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Photo by Renny Severance

(L-R) Salli Kirkland, Ann Arnoff, Judie Zimomra, Steve Greenstein, Faye Granberry and Robbie Roebdsorf make up the cast of *Final Arrangements*. Written by a local writer, Claduia Burns, the play has its world premiere at the Periwinkle Playhouse on Friday, March 21 with another on Saturday, March 29 for which tickets are still available.



**It'll be here
Saturday, March 22
at BIG Arts.**

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Optimist Club

**Yard, Bake & Bike Sale
+ Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 23 at SCA**

Chamber and SCCF celebrate business partners at AfterHours

On Monday, March 17, the Chamber of Commerce celebrated St. Patrick's Day by holding the monthly AfterHours on the front porch of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation with a corned beef and cabbage buffet supplied by the Island House Restaurant.

This was also the occasion for SCCF to give out its annual Business Conservation Partner Awards to members of the islands' businesses who have been especially helpful to the foundation.

This year the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation recognized the following businesses:

Business	Representative
Bank of America Life Business Member since 1997	Ken O'Donnell
South Seas Resort Life Business Member since 1989	Chris van der Baars
Priscilla Murphy Realty Life Business Member since 1997	Dave Eaton
Island Sun	Ken Rasi & Lauren Arundel
Karen Bell Realty Life Business Member since 2001	Karen Bell

The businesses were recognized for their special contributions in supporting fund raising campaigns such as the golf and tennis tournaments over the years, sponsoring special events, providing vacation package prizes and food for tournaments and auctions, and support of land acquisition campaigns.

Richard McCurry of Bank of America and his family earned special recognition for their years of help with the Great Island Pick-up Campaign.

The awards given to these businesses were glass plaques of appreciation inscribed by local artist, Luc Century.



(l-r) Ken O'Donnell, regional executive and Debbie Latona, branch manager of Bank of America; Erick Lindblad, SCCF; and Karen Bell, Karen Bell



(l-r) Ken O'Donnell, Erick Lindblad, Karen Bell



(l-r) Ken O'Donnell, Debbie , Erick Lindblad, Karen Bell



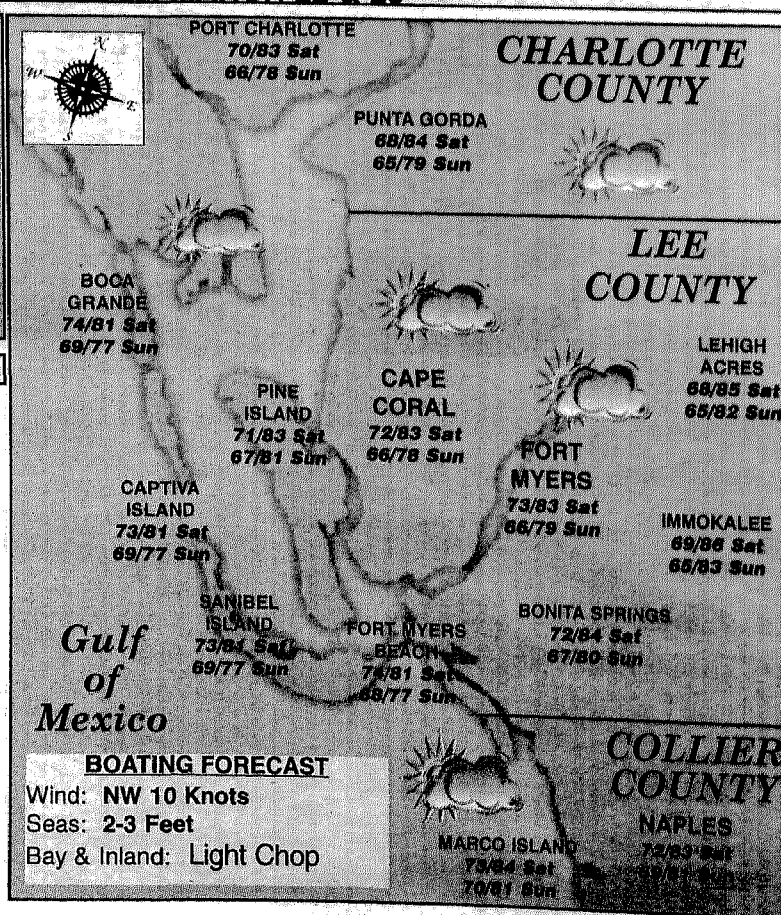
Ken O'Donnell, Debbie , Erick Lindblad, Karen Bell

WEEKEND FORECAST FOR MARCH 22 & 23

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
The day starts off sunny, Then partly cloudy in the afternoon with scattered showers.		A few more clouds move into the area with warm temperatures and scattered showers.	

