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Yes, Anthony, there really is a Santa Claus. The eight day celebration of Hanukkah begins today and tonight is the luminary on Sanibel. So, the holidays are in full swing and nobody knows that better than Anthony Howes, 3, as he takes a moment to think of what he wants for Christmas while Santa Claus waits for his answer. Santa made the visit to The Village shopping center Friday evening at the request of Nanny's children's clothing shop owner Jan Gabrielson to take pictures with kids courtesy of Kathy Beekman at Moto Photo on Sanibel. Santa will be back on the island at Jerry's Shopping Center tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 in the center atrium where Beekman will take more pictures for the children.

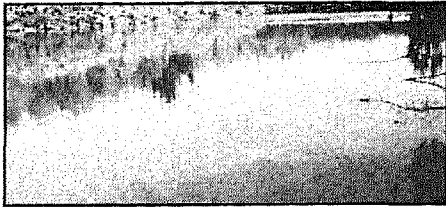
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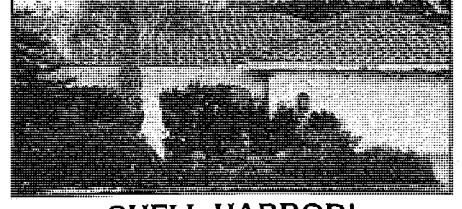
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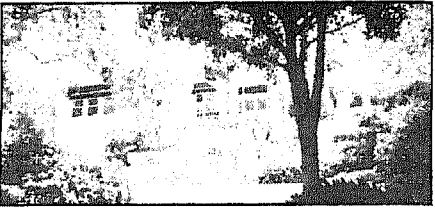
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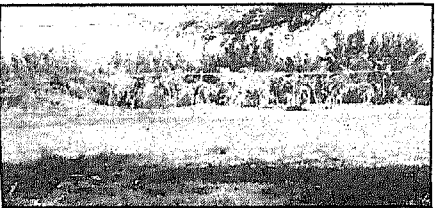
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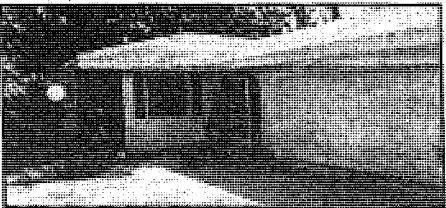
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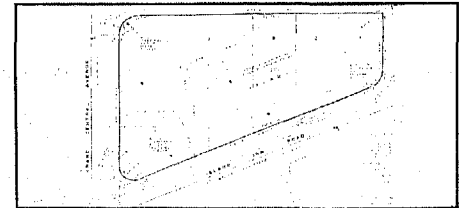
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## Hanukkah — more than doughnuts and gifts

By Jennifer Workman  
Managing Editor

Today begins the eight day celebration of Hanukkah (also spelled Hanukah or Chanukah), the Jewish Festival of Lights. "It's not the Jewish Christmas," said Rabbi Murray Saltzman of Temple Bat Yam. "It represents a different event and different spiritual themes."

Hanukkah is a holiday that began more than two thousand years ago when the Jewish leaders, or Maccabees, overthrew the Syrian army who, under the influence of Antiochus, a Greek/Syrian, was attempting to force Jews to adopt Hellenic customs and religious practices.

Although the holiday began because of a military victory, Saltzman said that instead of focusing on the military event, Jews should focus on the spiritual aspect of the holiday. "It is a celebration for religious freedom," said Saltzman who explained that Hanukkah occurred a century and a half before the emergence of Christianity. The Jewish victory, explained Saltzman, ensured that Christianity and then later Islam, which is the youngest of the three religions, would also enjoy religious freedom. "If Judaism hadn't survived the struggle, we wouldn't have Christianity and Islam," he said.

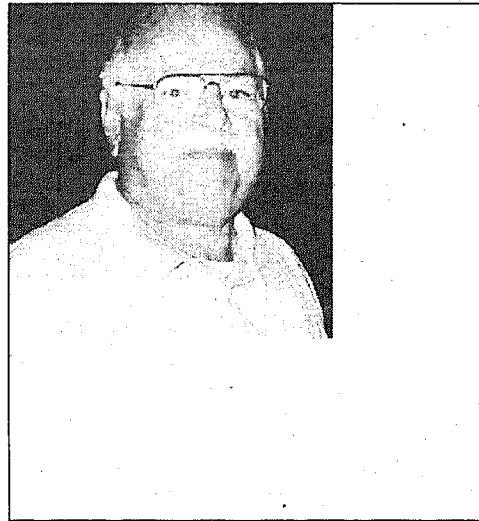
Therefore, the celebration is not based on the battle but on the events after the battle when the Jews returned to their homeland and were able to enjoy their religious freedom. However, upon returning home they found the temple defiled and discovered that only one flask of purified oil remained to light the menorah or chanukiyah as it is called in modern Hebrew. The flask only contained enough oil to light the menorah for one day, but it would take eight days to obtain more sacred oil. However the oil burned for eight days and the burning was proclaimed a miracle.

In honor of the miracle, each year Jewish families light the nine-branched menorah (a candelabra). One of the candles, the tallest in the menorah, is used to light the other candles and on each of the eight nights a candle is lit until all the candles are burning. While many menorahs are lit with candles Saltzman said that some are lit with oil or even electricity.

In addition to the symbolic lighting of the menorah, the holiday is also celebrated with gift giving and foods fried in oil to symbolize the sacred oil that burned for eight days. Traditional foods include latkes (potato pancakes) and soofganiot (jelly doughnuts).

Gifts are traditionally given to children in the family for each of the eight nights of Hanukkah; however, Saltzman said he's noticing that many young Jewish families are playing down the more material aspects of the holiday. "In my generation we gave one gift each night for every child to keep the kids happy," said Saltzman. But now, he explained many families are foregoing the gifts and making charitable contributions instead. For example, Saltzman said that his daughter and son-in-law in Portland, Ore. are making a charitable contribution in the name of their children and nieces and nephews instead of giving gifts. "I am so impressed and pleased," said Saltzman. "This is a very special way of observing Hanukkah and its meaning." Of course, while Saltzman is pleased with the idea, he conceded that not everyone is. "Not all my grandchildren are precisely happy, but I think it's a good learning experience," he said.

Other families he said reserve at least one of the eight days to make a charitable donation instead of giving a gift and that some children are also learning to give instead of just receive on the holiday. "There are several things the children can do to make this a special time," said



Saltzman

Saltzman. "Many children prepare dinner for their parents," he said.

Even with all the tradition and the eight-day celebration, Saltzman said that Hanukkah is a minor holiday because it doesn't require Jews to miss school or work and because it is celebrated in the home as opposed to the synagogue. None-the-less it is still a holiday with a spiritual meaning worth celebrating and Saltzman said that Temple Bat Yam will begin the celebration tonight with the lighting of the menorah. Lois Medinets will lead the singing of "Rock of Ages," the traditional Hanukkah hymn, and the blessings that are said for the lighting of the first candle. Later this month the Temple Bat Yam congregation will also go to the Fort Myers Soup, Kitchen on Martin Luther King Boulevard and give gifts to children.

— Gwenda Hiatt-Clements and Jill Goodman contributed to this story.

## Light the lights

The Luminary Festival of the Islands begins tonight on Sanibel as hundreds of volunteers and merchants light candles along Periwinkle Way and around island shopping areas.

Islanders and visitors are invited to stop by shops from the Lighthouse end of the island to Tarpon Bay to enjoy holiday cheer and hospitality offered by island shop owners. The Sanibel Community Church will also host its annual celebration and the Sanibel Community House will be open with refreshments served. Santa Claus will make his rounds on the Sanibel Fire Department truck and make appearances for free picture-taking opportunities at Bailey's Shopping Center, Jerry's Center and in Periwinkle Place.

The celebration, sponsored by the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, continues tomorrow night on Captiva where Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet visitors.



Sanibel Community Church shines for the luminary.

## Millennium options from barefoot to black tie

By Gwenda Hiatt-Clements  
Staff Writer

With the seconds, hours, days flashing by on the millennium countdown clock at the Sanibel Post Office, the question still looming for many is what are you doing New Year's, New Year's Eve?

And the talk around island gatherings shows staying home is the answer from most islanders.

Jean Beach said, "When we started talking about what to do, we thought people are coming from all over to spend time on our beaches, all we have to do is walk down the street!" So she and Bob Laswell are getting a few friends together to have cocktails and then head down to the beach for a toast to the new year at midnight.

But for those who want to go out on the town with friends or make new friends of those who have chosen to ring in the millennium on Sanibel or Captiva, there are plenty of options from which to choose.

The following is a list of special events planned:

**BIG Arts/Pirate Playhouse** — "Party

2000 Millennium Celebration." "Sylvia" performance at 6:30 p.m. at the Pirate Playhouse. Reception with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, raffles, door prizes and psychic readers at 8:30 p.m. in Phillips Gallery. Dinner created by Mozella Jordan, dancing to "Interlude" and entertainment with Ralph Elias as emcee from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. in Schein Hall. Attire is "island formal" and the cost is \$100 per person with an additional \$25 per ticket to the playhouse. Call 395-0900.

**Beachview Inn** — "New Year's Eve Party." Dinner party and dance, 8 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, 9 p.m. dinner. The \$125 per person includes music by Too Hot Duo, hors d'oeuvres, a surf and turf dinner with a champagne toast. Jackets required for gentlemen. Call 472-4394.

**Dunes Golf and Tennis Club** — "Black & White on the Greens," 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Members and the public are welcome. Cost of \$150 per person due at time of reservation includes hors d'oeuvres and buffet dinner, music and dancing, a toast in a commemorative glass and continental buffet at midnight. Formal dress. Call 472-3355.

**Portofino** — "Gala Millennium

Party," 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. five course gourmet dinner, midnight champagne toast, party favors and millennium gifts, dancing. Chef's specials and regular menu 5 - 10 p.m., dinner music by O.D. Taylor. Reservations required. Call 472-0494.

**Thistle Lodge** — "Millennium New Year's Celebration." Entertainment during cocktail hour with open bar and hors d'oeuvres, five-course gourmet dinner, live entertainment, midnight champagne toast, party favors. Reservations required. Call 472-9200.

**Chadwick's** — New Year's banquet served until 11 p.m. "Times Square Street Party" in plaza with live entertainment, party favors, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Monitors will show New York's Times Square party. Total cost is \$200 per person. Call 800-754-6637

**South Seas Resort** — Special \$360 nightly rate for Florida residents.

Millennium events include Livingston Taylor Concert, Dan Helgas Jazz Concert, Swing Band Dinner Dance. Call 800-572-5998.

**Sundial Beach Resort** — Millennium parties include a 1920s speakeasy, a 50s

party, an improv, a grand buffet and children's outer space party. Call 800-572-5998.

**'Tween Waters Inn** — "Spectacular Millennium Celebration" Three New Year's Eve parties — Wakefield Room, Crow's Nest, Old Captiva House, \$250 person includes dinner, cocktails, wine, party favors and a midnight champagne toast, music by J.D. Kurrant. Call Brian School, 472-5161.

**Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa** — "New Year's Eve Gala." Musicians, singers, dancers create a Times Square scene with a Broadway revue and tribute to Radio City Music Hall with Broadway performer Marcia McClain. Millennium packages including hotel room, banquet dinner, open bar and evening entertainment are available. Tickets for "dinner and show" only are also now available. Call 466-4000.

**Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** — "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," 6 p.m. - after midnight. The \$100 cost per person includes the dinner show, tax, post-show cabaret, champagne toast and party favors. Black tie optional. Reservations required. Call 278-5664.

## Silver celebration...

### Sanibel City Council, act one

By Jean Downes  
Special to the Islander

When Sanibel City Council met for the first time Dec. 10, 1974, it was the culmination of a two-year effort to incorporate and a five-week whirlwind organizational task following voter approval. Sixteen candidates vied for seats on that council; five were elected.

A reenactment of that first meeting will take place next Friday on the actual anniversary with three original councilmembers taking part plus 15 others who were instrumental in the massive task undertaken 25 years ago.

The first meeting lasted all day but the reenactment has been cut down to an hour and a half with an opening slide show of over 200 photos dating back to incorporation. It will be replayed following the meeting during a refreshment period.

Top billing now, as then, goes to Sanibel's first mayor Congressman Porter Goss sharing the podium with former councilmembers Francis Bailey and Charles LeBuff. Zelda Butler and Vernon Mackenzie, both deceased, will be represented by Aileen Lotz and Judy Workman who knew both well. Lotz composed the charter that put Sanibel's proposal before the State Legislature and Workman was one of the city's first employees.

Among those appearing will be Bob Buntrock who opposed incorporation; "watchdog" of the council Alice Kylo, who attended that first meeting and has missed only a few since; and Lew Phillips, then an Emergency Medical Technician with Lee County's EMS and now Sanibel Police Chief.

Also on hand will be long-time resident and columnist Grace Whitehead, whose husband Don published and edited the *Island Reporter*, and Ann Winterbotham-Campbell, founder of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Others sharing memories of those days will be Bill Frey, Anina Hills Glaise, Charlotte Heimann, Jack Rushworth, Allen TenBroek, Jack Thomas, Keith Trowbridge, Dick Workman and Duane White, who will visit via tape.

Jody Brown, who conceived the plan for the reenactment and made it a reality, said she promises an enlightening and sometimes humorous performance — as in the

**AT RIGHT: The idea of a reenactment of the first Sanibel Council meeting on its 25th anniversary is the brain child of Jody Brown. The event is next Friday at the Sanibel Community House at 3 p.m.**



original. Current city councilmember Steve Brown will host the event.

The first meeting saw interruptions of a surprise nature as well as some planned presentations. A gavel and a flag that flew over the nation's capitol were given that day by John Cook. A painting of the capitol, other artworks, a naugahyde chair and even a .357 magnum pistol were gifts. An anonymous couple wrote a check for \$1,000 to help the city's temporary financial crisis.

In 1974 Arthur Hunter, who died in 1993, had given the city an orange hibiscus with a red center that he had bred and named "The Council Man." That variety is obsolete, but this year his daughter Sanibel resident Leanna Hunter Mottern will replicate her father's gift with another hibiscus.

Also for this year's reenactment the Board of Realtors is providing an 18-foot red cedar holiday tree to be planted on Lindgren Boulevard at Periwinkle as a living tribute to the city. They will present a plaque commemorating the tree and the 25 years of cityhood during the reenactment.

The entire program will offer a look back for those who were here in 1974 and a sense of how the city arrived at its present status for those who have come since.

The reenactment is Dec. 10 from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. A reception and opportunity to chat with the participants will follow the program. Catering, provided by Trader's Cafe, is sponsored by Bank of the Islands.

Tickets are free but necessary because of seating limitations. They are available at the Chamber of Commerce and Bank of the Islands. The Lions club will serve as parking crew for the car lot across the street from the Community House.

### Family fun

By Jean Downes  
Special to the Islander

It's party time. The salute to Sanibel's incorporation is completed. The commemorative dates have been observed; the reasons for cityhood explored. Those who took part in 1974 have been honored. Now it's on to Gulfside City Park.

The community-wide picnic Dec. 11 from noon to 4 p.m. climaxes the celebration in grand old Sanibel style. Sam and Francis Bailey remember when a "fish fry on the beach" was standard entertainment; this picnic offers that and more.

Marty Harrity and Bill Hillebrandt, who chair the event, are pleased with the variety of activities arranged to augment the picnic fare.

Danny Morgan's band will play music

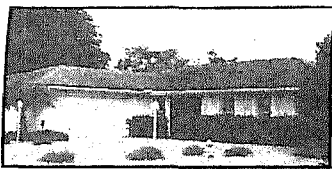


**Stan Kucaba, chairman of the 25th Anniversary committee, meets with Bill Hillebrandt, co-chair of the community picnic.**

of the islands; Sanibel school "Honors Choir" will entertain at 3 p.m.; and a dunk tank will be set up with the locally famous and infamous as targets. Kayaks will be available for paddling in Gulf waters off Algiers beach and the Power Squadron promises a boat-a-rama. In all 18 games which include a bounce-house and coconut horseshoe contest will run throughout the afternoon.

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## ...wraps up next week

# Sanibel's 'herstory'

By Gwenda Hiett-Clements  
Staff Writer

**M**ary Bell, who opened Zonta's presentation of contributions made by island women last week at the library, said there are strong women everywhere, but there has been a "preponderance" of strong women on Sanibel.

Bell joined Judy Workman, Louise Johnson and Nola Theiss in discussing women who through Sanibel's growth as a city have made major contributions in the areas of government and in environmental, arts and community areas.

Notable women included Ann Winterbotham, founder of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; Ellie Dormer, author of the "Sea Shell Islands;" Aileen Lotz, who drafted the city charter; Zee Butler, a member of the first city council and Emmy Lou Lewis, who started the *Islander*.

Workman used historical scrapbooks of clippings from the *Island Reporter* compiled by Melina Eskew, another notable in the foundation of Sanibel Tomorrow and Committee of the Islands, to point out some "firsts" by Sanibel women. Jennifer Stovall, daughter of Sam and Ann Cimato Stovall, was the first citizen born after incorporation. Welcome McNamara, age 2 then and daughter of island artist Bryce McNamara, opened one of the first accounts at the original Bank of the Islands. Jean Nichols (now Woodring) was the first receptionist at the first city hall. Edna Russell presented the city with its first bill, for refreshments at the meeting. Betty Weir was the first female police officer hired by the city. And the city's first sign permit was issued to Pat Slater, who was general manager of Song of the Sea at that time.

Johnson noted that many women who contributed to island arts and environmental organizations after the incorporation of the city had the luxury of being able to devote volunteer time to their particular passions unlike earlier women who were looking after families or operating businesses.

Looking to the future, Theiss said that telecommunications has made it possible



Photo/Gwenda Hiett-Clements

**ABOVE: Louise Johnson, one of four women who have served on City Council during the city's 25-year history, was one of four speakers at Zonta's celebration of "Women of Sanibel" at the Sanibel Library last week.**

for today's Sanibel woman to work from home and devote time to the community.

"Women here are not limited by their jobs, and," she joked, "we all think it is normal to be overworked and underpaid here anyway. And it's also known that the island is made up of over-educated people. That's why there are so many chiefs, everyone's used to being in charge of something."

Current councilwoman Theiss observed that there have only been four women — Zee Butler, Louise Johnson, Daphne Miller and Theiss — on council during the city's 25-year history and encouraged other women to make the run for council.

### From page 4

Food will be served starting at noon from Sam Bailey's and Ralph Woodring's fish fry with master fish fryer Hap Payne wielding the spatula. Also, Harry lists hamburgers, hot dogs, conch fritters, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, hush puppies, melons and soft drinks. There is no charge for the meal. Volunteers from the Lions Club will handle cooking and serving and Zonta members will serve drinks.

The "Ride-a-Bike — Win-a-Bike" event began as a method to alleviate parking problems but has developed into much more according to Hillebrandt. Sally and Billy Kirkland of Billy's Rentals are offering loaner bikes to picnickers from two locations: Bailey's and Bank of the Islands. Those who don't own bikes can drive or walk to either

site, bike to the park and return the bike to its original location.

