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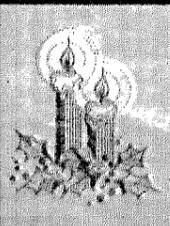
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*Photo by Renny Severance*

The 2002 Annual Christmas Bird Count was conducted by the Audubon Society on Saturday, Dec. 14 on Sanibel, Captiva and throughout the world. This osprey in the nest was included in the count which has been going on since 1900. See story on page 2.

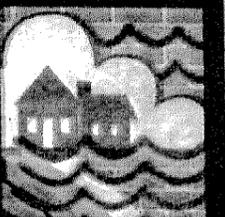


## MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all our readers  
from the staff of the *Islander*

The Home Improvement pages this week feature Kelly's Cocoons, a Sanibel store offering an assortment of decorating ideas.

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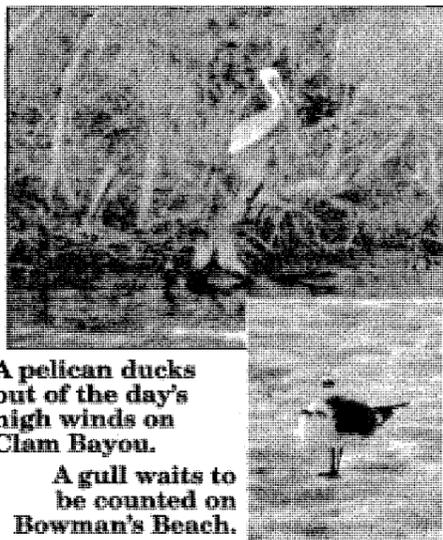
# Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count



**Chris and Paul Andrews do their part for the Bird Count on Clam Bayou in Tim Gardner's boat, Looking for Elvis.**

By Bev Postmus

On Saturday, Dec. 15, 120 volunteers turned out to conduct the 103rd Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. A total of 13,350 birds were listed, the lowest number since 1987, which is as far back as my personal records go. The next lowest year was 1987 when the count was 13,955. While the

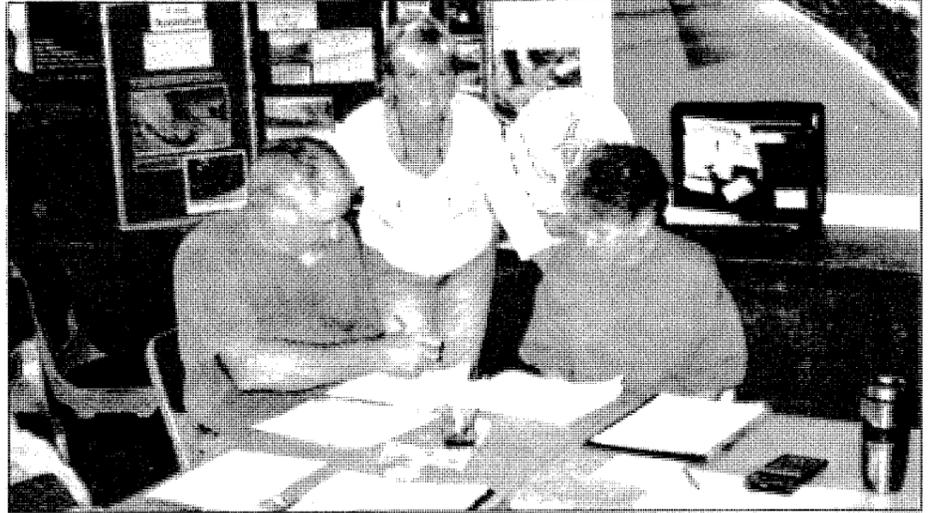


**A pelican ducks out of the day's high winds on Clam Bayou.**

**A gull waits to be counted on Bowman's Beach.**

total number of birds seen is disappointing, even alarming, the good news is that the number of different species seen was 102. That's the same number as last year and is higher than the counts in 1999 and 1996.

How should all this data be interpreted? Weather certainly was a factor. It was a windy day — birds tend to hunker down to stay out of the wind and are thus less visible. Also, the week of the count had seen appreciable rain and many areas that are normally covered were inaccessible. Beyond these obvious factors, we can only guess. Perhaps we are seeing the results of the decline in numbers of many bird species, but we will need to wait for future bird counts to see if this is definitely a trend.



Renny Severance photo

**Bill and Elaine Jacobson coordinate this year's Bird Count at SCCF's office with some expert advice from Ruth Kitchin (right) who has coordinated the count for the past several years.**

According to my records, the largest number of different species seen was 117 in 1987 and the lowest was 99 seen in 1999. There were several interesting species seen in this year's count. The most unusual was the hermit thrush seen by observers on Captiva. While robins are a well-known bird, only a few usually show up for the local count. This year 51 were counted. Cedar waxwings are seen sporadically on Sanibel and Captiva and this year's count of 81 was the highest of any count since 1987. Years may pass between sightings of American goldfinches on the islands. Many teams had sightings this year and the total reached 129, bested only by the 350 seen in 1989.

Most teams finished their counts by noontime and Elaine and Bill Jacobson, bird count coordinators, worked with a small group through mid-afternoon tallying the results. The local Audubon chapter thanks all the volunteers who walked, biked, boated, and drove cars and golf carts to accomplish the count.

The Chapter also thanks the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation for providing space to do the tally, and Brad Smith who entered all the data into the computer. A very special thanks goes to June Patinkin who has served as coordinator for many years, and provided much help in easing the transition to new coordinators.

## ISLAND REALTY GROUP

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**UP PERISCOPE**

**A season of giving**

'Tis the season once again and 'tis the season for giving. This might cause visions of video games to dance in some heads, but it's not really about long lines at the mall stores. Too many of us agonize over what to get for whom. I know I rack my meager gray cells each year trying to think of just the right gifts for family and friends and end up settling for whatever I hope won't be too inappropriate, ridiculous or embarrassing at the great unveiling on Christmas morning.

It gets harder every year. For a long time technology used to get us through these tough times. A pocket calculator was an ever-improving gift as the functions grew in complexity until they exceeded the cerebral grasp of all but the highest levels of Mensa members. But at the same time, the prices of the lesser devices plummeted to stocking stuffer



**RENNY SEVERANCE**  
Executive Editor

puzzle and conversation piece. If you gave one to anyone under the age of 40 they would probably wonder where the rechargeable batteries went.

Cosmetics are a tough choice. You can't really give perfume anymore because it's bound to be: A) the wrong one; B) smell bad; C) politically incorrect because of its country of origin; D) declassé; or E); F) or G) — take your pick.

Others have faced this problem in the

levels, which was OK too.

And of course, who really needs a pocket calculator when we all seem to spend most of our time planted in front of a computer that has all that stuff built in to any application?

Maybe it's time for the abacus to make its return as a portable

past and the best solution by far seems to have surfaced in the Dear Abby column. For some years now, this column has reprinted a letter from a reader suggesting that socks and underwear are passé as Christmas presents (or pocket calculators and perfume for that matter). The writer suggested instead that the giver do something good for someone else, perform a service, volunteer for something, whatever, and then send a card telling all about it. The cards would then be opened and read on Christmas morning.

As I look around these barrier islands, it looks like Christmas every day. This place is a veritable hotbed of volunteerism and that is an enormous part of island charm. Hammerheads and F.I.S.H. types abound.

There may not be a lot of room to increase the level of participation in community service, but there are ways to improve it. One is to learn more about the subject at hand.

Much of the donated time and services relate to Mother Nature at places like SCCF, CROW, or "Ding" Darling. The Florida Master Naturalist Program is one way to learn a lot more about the subject at hand and to augment the services being volunteered.

This state-certified course is a 40-hour program being offered at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's education center on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., from Jan. 14 through Feb. 18.

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# HAPPENINGS

Deadline for items to be included on this page is Friday at 4:30 p.m.

## Santa at Bank of the Islands

Santa will be at Bank of the Islands on Monday, Dec. 23, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. All parents and grandparents are invited to bring children in to visit with Santa and receive their elf-made ornaments. While you are here, take some great pictures, have some fresh-baked Christmas cookies, coffee or punch and share in the fun and merriment of the season with your island Bank.

## Yard sale for class trip

Tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Century 21 is sponsoring a HUGE yard sale to benefit The Sanibel School sixth grade class trip to Sea Camp in April.

The Century 21 office is at 959 Periwinkle, right at the four-way stop. Anyone wishing to donate items may drop them off at the office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call to arrange a later drop-off. There'll be furniture, toys, clothes, art, baby stuff and much, much more!

## Lee Cancer Care Gets Grant

Lee Cancer Care received a grant last week from the 4th Annual Fashion Targets Breast Cancer (FTBC)/Saks Fifth Avenue Shopping Weekend, held in September. A

check for \$5,462 was issued by the Council of Fashion Designers of America Foundation (CFDA) and presented by the Fort Myers Saks store.

FTBC is the U.S. fashion industry's response to breast cancer — a widely recognized effort that raises public awareness and supports breast cancer research, education, screening and care. FTBC is the fashion community's singular and most successful response to breast cancer — an issue of vital importance to its primary consumers, women. To date, FTBC has netted nearly \$20 million for the cause.

The charity-driven shopping weekend to benefit FTBC, as well as other local and national breast cancer organizations, took place in all of Saks Fifth Avenue's 61 stores across the country, the 51 OFF 5th outlet stores and saks.com. Special in-store appearances included entertainers and personal appearances by designers. To raise awareness for the breast cancer cause, the CFDA enlisted super-model, philanthropist and business woman, Iman, as the 2002 Fashion Targets Breast Cancer spokesperson.

Grant funds raised during the shopping weekend included two percent of all sales from all Saks stores, OFF 5th, and saks.com. In addition, 100 percent of the net proceeds from special FTBC merchandise — an official T-shirt designed by Ralph Lauren; a silver charm bracelet and charms by Robert Lee Morris, Stephen Dweck, Lisa Jenks, Betsey Johnson and Diane von Furstenberg; and a tote bag cre-



Pictured above are the four officers of the Sanibel-Captiva Junior Optimist Club and their historian with the food collected at the Fall Ball November 29th. The food collected was donated to The Salvation Army.

Left to right: Kasey Harrell, secretary, Sabrina Bunch, vice-president, Bee Weatherby, president, Alexis Pettinato, treasurer, and Lauren White, historian. They were ably helped by Kelly McCurry behind the table.

ated by Reed Krakoff for Coach were donated to breast cancer causes. In the aggregate, Saks raised and distributed \$1,994,846 to more than 60 breast cancer organizations around the United States, bringing the FTBC/Saks Shopping Weekend four-year total to more than \$9 million.

## Fall Ball... We Rocked!

On Friday, Nov. 29, the Sanibel-Captiva Junior Optimist Club and the Sanibel Community Center held a dance for fifth through eighth graders at the Community House. Approximately 100 people enjoyed the music provided by Michael Skerczak of Radio DJs. Over 150 cans of food (the admission fee for the dance) were collected and will be provided to The Salvation Army. Courtney Stasi, Tess Walsh, and Wes Owens won raffle prizes. Sean Murphy won the major raffle prize, a new Fuji bicycle. The next Junior Optimist dance will be held on Feb. 21!

## Saturday tournaments expand

The Saturday morning tournaments have been expanded to include both Yu-Gi-Oh Sanctioned Tournaments and Pokemon Gaming and Trading. They will be held at Big Arts from 10 a.m. to 12:30

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## It's Open Mic time

Island writers welcome resident, neighboring and visiting writers and readers to read and/or listen to original and classical poetry and prose during the monthly Open Mic at The Bean, 2240 Periwinkle, on Friday, Dec. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Everyone who attends is given an opportunity to read, if they so choose, and anything goes, but selections should be limited to five minutes or under. The November Open Mic was attended by more than 40 people.

For more information, call Joe Pacheco at 472-1280



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## THE METASTATIC LIFE

*Arachnophobia: n., an abnormal fear of spiders*

—Oxford Concise English Dictionary

I've been afraid of spiders since I was a little kid. In my teens, I used to scream whenever one crossed my path. In my twenties, when I moved to Florida, I would occasionally come upon one of those incredibly large housekeeping spiders and I would actually freeze on the spot, unable to move or scream. My kids love to tell their friends about all the times I had nightmares in which a spider was dangling from its web directly above my head. Believing it to be real, I regularly bolted out of bed, still asleep and ran across the room and into the wall. I usually woke up on impact.

Needless to say, I have passed this fear of spiders on to both of my daughters. Anna now claims to be more afraid of them than I am but it doesn't really matter. We don't like spiders.

The Christmas tree is up and decorated and the weather has been cool enough for the fireplace to be operational. So, Saturday I drove to a fireplace store where I was told I could purchase a flat of firewood from Georgia, good, hard, seasoned wood that burns for hours. It was expensive but I was determined to have some real fires this year. I am tired of DuraFlame Logs. I want the snap, crackle, pop and smell of real wood in the house. I didn't, however, want to pay the extra \$50 to have the stuff delivered. So I took it upon myself to drive over there and have them load it into the Volvo station wagon which I have on loan while the dealership is fixing my car.

I should have known when they handed me a pair of work gloves that I was in for trouble. The woman I had talked to on the phone was very concerned about me messing up "this beautiful car" with a load of wood. I suggested they line the back with cardboard boxes and assured her that the car would be fine. "Besides," I said, "This isn't my car. It's a loaner. And I'm mad at the dealership anyway." "Oh," she said, "in that case, we should

give you the wood with all the black widow spiders." I stopped in my tracks. Surely she was kidding. "Well," she said, "this stuff doesn't come from Burdine's, you know. This is real wood from the forest and then it's warehoused. It's pretty common for spiders to get into it."



Lisa Pierot

The whole way home, with my car weighted down with wood that might possibly be home to not just spiders, but poisonous spiders, I kept thinking, "You had to have the real thing. You couldn't just settle for the DuraLogs with the crackle noise. They do burn for 3 hours, Lisa. Just how long do you need to stare into a fire?"

When I got home I rounded up Emily, Anna and two of Anna's girlfriends. I told them we needed to take the wood out of the car and stack it on the back porch so it wouldn't get wet. They were less than thrilled but we set to work. None of us were wearing gloves. I decided the whole spider thing was probably just talk. About a second into unloading, Anna let out a scream that could have waked the dead. "Spider, Spider!" And we all moved in for a look and there, perched on a nice piece of Oak, was a perfect black widow spider with the red hourglass on its back.

An hour later, pieces of firewood lay strewn about the driveway and the smell of Raid was fragrant on the air. I had unloaded every piece by first inspecting it, then throwing it on the ground where Emily further inspected it and sprayed it if she felt any threat. She sprayed a lot. We found a couple of spiders we couldn't even identify except to say "big, brown, scary." I vacuumed out the car. We never managed to get the wood to the back deck. Instead, I covered it with a tarp. Later that night, as I went slamming into the wall with visions of spiders all around me, I noted that the weather was warming up. I thought if I shut up the house and turned the AC on, we were probably safer than with the doors and windows open for just any old Tom, Dick or, in this case, Hairy, to come in.

'Tis the Season. Until next week...

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every Saturday. Bring your cards to trade and play. The \$5 entry fee entitles players to one pack of either Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament cards or Pokemon Expedition cards. All ages are welcome.

This is a great time to learn the games from the experts. Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon cards and information are available at Needful Things in Tahitian Gardens — 472-5400.



Mike Robison of Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis presents a \$500 check for the Children's Education Center of the Island's Feb. 8th Reach for the Stars fundraiser to Susan Peck, school director.

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## OBITUARIES

### Arthur Partington

Long-time Sanibel resident Arthur Partington died Dec. 6, 2002 in Fort Myers after a lengthy illness.



After an extensive career as a dancer on Broadway and television, Partington came to Sanibel in 1980 with his life partner, John Bartis, to open Pinocchio's Ice Cream Shop at the east end of the island.

A memorial service will be held on Dec. 26, at 11:30 a.m. on the first island as one leaves Sanibel, on the west side. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Heron Room at the Congregational Church.

### John Kemper Cannon

John Cannon died unexpectedly on Dec. 15, 2002 in Fort Myers. Born in Chicago on Dec. 20, 1932, he graduated from Yale and received his law degree from the University of Michigan. He was a retired partner at Dykema Gossett where he practiced corporate law for 37 years.

Because John believed that life is fullest when giving to others, volunteerism was an integral part of his life. He actively supported many causes and often took on leadership roles. He was especially proud of his accomplishments while president of the Michigan Mental Health Association.

John had a great love for the Episcopal Church and devoted much time, talent and energy toward advancing church causes. For many years, he served

as Parliamentarian to the House of Deputies. He was a trustee of the Episcopal Church Pension Fund from 1988 to 2000. In 1997, he was elected chairman of the fund, a position he held for three years. He was also a member of the Board of Advice to the President of the House of Deputies and was involved with Project Equality.

Cannon was also a spirited outdoorsman and his giving spirit extended to causes which supported conservation. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel and a life member of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Throughout his life, John embraced a wide range of activities with tremendous passion. He was an avid bird watcher and wildlife photographer, as well as a life-long stamp collector, train enthusiast and model railroader. A great sports fan, John enjoyed running and sailing. This past summer, he learned to kayak on Lake Superior. He loved good books, music, architecture and fine wine.