WEEKEND TIDES

City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral	6:57 a.m.	12:59 a.m.	8:46 a.m.	2:05 a.m.
Bridge	5:19 p.m.	11:44 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	11:33 a.m.
Captiva at	4:47 a.m.	8:28 a.m.	6:36 a.m.	8:17 a.m.
Redfish Pass	3:09 p.m.	10:49 p.m.	3:48 p.m.	-
Fort Myers	7:50 a.m.	1:41 a.m.	9:39 a.m.	2:47 a.m.
	6:12 p.m.	12:26 p.m.	6:51 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mallacha Pass	6:25 a.m.	12:25 a.m.	8:14 a.m.	1:31 a.m.
	4:47 p.m.	11:10 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	10:59 a.m.
Pineland	5:23 a.m.	10:08 a.m.	7:12 a.m.	12:29 a.m.
	3:45 p.m.	-	4:24 p.m.	9:57 a.m.
Point Ybel	3:52 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	5:41 a.m.	8:19 a.m.
	2:14 p.m.	10:51 p.m.	2:53 p.m.	-
Punta Rassa	4:41 a.m.	8:23 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	8:12 a.m.
	3:03 p.m.	10:44 p.m.	3:42 p.m.	-
St. James City	5:12 a.m.	8:58 a.m.	7:01 a.m.	8:47 a.m.
	3:34 p.m.	11:19 p.m.	4:13 p.m.	-



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STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

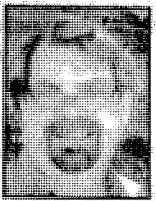
CITY	LOW/HIGH
CAPE CORAL	72/83
DAYTONA BEACH	62/78
FT. LAUDERDALE	65/85
FT. MYERS BEACH	74/81
GAINESVILLE	58/82
JACKSONVILLE	58/80
KEY WEST	78/87
KISSIMMEE	62/82
MIAMI	72/85
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VERO BEACH	65/82
WEST PALM BEACH	65/85