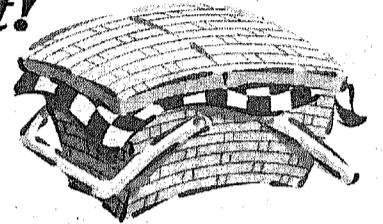
As an added incentive to bike to the event, each biker will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing during the afternoon. Prizes are a free bicycle courtesy of Dan Lyman in memory of his wife Connie, and two \$100 certificates for bike rentals from the Kirklands and Finnemore's Cycle Shop. For those who do not bike, auto parking will be available at nearby Butterknife sub-division with shuttle service to the picnic. Kiwanians will direct parking. Algiers City Park is at the end of Algiers Road, off Casa Ybel Road.

Members of the committee planning the celebration include Chairman Stan Kucaba, Grover Arp, Jody Brown, Jean Downes, Steve Greenstein, Helene Phillips, Keith Trowbridge in addition to Hillebrandt and Harry.



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### Thursday

- ★ Monte Cristo with fruit ★ Sirloin Tips over rice
- ★ Gourmet Pizza of the Day

### Friday

- ★ Tuna Melt with fruit ★ Chicken Marsala with spaghetti
- ★ Corned Beef on Rye with potato

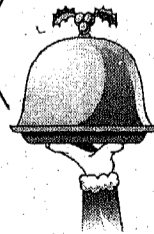
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**M**y mother called me Sunday and said, "Can you be at Grandma's at 4:30?" It was 4:10 and I was "off the rock," as my friend Bob would say, but she said it in a tone that was more a statement than a question so I figured I better inhale the turkey burger I'd just made and head back to the island.

We were having our family picture taken. Now, you won't understand the true humor of this unless you know my family and know that we don't do things like have family pictures taken. We're not very traditional — much to my chagrin. I like family things. I like the idea of family meals, family nights, family outings and family pictures. I would like to have family pictures taken every year. And I would like us to be wearing matching outfits and sitting in clever poses and all looking cute as can be. But the rest of my family — immediate and extended — is not so enthused.

Last year I insisted we have a family picture with my dad's portion of the family. And, I have to say, I was rather surprised when everyone agreed to show up in the front yard for the photo. They were even wearing, in varying creative versions, the required outfit I'd requested: denim or khaki shorts and a red, white or green shirt. My father was wearing a red, bordering on pink,

shirt with bright red suspenders. Not exactly what I had in mind, but, hey, I was just glad he was participating. We actually got a few nice pictures out of the lot, but we had to snap quickly because my then 3-year-old brother was none too patient. I opted not to attempt a photo again this year.

## What I'm Saying



**Jennifer Workman**

Needless to say, when my mother said we were having a family portrait I was taken aback. As it turns out, my uncle, who married into the family, was behind the picture taking event. That explained a few things. He is from a large family and he and his family members seem the type to gather 'round for a photo. But how he got my family to be agreeable, I'll never know.

Regardless of reason, there we were in my grandmother's front yard ready to say cheese. We started with my mother, my brother and me and then we got my grandmother in on the "fun." Before long, I went inside to get my 10-year-old cousin for a "cousin picture." J.T., my cousin, seemed glad to oblige as it was either be in a picture with me or help his mother paint my grandmother's family room.

By the time we finished we had used four cameras and gotten five family members in the pictures. And I dare say they had fun.

Monday at lunch I dropped the pictures

off to be developed and later Gwenda and I took an afternoon break to get a snack and pick up the photos. When we got in the car, we both pored over them as if we'd never seen a picture before. We critiqued them and analyzed them and Gwenda picked out the best shots of each group. It was something we used to do everyday — looking over pictures. But since the paper switched to digital cameras, we no longer do that and this was a special treat.

These days, like magic, we take a disk from the camera, pop it in a computer and there's the image. I don't know how it works and the more I think about it the more confused I get. I don't think I really want to understand because it means the world is way more complicated than I want it to be.

At any rate, the digital cameras have been great for the paper. I can take a picture at an event and know immediately if I got a good one or not. And because all the photos are stored on the computer, I save tons of time each week because I don't have to worry about filing photos or negatives.

But for my real life I couldn't imagine putting my treasured (and rare) family photos from disk to machine. I couldn't imagine not being able to hold those images in my hands. I would be lost if I couldn't brighten a friend's day by giving her a zany photo of the two of us. Without actual tangible photos my walls would be bare, my frames would be empty and my world would be without color. I treasure the picture I have on my nightstand of my baby brother smelling a sunflower. And when I want to look at it, I don't have to go to the other room, turn on a cold machine and open a file to view the photo on my screen. All I have to do is turn my head to catch a glimpse of



**Michael, J.T. and Jennifer pose for their cousin portrait.**

his sweet cherubic face. And if I want to feel near to him I can pick up the picture and hold it close. My pictures are my memories and my life. I don't want them tucked away in a computer file or sent to me via e-mail. I want them on display and in plain sight.

And I don't want to keep only the perfect shots. I want the ones with the silly expressions, the quirky smiles and the unenthused eyebrows.

Because that will be my only record, when my memory fades, of the day my silly, quirky and unenthused family had a cherished family day.

*Jennifer Workman is the managing editor of the Islander and she wants to hear what you're saying. Call her at 472-5185.*

## Letters

### Thanks for kindness

*To the Editor:*

It may be that some little root of the sacred tree still lives.

Nourish it then that it may leaf and bloom and fill with singing birds.

— *Black Elk*

Wise words from a wise man which so beautifully expresses how to celebrate a life well lived. This extraordinary community of islanders has come forward to help me on my journey from loss to a new and different life without my Beloved Partner, Frank. He may no longer be here in form, but thanks to all of the dear folks who live on our little bit of Paradise his memory will go on forever. Frank's "little root" is alive, well and blooming in our theaters and the arts which are so much a part of our "Island Style." I am so very grateful to be part of such a joy-filled, life-enriching, loving community of islanders. How can I express my thanks? By continuing to live "the good life" as Frank called living here — and thanks to your help I'm going to make it. May God bless you for all the many kindnesses and the friendship you all have shown me.

*Marsha Wagner  
Sanibel*

### Causeway crusading

*To the Editor:*

I really don't get enough credit for trying to be diplomatic ... really I don't. Some island "insiders" (and wanna-be's) have described my causeway-related statements

as "pointed" (read: "hot-headed") and have implied that I'm too shrill or even a paranoid conspiracy theorist. But you don't need to have a conspiracy to make any of my observations on the things that stink, and furthermore these are not theories; they're documented facts. Today's item: there is a huge conflict of interests built into the rules for the Causeway Citizen's Study Group. As early as Oct. 8 I have pointed this out quietly in letters to the Sanibel City Council, Lee County Attorney, Lee Division of Transportation (Lee DOT), Lee Commissioners and the Sanibel City Attorney. However, of all these only a single individual — a councilmember — has responded or shown the slightest concern regarding this discovery. Enter the newspapers and this, my latest pointed causeway letter — because YOU need to know.

It seems that the above parties have together crafted a set of rules preventing the Citizen Study Group from writing its own (majority) opinion, leaving no possibility for veto or for a group minority opinion, and instead consigning the writing to a consultant employed by — you guessed it — the Lee DOT. Now, if the Citizen Study Group comes to any conclusions(s) which contradict, inconvenience or embarrass Lee DOT, what do you think their own consultant is going to do? If caught between accurately representing a handful of citizens or aiding their current — and potentially repeat — business client, what would any business do? This is known as a conflict of interest and Lee DOT has for a year acted

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# A Florida panther — alive and well living on Sanibel

Recent sightings of a large cat on Sanibel resembling a Florida panther are said by some experts to be a bobcat with shorter hair and a longer tail.

I have observed and photographed Florida panthers in captivity, in fact I've come as close to these cats as to pet them, and to have my picture taken with them at my feet.

I know what a Florida panther looks like. I also know what a Florida bobcat looks like. I've observed and photographed Florida bobcats in captivity and also have seen them in the wild on several occasions.

Last month I saw my first Florida panther in the wild. I was walking my poodle Teddy at the East End of the island near the Sanibel River. My dog gave a low guttural growl, a growl I had never heard before. Poodles

were hunters in the past, and Teddy's heritage had kicked in. He strained at the end of his leash, wanting to head toward a thick mangrove forest. My curiosity got the best of me. I picked up my dog, fearing a larger unleashed dog may be in the area nearby and walked toward the river. Teddy's growl became a whine and I could hardly contain him. Out of the brush walked a Florida panther the size of a full grown, 100 pound German shepherd. This cat had short hair, beige-brown in color, a very long tail, an elongated face, pointed ears and white markings on his face, similar to the Florida panthers that I had seen in captivity.

What surprised me was this panther had no fear of me. He stood about 30 feet away and just stared at me. He slowly walked up the foot bridge that crossed over the river and sat at its highest point, looking in my

direction. He seemed as curious of me as I was of him. He seemed almost tame. As I walked toward him, holding my dog, he slowly turned and walked down the bridge to the other side and disappeared back into

the mangrove woods. Several Sanibel residents have recently told me of panther sightings on Sanibel and their descriptions of the cats sighted were similar to mine.

I remember back in the early eighties when several pairs of bobcats were released into Sanibel's wilderness to help solve our feral cat problem, even though there was no evidence these cats had ever lived on this island before. I have never heard of Florida panthers being introduced into the area, but who is to say it didn't happen. Maybe someone came up with a brilliant idea of releasing panthers into Sanibel's wilderness to reduce the growing bobcat population.

I do remember in the early eighties when Octagon's Wildlife Refuge was housed on the Captiva property of Shirley's Spirit of Foolishness. Several Florida panthers were kept in small cages along with a variety of other caged animals. Rumors of sick panthers, unsanitary conditions and untrained handlers were rampant. A few months later the animals were gone. After hearing about panther sightings over the past ten years on Sanibel, I have often wondered if some of the cats from Captiva escaped or were released into Sanibel's wilderness. If they had been housed illegally or improperly, who would report a missing wild animal? Who knows how our island acquired its Florida panther or panthers but I know what I saw and as far as I am concerned we have at least one full-grown Florida panther, alive and well and living on Sanibel.

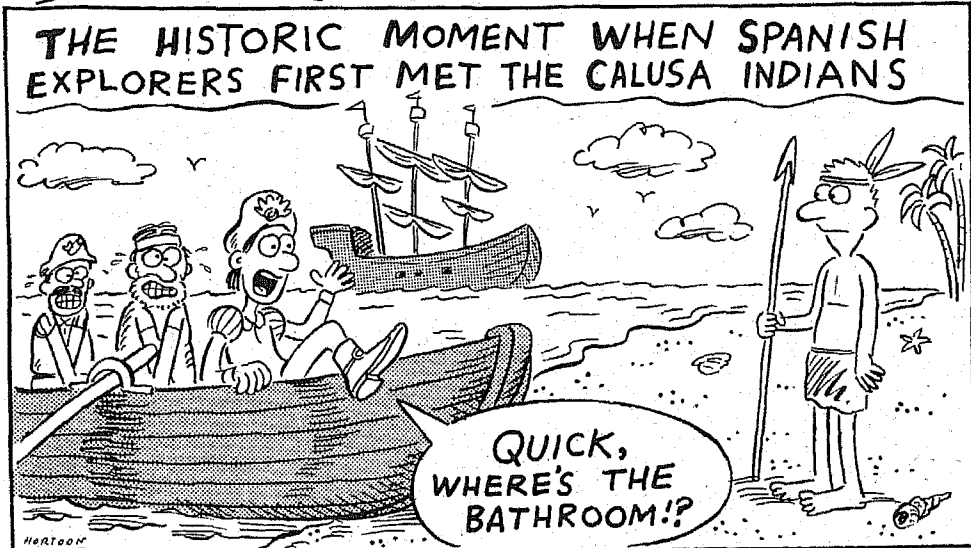
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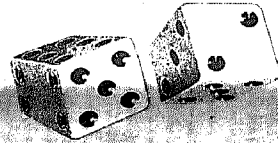
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like they don't understand the term or the reality behind it. And now they are joined by the Lee Attorney's Office in this farce.

So why hasn't council raised a peep about this (or even responded privately to

my letters)? What are you people thinking? Just last spring you came within a gnat's-butt of letting Lee DOT solicit an endorsement directly from the Sanibel Planning Commission and thereby cutting you — and all the rest of us — out of further participation. Even those now convinced that Lee DOT's Citizen Study Group is just a public-relations charade must be able to see that if we don't object to their rigging the process we only weaken our case when it winds up in court. On this subject we need leadership from council now. And particularly those of you with further political aspirations — be they the post of mayor, county commissioner or any other public office — should take note.

*Matt Stein  
Alternate, Citizen's Study Group  
to the Sanibel Causeway Improvements  
Project Development and  
Environmental Study*

**Birds need the beach**

*To the Editor:*

Last week I had the opportunity to go beach birding with Bev Postmus at Coquina Club Beach. There were lots of birds and people too. The birds were scrambling to eat after a long migration from the Arctic tundra. The people were fast walking, running, walking dogs, shelling and socializing, all with complete oblivion while plowing through the birds.

Bev taught us some of the habits of these birds who need the beaches for survival. The huge flocks of red knots had come down from Hudson Bay, stopping on that particular beach to rest and fatten up to continue their journey to South America.

Back home, I had to reflect on my own questionable past behavior. For years I have "used" the beach for my own pleasure and recreation and had scattered birds in a discourteous manner as those 100-plus people last week. Most of us view the beach as a place for exercise and shelling while the shore birds depend on the habitat for their life-giving existence.

I now take time to observe the birds eat, rest, mate, wrestle and cooperate with each

other. And I learn something exciting each day and I feel more connected to the beach ecosystem. Ever watch a laughing gull eat a fish? Take your time because they do. Amazing action! My favorite is the black-bellied plover who has come down from resting in the tundra too. They usually feed alone and don't have the black bellies now, but right before they take off for the Arctic in spring become completely black underneath to absorb the sun's radiance to convert the heat to the eggs for fast incubation. The gulls are fun to watch in cohort with the pelicans. "Stokes Field Guide to Birds" shows many of the shore birds are decreasing on the eastern coast, so they need our help.

If people aren't interested in bird watching, we can be considerate and gently walk or run around feeding flocks. This is a simple respectful gesture on behalf of humans to help preserve another treasure which makes Sanibel a unique sanctuary for all the precious diversity of life.

*Debby Boots  
Sanibel*

**Shell fare**

*To the Editor:*

In your Nov. 19 issue, I read with interest, the article concerning the trip the director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum to gather shells. I certainly hope that they did not take any live shells.

*Kirk Brennan  
Fort Myers*

**Part of history**

*(Neville Dodd mailed the Islander copies of photos taken of two men who were in the Coast Guard on Sanibel in the 1940s and a copy of an envelope mailed to him from Sanibel, post marked March 10, 1945, and simply addressed to Joe Dodd, Southport, Indiana)*

*To the Editor:*

I am a subscriber of yours and I thought (since this is the city's 25th) you might be interested to know that two of my close friends were in the Coast Guard, guarding your beach and maintaining your lighthouse. Harold Phillips died Dec. 8, 1985 and Ralph Ferguson died Nov. 7, 1999. The two lived in Fort Myers and patrolled the coast down there. I was called Joe Dodd in Indiana which was a nickname from Southport Indiana High School days.

The wife and I visited your island several times but now time is running out on us. I am 88. I would sure like to spend more time down there but can't, but sure enjoyed when we did.

*Neville "Joe" Dodd  
Bowling Green, Ky.*

**Important meeting**

*To the Editor:*

Please mark your calendar for Jan. 25 at 9:15 a.m. to do the following:

1. Attend the Planning Commission's continued hearing for permitting resort beach furnishings such as large umbrellas, cabanas, lounges and bikes at Meristar Seaside Inn adjacent to a single family beach house and Meristar Song of the Sea,

both located in the historically residential East End of Sanibel.

2. Support the core issue of Ordinance No. 98-07, how the intensity of use of the beach is to be controlled. Your public input is valued to help reduce tacky commercial resort clutter that degrades natural appearance, depletes native vegetation and intrudes on shorebirds feeding and resting.

3. Encourage immediate enforcement of the 18-month-old Ordinance No. 98-07 at all the Sanibel beach resort zone businesses.

It feels like the city's permitting process is acting submissive to a challenge by treating Meristar Seaside Inn and son of the Sea as "pioneer" (their term) trial applications without island-wide attention to all the resorts providing beach furnishings. Land Development Code law enacted April 21, 1998 requires all multi-family resort dwellings providing beach equipment to obtain conditional use and development permits.

At 8 a.m. on Nov. 29 Meristar's Sundial had exactly 50 beach lounges unused, prepositioned on its commercial non-residential building beachfront. Song of the Sea prepositioned 24 lounges and 10 umbrellas, unused near the wet high-tide line.

Keeping our beaches natural means work for everyone. Thank you!

*Hazel Schuller  
Sanibel*

**Council in muddy water**

*To the Editor:*

The Sanibel City Council is really moving into "muddy waters" now. Relaxing the ordinance on the use of personal watercraft from one quarter mile to 300 feet is preposterous. The reason for the relaxation is the council does not want to spend the money for the required buoys at the quarter mile mark. Rather the city is willing and ready to accept West Coast Inland Navigational District funding to purchase buoys at the 300 feet mark.


Where is our conservation philosophy for the vast majority who want peace and quiet while shelling, walking and enjoying the "gifts from the sea" for which our island is most appreciated?

You, City Council, will spend money frivolously to restrict small businesses such as Schnapper's Hots, from the use of a simple bench on which one could enjoy lunch and also devote endless hours and dollars debating down versus up lighting and the effects on turtles. Meanwhile, the City Council will bring noisy, raucous and useless personal watercraft closer to our beaches where they are also a threat to the safety of swimmers.

At least one country that we know of (Sweden) prohibits the use of personal watercraft entirely because of adverse impact on the environment. Does Sanibel deserve less? Stop the double standard and push the personal watercraft out to sea where they belong (if at all)!

*Tom and Judy Ware  
Sanibel and North Oaks, Minn.*

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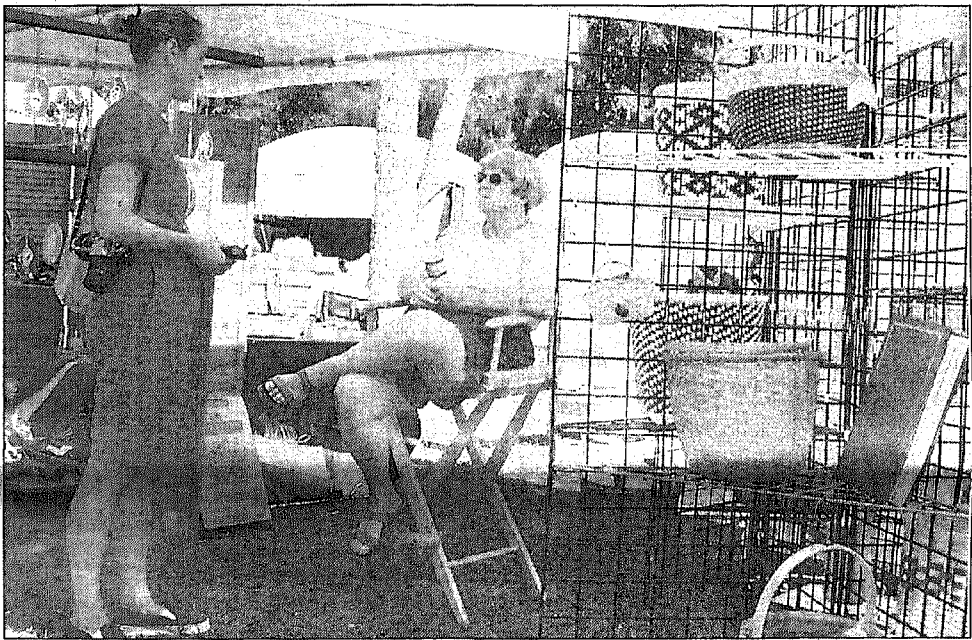
# An affair of the arts



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**ABOVE:** Polly Matsumoto points out some of the nuances of her husband Ikki's work to Dick Herout.



