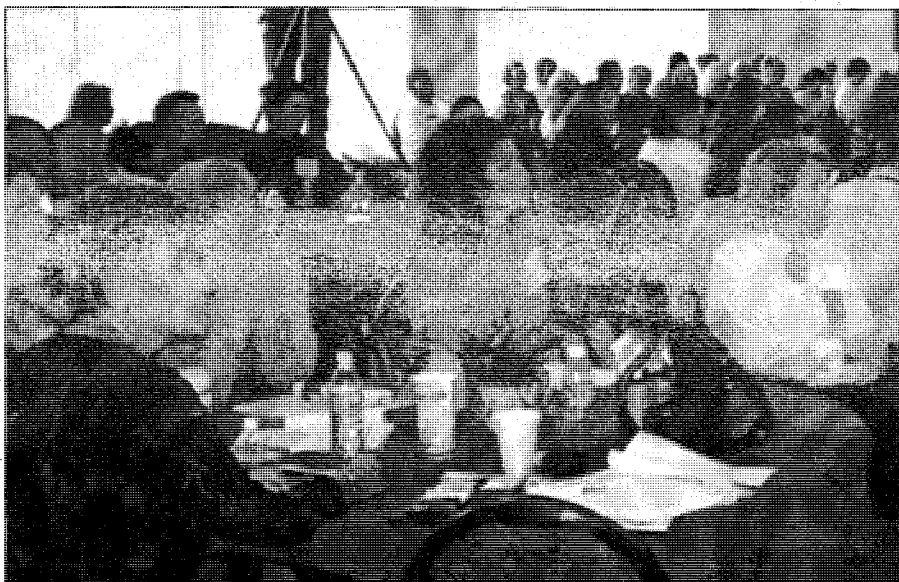
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70 Zonta Prominent In
Anti-trafficking Conference

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From front of table clockwise: Claire Mallon, Barbara Cooley, Laura Greendale, Wendy West, Carolyn Gray

The first national conference on human trafficking, titled Identify, Rescue and Restore, was held February 1 through 3, at Florida Gulf Coast University. Attended by a standing-room only crowd, it was deemed by participants "a wonderful conference - so worthwhile." The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva was one of six organizing partners, as was one of its service partners, the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

The conference was an example of how Zonta members support their partners through service and advocacy. Using their considerable organizational skills and professional experience, Zonta members helped plan the conference which drew national figures including top federal government officials from the Departments of Health



Anna Rodriguez, founder, Florida Coalition against Human Trafficking; JD Loethen, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Trafficking Unit; (Podium) Cindy McCurry-Ross, managing editor of *The News-Press*; Steve Wagner, director of Trafficking of Persons Program, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Nola Theiss, chair, Coalition against Human Trafficking in Southwest Florida and president-elect, Zonta Club of Sanibel Captiva

and Human Services, State, Justice, and the FBI, as well as experts from academia, including Dr. Alex Franco, internationally recognized expert on global human trafficking. Detective Frank Crandon of the Sanibel Police Department and Lee County Commissioner Bob Janes also attended. Steve Wagner, director of the Trafficking of Persons Program, a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said of the Lee County efforts, "They've made an investment here in a special way, unique to any other place in the country. There is no other place in the U.S. that has the same passion" in apprehending and prosecuting human traffickers.

Dr. William Merwin, FGCU president, gave the welcoming address. Dr. Genelle G. Grant of the Florida Migrant Interstate Program at FGCU also greeted the group. Claire Mallon, conference facilitator and Zonta club member, said, "This was a wonderful opportunity for people from various community groups, as well as law enforce

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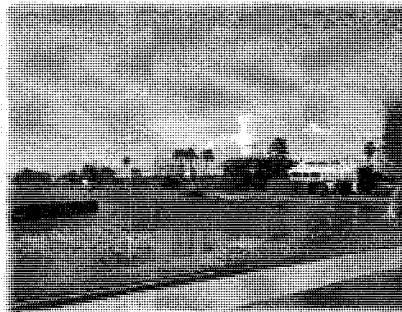
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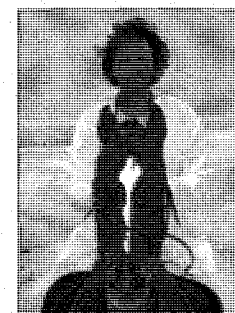
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ment representatives, to get together to share information, skills, knowledge and materials to help eradicate the trafficking of human beings. Fighting human trafficking must be a collaborative effort of peoples from around the world. It takes a partnership."

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva was well represented with over 16 members participating as speakers, facilitators or participants. Karen Pati, club president, served as emcee for the first day, which included a public forum. Darla Letourneau, past president and Nola Theiss, president-elect, who serve as co-chairs of the Anti-Trafficking Team, also played major roles as panel members and group facilitators. All felt that the conference provided a wonderful opportunity to interact with people who had different roles in combatting this crime – the identifiers of victims, the enforcers of the laws and the providers of the services for the victims.

After a keynote address by Professor Franco, the second day featured panel discussions and a movie filmed by Florida State University, "The Fields of Mudan."† This brought home the horrific effect of this crime on its victims. A panel moderated by Cindy McCurry-Ross, managing editor of *The News-Press*, featured the community partnership in Lee County, which has been called "a model of citizen activism." Workshops, organized by Nola Theiss, were then offered on topics ranging from cultural barriers, working with the media, and advocacy and legislation, to intense training for law enforcement. All groups left with action plans in place.

Proceeds from the conference will go toward the continuing outreach efforts of the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva supports service organizations which share its mission: to improve the lives of women around the world. In support of the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking and its two other service partners, Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) and Girls Making It On Purpose (GMIOP), club members have raised and distributed more than \$50,000 in the last two years, primarily through the annual fundraiser, A Peek at the Unique, the home tour coming up on Saturday, March 11.

Tickets for the fifth annual Peek are now on sale, available by calling 395-9176. The work of Zonta can also be supported through the purchase of tickets for the raffle Five Chances at the Unique. These are \$10 each, available from any club member and at McEnroe Gallery on Palm Ridge Road, the Island Nutrition Center or through donations sent to the Zonta Foundation of SW Florida, P.O. Box 1244, Sanibel, FL 33957. ✪

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Sanibel-Captiva Cares Gears Up For Event

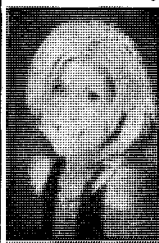


Linda Mondelli, Brenda Harrity, Heidi Marinello, Karen Hall and Holly Smith

Members of Sanibel-Captiva Cares sent out invitations to their sixth annual Island Celebration last Friday. The Caribbean Reggae Fest is set for Sunday, March 12. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is the master sponsor of the fundraiser that benefits The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida at HealthPark. ✪

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Film Notes

The Squid And The Whale – Fair Warning

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

This film, *The Squid and the Whale*, has been nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Screen Play. It was the winner of two awards at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival for screenwriting and directing. The subject, the dissolution of a family in divorce and the effect on children of the failed marriage, is certainly topical. But while the premise is sound, the movie is deeply offensive and the dialogue tawdry.

The father, Bernard (Jeff Daniels), is a failed novelist; the mother, Joan (Laura Linney) has become a literary success and the marriage has sputtered to a halt. Caught in the debris are two boys, one adolescent and one pre-adolescent. The parents break the news to them with all the smart, smugness of New York types with weekly psychiatrists' appointments. Bernard tells them about his new elegant place just across the park, the older boy opines, "Dad, across the block – that's Brooklyn! What about the cat?"

The parents have decided on a civilized three day each schedule for the boys with alternating Sundays. Sounds sensible but Bernard's place looks like a cold, bare, clattering barn and he rations food, paper towels and feeds the cat generic food instead of Purina until the poor fugitive escapes the confines of the cat carrier and runs off.

Joan has the money, the cozy home, and lo and behold, the younger boy's tennis pro sleeping en famille during her off three days. She hides books prior to the property division, "They're my books, I bought them and I want to keep them." Bernard in his non-stop professorial



lectures laced with a fatigued superiority observes, "A Philistine is a person who doesn't care about books and film."

All the while the boys' lives are in freefall; confused and disoriented from the chaos they are expected to understand with urban sophistication.

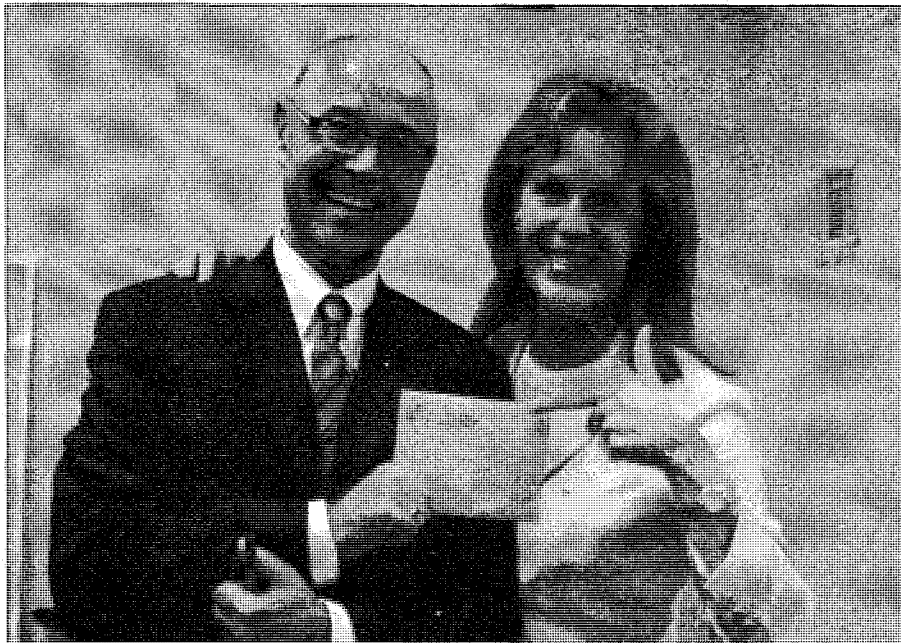
Sound interesting, yes; but the terrible, really dreadful, language ruins the film. You can't believe parents would talk this way, use these obscenities with their children and to each other. Jeff Daniels as Bernard you would like to shake until the moths in his scraggly beard fall out and his blank-eyed, complacent, smug, passivity vanishes. The rebellion of the younger boy becomes a really gross manifestation; the older boy succumbs to a precocious sexuality; and Bernard disgustingly seduces one of his young students. Had enough? ✪

Center Looking Toward Weekend Events

Invitations are still available to the annual fundraising reception for FGCU's Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education, taking place on Saturday, February 18, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The third annual gathering will be held at the home of Mallory and Peter Haffenreffer in Sanibel's Gulf Pines community. The host committee is hard at work with last-minute details, including catering the reception themselves.

The event's host committee includes Larry Amon, Armand Ball, Mary Bursley Carter, Barbara and Thomas Cooley, Helen Moe, the Haffenreffers, Louise Johnson, June LaCombe, Suzanne Weinheimer and Judy Workman.



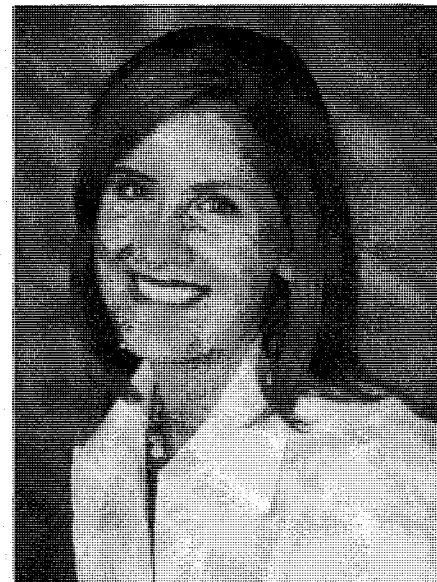
Fundraising reception host Mallory Haffenreffer and Peter Blaze Corcoran, director of FGCU's Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education

The center's weekend of events kicks off with the Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture featuring environmental scholar David Orr, on Friday, February 17, at 7 p.m. at Sanibel's St. Michael and All Angels Church. The topic of the lecture is *Hurricanes, Global Climate Change, and Politics: Connecting the Dots...*

An informal book signing reception with Orr follows the lecture, with books provided by Macintosh Book Shop. Orr will also speak that morning on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sprint Room, of Whitaker Hall. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

Orr is chair of environmental studies at Oberlin College, and author of books on ecological literacy, ecological design, and politics. He also serves as co-chair of the board of Advisors with the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education.

For an invitation to the fundraising reception, or for information about the lectures, contact center director, Peter Blaze Corcoran at 590-7166 or Donna Roberts at 810-0241.*



Bridget Ritchlin

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Ritchlin graduated from Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio with a BA degree in interior design and a minor in business. She started her own interior design business in Lancaster, Ohio in 1993. She specializes in custom window treatments and designing for commercial banks. She is an allied member of the American Society of Interior Designer, ASID.*

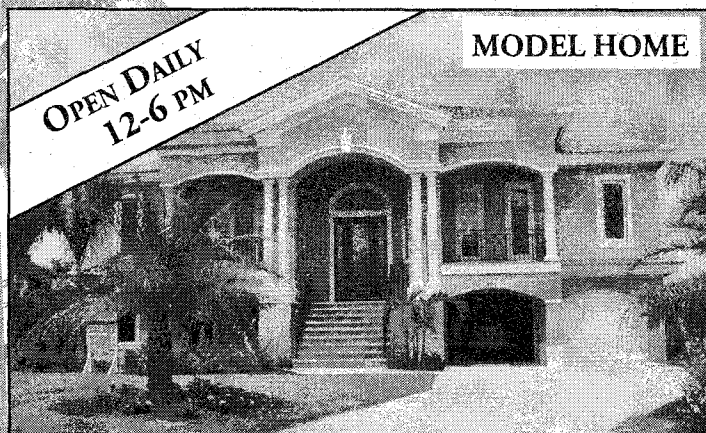
New Designer

Norfleet Interiors has a new designer, Bridget Ritchlin, who has 18 years of experience in both residential and commercial design.