John was a former resident of Birmingham, Mich.. He divided his time between homes on Sanibel, Florida and Eagle Harbor, Michigan.

John died surrounded by his loving wife, Yolanda Esch Cannon, and his four children — Carter Cannon, Jill Cannon Maguire (Jay), John Kemper Cannon, Jr. (Diane), and Amy Cannon (Andre Begosso). He is also survived by five grandchildren — Michael Maguire, Caitlin Maguire, Christopher Maguire, Ann Maguire and Samuel Begosso; and two sisters — Jane Hansen and Marion Whiteside.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. at Christ

Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Interment will be private at Greenwood Cemetery in Birmingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Michigan Mental Health Association, Mental Health Center, 15920 West 12th Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 or CROW, Post Office Box 150, Sanibel 33957.

### Marion Bachhuber Bridgman

Marion Bridgman, 89, of Fort Myers died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002.

After spending her younger years in Mayville, Wisc., Bridgman graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She lived in and around New York City for 25 years and in Louisville, Ky. for 32 before retiring in 1996 to Shell Point Village. In Louisville, she taught high school English and speech at Kentucky Home School for Girls and Kentucky Country Day School.

She was a member of the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association, the Sanibel Congregational Church and was an active volunteer with the Low Vision Group at Shell Point.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Richard, and is survived by a son, Richard, and his wife, Priscilla; and three daughters — Elizabeth Bridgman, Mary Bridgman, and Judy Rummel, and her husband, Bill; four grandsons and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Dec. 23 at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the church.

### Oscar Thompson

Oscar Thompson, a fifth-generation Florida Cracker, 'gator hunter and photographer, died in his sleep Sunday at his North Fort Myers home. He was 59. Thompson had been suffering from bronchitis, but his death was unexpected.

Thompson's great-great grandfather was Capt. Francis Ashbury Hendry, one of the founders of Lee County, and the namesake of Hendry County.

Thompson's maternal uncle was the late Totch Brown, notorious 'gator poacher, drug smuggler and storyteller of the Ten Thousand Islands.

Thompson's death comes as his nature photography was gaining acclaim, although he'd been taking color photos

of the Everglades for more than 25 years. He was also an award-winning commercial and architectural photographer.

He turned over his photography business, Oscar Thompson Photographs, Inc., to his son, Doug, and friend, Tom Harper, two years ago so he could focus on his Everglades photography and work with Clyde Butcher, the renowned black-and-white photographer of the Everglades. At the time of his death, Thompson was working with Butcher at his Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee. An exhibit of Thompson's work is ongoing at the gallery, 52388 Tamiami Trail.

Thompson introduced Butcher to the wonders of the swamp. Until he met Thompson in 1980, Butcher had never photographed landscapes in Florida. Thompson's photographs awakened Butcher's interest. Thompson took Butcher for his first swamp walk, immersing the body shoulder-deep in the Everglades.

Thompson was born Oct. 28, 1943, and grew up in Everglades City and Immokalee. He learned of the Everglades' hidden trails and its lore from his father, Waddy Thompson, and his grandfather, Sam Thompson. Waddy Thompson was a well-known Everglades guide as was his father, who guided the likes of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and John Burroughs on hunting trips. Thompson's great-grandfather, also named Waddy Thompson, strung the first telegraph lines to Fort Myers.

Oscar spent youthful summers living with the Seminole Indians, hunting and learning to speak Seminole. He became a 'gator hunter in the late 1950s and joined the Navy in the mid-'60s as a machinist. He photographed the UDT2-22 Squadron of the Seal Team. After the Navy, he worked as a welder/machinist for Florida Power & Light in Fort Myers from 1968 to 1979 when he opened his photography firm. Harper said Thompson made him part of the family and taught him about architectural photography.

Thompson is survived by Miladie, his wife of 35 years; two children — Tracy Thompson of Fort Myers and Doug Thompson of Bonita Springs; his mother, LaBerta Thompson, his brother, Waddy, and his sister, Vivian, all of LaBelle.

A memorial service is planned. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that friends contribute something in Thompson's name to charity.

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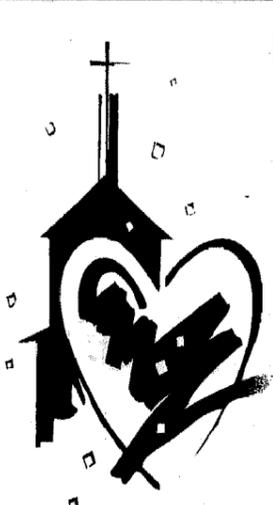


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Dec. 10 - 4 man 2 Best Ball

- 1st Place  
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Ristow  
Krause
- 2nd Place  
Tukey 65  
Harris  
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1st place winners Diane Metz, Kathy Krause and Sally Gillett on Dec. 11 Christmas 18 hole scramble. Second place was taken by Nancy Carlile, Henny Karasin, Mary Jane Procter and Nancy Ruedig.

**Dunes Mens Golf Assoc.**

Dec. 11 - 4 Man Scramble

- 1st Place (tie) 48  
Dewey Tate  
Greg Jennings  
Alan Cross  
Fred Nordstrom

John Griesbaum  
Max Friedersdorf  
Andy Wood  
Bill Ford

- 3rd Place 50  
Jim Bradford  
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3. Sue Norpell  
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6-0, 6-7(6-8), 6-0

4. Renee Brand  
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✦ 5

6-1, 4-6, 6-4

Points: 18

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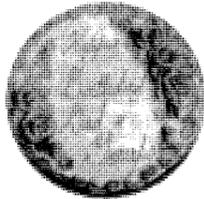
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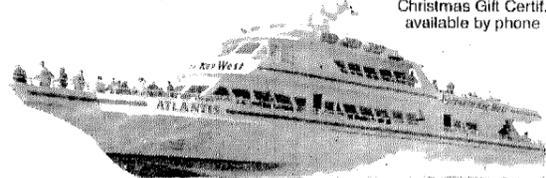
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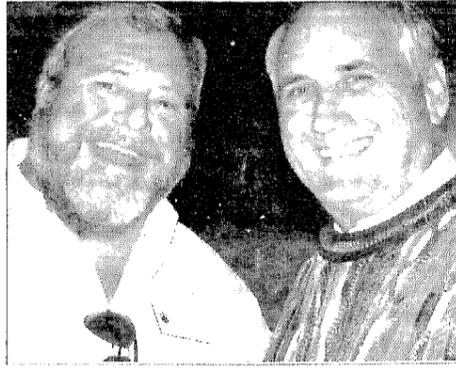
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## She Sells Sea Shells has their own 25th celebration as well...



David and Anne Joffe, proprietors of She Sells Sea Shells put on a shell of a show at their 25th anniversary this Sunday past. Guests were treated to complimentary give-aways and raffle prizes throughout the day.

A conch horn blowing contest, along with guessing how many shells were in

the shell lamp, kept adults and children active in the cool conditions.

The event was catered by Schnapper's Hots and eaten under the Big Top tent erected for the affair.

A few hundred guests came by to wish the Joffes well and the best of luck for another 25 years.

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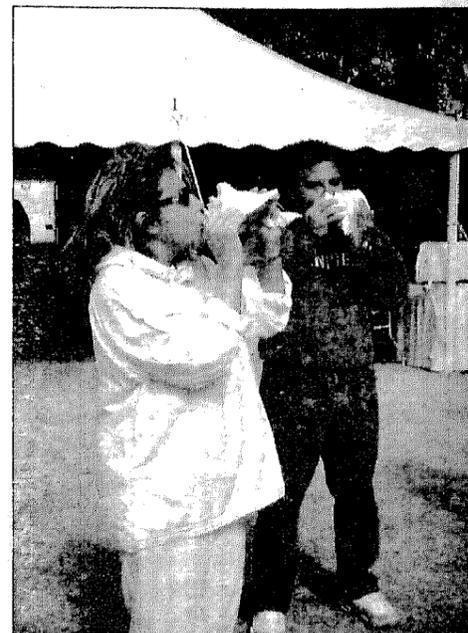
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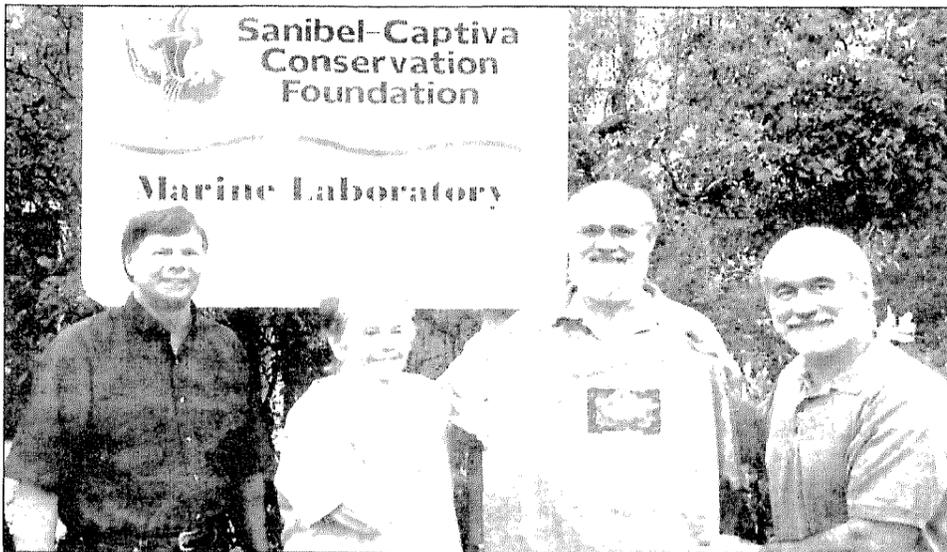
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## ABC Sale T-Shirt to support Marine Lab



L-R: Erick Lindblad, Nancy Barnes, Steve Bortone and Ron Gibson.

The T-shirt for the 2003 ABC Sale was unveiled this week at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Marine Laboratory on Tarpon Bay. Part of the proceeds from the 2003 ABC Sale will go to the Marine Lab Fund.

Ron Gibson, co-chair of the 2003 ABC Sale, and graphic designer Nancy Barnes presented the first shirts to Erick Lindblad, SCCF executive director, and Dr. Steven Bortone, director of the marine laboratory. The front of the shirt, which is periwinkle blue, features a fish taken from the Marine Lab logo that was also designed by Barnes. The back has the complete logo.

Nancy is the owner of Island Graphics, the graphic design firm and printing company at the east end of Sanibel. "The Marine Lab logo is part of a series of duotone logos we have created to illustrate the

different SCCF program areas," Barnes said.

Gibson said that the new T-shirts are immediately available at the Captiva Post Office or by calling him direct at 472-6179. After Christmas, the shirts will be available at other locations.

The SCCF Marine Lab investigates the status, trends and health of the habitat within the marine nursery areas surrounding the barrier islands of Sanibel and Captiva. This is the third time that the ABC Sale has supported an SCCF program. In 1992 the Captiva Civic Association, sponsor of the ABC Sale, decided to start sharing part of the sale's proceeds with local projects and chose to donate to SCCF's turtle program and it gave again to the sea turtle program in 1994.

## ABC Sale, a great place for treasures



The perfect "little black dress"

Every woman needs a "little black dress" for her wardrobe, especially in this holiday season. Karen Halverson just rediscovered hers while digging through packing boxes when her family moved into their new house a few weeks ago.

"We're still unpacking," Karen said, "but this dress was perfect for a holiday party my husband and I attended. I got my little black dress at an ABC Sale a couple of children ago"

The dress was handmade in Italy, has fine detailing, and was originally purchased in a Montreal boutique. And, needless to say, it was a great bargain.

ABC always means wonderful buys of items from Attics, Basements and Closets, but in Karen's case it could mean Always Bargain Couture. Before buying her elegant black dress, Karen had purchased a lilac satin evening gown at an ABC Sale. "It was very nice, but it didn't have the staying power of my black dress," Karen noted.

Karen, her husband, Jay, and their three children moved into their new home before Thanksgiving. Jay is a captain in the Captiva Fire Department. Their daughters, Kari and Emma, are a senior and freshman, respectively, in Cypress Lake High School and son, Sam, is in 6th grade at The Sanibel School



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## Holiday Safety

With the holidays come the joys and festivities of this time of year, but we shouldn't forget to stay safe. Following some simple steps can help ensure a safe holiday season.

- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children
- Avoid smoking near flammable decorations
- Avoid using loose flowing clothes, especially long, open sleeves, near the open flames of a fireplace, stove, or candle-lit table.
- Never burn candles near evergreens on a mantelpiece or table. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can be hazardous. When dry, evergreens burn like tinder. Flames can burn out of control, sending sparks flying about the room or out the chimney and onto the roof.
- Plan for safety. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and electrical connections.
- Inform guests and relatives who may be staying in your home for the holidays of your fire escape plan and a safe meeting place.

### Outside Light Decorations

- Use only outdoor lights outside.

- Examine light strings each year; discard worn ones.
- Never use indoor extension cords outside.
- Avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords.
- Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles.
- Make sure trees hung with Christmas lights are not touching power lines.
- Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you retire or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a major fire.

### Christmas Trees

- Choose a fresh cut tree if at all possible.
- Before you place the tree in a stand, cut a few inches off the trunk. This helps the tree draw up water.
- Always keep the tree well-watered. Check and refill often.
- Place tree away from any heat sources.
- Use only noncombustible decorations.
- Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- Before decorating, inspect for any worn and damaged light sets.
- Do not leave lights unattended.

## Audubon Schedule 2003

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society has announced its 2003 winter program series that begins on Thursday, Jan. 3 and runs weekly through March 20. The slide program/lecture series features photographers, biologists, and researchers who will speak on a variety of topics, with an emphasis on birds and conservation issues.

All programs take place on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way and are open to the public. The suggested donation is \$4. For further information, contact David Meardon, program chair, at 472-2346, or go to the chapter's web site at [www.sanca-paudubon.com](http://www.sanca-paudubon.com).

**Jan. 2**—Frank and Sue Moore: The Natural World of St. Paul Island, Alaska.

Birds, flowers, northern fur seals, fish and native cultures are examined in this journey to the Last Frontier.

**Jan. 9**—Connie Bransilver: Essence of Wild Orchids. Author of *Florida's Unsung Wilderness—The Swamps*, writer/photographer Bransilver uses images, words, and music to reveal the beauty of orchids — “the eye candy of the swamps.”

**Jan. 16**—Bev and Clare Postmus: Summer Sanibel — The Birds That Sanibel Snowbirds Miss. Naturalists and photographers, the Postmuses explore Sanibel's “off-season” beauty.

**Jan. 23**—Paul Gray: Lake Okeechobee — On The Brink. Gray, science coordinator for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Program, asks the question: Will we work to save Florida's largest lake?

**Jan. 30**—Mike Bauer: Everglades Restoration and the Competition for Water. Bauer, staff biologist at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, gives an update on the massive Everglades restoration project and its impact on Southwest Florida.

**Feb. 6**—George Graham: The Fun of Photographing Great Blues and Egrets.

Sanibel landscape/nature photographer and instructor at BIG ARTS, Graham imparts his admiration for these extraordinary creatures through his love of photography.

**Feb. 13**—Arthur Morris: A Bird Photographer's Story.

Internationally known bird photographer Morris presents a slide-illustrated lecture featuring more than 250 of his spectacular photographs.

**Feb. 20**—Len Messineo: Photographing Florida and Its Birds. Award-winning images of Florida birds and landscapes with emphasis on the state's habitats and scenery.

**Feb. 27**—Ralph Paonessa: Costa Rica's Hummingbirds. Nature photographer Paonessa shows 18 species of hummingbirds from a recent expedition to Costa Rica, and discusses techniques for capturing these lightning-fast fliers on film.

March 6—No Program. Shell Fair.

March 13—Grace DeWolf: Yellowstone — Burn and Survival. An in-depth look at fire and regeneration, wildlife, and thermal features of Yellowstone National Park. Winter scenes are also featured based on Dewolf's many visits over the last 20 years.

March 20—Bernard P. Friel: Florida, Alaska, Baja, and Africa — A Potpourri of Birds and Mammals.

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# Crazy Gator's reopens

By Karen Nelson  
Staff Writer

Get a taste of "Florida Cracker Homestyle Cookin'" at Crazy Gator's on Sanibel. Once you step off the dock and into the lively gator pond on the floor (a mural designed by Head Gator Eugenia Thompson-Colter), you've entered Florida's back-country, where this southern buffet serves whatever Thompson-Colter prepares.

Eugenia and her helpers do all the cooking and the buffet offerings vary daily: "Whatever we decide, we'll fix." It's like seeing a cherished aunt, the one who cooks all your favorites (and can she cook!) whenever you come to visit.

There are actually two Head Gators here, with Thompson-Colter splitting Head Gator status with Ann Westbrook. Thompson-Colter's brother, Larry Thompson, who owns the Lazy Flamingo and the Sunset Grill, also owns Crazy Gator's. It was his idea to turn the restaurant into a buffet featuring Florida Cracker Homestyle Cookin.' "Nobody else does a buffet all the time," he explained.

There may be a menu in the offing down the road as they get a feel for what's popular. In the meantime, at Crazy Gator's you'll always find one meat, several vegetables, salad and all the fixin's as well as sandwiches made to order.