**ABOVE:** Helen Baller talks to Alex Rheault during the fair from Baller's tent filled with her hand-woven baskets.



**LEFT:** Through the out door — Anne Kittel is framed by the back of her booth.

**TOP:** Mindy Shaine and Beth Mittica take a look at Luc Century's etched glasses at the BIG Arts' art fair Saturday morning.

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**Familiar Face**

**Papa's pedaling for kids**

*By Jennifer Workman  
Managing Editor*

**W**ells Jones may not be familiar now, but he wants to be. The 68-year-old Sanibel resident is planning a 4,026 mile bicycle ride from the southern most point in the United States in Key West all the way to Seattle. He's doing the ride to raise money as a means of sending kids to college and in order to do that, he's going to need some attention and somebody to help him get the attention.

"I need to have someone else take care of all the details and let me just do the biking," said Jones who has been biking 44 miles a day since June. He did take some time off from the biking two months ago when he had open heart surgery, but after his recovery time he was back on his "old broken-down Murray" bicycle and up to 44 miles a day again.

Jones decided he wanted to put all that biking to use and also wanted to do something for kids. "I just want to help them that's all," he said as his reason for planning the cross-country ride. Called Papa by his own six grandchildren, Jones is calling his ride "Papa Pedaling for Kids."

Jones said he wants to give kids whose parents can't afford college or who can't earn a scholarship a chance to get an education. The money he raises will go into a trust account set up at NationsBank called For Kids. Jones set up the account with \$1,000 of his money.

Jones hopes that people will either make donations to For Kids or pledge money for each of the miles he'll pedal. He suggested a penny a mile "or whatever people can afford."

Starting around Jan. 24, Jones said he will average 40 to 45 miles a day five days a week from 7 a.m. to noon. He'll rest up on weekends, he said, unless he runs short on time. He plans to be at the top of the Seattle Space Needle on his birthday, July 4.

"I know I can physically do it," said Jones. "I hope I can raise enough money to do it."

But that's where the community comes in. Jones said he hopes someone will step forward to help him raise the money and find sponsors for the trip. His ultimate dream would be a donated motor home to follow behind him during the trip, "so I don't get run over," he said. He said he'd also like an 800 number or a Web page

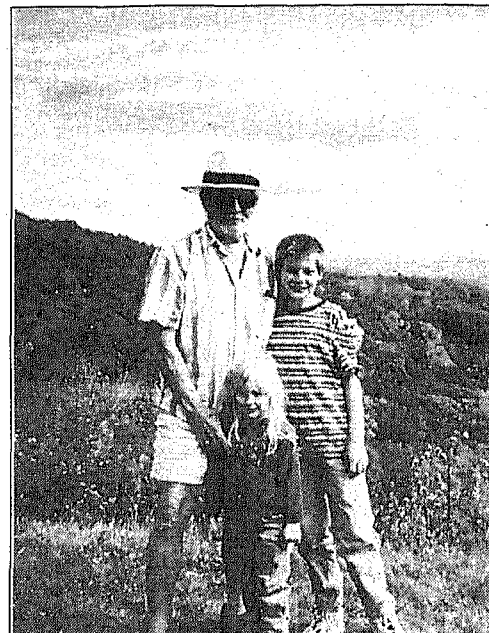
where people could get updates on his progress and he could tell about his journey. And, Jones said, he'd like to get national attention so that people all over the country could donate money to the For Kids fund.

Jones, a semi-retired landscape architect, who grew up in Tampa, said that when he was a kid he and his buddies used to come to Sanibel via the ferry to go snook fishing. He raised three kids of his own and moved to Sanibel a year and a half ago to enjoy semi-retirement. But not one to sit still, Jones began biking.

Jones has mapped out his course mostly through the southern states. "I'm going to see Small Town, USA, that's for sure. I'm going through places I've never heard of. They're just dots on the map," he said.

Donation to the For Kids fund can be made at NationsBank and if you'd like to reach Jones to help him with the details of sponsorship, fund raising and publicity, call him at 395-3052.

*If you have any ideas for a Familiar Face, please give Managing Editor Jennifer Workman a call at 472-5185.*



**Wells Jones with two of his grandchildren Tommy and Bethany Voisey in Boone, N.C.**

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## Happenings Open house party

Adventures in Paradise, Port Sanibel Marina is having an annual open house party Dec. 4 from 3 - 6 p.m. There will be canoeing, kayaking, fishing and waverunners and from 5 - 6 p.m. a Champagne Sunset Cruise on Miss Paradise. There will be live entertainment by Island Sounds and food and drinks by The Lighthouse Restaurant. Reservations must be made for the sunset cruise. Call 472-8443 or 437-1660.

## Beachcombers

The Beachcombers, a friendship club for singles in the Sanibel-Captiva-Fort Myers area will meet to celebrate the season's special holidays with a Holiday Potluck Supper at the home of Mary Hatley Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Members and visitors can share holiday dishes in addition to collecting gifts for two needy families at this time. The group will also donate money from its savings to be used toward food certificates at local supermarkets for each family. Gifts and certificates will be delivered later in the month. The Beachcombers, founded by single members of Sanibel Congregational Church, is an ecumenical singles club open to all churches and all ages in the area. The Sunday evening festivities are a change from the usual first Tuesday meeting night. Members pay \$5 for each meeting. First-time visitors are waived the \$5 dues. Call Mary Hatley at 590-0147.

## Heartsaver course

The Sanibel Fire Control District is offering a CPR Heartsaver course Dec. 6 from 6 - 10 p.m. The course includes background information about heart disease and risk factors. One-rescuer CPR and the management of foreign-body airway obstruction will be taught. There will be a lecture, practice on CPR manikins and skill testing. Course materials need to be read prior to classes. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or pad for your knees for working with the manikins on the floor. Pre-registration and \$10 payment are required prior before class. Call 472-5525 Monday - Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## Checkmate

Brian Johnson will coordinate a chess club at BIG Arts starting Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Sessions are \$3. Players who own boards are encouraged to bring them. Call 394-

0900.

## Yoga class

Gentle Yoga lessons will begin Dec. 9 - May at the Sanibel Community House. Eleanor Horowitz is a certified Kripalu Hatha Yoga Instructor who will teach a non-athletic Yoga with a goal toward mind, body, and spirit wellness. Classes are \$5 for members \$6 for non members. Call 472-2155

## Island writers

Members of Island Writers Groups I, II and III will read selected works Dec. 9 at BIG Arts. The two-hour presentation, "Writers' Voices, Ending an Era," will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be refreshments during an intermission.

## Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the membership of Island Seniors, Inc. will be Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. Officers will be elected at the meeting. Holiday refreshments and a social hour will follow.

## Theater fund raiser

The Old Schoolhouse Theater Foundation's major fund raiser of the year will be Feb. 20 at the Dunes Country Club. The event will include cocktails, dinner, dancing, an auction and a performance by J.T. Smith and Friends.

## Donations for family

A fund at Bank of the Islands has been set up for donations for Sanibel residents Debbie and Joe Almeida and their four children. Joe is currently in the hospital and suffering from cancer. The Pirate Playhouse is also having a fund raiser for the family Dec. 9 with refreshments and wine in the lobby at 7 p.m. and the comedy, "Sylvia," at 8 p.m. The cost for the benefit evening is \$35.

## Volunteers needed

Smiling, happy people — from teens to seniors — are wanted to greet visitors at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce visitor's center. Volunteers will work four-hour shifts at the visitor center and greet visitors, answer commonly asked questions and give accurate directions. Amy Morgan, director of Volunteer Services, plans to start training volunteers the last week of November to gear up for season. Training includes three 3-hour classroom sessions to learn an island information guidebook that Morgan compiled. The volunteers will also get to go on "field trips" to gain first-hand knowledge. Call Morgan at 472-1080.

## Shellcrafters

The Sanibel Shellcrafters meet every Monday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association. Everyone is welcome to observe and participate. There is no charge for instruction or necessary materials. All crafts made benefit the Community Association.

The Shellcrafters can always use your surplus shells. Shells can be dropped off at the SCA office Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or a pick-up can be arranged by calling Wanda Will at 472-8059.

## Holiday haps Library stories

Tales of "Christmas Past" will be the theme at First Friday Stories for Grownups at the Sanibel Library today at 2 p.m. Esther Saltzman will tell a Hanukkah story and Vince Faraone, Maggie and Steve Mullins, Beth Gillis and Nancy Fisk will tell Winter Solstice and Christmas stories. Cookies and refreshments will be served at the free program. Call 472-2483.

## Gardener's lunch

Members and guests of the Master Gardeners and the Horticultural Society will honor plant specialist Kaye Cude Dec. 7 with a holiday pot luck luncheon and garden tour at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Linton of Sanibel. The group will meet first at the Sanibel Library at 10 a.m. for a gardening session and directions to the Linton home will be given at that time. Everyone should attend the meeting and



Kaye Cude explains a leaf problem to Faye Granberry.

bring a dish for the buffet table. Cude, a Florida plant authority, is being honored for her 15 years of workshops on Sanibel without compensation. The workshop is designed to show the appreciation of all the gardeners in the area. The holiday gift for the attendees is a tour of the Linton's garden. Helping with the event are Faye Granberry, Cel Luke, Vince Hanlon and Doris and Bill Fletcher. Members and guests may contribute to the gift for Cude at the luncheon. Reservations are required. Call 472-6940.

## AARP holiday party

The AARP organization of Sanibel and Captiva will hold its annual holiday party Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. All seniors are invited to the holiday party to meet old friends and enjoy the fun and festivities. The next AARP meeting will be Jan. 14. The group meets the second Friday

of each month from October - May. The newly elected officers for the year 2000 will be sworn in at the meeting.

## Sanibel Putt Putt Golf

The Annual holiday miniature golf fundraiser will take place at the Community House Dec. 26 - 29 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. A round of golf costs \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12 per round. Prizes will be awarded in all divisions. Hot dogs, pizza and refreshments will be available.

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## ABWA Christmas

The Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will celebrate the holidays with a festive dinner meeting at Sundial Dec. 14. Networking in the lounge begins at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. There will be a gift exchange and everyone wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift. Members are also collecting gifts for Friends Who Care for Children on Sanibel and Captiva who otherwise would not have such a merry Christmas. These gifts should be unwrapped so the Friends Who Care volunteers can match the gifts to the recipients before wrapping. Call Trudie Kohlbrenner at 472-4969 no later than Dec. 9 to make reservations. ABWA meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Sundial. Reservations are required and the price of dinner is \$15.

## SCA holidays

The Sanibel Community Association's annual Christmas Party is Dec. 16. The social hour starts at 5:30 with appetizers and a cash bar followed by a sumptuous holiday meal catered by Bailey's. J. T. Smith will entertain followed by the entire Sweet Adelines Chorus. Reservations a must no later than Dec. 13. Call 472-2155.

## Christmas trees

For the 30th consecutive year the Lions' Christmas tree lot is open across from the Bailey's store. The lot will be open daily through Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Lion Sam Wallace, project coordinator, said the lot is being stocked with about 350 trees including Fraser firs, Scotch pines and grand firs. The trees cost between \$30 and \$140. For larger trees the Lions will sell and install custom-made stands and if customers bring their own stands, Lions will mount trees at no extra charge. There is free delivery of larger trees to any location on the islands. Helping project coordinator Wallace are co-coordinator Jerry Mundt, Dean Skaugstad, Joe Sloboda and Tom Louwers. Day captains are Hal Theiss, Bob Rawlins, Bill Wollschlager, Tom Nachazel, John Burke and Bill Mullinnix and Jerry Novelli.

## Jingle Bells for charity

The jolly elves are ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Kettles for the holiday

seasons. Bell ringers are at Bailey's and Jerry's stores. Visitors and residents of Sanibel have been very generous in the past and the Salvation Army is asking for help again in making this time of year a more gracious period for the less fortunate. The volunteers are mostly from Sanibel and since starting ten years ago, the kettle revenues continue to grow.

## Edison house

The annual Thomas Edison Holiday house will be open through Dec. 12 from 5 - 9 p.m. There will be holiday festivities and decorations designed by the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club. The theme is "Dreaming of a White Christmas." The cost is \$3 and children are free. Call 334-7419.

## Open house

The Fort Myers Historical Museum is having a holiday open house Dec. 5 from noon - 5 p.m. There will be free admission to the museum, a 10 percent discount on all purchases and the prices of many items will be reduced. Local author Alberta Barnes will be there to sign her books. Call 332-5955.

## Silent auction

The Tenth Annual American Lung Association's Christmas Seal Silent Auction will honor volunteer Anne M. Fassett at the "ALA Night at the Broadway Palm" tomorrow night. The cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a traditional holiday dinner and show, "I'll be Home for Christmas." Tickets are \$40. Call 275-7577.

## Pioneer museum trip

The Fort Myers Historical Museum is planning a trip to the Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City Dec. 10. The trip also includes a stop to shop at Rodger's Christmas House and Village in Brooksville. The bus will depart from the museum at 8 a.m. and return by 8 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person for members and \$44.40 for non-members. The deadline for reservations is Dec. 6. Call 332-5955. The show is free. Call 543-2700.

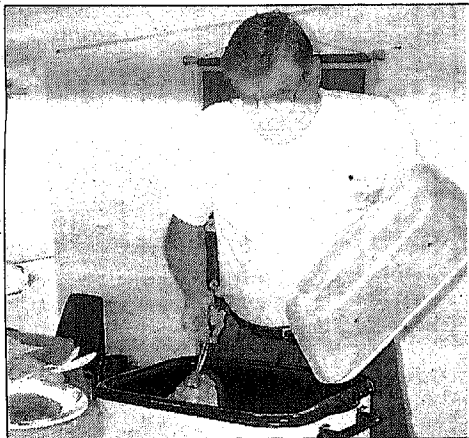
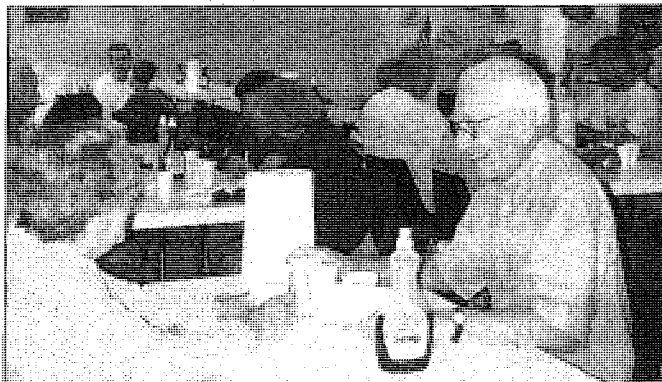
## Ballet by bus

Enjoy the Sarasota ballet Company dancing "The Nutcracker" Dec. 27. The bus departs at 10 a.m. from the Fort Myers Historical Museum. The bus will stop for lunch at the Cafe of the Arts. The \$57 cost is all inclusive. The deadline for reservations is Dec. 20. Call 332-5955.

## Thanksgiving leftovers



ABOVE: Morgan Howe and Jocelyn Harder write with quill pens at the Thanksgiving celebration at the Community House Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving as Michael and Margaret Alteri look on.



MIDDLE: Enjoying the Optimist Club's pancake breakfast are Al and Kathy Krause. ABOVE RIGHT: Rudy Zahorchak gets ready to dig in. ABOVE LEFT: John Turansky serves up pancakes Sunday morning at the annual Optimist Club all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast.

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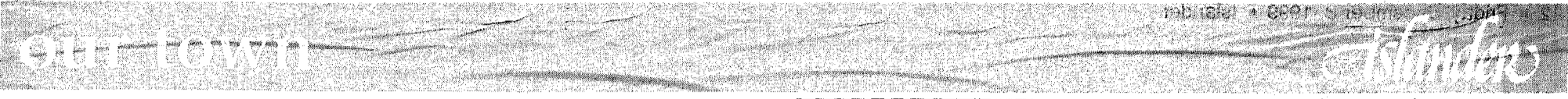
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## Clark to leave city

Dan Clark, conservation officer with the City of Sanibel, submitted his resignation last week to pursue higher education in his field of expertise, invasive vegetation. He will leave the city at the end of this month.

Clark has been accepted to graduate school at the University of Florida's Department of Agronomy where he will continue his training with exotic plant invasion research at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Services' Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants.

Clark's wife Kathy recently received her masters in business from Florida Gulf Coast University and has taken the Florida CPA exam, so the Clark's felt the timing was right for a move.

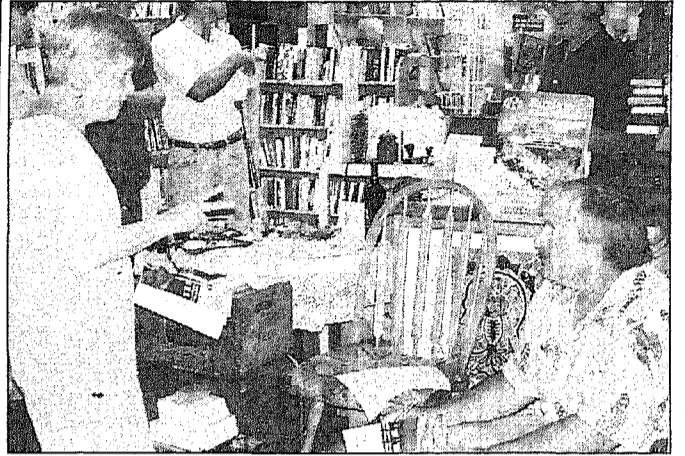
Clark said, "Although I am excited about the opportunity to go back to school, I depart my position with a heavy heart. I came to Sanibel primarily because of the reputation my supervisor, Dr. Rob Loflin,

had built for the city in the environmental restoration, protection and enhancement arena. Rob is a consummate professional and friend whom I will always hold in high esteem. I have also had the great fortune of meeting and working with exceptional city staff, volunteers and residents whom I will greatly miss. I have learned a great deal about natural resources, government, the public and myself during my tenure and am sincerely appreciative to have had the opportunity to serve in my capacity for Sanibel Island."