Ritchlin is the daughter of Dr. Robert and Lynn Ritchlin. The Ritchlin family has owned property at Sanibel Moorings condominiums and Beachview Golf

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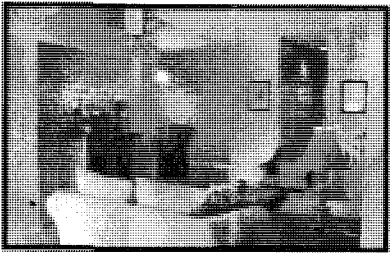
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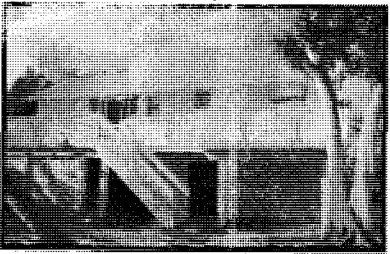
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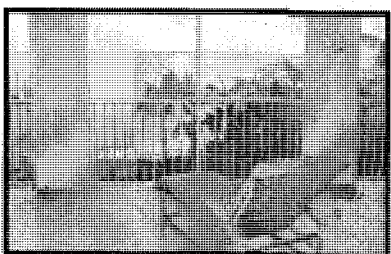
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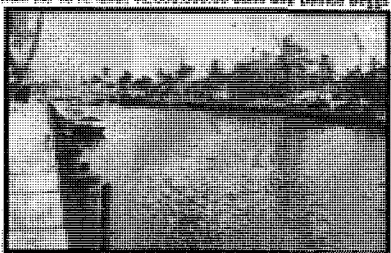
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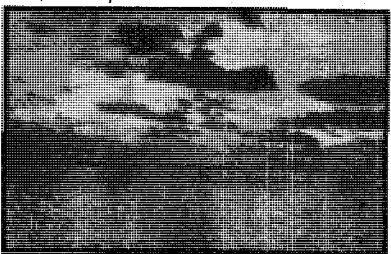
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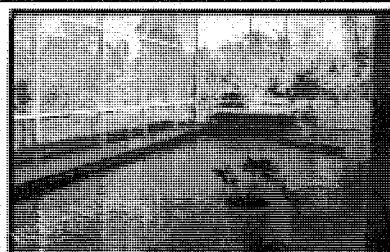
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Rare Location

Canal front, short stroll to the beach, spectacular custom home built by Sandcastle Construction in 1999. Imported tile floors, gourmet kitchen with granite counter and 5-burner gas range, oversized lap pool, boat dock and lift. Split plan 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath, library/office, formal dining and living room with 2 sided fireplace, elevator, huge lanai. \$1,895,000 Dan Cohn



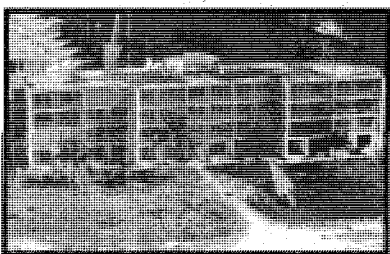
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Charming Old Florida home available with master suite and den/dining room on 1st living level as well as guest suite. Private elevator to the 2nd living level. 3 guestrooms and bath with a separate loft. \$1,295,000. Betsy Belpedio



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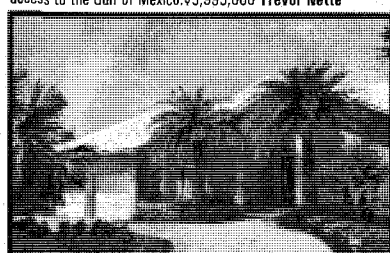
Totally rebuilt

3 bedroom, 3 bath home with new wrap around decking overlooking large swimming pool on bayside of the property. Located on estate size parcel with 100' of water frontage. Huge country eat-in kitchen features quartz countertops, new cupboards, top of the line appliances. New dock in place. Beautifully furnished. \$2,500,000 Trevor Nette



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Beachview Country Club Estates

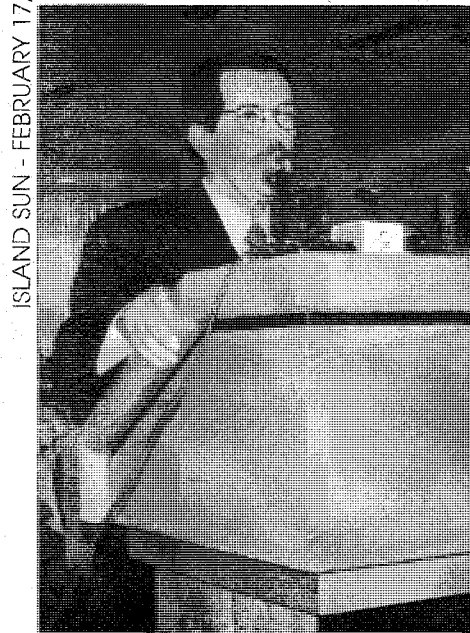
Situated on the fifth fairway, this 3BR/2BA, Michigan built, concrete block/stucco home offers outstanding golf course views. Split floor plan with master bedroom and bath (with Jacuzzi tub, shower, double sinks, walk-in closets). Vaulted ceilings and exposed beams. \$799,000 Cindy Simeon



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Water Managers



Ray Judah, county commissioner



A large crowd gathered at Florida Gulf Coast University to discuss water management issues

the staff that direction. "It was a very positive sign to me," Judah said, "because I believe the numbers are flawed and that will ultimately be shown. Lee County will hire a hydrologist to review how the Water Board updates the model."

Sanibel Mayor Carla Johnston challenged the Water Board to "give us our money's worth for the \$44 million of tax money coming from Lee County." (See side bar article)

Glades County Commissioner Alan Ward accused the Water Board of doing nothing to clean up Lake Okeechobee. "We have killed Lake Okeechobee because of the urban sprawl to the north of the lake. It is the dumping source, creating a cesspool in

the lake." He said the lake bottom must be cleaned so that when the water is released, it is clean.

In response to "quick fix" suggestions, water managers made several telling points.

- Storage of water, suggested by Lee County, in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) south of the lake is not an option. The cost would be a minimum of \$8 to \$10 billion for 400,000 acres of sugar farms, not including mills and refineries.

- If water releases stopped today, water quality problems would continue from the 1.5 million-acre feet of water that would run into the Caloosahatchee from urban

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The speaker will be war historian Albert Axell who has written books on Japan, China, Mongolia and Russia. Two years ago he invited two Kamikaze pilots, both in their 80s, to London to take part in a book launch at the Imperial War Museum. Both were experienced pilots and joined the Kamikaze ranks in August 1945, but the war ended before they took off on a final suicide mission against American warships:

Axell, who lives on Sanibel Island, will discuss some striking similarities between the 911 suicide terrorists and Japan's Kamikaze pilots. At the end of the lecture he will take questions. Two of his books on World War II will be available at the lecture.✧

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On The Shelf: New At The Captiva Library

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

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Non-fiction: *Lincoln's Other White House: The Untold Story of the Man*

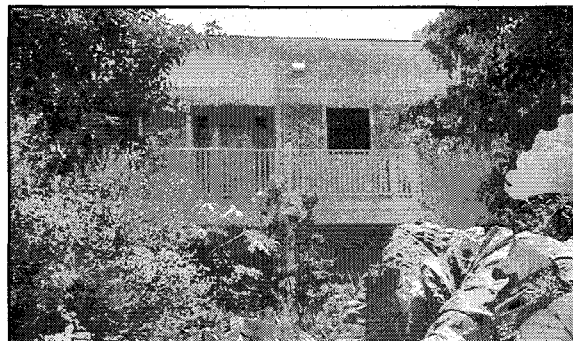
and His Presidency

For years this other house, the Soldiers Home, sat unremarked but still lovely on a corner of 11th and L Streets across the street from the bleak headquarters of the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. Through the recent efforts of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the lovely Gothic Revival cottage has been restored and its history revealed. Lincoln and his family, fleeing from the memories of their favorite son, Willie, dead only months before, left the chaos of the White House and sought a calm refuge in the secluded place. But the sounds of cannons, favor seeking politicians and troublesome generals sought him out even there. He remained in the house for a quarter of his presidency and Elizabeth Smith Brownstein has used letters, diaries and eye-witness accounts in her research of Lincoln, his troubled but touching marriage, and the darkest days of the dreadful Civil War.✧

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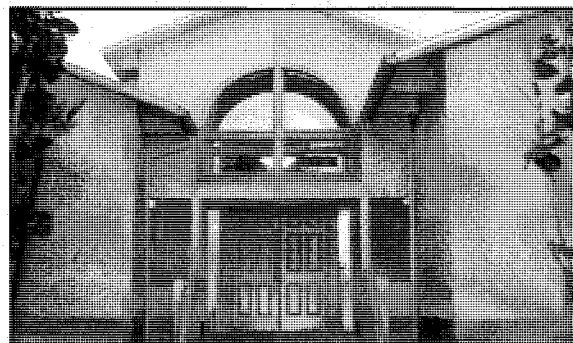
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City planning staff recommended approval of the request by Marty Harrity for property owners Charles and Nancy Niesel, with the proviso that the child care center, salon and Cablevision office are closed after 5 p.m.

Planning Director Bob Duffy said the city can track any such changes in use through occupational licenses.✱

City Holds Special Water Meeting

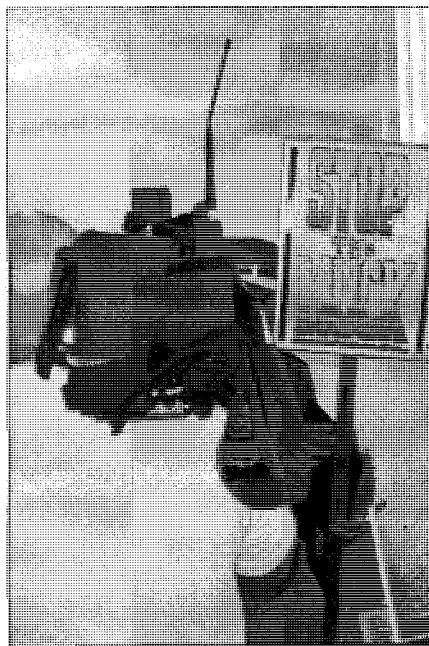
by Jim George

Sanibel City Council held a special meeting this week at the request of Council member Tom Rothman to discuss the city's next step in the ongoing water quality controversy. With only sparse public attendance, Council once again grappled with the issue of what exactly the city should do. The city has been contemplating legal action against the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District to force the two agencies to stop massive water releases from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River. The water ultimately reaches the Pine Island Estuary and the waters surrounding Sanibel. The polluted water is alleged to be destroying marine life and vegetation, and threatening the health of the estuary.

This week's meeting was a follow-up to a meeting held last week by the South Florida Water Management District at Florida Gulf Coast University, which most city councilors attended (See related articles in this issue).

The frustration of the council was evident as they struggled to define a clear course of action and ways to inject the city into the decision making process of water managers or officials with influence in the process. Rothman said his reason for calling the special meeting was that he felt the city was being reactive rather than proactive and should be looking ahead to prevent large releases over the next couple of years. He said the city should assess what the top 10 things are that water managers should be doing to stop the releases. He made a recommendation that the city attempt to place a person on the Water Resources Advisory Committee since other municipalities have representation there. Mayor Carla Johnston said the council's primary obligation was to "stop the bleeding by dealing with the 2006 releases first." Council member Jim Jennings and Mick Denham advocated increased lobbying activity at the state level to bring pressure to bear on water managers. Council member Steve Brown, who was critical of the short notice of the special meeting, commented that he felt the city was being too soft in its approach to the problem. No concrete strategy resulted from the meeting but City Manager Judie Zimomra advised council that there are nine water quality issues on the agenda for the council's February 21 meeting.✱

Water Managers



A wide variety of posters attracted media attention

storm sewer discharge as a result of development. The water is nutrient rich with phosphorus and nitrogen from fertilizers. Water managers claim that discharge is 40 percent of the total.

- Water releases are dictated by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers not by the South Florida Water Management District.

- The whole water system was originally designed years ago to operate exactly the way it is today.

- Lake Okeechobee submerged aquatic vegetation is gone which means that the bottom muck will be continually suspended in the water that is released to the river.

- Seven projects of Regional Impact north of Lake Okeechobee will have an extremely negative effect on the water system.

- Another wet climate season like 2004 and 2005 means releases will continue.

One thing was clear. The overwhelming scope of the water situation will grow even larger as new development and large scale construction continues. Lee County, with a current population of some 600,000 is projected to grow to 1.5 million, according to Lee County Smart Growth figures. The areas north and south of the lake are growing as well. The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CLEP) is a 30-year project. Will it be too late?✱

What They Said....

by Jim George

Officials and private citizens jammed the auditorium of Florida Gulf Coast University to give their own opinions on the water crisis. Comments varied about the content and outcome of the meeting. Many were critical, all were concerned for the future.

Rob Loflin, Sanibel natural resource director:

"They listened to the public comments but nothing new came out of the meeting. They are continuing with their projects without any real sense of urgency. We have 10,000 acres of sea grass in the estuary that is in terrible condition and we're not sure if the grass will recover if the releases continue."

Mike Valiquette, Sanibel planning commissioner:

"Send water in three directions equally. Stop the immediate problem. Lower the lake to 11 feet."

Carol Wehle, executive director, South Florida Water Management District:

"We have a huge problem. We must work together."

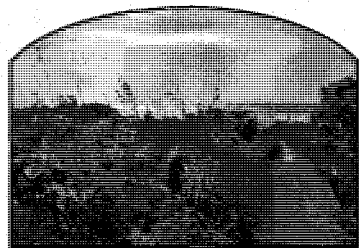
Wayne Daltry, Smart Growth director: "By our silence we have contributed to the current situation. We are no longer silent."

Ms. Drakes, Moorehaven Senior High School class:

"Clean Lake Okeechobee bottom and filter water better."

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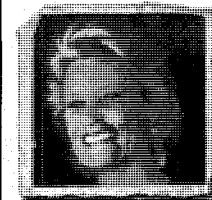
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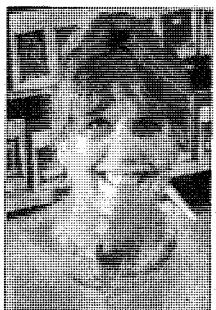
SHORT FORM