"Cracker homestyle cookin' is a mixture of everything," says Eugenia. Over the past several days, one might have found the buffet tables laden with smoked ham, Brunswick stew, fried chicken, fried catfish, steamed cabbage, sautéed fresh corn off the cob and salad and trimmings. Fried green tomatoes and Gator Fritters will be a staple and you'll also find homemade seasoned vinegar and jellies. For Thanksgiving, there was a wonderful cranberry-orange-pecan relish; you might find a Black-Eyed pea vinaigrette salad and there will be habanero and jalapeno jellies.

Most of the bread is baked on the premises and the scrumptious homemade desserts are made from scratch and include an out-of-this-world Key Lime Chiffon Pie; you might also find pumpkin, apple or pecan pies and wonderful fruit cobblers.

Crazy Gator's serves buffet breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday and special buffet dinners on Friday and Saturday. Friday night there is a seafood buffet — last Friday's seafood buffet featured favorites like Shrimp Creole, crab cakes, salads and lots more. The Crazy Gator's Seafood Gumbo served free on Luminary Night was a huge hit — people were calling to find out if it was on the menu,



Karen Nelson photo  
**Eugenia Thompson-Colter, Larry Thompson and Ann Westbrook**

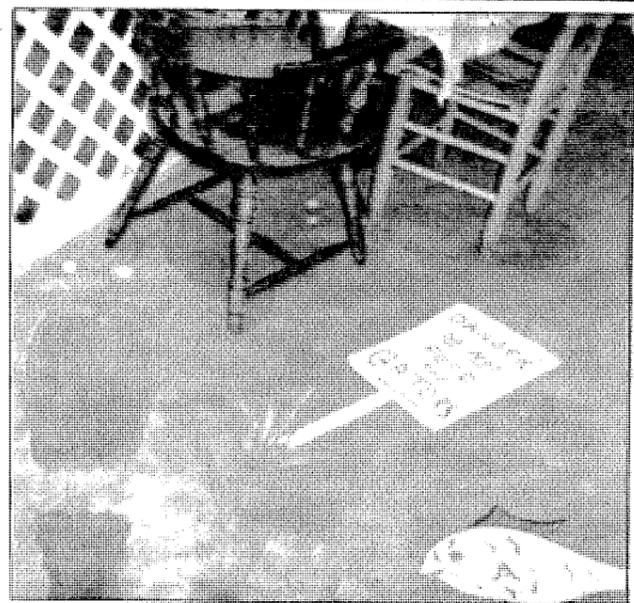
so it's now a regular part of the Friday night Seafood buffet. Drop by Saturday night for the Prime Rib and Duck a l'Orange; Saturday night buffets will feature changing themes (like Italian or Mexican) but the Prime Rib and Duck have been so popular that they will be featured for the next few weeks.

Accompany your meal with the deliciously refreshing Swamp Punch — Pinot Grigio wine and fruit juices (there's also a virgin swamp punch available). You'll find wine, beer (including draft) and mimosas are available at breakfast every day.

Those who frequented Crazy Gator's during its earlier incarnation will recognize the walls but now the outstanding feature is the painted gator pond that covers the floor, filled with colorful fish, sinuous gators and a dock extending about three feet into the room from the doorway. "Customers stop dead at the end of the dock," says Ann, "and we tell them, 'Yes, step into the gator pond.'"

"We thought it would be fun for tourists to walk through a gator pond," adds Eugenia, who has "been drawing on the walls since I was a little girl" and has worked professionally painting murals. She drew the patterns and enlisted the help of her nieces and nephew: they picked the colors they used and the kind of fish they wanted to paint.

The bar from the original Crazy Gator's has been



removed and replaced by brown-burlap-covered buffet tables and gators have even taken over the buffet: there are gator-shaped loaves of bread. The booths and dining tables are covered with colorful burlap topped by brown Kraft paper, which adds an inviting down-home feel and you're welcome to draw on it.

The prices are also friendly: breakfast for \$6.95; lunch for \$8.95; dinner for \$10.95; the special dinner buffets can run higher. Prices include a soft drink, iced tea or coffee. There are special kids' prices and they will be adding a children's menu.

If you're out at the Captiva end of Sanibel, Larry Thompson will soon be opening the Santiva General Store (next to the Sunset Grill and Lazy Flamingo) as a fish and meat market and deli.

Crazy Gator's is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 to 11:30 am for breakfast buffet; and 11:30 to 3 pm for lunch; on Friday and Saturday, there's a 5:30 to 9 pm dinner buffet; on Friday, it's Seafood and on Saturday, it's Prime Rib and Duck a l'Orange for the next few weeks and they will be adding a children's menu.

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## WEEKEND FORECAST FOR DECEMBER 21 & 22

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WEEKEND TIDES				
City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral	2:27 a.m.	11:36 a.m.	3:11 a.m.	12:19 a.m.
Bridge	6:35 p.m.	9:42 p.m.	7:08 p.m.	10:39 p.m.
Captiva at	12:17 a.m.	8:20 a.m.	1:01 a.m.	9:03 a.m.
Redfish Pass	4:25 p.m.	6:26 p.m.	4:58 p.m.	7:23 p.m.
Fort Myers	3:20 a.m.	12:18 a.m.	4:04 a.m.	1:01 a.m.
	7:28 p.m.	10:24 p.m.	8:01 p.m.	11:21 p.m.
Matlacha Pass	1:55 a.m.	11:02 a.m.	2:39 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
	6:03 p.m.	9:08 p.m.	6:36 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
Pineland	12:53 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	1:37 a.m.	10:43 a.m.
	5:01 p.m.	8:06 p.m.	5:34 p.m.	9:03 p.m.
Point Ybel	3:30 a.m.	8:22 a.m.	12:06 a.m.	9:05 a.m.
	-	6:28 p.m.	4:03 p.m.	7:25 p.m.
Punta Rassa	12:11 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	12:55 a.m.	8:58 a.m.
	4:19 p.m.	6:21 p.m.	4:52 p.m.	7:18 p.m.
St. James City	12:42 a.m.	8:50 a.m.	1:26 a.m.	9:33 a.m.
	4:50 p.m.	6:56 p.m.	5:23 p.m.	7:53 p.m.

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58/76 Sat  
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**PINE ISLAND**  
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**MARCO ISLAND**  
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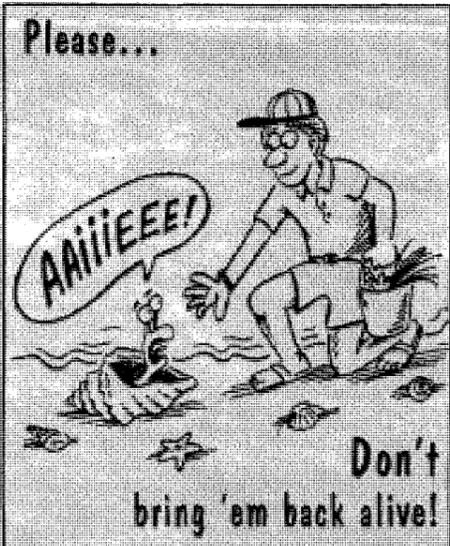
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JACKSONVILLE	44/65
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PANAMA CITY	43/62
PENSACOLA	42/62
SARASOTA	55/72
ST. PETERSBURG	55/75
TALLAHASSEE	47/67
TAMPA	56/72
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SATURDAY  
SUNRISE  
7:12 AM



SATURDAY  
SUNSET  
5:40 PM



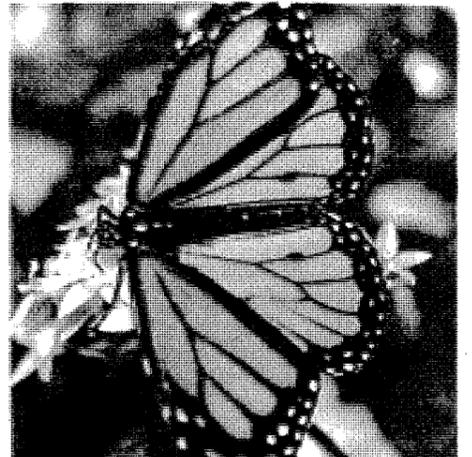
# Celebrate the return of the Monarch butterfly

Kids and adults alike are invited to celebrate the spectacular fall migration of the Monarch butterfly, *Danaus plexippus*, by attending a program on Friday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. The program will include a caterpillar release and butterfly tagging demonstration.

The migration of millions of Monarch butterflies has happened every fall since the warming began after the ice age. With the retreat of the ice, the range of the Monarch's larval host plant, milkweed, has slowly expanded from Mexico all the way to Canada. Ahead of the cold fronts the Monarchs leave their summer breeding grounds in the upper Midwest and

northeastern U.S. by the millions, freshly emerged from their chrysalis (pupae) heading south for their over-wintering sites in central Mexico. The story goes that this generation goes into sexual diapause, not mating or laying eggs, saving energy for the long flight. In Mexico they hang in the fir trees until the spring equinox initiates their return journey into the U.S. The longest recorded flight by an individual tagged Monarch, according to Monarch Watch in Lawrence, Kansas, was close to 3,000 miles, from Canada to Mexico and back to Texas!

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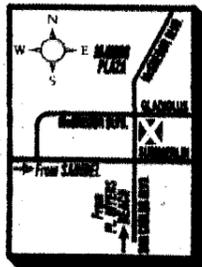
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## Butterflies alight at Kelly's Cocoons

By Karen Nelson  
 Staff Writer

For a unique, colorful and natural alternative to artwork or photographs, why not consider a wall of butterflies? Kelly Murphy of Kelly's Cocoons captures the magical effect of butterflies taking wing in her custom wall displays.

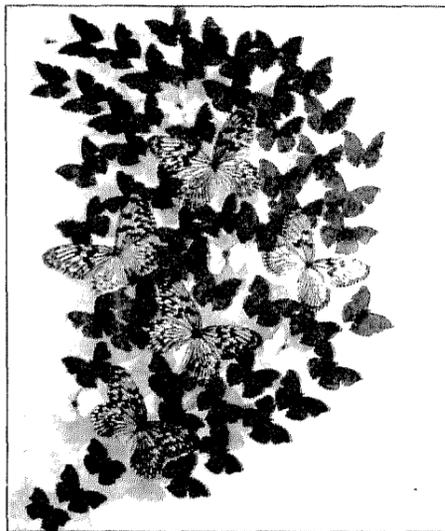
In fact, the walls at Kelly's Cocoons are covered with butterflies. Owner Kelly Murphy says that when people come in, "They're just in awe, they can't believe that these are authentic and the colors are natural. They ask, 'Are these real butterflies?'" and "How long did it take you to paint them?"

The crisp, jeweled tones both shimmer and hold their deep color at the same time. Just a few of the celebrities who have bought Kelly's butterflies are Norman Rockwell, Patricia Neal and screenwriter Joe Eszterhas.

The iridescent blue butterflies from Brazil and Martinique are the most popular, followed by black butterflies with mosaic patches of lavender, blue-green and silver-blue from Papua, New Guinea. The only pure red butterflies found in the world come from Uganda. As an authorized importer, Kelly brings in butterflies from around the world, where they are raised by various governments in netted aviaries designed specifically for that purpose. These butterflies have not been taken from the wild.

Kelly ignited a lifelong passion for butterflies when she took on a special project in order to pass a high school biology class. Going out into the countryside in the Chicago suburbs, she caught three butterflies, including a monarch, and mounted them in a case.

Almost 40 years ago, Kelly began importing and mounting butterflies in

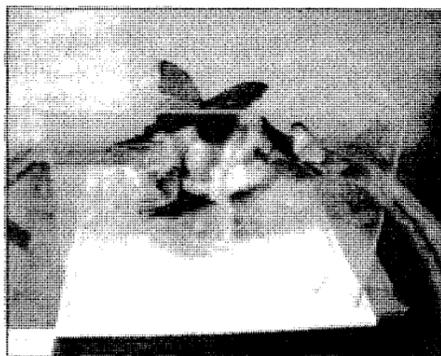


A wall display at Kelly's Cocoons with red butterflies.

sealed cases. When new butterflies come in, they are dry, hard and folded. Every piece is custom-made, from three-inch by three-inch cases holding single butterflies to the larger groupings; she can ship displays that are up to 20 by 30 inches. There are people who come back each year and buy a new butterfly display case for their walls.

While the heart of Kelly's Cocoons is the fantastic butterfly collection, there is really something for everyone, from postcards to the pictured \$21,900 gold coin from the 1715 Fleet (which went down off the east coast of Florida) set with emeralds and diamonds and made into an elegant pendant.

Kelly invested in six different shipwrecks over the past 20 years, receiving coins and artifacts in exchange. Among the artifacts (which all have certificates of authenticity) are sea-encrusted coin frag-



In Kelly's new designs, the butterflies seem to be resting on a piece of coral.

ments that look the way they did when they were found and a scale that is complete except for the basket that would have held the coins being weighed. The shipwreck

coins have been custom-set as jewelry, with settings designed by Lorenzo Aginsky, an artisan for 40 years and the winner of four international awards. Several of the coins have been hand-wrapped in gold by Ray Crutcher.

Kelly's Cocoons also carries jewelry, with many of the 14-kt. and 18-kt. gold pieces being custom-made. Tolima (pictured), modeled after the Precolumbian Chieftain of Good Luck, has just arrived in the shop; this pendant is made by a jeweler from Columbia who sets Columbian emeralds in his designs. There's a large selection of sealife jewelry: the sealife post earrings are mounted on miniature sanddollars and an actual Lion's Paw shell (considered to be the "good luck" shell of Captiva) was used to make the mold for custom-made charms and slides.

There are also shell Christmas orna-

Kelly's, see page 14

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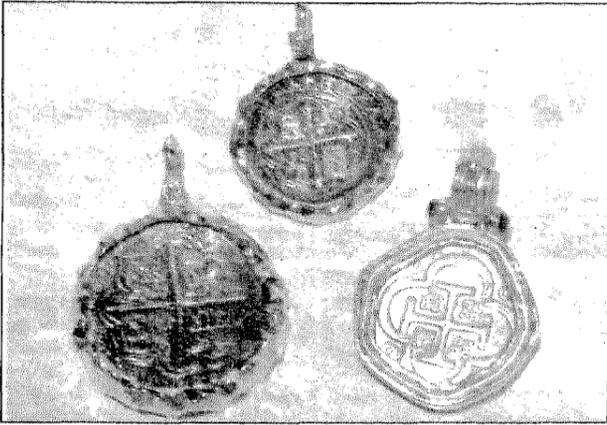
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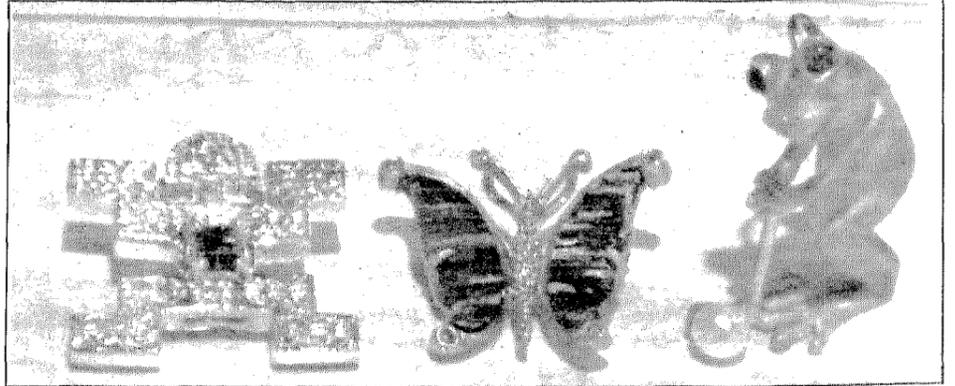
# Kelly's, from page 13



The gold coin is a four escudos from the 1715 fleet with hand-wrapped 18-kt. gold bezel, cabuchon emeralds mounted at the top and baguette diamonds on the bale; the large silver coin is a four reales from the Atocha with hampered-effect 14-kt. gold bezel; the smaller silver shipwreck coin is a two reales with a .25-kt. diamond on the bale.

ments, gifts and decorative accessories. Ceramic eggs are handpainted with scenes of the Sanibel Lighthouse, Chapel by the Sea and the Bubble Room by islander Paul Cramer. Kelly's sisters, P. J. Look and Kathy Ruiter, create the shell ornaments and transform glassware and sanddollars with colorful handpainted sealife; Ruiter is also working on butterfly coasters.

White Limoges figurines and collector's boxes are exquisitely hand-painted by local artist Suzanna; lovely cards and desk accessories hand-painted by Lisa Richey and beautiful watercolors of flowers and butterflies by Betty Poole. Poole, who suffers from macular



(from left) Kelly's new piece, the Tolima, a pre-Columbian chieftain of good luck, was designed by a Columbian jeweler; an 18-kt. gold butterfly with hand-carved opal inlay; a solid 18-kt. gold golfing frog with ruby eyes and a pearl golf ball. Both the frog and the butterfly can be worn as pins or as pendants.

degeneration and is legally blind, paints one section at a time, visualizing the scene in her mind. Her colors glow and her designs are available as post cards, greeting cards, coasters and placemats.