Clark

**AT RIGHT: Charlie Sobczak visits with Dawn Grable at the Sanibel Island Book Shop Saturday to purchase an autographed copy of his novel. Sobczak reported that Steve Beck, the shop's owner, said this was the largest turnout for a signing he has hosted.**



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**ABOVE: Marilyn Gary, JoAnne Marriott and Merri Murphy toast to the success of Charlie Sobczak's first novel, "Six Mornings on Sanibel."**

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## Happy Birthday



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Heather Silbar who works at Tween Waters celebrated her 30th birthday last Tuesday with her fiance Kevin Rice, the manager at Beachview Steakhouse.

## Daisy Scouts help out



Special to the *Islander*

Sanibel School's newest Daisy Girl Scouts, Troop 641, finished their first community service project with the completion of two Thanksgiving dinner boxes for the Sanibel community. The girls decorated the boxes with original artwork and filled them with their choices for Thanksgiving meals. Bailey's General Store and Jerry's Food of Sanibel helped round out the boxes with a gift certificate for "extra fixins" and a turkey for each box. The girls and their leaders, Lauren Davies, Nancy Venuto and Lisa Williams would like to thank Jerry's and Bailey's for their wonderful contributions.

Daisy Girl Scouts are primarily 5- and 6-year old girls getting their first introduction to Girl Scouting.

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## Windows open to charity, new year

By Gwenda Hiett-Clements  
Staff Writer

Creative visions of doors and windows by artists at Tower Gallery will benefit the building of real doors and windows in future Habitat for Humanity homes in Lee County. To raise money for Habitat each Tower Gallery artist donated a work of art to be raffled to gallery visitors at a special reception last Saturday night at the opening of "Windows to the Past ... Doors to the Future." All money raised from the sale of raffle tickets will go to Habitat.

Jo Anne Bedient, Tower Gallery artist, said, "We try to do a fund raiser in conjunction with our special shows. In discussing this exhibit we all found we love doors and windows and wanted to have them as subjects for everyone to create something for the show. And with doors and windows Habitat for Humanity just seemed to be the logical organization to tie in with. Also, as starving artists, we know the importance of having a home."

Bedient also explained that this exhibit is meant to carry the gallery into the millennium with its theme of going from the past to the future.

As a non-profit organization, Habitat relies on financial contributions by organizations and individuals and the actual labor of hundreds of local volunteers

each year to build affordable housing for low-income families. Habitat homes are a partnership between the prospective homeowners, Habitat staff, volunteers and financial contributors. A Habitat task force works with various community organizations and companies to select qualified families. Of the 1,000 applications on file 30 to 40 are chosen based on need, ability to partner with Habitat and ability to make mortgage payments.

Home owners pay closing costs of about \$1,200 and contribute 500 "sweat equity" labor hours into building theirs and other Habitat homes. Homes are sold without profit and financed for 20 to 30 years at zero interest. Habitat reinvests the mortgage payments to build more homes.

Tower Gallery, located at 751 Tarpon Bay Road, is an artists cooperative. Area artists display their work, contribute to the operation of the facility and share work time during the gallery's opening hours. Tower Gallery is open from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Gallery artists include Judy Jones, Sissi Janku, Kelly Harris, Natalie Guess, Phil Fisher, Gisela Damandl, Lalita Cofer, Teri Causey, Rod Busch, Linda Wiggins, Jo Anne Bedient, Mimi Von Litloff, Shirley Vale, Cathy Taylor, Marty Stokes, Ron Sebring, Patsy Reeves, and Charlie McCullough.



Photos/Gwenda Hiett-Clements

ABOVE: A look through the window at Tower Gallery invites patrons in to see the artists' latest show "Windows to the Past ... Doors to the Future."

AT RIGHT: People visiting and viewing art at the Tower Gallery exhibit opening didn't phase Alex Sachs who fell asleep on his mom Evelyn's shoulder.

BELOW: Cathy Taylor, whose art is displayed at Tower Gallery, wraps up purchases for Jane and Charlie Barker.



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## School Who's Who

Calvin Burney, Megan Friedlund, Anna Khemkhajon, Thomas Pepitone, Elizabeth Pinder, Tia Rigsby, Craig Stewart and Mark Willis are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99."

"Who's Who" is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based on students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99 percent of "Who's Who" students have a grade point average of B or better and 97 percent are college bound.

## Sanibel School Citizens of the Week

Kap Owens, Kari Fowler, Malanie Mejia, Courtney Kelliher, Carl VonHarten, Taylor Nave, Jane Pierce, Brittany White, Stephen Adams, Caitlyn Smith, Kit Antalick and Laura Turansky.

## CHADD

The next CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) meeting will be Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Call 472-9758.

## SWAT

Swim practice has been cancelled for this week. The next meet will be the Holiday Classic in Sarasota Dec. 18. To participate swimmers should sign up by Dec. 6. Call 472-0345.

## Holiday programs

The holiday program for grades 4 - 6 will be Dec. 14 at BIG Arts at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with the program.

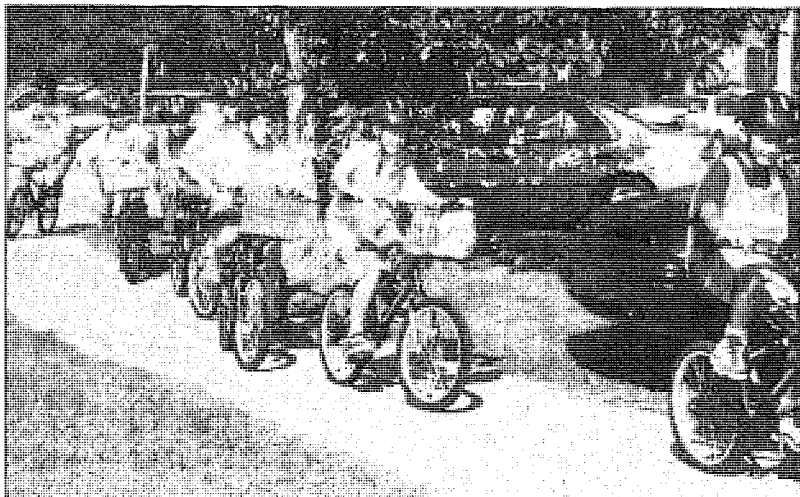
## PTA news

The next PTA meeting will be Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. This meeting for all interested fifth and sixth grade parents will include an information session on the middle school curriculum.

Santa's Workshop will be Dec. 7, 8 and 9. The PTA provides students an opportunity to buy inexpensive gifts for parents, siblings and others. Most gifts are under \$5.



Photos/Michael Pistella



ABOVE LEFT: Georgia Brown leads her students across San-Cap Road to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation for the kids' first field trip using their new bikes purchased thanks to a grant Brown and other teachers at Sanibel School received.

ABOVE: Sanibel Police Detective Kurt Schulte puts air in the tires for Kit Antalick as Paul Andrews (left) helps out.

LEFT: The kids on the bike path.

The PTA is collecting donations during this holiday season to help a few needy families in the area. They are accepting gift certificates for groceries, toys and clothing. Checks payable to the Sanibel PTA with a note designating "holiday donation" are also acceptable.

## Infinity

The fourth annual Infinity educational program is scheduled for Jan. 30, 2000. Infinity — As Far as Your Mind Can Go — is an all day learning experience in many fields including the arts, technology, science, music, math and writing. Professionals will provide hands-on, no homework, show-and-tell instruction for fifth grade students only.

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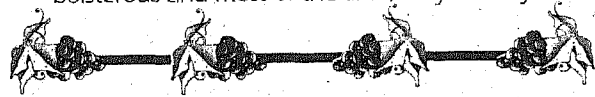


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## Canterbury School

### Scholarships offered

Canterbury School is offering four-year, half-paid scholarships to four area eighth grade students. To qualify students must take a test given at the school Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. - noon. Students who perform well on the exam will be invited to interview for the scholarships. Each four-year scholarship is valued at \$17,000. Call 481-4323.

### Winter concert dates

**Dec. 6** — 6 p.m., Holiday House Edison Home, handbells and vocal ensemble

**Dec. 7** — 7 p.m., Canterbury Performing Arts Center, Winter Concert, vocal, handbells, instrumentals, free and open to the public

**Dec. 8** — 5 p.m., Shadow Wood Country Club, handbells and vocal ensemble

**Dec. 10** — 8 p.m., Holiday Pops Concert, handbells

### New thespians

Nine new members were inducted into Canterbury School's thespian troupe. Sanibel resident Hillary Corbin was one of the freshman inductees.

### Top teachers

**LEFT TO RIGHT: Maureen Nodruff, Georgia Brown, Cheryl Darbyshire and Beth Crosby.**

Photo/Michael Pistella



Four Sanibel School teachers — Georgia Brown, Cheryl Darbyshire, Beth Crosby and Maureen Nodruff — are the first ever in Lee County to achieve National Board Certification by meeting standards set by the board of directors of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Sanibel School Principal Barbara VonHarten explained achieving the certification is a rigorous and demanding process that takes a commitment of hundreds of hours of work.

She said, "They have to demonstrate expertise through submitting a performance-based assessment portfolio that includes video tapes of their teaching, student work samples and an analysis of their

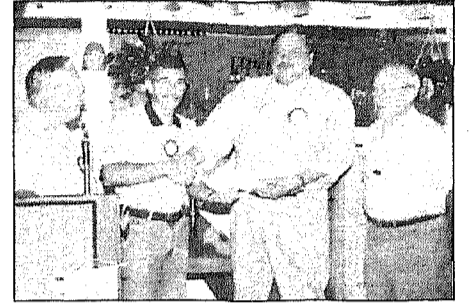
own teaching. Then they take a written test which assesses their subject matter knowledge."

VonHarten added the award carries not only prestige but also a yearly addition of \$3,500 for 10 years to their teaching pay from the state school system.

"It is a pinnacle for a teacher. They are looked at as being experts in their fields and will be tapped to do teacher training and serve as mentor teachers for others who strive for certification," VonHarten said. "We are fortunate to have four teachers who achieved this success. They worked together, studied together, mentored each other. It's exciting for Sanibel School. I'm proud of them. I really am."

— *Guenda Hiatt-Clements*

## Rotary gift



Special to the *Islander*

Rodney Jobe presents Jeff Gavrin, chairman of the Rotary Club's Board of Trustees, with a \$15,000 check from Sanibel Accommodations for a Rotary Scholarship named "The Jimmy Traucht Scholarship." Sanibel Accommodations owners Joe and Noraneete Lear, Keith and Kathleen McMenemy and Rodney and Lana Jobe and the staff said, "This is our way of giving back to the community which has given us so much in the past five years." The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary will match this gift with \$15,000 and the state of Florida will match the \$30,000 creating a \$60,000 scholarship for as long as the state of Florida exists. Also pictured are Jim Reid and Dick Traucht.

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**Obituaries****Robert George Hagemann**

Bob Hagemann, 83, a resident of Sanibel for 12 years, died Nov. 15 in Fort Myers. A memorial service will be conducted Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

Hagemann was born in Easton, Penn., the only child of George and Mildred Hagemann. He was a student at both Cornell and Syracuse Universities in New York. In recent years he served on the National Alumni Board for Zeta Psi, his college fraternity.

As a veteran of World War II he served as a lieutenant in the 63rd Infantry and became an aide de camp to Major General Louis E. Hibbs in the European theater. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star, a Combat Infantryman's Badge with two stars and the Purple heart.

As a management consultant for A.T. Kearney in Chicago, he traveled extensively and more recently he and his wife Mary developed land and built homes in the country side 40 miles northwest of Chicago.

Florida was a place he said he would never want to live, but he discovered Sanibel and grew to love its quiet beauty. When he became a member of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club, he made wonderful friends in both organizations.

His life was rich with family members who respected and loved him. Survivors include his wife Mary of Sanibel; his children, Robert Hagemann, Jr. (Mary Beth), Kim W. Hagemann, daughter, Lee Youngstrom; mother of his children, June W. Hagemann; grandchildren, Kelley Tompkins, Amy Koechle, Amanda and Taylor Hagemann, and Creek Tompkins, his great grandson.

Survivors also include his stepchildren, Sue Zboch (Jerry), Teresa Rueckert, Trudy Dietzen (Keith), Thomas Hewes, Jr. (Rita), Michael Hewes (Cecily) and David Hewes (Karen); step grandchildren, Carrie and Kelly Zboch, Golden, Dylan, Travis and Shae Rueckert, Aaron and Brian Dietzen, Thomas III, Katherine, Sean, Dylan, Joseph, Alyssa, Kelly and Krista Hewes, Natalia and Owen Hewes, Jacob, Nathan and Caitlin Hewes. Also surviving are Amy Brinkman and Randy Rueckert.

Two years ago he was preceded in death by his first grandchild T.R. Youngstrom who was killed in a tragic helicopter crash while on a photo assignment in the Andes Mountains of Chile. A lover of books, of history, a roaring fire and a very serious football fan, he loved all the people who shared in his rich life. As a husband, father, grandfather and friend he will be greatly missed. Contributions in the memory of Bob Hagemann can be made to the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Charities.

**Janice "Beau" Stults**

A beachside tribute to Janice "Beau" Stults R.N., 60, will take place at Chapel by the Sea on Captiva Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. The impish, fun-loving lady loved beauty and loved people. She always gave selflessly of herself, never expecting anything in return. She, and her endless pranks and jokes, will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Beau's name to Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation or a charity of choice.

**Religion****Christmas music**

Members of ECW (Episcopal Church Women) will hear a Christmas music program Dec. 13 given by the Sweet Adelines from Fort Myers. This will be the first of three meetings for the group. The second one will be the Ark fashion show in February and the final one will be in April. There will be a business meeting at noon followed by a luncheon. Meetings are in the Parish Hall at Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church. Call 472-2173.

**Children's party**

St. Isabel's church together with John Naumann and his employees will host the 12th annual Christmas party for children of migrant workers Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Call 472-4974.

**Chanukah celebration**

A southwest Florida community Chanukah gathering will be at the Bell Tower Mall Dec. 5 from 3 - 5 p.m. According to organizers last year over one thousand people attended the event. Rabbi Minkowicz of Chabad Lubavitch is conducting the Chanukah celebration which is open to the Jewish community. David Saye, a comedian who has appeared on television comedy shows, will perform. Clowns and jugglers will also be on hand for the children and there will be free donuts and potato latkes.

**Noah's Ark news**

In addition to its present weekday schedule, Noah's Ark will be open the first Saturday of the month. It will be open tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., but since the first Saturday in January is a holiday, it will be open Jan. 8 instead. The Ark is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. behind St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church.

**Women's Club**

The Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Club invites all women to their "Christmas Around the World" luncheon Dec. 9 at the Dunes Golf and Tennis Club from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Joyce Seckinger will present the special feature and Mary McWethy will share her thoughts on Christmas bells. Christmas music will be brought by Judy Devane. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.50. For reservations call Deloris Bandy at 466-6753 or Irene Shareski at 466-5257. Reservations not honored must be paid for.

**Church luminary**

Sanibel's Luminary Celebration at Sanibel Community Church will have thousands of twinkling Christmas lights to create a Christmas wonderland Dec. 3 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. There will be a wide variety of festivities on the church grounds, including outdoor concerts, a live nativity and petting zoo. Christmas items including baked and canned goods and Christmas cards and decorations will be available for purchase at the Women's Guild Church Bazaar. A miniature village of Bethlehem will also be on display.

The evening's celebration will begin with children singing and with other concerts by the chancel choir, the contemporary praise and worship singers with a band and other instrumental and vocal ensembles. The Women's Guild Bazaar will be open Dec. 4 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.



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## SWAT news

The Sanibel Water Attack Team attended a three-day Turkey meet last weekend in Sarasota. This is one of the most competitive meets of the year due to the fact that the Junior Olympics qualifying meet is next month. A lot of swimmers are trying to make the 'cut' to go to the J.O. meet or improve on their times already established.

Nick Gleason, Joe Ravenna and Greg Gleason swam well and although they are fractions from the qualifying times, they still made the finals in most of their events. All three of the boys have more than a year left in their age group to work toward the top.

Kaitlyn Herman and Megan Phillips were the SWAT representatives in the 8 and under class. The both achieved more than one personal best and also won a free trip to Dairy Queen in the individual medley. They learned a lot this meet.

The next meet is Dec. 18, a one-day, indoor meet in Sarasota. Contact John Barden before Dec. 6 if you want to make the trip to swim or not.

## Dunes 18-Holers

The Dunes 18-Hole Ladies have changed the date of their Invitational Tournament "Jolly Holly Daze" to Dec. 13. If you would like to sign up, call Helen Sullivan at 472-4514 or Claire Bowie at 472-0311.

## Dunes Women's Golf

**Date:** Nov. 19  
**Game:** Better Ball of Partners Tournament  
**The winners:**

■ First place - Ginney Fleming (blind draw)/Jane Levene - net 58

■ Second place - (three-way tie) Pat Sawin/Pat Maloney - Judy Wellons/Frankie MacNulty - Greta Christensen/Lee Barnes - net 62

■ Third place - (three-way tie) Helen Craig/Von Light (blind draw) - Robin Cohan/Eileen Harris - Jody Cothran/Mercy Somers - net 63

■ Chip-Ins - Barbara Bornhorst, Pat Maloney, Adrienne Cross, Sally Knaub, Joan Eschert.

**Date:** Nov. 26  
**Game:** Throw Out The Turkey Tournament

**The winners:**  
■ A Flight - First place - Sandy Sultar - net 52; Second place - Judy Wellons - net 55; Third place - Greta Christensen - net 60

■ B Flight - First place - Mildred Hasselman - net 60; Second place - Rosemary Ryan - net 60; Third place - Jan Baker - net 60 (places determined by best score for the last nine holes)

■ C Flight - First place - Jana Stone - net 57; Second place - Helen Craig - net 59; Third place - Mercy Somers - net 62

■ Chip-Ins - Sandy Sultar and Margaret Dwyer.

## Dunes men's golf

**Date:** Nov. 24  
**Game:** 1, 2, 3 Best Ball of four players - 90 percent handicap

**The winners:**  
■ First place - Bruce Noble, Jim Clark, Dick Gadiant, and Bob Louwers - 119

■ Second place - Bruce Sprinkle, Fred Nordstrom, Clem Werner, and a blind draw

- 123

■ Third place - Doug Tudhope, Al Cross, Fred Broderson, and a blind draw - 123

■ Fourth place - John Ford, Max Friedersdorf, Bob Maxeiner, and a blind draw - 123

Second, third and fourth places were determined by a scorecard playoff.

## Beachview men's golf

**Date:** Nov. 23  
**Game:** 2 Best Balls of 4  
**The winners:**

■ First place - Phil Grace, Ken Karasin, Jim Purviance, and Corney Becker - 62

■ Second place - Dick Grant, Nate Sheckman, Ralph Suechting, and Joe Hoffman - 63.

**Date:** Nov. 27  
**Game:** 2 Best Balls - 18 Holes  
**The winners:**

■ First place: Tom Judson, Bud Ristow, Harvey Schein, Ralph Ariss - 123

■ Second place: Tom Redford, Pat McGuffin, Jerry Kohmescher, and Phil Grace - 123

Winner determined by scorecard draw.