Permit No.	Address	Strap No.	Owner	Filing Date	Description	Status
06-00003175	3825 Coquina Drive	20-46-22-T1-0010D.0160	Roeder	1/3/6	Residential Remodel/Addition	Issued
06-00003176	1046 Periwinkle Way	19-46-23-T3-00007.0020	Meyers	1/3/6	Replace Existing Store Awnings	Issued
06-00003177	4518 Bowen Bayou Road	13-46-21-T2-00100.1580	Parker	1/3/6	Trim Mangroves	Active
06-00003178	686 Emeril Court	28-46-22-T1-00305.0330	Felsenthal	1/4/6	Fence	Issued
06-00003179	4458 Waters Edge Lane	20-46-22-T4-00008.0140	Cooley	1/4/6	ATF Front Deck Alteration	Issued
06-00003180	1769 Venus Drive	18-46-23-T4-0060F.0030	Roberts	1/4/6	Repair Boat Dock and Lift	Issued
06-00003181	1500 Angel	18-46-23-T10010B.0110	Brady	1/4/6	Boat Lift	Issued
06-00003182	1688 Hibiscus Drive	18-46-23-T4-00500.0250	Anderson	1/4/6	Screen Enclosure for Pool	Issued
06-00003183	4636 Bowen Bayou Rd.	13-46-21-T2-00100.1690	Kulina	1/5/6	Screen Enclosure for Pool	Withdrawn
06-00003184	1622 Serenity Lane	24-46-22-T3-0010E.0130	Babb	1/6/6	Mangrove	Issued
06-00003185	1297 Isabel Drive	18-46-23-T3-0030.0410	Tate	1/6/6	Mangrove	Issued
06-00003186	1370 Tahiti Drive	19-46-22-T2-00600.0760	Green	1/9/6	Pool Screen Enclosure	Active
06-00003187	526 North Yachtsman Drive	20-46-23-T2-01500.0520	Ernest	1/11/6	Boat Dock/Lift/Davit	Active
06-00003188	1314 Isabel Drive	18-46-23-T3-00300.0390	Clark	1/11/6	Boat Doc./Lift/David	Active
06-00003189	1571 San Carlos Bay Drive	18-46-23-T1-00001.0420	Nye	1/11/6	Addition/Remodel Conforming	Active
06-00003190	1331 Sand Castle Road	19-46-23-T4-0100C.0550	Schlackman	1/12/6	Fence	Issued
06-00003191	6143 Castaways Lane	11-46-21-T1-0030B.0010	Gerhardt	1/12/6	Fence	Active
06-00003192	475 Las Tiendas Lane	20-46-23-T3-0330B.0020	Meyer	1/12/6	Fence	Issued
06-00003193	3131 Twin Lakes Lane	27-46-22-T4-00500.0680	Llewellyn	1/12/6	Fence	Issued
06-00003194	1203 Par View Drive	30-46-23-T4-0190A.0020	Losher	1/12/6	Fence	Issued
06-00003195	2166 Starfish	36-46-22-T1-00600.0250	Roody	1/12/6	Fence	Active
06-00003196	805 East Gulf Drive	29-46-23-T1-00300.000A	Sanibel Arms	1/12/6	Trim Mahoe	Withdrawn
06-00003197	1516 Angel Drive	18-46-23-T1-0010B.0050	Boyle	1/13/6	Addition/Remodel Conforming	Active
06-00003198	5308 Ladyfinger Lake Road	13-46-21-T2-00200.1870	Segura	1/13/6	Relandscape front Yard	Issued
06-00003199	1486 Sandcastle Road	19-46-23-T4-0100A.0240	Rambo	1/18/6	Addition/Remodel Conforming	Issued
06-00003200	888 Rabbit Road	28-46-22-T2-00006.1090	Comella	1/19/6	Pavers and Drainage	Issued
06-00003201	1035 Kings Crown Drive	20-46-23-T4-04100.0060	Greto	1/19/6	Repair Sea Wall	Issued
06-00003203	3025 West Gulf Drive	36-46-22-T2-02100.000A	Janthina Condo	1/20/6	Trim Forward of CCCL	Active
06-00003204	9436 Arum Court	24-46-22-T3-0010E.0330	Culver	1/24/6	Rem & Rep pool/deck/cage	Active
06-00003205	812 Sand Dollar Drive	29-46-23-T1-00103.0770	Titgemeier	1/24/6	Brick Paver Driveway	Active
06-00003206	2029 Periwinkle Way	25-46-22-T1-00005.0020	Churchill	1/24/6	Horse stable/Barn Addition	Issued
06-00003207	610 North Yachtsman Drive	20-46-23-T2-01500.0450	Haffener	1/24/6	Mangrove Trimming	Active
06-00003208	2899 Wulfert Road	02-46-21-T3-00200.0840	Monahan	1/25/6	SFR/Pool	Active
06-00003209	536 Lighthouse Way	20-46-23-T2-01500.0130	Stephens	1/25/6	Modify Pool Area & Spa	Active
06-00003210	1152 Paper Fig Court	20-46-23-T1-00100.0600	Waterman	1/25/6	Pave Driveway	Active
06-00003211	2330 Palm Ridge Road #5	26-46-22-T2-0030A.0010	Beach Floor & Décor	1/26/6	Sign	Issued
06-00003212	1811 Old Middle Gulf Drive	36-46-22-T2-00900.000A	Thomas Aro	1/26/6	Remove Cattails	Active
06-00003213	1272 Isabel Drive	18-46-23-T3-00300.0340	Kfoury	1/27/6	Generator with Platform	Issued
06-00003214	1304 Par View	30-46-23-T4-0190A.0790	Harman	1/27/6	Driveway Pavers	Active
06-00003215	4440 Waters Edge Lane	20-46-22-T4-00008.0210	Bowden	1/27/6	Screen Enclosure Pool & Deck	Active
06-00003216	1419 Sandpiper Circle	19-46-23-T1-00400.016a	Scheiber	1/30/6	Deck Addition	Active
06-00003217	1073 Skiff Place	20-46-23-T3-02000.0310	Ormiston	1/30/6	Boat Dock	Active
06-00003218	3302 Twin Lakes Lane	27-46-22-T4-00700.0330	Shank	1/30/6	Swimming Pool Fence	Active
06-00003219	441 Lake Murex Circle	27-46-22-T4-00500.0840	Kelly	1/30/6	Fence	Active
06-00003220	800 Beach Road	29-46-23-T1-00001.0210	Wigington	1/30/6	Seawall Repair	Active
06-00003221	1223 Periwinkle Way	19-46-23-T3-00014.0010	Darayess	1/31/6	Mechanical Pepper Removal	Active

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05-00003038	1905 Periwinkle Way	25-46-22-T1-00005.0010	Landbel Inc.	10/12/5	Major Subdivision	Incomplete
05-00003054	630 Tarpon Bay	26-46-22-T1-00229.0060	RLR Invest	10/20/5	Certificate of Appropriateness	Pending
05-00003100	5721 Sanibel Captiva Road	12-46-21-T4-00010.0110	Wehmann	11/16/5	Boat Dock	PC 2/14/6
05-00003101	5721 Sanibel Captiva Road	12-46-21-T4-00010.0110	Wehmann	11/16/5	Variance LDC 126-876	PC 2/14/6
06-00003202	975 Rabbit Road	21-46-23-T3-00007.0020	Doc Ford's	1/19/6	CUP Outdoor Seats	PC 2/14/6

78 Around The Islands With Anne Life Is Good At Synergy; See New Vera Bradley Styles; Go Shell Shopping



by Anne Mitchell

“Life is good” is not just a great philosophy, it’s a brand name, and that means T-shirts, shorts, jackets, frisbees and more.

Symbolized by the cute stick figure guy — Jake — with a wide grin that makes you want to smile, the brand has developed a following among all ages. And, think about it, nowhere is the philosophy more true than here on Sanibel, where the good life draws people from all corners of the globe.

A new store, **Synergy** in Periwinkle Place, is the official dealer for Life is good, which means you can buy almost the entire line from this Derry, New Hampshire firm whose goal is to spread optimism with simple, feel-good images.

The owners of Synergy, Lorrie Schlosser and Gary Tateosian, carry perhaps the largest selection of Life is good merchandise in Florida. In fact, their two-story shop is almost entirely devoted to stuff bearing the likeness of Jake and his dog Rocket.

True to the concept, Schlosser and Tateosian have had the store’s interior painted in the same subtle shades as the merchandise, such as barn red, apple, clay, moss and shadow.

Schlosser and Tateosian supported the founders, Bert and John Jacobs in 1994 when they were penniless graduates selling T-shirts out of their van and had \$78 to their name. Schlosser said after she gave the brothers a T-shirt order, they were in a panic about how to raise the money to fill the order.

Today, the Jacobs’ sales total more than \$10 million a year — and it just keeps going from there. LIG merchandise now includes yoga wear, kids’ stuff and a pets’ line, linen shirts and jewelry.

There’s a Life is good image for everyone, surfer, golfer, hiker, soccer player, camper, you name it. There’s even one featuring a PB&J sandwich. Schlosser said through it all, the brothers have maintained their high standard of quality and a tradition of charitable giving.

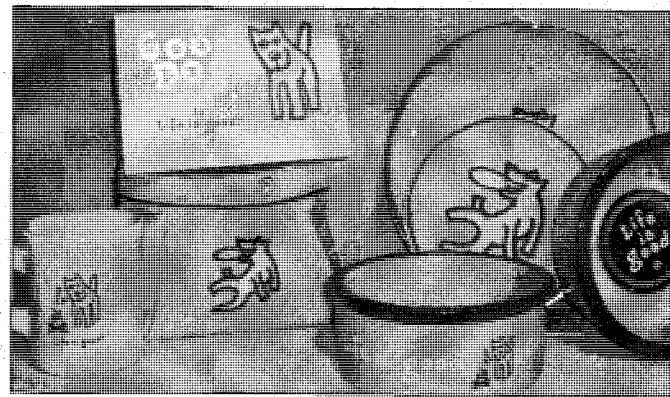
Although Life is good dominates Synergy, the store also has a big selection of designer sunglasses including Coach, RayBan, Prada, Ferragamo, Dolce & Gabbana, Fendi and Mui Mui. There also are women’s shoes by Kenneth Cole and Dr. Scholl’s.



Lorrie Schlosser and Gary Tateosian outside their Synergy store in Periwinkle Place

The latest Vera Bradley prints are now available at **Keylime Clothing Co.** at 359 Periwinkle Way, on the east end.

There are four new fabrics in the latest line-up: Hope (pink/mango to tie into the company’s breast cancer research efforts), Citrus, Java Blue and Petal Pink. There are several new purse styles,



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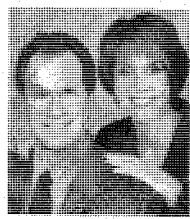
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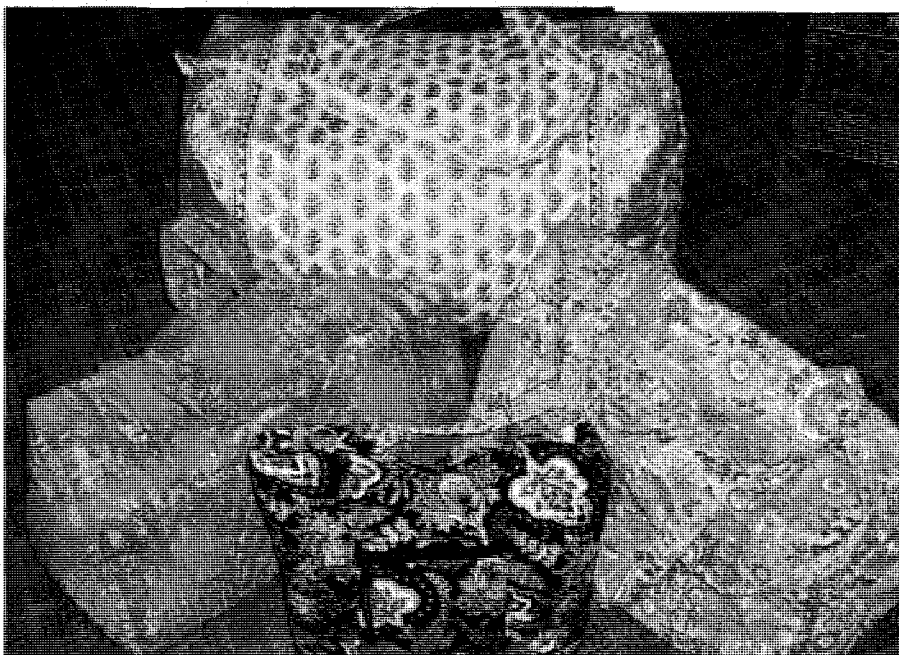


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New Vera Bradley bags at Keylime Clothing Co.

including a bucket. I love the blue/brown combination of Java Blue, a great year-round pattern.

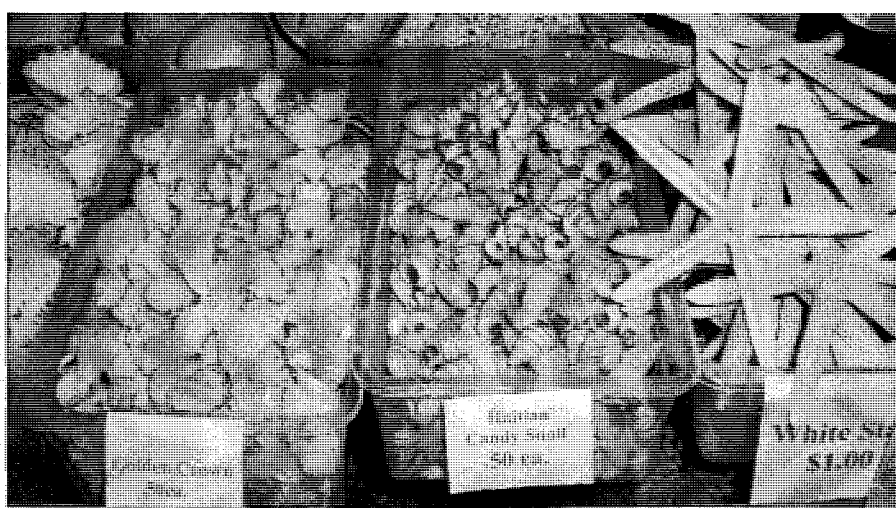
There's a free gift with purchase while supplies last — a silver-tone key ring decorated with one of the four new fabrics.

With temperatures heating up again, what better than a delicious helping of home-made ice cream. **Pinocchio's Italian Ice Cream**, at 362 Periwinkle Way, on Sanibel's east end, makes about 100 different flavors, which are switched out daily.

Their Sanibel Crunch sounds yummy, with toasted coconut, mixed nuts and melted chocolate in vanilla ice cream. No wonder it's a big seller. Pinocchio's also does sundaes, smoothies, shakes and coffee drinks.

A must-have for ice cream lovers is their new "Just in the lick of time" T-shirt featuring a dog. It comes in sizes from child to adult and is, of course, in ice cream colors.

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With Sanibel's 69th annual Shell Fair and Show slated for March 2 to 4, interest in all-things shell-related is reaching a peak. And **The Shell Net** is sure to be among the go-to places for crafters and collectors.

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What They Said...

Sanibel Mayor Carla Johnston:
"We're dialing 911 and can't wait for you to build the hospital before you respond."

Ray Judah, Lee County commissioner:
"You are using flawed data (to solve the problem)."

Garr Reynolds, mayor of Fort Myers Beach:

"Restore nature. Stop pesticides at their source."

Janet Taylor, Clewiston, commissioner:
"Don't sacrifice the few for the many. We love our rural way of life."

Tony Smith, City of South Bay:
"We don't want to be victimized."

Glades County commissioner:
"Lake Okeechobee is our asset. What happens if our residents are displaced?"

Martin County commissioner:
"Let's get along and come to the table with solutions."

Jim Fleming, chairman of East Lee County Water Control District:

"The real problem is failure to control growth."*

Mayor To Water Managers: 'We're Dialing 911'

by Jim George

After sitting for three hours listening to water officials detail their plans for solving the pollution of the estuary over the next several years, Mayor Carla Johnston took the podium with all guns blazing. In a fiery response that brought applause and cheers from the audience of over 600 people that jammed the Student Union Auditorium at Florida Gulf Coast University last week, Johnston said. "We've got a crisis here. We're dialing 911 and we can't wait for you to build the hospital before you respond. We are being forced to live with carcinogens in our environment."

She went on to say that the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge is dying from the mats of green algae covering vast areas

of the refuge, a refuge that over 800,000 people visit every year. In an obvious slap at earlier speakers who commented about loss of jobs in the farm areas of the east coast, Johnston responded by saying that \$44 million of Lee County tax money goes to the South Florida Water Management District "and we want our money's worth. It amounts to taxation without representation." She added that the Lee County tourist industry has 40,000 jobs in jeopardy.

While complimenting the Water Board for their long term planning, her comments were obviously meant to jolt the Water Management Board back to the reality of the current desperate situation. She also chastised them for failing to establish an emergency task force to deal with the present crisis and for not developing any scientific data for the estuary. "You're on auto-pilot and that's not good enough," she said. She challenged the Water Board and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers by saying, "You are the people that can fix it."

Officials from around southern Florida who spoke at the podium were almost deferential to the Water Board. Not so with Johnston, whose dynamic delivery touched off the eclectic array of constituencies in the room with cheers and applause throughout her brief statement.