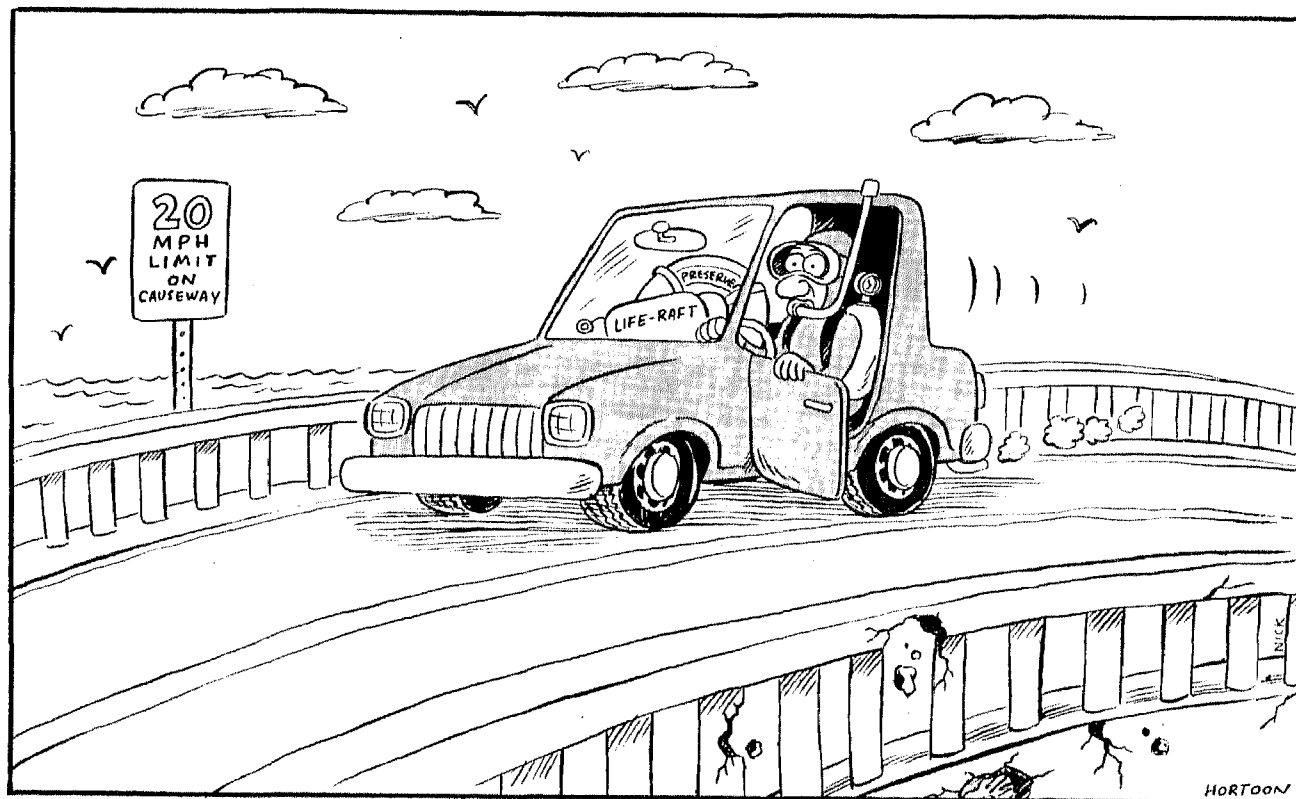
TOO Much Sun



Dave Horton



Lee Horton



UP PERISCOPE

Mea Culpa...

Last week we ran an amusing column about feeding cashews to seagulls and the dangers thereof. A few people have advised us that some folks might misunderstand the story and conclude that feeding wild birds is actually OK. It's not, and it is not our policy to encourage anything like it.

The column was written as a humor piece — foot-in-cheek as it turns out. But we neglected to make it clear that the story should not be taken as gospel and that feeding birds, or any other wild animals, around here is wrong.

It is also illegal according to City Ordinance 0023, Section 10-9 which states that "hand feeding of wild birds is prohibited within the boundaries of the City of Sanibel."

I have been on these islands long enough to sometimes not see the forest for the feathers — or something like that. It doesn't matter what your background or

RENNY SEVERANCE
Editor

what part of the country you came from — if you find your way here and like enough to stay for more than just a week's vacation, you can't help but get caught up in the love of nature that abounds here.

It comes in a wide variety of flavors which is a good thing for the plants and animals here because it takes all us and all of the programs to make the kind of difference that can be seen here.

At the emergency treatment end of the spectrum is CROW, taking in the sick and wounded, treating them and returning them to their proper habitats. At the softer, less urgent end you will find people like Dave and Lee Horton who do a lot to deliver the appropriate environmental messages through delightful and enormously clever cartoons.

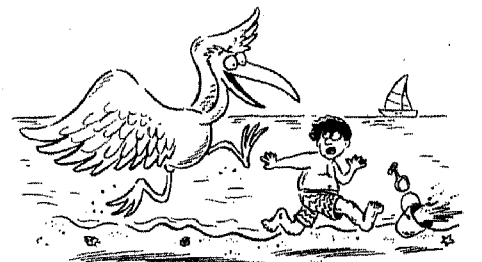
In between are a whole lot of other very dedicated people who patrol the beaches looking out for and keeping track of various creatures, who clear away the exotic vegetation, who clear the paths and roads, and who volunteer as docents to educate the rest of us and our visitors. You get the point I'm sure.

There are lots of good reasons for not feeding wild birds even though it might look like you're doing them a favor. Those reasons have to do with things like appropriate diets, overcoming a proper and natural fear of humans, and diminishing the creature's normal hunting or foraging skills.

We certainly apologize if anyone got the wrong idea from last week's column and we will be more alert to that sort of possibility in the future.