There is much to delight the eye at Kelly's Cocoons, although it's the butterflies that captivate. Kelly says that "When I come into the store and see the butterflies, it

makes my day a happy one."

Kelly's Cocoons has been open on Captiva for 17 years; she opened the store on Sanibel almost two years ago at 2496 Palm Ridge Road, Suite D (in the same building as Subway); the number is 395-0422. The Captiva store is in Chadwick Square, across from South Seas, and the phone is 472-8383.

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The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates the rates and services of investor-owned, electric, telephone and natural gas utilities. We also regulate privately owned water and wastewater utilities where the Board of County Commissioners has officially transferred jurisdiction to the PSC.

If you believe you are not receiving the quality service you deserve, call or write the company and explain your problem. Make sure to provide all the facts necessary to support your complaint. The utility company should investigate your complaint and give you an explanation of the action it will take. If you are dissatisfied with the utility's response or if you don't receive a response from the utility, contact the PSC.

The PSC's Division of Consumer Affairs has a group of qualified analysts to provide assistance when you call with a question or a concern. Complaint analysts handle approximately 50,000 calls a year, saving Florida consumers more than \$1 million over the past six years.

When calling, make sure you have the information you provided to the utility and the utility's response to you. It will also help if you provide personal information, including your name, address, the name(s) of the utility, the name(s) of company personnel with whom you spoke and a brief explanation of what you would like to see happen to resolve your complaint.

Most complaints the consumer affairs division receive are resolved by mediation or in an informal manner. Normally, a resolution involves discussions with the customer, the company and a representative from the PSC. A consumer may request a formal hearing before the commission if the outcome of the informal investigation is unacceptable.

If you have questions about the process or would like more information on effective complaining, call the PSC at (800) 342-3552 and request a copy of the free brochures on utility education. You may also visit at [contact@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us) or

visit the PSC's Internet home page at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com).

## Effective complaining tips

If you are calling to file a complaint with the PSC or with any other agency or company, consider these basic guidelines or tips to plan what you will say. They will also help to expedite your complaint.

### Call us.

To effectively voice your complaint, you should first contact your utility for a resolution. If, after speaking with your utility, you have further questions, please call the PSC at (800) 342-3552 and a complaint analyst will be happy to serve you. You may also visit us at [contact@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us) or visit our Internet home page at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com) for more information. Or, you may also file a complaint on-line 24 hours a day at <http://www.psc.state.fl.us/consumers/complaint/index.html>. One of our analysts will contact you after your complaint has been received by the PSC.

Listed below are examples of the types of problems the PSC can assist you with:

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- meter reading
- improper termination of your utility service
- customer deposits
- delaying connection of service
- quality of service
- billing complaints
- backbilling

### Know and show what you want.

Know what you want before you make your telephone call. For instance, do you want a resolution or some form of refund? Also, it helps if you know your basic rights. Consider calling the company and asking for its customer standards or customer rights policies before you file a complaint.

### Go to the right person.

First, contact your utility customer ser-

vice representative about what action you would like taken. If you can't resolve the situation with the representative, ask to speak with a supervisor.

### Be business-like.

You will get better results if you remain calm and avoid the temptation to take your frustration out on the person who may be able to help you. Remember, the person handling your complaint did not cause your problem, but may be able to provide a solution.

### Have your facts ready.

Have copies of all bills, receipts, cancelled checks, letters, disconnect notices or anything else that supports your claim, if possible. If these documents are requested, be sure to send copies and not the originals.

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# Tool evolution leads to new products, better performance

(ARA) - You can teach an old tool new tricks. Tools have come a long way in the last few years. When today's modern implements are compared to those found in toolboxes years ago, there is a world of difference.

The recent tool evolution has led to various improvements to existing tools and the manufacture of new products. For example, some of the new tools developed in the past few years include a portable vise, curved bar clamps and a hand-held laser level — tools that probably weren't found in the workshops of yesteryear. Yet some of those older tools — like Vise-Grip locking pliers that

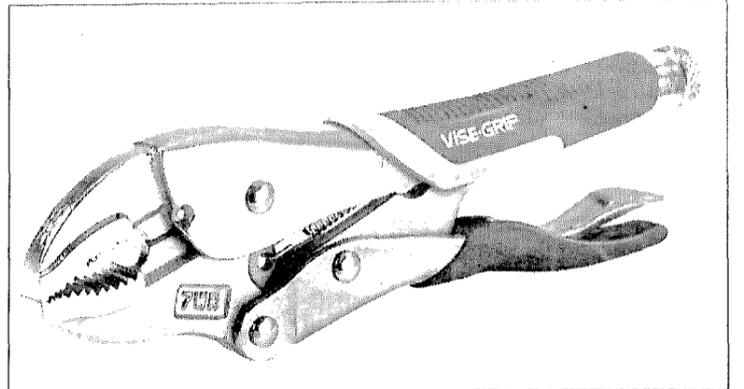
were invented in 1924 by a Nebraska blacksmith — are toolbox mainstays that last for years.

Those tools have been the ones that people have turned to over the years when they need a reliable solution to fix a problem. Vise-Grip locking pliers have been used for everything from working on the car in the garage to helping get the lures ready on the fishing boat. And they have also reportedly been used for other non-tool related uses, such as helping women get a better grip when they pull up the zippers on their skin-tight jeans. But that's another story.

Throughout the years, competing brand names and products have come and gone, but Vise-Grip has remained as one of the most recognized brand names — not only in the hardware industry — but around the world. Now the famous Vise-Grip locking tools are offering a new line of options for the next generation of tool users. The new Soft-Grip tools feature a comfortable composite grip on the handles. "Skilled tradesmen and

casual do-it-yourselfers alike will appreciate the new soft-grip handle," said Paul Hemingfield, the senior product manager for Vise-Grip.

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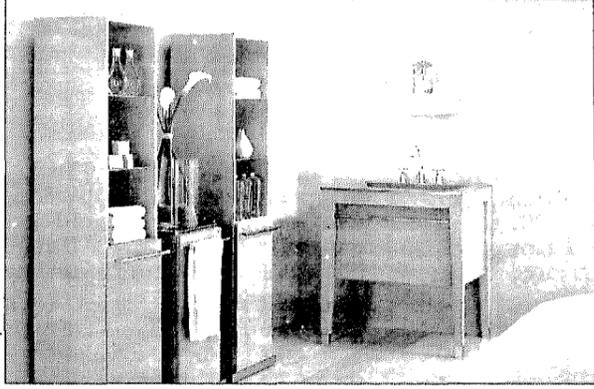
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## Transforming a bathroom into a livingroom

By Barbara Schmidt

(ARA) - The room undergoing the greatest amount of transformation in new construction and remodeling is the bathroom. The average master bath has tripled in size since the 1930s. The bathroom was once designed as an oversized water closet, but people are now finding respite and sanctuary in multiple room master and guest baths.



The weekend spa mentality has developed into a lifestyle that Americans want to experience on a daily basis.

### Functional furniture and finishing touches

Along with the larger space comes the question of what to build and design into an updated bathroom. Bringing furniture into the bath is a growing trend because furniture pieces make a bathroom feel cozier and less sterile... and they provide added storage. Many manufacturers now offer fixtures like sinks set in furniture pieces designed specifically for the bathroom.

Another option is to retrofit a dresser or armoire. The Onda Collection from Porcher offers storage totems that blend with tubs and showers for a sophisticated European feel. These totems are an updated storage and display area solid enough to serve as a towel rack and sturdy enough to handle soaps and shampoos in the slide out drawers.

Easy to move around, the totems can be a designer's dream used either as a single element or in a grouping. The collection is available in wenge wood or a lighter, whitened oak finish. Mixing and matching furniture finishes to blend with the flooring and trim throughout your home creates a warm bathroom space and connects that bathroom to the rest of the home.

### Moments of relaxation

Look for spaces to rest in the bathroom. Add a stool near the tub or in the shower for a resting point. Simple chairs slipcovered in terry or chenille offer a place to rest and can withstand water. If space permits, add a pair of upholstered chairs with an ottoman for a private spot to read or relax after a hot bath.

Soft lighting dimmers can be installed quickly and easily even with older electrical push-button switches. Candles are another great option because they can also add scent to the room. Designers like to place regular lamps on a vanity or shelf area. These give the bathroom more of a bedroom feel.

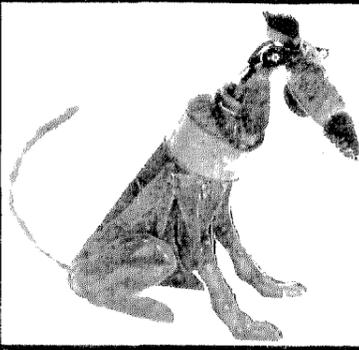
Flooring Tile is a great option if you can warm it up. Look for an unexpected rug to add to the room. Instead of typical bathroom rugs, consider an Oriental, sisal or bound remnant piece. Or, for added warmth, install wood flooring instead of tile. These flooring

ideas will bring your room scale and blend the design along with the other rooms in the house.

No more printed borders! Splicing and dicing wall space makes a room feel smaller and busier to the eye. Wallpaper can work in the bathroom if you're not steaming up the area all the time. If installed incorrectly, wallpaper will quickly curl in the corners and ruin the look of the room. Think about a softer, soothing painted color, wood panels or laminates for the wall. Adding warmth to the walls will help you feel relaxed when you walk into the room.

Towels make you feel snuggly if they are soft, clean and fluffy. Relegate old towels to the rag bin and replenish your bath with new towels every year or so. Towels should blend in with bathroom décor and not contrast as the only element with or without color. This keeps your eye on the space and not the towels.

Uncluttered space is one of the most relaxing ways to enjoy a room. The bathroom should be clear of lots of small appliances, make-up, plastic plants, etc. The more items sitting around in a bathroom, the more difficult it will be to keep clean. Organizing your daily routine will help determine storage and placement of those things you need most.



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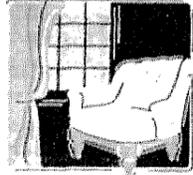
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**Parish nurse commissioned**

Marilyn M. Roll was recently commissioned as the new Parish Nurse at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. She received her RN from Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit and her BS from Wayne State University.

Much of her career has been in public health nursing in Detroit and in Oahu, Hawaii focusing on wellness, disease prevention, education and the prevention of abuse. She holds her nursing license in our states, including Florida. She and her husband, Richard live in Fort Myers. They have two daughters living in Arlington, Va.



Roll will have a wide variety of duties, including health educator, personal health counselor, referral source for health care needs and patient advocate for persons who are hospitalized. She will visit families at home and in nursing facilities. At the church, she will work closely with the pastors, the Health Ministry Committee of the Board of Health and the parish nurse program coordinator for Lee Memorial Health System. Her focus is a holistic approach employing body, mind and spirit with the help of God.

**Long-term care information available**

Clarke Dahlgren of Fort Myers has completed training to present "Long-term care: Keys to Finding Help," an educational program developed by AARP Florida. Dahlgren participated in an intensive three-day training course in Clearwater to prepare for this role as an AARP Florida Long-Term Care Educator. To contact Clarke about scheduling a presentation, groups may call

481-7108.

The objectives of the presentation are to make people aware of what long-term care services are currently available in both the private and public sector, how to access those services, and how to pay for them. The presentation includes information for people who are dealing with aging relatives as well as those who are planning for their own future needs. Resources include phone numbers to call and websites to visit for information on services in this community.

"We know that Long-Term Care is confusing," said Dahlgren. "AARP Florida is working with the Legislature and the Office of Long-Term Care to make sense of a complex system. In the interim, I'm proud that AARP is taking on the enormous task of educating Floridians on how to navigate through the current maze of services and programs."

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**New chair for TDC**

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has appointed Commissioner Ray Judah as chairman of the Tourist Development Council.

Judah chaired the position once before, in 1997. In addition to the TDC responsibilities, he was recently selected to chair the BOCC for the upcoming year. As the BOCC chairman, Judah is responsible for setting the agenda and running the board's weekly meetings, signing documents on the board's behalf, assigning liaison positions, and representing the board to the public. He has served on the BOCC, District 3, since



**Sanibel residents Julie Smith, Amanda Cross, and Joe and Linda Mondelli attended a recent reception for Partners in Philanthropy for Lee Memorial Health System Foundation. The reception was held at Sanibel Harbour Resort and honored major donors whose gifts have assisted in advancing health care in the Southwest Florida community.**

1988, and has held previously the chairmanship in 1994 and 1998.

Originally from the Cebu Islands, Philippines, Judah received his MS in Natural Resources and a BA in Zoology from California State University of Humboldt.

Commissioner Judah has been a strong advocate of providing a balance between responsible management of growth and proper stewardship of the area's natural resources. His commitment was recognized with the Audubon Society's Conservationist of the Year Award in 1984 and 1996. Judah took the lead to place the Conservation 2020 Plan on the ballot in 1996 to acquire environmentally sensitive lands. He replaces TDC Chairman John Albion.

The nine-member TDC was established by the BOCC in 1983 to increase tourism.

**Certified Board Member distinction**

Jeanne Dozier, a Lee County School Board member, was recognized as a Certified Board Member on Dec. 4 in Tampa at the Annual Joint Conference sponsored by the Florida School Boards Association. She earned this distinction by completing a minimum of 96 hours of training in 11 areas focusing on the governance roles and responsibilities of

school board members. The Certified Board Member Program is a voluntary training program for individual board members and is offered by the Florida School Boards Association. Dozier is one of only 63 school board members in Florida to achieve this prestigious award.

The Certified Board Member (CBM) Program provides leadership training for school board members as they strive to enhance student learning opportunities in their communities and advance excellence and promote equity in public education. Training topics in the CBM Program include student learning, school finance, legislative processes, policy-making, strategic planning, school law, community involvement, advocacy for public education, diversity, employee relations, and current trends and issues.

**School foundation awards over \$42,000**

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. awarded mini-grants totalling over \$42,000 to 145 Lee County public school teachers through its 2002-2003 Mini-Grants for Teachers Program this past Wednesday.

Among those receiving grants was Tonya Player from Pine Island Elementary for her Island Music program. Tonya is the wife of "Ding" Darling employee Scott Player.

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## Christmas Services

### Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

will again sponsor two special services on Christmas Eve — the traditional beach service at 5:30 p.m. at Lighthouse Beach at the east end of the island and a candlelight service at 9 in the Sanctuary at 2050 Periwinkle Way. Island residents and visitors are cordially invited to join church members at both events. The beach service will include a 45-minute non-denominational service with Dr. Ran Niehoff's unique rendition of the Christ Child's birth, aided by sound effects from the audience — you will learn the sound of a twinkling star, the breeze and more! Billie Kellogg will accompany the singing on the keyboard and Bruce Campbell, well known soloist will donate his time and talent.

A free will offering will be passed for the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. As darkness falls across the beach, each worshiper will light a candle to celebrate the arrival of the Holy Night. At the conclusion of the service, luminaries will mark the paths to the parking areas. Those attending may wish to bring blankets or beach chairs and, perhaps, insect repellent. The 9 o'clock sanctuary service will include the Christmas story and carol singing. Following "Oh, Holy Night" the lights will be dimmed and the service will end with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. Call 472-0497 for more information.

### Sanibel Community Church

at 1740 Periwinkle Way will conduct four candlelight Christmas Eve services this season at 5, 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Pastor Daryl Donovan will be sharing a Christmas message of blessing and encouragement entitled "The Gift" at all services.

The 5 and 7 p.m. services will be contemporary worship services held in the Church Fellowship Hall with the full praise band leading the Christmas carols. Following these services, refreshments will be served in the Courtyard with the Living Nativity Scene on display.

The 9 o'clock service will be a traditional candlelight service in the main sanctuary with the chancel choir leading the Christmas songs. Courtyard fellowship will follow this service also.

Communion will be served at the conclusion of the 11 p.m. service as we celebrate the gift of God's son who came to take away the sins of the world.

All are welcome! For more information, call the church office at 472-2684.

### Saint Isabel Catholic Church

will celebrate Mass with the children at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Midnight Mass will start at 10 p.m. On Christmas Day there will be Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Isabel warmly invites visitors and residents to worship with them as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. If you have been away for awhile, or if you are looking for a church to call your spiritual home, you are welcome at St. Isabel.

The church is located at 3559 San-Cap Road at the corner of Rabbit Road. The Phone number for additional information is 472-2763.

### First United Methodist Church

The Choirs of First United Methodist Church will be accompanied by members of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra in a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The sanctuary will be candlelit and decorated for the season. Over 80 musicians will combine forces for the performance under the direction of Music Director Jeffrey J. Faux. The Festival of Lessons and Carols has been a tradition in England for many years and has been perfected by the Kings College Choir. The service will feature many traditional carols, music from Messiah by Handel and many opportunities for the congregation to join in song on Christmas favorites. A freewill offering will be taken during the service. For further details call the church at 332-1152.

## Firefighter Training

Sanibel firefighters recently completed three full days of training, enabling them to safely respond to hazardous materials incidents. Firefighters, teamed with four technicians from the Island Water Association, participated in classroom sessions and dramatic scene simulations.

The Sanibel Fire & Rescue District contracted with Burgess & Associates, a firm that specializes in emergency response training, to conduct the HazMat Operations class. "In three days of training, our personnel responded to the equivalent of six potentially serious hazardous materials incidents," said Deputy Chief David LaCombe.