## Beachview women

A small group of women golfers showed up Nov. 24 for the regular Beachview Women's Golf Association Wednesday tournament. Those who played apparently said yes to golf and no to Thanksgiving preparations.

In nine-hole play, Ellen Lawrence and Agnes McClintock tied with Anne Bodine and Helen Zuehlke for the Best of Two Balls with a score of 29. Helen also took Low

Gross honors with a 46. The low net prize went to Barbara Steinhafel who shot a 25.

Lenora Hoffman and Barbara Spoehr were the top winners in the 18-hole Best Ball match with a score of 62. Barbara Quaft and Doris Weaver came in second with 63. Betty Puff was the Low Gross winner with a 94. In Low Net play Lenora Hoffman and Barbara Spoehr tied for second with their 73.

If you are an annual member of the Beachview Golf Course, you can join the ladies golf group and enjoy their activities which include monthly luncheons. You are required to establish a handicap and pay \$65 dues which takes care of the cost of keeping your handicap current and supplies the funds needed to pay for prizes.

## Everblades at home

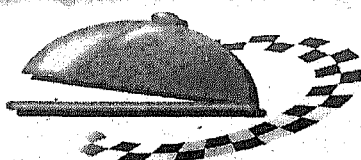
■ Dec. 22 vs. Tallahassee  
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■ Dec. 26 vs. Jacksonville  
■ Dec. 28 vs. South Carolina

## Basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls, ages 7 through 19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta and Trajan Langdon.

The camp location in Florida is in Babson Park. College basketball scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. Call (704) 372-8610.

## Restaurant Review Dining Guide



### ITALIAN/PIZZA

**Island Pizza**  
1619 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel  
472-1581

**La Vigna Italian Restaurant and Grille**  
1625 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel  
472-5453

**Matzaluna**  
1200 Periwinkle Way  
472-1998

**Riviera**  
2761 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel  
472-1141

**Toscanello Ristorante**  
2055 Periwinkle Way  
472-0690

### WATERFRONT

**Canoe and Kayak**  
15951 Captiva Road  
(at Tween Waters Inn)  
472-5161

### DELI

**Huxters**  
1201-07 Periwinkle, Sanibel  
472-6988

### BEEF & SEAFOOD

**Beachview Steak House**  
1100 Parview Drive  
472-4394

**Old Captiva House**  
15951 Captiva Road, Captiva  
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472-5161

**The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market**  
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### CASUAL DINING

**The Crow's Nest**  
15951 Captiva Road, Captiva  
(at Tween Waters Inn)  
472-5161

**Island House Restaurant**  
Located at the Corner  
of Rabbit Road and San/Cap Road  
472-8311

**Lighthouse Café**  
362 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel  
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**The Sanibel Grill**  
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## NIGHT LIFE

### Bungalow

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Karaoke Wednesday - 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

### The Crow's Nest

at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva Drive **472-5161**  
Mad Hatter • Dec. 5th, 7th & 8th John Saloman • Dec. 9th - 11th Mad Hatter  
Mondays only - Tim Jardas & his Crab Races at 6 & 9 p.m.

### Island Cinema

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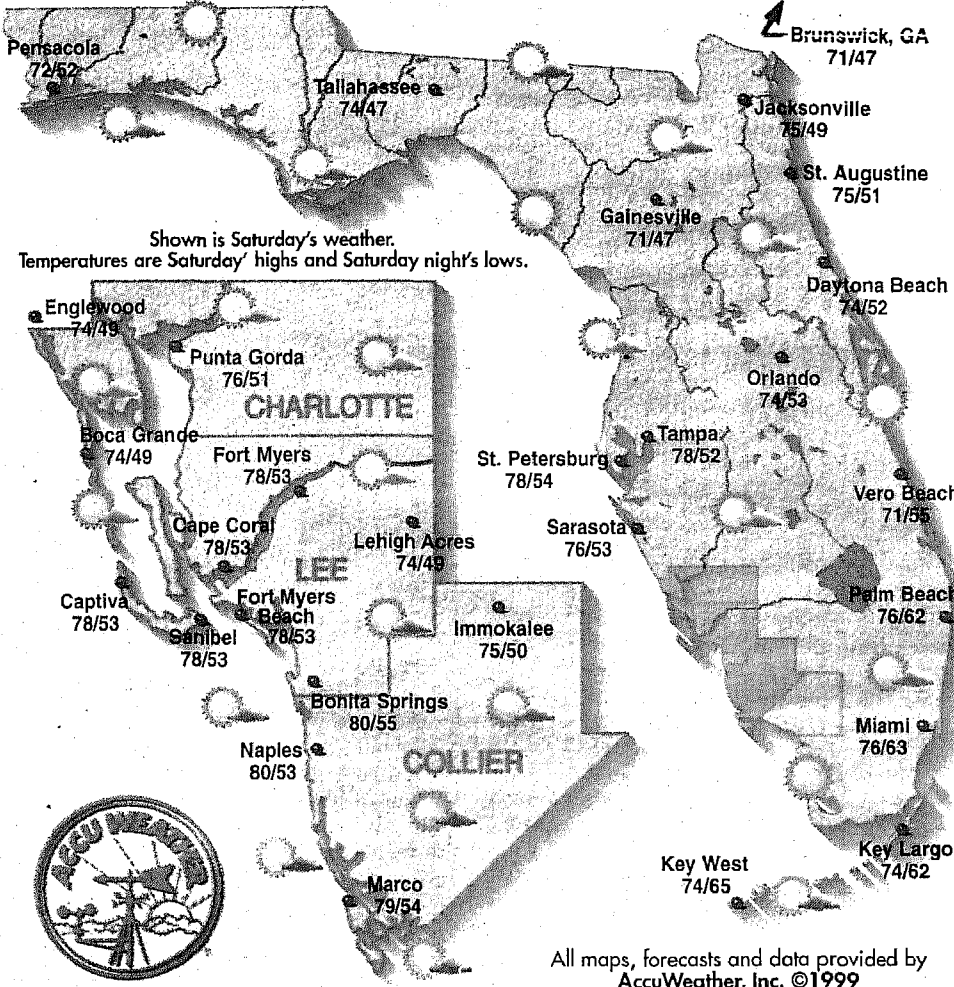
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## Regional Forecast



## Charlotte, Collier, and Lee Counties

**Sunday**

Plenty of sunshine.

**Sunday Night**

Mainly clear.

County	High	County	Low
Charlotte	76 to 80	Charlotte	56 to 60
Collier	75 to 79	Collier	56 to 60
Lee	76 to 80	Lee	55 to 59

## Beach and Marine

**Beach Forecast for Saturday:**  
 Cape Coral: Sunny with a pleasantly warm afternoon. Southeast winds at 8-16 mph. Waves 2-4 feet.  
 Ft. Myers Beach: Sunshine and a few clouds. East-south-east winds at 7-14 mph. Waves 2-4 feet.  
 Sanibel: Plenty of sunshine; rain-free all day. Southeast winds at 8-16 mph. Waves 2-4 feet.

**Offshore Forecast for Saturday:**  
 Charlotte Harbor: Southeasterly winds at 8-16 knots. Waves 2-4 feet. Plenty of sunshine all afternoon.

Gasparilla Sound: Sunshine mixing with just a few clouds. Southeast winds at 8-16 knots. Waves averaging 2-4 feet.  
 Pine Island Sound: Plenty of sunshine with southeasterly winds at 9-18 knots. Waves averaging 2-4 feet.

Estero Bay: Mostly sunny skies. Southeasterly winds at 10-20 knots. Waves averaging 2-4 feet.

## UV Index

Values are Saturday's highest exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

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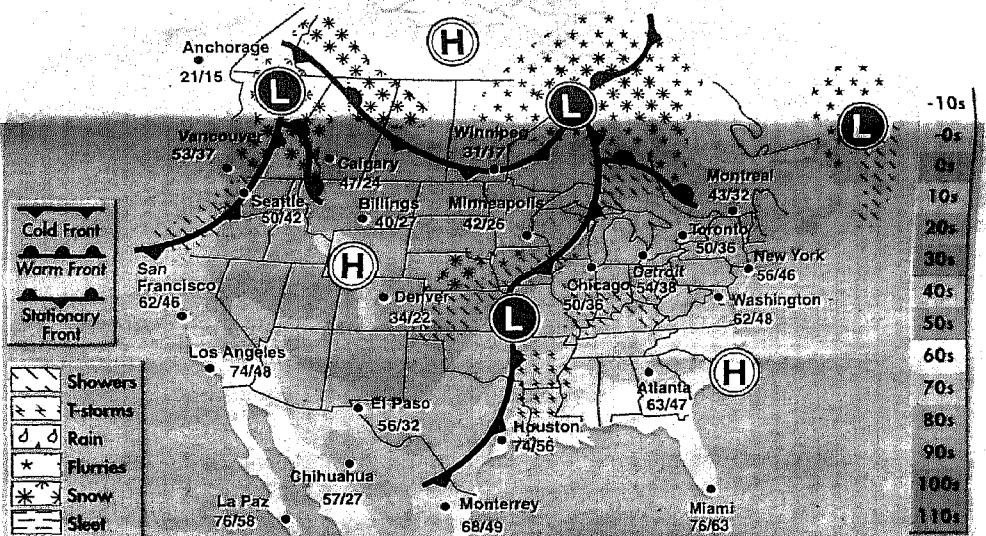
0-1 Minimal, 2-3 Low, 4-6 Moderate, 7-9 High, 10+ Very High

## Tides

	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral	12:18 a.m.	8:13 a.m.	12:41 a.m.	8:51 a.m.
Bridge	2:05 p.m.	7:23 p.m.	2:56 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Captiva	11:55 a.m.	4:57 a.m.	12:46 p.m.	5:35 a.m.
Redfish Pass	10:31 p.m.	4:07 p.m.	10:53 p.m.	4:39 p.m.
Fort Myers	1:11 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	1:34 a.m.	9:33 a.m.
	2:58 p.m.	8:05 p.m.	3:49 p.m.	8:37 p.m.
Matlacha	1:33 p.m.	7:39 a.m.	12:09 a.m.	8:17 a.m.
Pass		6:49 p.m.	2:24 p.m.	7:21 p.m.
Pineland	12:31 p.m.	6:37 a.m.	1:22 p.m.	7:15 a.m.
	11:07 p.m.	5:47 p.m.	11:29 p.m.	6:19 p.m.
Point Ybel	11:00 a.m.	4:59 a.m.	11:51 a.m.	5:37 a.m.
	9:36 p.m.	4:09 p.m.	9:58 p.m.	4:41 p.m.
Punta Rassa	11:49 a.m.	4:52 a.m.	12:40 p.m.	5:30 a.m.
	10:25 p.m.	4:02 p.m.	10:47 p.m.	4:34 p.m.
St. James	12:20 p.m.	5:27 a.m.	1:11 p.m.	6:05 a.m.
City	10:56 p.m.	4:37 p.m.	11:18 p.m.	5:09 p.m.

## Saturday's National Forecast

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



**National Summary:** Scattered showers will fall over the mid-Atlantic and New England area today. A developing storm in the southern Plains is going to produce showers and thunderstorms over the Tennessee and lower Mississippi valleys. Showers will also reach from Minnesota to Kansas with snow flurries over the High Plains from North Dakota to Colorado.

## Sun and Moon

**Sunrise**  
Sat. 7:01 a.m.  
Sun. 7:01 a.m.

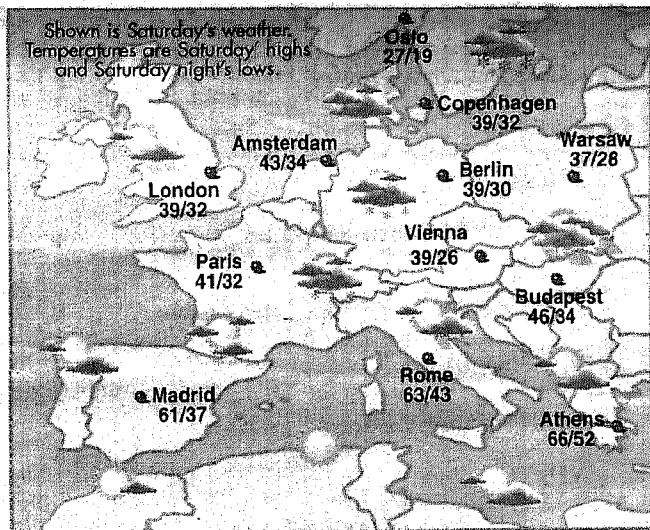
**Sunset**  
Sat. 5:35 p.m.  
Sun. 5:35 p.m.

New First Full Last  
Dec. 7 Dec. 15 Dec. 22 Dec. 29

## Weather Trivia

Q: What is meteorological winter?  
 A: The coldest 1/4 of the year, early December to early March in most areas.

## European Forecast



## Florida Cities

City	Saturday		Sunday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Cape Coral	78	53	80	55
Daytona Beach	74	52	76	52
Ft. Lauderdale	75	59	80	61
Ft. Myers Beach	78	53	80	55
Gainesville	71	47	73	48
Jacksonville	75	49	75	50
Key West	74	65	75	66
Kissimmee	73	52	75	52
Miami	76	63	78	63
Orlando	74	53	76	53
Panama City	72	52	71	52
Pensacola	72	52	71	52
Sarasota	76	53	78	55
St. Petersburg	78	54	79	56
Tallahassee	74	47	72	48
Tampa	78	52	78	54
Vero Beach	71	55	75	56
Palm Beach	76	62	80	62

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, th-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

## World Cities

City	Saturday		Sunday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Acapulco	88	72	91	73
Athens	66	52	64	52
Berlin	39	30	23	17
Bridgetown	85	75	86	76
Buenos Aires	80	56	68	44
Calgary	47	24	41	17
Cancon	81	68	81	68
Caracas	86	74	86	74
Edmonton	41	25	32	15
Fort-de-France	86	74	86	75
Frankfurt	33	18	22	15
George Town	81	68	80	68
Hamburg	34	18	23	17
Hamilton, Ber.	69	60	69	62
Havana	78	67	79	66
Hong Kong	75	61	75	59
Kingston, Jam.	87	73	88	73
London	39	32	41	32
Mexico City	67	45	69	45
Montreal	43	32	37	15
Moscow	28	26	28	27
Munich	35	18	21	11
Nassau	78	66	79	66
Nice	57	35	40	28
Ottawa	43	31	35	14
Panama	87	75	88	75
Paris	41	32	41	36
Port-au-Prince	86	69	86	68
Quebec	38	29	34	13
Rio de Janeiro	80	70	82	71
Rome	63	43	49	27
Saint-Barthelemy	85	77	85	75
St. John	83	71	82	70
Saint Moritz	27	2	15	-6
San Juan	85	72	83	71
Sao Paulo, Brazil	78	66	79	66
Santo Domingo	84	68	84	67
Sydney	80	68	79	65
Toronto	57	52	68	52
Tokyo	50	36	41	28
Vancouver	53	37	49	39
Veracruz	80	69	81	68

## National Cities

City	Saturday		Sunday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Albany, NY	49	35	45	29
Albuquerque	44	28	48	26
Anchorage	21	15	22	17
Aspen	32	8	34	10
Atlanta	63	47	66	46
Atlantic City	60	41	58	36
Baltimore	60	44	58	44
Birmingham	70	48	68	46
Boise	38	26	38	28
Boston	50	38	54	32
Buffalo	49	38	45	31
Charleston, SC	72	50	72	52
Charleston, WV	60	44	60	40
Charlotte	68	46	68	50
Cheyenne	33	19	40	21
Chicago	50	36	44	30
Cincinnati	56	44	52	40
Cleveland	58	44	46	38
Columbus, OH	58	45	48	38
Dallas	64	46	56	40
Denver	34	22	40	20
Des Moines	42	34	42	28
Detroit	54	38	50	32
Fargo	35	20	34	21
Helena	38	15	39	18
Honolulu	83	69	83	68
Houston	74	56	68	50
Indianapolis	56	41	52	36
Kansas City, MO	48	36	46	34
Knoxville	62	46	64	44
Lake Placid, NY	42	30	35	19
Las Vegas	55	31	58	32
Little Rock	64	46	62	42
Los Angeles	74	48	76	48
Louisville	62	46	60	42
Memphis	64	48	60	42
Milwaukee	49	36	44	31
Minneapolis	42	26	38	22
Myrtle Beach	74	49	72	47
Nashville	64	48	62	42
New Orleans	74	56	72	54
New York	56	46	56	44
Norfolk	70	47	66	42
Oklahoma City	54	40	48	36
Omaha	42	30	40	30
Philadelphia	58	46	58	46
Phoenix	64	44	67	42
Pittsburgh	53	42	50	33
Portland, ME	47	32	42	25
Portland, OR	50	42	48	38
Raleigh	68	45	68	48
St. Louis	60	44	52	40
Salt Lake City	38	20	40	24
San Antonio	70	48	66	46
San Diego	72	46	74	48
San Francisco	62	46	60	48
Santa Fe	42	19	41	20
Santa Fe	42	19	41	20
Seattle	50	42	50	38
Syracuse	50	39	50	32
Toledo	54	38	50	33
Traverse City	48	37	41	27
Tucson	63	37	64	36
Washington, DC	62	48	62	46

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**In search of a night owl**

The last shreds of sunlight have faded. From the porch in the blackness I can hear the distant sound of an owl. I sit quietly anticipating the next hoot. From the stairwell I hear my husband call, "Where are you?" In response I beckon, "Out here." Groping his way through the living room he comes to the door beside me. "Listen," I say. Bill pricks up his ears. A half minute later the sonorous sound of the owl penetrates the stillness. "Let's go find him," I say. "Okay, I need to get outside anyway," he remarks. We put on long pants and shirts, tuck in some repellent and venture out. It is one of those stupendous nights in southwest Florida. The air is cool, the humidity low, and a steady breeze keeps the bugs at bay. Over the trees, the moon's rays make even the tarmac glisten as we walk toward the park at Bowman's Beach. Stopping often, we try to hone in on the whereabouts of the owl. If only we had his anatomy we wouldn't find it so challenging! We could collect his hoots into our facial ruff and then channel the sounds into our ears and accurately pinpoint his position. But, alas, we can only cup our ears in his direction gradually moving closer a little at a time. At first we wonder if his position is accessible at all. Then waiting for another "hoo-huhoo-hoo-hoo" places him off in the woods to the west and it looks like we might have a chance to get close.

On the north side at the end of the parking lot we pick up the trail. It is both eerie and enchanting. We go into "stalk mode." Of course we're not out to kill or catch this owl, but we do not want to frighten him either, so we move very slowly, so slowly that our movement goes undetected. You might want to use this method when you want to sneak in for close up viewing. Lift your foot high then place it down ever so gently on the outside of the ball of your foot. Keep the weight on your other foot until you can roll your foot in to the inside ball of your foot. As you do so, carefully feel for sticks and whatever else might be under your foot that might snap and betray your position. Once you have born your full weight on that foot glide forward until the

heel of your foot lifts off naturally. You can gain extra support by bracing your hands on your knees. All the while keep perfectly balanced so you can freeze in any position or replace your foot. In other words, pretend you are a great blue heron after a fish. It makes for some very close encounters.