There are those among us who might want to make an exception for raccoons, which seem to be able to eat anything from anywhere. No exceptions, not even for them.

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HAPPENINGS

African violet workshop

The Gulf African Violet Club hosts a workshop on Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6, at the Garden Council Building on Cleveland Street in front of Lee Memorial. There will be plant displays, "How To" demonstrations and sales of African Violets and related supplies. Open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, the workshop is free.

Evening fitness class resumes

The Yoga with Pilates Class is resuming on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House, starting on March 24.

Enjoy the stress release and strengthening of your body by blending Yoga postures with Pilates exercises. Focused stretch and strength movements combine with proper breathing to release tension and regular class participation can help create a strong and toned midsection/core. The session is both challenging and relaxing.

This class, which will continue to meet weekly on Mondays at 5:15 at the Community House, has also been very popular at South Seas Fitness Club and Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa. Jack Barone, a personal trainer at both locations, teaches the class. Come join him on Monday evenings at 5:15. Bring an exercise mat, towel or strap, and water. The fee is \$10.

IWA to hold annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Island Water Association will be held on Monday, April 14, at 10 a.m. in the IWA offices at 3651 Sanibel-Captiva Road. PLEASE vote the proxy accompanying this month's newsletter and return it as soon as possible.

The Nominating Committee met on January 30 to select candidates for the four vacancies on the Board of Directors this year. Robert B. Davison, currently Board President, was nominated for his third and final two-year term. Stella E. Farwell, currently Board Secretary, was also nominated for her third term. David H. Demaree, currently Board Vice President, was nominated to serve his second term. Finally, Robert J. Wigley, Board Vice President, was nominated for a one-year term. Mr. Wigley was appointed by the Board in October 2002 to fill the position vacated by former Board President, Richard Calabrese, who resigned his Board position to fill a vacant IWA staff position.

As has been the case at the last few meetings, a tour of the facilities will be available after the meeting is over. There will be coffee and doughnuts before the meeting begins. IWA is owned by its members, and this is their (your!) chance to participate in its operation.

Sailing Course offered by San-Cap Sail & Power Squadron

The Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron is offering a sailing course beginning on Monday, April 7 and concluding on Monday, May 12.

Basic Sailing 101 provides a thorough study of the terminology of sailing as well as information on the following subjects: sailboat rigs, sail plans, boat design and hull types, sails, standing rigging, running rigging, wind, preparing to sail, sailing upwind, sailing downwind, docking and anchoring, marlinespike seamanship and navigation rules.

Advanced Sailing 102 provides information on wind forces, stability, balance, sail shape, turning the rig, steering and helmsmanship, spinnaker handling, heavy weather sailing, storm conditions, sailing safety, sailboat racing, race management and navigation rules.

For more information on these course, contact John Dale at 472-2867 or Bill Lucas at 472-8307.

Seniors Bazaar April 5

Only two more weeks before the last Island Seniors Bazaar of the season! You won't want to miss this island event with specialties you can't find anywhere else: the Seniors Trash 'n Treasures room with bargains galore; the delicious baked goods...and always a fun-filled time buying and visiting with your neighbors and making new friends. Join us on Saturday, April 5, from 9 am to 2 pm at the Senior Center on the corner of Palm Ridge and Library Way.

Vendors may rent tables for \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Please call Pat at 472-8078 to rent a table and Yolande at 395-3372 if you need more information.

MAY HAVE PICTURE ISLAND REPORTER

Holocaust speaker at Sanibel Public Library

Ruth Hartz, a holocaust survivor who was four when the Nazis invaded France, will be talking about her memoir, *Your Name Is Renée*, at the Sanibel Public Library on Friday, March 28 at 2 p.m.

Since Ruth was a Jewish name, a cousin chose the name Renée for the child. She and her parents were at first hidden by farmers;

later, Ruth was left at a Catholic convent, where only the Mother Superior knew she was Jewish. While she was at the convent, the Gestapo was using another wing as their headquarters.

Hartz now devotes her life to teaching others about the Holocaust and her own experiences. Her childhood memoir was published as a hard-back edition in 1999 by the Oxford University Press.