Classroom sessions prepared firefighters to meet laws pertaining to HazMat response, as well as select chemical isolation suits, perform risk analysis and understand how chemicals harm humans. Practical sessions emphasized the skills to rapidly stop chemical releases.

"The community probably does not understand how HazMat incidents differ from most other emergencies that the fire district responds to," said LaCombe.

"They see us rush to medical calls and fire scenes and expect us to do the same when there is a chemical spill. However, all the rules change when we are dealing with a potentially life-threatening hazardous material. We have to aggressively adhere to a number of safety precautions, some of which can add several minutes to the time it takes to get the situation under control."

The training provided by Burgess & Associates should help to significantly reduce the time it takes for Sanibel firefighters to effectively respond to a HazMat-release. "Our firefighters gained a lot of the experience, especially when it came to the opportunity to practice hands-on skills," LaCombe said.

The instructor arrived to teach the class in a state-of-the-art HazMat Incident Simulator. Behind each door on the specialized truck is a hazardous materials emergency just waiting to happen. With pressurized air, smoke and water piped to actual containers, the instructor could create realistic situations without the hazards of a real chemical release.



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## Florida Master Naturalist program offered

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It includes field trips, classroom instruction, and practical interpretive experience related to ecology, habitats, wildlife and conservation issues on Florida's coastal fringes from the coral reefs of the Florida Keys to the magnificent mangroves, and from the black rush marshes to the sandy ribbons of shoreline.

The course will be offered at SCCF's Nature Center, on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11 and 18. Forty hours of attendance is mandatory for this state-certified course.

The \$200 course tuition includes the lectures, field trips, a comprehensive student reference workbook, registration in the Florida Master Naturalist (FMNP) database as a Coastal Systems Naturalist, a certificate of achievement, and embroidered FMNP patch, and a FMNP Coastal Systems pin. Registration deadline is Jan. 2. Don't delay, class is limited to twenty participants. All participants should bring

lunches and beverages for each day.

Instructors will be SCCF Education Director Kristie Anders and Education Specialist Richard Finkel. Call 472-2329, Ext. 203 for more information. Registration is strictly on-line at <www.MasterNaturalist.org> Click on student registration.

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### January 14

#### Morning

Meet in SCCF's Nature Center Auditorium for introduction to course, final projects and fellow trainees. Go through materials and course outline. Review video on estuaries. Participate in presentations on Ecology, Marine and Estuarine Environments, and Invertebrates-Part I. Look in on the butterfly house to learn of similarities between land and marine invertebrates from Dee Serage.

#### Afternoon

Field Trip through the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will take the remainder of the day. Discuss estuaries, mangrove forests, tropical hardwood hammocks and enjoy the wildlife watching.

## Dateline: The Hollywood File - Santa's big scene

By Little Joe Micale  
Special to the Islander

Christmas is a most joyous time of year, a time when family and good friends get together for sumptuous feasts, often exchange presents and truly enjoy the pleasure of each other's company. To a child, it often represents his introduction to the concepts of family togetherness, wonderful events and a world filled with surprises. At the next gathering with relatives and/or close friends, ask someone to relate a happy Christmas story from childhood. They could provide a complete surprise about a previously unknown and interesting event. In that light I share an incident I vividly remember that occurred the Christmas when I was 5 years old.

Every Christmas Eve when I was a kid it was our custom to go to my grandparents' home for a major gathering of the troops. My father was eldest of six, allowing for a houseful of cousins. While driving down our street on the way out that evening, who should be coming up the street but Santa, his sack bulging, walking

along with one of our neighbors. At my anxious behest, my father blew the car horn, and Santa stopped in his tracks to wave to me. Wow, was I excited! I begged my father to stop so I could talk to him, but dad said we'd better let Santa get on with his duties. I wanted to turn around, go home and to bed, so Santa would leave my presents under the tree, for that year I was hoping for my first two wheeler, with training wheels, and I certainly didn't want to miss out. My dad assured me that Santa would "come back later..." I wasn't really convinced, but what's a kid to do?

The evening at grandma's was tempered by thoughts of going home to bed. My cousins got a bit anxious, too, fearing for their own loot. We were allowed to stay up later than usual on Christmas Eve. At midnight a couple of my cousins and I went outside to see if the dog could talk, but we were learning that you can't believe everything that's told in stories. After midnight we were allowed to eat meat dishes, though I was rather full from all the delicious fish we had earlier.

### January 21

#### Morning

Review video on coastal uplands, walk the ridge trail at SCCF and dip net in the Sanibel River to find freshwater invertebrates. Return for a discussion around the touch tank and first hand experience with marine invertebrates. Presentations on Invertebrates II and upland habitat to follow.

#### Afternoon

Develop final project teams and themes. Also, be presentations on both coastal waterbirds and coastal general birds. If time permits, travel to Tarpon Bay for some birding.

### January 28

#### Morning

Meet at SCCF and carpool to three local beaches — Lighthouse Beach, Bowman's Beach, and Captiva Beach. Discuss beach re-nourishment with Alison Hagerup (if available); discuss wave energy, transport of sand and influence of wind, waves, tides and currents on beach and dune development while wildlife watching. Note: this field trip is in the morning rather than after lunch.

#### Afternoon

In Nature Center boardroom, view video of near shore marine systems along with presentations on coastal fish, reptiles and amphibians. Bev Ball, coordinator of Sanibel and Captiva Sea Turtle Research & Monitoring, will be guest speaker with emphasis on local sea turtle activity.

### February 4

#### Morning

Meet in Nature Center auditorium for review of materials and practice interpretive speaking. Each student to draw card with topic covered during class or field trips and give impromptu three-minute talk. Discussion of teachable moments and presentation on interpretive techniques. Groups to have time to develop final project and submit tentative outline and group's individual assignments.

#### Afternoon

Review video Society and the Coast and discuss multifaceted uses of coastal lands. Also presentations on mammals of the coast and ethics. Trainees given homework in addition to developing his or her final project — topic for five-minute interpretive talk to be presented on Feb. 11.

### February 11

#### Morning

Each trainee given a template of good interpretive techniques. For each presentation template will help everyone compare and contrast presentations. Each will have own style and personality — the most important thing is whether or not the presenter reached the observers and provoked their thoughts — was there an ah-ha? or a hmmm? Also there will be time to ask each presenter how he or she felt about his or her own performance at the Nature Center Auditorium.

#### Afternoon

Two guest speakers to present information pertaining to coastal ecology. Each speaker will be told that content is important as well as style of delivery, and class will discuss these things after the talk. The group will also discuss "backpocket" interpretive tricks. Remainder of afternoon will provide opportunity to work on group final projects.

### February 18

#### Morning

Each group will be given an opportunity to present a project — about 45 minutes for each presentation, activity, or walk. A question and answer period will follow, depending on time structure.

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#### Afternoon

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The excitement proved to be enough to make me get sick. When we arrived home, no prodding was necessary to get me to bed. My mom arranged newspapers on the floor next to my bed with a plea to "hit the paper" if the sickness arose again.

I woke up suddenly. The house was dark except for the dim nightlight in the bathroom next door to my bedroom. I listened intently but heard no sound. Lowering my feet from the bed, the sound of newspaper under foot seemed deafeningly loud. My second step was stretched to the silent carpeting as I made my way out of my bedroom past the bathroom on my right, past my parents' bedroom on my left and on to the stairway leading down.

It was an enclosed stairway until the bottom three steps. A round mirror was on the wall adjacent to the landing and facing the stairs. As I stealthily descended to about halfway down, I saw an object in the mirror that I vividly remember to this day. Reflecting along the stairway wall of the living room to the Christmas tree was — and I know for certain as I squinted to make sure — the unmistakable image of a black boot with white fur trim on top, and then the red pant leg of Santa Claus! The leg even wiggled a bit as though he was standing in one spot while doing some-

thing, like maybe, arranging my presents.

Joyous excitement and absolute fear crashed into my head and heart at the exact same instant. With an immediate pivot and a firm grip on the handrail, I quietly and, as quickly as silence would allow, headed back up the stairs. Very quietly tip-toeing back to my room, I heard the unmistakable sound of footsteps coming up the stairs. Onmygosh, Santa is coming upstairs!

Forgetting the newspaper and just hitting the edge, I hopped into bed awkwardly, causing the headboard to bang against the wall. Wondering if I had given myself away but hopeful that I hadn't, I assumed my customary position of laying flat on my back with the covers pulled up to just under my chin.

"Don't scrunch your eyes, just close them softly like when you're really asleep," someone spoke in my head without using any sound, thank goodness.

When Santa finished climbing the stairs, he came partly into my room. He paused for the longest moment of my lifetime, turned and headed out of my room, and then, to my utter surprise, turned into the bathroom, closing and locking the door behind him!

Shocked, stunned, I grabbed the pillow from under my head and stuffed all I could

into my mouth to squelch the laughter that erupted from me. I heard Santa's pants drop. Then I heard some other sounds. I was laughing so hard that I feared the pillow and my hands might not be enough to muffle the sound and save me.

The toilet flushed; the bathroom door clicked open. I heard Santa pause at my doorway, then turn and head back down the staircase. Whew, that was close.

Next thing I knew it was morning. Late. It was 7:30 a.m., according to the clock downstairs. And there, under the tree, was a shiny new red two-wheeler, with training wheels, and a gang of presents with my name on them! Santa didn't hear me, after all, but I sure heard him.

My parents came down, excited that Santa had brought me a bike and packages of other stuff, too. My mom handed my baby sister to my dad saying she wanted to put on some coffee before we opened gifts, so I told them I had major news, but I'd wait for them to pour the coffee.

Man, I never knew coffee took so long to brew! Finally, I started my story by saying that I promised to tell only what really happened without making up anything. When I got to the part where Santa came upstairs, my mother started to laugh. When I told how he went into the bathroom and

locked the door she was nearly hysterical. When I described what I heard and added sound effects by placing my palm to my mouth with my thumb and index finger straddling my upper lip, my mother laughed so hard she asked me to stop or she would have an accident.

Later that day the whole family got together at Grandma's and Grandpa's house again, per usual. I'd had a chance to tell only a couple of cousins about Santa using my bathroom when mom asked me to come into the house and tell all the grownups "what Santa did." Most of them behaved in the extreme, similar to my mom, and I felt like I was a good enough storyteller that Jimmy Durante would probably welcome me into "da act," if only he had known.

I've been told by many people over the years that I have a good imagination, and all false modesty aside, I agree. The story just told is not a part of that imagination, but it is definitely a major part of the magic of Christmas for me. And even though I now know better, yes I did see that leg in the mirror!

May your Christmas, this year and every year, be filled with Love, Joy and Magic. And please, keep a light on in the bathroom. You never know.

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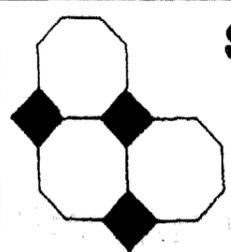
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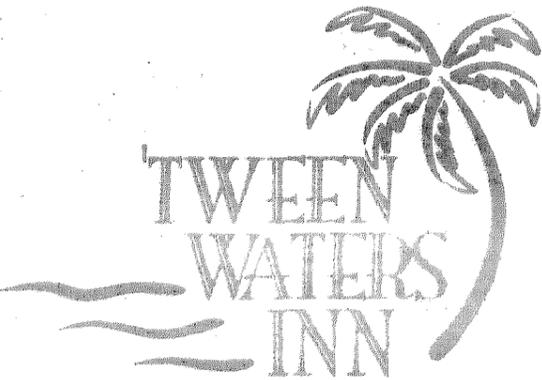
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# Ikki Matsumoto to sign new Reporter poster

By Amy Fleming  
Staff writer

From night herons to crowds of pelicans, elegant wading birds and a moonlit chorus of raccoons, you never know what will inspire Ikki Matsumoto's next creation. For 19 years, Matsumoto has delighted Island Reporter subscribers with a new poster design each December.

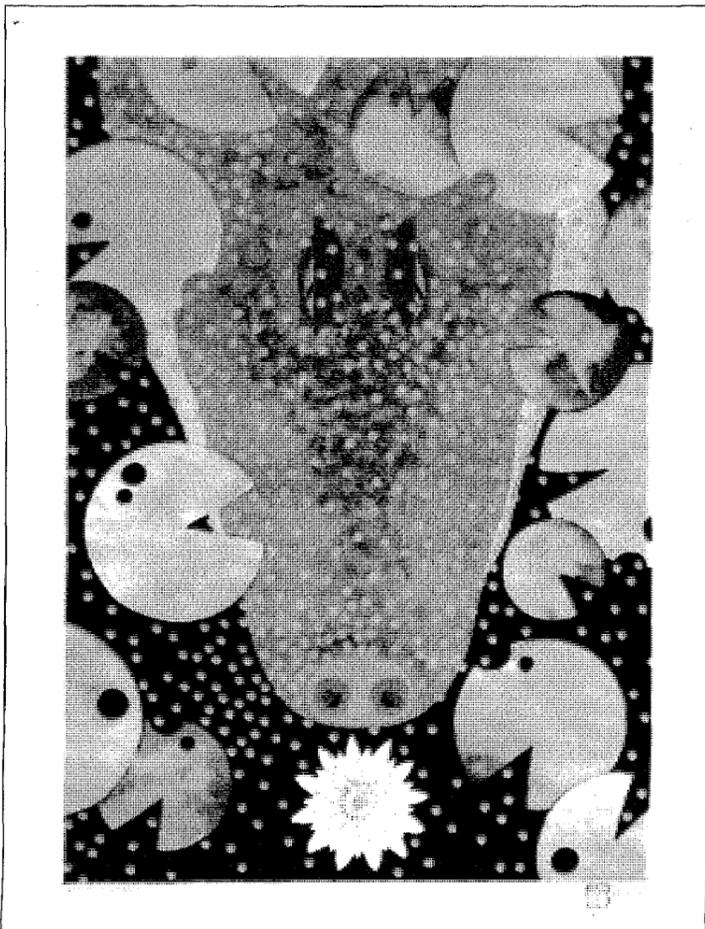
"Beauty and the Beast," the poster for 2003, features a Florida alligator floating peacefully among the lily pads.

"I don't know where the idea came from," Matsumoto laughed, adding he had done a similar painting several years ago.

"About 15 years ago, I did everything in flat, opaque color. This time, I decided to use transparent watercolor to get a variety of colors, then put a solid dark blue background in to accentuate the floating lily pads. I put a little more texture into the alligator too. For the flowers, I used a very pale watercolor to give it a three dimensional effect, and then a colored pencil to give a shadow effect."

Unlike the new generation of artists, he hasn't turned to computer software to work out his designs. "I'm a computer idiot," he said. "I work with the old fashioned brushes, pens, ink and watercolor."

Subscribers can bring their 2003 "Beauty and the Beast" posters to the Matsumoto



Gallery in The Village shopping center, at 2340 Periwinkle Way on Friday, Dec. 27, from 3 to 6 p.m. to get them signed by the artist.

Japanese-born Matsumoto is the son of a book illustrator, who, on his father's advice,

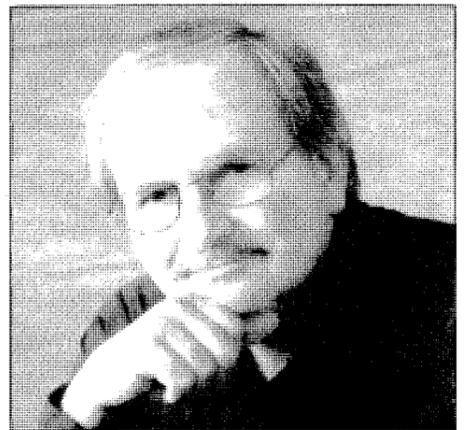
moved to the United States to study art in 1955. He began his studies in America in Indianapolis, under the artist John Herron. Herron was so impressed with his pupil's abilities that he sent him, with a scholarship, to the Art Academy of Cincinnati, where he met Polly, now his wife.

The Matsumotos moved down to Sanibel in 1975, where they ran a successful gallery, then moved up to Arcadia for a few years, buying some horses and raising koi. They recently sold the property and moved back to Fort Myers, to be closer to their new gallery.

"From Arcadia to Sanibel is two hours one way," Matsumoto said. "Polly got tired of living on I-75, and I got tired of cooking all the time. I don't mind cooking, but not every day."

Not only was the commute a marathon, but a local blue heron and a river otter discovered the koi pond, and proceeded to make it their own personal take-out stand. They devised a way to keep the heron out with cloth strip fencing, but there was no keeping the otter away from the 30 or so fish.

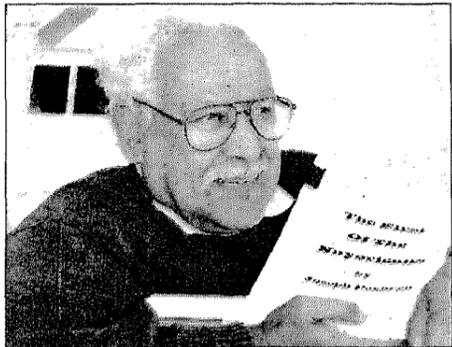
"They're too sneaky and too fast," he said.  
See another Matsumoto story on page 7.