Although Councilmen Steve Brown, Tom Rothman and Jim Jennings, along with City Attorney Ken Cuyler and Natural Resources Director Rob Loflin, were also in attendance, Johnston was the designated speaker from Sanibel. Councilman Mick Denham was out of the city on personal business.*

Keeping Sanibel Sanibel

Memo from Mayor Carla B. Johnston

Tuesday, February 21 at 9 a.m., City Council engages in its bi-monthly dialogue pertaining to city policy and staff execution of said policy. It's how we guarantee government by rules rather than rumor. Come. Be part of the decision-making.

The "fun" of governing is far more "challenge" than some might imagine. It's finding solutions to complex problems - like the destruction caused by Lake O water releases, or setting policy for redevelopment while also "keeping Sanibel Sanibel." It's researching alternatives, examining local circumstances and interests, hearing staff suggestions, interpreting how a proposal weighs against the Sanibel Plan. It's the art of finding a common ground majority within the mix of facts, personalities, perceptions, consequences - variables evident whenever any group of people function well - an organization, a government, a business.

Of course, there are questions. Deliberate questions, even if difficult, are still straightforward problem solving. The most troublesome challenges involve establishing trust when there is none and finding common interest (beyond self interest) in solving a problem. We live in an era when people are suspicious of almost everything, and when "me" matters more than "us."

How can people work together if they don't listen to each other? How can we listen to each other if each party is certain

that their answer is correct and that no other view matters?

Do these challenges filter into the public discourse in Sanibel and South Florida? Below find three examples.

First, one could ask how to distinguish between facts and beliefs in the debate about the April 4 recreation center referendum. How do you really know that the building is not in need of replacement if you don't want to see it? What is added to the process of answering questions by inserting rumor, suspicion and innuendo? Public record contains the facts, the history. (All government is public record except labor negotiations and consultations with a lawyer during a suit.) To be sure, finding one's way through the piles of data is not easy; this is why council hopes to identify what unanswered questions still need to be addressed. Facts on these issues will become a brochure to be mailed in early March.

Operational costs and user fees will be in that brochure. What other questions exist?

Second, could the debate about Australian pines benefit from an exchange not based in absolutism? Do we solve the problem when it's "I'm right, you're wrong?" What is the point of continuing the game where those with one point of view trump those with other points of view by catching them off guard?

"Pines block evacuation routes." "Not if you 'top' them." "Pines host wildlife." "No, they're invasive." Why not just put all views on the table and find a viable solution? We might move past the heat and shed some light on solutions that can make our island both safe and respectful of aesthetic concerns and property rights. On the February 21 agenda there is an item to identify what pine issues might be addressed on March 7.

Third, our water quality is being greatly damaged by the Lake Okeechobee releases into our estuary. For over 15 years the Army Corps and the South Florida Water Management District have been engaged in Everglades restoration. Evidence suggests that Southwest Florida taxpayers are not getting our money's worth in water quality protection. One might conclude that this is because people who live and work in the Caloosahatchee estuary have not had a seat at the water policy table. Will time be wasted by dividing people (coast and inland) and dividing economies (agriculture and tourism)? I hope not. All South Florida must tell the Army Corps and the SFWMD that we share a common interest - clean water, managed so that the natural environment and the human environment can co-exist with zero tolerance for damaging each other. Is that possible? We need the long term relief that the governor has promised to fast-track, but we especially need short term emergency room treatment to protect our estuary from the extinction that will likely result if 2006 and 2007 water releases are the same as those in 2005!

Solutions come only when it's "us" finding enough trust to collaborate, never when it's "us versus them." Us is them!

Please let your ideas and your concerns become part of the process. Come to council meetings. Email us at san-council@mysanibel.com and check the Web site www.mysanibel.com to view the full council agenda.*

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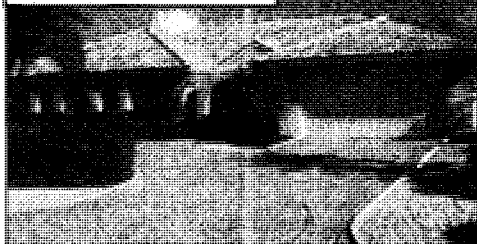
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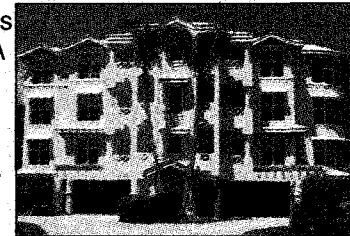


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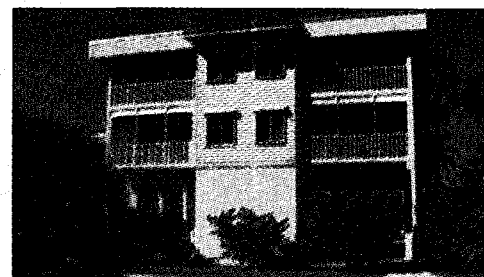
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NEW LISTING



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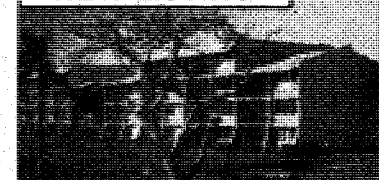
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NEW LISTING



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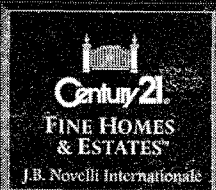
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SCCF, CROW Receive Bank Donations

Weston Palmer is the winner of the We Love Our Islands promotion sponsored by Bank Of The Islands. Weston was spotted with a We Love Our Islands decal on his vehicle. That won him the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a charitable contribution of \$400 from the Bank Of The Islands.

This contribution marks \$16,400

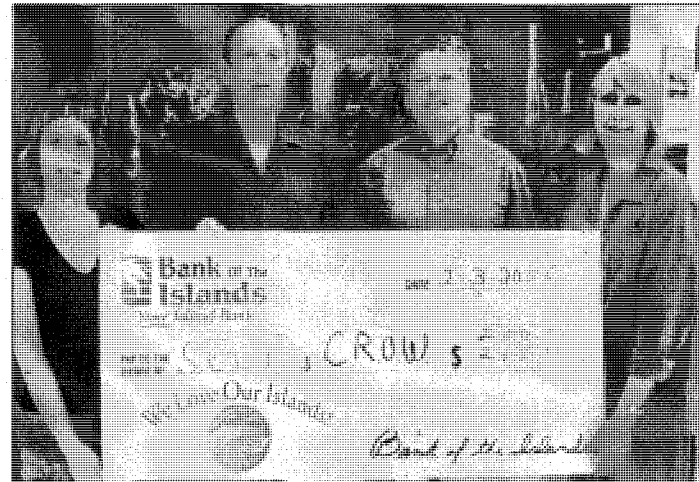
given to island non-profits through the program.

Weston decided to split the donation between the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Animals.

"SCCF and CROW do so much for our island habitat and the creatures who call it home," said Bank Of The Islands Manager Rob Lisenbee. "Because of Weston's choice, we have one more opportunity to show how much we support their work, and how much we appreciate being your island bank."

The bank invites all past winners to come by the bank to receive a limited edition silkscreen T-shirt.

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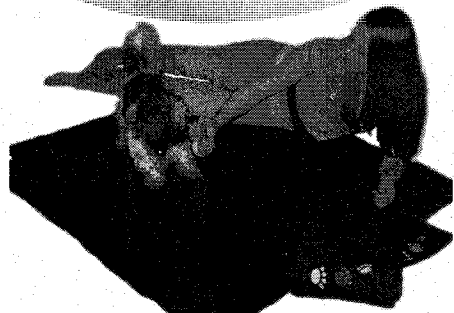
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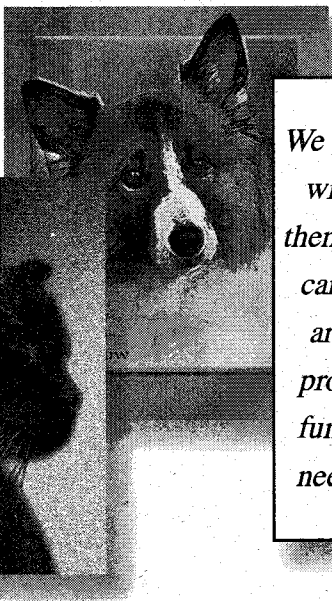
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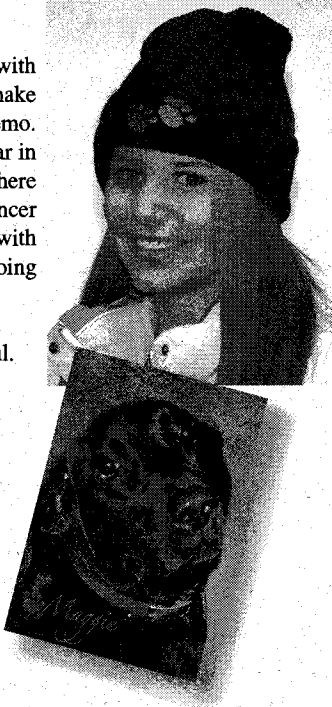
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PURRE

ing large-scale problems. Again, and quite sadly through no fault of ours or the lake residents, these have become our problems as well. This is partially due to water that historically ran-off from the lake into low lying areas prior to development, now diverted by necessity, in order to keep from flooding those same areas.

In all fairness, and with consideration to the careful painstaking planning that Sanibel goes through to preserve this island and its waters, our residents should be up in arms at the thought of having to bear the brunt of mistakes arrogantly and irresponsibly made by those who are in charge of managing Lake Okeechobee.

Yes, livelihoods are at stake, homes are at stake, and a long list of high stakes are on the table, for all communities around the lake, and communities like ours in the pathways of these deadly water releases. I believe that we should do everything that we can to insure that the lake releases are brought into compliance with what our environmentally protected waters can tolerate.

Please help our efforts in raising public awareness and increasing the pressure with politicians to change and enforce laws.

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Island Seniors Exercise Programs

Island Senior Center offers a large variety of exercise programs. Island Seniors is a City of Sanibel Life Enrichment Program for people over the age of 50. For further information on classes, call 472-5743 or come by the Center at 2401 Library Way.

Aerobics is offered three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Class times are 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. each day. Leaders are Sandi McDougall and Maggie Goldsmith. Cost is \$2.10 for members, \$4.10 for guests.

Yoga classes are offered on Tuesday at 10 a.m. for those with more experience. Classes on Thursday are from 10 a.m. for beginners and experienced. Wednesdays Chair Yoga classes are at 3:30 p.m. for people who have limitations due to illness or surgery. These classes are led by Dr. Susan Pataky who has her doctorate in naturopathic medicine. People of all ages are welcome. The charge is \$13 per class for Island Seniors members and \$15 for non-members.

Pilates classes are led by Marsha Wagner on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. The pilates system focuses on strengthening the center of the body. Cost is \$12 per class or four classes for \$45.

Line dancing is led by Sandy Double on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. This group

has been going for many years but they always welcome new comers. Cost is \$2.10 for Members and \$4.10 for non-members.

Tai Chi has been added to the center's exercise program. This gentle movement will have a significant effect on balance, high blood pressure and arthritis pain. People of all ages and abilities are welcome. Bonnie Clancy teaches these classes. She is an occupational therapist with 15 years experience. The classes are Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. The fee is \$10 per class.

Water exercise is offered at the Recreation center pool Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m.

City Tennis Program at the Sundial Resort - clinic, round robin - is offered every week day at 11 a.m. for \$10 per person. Rental of the Hard Court, \$8 per hour, clay court, \$12 per hour. For information and reservations, call the Sundial at 472-4151.

Kayaking is offered on Tuesdays leaving from the Senior Center. This is a flexible schedule so call the Center for more information. Cost is \$2 for members and \$4 for non-members.

Other special classes and events **Hiking the Beaches of Sanibel.** For the second year Bruce and Ruth Borgan will lead five meetings hiking the Gulf of Mexico perimeter of Sanibel. The first session is Thursday, January 19 at 8 a.m. Meet at the Center to carpool to the hike start. Sign up is required.

Waist Management. Sandi McDougall, administrator of the Island

Senior program, will be presenting 10 sessions following the guidelines of the Mayo Clinic **Healthy Weight for EveryBody.** Call the Center to sign up, as class size will be very limited.

Potlucks, day trips, theater trips, and many social and educational events round out the senior program. The annual dues are \$15. Membership is open to those 50 and over.✱

FISH Seeks Volunteers

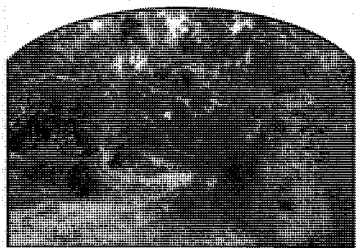
People who care about their neighbors and community are asked to volunteer with Fish (Friends In Service Here), an organization that provides a wide range of people-friendly assistance to those who need it.

Here are some of the ways to help:

- Loaning wheelchairs, canes, walkers and other health care equipment
- Meal delivery to housebound people, non-drivers and anyone recovering from surgery, an accident or loss of spouse
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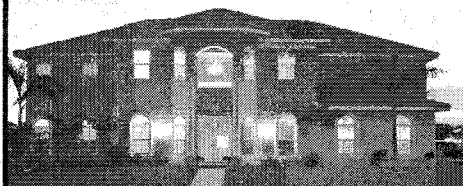
Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is currently accepting scholarship applications from local Lee County high school seniors for its 2006 Scholarship Award Program. This is the fourth year the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center has partnered with Encore Senior Village to offer scholarships to college-bound students who have had a personal experience with someone suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

Seniors from local high schools are invited to submit an application for a \$1,000 scholarship. Each applicant is asked to write a narrative about his/her positive experience with a family member or friend who is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia. A panel of Advisory Board members of the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center will review the applications focusing on the narrative as well as the student's volunteer experience and future goals.

"Each year, we receive excellent applications from high school seniors who compassionately described their personal experiences with a grandparent or family member affected by memory impairment," says Dotty St. Amand, executive director of the Dubin Alzheimer's

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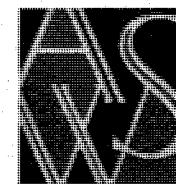
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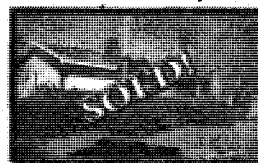


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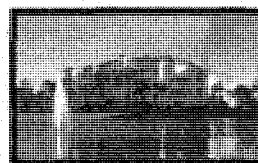


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Postal Service Facts That May Surprise You

by Ken Rufo, Postmaster Sanibel

Do you know the person who brings you your mail? Probably. The person who sells you your stamps? Maybe. You know how to address an envelope and affix a stamp. What else is there to know about the Postal Service? Here are some facts that may surprise you!

Impact. The Postal Service "is at the center of a \$900 billion mailing industry, which employs nine million people in such businesses as direct mail, paper manufacturers and printers," reports the *Washington Post*. At \$900 billion, the mailing industry represents 8.5 percent of the entire U.S. economy.

Access. The Postal Service serves about seven million customers each day at one of more than 37,000 retail facilities. That's more outlets than

McDonald's, 7-Eleven or Starbucks.

Reliability. On-time service for local first-class mail is at an all-time high of 96 percent.

Volume. America's Postal Service employees sort, sequence and deliver more mail - more than 200 billion pieces of mail a year - to more people over more distance than any other country.

Scope. The Postal Service delivers to more than 141 million homes, businesses and post office boxes six days a week in every community, coast to coast.

Size. The Postal Service is one of the largest employers in the nation, generating \$2 billion in salaries and benefits every two weeks.