A video was produced during visits to her French rescuers. There is also a Teaching Guide, offering ways to use the book and video to relate these experiences to current living for students ranging in age from ten through the late teens.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information call the Library at 472-2483. Hartz spoke earlier this month on Sanibel, at the Sanibel Island Bookshop on March 7.

Surprise speaker to address Democratic Club Luncheon

A special, surprise speaker will be the highlight of a fundraising luncheon for the Democratic Club of the Islands on Monday, April 14. The lunch will be at noon at Thistle Lodge in Casa Ybel Resort, 2255 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel. For reservations, send a check for \$25 per person to the Democratic Club of the Islands, PO Box 898, Sanibel, FL 33957, ATTN: J. Halcrow. Space is limited to 75 people. For more information about this event, call Jay Halcrow, 482-4357.


Optimist Yard Sale

Yard, Bake & Bike Sale + Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, March 23, the Jr. Optimist Club of Sanibel-Captiva will be holding a yard sale from 8 a.m. 'til 12:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way. Anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale should contact Elizabeth Weatherby at 472-7285. There will also be baked goods the Jr. Optimists prepared themselves, and refurbished bicycles for sale.

At the same time and place the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast — orange juice, pancakes, sausages and coffee. A donation of \$6 per person to support island youth activities is appreciated. Children under 6 will be free. There will be a 50/50 drawing (our last winner collected \$325).

Come join us for these events that support youth activities on the island.



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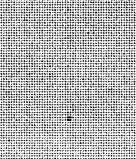
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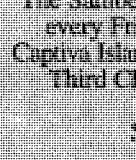
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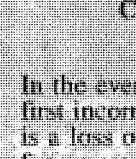
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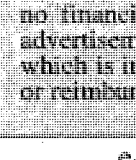
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THE METASTATIC LIFE

"What a pity human beings can't exchange problems. Everyone knows exactly how to solve the other fellow's."

— Olin Miller

Did I mention yet that I suffer from the "O" in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder? I do and have since I was a child. Thoughts don't come and go in my brain. They come and take up residence and a 30-year mortgage. When I was a kid I used to get songs stuck up there. Now I take Prozac. It helps but I still have a lot of clutter in my head. I have tried over the years to put a positive spin on it. OCD has helped me to be a better writer. It probably is the reason I could keep so many details in my head when I ran my business. I could always remember that song you were trying to recall.

Cancer and OCD are not a good mix. You notice when you have cancer that people have what I refer to as "Great Expectations" of you. They've watched all those movies over the years where the courageous and quietly suffering heroine dies in the end but she did a really good job of it. Or there was Brian's Song for the boys. Tough athletes getting in touch with their innermost feelings of love and hope and, ultimately, sorrow. Listen, I'm all for it. I know there are people out there who really do a much better job at this disease thing then I could ever hope to. The thing I want to say is that it's important how we interact with someone with cancer. Words can leave a lasting impression. People say things like "Attitude is everything" or "If you think

it's going to beat you, it will." I've heard lots of people's opinions about how to beat cancer. Some of them even came from people who had beat cancer. They may think it's all about nutrition, others all about attitude, some think it's about faith. I had one guy who told me the cure was available but our government didn't want us to have it. Another told me I needed to wear some kind of oxygen suit. I try not to get too unnerved when people share their opinions for how I can stay well or at the very least be triumphant in my response to my misfortune. But I'm telling you, it's not easy.

That obsessive mind starts working over all those tips for success and before I know it I'm beating myself up real good for not doing a better job.

It might just be the OCD but I don't think so. People with cancer are PEOPLE with cancer. It's tough to see past the "BIG C" sometimes but, trust me, we were all just as surprised and unfamiliar with the disease when we were diagnosed. And unique individuals that we are, we have lots of different ways of coping and we have different needs, too. I understand the terror. People who don't have cancer usually have more fear of it than those of us who do. That's because when you have this disease, you have no choice but to find your own ways to cope and fight and accept and go on. Fear is there and we each find our own way to live with it and put it into some kind of perspective.

The next time you can't find words, try saying something like this: "I'm afraid and I don't know what to say." Then listen and be amazed.