Charles Sobczak

Monday, Dec. 23, and Tuesday, Dec. 24, there will be a book signing by island author Charles Sobczak, author of the islands' best selling novel *Six Mornings on Sanibel*, the award-winning *Way Under Contract*, and *Rhythm of the Tides*. Special holiday prices at the book signings will be \$10 for autographed copies of *Six Mornings* and *Rhythm of the Tides*, which normally retail for \$13.95; and \$12 for autographed copies of *Way Under Contract*, which normally sells for \$14.95.

The Dec. 23rd signing will run from 12 until 2 p.m. at C.W.'s in Chadwick Square at South Seas Resort on Captiva. Classical and jazz pieces will be played on the piano by the author's sons, Logan and Blake. The book signing on Dec. 24th will be held at the Sanibel Island Book Shop on Periwinkle from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call South Seas at 472-5111, the Island Book Shop at 472-5223, or Indigo Press at 472-0491.



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Sanibel poet Joe Pacheco will read selections from his book, *The First of the Nuyoricans: Sailing to Sanibel* on local NPR station WUCU 90.1 on Friday, Dec. 27, at 8:50 a.m. and again at 6:50 p.m.

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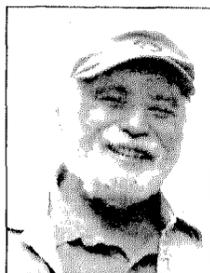
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# Chudnovsky, Sheppard in concert

On Saturday, Dec. 14, violinist Emil Chudnovsky and pianist, Michael Sheppard performed a musically diversified program at the Phillips Gallery as part of the BIG ARTS, Great Performers series. Chudnovsky has performed worldwide, was the first prize winner at the 11th International Curci Violin Competition in Naples, Italy and has also won several prestigious awards, scholarships and prizes from other notable competitions. Sheppard is also the recipient of numerous national and international prizes and awards.



**HAROLD LIEBERMAN**

The inviting warmth of the Phillips Gallery gave the venue an intimate aura that was most conducive to experiencing chamber music. There were no barriers between the artists and the appreciative audience. The program began with perhaps the greatest violin sonata Beethoven ever composed — Sonata No. 9 in A Major, Op. 47, "Kreutzer." Originally, this sonata was dedicated to George Bridgetower, a violinist and close friend of Beethoven. But, because Bridgetower made an off-color remark about one of the composer's lady friends, Beethoven was so incensed that he made Bridgetower return the manuscript and changed the dedication to another violinist, Rudolphe Kreutzer... who refused to perform it, saying it was impossible to play.

This work, as in most of the other selections that followed, was most virtuosically demanding and allowed both artists to display their great technical prowess. Cascades of notes flowed through the air as water flows through a fountain. At times, however, the contrast between the violin and piano was not quite balanced. To my ears, the piano's volume overshadowed the violin in passages where it might have been more subservient and less dominant. As a result, many phrases lacked dynamic depth and

were heard either loudly or softly. The fast tempo of the third movement, "Presto," allowed the artists to display their exemplary technique and rhythmic cohesiveness.

Chudnovsky supplied informative and humorous anecdotes about the various composers on the program. He spoke about Ernst Bloch's inspiration for writing the Baal Shem Suite, subtitled "Three Pictures of Hasidic Life." This three-movement work allowed Chudnovsky to make his violin cry and capture the minor tonal soulfulness of Judaic life. The second movement, "Nigun" was especially poignant with its cantorial phrasing. Chudnovsky communicated this emotionally-charged music with deep feeling.

Following intermission, the artists performed, "Polonaise Brillante" and "Legend" by the Polish composer and violinist, Henry Wienawski. Chudnovsky wove an enchanting tale about the composer and his love for a woman. In the story the composer asked the woman's father for her hand in marriage but was rebuffed. Distraught but inspired, Wienawski wrote, "Legend" overnight and performed it at the next evening's concert. The father and daughter were so moved by the music that he consented to the marriage of his daughter to the musician. As Chudnovsky said, the composition is a "virtuostic work of sugar and spice." The duo seemed very much at ease with it and the melancholy nuances were impressive.

The next composition was Rossini's "A Word To Paganini." Very light and gay, this work with its catchy tunes and virtuosic violin cadenza has a lighthearted and humorous air that was performed with, again, brilliant technical virtuosity.

The program closed with two works by Nicolo Paganini, "Cantabile" — a short but effective tour de force and "Le Streghe," a theme and variations form



often used by Paganini, which allowed Chudnovsky to display his impressive technique with cascades of notes, double stops, pizzicato with the left as well as the right hand and a skillful facility in executing difficult intervallic leaps that exploited the full range of his instrument.

A standing ovation elicited an encore — Fritz Kreisler's "Viennese Rhapsodic Fantasietta." Kreisler, a violinist, was born in Vienna and wrote a series of brief encore pieces for violin. His composition was beautifully played and its bittersweet melodies conjured up classic images of Vienna. At this point in the performance, even the balance between piano and violin finally seemed to settle into place.

The packed gallery thoroughly enjoyed the evening's encore as well and again rose to the occasion. Special mention and accolades to Jim Johnston, a former Sanibel resident, who turned pages for the pianist — no easy task as the written piano notes went by fast and furiously.

Harold Lieberman is a Professor of Music emeritus at Ramapo College of New Jersey, has also taught at Manhattan School of Music and played trumpet for Benny Goodman, Arthur Godfrey, many other well-known band leaders as well as solo trumpet with the CBS Symphony Orchestra.

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**Dave Pringle**

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Before coming to the U.S. Pringle was hailed as one of the most successful pianist/composers in Great Britain. He was music director for Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II in a command performance with Michael Jackson and Dolly Parton and has performed on TV as well as on Broadway. Carl McVicker's bass has been heard with Nancy Wilson, Billy Taylor, Tom Jones and on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.

Fred Johnson, vocalist, is Artist-in-

Residence and Vice President of Education & Humanities at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. He was the featured vocalist for Manhattan Capital recording artist, Richard Elliott, during his 1992-1993 United States, European and Asian tour and is featured on Elliott's release, "Soul Embrace." He has opened for notables like Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Sonny Rollins and many more.

Bobby Rawsthorne, drums, was the staff percussionist on the Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood show, in addition to being leader of his own group, The Steel City Stompers. Rawsthorne is a member of the Pittsburgh Percussion Ensemble and has performed with the River City Brass Band as guest soloist as well as with many big bands such as Les Elgert, Jimmy Dorsey, Nelson Riddle and Guy Lombardo and with headliners like Steve Allen, Mitzie Gaynor and a long list of others.

Saxophonist Mike Parmalee is a well-known Southwest Florida musician who has played with big bands such as Buddy Morrow and Les Elgart and headliners Buddy Greco, Bob Hope and Sammy Davis, Jr. as well as with small groups in local jazz festivals. Guest vocalist, Lisa Rogers, daughter of Sanibel residents John and Judy Friedman, will join the Quintet. Her last recording of jazz standards is featured on Belgium National Radio.

Bring your holiday guests for an evening of great entertainment. Open seating tickets are available for \$25 at BIG ARTS. Box Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. 395-0900.

## Film to feature Farwell's patriotic vehicles



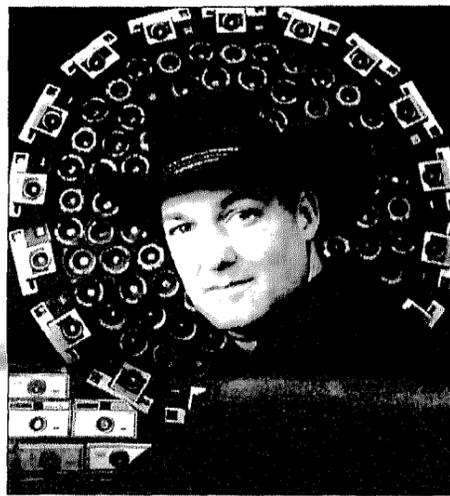
Internationally acclaimed California documentary film maker Harrod Blank arrives on Captiva today to shoot vehicles for his new film *Autobiography*. Blank's first film, *Wild Wheels*, featured art cars from coast to coast and has been viewed by 55 million people worldwide.

On Captiva he will film some of the 20 passenger vehicles and three Captiva fire trucks designed by Captiva artist Stella Farwell as part of her *Patriotic Project*. After 9/11 she displayed her pride in being an American by decorating her van with a red, white and blue patriotic motif. When others saw it, they asked her to create unique patriotic designs for their vehicles. In return for the design and the application, Farwell asked them to make a donation to a charity of their choice. Contributions have gone to charities around the world.

Fifteen of the *Patriotic Project* vehicles were in the Sanibel-Captiva Fourth of July Parade this year. Farwell met Blank while he was in New Orleans filming his original *Wild Wheels* documentary, which included an art car designed by Farwell

and another artist. His art car at the time was a '65 VW Beetle painted with unique attention-getting designs.

Blank's photographs of the 46 art cars seen in *Wild Wheels* were featured in a



**Harrod Blank**

book also titled *Wild Wheels*. He has combined his passion for art cars and love of photography into his second art car, the Camera Van. Blank attached 1,705 cameras, 10 of them working, to a 1972 Dodge van. He has taken over 5,000 photos with his Camera Van cameras of people looking at and reacting to his unique vehicle and plans to produce a book of the best ones to be entitled *I've Got a Vision*.



## Young Artists Competition

Each year, through the Jillian Prescott Memorial Music Fund, area youth are invited to participate in a competition for voice, keyboard, strings and other instruments. Winners receive financial awards. Sponsored by the Southwest Florida Symphony Society, the Young Artists Competition takes place on Friday, Jan. 3, at 11:30 a.m. in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS.

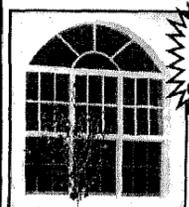
The 2003 winners will be recognized and perform at the awards dinner on Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m., at The Landings Helm Club

in Fort Myers. Supported by the Frank Bireley Foundation, the dinner is available for a \$25 donation.

This year's overall winner, Kristen Licata, a vocalist, will join the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Choruses in *A Very Merry Pops* tonight and tomorrow night at Barbara Mann Hall.

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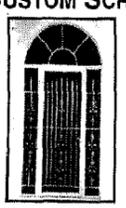


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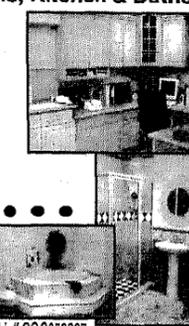
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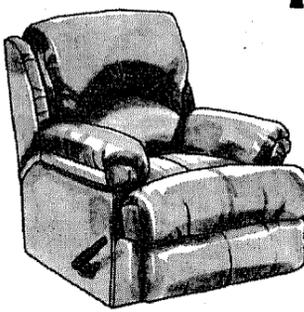
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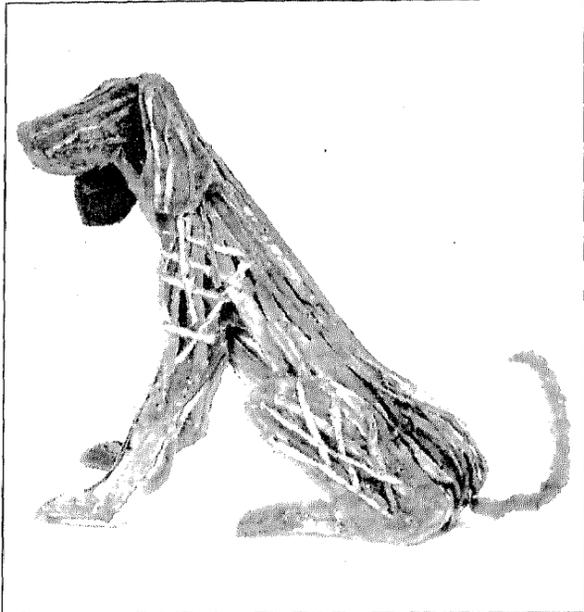
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# South Florida sculptor featured



One of Keith Bradley's dogs

The Matsumoto Gallery will feature the work of sculptor, Keith Bradley, from today through Dec. 31. Keith creates whimsical life-size animal figures using found objects such as springs, hammers, brushes and pool balls.

Meet the artist at the opening this afternoon from 4 to 7 p.m. at which Eden Vineyards of Alva will host a wine-tasting with samples from their locally grown grapes, starfruit and even key lime. Mike Kiser, owner of the vineyard will be on hand to discuss the wines.

To add to the festivities, Southwest Florida's own Tom Marcellis and his band, The Sawgrass Mafia, will perform outside on the patio.

The Matsumoto Gallery is located in The Village at 2340 Periwinkle Way. Phone 472-2941 for further information.

South Florida sculptor Keith Bradley is perhaps best known for his current works of rusted metal, animated animals. His unusual life-size, whimsical sculptures of horses, bulls, cats and dogs are getting rave reviews and being discovered and collected by art patrons the world over. It is not unusual for a huge crate carrying a life-size animal to be shipped to France,

Canada, England or Germany. Patrons seem unable walk away from the spirited, animated creations; the artist's energy and sense of humor are immediately evident to viewers and draw them into his world of a new reality, curiosity and imagination, and they take their "pets" home to a favorite spot in the house, patio or yard. Corporations, as well, have begun collections with sculpture gardens featuring his creations for the pleasure of their clients.

Bradley has captured the essence of originality, creativity and fun in each of his designs. His inspiration came from a burnt out metal barn roof in northern Florida... he decided to pay tribute to the animals that once inhabited that domain. Not limited to any one form of sculpture, this artist excels at each medium he indulges in and captures the viewer by enhancing the subject in a delightfully humorous composition.

He began his career as a chef after graduating from the Culinary Institute of Hyde Park, N.Y. Unfortunately for the restaurant world but phenomenally lucky for the art world, a back injury forced him to redirect his creativity and discover another outlet. Without any formal training, he attacked this new field with his usual full-speed-ahead attitude and, within three months, had both paintings and pottery displayed in galleries. The art of airbrush became a challenge and within a year, Bradley's work was displayed in national galleries. After two years, he accepted a teaching post at Miami's International Fine Arts College.

Bradley's credits include the Neenah Paper Competition Award, a Gold Addy Award in 1992, pieces in the permanent collection of Fort Lauderdale's Museum of Discovery & Science, featured articles in Airbrush Action, The Artist magazine, Popular Ceramic magazine, and Marlin magazine. His original designs are in restaurants, retail stores, and corporate headquarters such as Hatteras Yachts and

the International Game Fish Headquarters and have been displayed at the Museum of New Artists now located in Colorado. He has won Best of Show in the Meet Me Downtown Festival in Boca Raton, as well as this year's Top Merit Award. Keith's sculptures are exhibited at the Museum of American Memorabilia in upstate New York, and his art has been shown at the prestigious Nancy Poole's Studio in Toronto. He also was chosen to have his work shown at the famous Fort Lauderdale Hortt Exhibit.

Bradley is currently working in South Florida, creating imaginative works that

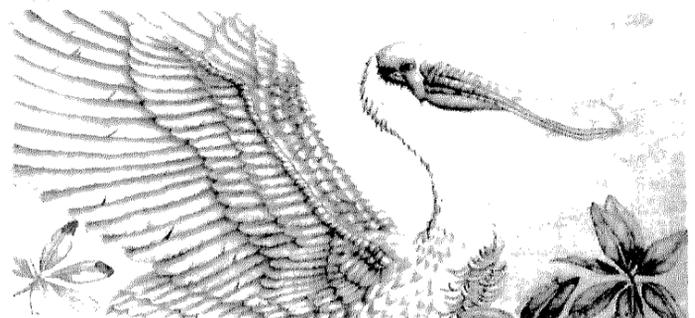
capture the hearts of all who encounter these non-demanding critters. After all, none of these animals have to be watered, fed, bathed or taken to the vet!

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Don't miss their performance at the Matsumoto Gallery this afternoon during Keith Bradley's reception.

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# Holiday Magic Show at the Arcade Theatre

By Karen Nelson  
Staff Writer

Looking for something to do with the family? Come and be amazed at the Second Annual *Holiday Magic Show* on Monday, Dec. 23. This evening of magic will delight the kids, especially when — in the middle of a snowstorm — Santa makes a miraculous appearance in a puff of smoke!

The performers are all members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and at last year's sold-out show (at the Wood Theatre) illusionist Doc Hollywood turned a woman into a panther (yes, a real one!). Doc Hollywood often works with wild animals, keeping a small, private menagerie in North Fort Myers...and he hasn't yet divulged what this year's act will be!

Terry Harris, who also performed last year, will be returning with a few new tricks up his sleeve. Harris is outgoing president of Ring 303, the local Fort Myers chapter of the IBM and he produced this year's show. His professional specialty is a comedy act, where he plays a rather tipsy fellow failing hopelessly at something until — finally! — it comes out right in the end.

Mentalist Dan Tong has performed all over the world, reading the minds of travelers on cruise ships. Tommy Williams does what many of us think of as magic, called a manipulative act — perhaps dropping a big steel ball to the floor with a resounding thud only to cause that same steel ball to miraculously float in mid-air.