Transportation. The Postal Service operates a transport and delivery fleet of more than 210,000 vehicles driving approximately 1.15 billion miles each year. Each one-cent increase in the price of fuel costs the Postal Service \$8 million.

Satisfaction. In 2003, 94 percent of households surveyed had a positive perception of the postal service, with more than two out of three rating their satisfaction as "very good" or "excellent."

The mail is an important part of our nation's economy. Your Postal Service is working hard to meet your communication and business needs.

For more information about purchasing stamps, stamps by mail, postal regulations, a free subscription to *USA Philatelic* magazine, post office events, the location of the nearest postal store or contract unit, or for answers to your specific postal service questions, contact USPS at 800-275-8777, or visit www.usps.com.*

Unused Postal Stamps Are Still Valid For Use

by Ken Rufo, Postmaster Sanibel

Now is a good time to check the value of all the unused postal stamps you may have in that box or drawer to determine what combinations are needed for the current 39-cent first-class letter or 24-cent postal card.

The new postal rates became effective on January 8, 2006. The value amount shown on the stamp is still good. Any combination of stamps may be used.

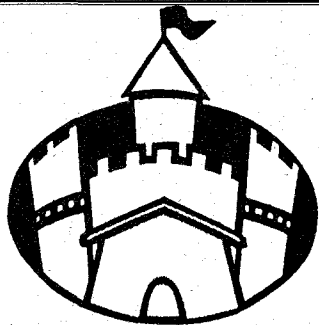
Beginning in 1978, non-denominational stamps bearing letters were issued because at the time the stamps had to be printed, the exact amount of new postage wasn't known. If you have any of these "letter stamps," here is the letter, the year it was issued, and its value:

- A, 1978, 15 cents
- B, 1981, 18 cents
- C, 1981, 20 cents
- D, 1985, 22 cents
- E, 1988, 25 cents
- F, 1991, 29 cents
- G, 1994, 32 cents
- H, 1998, 33 cents

A 1-cent make-up stamp (a weather-vane) was also issued in 1998, as was a flag with a hat stamp, valued at 33 cents.

In 2002, a set of four antique toy stamps was issued, each with a value of 37 cents. The toys depicted were a mail wagon, steam locomotive, taxicab, and a fire engine.

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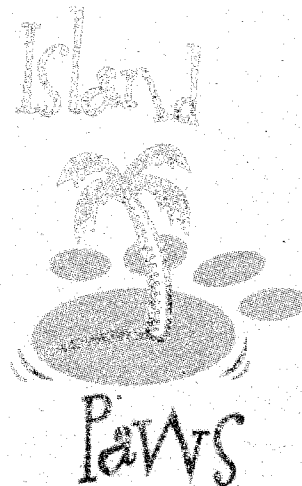
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PugFest Raises Over \$3,600



Pugs competed for King and Queen of Pugasonia

Lee County PugFest II, a sanctioned event of the Edison Festival of Light, was held Sunday, February 5 at the Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers. The event raised over \$3,600 for two local causes. An estimated crowd of 1,200 people and 200 pugs plus other breeds of dogs participated in a variety of activities including the crowning of the King and Queen of Pugasonia, a pug fashion show, and costume contest open to all dog breeds. A Chinese auction and vendors with pet paraphernalia to browse or buy rounded out the activities.

The fundraiser was a joint effort by the Lee County Library System and Lee County Animal Services to benefit the Lee County Southwest Florida Reading Festival and the Lee County Animal Care Trust Fund. The festival, taking place March 18, an annual,

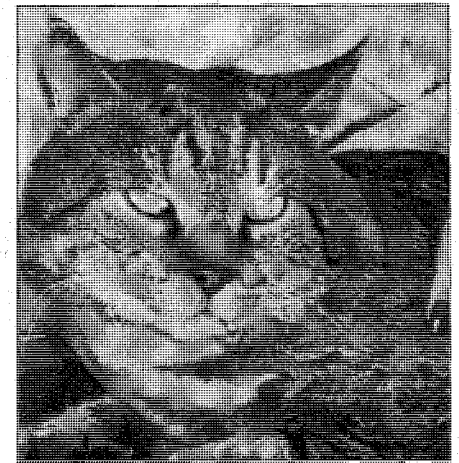
day-long celebration of the power of reading for adults and children, is an opportunity to meet noted authors from around the country as well as Florida favorites. The Animal Care Trust Fund was established to assist homeless, abused and neglected animals. The fund provides for affordable spay/neuter, care, education, direct assistance and other programs to improve animal care and welfare.

Event organizers were very encouraged by the community's support of the two causes and the interest generated for the event. Pictures from PugFest II and information about the Animal Care Trust Fund are available on Lee County Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. Information about the reading festival is available at www.lee-county.com/library.

Pet Of The Week

Phil is a handsome boy with a brown tiger stripe coat and gorgeous green eyes. He is a three-year-old, neutered, healthy boy who has had all of his shots. Phil was an outdoor cat with an indoor personality. He likes people, he likes to be held and he is very sweet. He is hoping to get out of the kennel he is in now and into a loving home.

To adopt Phil, or to foster him until he finds a home, contact Kathy at PAWS at 472-6301 (home) or 849-2412 (cell). PAWS is in need of temporary foster homes. If you can help, call Kathy at PAWS.



Phil

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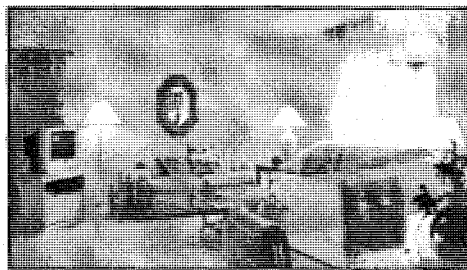
Postal Stamps

The previous rate change occurred on June 30, 2002, when the rate increased from 33 cents to 37 cents.

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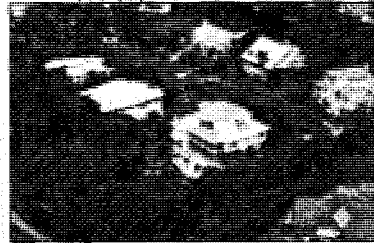
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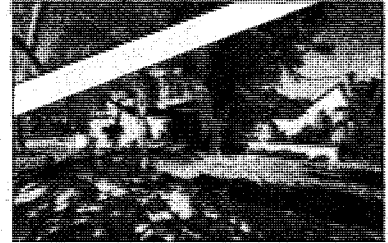
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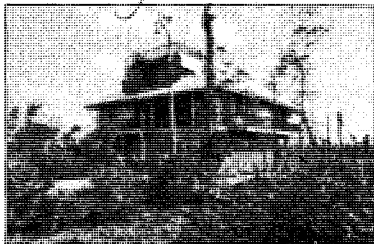
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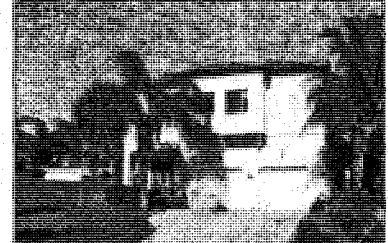
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Quilt Raffle To Raise Funds For Breast Cancer Care

Local award winning quilters Jeanne Mapes, Shari Thompson and Crystal Caserta have again donated a one-of-a-kind quilt to Partners for Breast Cancer Care to help raise much needed funds.

The quilt, titled *New Dimensions*, is currently on display at Quilters Corner located at 12717 McGregor Boulevard. Quilters Corner owner Alice Ferriola donated the fabric. The pattern is based on the traditional pattern called cathedral windows.

Measuring 66 x 83 inches, the background is from Japanese prints in various colors and patterns with an overlaying pattern of marbled taupe, giving it dimension and movement. It is machine quilted using gold and variegated thread.

Thompson and Mapes have been quilting together for almost 13 years, winning various awards for their individual quilts. They began collaborating on a charity quilt in 2000 to benefit Partners for Breast Cancer Care and have made a quilt each year since to help citizens of Lee County. Caserta joined the quilting project in 2004.

To date, their quilts have raised over \$42,000 for this nonprofit group that, together with their partners from the medical community, provide breast cancer treatment

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Jeanne Mapes, Shari Thompson and Crystal Caserta

Doctor Dave Makes Amazing Comeback

by Anne Mitchell

Dr. Dave Hepburn, the Canadian physician whose column ran in the *Island Sun* for several years, is back after a hiatus of about three years. His column appears this week.

Dr. Dave, who lives in Victoria, British Columbia, gained a large following for his zany approach to a medical advice column. He was syndicated in about 100 newspapers in the U.S. and Canada.

But family pressures and his real job took their toll.

"It was necessary for me to take a break from writing and focus on other things including flossing, actually practicing medicine and determining the age/sex of children running about my house, most of which apparently are mine," he said in an e-mail message announcing his reprise.

"My youngest son is now 17 and kids are replaced with grandkids (new material)," he wrote. "After much prompting, we have decided to resurrect the 'Dr. Dave/reflex hammer' columns."

We first met Dr. Dave when he walked into the *Island Sun* offices while vacationing here with his in-laws. He had come up with the idea of writing a column and wondered if we were interested. We were, and became the first to publish his column in the U.S. Our readers loved him.

We're happy to have him back.✱

Reader's Digest

by Dr. Dave Hepburn



It may surprise you to know that doctors, in fact, get our most up-to-date medical knowledge from the *National Enquirer* (Man Gives Birth to Baby With Wooden Leg, Hospitalized With Splinters!), *Sports Illustrated*

(Swimsuit Edition) and *Reader's Digest*. The "I am Joe's Pancreas, Kidney or Ovary" series personally got me through first year medical school. A recent issue of *RD* discussed 10 things that doctors wish they could tell you but were too diplomatic. Included were admonishments such as: call if you're canceling your appointment, wash up, be honest about taking your medications, etc. But nobody has ever accused me of being tactful and, in fact, few have accused me of being a doctor. And so here are 10 things we'd really like to tell you.

1. Please turn off cell phones. While listening to your heart I get alarmed when I suddenly hear a strange galloping musical techno-tonic rhythm. So before I apply the paddles to your chest I suggest you turn off the phone. Some actually insist on taking calls. "Excuse me doctor but I should get this. Hi, snookums! Listen, I'm in with the doctor right now and judging by his red swollen face he

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Citizen Of The Year Finalists Announced

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners has announced the four finalists for the 15th annual Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year Award for 2005. They are: Anne Dalton, Fort Myers; Helen Kraal, Bonita Springs; Steve Maxwell, Sanibel; and Nola Theiss, Sanibel.

The winner will be announced at the 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 21, Lee County Commission meeting in the second floor chambers in the Old Lee

County Courthouse, 2110 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Winner announced February 21

A Board of County Commissioners appointed a committee of five individuals who narrowed the seven nominations to the four finalists.

The award was created in 1991 to honor Burton, a long-time Sanibel Island resident and government watch dog. She spent many years serving as a voice of the people to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners as well as playing an active role in Sanibel politics. She died in a 1991 car accident.✱

Sanibel Passage Makes Its Debut

by Gerri Reaves

Sanibel Passage, Southwest Florida's newest luxury resort condominium, was introduced to the public at a gala reception on the evening of February 9 at Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa.

Wisconsin-based MLG Development Corporation plans to build the 15-story 50-unit tower off Summerlin Road, just east of the Sanibel Island bridge.

The high-rise tower will overlook Sanibel, Captiva, and the Gulf of Mexico from the seclusion of a private 200-acre preserve.

Like many of those in attendance, Fred Sciammas was curious about his future neighbor. The retired radiologist moved from Boston several years ago and now lives at Sanibel Harbour.

"I've been coming to the islands for over 30 years," he said. He likes to keep informed about what's new.

Barbara and H. Paul Cornisar live nearby, but summer in their native Rochester, New York. They attended the reception for general information, to have fun, and, frankly, to meet people, Paul said.

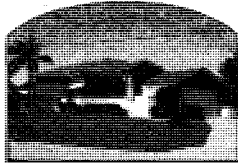
After all, everyone in the room was a possible future neighbor.

One curious resident of Sanibel Harbour voiced her concern over how the development would impact wetlands.

John Graham, a principal with MLG

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Will Power Be A Partner Not A Client

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



Which is greater – theoretical knowledge or practical experience? Which are truer, more useful, more important? Or are both necessary? Let me illustrate what I mean by example.

Four people are waiting to visit with the attorney in his waiting room. "This is my life," Client #1 states. "Just because the guy has a diploma hanging on the wall doesn't mean that I am going to blindly follow his instructions. I'm going to do my own research. I'm not doing or signing anything until I'm convinced what he recommends is the right way to go."

"Let's face it," counters Client #2. "It may be my life and my assets, but right now, the guy behind that door knows more about estate planning than I do. I'm going to educate myself about my choices, but that will take time. Until I acquire that knowledge, I'm best off following the lawyer's instructions."

"The guy behind the door spent eight years studying to be a CPA and a law-

yer," opines Client #3, "and another 17 years counseling people who are worried about protecting their estates. You think that you or I can acquire that kind of knowledge Googling on the Internet? I'd just be wasting my time. I'm going to follow his instructions and leave the thinking to him. That's his job."

Those are three ways to look at approaching an issue that is challenging, mentally exhausting and perhaps a bit daunting. But perhaps there is a fourth way. Client #4 speaks up.

"Client #3 is right. No matter how much I research and educate myself, the attorney will still know more than me. So I intend to listen to him, certainly now when I know next to nothing, and also later, after I've learned all that I can."

Client #2 interjects, "But if you are going to follow his advice anyway, why bother to study and learn? What is the point?"

"Because, like Client #1 says, this is my life. I want, and I need to understand what I am doing and why I am doing it..."

"So it's just to make you feel better about the fact that you are following the advice of the attorney?" Client #3 asks.

"It's not just that. The attorney needs me as an active partner in my planning.

He needs me to be asking the right questions, raising the right objections, even offering my own ideas; he needs me to report to him how my family will react to the planning, or my own circumstances he may not know of, none of which I could properly do if I did not understand, as best as I could, why he is telling me what to do."

This is an important lesson for anyone engaged in estate and wealth preservation planning. Don't be a passive onlooker. Become an active participant in your planning. The result will be infinitely better.

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Robison On MPO Citizen Group

Linda R. Robison has been appointed as Sanibel City Council's representative on the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization's citizen advisory committee.

She replaces Paul Reynolds, who resigned.

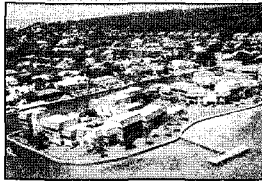
Robison, a self-employed attorney, the only person who applied for the appointment, is president of the Zonta Foundation and is a former chairman of the Sanibel Planning Commission, according to her application.

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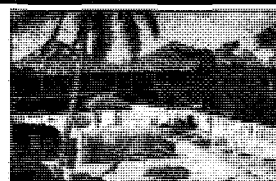
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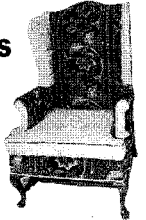
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Sanibel Passage

Development Group, addressed her concerns in his opening remarks.

"There will never be any other buildings on this 200-acre preserve," he affirmed, justifying the promise of "sanctuary" in Sanibel Passage's brochures.

The development's footprint is less than five acres, he stated later, and "the rest of the land is conservation easement."

In addition, the agreement with Lee County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requires the development to "eliminate all non-indigenous plants."