Lisa Pierot

HAPPENINGS (CONT'D)

Women of St. Isabel don hats

The Women's Guild of St. Isabel are having their annual MAD HATTER TEA PARTY Tuesday March 25 at 12:30 PM in the parish hall. Be sure to wear a hat. Once again we will have a parade of hats, so be sure to use your

imagination to create the most original CHAPEAU. Please come and enjoy tea, sandwiches and friendship.

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CITY NEWS

City residents and employees respond to blood drive for Primm/Healy Family

The Lee Memorial Health System Bloodmobile collected 27 pints of blood at City Hall, March 5, 2003 in response to the need for replacement blood for Mr. John Healy. Another nine people attempted to donate, but were deferred for various medical reasons.

Due to his sudden illness, Mr. Healy, son of Jack Primm, retired Deputy Police Chief of the City of Sanibel, has been receiving blood transfusions and an appeal was made for blood donations. City residents and City employees responded impressively to the call for donations.

City Manager appoints new Chief Building Official

Effective March 17, R. Harold Law Jr., has been appointed as the City of Sanibel's Chief Building Official. Mr. Law received his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Tusculum College in Greenville, Tenn. He is a State of Florida Certified Inspector, Plans Examiner and Building Official. He has served as building official for St. Johns County, Fla.; Nassau County, Fla., and building and zoning administrator for the City of North Charleston, S.C. Mr. Law was selected as "Building Official of the Year" for 1994, 1998 and 1999, by the First Coast Chapter of the Building

Officials Association of Florida (BOAF).

Mr. Law is very active in building professional associations, having served as president for two terms with the First Coast Chapter, BOAF and he currently serves as a director and treasurer of the State BOAF, and is a Certified Member of the Southern Building Code Congress International. Mr. Law has been married for 23 years and has two children. He is active in coaching softball, baseball and basketball; enjoys sailing and is also active in his church as a Sunday school teacher for adults and high school students.

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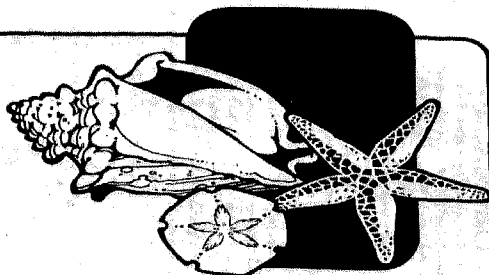
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Doctor's Appreciation Day

March 30th is the annual observance of Doctor's Day, a day on which everyone has the opportunity to show appreciation for his or her physician.

Doctors of all specialties are honored during this once-a-year celebration because of the efforts of one physician 160 ago. On March 30, 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga. administered the first ether anesthetic for surgery. This history-making achievement and the on-going efforts by doctors to alleviate human suffering have become the basis for celebrating Doctor's Day.

Over the years, training and research have produced great strides in the physician's skill and fund of knowledge, yet, even with the latest technology, the art of practicing medicine continues to be a challenge. Patients benefit from their physicians' being well-informed and passing that information on and knowing that their doctors do care.

In 1990, President George Bush signed into law a Joint Resolution of the U.S. Congress proclaiming March 30th of each year National Doctor's Day. The enactment of this law provides for people in their communities to publicly show appreciation for the vital role that doctors play in caring for the sick, advancing medical knowledge, and promoting good health.

Physicians are important to our communities not only as caregivers, but also as neighbors and civic leaders — our doctors are part of our communities and of our families.



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Tribute being planned for Sedera

A small group of islanders is organizing a tribute to our Sanibel Post Office workers and, in particular, to Frank Sedera, who is retiring after many years of friendly and self-effacing service to all islanders.

We all will sorely miss Frank's smile and patient advice behind that counter — especially at Christmas and on the busiest day of the year, tax day, April 15, which is why the next day, April 16, has been selected for this tribute... the entire staff at the Post Office will be exhausted and ready for a party.

An evening of informal fellowship is what is planned with some local entertainment — Chuck Coughlin on piano, for one — refreshments (several island restaurants have signed on already), and very few speeches. Details will be forthcoming.

Both individual and business patrons, sponsors and friends — at \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively — are needed to offset some of the modest expenses. The flyers and some of the other advance publicity, together with printed programs at the event itself, will make note of all contributors who wish to be named.