We continue silently into the bush. The lighting is marginal. We begin to rely on other senses. In the gauzy night we detect the outstretched fronds of a sabal palm before we actually see its gray shadow reaching into the trail. We move aside so as not to make it rustle or break. Something flies into Bill's shirt and he is temporarily airborne but somehow remains silent and we move on. Only every forty-five

seconds does this great horned owl give us a hint of his location. We try to be patient. We are closing in. The moon now filters through the trees and in the gray light it is easier to see where we are going. Yes, we have his tree! We skulk through the undergrowth. A few more calls and we are able to move in right below him. His next reverberating sounds vibrate the air around us. Chills run down my back. It is not fear that evokes the response, but rather that I am close to such a handsome bird. So full are the woods with his presence! Try as we may, however, we never see him. Even putting the moon behind him and trying to capture his silhouette fails. So, in our imaginations we fashion this very dignified old bird some twenty inches tall with widely spaced ear tufts and keen yellow eyes. We see his head move silently and vigilantly in all directions. His powerful talons firmly grip the branch high overhead yet are also ready to curl around some unsuspecting prey. His black sharply curved beak opens to speak again, but retains the inborn strength to tear the flesh of his prey into bite-sized pieces. Whatever his abilities, for now, he remains in position above us, and his haunting call comes over and over in the brightening night. Is he claiming territory? Is he warning other males to keep away? Or, could he be calling for his mate of last year to join him again? I'd like to sleep the night away beneath these mysterious sounds, but since the law does not allow camping, reluctantly, I return home. Before crawling into bed, though, I make certain the bedroom window is open wide. Settled into my pillow I fall asleep to the vibrant sounds from half a mile away.

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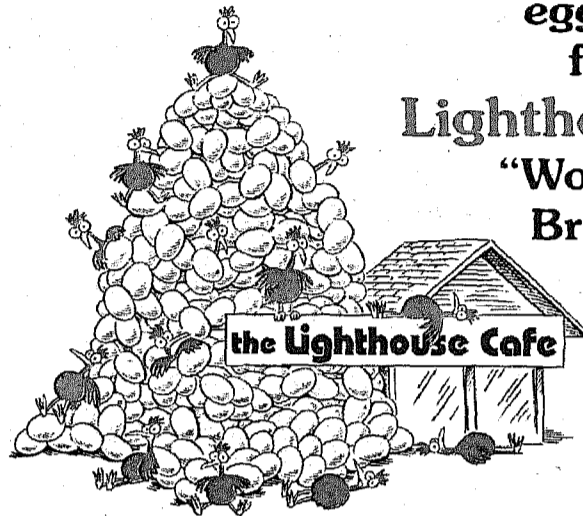
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## Environmental impacts

### Christmas count down

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society Christmas Bird count will be Dec. 18. The 100 plus Christmas Bird Counters on the islands will be among the 50,000 volunteers participating in the National Audubon Society's 100th count which runs from Dec. 16 through Jan. 3.

This year marks the 100th anniversary since 27 conservationists decided to protest the traditional bird shoot, and instead of hunting birds, they counted them on Christmas Day 1900. The event originated as a protest to the traditional holiday "side hunt" in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and animals in one day.

Today, volunteers from all 50 states, every Canadian province, parts of Central and South America, Bermuda, the West Indies and Pacific islands will count and



The great blue heron is among the wading birds to be counted this year.

Photo Bob Kitchin

record every individual bird and bird species encountered during one calendar day. The data collected by each count group are sent to National Audubon headquarters in New York and published by the Audubon Society.

Count data from 1900 to the present are currently available through the BirdSource Website — [www.birdsource.org](http://www.birdsource.org) — a cooperative project of the Audubon Society and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

All counts are open to birders of all skill levels. Call June Patinkin at 395-1353 or Ruth Kitchin at 395-2410.

### News from CROW

The good news at CROW this week is the Thanksgiving eve surgery that orthopedic surgeon, Dr. "Bo" Kagan performed on a badly wounded raccoon. The sports medicine specialist came from his Fort Myers clinic after hours to help the animal regain

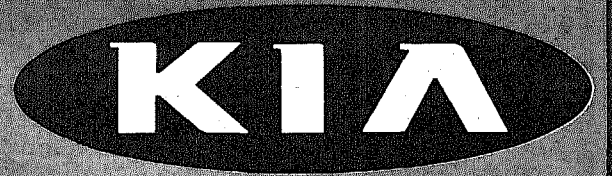
use of its leg. It had been caught in a swimming pool pipe and was badly mangled according to CROW veterinarian P.J. Deitschel. She said the prognosis is good for the animal who will heal more quickly when he returns to the wild away from the stress of captivity.

The animal that pleased the most visitors to CROW during the week was not a native of Sanibel, but a tiny golden wild piglet who gave Babe a run for "cuteness." The native of Alva was brought in with a blinding eye condition which is healing nicely. He will be able to go back to the woods with his mom, but while at CROW he thinks volunteer Linda Barnett is his mother. He follows her everywhere and likes to play and have his tummy rubbed.

Other recent residents include an adult male bald eagle rescued from the Bonita

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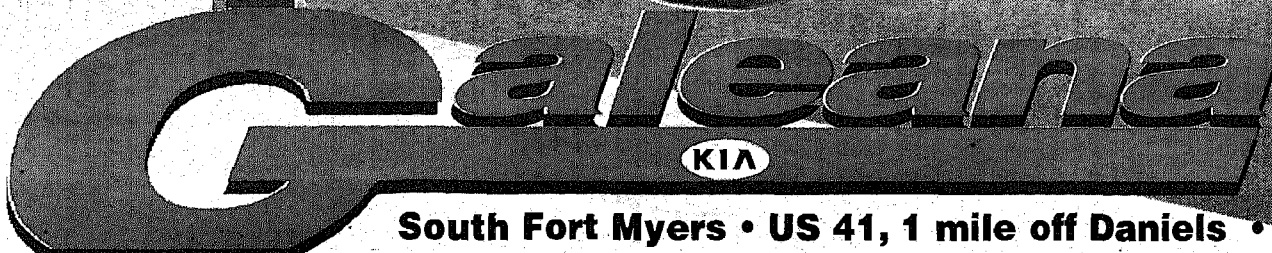
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## The curious dilemma of crabbers

Only a few years ago, Florida voters overwhelmingly voted to end gill netting for fish. Men who were second and third generation netters suddenly found themselves out of work, but many were die-hard watermen who lived on the water. What could they do to make a living and still be out there?

Hundreds turned to crabbing, for both blue and stone crabs. And that is where the backlash of the gill net ban will eventually pinch your wallet — tighter than a stone crab could ever pinch.

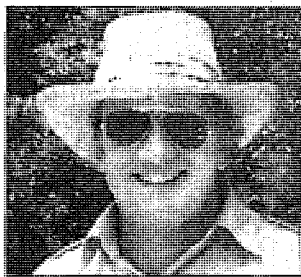
While many of the gill netters turned to crabbing at certain times of the year when there was a soft fishing market, lots of new faces started putting out stone crab traps. I pass dozens of traps as we run the shallow gulf waters.

Two things are happening which are of concern. One is the vast increase in traps. In 1995, the state said there were about 600,000 stone traps out around the coastal waters of Florida. Today there are 1.3 million and climbing.

Recreational boaters destroy hundreds of traps per year by accident. Traps are

expensive and the loss is large in missing equipment and in the crabs which get lost when the floating buoy is cut by a boat prop.

### Shelling and fishing the islands



Capt. Mike Fuery

Secondly, the harvest numbers have been the same for about the past three years at about 3 million plus pounds of stone crab claws. The trappers who had been doing well in the market started to see a steady drop in income and tried to counter that with more traps in the water. This all came up recently when the newly formed Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission met in Naples to give crabbers in this part of the state some chance to talk about what they have been fearing: high

licensing fees and limits on the number of traps.

Currently, state laws allow for no license costs, although the trapper must be registered with the state and have a specially assigned number to be put on the buoys. Individuals can place up to five traps without the special commercial numbers.

The state is considering charging \$125 for the crab permits and one dollar for each trap put out. There is another provision in the proposed changes in the law, however.

The state wants to put a top limit on the number of traps which will ever get a certificate to be used. There are about 1,100 trappers at this point. By the year 2001, Florida law makers would like to cap the number of total traps to 1.31 million.

When trappers quit or for some reason stop using the permit, the number of traps used for that person would be retired. Eventually, the state hopes to gradually drop down to the 600,000 level on traps and keep it there.

What commercial crabbers fear is that they will start dropping out of the business because of the combination of fewer crabs out there and fewer traps to take the catches.

Stone crabbing will never be completely shut down as in the case of commercial gill netting. The crabs aren't in depleted condition as were the redfish, sea trout and pompano.

We've seen a slow, but steady recovery of all three of these fish, plus the return of black mullet, since the net ban went into effect.

How is it going to pinch your wallet? The demand for the crabs is strong, the

supply not increasing with demand and claws are going up in prices.

Most are sold cooked in medium, large and jumbo. One of my friends gives me a few pounds of crabs when he visits. He waited patiently for the crab season to open Oct. 15 and paid \$16 a pound for jumbos. I've seen them in south Fort Myers grocery stores for \$8 to \$10 per pound for the medium size.

So, what's the big deal about stone crabs? Well, you eat just the claws, not the body and they are wonderfully tender and sweet. Served cold with hot butter and lime, they rank in there with crabs from just about anywhere.

The season has just reopened so most eating places will have them and grocery stores sell them by the pound. With jumbo claws, usually there are only two or three to the pound!

We'll keep up with the crabber dilemma, but once again it looks like the state will have to step in to regulate part of the fishing industry that is over-harvesting a natural resource. At least trappers will be able to keep at their trade.

Good fishing and shelling this week.

If you have a question or comment, you can reach Capt. Mike Fuery at 466-3649 or by e-mail at [junonia4@aol.com](mailto:junonia4@aol.com).

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Bay Club golf course with wounds incurred fighting with another male. He flew back to his nest on Thanksgiving Day. Also, two migratory birds from Minnesota traveled by plane to Sanibel. Having missed the migratory deadline of their peers, they had been found weak and dehydrated. They were sent to CROW free of charge and have since found flocks to join. Several turtles, injured by cars, are recovering and going out to graze. And, a woodpecker survived an intricate operation for broken bones which was the first of its kind for the CROW vets.

Staff and volunteers at CROW treat wildlife on Sanibel and from miles around. They remind others to drive and fish carefully so they can concentrate on education rather than rehabilitation.

— Contributed by Joyce Jacobs

### New speed zones

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, in conjunction with the marine units of the U.S. Coast Guard, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Sanibel, Cape Coral and Fort Myers Police Departments, will be encouraging boaters to voluntarily comply with new mandatory manatee speed zones. The first detail will be an educational phase with a Lee County pontoon barge carrying a traffic display board that gauges boats' mph speeds. The first marked speed zones will be in effect and posted in the Intracoastal Waterway near Shell Point at markers 93 through 99. There are other new zones in Lee County waters; however, they will not be enforced until signs are reposted. The educational phase will be Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Display boards will help area boaters to convert

their rpm gauges to mph. Officers will be issuing written warnings first to boaters, then after a 45-day educational phase, a violator can be issued a \$50 civil citation which must be paid in 10 days.

### Tour San Carlos

A tour of the San Carlos Island working waterfront sponsored by the Ostego Bay Foundation is conducted every Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon. It begins at the foundation at 718 Fisherman's Wharf, San Carlos Island, next to the Gulf Star Marina. A \$10 donation is suggested for adults. The Marine Science Center Exploratorium is open at the Ostego Bay Foundation Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 765-8010

### 'Ding' holiday hours

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Center for Education and Wildlife Drive will be closed Dec. 24. Christmas Day, the Center will be closed, but the Drive will be open. Both the Center and Wildlife Drive will be closed Dec. 31. New Year's Day both the Center and the Drive will be open for business as usual.

### CROW on cable

The episodes of "Wildlife Emergency" filmed at the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) are continuing to be broadcast on Animal Plant on local cable television. Shows air Saturdays at 5 p.m.; 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Channel 64 on Media One. Upcoming episodes show CROW staff working with skunks, alligators, pelicans and burrowing owls.



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**REALTORS attend monthly meeting**

Nearly 110 members of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of REALTORS attended their monthly membership meeting Nov. 18 at Beachview Inn. Breakfast was sponsored by affiliate members, Craig Albert of Bank of the Islands, Stan Kucaba of the *Island Reporter* and Mindy Wilson of Guardian Title Services, Inc.

Susan Andrews, president of the local association, presided at the business meeting. New members Karen Cooper and Lois Warner were inducted by Hap Connelly, Education Chairman and welcomed by Andrews. Committee reports were given by Ada Shissler, Hap Connelly, Barbara Chapin and Dave Eaton. Barbara Chapin recognized contributors to the REALTOR Political Action Committee Ada Shissler, Susan Andrews and Judith Reddington.

The meeting speakers were Jim Lutz, Building Official for the City of Sanibel Building Department and Rick Arnold, Consulting Engineer for Forensic Associates, Inc. of Fort Myers. The topic of their presentation was "Wicking, Salt Pulping and Spauling — What's happening to our foundations and what we can do about it." Interest in the topic produced many questions following the presentation.

Following the Meeting, Barb Rich, MLS and Internet Committee member, led the MLS caravan.

**New island REALTORS**

Two new Realtor members were inducted into the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Association of REALTORS at their monthly membership meeting Nov. 18. Requirements for membership in addition to a Florida real estate license include membership in the national and state associations, and completion of a local training program that includes professional standards and ethics, multiple listing service instruction, and orientation sessions at both the Conservation Foundation and City Hall.

Hap Connelly, Chairman of the REALTORS education committee performed the induction and Susan Andrews, association president, presented the new members with their pins. New members are Karen Cooper of John Naumann and Associates and Lois Warner of Coldwell Banker McFadden & Sprowls.

**REALTORS attend national meeting**

Susan Andrews, president and John Buskirk, president-elect, of the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Association of REALTORS were among a record breaking attendance of 24,000 members of the National Association of REALTORS who attended the national convention and meetings in Orlando Nov. 11 - 15. The Sanibel and Captiva REALTORS were represented by 15 percent of their membership.



Photos/Jim Anderson

**AT LEFT: Barbara Amon Chapin (right) presents Ada Shissler with a REALTOR Political Action Committee award.**



**AT LEFT: Karen Cooper and Lois Warner are inducted into the Sanibel and Captiva Island Association of REALTORS by education chair Hap Connelly.**

**Crawford appointed at Colonial Bank**

Jonathan J. Crawford has been appointed by Colonial Bank as the representative for the Preferred Services Private Banking Group, according to Harlan C. Parrish, president and CEO of Colonial Bank's Southwest Florida region. Crawford is a graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and international business. He is proficient in written and verbal Spanish.



Crawford

Jonathan received numerous honors while attending Auburn University,

The Spade Honorary, presented to the 10 most influential students on campus, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and the National Leadership Honor Society. Crawford is involved with the March of Dimes and is currently a participant in the United Way Loan Executive program for Lee County.

**New name for project**

The Towers at Harbour Isle is the new name of an enclave of eight-story riverfront condominiums in south Fort Myers, announced Mark Naumann, a developer of the project. The Towers at Harbour Isle is located in the Harbour Isle Yacht & Racquet Club on Iona Road in Fort Myers. The community is being developed by Iona Venture Corp. and marketed by Harbour Isle Realty. Each condominium at The Towers at Harbour Isle offers a view of the Caloosahatchee River.

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## 'Dec' the halls

By Gwenda Hiatt-Clements  
Staff Writer

The year 2000 is special, but it is even more special for Carol Gagnon, owner of Decorating Den Interiors. Next year marks the 10th anniversary of her business on Sanibel, her husband Jacques' 60th birthday and the celebration of the couple's 40th wedding anniversary.

And to mark the end of this year she just recently received Decorating Den Interiors' Pinnacle Award for achieving outstanding retail sales.

The honor ranks her in the top ten among the Decorating Den's 800 decorators worldwide. Jim Bugg, Jr., president and CEO of the company, said, "We are very proud of Gagnon's success; this achievement is a testimonial to tremendous design, business and sales ability."

To celebrate all the special events, the couple is taking off in mid-December for a 21-day Australia/New Zealand millennium cruise.

During the Gagnon's trip she says the business will be in the hands of her experienced staff. Design Consultants at the Decorating Den are Cindy Malszycki, who has been with Gagnon for nine years, Jeanie Tinch, Lucinda Borling and Marcia Feeney.

"And, of course, Bobbie McGlynn is our office operations manager. We couldn't do without her," added Gagnon.

"I am very proud of our growth over the past nine years. I began with a Decorating Den Color Van, working out of our home. Now we have our own design studio with four interior decorators," said Gagnon.

Before coming to Sanibel in 1989 the Gagnons were innkeepers in Kennebunkport, Maine. As she said, "We flunked retirement! After 15 years as innkeepers, we had done lots of remodeling and we felt there was a need on the island

for the services Decorating Den Interiors offered. And being in the hotel business we were always meeting deadlines."

Gagnon explained she and her decorators work one-on-one with customers to meet their individual needs, taking samples of carpet, window coverings, wallpapers and furniture to the customer so they can see the materials in their own surroundings. They can also meet at the design studio.

She explained many of the business's clients are part time residents and those who purchase for rental; however, Decorating Den works with all homeowners from year-round residents to investment owners. They also create total home interiors or work with those who just want to update or coordinate what they have.



Gagnon

"We can do the whole house or just specific items needed ... tile, carpet, furniture, draperies, accessories ... whatever the client needs," Gagnon said. "We reach beyond just Florida decorating and decorate around a person's lifestyle. We use person's taste — a combination of his or her roots — to provide a unique Sanibel style."

Gagnon pointed out that her education and that of her decorating staff is ongoing with particular emphasis on the High Point market. The staff attends merchandising shows, as well as Decorating Den Regional and National Marketplace Workshops and works with over 200 vendors in home decor.

Gagnon said she credits her success to her outstanding team of talented decorators and dedicated installers, combined with the expertise of Decorating Den Interiors systems and business support of her husband Jacques.

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## Women and finance workshops

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To learn more about the investment potential of technology companies, attend the next workshop presented by A.G. Edwards & Sons investment company Dec. 10 from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. The workshop is entitled "What Smart Women Should Know About Their Money." Lee Conger will be presenting a program about investment fundamentals. The guest speaker will be Suzanne Haley, regional vice president with Dreyfus Investments on the dynamic concept of technology investing and tax-advantaged investing for the year 2000.

Another workshop will be Dec. 16 from 10 -11:30 a.m. This one is entitled "Your Grandmother Knew it All Along: Don't Put All Your Eggs In One Basket — Diversify!" The guest speaker, Kristie Kindstrom, regional vice president for NUVEEN, will speak about managing risk

in every market.

The workshops are to be held at A. G. Edwards & Sons, located at 5246 Red Cedar Drive, Suite 1. For more information and to reserve your seat, call Lee Conger at 275-4466.