Jim Hall, past president of the Miami Guild of Magicians, is coming down from Sarasota for the show and Alex Geiser will delight with his sleight of hand. Said Harris of Geiser, "He is so good; he practices six hours a day, every day." Tony Dunn will again serve as master of ceremonies.

While the performance starts at 8 pm, you'll want to arrive early because there will be magicians performing in the lobby starting at 7 pm. The show is being produced by Ring 303 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Sanibel resident John Cestaro will be assuming the presidency of Ring 303 in January and he has been involved in putting this show together although he will not be performing.

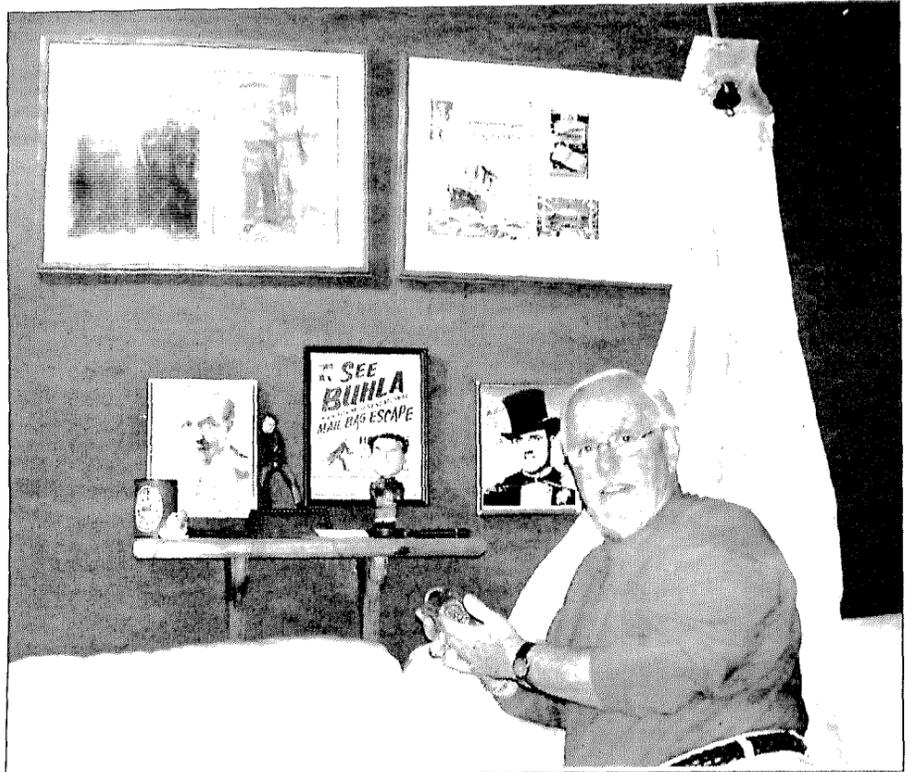
Terry Harris has been a professional magician since his teens and magic runs in his family: his grandmother's brother was a magician who performed at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Harris himself has traveled extensively with his act, appearing on television several times and at Kodak trade shows for years. He has an impressive collection of magic posters, programs, costumes, tricks and a whole rack of magic wands. When I visited last year, he pulled out one of his many money-making machines and rolled out some "money" for me, but I just couldn't get the scissors to work in order to cut off a \$20 bill or two for the ride home.

This year, he dumbfounded me with a lightbulb trick: a board mounted with a row of four different-colored light bulbs with matching color-coded switches to turn on the bulbs. Even after he had disarranged the entire board repeatedly, the color-matched bulb continued to light up when he flipped the color-coded switch.

There's a large element of gotcha! in magic, and of course, the victim is willing to be had. There's a sense of wonder and of wanting to believe in the magic while there's also the secret thrill that maybe this time the trick will fail and you'll catch the magician — literally — holding the bag.

Designed to be used on stage, the fascinating magic tricks in Harris' collection are colorful and beautifully made and come to life readily in his skilled hands. But standing in their display case they are mute and for a non-magician, it's like looking at a coded message without your decoder ring.

The most attention-grabbing item in the collection is the mailbag used by Harry Houdini in one of his acts:



Magician Terry Harris pictured with a mailbag used by the great Harry Houdini in his act; he's holding a lock that also belonged to Houdini.

the bag and the bar at the top are original (Harris also has Houdini's carrying case). The lock on the bar is not original because Houdini always asked the audience to bring the lock; however, Harris is shown holding another lock that did belong to Houdini.

The mailbag has a strip of lighter cloth at the top; this is because the trick was sold by Houdini to another magician. Buhla was much taller than Houdini and so had to add length to the bag in order to perform the trick. Also pictured are Houdini figures and flyers for both Houdini and Buhla. The mailbag, bar and case were willed to Harris by an uncle.

As with any performing art, magic is created only when there is a magician and an audience. Bring a little magic into your holidays with this special evening, performed by world-class professional magicians. Last year's show sold out and there will only be one performance at the Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers at 8 pm on Monday, Dec. 23. You won't want to miss the pre-show magic in the lobby beginning at 7 pm. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults; \$10 for children under 12. Reservations may be made by calling the Arcade Box Office at 332-4488.

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## 'Everything leads back to nature!' exclaims artist Randon Eddy

by Nancy Santeusano  
Special to The Islander

"I've been doing something creative all my life. As a child I was always bringing home wild things, but sometimes they disappeared pretty fast. I loved to draw images in the dirt, make sand castles and, at the age of eight, did my first and only oil painting of a cardinal." Eddy had no formal art training but, from the very beginning, she knew that she wanted to be an artist. "Watercolor was my choice for years until I began to dabble with acrylics and, for the past three years, that's become my first choice almost exclusively."



With her enthusiasm for nature, Sanibel was the place where Eddy wanted to become a full-time resident. She calls the island an inspiration in itself and a perfect environment to eliminate stress and enjoy nature's beauty. "Some people think that you pay a price to live in paradise, but for me seasonal traffic isn't it." She adds, "I can't think of a more gorgeous place to be stuck in traffic than on the Causeway."

In fulfilling her own priorities and high ideals, Eddy emphasizes, "It's not just taking from the islands, but also giving back..." like volunteering at CROW by helping feed the baby birds in summer and doing rescues all year long... or leading a bird outing with Bev Postmus at SCCF. Eddy is as a member of the Sanibel Wildlife Committee and serves on the board of the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the National Audubon Society.

"My heart is really into doing some form of nature. I've always loved the birds especially down here." Eddy's bird paintings are highly valued and there's little wonder why some people, especially those who work close to nature, call Eddy "The Bird Lady." Her keen powers of observation combined with her talent allow her to capture the true essence of each bird. In her painting of cormorants with their wings spread to dry, she's portrayed the sea birds with such realism that you almost want to touch their wings. No wonder she's titled it "Cormorants — Drying Out". Eddy adds, "I like short titles. They're easy for everyone to remember."

The accessibility of shore birds delights Eddy. "The feeding habits of the

white pelicans are fascinating. They work en masse to herd their fish, surround the food, dip their heads and catch the fish. It's like watching a well-choreographed water ballet." One of Eddy's most recent paintings portrays two regal white pelicans gliding in the gulf after dining on their meal of fish. In a "reflection painting" entitled "Spoonbill" Eddy has captured its dramatic roseate plumage reflected in shallow shore water against a background of dark foliage shadows. Once again "The Bird Lady" has caught the true essence of the bird in its environment and brings the viewer a vivid yet authentic portrayal.

"I try to interpret nature and paint what it inspires," comments Eddy. She's enamored by the changing colors of the gulf and the beauty of the clouds.

Sometimes Eddy discovers new ideas while floating on her back in the gulf and letting her imagination bask in the phenomenal cloud shapes. "The colors of the gulf keep changing; it tells you when it's happy or sad." That was the motivation for her seascape, "Racing Home," which depicts an oncoming storm, darkening clouds and the increasing anger of the gulf waters. In the midst of this turmoil is an oncoming sailboat racing to port ahead of the storm. The painting itself tells a story and its outcome is left to the imagination of the viewer.

Eddy's work is included in private and corporate collections nationwide, and she's participated in many different kinds of shows including one-person invitationals and juried shows in New England, Southwest Florida and the Northeast



Watercolor Show in New York. One of her goals is to compete in large national nature-oriented art competitions like "Arts in the Parks" with its winning choices displayed in national parks throughout the country.

Currently her paintings are on display at the Seaweed Gallery in Sanibel, at the Seaweed Closet at Captiva and at the newest Seaweed Gallery on Anna Maria Island's historic Bridge Street on Bradenton Beach.

Right now Eddy is very excited about her upcoming 2004 show at Ding Darling. "At first they offered me April, May and June, but I said 'No, I want peak season.' Their final offer was January, February and Marc, 2004. Immediately, I replied 'Sold!'"



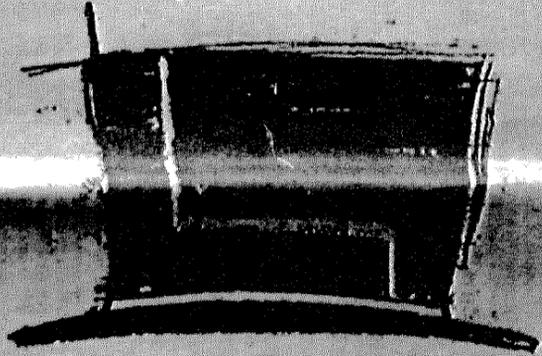
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# Helen Frankenthaler: The Woodcuts, Tenneson, Johns, Nam June Paik at Naples Museum

By Amy Fleming  
Staff writer

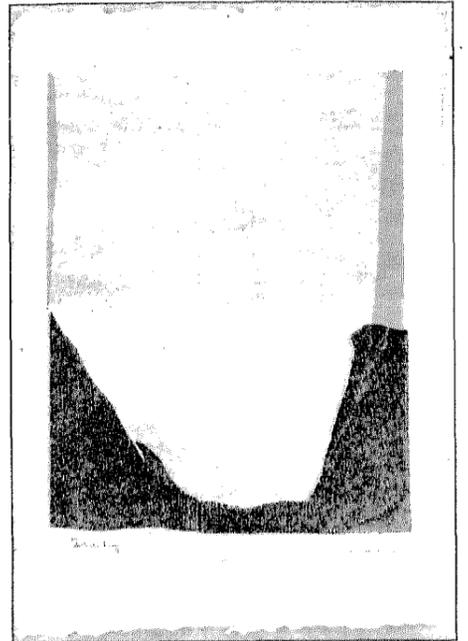
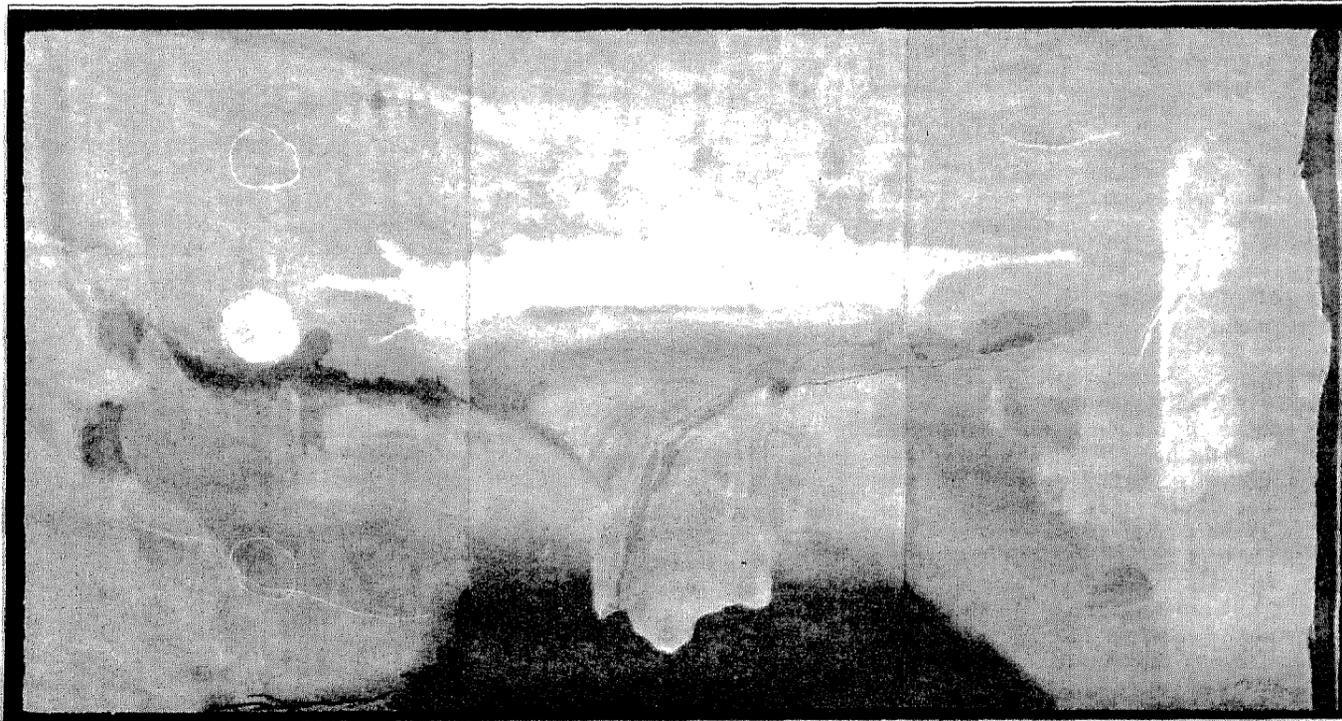
Beautiful, lyrical, groundbreaking. These are some of the words used to describe the work of artist Helen Frankenthaler, whose exhibition Helen Frankenthaler: The Woodcuts recently opened at the Naples Museum of Art.

Frankenthaler was born in 1928 in New York, the daughter of a New York State Supreme Court Judge. While in high school, she studied art with the Mexican artist Rufino Tamayo, later going on to attend Bennington College in Vermont.

In 1950, Frankenthaler met the influential art critic Clement Greenberg, champion of the Abstract Expressionists, the post-war

art movement that consumed New York in the 1950s and early '60s. Through Greenberg, she met such great abstractionists as Willem de Kooning, Jackson Pollock and Robert Motherwell, to whom she was later married. She was one of the artists to pioneer a new method of painting, which entailed treating unstretched, plain canvases like vast sheets of watercolor paper. Thinned

## Frankenthaler's Madame Butterfly



Frankenthaler's  
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Frankenthaler took it in a different direction though. Her canvases were stained rather than painted, with pools of rich color allowed to sink into the weave, which showed through and became part of the finished surface. In 1952, she completed her seminal work, "Mountains to the Sea," a stain painting that, in the words of Color Field painter Morris Louis, created "a bridge between Pollock and what was possible."

Although purely abstract, Frankenthaler's work contains allusions to naturalism, to landscape in particular. Many of her titles also make this reference, although, in accordance with Abstract Expressionist doctrine, all sense of depth has been eliminated from her work, leaving a flat, vibrantly colored surface. Critics of her recent work have

out paint was poured directly onto the canvas — a technique influenced by Pollock's method of laying out unprimed canvases on the floor and pouring and dripping paint on them.

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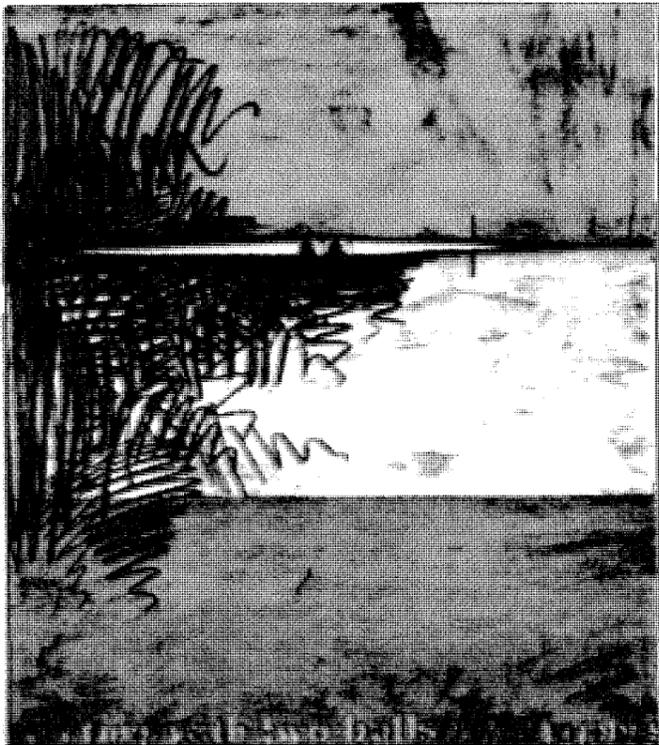


Angela Lansbury

**From Joyce Tenneson's  
Wise Women**

stated that she produces images that are little more than pretty pictures lacking in content — sophisticated work that reflects a privileged upbringing and is designed to look good in someone's Park Avenue apartment. Maybe so, or perhaps it just a reaction by younger artists who, like the Abstract Expressionists before them, are revolting against the art that came before them. Regarding much of the art made today, Frankenthaler said, "I think a lot of quality has been replaced by non-art that calls itself art... Perhaps it's the nature of the times. It might be that kind of moment... in many fields. Downhill, decadent."