"Part of our responsibility is to get rid of them," Graham said.

He said MLG strives to develop nice properties and maintain the environment: "I think we've accomplished that."

The offering of "sanctuary" was definitely on the minds of people eager to hear about our area's latest high-rise development.

Barbara, who lives nearby, feels that the quiet and privacy are big draws for a development such as Sanibel Passage: "It's so quiet here."

Put yourself firmly on the mainland, and the noise level increases dramatically, she explained.

More Than "Sanctuary," Quiet, And Seclusion

Sanibel Passage distinguishes itself by being surrounded by a large nature preserve, but other matters were hot topics in conversation - such as superb amenities and construction.

As Graham told the gathering, "We're in a world-class neighborhood." A deep-water harbor is among the many advantages of the location.

Briefly outlining the genesis of the project, he said that about five years ago, MLG put together a group of "the best people," based on qualifications, beginning with engineers. June of this year will be the start of the vertical plan.

"We're proud to be a neighbor of Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa," he said. Residents will have access to the resort and spa, via a connecting walkway.

Barb Rich of South Seas Sanibel & Captiva Properties noted that the tower will have "the best of the best construction and amenities."

She added that the spaciousness of the units is also a plus. Total living space for the units ranges from 3,190 to 4,645 square feet, with units starting at \$1.4 million.

For area residents whose units top out at significantly fewer square feet, Sanibel Passage offers an "upgrade" of sorts.

Rich also pointed out the exclusivity and privacy of the high-rise tower. Its location at Sanibel's front door, so to speak, makes it by extension the nearest new development for the island's real estate market.

One Sanibel realtor in attendance summed it up: "Sanibel Passage's big selling point is that it's on 200 acres and it's the only thing that will be built there. It offers high-end luxury units." ❖

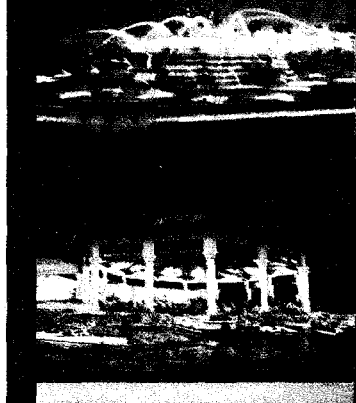
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48 **Windows Can Be Energy Efficient And Fashionable**

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by Cindy Malszycki



Sit by a bare window on a sunny day, and you'll feel the sun's warmth. Sit by that same window on a cold, windy night, and you'll feel chilled to the bone. With today's economic concerns, smart homeowners are

continually searching for ways to cut expenses and save on their monthly energy bills.

Naturally, the best place to start is to be sure our homes are well insulated.

But all too often, while overall home insulation is a priority, windows seem to be neglected. No matter what your climate, bare windows are a primary spot for energy escape. In cold climates, heat naturally moves toward the cold to escape. And in warmer areas, outdoor heat moves toward the windows of our air conditioned homes.

Since windows make up 20 percent of a typical home's exterior, and 40 percent of contemporary home construction, numerous large uncovered windows can break your energy budget. This is especially true when these windows face a cold northern exposure in the winter or a sun-saturated west wall in summer.

It's important to know that many window treatment products have actually been assigned an R-value. Building materials are assigned R-values according to each product's ability to resist heat movement. The higher the R-Value, the better it insulates your home. Most windows have an R-value of 0.9 to 3.0, and can be responsible for 40 to 70 percent of heat or cold transfer for an entire home.

Using multiple layers at your windows, including cellular constructed treatments, can actually increase an R-value by one to five points.

So let's look at a variety of window treatment options to help you create cozy room, and cut energy costs at the same time.

Duette honeycomb shades: These soft, elegant looking shades actually increase energy values at the window by 25 to 175 percent, depending upon single, double, or triple thickness in the air-trapping construction. Available in

nearly 300 colors, and a variety of styles, the R-value for Duettes can reach as high as 4.8 for the triple honeycomb shade. They're durable, easy to clean, mildew resistant, and require little to no maintenance.

Vertical blinds: Available in hundreds of colors, textures and embossed patterns, vertical blinds can increase window insulation by 37 to 123 percent and block 95 to 99 percent of ultraviolet light. R-values reach as high as 3.92 for vertical blinds when closed over double glazed glass.

Vignette shades: These beautiful shades feature the gentle look of a fine drapery, but are made of generously contoured folds of rich fabrics. They provide a 49 percent increase in window insulation value and can block 99 percent of UV light. They boast an R-value of 2.63 when closed over double-glazed glass, and are available in over a hundred fabric/color options.

Because there are numerous shade options available on the market today, here are three questions you should answer before making your specific product selection: Do you need special insulation protection? Which direction does most of your windows face - sun or shade? What treatment/product will work best with the rest of your room's design direction?

Most importantly, talk to a professional decorator. They not only have a vast store of knowledge on which product would work best for your individual situation, but they'll be able to add that all important decorative element to your overall window treatment design.

To view all Hunter Douglas products with test results available, see www.hunterdouglas.com for a complete listing.

Cindy Malszycki is an interior decorator on Sanibel. ❖

New Realtor

Sharon Scofic originally hails from Lansing, Michigan and spent her summers growing up in Estes Park, Colorado. After spending time in sunny Southwest Florida visiting her mother she decided to relocate in 1994.

Her background in advertising, customer service and rental management has given her valuable experience and skills to use in advancing her real estate career. ❖



Sharon Scofic

New Associate

VIP Realty Group, Inc. is pleased to announce that Kevin Cotter has joined its Sanibel real estate team. Kevin has been selling real estate in Fort Myers and on Sanibel and Captiva Islands for over 8 years. ❖



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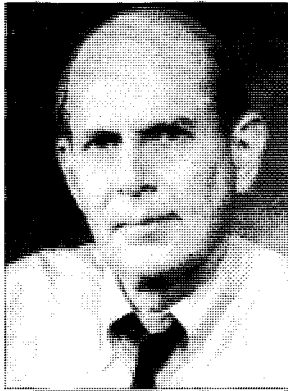
Estate Planning Seminar Offered

Conrad Teitell, lecturer, lawyer, writer and a professor of law, will be the guest speaker at The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point February 20.

His seminar, *Estate Planning Strategies in Uncertain Times*, is free and open to the public. Guests will learn about cutting-edge ways to slash transfer taxes, while avoiding double-edged swords, and get pointers on how to plan in light of the changes in the gift, estate and generation-skipping tax laws. Teitell will discuss how to provide for yourself, your loved ones, and your favorite charitable causes during your lifetime.

Teitell is known for his ability to translate complicated laws into understandable English. His dry wit and light touch have made him a sought-after lecturer, keynote and after-dinner speaker. He combines easy-to-understand, practical advice with a healthy dose of humor as he gives guidelines for sound estate planning from avoiding unnecessary taxes to keeping a plan up to date.

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, he is a principal in the Connecticut and Florida-based law firm of Cummings & Lockwood and an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law. A fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, he is the recipient of the American Law Institute/American Bar Association's Harrison Tweed Award for Special Merit



Conrad Teitell

in Continuing Legal Education. His publications on taxes, wills and estate planning have been read by lay people and professional tax advisers. He has also been a guest on numerous PBS television programs.

The presentation will take place in the Village Church at Shell Point at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 20. This seminar which is sponsored by Cummings & Lockwood, Northern Trust, Southwest Florida Community Foundation and Shell Point, is open to the public. Reservations are necessary; call the Legacy Foundation at 466-8484.

The Village Church at Shell Point is

located off Summerlin and McGregor Boulevard, just two miles before the Sanibel Causeway in Fort Myers. ❖

Top Producer For January

Trevor Nette has received honors as the top sales and top lister for Coldwell Banker Previews International. Nette has been one of the top producers for the company since he joined the company over 10 years ago. ❖



Trevor Nette

International Real Estate

by JB Novelli

A Few Real Estate Tips For Your Information

Buyers who bought a Florida home as their main residence are reminded to apply for the \$25,000 homestead exemption

before March 1, 2006. Any Florida

property owner with legal title to a home and who claimed it as his permanent residence as of January 1, 2006 is eligible for the tax break. Applications are available from the county property appraiser.

Other mailings to look for include tax documents that can help reduce 2006 federal income tax. Watch for 1099 INT, 1099 DIV, and 1099 B forms, which show interest income from bank accounts and income-producing stocks; a 1098 form, which calculates mortgage interest paid on a home; and W-2 forms.

A media frenzy last week was caused by the new home valuation Web site introduced by Expedia.com, Zillow.com, which features valuation data for 40 to 60 million homes in the U.S., not just those for sale. Consumers simply enter a street address to access historical sales data, comparable sales info, aerial views and basic data such as number of bedrooms/bathrooms, square footage, lot size and year built.

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

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68 Tropical Cooking Extravaganza

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

Each year for the past nine years Loretta Paganini has brought her School of Cooking from Cleveland to Sanibel. Paganini, a native of Bologna, specializes in cuisine from Italy and the Mediterranean area of Europe. At her school, The Loretta Paganini School of Cooking, she trains chefs and currently has 150 students enrolled in a professional program. Two of the school's staff members assisted her in the class demonstrations during the past week at the Timbers; Brenda Kelly, pastry chef, and Neil MacKenzie who specializes in French and European dishes.

Paganini's menu for Saturday featured grilled Florida Cobia wrapped in prosciutto. She recommended three of her favorite Italian wines as accompaniments; red wines, Ripasso and Dolcetto and Gavi, a white wine.

Donna Miller, a former student in Cleveland and a Sanibel resident, was Paganini's administrative assistant during her week at Timbers. She was instrumental in attracting the chef to Sanibel. The chef told Miller, "I don't like Florida." But Miller replied, "You've never seen Sanibel!" They discussed the cooking school with Matt Asen and started the classes at Timbers, Miller said, "Now she has fallen in love with Sanibel."

The next class will be held from January 29 through February 3, 2007.

Paganini also leads tours of the wine regions of Italy and has cooking classes on the French and Italian Riviera during June and September. Her email address is Loretta@lpscinc.com and her phone number is 440-729-1110.

Paganini furnished *The Island Sun* with one of her original appetizer recipes.

Artichoke Flan With Wild Mushrooms

- Flan**
 1 (16 oz) package frozen artichokes
 1 small onion
 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
 1 tsp butter, unsalted
 1/4 cup dry white wine
 1/2 quart of heavy cream
 5 large eggs
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- Salt and pepper**
- Mushrooms**
 1 clove garlic
 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
 1 dozen shiitake mushrooms, stems removed

- 1 sprig of thyme
 White truffle oil for garnish

Equipment

eight (4-ounce) round ramekins

Flan: In a saute pan over medium heat, saute the artichokes and onion in extra virgin olive oil and butter. Add the wine to the pan and season with salt and pepper to taste. Simmer 5 minutes. Transfer artichoke mixture to a blender and process until smooth. In a large bowl, beat the eggs with the cream. Pour artichoke mixture into the eggs and mix well. Add grated Parmesan and adjust seasoning to taste.



Tropical Cooking Extravaganza students (l to r) Gerry Verblaauw, Mary Paige Abbott, Cathie Thiede

Butter eight, 4-ounce round ramekins. Fill ramekins equally with artichoke mixture. Place in baking dish large enough to accommodate the ramekins and fill halfway with hot water. Bake for approximately 30 minutes, or until flans are golden and raised. Remove from oven and keep in warm water bath until ready to serve.

Mushrooms:

Heat garlic and extra virgin olive oil in a saute pan over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms, thyme, salt and pepper. Saute until crispy.

Unmold each artichoke flan onto a serving dish. Spoon a quarter of the shiitake mushrooms over the flan. Drizzle with white truffle oil. ✪



Chef Loretta Paganini and Donna Miller, Sanibel resident

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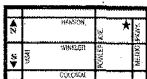
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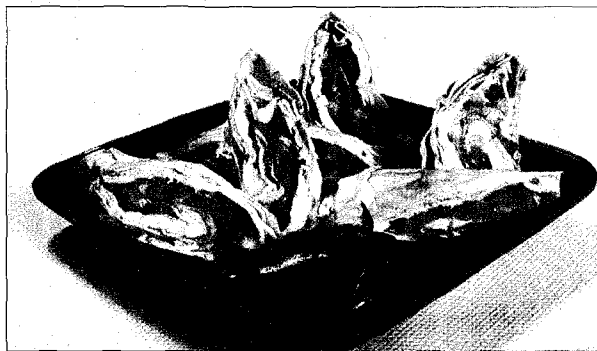
These are heady days at Florida's farmers' markets. Cabbage season is here, and the markets are brimming with it - cool, crisp, and fresh. If you've never tried field-fresh cabbage, now is your chance to taste the noticeable difference. Picked just hours before you buy it, it is remarkably crunchy and sweet.

Florida's cabbage season runs from November through April, with production peaking around St. Patrick's Day. The season is essentially over as soon as the heat kicks in, usually in early May.

Nearly all the cabbage grown in Florida consists of hybrid varieties of green cabbage, with red varieties making up less than one percent of production. According to Dr. Chad Hutchinson of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Research Farm in Hastings, the most common cabbage variety grown in Florida is a standard green cabbage called Bravo. Hutchinson describes the flavor as "peppery," not too hot but not too mild.

"Bravo can handle the ups and downs in temperature that Florida experiences at this time of year," Hutchinson said. "Growers like it because of its consistency in production. It's an older variety that has stood the test of time."

The Hastings area, near St. Augustine, is Florida's principal cabbage-producing



Steamed Cabbage Wraps

region, with 4,000 acres currently in production. Substantial commercial acreage is also found in Manatee County, in west-central Florida, and small cabbage farms are sprinkled throughout the state. In 2003, Florida was the fourth-largest producer of fresh-market cabbage in the nation.

"The Hastings area produces two of our most beloved staple foods, the cabbage and the potato," said Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson. "Cabbage is mildly flavored, inexpensive, and satisfying, so it's no wonder it's been a favorite for generations. It's an old standby that's only becoming more popular as people begin to learn how nutritious it is."

Cabbage is low in calories, free of

sodium and fat, and rich in fiber and vitamin C. It contains iron, calcium, and potassium, along with beneficial phytochemicals that may inhibit the growth of breast, stomach, and colon cancers. Cabbage soothes ulcers and improves digestion.

"When selecting cabbage," Hutchinson said, "look for a nice, firm head. Size isn't important, but the outer wrapper leaves should be green and not wilted. This shows the cabbage is fresh and hasn't been sitting around for too long."

Whole heads are preferable to bags of pre-shredded product since cabbage begins to lose vitamin C as soon as it's cut. Keeping cabbage cold and uncut is the best way to help it retain its flavor and healthy vitamins. When storing cab-

bage, place it whole and unwashed in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. Don't wash cabbage until you're ready to use it. Then, remove the tough outer leaves, cut the head into pieces, and rinse them under running water.

Quick, light cooking preserves nutrients and keeps cabbage crisp and odor-free. Quick-cooking methods include microwaving, sautéing, and stir frying. For a speedy side dish or light meal, sauté chopped cabbage and onion until just tender and serve over brown rice.

Raw or pickled cabbage retains even more of its vitamin C than cabbage that has been lightly cooked. Shredded raw cabbage adds fiber, flavor, and crunch to green salads, and coleslaw can be very healthful if you substitute a vinegar-based dressing for the more traditional mayonnaise.