## Pilkington joins Spiro & Waites

Jennifer Pilkington has joined Spiro & Waites Advertising, Marketing & Public Relations as an executive assistant to assist the agency's staff in office administration and distribution of public relations materials.



Pilkington

Pilkington previously worked with Waterman Broadcasting in Fort Myers before moving to North Carolina in 1995. She is a graduate of Cape Coral High School.

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## Voices of an era

By Jill Goodman  
Staff Writer

Twice a year Writers' Groups I, II, and III share their best short stories, poems, anecdotes and essays in a two-hour long evening presentation. "Writers' Voices, Ending an Era" will be in the Schein Hall at BIG Arts tonight.

The first island writers' group was formed nearly 20 years ago and as interest grew two more groups were established. Writers of all levels of proficiency, those who write for their own pleasure and published professionals, gather weekly to read to their groups, accept praise and, with a stiff upper lip, occasionally accept harsh criticism.

Three years ago, John Jones, who considers himself a newcomer to Group III, sat in on a meeting and since then he said, "I haven't left yet."

"Our group has hung together with pretty

much the same people," he continued.

Jones explained the purpose of the weekly meetings is to help people seriously interested in writing to do better and get ahead — to cross pollinate, if you will.

"It's interesting to see some of the things that you simply ignore in your writing that (with the input of the group) can be of advantage to your writing. That's how all the other people help. Of course we get a lesson in English too," he laughed.

The groups are serious in their critiquing but allow for preferences in subject matter. "We may say we don't like it but that's OK. We critique it the best way we can," Jones said.

Speaking for his group, Jones explained the work read runs the gamut from poetry to fiction to biography and some autobiography. "We are interested in new ideas — the more outrageous the better," he joked. "It really exercises people's minds."

Although he claims to be "mostly retired,"



Jones

he said, "I do on occasion consult for a Clearwater based company who is involved in advanced technology. Most significantly, at the moment, in a new concept in solid propellants or rockets."

One wall of Jones' home-office is filled with framed patents he was awarded for various inventions — many of which resulted in significant advancements in technology. Currently, he is working on an invention to automatically control the water level in his pool.

Jones and his wife, Nancy, an acclaimed artist, zeroed in on Sanibel as their retirement home. The former Californians agreed the island's warm water, sun and beaches, reasonable cost of living and decent medical care nearby filled their mutual desires. They moved here in 1990.

Experienced in technical writing, Jones admits his creative writing career began after he moved to Sanibel. "Science is the study of truth and engineering is the use of that truth. There is no room for fiction in science or engineering — it's not the truth. Therefore, I was always very hesitant to try my hand at any kind of fictional writing for fear it might creep into my technical end of it. When I retired, I felt I had been freed to try my hand at it. I love to laugh and like all sorts of kooky things like Monty Python. I've been able to weave some of the fun things I like into my stories," Jones said.

Although Jones is writing a book, he said "short stories are my favorite thing to do and some poetry just to prove I can do it."

Write about something you know, he advised. His book is a fictionalized account of a rocket propulsion engineer who gets in big trouble. "It's kind of a thriller — certainly not dry."

Jones said he takes his work as it progresses to Writer's Group III for critiquing.

"And they tear it to shreds and I go back and rewrite and rewrite," he said with good

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- "Festina Lente," a poem by Claudia Burns
- "Oh Tannenbaum!," a short story by John Jones
- "Paradise Lost...Or Substantially Relocated," an essay by Nancy Mack
- "Canton 1981," "Old Woman on a Sampan" and "Guilin 1982," poems by Don Brown
- "Forced Landing in Coal Country," an article by Bill Hallstead
- "Father's Help," an essay by Chuck Higgins
- "A Gift for Miss Stella," a memoir by Maria Faraone
- "A Call to Worship," by Vivian Pyke
- "Barren Tree," "My Father, Waiting," "Silence," and "Bridge," poems by Dick Jacker
- "House Guests," a short story by Winnie Donoghue
- "The Time Keeper" and "Adam's Version," poems by Marilyn Koren
- "The Beginning," an essay by Dorothy Harmson

Between the three groups 15 to 20 members submitted works.

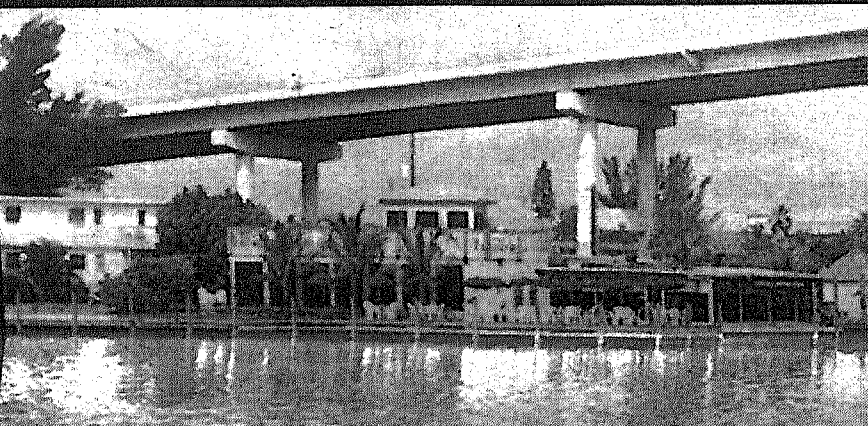
humor. "That's what I'm finding the name of creative writing is called...it's creative re-writing. In the long run it really makes a difference."

A committee of peers selects the works to be read for the writer's evening. As a past judge, Jones is keenly aware of the consideration given to each submission. "We have some awfully good writers. And these are probably the best of everything everyone in our three groups has written over the past year. These are things our groups feel would be fun and entertaining and worth having people hear. There is a little bit of something for everybody. There is humor, good poetry, deep things, fiction, non-fiction and all of it creative."

Jones added that some of the work presented will appear in the "Sanibel-Captiva Review," an anthology published annually and sold in local bookstores.

The two-hour long presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. at BIG Arts Dec. 9. An intermission will include refreshments. There is no admission charge but a donation to benefit BIG Arts is appreciated. Call 395-0900.

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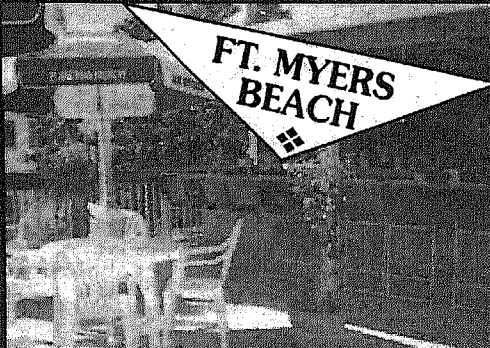
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**Florida Repertory**  
Arcade Theater  
332-4488  
■ "Sleuth"  
Through Dec. 19

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■ The Lettermen Christmas Show  
Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.  
■ Gulfcoast Symphony  
Handel's "Messiah"  
Dec. 12  
■ "The Nutcracker" Sarasota Ballet  
Dec. 16  
7:30  
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## In the spotlight previews

■ The Old Schoolhouse Theater will have a three day only special performance by Jeffrey Searles. In a partly autobiographic revue, Searles will sing the songs of Jerry Herman, Cole Porter, Sammy Kahn, Fats Waller and Irving Berlin. Opening night is sold out, but tickets are still available for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11. Tickets are \$20. Call 472-6862.

■ The Company performs at BIG Arts  
Marsha Wagner, Robert Maxeiner and Kevin Pierce will salute the holiday season with "Holiday Punch: The Roots and Rites of the Holidays."

The trio will share personal thoughts and snippets from well known and not so well known sages. According to Maxeiner, the program will encompass thoughts on the Christmas tree, menorah, lutfisk, the nativity, the Feast of Lights and more holiday related thoughts. "Holiday Punch" will be at BIG Arts, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 395-0900.  
■ "Sylvia" at the

Pirate Playhouse

A stray dog turns the life of a Manhattan couple topsy turvy. The dog "Sylvia," played by a beautiful woman, becomes the third party in a marital triangle. Preview night, Dec. 9, is a fund raiser for the Almeida family. Tickets are \$35. The show runs through Jan. 9. Tickets are \$25 with student tickets at \$15. The gala opening and reception is Dec. 11. Evening shows are 8 p.m. Wednesdays and matinees are at 2 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Call 472-0006.



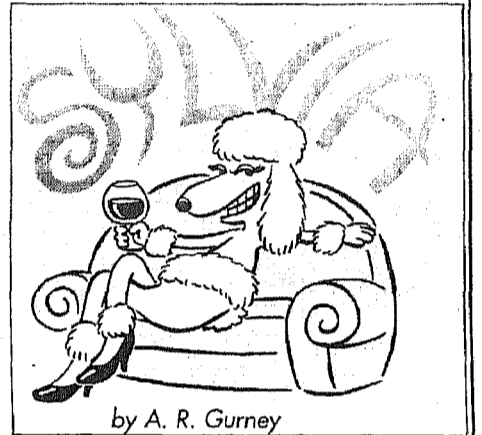
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## 'Sleuth' at the Rep — Shh! It's a mystery

By Jill Goodman  
Staff Writer

These words, printed on a slip of paper, fell from my playbill: "Due to the secret nature of our production of 'Sleuth,' the management requests that you refrain from revealing any details of the mystery to future audience members. Thank you."

So, I'll tell you about the latest play by the Florida Repertory Theatre, taking great care not to spill the beans.

The story is about an eccentric and very successful mystery writer, Andrew Wykes, who learns his wife is having an affair. He invites the lover, Milo Tindle, to his home for a friendly drink and tells him he is aware of the liaison.

That's the plot in a nutshell. It is what playwright Anthony Shaffer does with the story line that will keep you on the edge of your seat for the next couple of hours.

The entire play takes place in Wykes' living room. The stunning multi-dimensional set communicates a sense of prosperity. It is richly appointed with fine furniture, antiques, a crystal bar service (frequently in use) and nooks and crannies — all filled with the accouterments of gracious living.

The glorious set, designed by Dan Kuchar and Anne Keehbaugh with Scenic Artist Cindi Blank, would stand on its own in any theater, anywhere.

Wykes, played by Robert Grossman, toys with the young lover, played by Greg Longenhagen. Matching drink for drink, Wykes claims he would be happy to get rid of his wife. However, he is concerned that Tindle will not be able to afford her lavish tastes and suggests a plan enabling Tindle to acquire a huge amount of cash.

The tension ebbs and flows and things are not always what they seem. The plot makes zigs and zags and each time you think you have guessed the outcome, the playwright throws in a curve. Don't presume the obvious...it isn't.

Dennis Delaney, who is guest directing this show at the Rep said, "The play, in my mind, is unique in that it offers the ability to play by the rules of a mystery yet turns the conventions of mystery upside down."

"In a way he's (Shaffer) spoofing with the twist and turns — you think it's about one thing for a while and then it twists then twists again. You think after the first act that it can end, 'Where in the world can it go now?' After the first act the play changes and changes again. By the end your head is swimming."

"Sleuth" opened in 1970 to great acclaim. Delaney said the plotting was revolutionary and since then thrillers have had to live up to "raising the bar of ingenuity."

Grossman, a familiar face at the Rep, will be remembered for his performance as the Russian waiter in "Room Service" and

**AT RIGHT:**  
Robert Grossman, playing Andrew Wykes, wields a "loaded" revolver at Greg Longenhagen, playing Milo Tindle, in the clever mystery "Sleuth" at the Arcade Theatre.

Photo/Special to the Islander



as Mashkan in the Pirate Playhouse's production of "Old Wicked Songs." Among his many credits, he recently performed at the Michigan Shakespeare festival in Jackson, Mo., has performed at the New York Shakespeare Festival, the Coconut Grove Playhouse and is a professional singer, guitarist and composer.

Changing from a silk smoking jacket to elegant suits selected by Costume Designer Fredd Gunzel, Grossman, with his shock of silver hair, is every inch the wealthy British author.

Longenhagen another regular at the Rep, has appeared in many Cacioppo productions such as, "To Kill A Mockingbird" and "The Comedy of Errors." He has also appeared with Kevin Spacey in the film "Darrow" and Off-Broadway at the Young Playwright Festival. It is intriguing to watch his development from a young, besotted swain to a ...well, you'll see.

Theatergoers will especially enjoy the

performances of Rep newcomers, Phillip Farrar as Inspector Doppler, Harold K. Newman as Detective Sgt. Tarrant and Roger Purnell as Police Constable Higgs.

Future appearances by these three actors will be greatly anticipated.

Delaney said, "One of the tricks as a director is to surround yourself with really good talent...it makes you look good. I have two really good actors in the lead roles. My cast is fabulous."

The lighting was done by Todd O. Wrenn with makeup by Deb Edelman-Caney. Property Master is Rochelle Festa and the Stage Manger, Todd Sherman, was assisted by Char Loomis.

The Florida Repertory Theatre's "Sleuth" at the Arcade Theatre, located on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry in Fort Myers, runs through Dec. 19, Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Matinees are Wednesday and Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 to \$22. Call 332-4488.

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## A delusional laugh 'Before the World Ends'

By Jennifer Workman  
Managing Editor

"It is only intended to make you laugh," said Director Bill Taylor of the Theatre Conspiracy's current show "Some Things You Need to Know Before the World Ends: A Final Evening with the Illuminati" in his director's note in the program. Taylor also said the play, written by Levi Lee and Larry Larson, was not to be "construed as an assault on God."

Any play with that kind of preface in the director's note is sure to be interesting to say the least. And interesting it was. As the audience came into the theater one of the two characters, Reverend Eddie played by Rick Sebastian, was sitting on stage rocking back and forth. Sometimes he would drink water and sometimes he appeared to be praying. And as he sat there in the corner of the set on a bed in the remains of a war-torn church, in his torn bright red t-shirt and pants, Reverend Eddie looked none too sane. So it was no surprise to read the director's note and learn that Reverend Eddie constantly wavers between lucidity and delusion thanks to the nerve gas that was used in the war that occurred before the start of the play. So with Reverend Eddie on stage and the play not yet having begun, it was already interesting.

But this two-man show was more than interesting — it really was funny. And, yes, with the jokes stemming from organized

religion, the play could have been construed as an assault on God, but thanks to Taylor's precursor and because some of the jokes required more than a general knowledge of organized religion the audience should be able to allow the show to entertain them. Especially with the performance of Jeffrey T. Griffith as Brother Lawrence a hunch-backed helper and sidekick to Reverend Eddie.

As Reverend Eddie slips back and forth between delusion and lucidity, Brother Lawrence is usually a participant in Eddie's "visions."

One of the best parts of the play is Eddie's delusion that he is granting Sainthood to a saint "applicant" played by Brother Lawrence. The applicant must convince Eddie that he's performed three miracles in his lifetime and with that, and the selection of a bloody and untimely death, the applicant can be granted sainthood.

Of course, while the antics on-stage kept the audience laughing, it was the audience participation that had them rolling in the aisles, or rolling out of the way as the case may be. At one point Reverend Eddie came running through each aisle as if chasing something and another time Brother Lawrence came into the audience, grabbed an audience member, took her on stage and insisted she help the delusional Reverend Eddie. Through quite a bit of laughter the surprised audience member helped Eddie to his bed and poured him a glass of water. But was soon dismissed by Eddie himself.

AT RIGHT:  
Rick Sebastian (right) as Brother Eddie and Jeffrey T. Griffith as Brother Lawrence keep audiences on the edge of their seats in 'Before the World Ends.'



The audience was again asked to participate before intermission as they took part in responsive reading during Reverend Eddie's sermon. Through the reading Eddie announced there would be intermission and refreshments in the lobby and the audience gave humorous and appropriate responses in unison.

While most of the play was humorous and delusional there were some serious and heavy moments. Without the absurdity of the delusions and the comic relief of Brother Lawrence, Reverend Eddie was a sad character. Eddie, in constant fear of the Illuminati who (in his head) whispered and snickered at him during his sermon, was greatly suffering. While lucid, Reverend

Eddie gave bits and pieces of his sermon in which he was attempting to explain that life is like a basketball game. Unfortunately, Eddie was unable to finish the sermon as he met death in one of his delusional moments. Meaning, he literally met death and played a game of basketball with him. Death won the game and it is when Brother Lawrence finally reads the final three lines of Eddie's sermon that any message or meaning should be derived from the comedy.

"Some Things You Need to Know Before the World Ends: A Final Evening with the Illuminati" at the Theater Conspiracy's Foulds Theater runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

### Music Festival party coming up

Sanibel Music Festival will present a "Fun Raiser Party - Millennium Masquerade," Feb. 6 from 5 - 9 p.m. at Traders Store & Cafe.

While the event is not a fund raiser, Jone Schlackman, chairman, said that any profits from the party will go to support young artists at the Cypress Lake Center for the Arts.

Guests should "come as your are" or as their favorite musical character, fact or fiction. Entertainment is coordinated by Patty Gair, former artistic director of the New Arts Festival and now with the Center for the Arts.

The Zeb Billings Combo will provide dance music. The \$50 cost per person includes a gourmet presentation by Trader's chef Joe Archambault. Helene and Marvin Gralnick, honorary co-chairmen, are hosting the event with Northern Trust Bank, the sponsor of the event. Call 395-0838.

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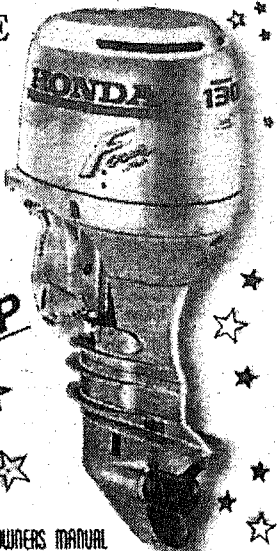
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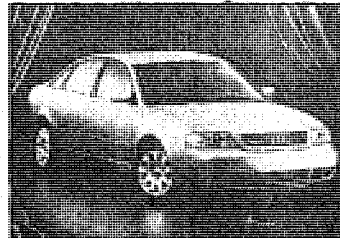
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### Bell Tower concerts

Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers offer a series of free, live outdoor concerts throughout the year. The shows are every Friday and Saturday from 6 - 8 p.m. Proceeds from beverage sales benefit local charities. Dec. 5 from 3 - 6 p.m. the Jewish Community will celebrate Chanukah.

### B.J.'s Big Band

The Big Band Bash featuring BJ's Big Band will play at the Theater in the Woods on U.S. 41 in Estero Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 and children under 10 are free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Call 992-2184.

### Art shows/workshops

#### Island Artists

■ Kathleen Walsh will debut her surreal art at the Silver Platter Music store in Fort Myers. The opening reception Dec. 4 through the month. 7 - 9 p.m. includes refreshments and entertainment.

■ Elizabeth White's work will be shown at the Cape Coral Art Studio Dec. 3 - 30.

■ The Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery will feature guest artist Sara Waugh Hurst during the month of December. Meet her Dec. 7 between 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call 395-0027

### CCA opening

The Captiva Civic Association "New Faces" art exhibit available for viewing Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - noon. The show runs through Dec. 9.

### BIG Arts

"The Committee" a retrospective art show is in the Phillips Gallery through Jan. 4. Open daily from 1 - 4 p.m.