Back to the exhibition, which contains not just finished prints, but several of the blocks the artist used to create the art. It offers a fascinating glimpse into the com-

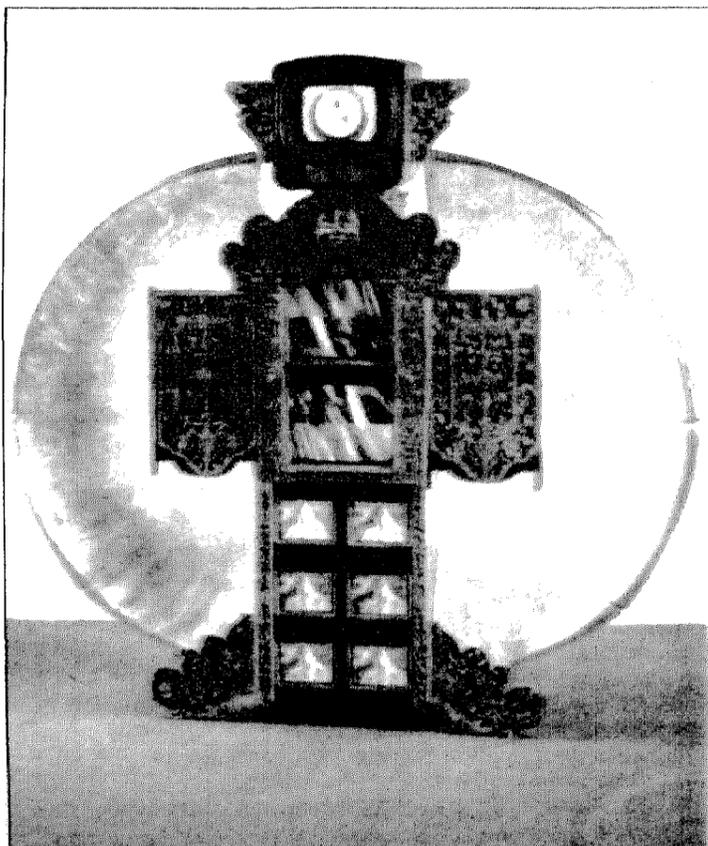


plex processes involved in this medium. Like her stained canvas paintings, the prints range from softly muted hues to brilliant, glowing veils of color sweeping down the paper's surface. The Tales of Genji series is everything you could ever want from a Frankenthaler piece — understated, yet finished, each element melting into a satisfyingly unified whole. The only place the show falls apart is in the terribly weak *Paintings on Wood*, in which Frankenthaler attempted, for some reason, to reproduce the prints on sheets of plywood. It doesn't work.

In addition to *Helen Frankenthaler: The Woodcuts*, the Naples Museum of Art is currently showing a selection of screenprints by Jasper Johns, and a photographic portrait series of notable women titled *Wise Women: A Celebration of Their Insights, Courage*

and *Beauty*. In the second floor galleries are small works by Picasso, Braque and Leger, an outstanding, eye-popping installation by video artist Nam June Paik, and an exploration of the ideas of avant-garde architect Frederick Keisler in *Correalism: Modern Art and Architectural Design*.

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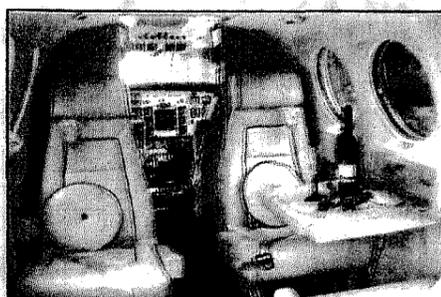
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# Merry Christmas bauble at Broadway Palm

**B**roadway Palm is happily presenting a Merry Christmas bauble in Meredith Willson's *Here's Love* for our holiday pleasure. *Here's Love* faithfully follows the plot of the well-known classic film, *Miracle on 34th Street*, with much of the film's dialogue incorporated into the show. This happy little musical proves that love can make the world go 'round — especially at Christmas time!

Surely everyone knows the story of Doris Walker (tunefully talented, Tracy Ganem Lake), single mom carving out a career as publicity manager of Macy's Department Store on 34th Street in New York City. Her young daughter (winsomely played by Kylee Shirakawa) doesn't believe in Santa Claus. Suddenly a man named Kris Kringle (skillfully portrayed by Hal Yudof) comes into their lives. Macy's hires him to portray Santa, not only for the famous Thanksgiving Day Parade, but also as the store's resident Saint Nick. Kris's warmth, understanding and friendship persuade Susan that

he is indeed the real Santa. In fact, he is so into really being Santa Claus that he inspires a wave of holiday good cheer not only throughout the store but throughout Manhattan.

This happy holiday musical is an ideal festive season choice for adults and children. Musically, it is not one of Willson's best, in no way comparing to either *Music Man* or *Molly Brown*. The sole memorable song from the show is "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" which has become a holiday standard. The rest of the score is pretty mundane, though pleasant to listen to. At the top of Act II there is one song, "She Had to Go Back," that has the old Willson razzamatuzz. It's one of those tunes that catches fire, even though it's very reminiscent of "You Got Trouble" from *Music Man*.

It's the absolutely delightful cast of adults and children that makes the current holiday offering at the Broadway Palm a winner. A young Hal Yudof makes a plus-perfect Santa with a cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, a broad face, and a little round belly that shakes when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly. Add to that a droll



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little mouth drawn up like a bow and a beard on his chin (real) that's as white as the snow. In other words, Yudof is a super Santa. Tracy Lake (Doris) has a pleasing voice especially in "Nothing In Common" and "You Don't Know." Kylee Shirakawa was very professional as the young Susan, achieving just the right take as the doubting youngster. She's cute without being cloyingly sweet. Aaron Lake is well cast as the love interest. His acting scores right up there with his good voice and, in the second act, Lake gave a first-rate delivery of the previously mentioned patter song "She Had to go Back."

The chorus consisted of some terrific youngsters, singing, acting and dancing full-out throughout. The rest of the ensemble gave this show their all, making each character they were asked to portray funny as well as original.

I must mention a couple of standouts: Leanne Braman created a small gem in the character of Miss Crookshank, while Richard Westlake had the entire audience in stitches as Judge Martin Group. Yurief Rodriguez wrung every snuffle and moan

out of the much put-upon Macy's employee, Mr. Sawyer, Bob Marcus was properly pompous as R.H. Macy, and Mark Richards was a delight as the dweeb toy department buyer, Marvin Shellhammer. Kudos all around to the fine cast — you guys really added the Ho! Ho! Ho! to an otherwise, possibly, ho-hum show.

Credit must go to director Jack Matter for putting on such a good production of this rarely performed show, giving it life and sparkle, and turning *Here's Love* into a fine family musical for all seasons. This Merry Christmas musical plays till Jan. 4, including a special New Year's Eve show that also features a late night cabaret after *Here's Love* starring the Willson musical's cast. The \$75 per person tickets include a gourmet dinner, the show, the cabaret show, champagne and noisemakers, and coffee and cookies before you toddle on home in the wee hours.

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"There are several things, in addition to the performances themselves, that make this concert series so enjoyable for both the performers and the audiences," said Jean Stone, one of the series organizers. "The concert venue offers really excellent acoustics and provides a visually beautiful

setting. Each concert is followed by a reception that allows the performers and audience members to meet and discuss the performance."

The series kicks off Sunday, Jan. 19, with The Iris Chamber Ensemble featuring Bill Larsen on flute, Cynthia Montooth on violin, and Eugene Eicher on cello performing an exciting program of classical selections. The Sunday, Feb. 16, program, From Bach to Broadway, will feature soprano Lorraine Murphy-Renfroe, baritone Douglas Renfroe, harpist Bonnie Caplan and pianist Mary Griffin Seal. The series finale on Sunday, March 23, will showcase the New Artists Piano Quartet, a resident ensemble of the Florida West Coast Symphony of Sarasota.

The UU Performing Arts Society was established in 1999 to promote the performing arts in Lee County. Its programs feature quality programming, the best Southwest Florida professional musicians and affordable ticket prices.

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Dec. 28th, 8 p.m., \$25

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*Tanqueray Bay*—Tuesday-Thursday  
*Crab Races*—two shows Monday
- **Jacaranda** ~ 1223 Periwinkle  
*Tropical Breeze*—Friday-Saturday  
*Bohemian Rhapsody w/Marei G.*  
Sunday & Tuesday-Thursday
- **Thistle Lodge** ~ 2255 West Gulf  
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Thursday-Sunday
- **Beaches** ~ Sundial Resort  
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Thursday-Saturday  
*Danny Morgan @ the Pool Bar*  
Saturdays, 12-3 p.m.
- **Dolce Vita** ~ 1244 Periwinkle  
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### Off Broadway Palm

- *Fuhgedaboutit!*  
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- *Holiday Magic Show*  
Dec. 23rd, 8 p.m., \$16/\$10

### Florida Repertory Theatre

- Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*  
Through Dec. 22nd, 8 p.m., \$15-\$32
- Carol Provonsha in  
*Fat Lady Sings*  
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## Sanibel girl to play Clara



Sarah Borst, a student at The Sanibel School, will star in the role of Clara in Gulfshore Ballet's *The Nutcracker, Act II* to be presented tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 21, in Schein Hall. Clara is the character most enchanting to the audience as the young girl who is transported to the fabulous Kingdom of Sweets with her young Prince. Sarah has been attending classes at the Gulfshore Ballet Studios since September, and this is her first performance experience with the school.

This special holiday program is co-sponsored by Gulfshore Ballet and BIG ARTS as a community event for the entire family. There are still a limited number of tickets available for both the 4 p.m. matinee and the 7 p.m. evening performances. The evening performance will feature Principal Dancers Janie Taylor and Sebastien Marcovici from the New York City Ballet as the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

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*Darryl Pottorf*

A New Year exhibition of Captiva artist Darryl Pottorf's new works opens Jan. 6 and shows through Jan. 24 at the contemporary gallery of Eckert Fine Art —Naples. Pottorf combines the technological advances in art started by Robert Rauschenberg and the artists of the 1950s and '60s, making them his own. Inspired by a recent trip back to Italy, where Pottorf once studied, and the effects of Sept. 11, his new paintings combine the imagery and colors of New York and Florence, Romanticism and "freedom that is distinctly Pottorf," said gallery director Mindy Taylor Wilson.

*"Negotiating between my nature and the nature of my materials,  
I look at the world.*

*Titling is a personal summary of the finished work  
as well as the vision and process leading to each work.*

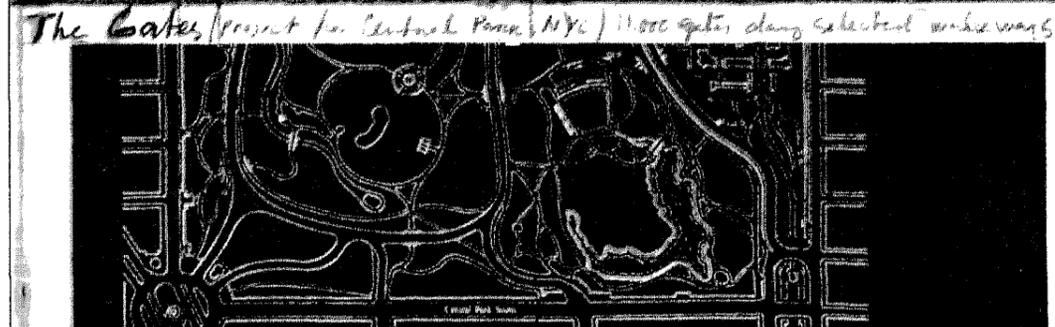
*Once an artwork leaves the studio,  
it becomes unique to the response of the viewer.*

*The works at Eckert represent a cross-section of what I see."*

DARRYL POTTORF



*Shorefront sculpture with role 48' x 6' x 11' length 3'5"  
Free from film panel (open cloth) for horizontal band section length 16' with 7' x 20'*



*The Gates (project for Central Park NYC) 11,000 sqm along selected walkways*

*christo & jeanne-claude*

The internationally-acclaimed team Christo & Jeanne-Claude is bringing to Southwest Florida one-of-a-kind collages from their current works in progress — *Project for Central Park, New York City*, and *Project for Arkansas River, Colorado*. The two will speak at Edison Community College in Fort Myers from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, in Corbin Hall. The artists look to the visit as a way to educate and "visually stimulate" excitement.

A show of their current U.S. work will be on exhibit at Eckert Fine Art — Naples from Jan. 29 to Feb. 28. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Saturday. • Info 261-1100.

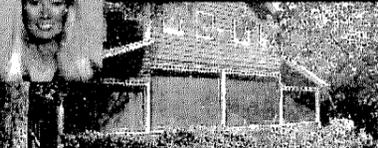
**BEACH AND MORE BEACH**



- 4 bedroom, 4 bath and pool!
- Screened lanai, storm shutters concrete pilings!
- Formal living and dining plus family room!
- Views and more views!

**\$3,595,000** (101922)  
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**GULF TO BAY**



- Historic estate Captiva property
- Spacious main house
- Separate library/office
- Screened heated pool, boat dock+

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**CONVENIENT CROWN COLONY**



- BIA 2002 Community of Year
- Beautiful 'Covington' model with any appointments
- 4br/3ba great room design-lovely pool and views
- Golf membership available

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- Ground level home on two lots
- Split floor plan
- Large screened porch across back of home
- Boat dock, canal that will take you to Dinkins Bayou and beyond

**\$559,500** (102703)  
**Ruth Hamann or Cathy and Fred Gerasin**  
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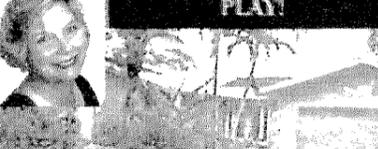
**LAKE FRONT**



- West Gulf area, near beach
- Large custom window/bright
- Quiet neighborhood
- Large lanai w/heated pool

**\$649,900** (102043)  
**James or Penny Hetmanek**  
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**WATCH THE DOLPHINS PLAY!**



- 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/family room & study
- Direct Gulf access/expansive/wide bayou view
- Beautiful pool area right on the water!
- On the bayou!

**\$995,000** (102251)  
**Lynda Traverso**  
 472-5187 x 226

**SANIBEL MASTERPIECE**  
**PRICE REDUCED**



- 5 bedroom, 4 bath & 2 half baths
- 2 studies a sitting room
- Family room, formal living & dining
- Private setting on the Gulf!

**\$4,750,000** (010116)  
**Mike McMurray**  
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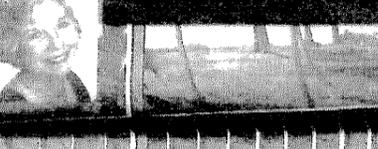
**LAKE PALMS-TOWNHOUSE**



- 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse
- Wonderful lake views
- In town location, close to everything
- Call for more information

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**DIRECT GULF FRONT**



- 1 bedroom, 1 bath direct Gulf front
- Great investment opportunity
- Loads of amenities and high income
- Nicely furnished

**\$499,000** (102538)  
**Lynda Traverso**  
 472-5187 x 226

**HERE'S YOUR JUNIONA**



- Juniona 102 is Gulf front
- Direct beach view
- Updated 2 bedrooms
- Rental income with 2-week minimum

**\$974,000** (102527)  
**Susan Andrews**  
 472-5187 x 251

**GUARANTEED INCOME!**



- Remodeled Gulf view one-bedroom apartment
- Fully furnished- screened porch
- Ask about free golf & tennis
- Owner storage-lull resort amenities

**\$449,000** (101942)  
**Robin Humphrey**  
 472-5187 x 218

**MINI RESORT ON THE BAY**



- Mariner Pointe has it all
- 2 pools, 2 tennis courts, private fishing pier
- Direct access from 33 boat slips
- Super 2 1/2 ground level condo!

**\$449,000** (102204)  
**Cathy Gerasin and Ruth Hamann**  
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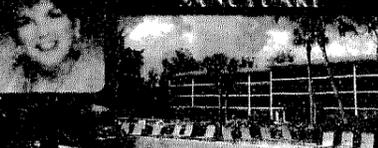
**SANDPAPER BEACHES 543**



- Great Gulf-front location
- Private end of beach
- Good rental income
- Beautiful furnished

**\$729,000** (101947)  
**Rose Dakos**  
 472-5187 x 233

**SAND POINTE SANCTUARY**



- Updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath
- Enclosed balcony with tropical views
- Extra storage, heated pool
- Steps away form sand under you feet

**\$799,000** furnished (102560)  
**Susan Andrews**  
 472-5187 x 251

**LOT LISTINGS**

**CLOSE TO SHOPPING**

- Minutes from bike path
- Large interior lot
- Centrally located
- Sewer in place

**\$189,000** (101321)  
**James or Penny Hetmanek** 472-5187 x 219/202

**LAST CHANCE...**

- To own a lot in Kinzie Island
- Community pool, clay tennis courts
- Private cabana /owner storage
- Boat dock/beach access, East end locale

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**LOT LISTINGS**

**LEAST EXPENSIVE CANAL FRONT LOT**

- Super East end location
- Cleaned and ready to build
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- Yours for only

**\$450,000** (102434)  
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**BUILD WITH BEACH & BOATING**

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