Eating cabbage is a great way to improve your diet, and the recipes below will help you get started. For more Fresh from Florida cooking ideas, visit www.Florida-Agriculture.com.

Steamed Cabbage Wraps

- 4 Florida cabbage leaves
- 1/2 pound deli turkey, sliced thin
- 1/4 Florida onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 Florida tomato, thinly sliced
- 1/4 pound jalapeno cheese, sliced

Cut the rib out of the cabbage leaf. Place between two damp paper towels and steam in the microwave for 30 seconds. On each leaf, place a slice of turkey, a slice of onion, a slice of tomato, and a slice of cheese. Roll up. Place filled leaves in a dish and microwave for 20 seconds. Serves two.†

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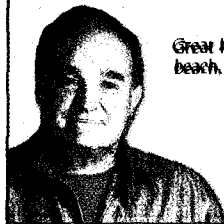
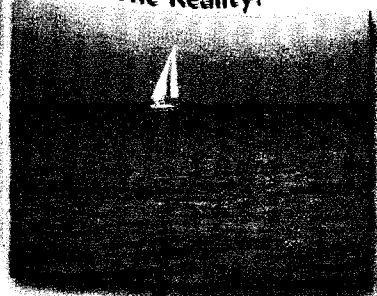
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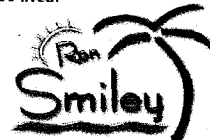
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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Price answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

Our son and his girl friend dumped their two-day-old child on us 23 years ago. They said they did it because we didn't believe in abortion.

We raised this adorable, very sweet little girl and she has been the joy of our lives.

She graduated from college and now has a very good job. But to our horror she has just become engaged and will be entering into an interracial marriage.

My husband and I are so upset that we can't sleep and we have constant indigestion.

We don't want our beautiful granddaughter married to a white man and only have half black great grandchildren. What can we do?

Beulah

Dear Beulah,

Probably nothing. Ethnic diversity is very common in all levels of society. The children have been educated in their schools and in their colleges studies with so much diversity and have become color blind and think that it just doesn't matter.

We older people can have a very difficult time accepting the new norms, but it is not our lives it is theirs. I am sorry it is taking a physical toll on your health, but your doctor could probably help you over these temporary health problems

Lizzie

Dear Beulah,

I am sure what you meant to say was... you are concerned for the happiness and well being of your granddaughter, her future husband and any great grandchildren that may come. Marriage and raising a family can be difficult enough without the added pressure of ethnic differences and a society that may not be so accepting. To say you object to the union because you do not want half black great grandchildren could be viewed by many as selfish and racist.

There is a lot you can do, from the tone of your letter you don't want to do it but, here we go... Talk with your granddaughter, explain your feelings and concerns. Tell her you love her and will support her decision, even though you may not agree. Then go to the library and read about interracial marriages and families. Understand the challenges that

may come up so you are prepared. Talk to others to learn from their experiences.

It is a new day. All of us need to keep up, even though it may challenge our thoughts, belief systems and historical identities.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com or PO Box 91673, Raleigh, North Carolina 27675.*

New Sports Medicine Specialist

Doctors Brett Shannon and John Churchill announced the addition of Dennis A. Cardone, DO, FFAFP, CAQSM, to the staff of Pediatric Orthopedics of Southwest Florida.

Specializing in primary care sports medicine, Dr. Cardone is trained to deal with sports issues in young athletes ranging from musculoskeletal injuries to medical conditions that affect athlete participation and performance. He was recently the director of the Sports Medicine Center and Sports Medicine Fellowship at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical



Dennis A. Cardone

School in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

"Dr. Cardone's expertise in Sports Medicine adds to the dimension of our pediatric orthopedic practice," said Pediatric Orthopedics of Southwest Florida founding partner Dr. Brett Shannon. "We know that treating children is much different than caring for adults. This also applies to the young athlete who is still growing and developing."

Dr. Cardone is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice. A graduate of New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Long Island, New York, he did his internship at Brookdale Hospital, Brookdale, New York, and his residency in Family Medicine and a Fellowship in Sports Medicine at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/Saint Peters University Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey/Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, New York.

As part of the pediatric orthopedics team, he will offer sports medicine services for the young athlete beginning February 2006. He is now accepting appointments and can be reached at 432-5100.*

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



You've never visited a chiropractor? Here's what you can expect on your first visit: Although a chiropractic adjustment normally takes anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes, your first visit will most likely last an hour or so. This is because the chiropractor will want to talk to you about your general health

history and, if you're coming in with a specific ailment, diagnose your problem and come up with a treatment plan.

The chiropractor will most likely take one or more X-rays and give you a number of tests or examinations. The doctor will look closely at your posture to see if you're standing straight or slouching, or favoring one leg over the other. Neurological testing may include reflex evaluation, in which the doctor taps your knee or elbow with a small hammer, or runs a pinwheel over your skin to measure sensitivity or numbness. Orthopedic testing may involve the doctor having you bend and turn to check your range of motion. It may focus on a particular joint.

The testing you receive will depend both on your specific condition and on the techniques of the doctor. But most

will use a combination of neurological and orthopedic tests to determine the best course of action for you.*

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Quilt Raising Funds

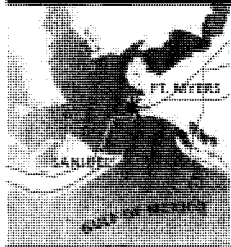
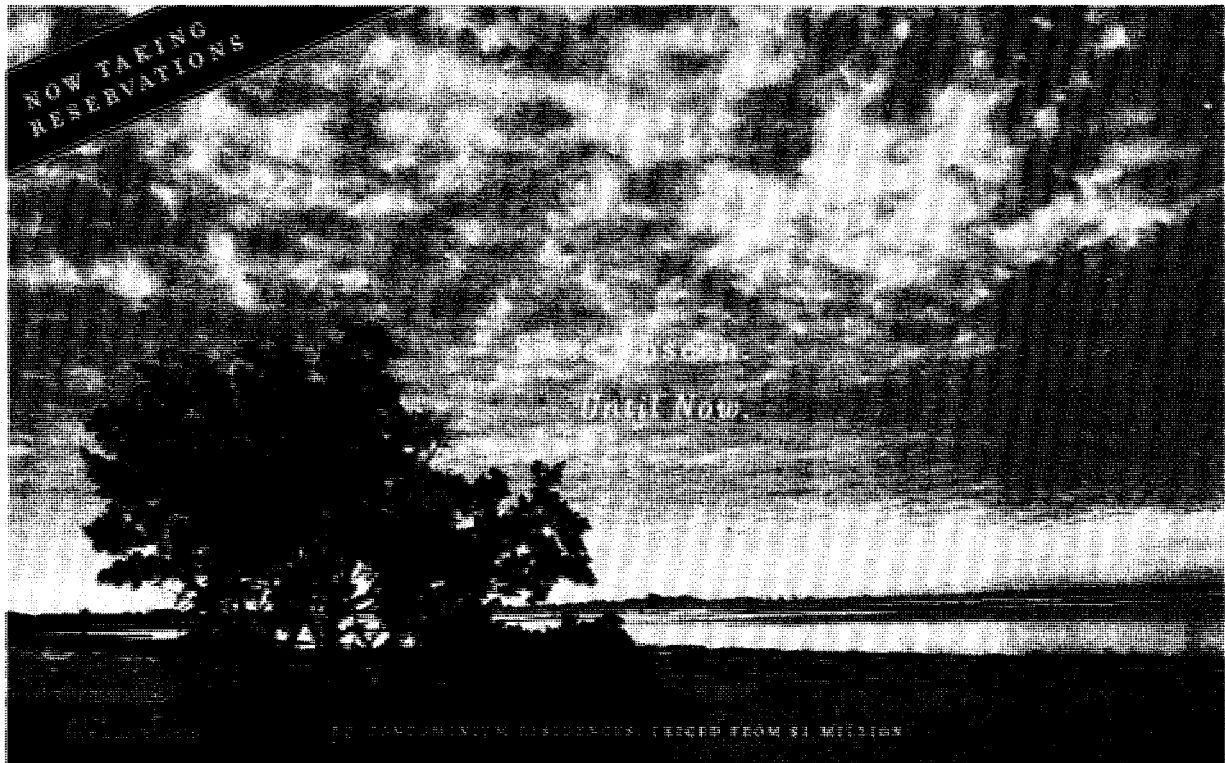
for underfunded Lee County women and men. Quilts made from 2000 to 2005, were purchased by Radiology Regional Center and are on display in their various offices.

The nonprofit Partners for Breast Cancer Care is dedicated to saving lives and reducing suffering from breast cancer through public and professional education and improved access to healthcare. For the last decade, the organization has provided financial support for the diagnosis

and treatment of breast cancer to the low income, elderly and minority residents of Lee County. A 501 (c)3 agency, the organization receives no state or federal funding and is a United Way agency.

Tickets are on sale at Quilters Corner, all Radiology Regional Center locations, John Michaels Jewelry in Cape Coral and Sanibel Beauty Salon on Sanibel Island. The winning ticket will be drawn on May 13 at Quilters Corner. For more information call Partners for Breast Cancer Care at 454-8583.*

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Edison College announced that the 2005 graduates of its accredited radiologic technology program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on all national certification examinations. The 28 examinees' mean scaled score of 89.8 surpassed the national scaled score of 84.8, and Florida's scaled score of 82.6. Successful completion of the examination given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists is

the final step for each of these graduates to be nationally certified as registered radiologic technologists in radiography. Examination content covers concepts in radiation protection, medical imaging, equipment operation, quality control, image production/evaluation, radiographic procedures, and patient care.

The class of 2005 also attained 100 percent job placement in hospitals and medical imaging facilities, with starting salaries typically ranging from \$18 to \$20 per hour plus fringes.

"The exceptional performance of our radiologic technology graduates is testament to their hard work in classroom and clinical studies over the past two years, and to the quality of our instructional and student services team," said Paul Monagan, associate district dean, health professions.

Radiologic technology is one of 10 limited access programs at Edison College preparing students for careers in the health care field. For enrollment information, call Evelyn Gierbolini, health professions program advisor, at 985-8316.

vegetables and nutrients. It is also a good idea for her to exercise and get plenty of rest and drink plenty of water. With these active ingredients, your daughter will be glowing without a need for much makeup.

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

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy



Q: My daughter is in middle school and she wants to wear makeup. Is she old enough?

A: Before your daughter begins applying makeup, let her know that beauty starts on the inside first. Talk to her about self-confidence and

having good feelings of self-worth from within. Begin with letting her know that her beauty shines from the inside and her smile is natural already. If she feels good about herself she won't have the need to apply much makeup other than a little blush and lip gloss for starters. If she is not already using a cleanser, have her begin with using a good cleanser, applying a good moisturizer with a sunscreen, and talk to her about a healthy diet rich in

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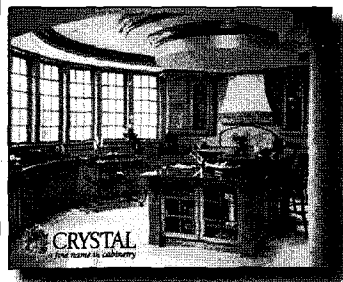
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looks busy, so let's keep this to five minutes. Yes, his waiting room is full but I guess that's why they called them patient, eh?"

2. Please don't tell me the color of your pill. "It's a white one, smaller than a breadbox, round, I often take it with water." Perfect. Narrows it down to 38 million medications, so maybe we'll just try this one.

3. Please do tell me your symptoms, not your diagnosis. "Well my friend and I were studying *Reader's Digest* and I know we both have the rare form of Eastern Moldavian pseudohypoparathyroidism. We need a referral right away to the best specialist in town. Oh, and if you could fill out these disability papers."

4. Don't play with your tongue stud while talking. I swear I am so distracted by watching this marble flicking out at me, that you start to morph into a Komodo lizard testing the air. "So I (click-click) was wondering if you could check my (clickclickclick) ears. I keep (clickclick) hearing this strange noise when I swallow. Kind of a clicking sound."

5. Please don't turn a child's visit to a busy doctor into a field trip growth experience. "Tell the doctor what's wrong Aniston Moonchild." Three minutes of girl playing with shoelaces. "Go on now. Tell him when you're ready." Three minutes of silence as she explores the blood pressure cuff. "Perhaps you could tell me, Mrs. Bloggins." "No, no just give her time." Twenty nine minutes later, "You tell him, mom." This is the same parent who, just before the child is about to get a vaccine, warns, "Now don't move a muscle or this will REALLY REALLY hurt, OK lovepuffin."

6. Please notice those two really large earplugs, called a stethoscope, that I wear when I take your blood pressure or listen to your chest. I know you're talking because I can see your lips flapping and hear some muffled noise from your lungs that sounds like Chewbacca with a head cold.

7. Please don't try to sneak an extra patient in. "Oh and since we're here could you take a look at Ron's prostate, it's been acting strange lately."

8. Please don't call and ask for medication refills without giving me any information. If I had a Nortel nickel for every message on my answering machine like "Hey doc, it's Bill. I need a refill of my pills. Could you call that in to the pharmacy?" OK, Bill but what pharmacy, what drug and I realize you are the only Bill in your family but... who are you?

9. Don't spit into a Kleenex to show me, (gag) just before lunch. "It's green doc, wanna see?" "I believe you Bloggins." "No wait, here." (hairball choking sound). "Thanks for the diet idea, Bloggins."

10. Don't expect me to remember your problem from three years ago. "You remember, the rash I had on my left elbow in '87. Can you give me the same thing you gave me, the white pill, kinda round, smaller than a breadbox."*

dearPharmacist

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist: I saw on TV that a new drink was available that can actually arouse you. Does it have a drug in it and can women drink it? I'm excited just thinking about it.

- R.T., San Diego

Turn On and it's coming to the United States very soon.

While it may be exciting to citizens here, the drink is banned in France and Denmark because it contains some ingredients that are illegal there. Unlike such drugs as Viagra, Cialis and Levitra, the aphrodisiac soda pop is non-discriminating and claims to excite men and women alike.

For \$3.50 a drink, you will supposedly experience a "noticeable increase in sexual energy and desire," according to the producers' Web site. Delving deeper into their testimonial page, you'll find some persuasive - and hilarious - testimonies. For example, a 29-year-old unmarried couple claims that they were "more adventurous, trying new positions and ways of making love." All that from soda pop? Testimonies like this wind up in my

mental file of "Things That Make You Go Hmmm." Now I feel cheated all these years only getting a Coke and a Smile.

Nonetheless, people who tested this love drink say it tastes like cherry soda and leaves their mouth with a "sparky" feel and "foamy carbonation." The ingredients actually could, theoretically - in certain individuals - increase circulation to the lovemaking parts... temporarily. I am hedging my words because I can't sanction something like this when: A) I haven't tried it; B) I doubt it works; and C) they claim it is "safe" and can be combined with alcohol, which I dispute. I think it'll give you more oomph because it has stimulants in it, but could it enhance you romantically? Puhleese.