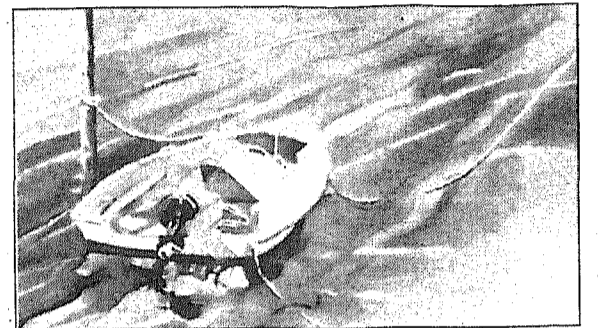
### Tower gallery

"Windows to the Past, Doorways to the Future" at the Tower Gallery. Call 472-4557.

### SyZyGy

Art meets science at the SyZyGy Gallery in Royal Palm Square in Fort Myers. This fundraiser for the Children's Science Center will blend the arts with science. Artists Ikki and Polly Matsumoto are featured. Enjoy music to dance to, entertainment, a silent auction and fun, games and prizes for everyone. Tonight from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Call 275-3488 or 997-0012.

**AT RIGHT:** This watercolor by Sara Waugh Hurst is on display at the Hirdie-Girdie Art Gallery during December. Hurst will be at the gallery to discuss her work Dec. 7 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.



### Kids art camp

The Cape Coral Arts Studio offers a full-day millennium art camp Dec. 20 - Dec. 31. Students ages 6 - 14 will participate in multi-media projects transporting them into various periods of art history from the past 1000 years through painting, dance music, masks, ceramics and more. The cost is \$175 and includes supplies. The day camp is from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and participants should bring lunch. Call 574-0302.

### Paint Outs

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League conducts weekly paint-outs at selected locations. Dec. 9 they will meet at the Sanibel Lighthouse at 9 a.m. Artists are asked to bring lunch and materials. There is no instructor and artists will have an informal critique. Call Ralph and Olga Persson, 466-2914 for Paint Out information and Dick Smith at 472-6531 or Nancy Jones at 472-1491 for Art League information.

### More paint outs

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association will have their weekly paint-out Dec. 15 at the Bay Beach Golf Club at 9 a.m. with a brown-bag lunch and critique at noon. Call Betty Horvath 481-8642 or Betty Weise 472-8834 for further information.

### Classes at BIG Arts

■ German classes with Hermann Kern beginning Dec. 9 from 10:30 a.m. - noon. The cost is \$24 for six weeks or \$7 for a single session.

■ Leaves and flowers on fabric. Mona Gleitz will teach nature painting Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The class is \$35.

■ Silver Art Clay. Make wearable jewelry with Judy Boucher Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$75. Call 395-0900.

### All day workshop

Gerri Phillips will conduct a "Shadows and Reflections" workshop and demonstration using oils, acrylics, and pastels Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Cape Coral Art League. Call 549-0551, Rose Sapecky, or 542-8003, Nancy Nichols for more information.

### Tampa Museum

Linda McCartney's "Sixties - Portrait of an Era" will be on exhibition from Dec. 10 - Feb. 6. The museum will host gallery talks and films at various times during the exhibition. Call (813) 274-8130.

### Photography Contest

The International Open Amateur Photography Contest is free and open to all levels. Cash prizes will be awarded for black and white and color photographs. To enter send one b/w or color 8 x 10 or smaller photograph in the following categories: people, travel, pets, children sports nature action, humor and portraiture to The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9006, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entrants must be post-marked by Dec. 15.

### Poetry contest

The International Library of Poetry Contest is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Owings Mills, \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded. Send one original poem on any subject or style to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19907, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, Md. 21117. Entries must be 21 lines or less. Put your name and address on the top of the page and postmark entries before Jan. 15. Enter on line [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com).

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## Good news — bad news: A recollection of a trip to Italy

By Maria Faraone  
Special to the *Islander*

**E**very place in Italy seems to be either uphill or downhill — or up the steps and down the steps. One is rarely without the other. Good news and bad news seem to have a similar affinity for each other.

**Good news** — Plane arrives on time in Rome airport.

**Bad news** — Our luggage has two new dents.

**Good news** — We have reservations on the high-speed train to Venice.

**Bad news** — Train is 45 minutes late.

**Good news** — We also have reservations for a rental car.

**Bad news** — Car will not be available until following day. Reservation was can-

celed due to lateness of high-speed train.

**Good news** — We get to stay an extra night in a Venice hotel since car is not available.

**Bad news** — The hotel is very expensive.

**Good news** — We pick up our car and begin search for duplex we have rented.

**Bad news** — Gasoline is \$6 a gallon.

**Good news** — We reach our destination of Bassano del Grappa before dark.

**Bad news** — We are not allowed to park in front of building. Must pay to use Hotel Victoria parking lot at the train station — a twenty-minute walk or brief taxi ride from our duplex.

**Good news** — The duplex is spacious and comfortable for our group of six.

**Bad news** — The dog across the road

barks all night.

**Good news** — Italian food is delicious.

**Bad news** — Dinner isn't served until 8:00 p.m.

**Good news** — Shopping of all kinds is available.

**Bad news** — Everything shuts down during the afternoon. Only tourists are seen walking around.

**Good news** — Traffic regulations do exist in Italy.

**Bad news** — They appear to be merely suggestions and are not strictly enforced.

**Good news** — ATM machines are all over Italy.

**Bad news** — They are hard to find when you need them most.

**Good news** — Posted train track schedules are available.

**Bad news** — They are subject to change without notice.

**Good news** — Purchased parmesan cheese at the Parma cheese factory.

**Bad news** — Left it in the hotel room.

**Good news** — Public restrooms are extremely clean.

**Bad news** — Toilet paper and toilet seats are sometimes missing.

**Good news** — Went to a Tuscan castle for a wine tasting session and dinner.

**Bad news** — Woke up with a headache.

**Good news** — Arrived home safely.

**Bad news** — House incredibly hot — air-conditioning had not been turned on before going on trip.

## In marriage, vice grips are better than Ricki Lake

**I**spent several days last week in bed, sick, and it gave me a chance to think. This is something I would ordinarily try to avoid, but when you are laying in bed with a fever and you have a choice between watching Ricki Lake and thinking, you'd be amazed at how quickly the grey cells come on line.

I am surprised that nobody else knows about this. We need to get word to Mensa, the club for geniuses, to tell all their members to run out and get infected with something. Then, when they begin to feel woozy, we give them a list of important things to think about and turn on the TV. Before we know it, all the world's problems will be solved, and all for the cost of a few bottles of aspirin and some orange juice.

World hunger? Turn on Oprah — in three minutes our genius will turn it off again and start thinking about irrigation and stuff. Peace in the Middle East? Try Jerry Springer — 45 seconds should be plenty, and then watch the stampede for the negotiating table.

And it was just that same way that my giant brain kicked into high gear after a only few minutes of mind-numbing TV babble.

My first thought was that I was very glad to be married — because I wanted some soup, and the kitchen was a long way off, and I knew that if I just moaned a little my wife would bring it to me. When I was single I couldn't do that. I had a cat then, and she thought my moaning was vastly undignified. My wife just thinks it's funny, which is a big step up.

When the soup was gone, I thought some more about marriage, and how much trouble I had gone through to get married. Years of brutal dating and coping with rejection and buying flowers and looking stupid in public on a regular basis — it all could have been

avoided.

Maybe it was the fever, but I couldn't help thinking that if I had known when I was three years old who I was going to marry when I grew up, it would have saved me an awful lot of trauma. It's amazing to think how much happier and better adjusted I would be today if I only could have known. Just for starters, I would never have had that horribly embarrassing moment at the senior prom when I realized that I had just spent five weeks on the search committee to hire a band, paid forty bucks for a tuxedo and \$25 on a corsage for my date, and I didn't know how to dance.

I could also have missed that awful moment on my first major date when she revealed to me that she was actually seeing somebody else pretty seriously but really wanted to see this concert for free and she hoped I didn't mind. This hurt all the more because I had already picked names for our first seven children.

If only I had known, I also could have skipped happily over my college years, without ever needing to learn the hard way that you really can't forget her name, even after almost a full bottle of Old Mr. Boston 100 Proof Vodka mixed with Tang.

And it's definitely better not to mention at all the evil girlfriend who backed a truck up to my apartment and drove off with my British telephone booth, all my Jimi Hendrix records and my guitar, after breaking up with me in an expensive restaurant and leaving me with the check.

I know these are all life passages, moments we must all go through in order to arrive at the noble and necessary state of bitter old age, and I don't really regret them at all, although I would like my guitar back. No, I only mention these unimportant incidents because they could have been avoided altogether if only, as I said, I had known

when I was three years old who I was going to marry when I grew up.

This is not a complete flight of whimsy on my part. Although you might be very well justified to say that nobody knows who they will marry when they grow up — sometimes even when they grow up and marry them — you would still be making a mistake if you said that. Because it is not true that nobody knows who they will marry when they grow up. My kids know.

I have come to accept it with T.L. Bear, my ten year-old. Since she was one month old, it has been settled that she and Johnny-Boy are an item and he is my future son-in-law. Even now that they are ten, they both believe this. If you make a careful dad kind of statement to either of them, like, "Well, who knows what time will bring?" they will look at you like you have just suggested a Barium enema. Their marriage is a done deal, and the only thing left to do is set the date. Even though I have gotten used to the idea that Bear's future is all taken care of, it still came as a shock to me recently when Pookie, my three year-old, let me know that she had it figured out, too.

"Dad," she said to me one afternoon last week while she paused between jumping up and down on my chest and trying out vice grips on the dog. "Does Timothy know that I'm going to marry him?"

"Ulk?" I said thoughtfully. Timothy is a neighborhood boy she knows but does not actually hang out with. And I was pretty sure he didn't know. "Um, no, Honey, I don't think he does know."

"Ohhhhh," Pookie said, frowning and switching the vice grips to my big toe. "Should I tell him?"

"Better not," I said. And since I had already been through this once before with Bear, I didn't bother to add any fatherly dithering, like, "Who knows what time will bring?" Because Pookie knows.

How does that make me feel? Relieved, in a way. Both of my kids have it all figured out already. So someday Timothy will be laying on the couch moaning for soup, and Pookie will bring it to him. And then, quite possibly, she will try the vice grips on his toes.

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## Refuge to pave Wildlife Drive

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will receive \$2 million in federal highway money that will, in part, be used to put a hard surface on Wildlife Drive.

"We've been working on this for a long time, and now the money is there," said Refuge Manager Lou Hinds, who has become a proponent of the plan, though he said he knows it will be controversial.

"My job is to take care of the critters, and the habitat," Hinds said. "I do consider the aesthetics and the public, but at some point my first responsibility has to be for wildlife and habitat. And what we are doing now (with a sand and shell road) is not good."

The current road is a maintenance nightmare, Hinds said. In the winter there is so much dust (stirred up by cars) that it isn't an aesthetic environment any more. And in the summer, with the rains, the drive washes out, with huge gullies eroding away — all of which flows to the estuaries or the impoundments, turning it into white-chalk water.

"Which is basically pollution," Hinds said. "We have to spend \$8,000 to \$15,000 each year on lime rock to repair the road."

That stone and gravel eventually erodes into the estuaries and has to be replaced.

—Scott Martell

## Dredging Blind Pass

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) is hopeful that a short term solution

can be agreed upon — a limited dredging of the gulf-side of Blind Pass — while negotiations continue for agreement on dredging the entire pass of sand.

A limited dredging would focus on removing sand on the gulfside that has now closed Blind Pass. It would allow a limited flow of water under the bridge and back into the estuaries.

—Scott Martell

## Homestead exemption passes

The Sanibel City Council unanimously approved an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption to residents aged 65 or older, with an adjusted gross annual income of \$20,000 or less. Persons wishing to apply for the exemption must file a form from the Revenue Department with the appraiser by March 1.

## Commission seats

Two seats on the Sanibel Planning Commission will be opening as Commissioner Steve Greenstein's and Commission Chairman John Veenschoten's terms will draw to a close on Jan. 10, 2000. Both Greenstein and Veenschoten are applying for reappointment. Four other residents have submitted applications for the positions, which will be reviewed at the Dec. 7 city council meeting. At that time, council may appoint the new members, or postpone the appointments until a future date. Council is also scheduled to appoint new members

to the Historical Preservation Committee, Marine Advisory Committee, the Vegetation Committee, the Wildlife Committee, and the Five Year Budget Projection Review Committee.

## Christmas lights

Code Enforcement Officer Ray Hendzel says that he has not received any phone calls or complaints about the early installation of Christmas lights, although some say there are those who have not held to the ordinance fixing the day before Thanksgiving as the first day for holiday lighting. The ordinance also sets Jan. 9 as the last day lights may be used.

— Council notes by Amy Fleming

For more information on these and other news stories, see this week's Island Reporter.

## Council highlights for Dec. 7

Items on the agenda for next week's City Council meeting include the election of mayor and vice-mayor for the coming year. Also, Kory Phillips, fourth grader at Sanibel School, will read his essay on the city's 25th anniversary.

The first reading of an amendment to allow operation of motorized wheelchairs on bicycle paths will take place. Approval of appointments to the following city committees will be made: historical preservation, marine advisory, vegetation and wildlife. Appointments will also be made to the Five-Year Budget Projection Review Committee and the Planning Commission.

## Library annual meeting notice

The Sanibel Public Library will have its annual meeting Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. The year-end report will be presented and the election of new board members will take place. Nominated for a second term are James Hooper, Lennart Lorensen, Joan Smith and Dorothy Sprouse. Nominated to fill a one-year unexpired term is Dr. Gopal Pati, and nominated for a first term is Maria Faraone.

## Park & Fly

Southwest Florida International Airport's Park & Fly program had been scheduled to

end before New Year's because of a millennium celebration planned for the Lee County Sports Complex. The event has been cancelled and Park & Fly has been extended through Jan. 4.

Travelers departing from the airport between Dec. 15 and Jan. 4 can take advantage of the program for a flat fee of \$19.95 which must be paid in cash. Travelers should park their vehicles at the sports complex at least 90 minutes before their scheduled flight departure times and take complimentary shuttles to and from the airport curbs.

## Lee County DOT begins phone survey

The Lee County Department of Transportation will be conducting a telephone survey during the first two weeks in December. The purpose of the survey is to assist the county in evaluating several specific aspects of its transportation program.

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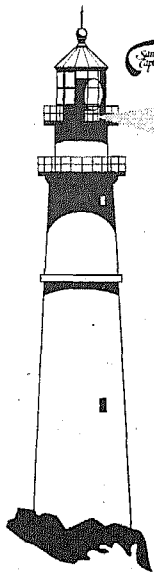
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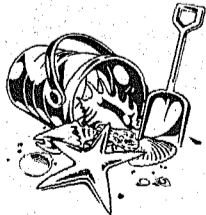
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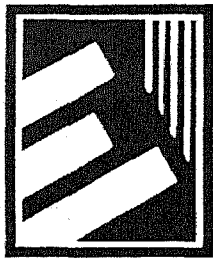
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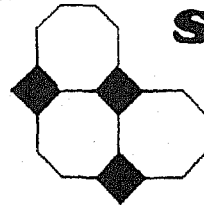
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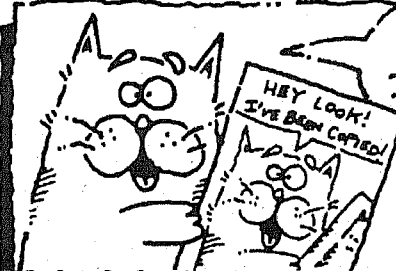
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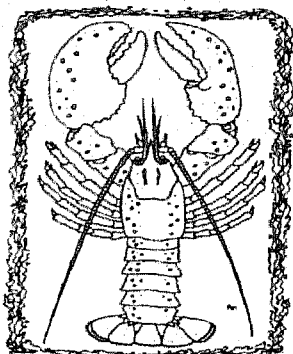
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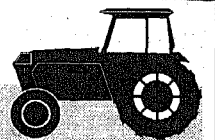


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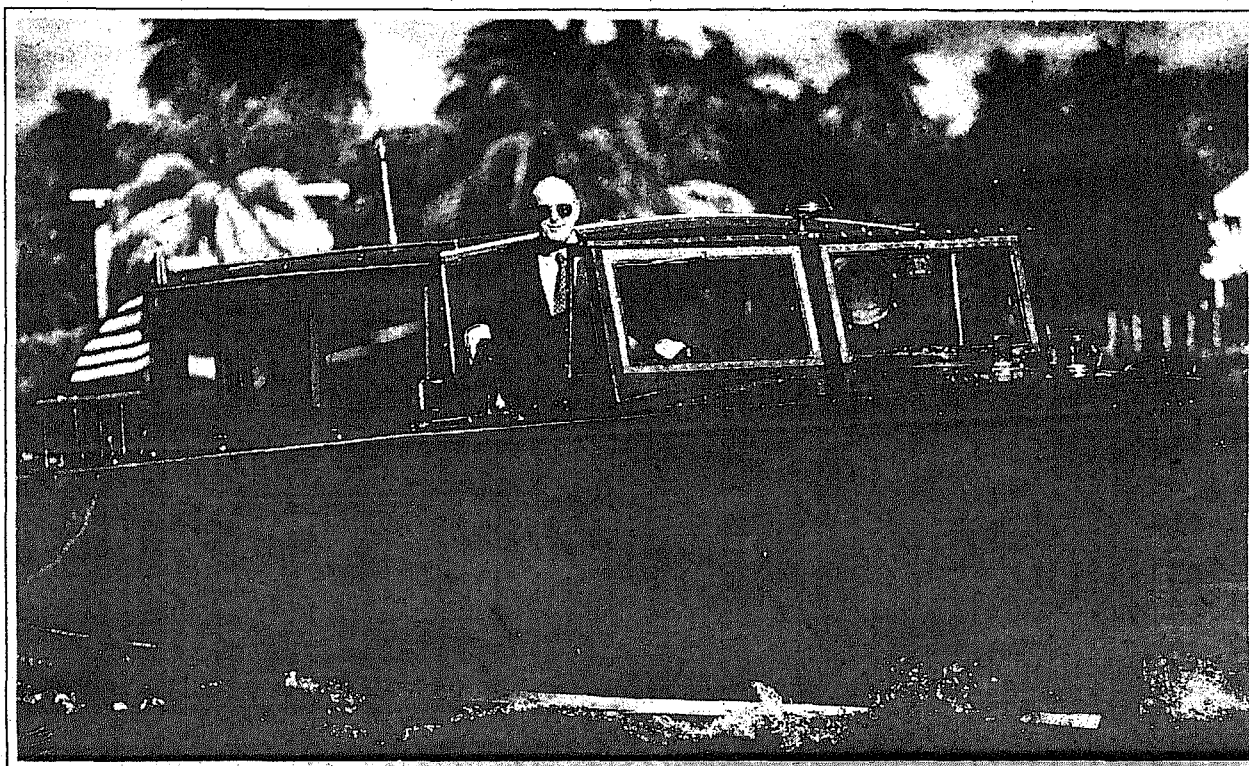


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