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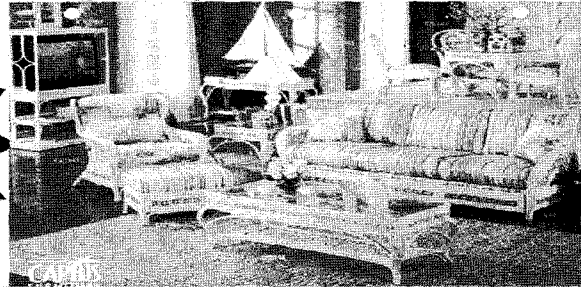
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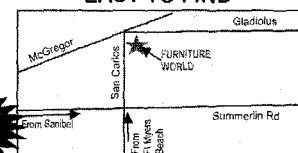
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2777 West Gulf Dr. #305	Feb. 19	1-4PM	\$890,000	Sanibel/ Nutmeg Village. (2/2). Furnished. Freshly updated unit.
2647 Wulfert Rd.	Feb. 19	1-4PM	\$739,900	Sanibel/ Sanctuary Golf Village (22 1/2) Top floor. Views of lake & golf.
967 Beach Rd.	Feb. 19	1-4PM	\$779,000	Sanibel. (2/2). Near beach townhouse with pool and lovely garden.
255 Periwinkle Way #5B	Feb. 19	1-4PM	\$1,149,000	Sanibel/ Shell Island Beach Club. Unrivaled views of gulf & beach.
12701 Mastique Beach Blvd. #1702	Feb. 19	1-4PM	\$969,000	Fl. Myers/ Mastique. (3/2) View of lake & Gulf. Private elevator.

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MONDAY				
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2777 West Gulf Dr. #305	Feb. 20	1-4PM	\$890,000	Sanibel/ Nutmeg Village. (2/2). Furnished. Freshly updated unit.
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743 Durion CT	Feb. 20	1-4PM	\$899,000	Sanibel. (3/2). Remodeled home w/ great views of the sunsets.
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16774 Panther Paw Ct.	Feb. 20	1-4PM	\$789,000	FL Myers/ The Forest. (5 3/4). On private golf course. A must see!
15110 Ports of Iona Dr., B204	Feb. 20	1-4PM	\$369,000	FL Myers/ Iona area. 2BD/2BA condo with dockage.

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TUESDAY				
1501 Middle Gulf Dr. #K402	Feb. 21	1-4PM	\$975,000	Sanibel/Sundial. (2/2). Direct gulf views. Great investment!
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11500 Gore Ln.	Feb. 21	1-4PM	\$1,199,000	Captiva. (3/2). Light & bright ground level home w/ pool. Near beach.
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200 Periwinkle Way #221	Feb. 22	1-4PM	\$710,000	Sanibel/ Lighthouse Point. Open porches to bay. Tennis, pool.
2665 West Gulf Dr.	Feb. 22	1-4PM	1,995,000	Sanibel/ Bougainvillea. (3/3). Like-new condition, beach property.
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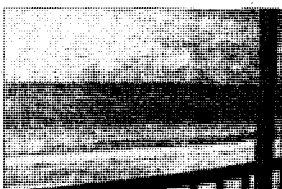
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Ellie Fox begins the lighting of the luminaries in honor of her husband, Edward L. Fox

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center and Fox Electronics held the eighth annual A Light To Remember in Centennial Park on Thursday, January 26. A Light To Remember is a special event created to help raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and related memory impairments and raise much-needed funds for the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center.

The luminary display contained 1,200 luminaries honoring individuals with memory loss and their dedicated caregivers. The tribute ceremony included lighting the luminaries and reading the names of the hundreds of people honored at this event.

Alzheimer's disease costs the nation \$80 to \$100 billion annually, according to the National Institute on Aging, making it the third most expensive U.S. health care problem. Four million Americans, including more than 19,000 Lee County residents, currently suffer from an Alzheimer's-type dementia. By the year 2050, an estimated 14 million individuals will be affected by the disease, along with an additional 14 to 28 million involved as caregivers.

The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way agency, provides educational, informational, and supportive assistance for caregivers and individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and

related disorders in Lee County. Services offered by the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center include: monthly caregivers' and early-stage support groups; educational resources for caregivers and professionals; a lending library of books, videos, pamphlets and other written materials in English and Spanish; individualized assistance to help families cope with the disease and challenges of caregiving; a safety program with an emergency plan kit and wanderer's identification bracelet; and a bi-monthly newsletter.

All funds raised by the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center are used to benefit local families and caregivers.

For more information about Alzheimer's disease or services offered for caregivers, please contact the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center at 437-3007.*



Display of luminaries in Centennial Park

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DearPharmacist

Making the assumption that the soda contains everything it says, Turn On is made from some potent herbs, such as guarana, ginseng and ginkgo, as well as 80 milligrams of caffeine. The combination supposedly creates a feeling of warmth and sensuality. I agree that properly cultivated herbs can play beneficial roles in the body, but they usually require repetitive use. The soda makers say their bubbly causes pleasure in minutes.

One more point: Even though the ingredients are plant-derived, they can still behave like drugs and cause side effects. For example, a few swigs of guarana and caffeine might jolt the heart, causing racing sensations or palpitations in those with heart disease. Not so arousing.

Ginkgo might improve blood flow to the genitalia, but it does that by thinning the blood, an important consideration for those maintained on aspirin, Plavix and Coumadin (warfarin.) Blood pressure

could spike and this could ruin ambience, too. Generally speaking, diabetics, pregnant women, the elderly and children should avoid these herbs.

Turn On features a seductive image on the front of the can: A couple is obviously intimate, with hot flames blazing all around them. Thanks to clever marketing, this will generate millions for its producers, and the company offers a guarantee, no questions asked.

Did You Know? The mineral zinc is needed for proper salt and taste perception, and it improves acne and eczema.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.**

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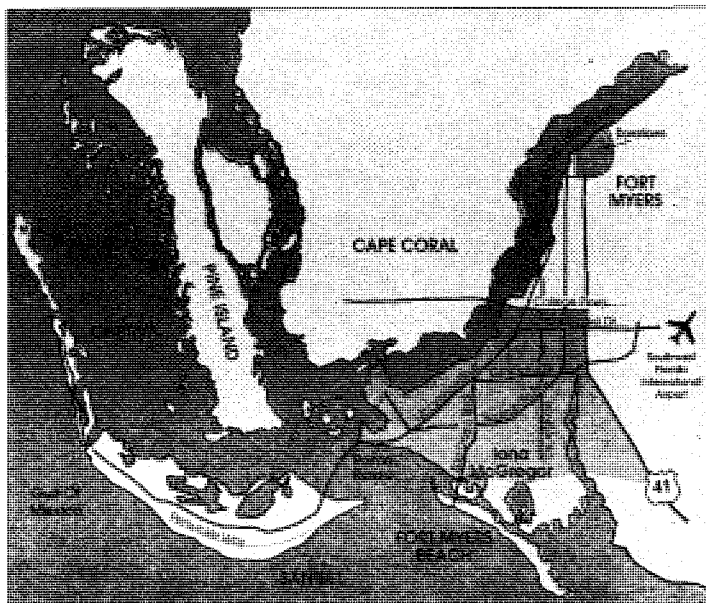
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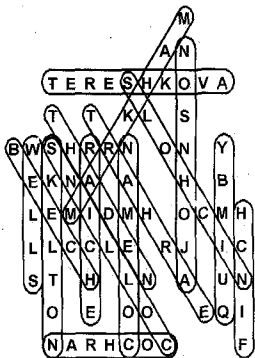
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5. COMICS: What kind of creature was Pogo in the comic strip of the same name?
6. MOVIES: What was Elvis Presley's first movie?
7. SCIENCE: What is the Periodic Table symbol for the element potassium?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of the Roman goddess of flowers?
9. GAMES: What is the standard height of the net on a tennis court?
10. MEASUREMENTS: On the Celsius scale, what is the freezing point of water?

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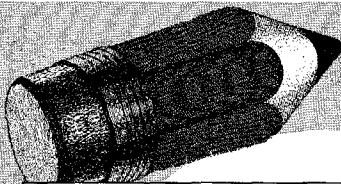
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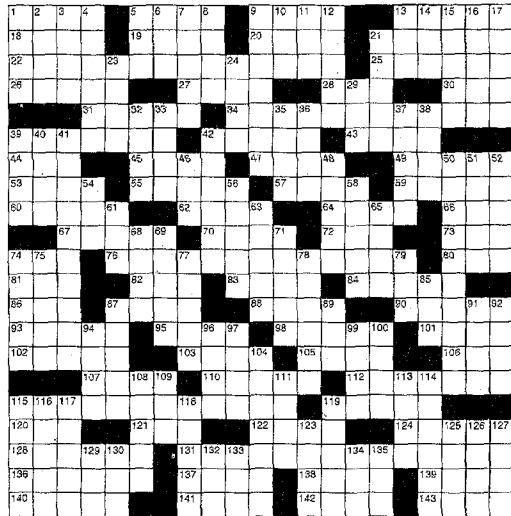
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Way through the forest
 - 5 Enthusiastic
 - 8 Rappers — "Papa"
 - 13 Encrypted
 - 16 Sweet sandwich
 - 19 Son of Isaac
 - 20 "Zis" — "Doo-Dan"
 - 21 Big name in chocolate
 - 22 Self-directed in "Henry V"
 - 25 Hockey's "Yehin"
 - 26 Facilitated
 - 27 Queue tip?
 - 28 Startup site
 - 30 Taking org.
 - 31 A little night music?
 - 34 Self-directed in "Bulworth"
 - 39 Vacation home
 - 42 Friday's creator
 - 43 "Stop!"
 - 44 Ransom — Olds
 - 45 Broccoli
 - 47 Lots of time
 - 49 It gets wet as it dries
 - 53 Ohio city
 - 55 First-class
 - 57 Wool galtherer?
 - 59 Atlanta campus
 - 60 Peter of "Casa-blanca"
 - 62 Seeks change?
 - 64 Parent
 - 66 Lennon's lady
 - 67 Frequently
 - 70 Mite, farther south
 - 72 Supply with
 - 73 Uproar
 - 74 Gelfof or Goldswait
 - 76 Self-directed in "The Bridges of Madison County"
 - 80 "Definitely!"
 - 81 Clerical
 - 82 Slangy suffix
 - 83 Actress Louise
 - 84 Stage stuff
 - 86 Wahine's wreath
 - 87 TV's "Family —"
 - 88 Floor model
 - 90 Gush tosh
 - 93 Actress
 - 94 Pop one's
 - 95 Behalf
 - 98 Hurled
 - 101 — vera
 - 102 Photographic
 - 103 Cheerful song
 - 105 Turner of "Playfan Place"
 - 106 Be human
 - 107 Sleazy plant
 - 110 Lake near
 - 112 Aghd apparatus
 - 115 Self-directed in "Dancous wth Wolves"
 - 119 Break a command-
 - 120 Actress Tatiana
 - 121 O's address
 - 122 Promise
 - 124 Discom-
 - 128 Tire type
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 - 136 Pronlo
 - 137 Cabbage cousin
 - 138 Absquatulate
 - 139 JVC competitor
 - 140 Pithy
 - 141 Goblet part
 - 142 Pop one's pees
 - 143 Sundance's sweetie
 - 29 Neck of the woods
 - 3 Hamilton bills
 - 4 Candid
 - 5 Fathom
 - 6 Deedious tree
 - 7 Building feature
 - 8 Atmosphere
 - 9 Southwest-ern capital
 - 10 Orthonom-
 - 11 Poultry
 - 12 Snicker sound
 - 13 Ml. rank
 - 14 Dryden work
 - 15 "pse —"
 - 16 Tennis play-
 - 17 Dagwood's dog
 - 21 "Ninotchka"
 - 23 Best of firms
 - 24 — forgiving those ...
 - 29 Plus
 - 32 Brute
 - 33 Genuine
 - 35 Inn offering
 - 36 Nevada city
 - 37 Computer key
 - 38 Mighty mite
 - 39 Battery
 - 40 Hodgepodge
 - 41 Self-directed in "Bob Roberts"
 - 42 Do more than dislike
 - 46 Chest protector
 - 48 Skimmer material
 - 51 Singer
 - 52 French port
 - 54 Word from "a whippet"
 - 56 Snowy bird
 - 58 Biblical tyrant
 - 61 Catchall abbr.
 - 63 Formal
 - 65 "Porgi —" (Mozart sin)
 - 68 Wells creatures
 - 69 Frasier's brother
 - 71 Ed of "Roots"
 - 74 Hobby wood
 - 75 City on the 130
 - 77 Twangy
 - 78 Hot stuff?
 - 79 Smidgen
 - 85 — culpa?
 - 87 Crow's loe
 - 89 — Locka, FL
 - 91 Podiatric problem
 - 92 Jealous Olympian
 - 94 Half (Pref.)
 - 96 Singer
 - 97 Dash
 - 99 — the Irish
 - 100 Harriet or Kierkegaard
 - 104 Proposition
 - 108 It'll give you a weigh
 - 109 Soak up
 - 111 Spoken
 - 113 "Cheater!"
 - 114 Slip by
 - 115 Metal measure
 - 116 Gladden
 - 117 Director King
 - 118 Darned things
 - 119 Seashore scavenger
 - 123 Polly
 - 125 Job opening
 - 128 Add color
 - 127 "Only Time"
 - 129 Orichalcum
 - 132 Arlen's singer
 - 134 Flagon
 - 135 Spell



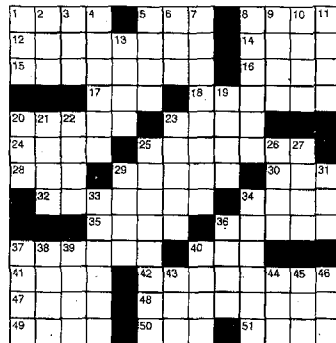
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ACROSS

- 1 Arizona city
- 5 Emerald, e.g.
- 8 Campus area
- 12 Ersatz stain remover
- 14 Pakistani tongue
- 15 Labyrinth beast
- 16 On in years
- 17 Have a bug
- 18 "Monopoly" pieces
- 20 Beatle drummer
- 23 Use a sponge
- 24 Hang in the balance
- 25 Goddess of wisdom
- 28 Still
- 29 Expert
- 30 "— say!"
- 32 Mosque tower
- 34 Fence entrance
- 35 B.F.O.E.
- 36 Lover of Daphnis
- 37 Three-card monte decoys
- 40 Seek restitution
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61 Reduce a dependence

13 Commotion

14 Admission of a city

15 Clients

16 James Bond, for one

17 Abound

18 Con opponent

19 Henry VIII had six

20 Objective

21 School's URL suffix

22 Strict disciplinarian

23 Shoppers' mecca

24 Shelter

25 Orzlie or Harriet

26 Notion

27 Nose-in-the-air sort

28 Mrs. McKinley

29 Edge

30 Prior right

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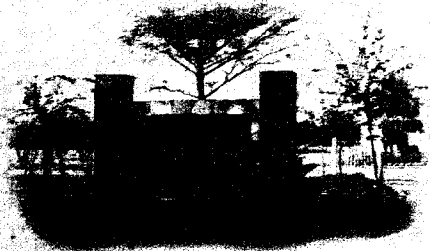
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But hurry, only four estate home sites remain at Shenandoah. It's private, provincial...and practically sold out!

- A private, gated neighborhood
- 21 generous 1-acre home sites on a 42-acre setting
- Close to Sanibel in the Iona area
- One-mile riding trail, horse stable availability
- Home sites from \$350,000
- Home and lot packages from \$1,395,000 to over \$1,800,000



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A Private Enclave of Country Estates

A Carlton-Naumann Homes Community

Located at "the bend" of Cook Road, midway
between Iona and John Morris Roads, Fort Myers.