Any leftover funds will be donated to a local charity. Sedera specifically told organizers that he did not want any kind of gift.

This event is expected to be very well attended, so come early and have a good time. Who knows, maybe this can start a new tradition and, in future years, islanders can honor our police, firefighters and rescue workers (and maybe ferry crews?). They are all outstanding.

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The Great Island Pickup and Search for Cow Patties is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2003 at 8 a.m. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is coordinating the event with numerous volunteers, local island businesses, Keep Lee County Beautiful, and the City of Sanibel.

The Island Cow is contributing 50 lunch/dinner certificates to the upcoming Great Island Pick Up in return for "cow patties" found by volunteers during the cleanup. For those of you who are unfamiliar with what a cow patty looks like, they are small, round pieces of wood about two to



SCCF's Melissa Upton shows off an official cow patty.



two and a half inches in diameter. They will be hidden throughout the cleanup zones on Sanibel and Captiva; volunteers who find them will receive a certificate for a free lunch/dinner courtesy of the Island Cow.

On island, volunteers should meet at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center or at McCarthy's Marina on Captiva where they will be assigned either a road or a beach zone. Teams of two, four, or six people will be issued bottles of water and garbage bags before heading out to their assigned areas. Hats, gloves, and sunscreen are recommended.

Groups of people are also being organized for a cleanup of the causeway islands. These volunteers are meeting at 8 a.m. by the restroom on the south side of the main causeway island. If you want to help in that area, contact site coordinator, David Lowden, at 472-2635. Lowden is president of the Bank of America Environmental Network for Southwest Florida. BOA is sponsoring this part of the pick up.

Volunteers who want to help on Captiva

should gather in the parking lot of McCarthy's Marina where area assignments and supplies will also be given. Sam Landry of Earthgraphics is coordinating for Captiva.

After cleaning their designated areas, volunteers are invited back to SCCF's Nature Center for refreshments (SCCF's inimitable GRILLED hot dogs!) and a chance to visit with fellow volunteers. Special thanks to Sanibel Air Conditioning for providing funds for the refreshments as well as volunteering to cook food.

Come join us to make the islands a better place for both wildlife and people. For more information, please call SCCF at 472-2329.

A note from David Lowden

I have been both windsurfing and sea-kayaking around these islands for the past 25-plus years and feel that cleaning up our coastline is the least I can do as a payback. Fortunately, we have a dedicated group of people living on the islands who also recognize the importance of keeping our beaches, roadways and paths clean.

The causeway is one of the worst hit areas for beer cans, bottles, fishing line, cigarette butts and plastic... I'd like to encourage anyone who wants to help me clean up these islands to join us tomorrow.

David Lowden is a personal financial officer at Bank of America at 2450 Periwinkle Way.



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At Kiwanis

By Bob Wimbush

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It was a heady day at Kiwanis thanks to Dr. Don Bierle who has been conducting seminars and classes on the Island based on his recent book, *Making Sense out of Creationism and Evolution*.

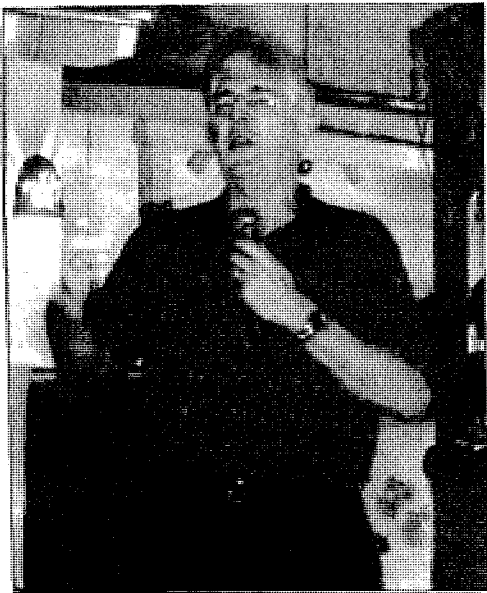
Since he was introduced by Ed Vanderhay, a pastor at the Sanibel Community Church, (Ed's a Rotarian, who obviously had heard our speakers don't have to pay for breakfast) you can pretty well guess which side of the question Bierle, a very intelligent and professional scientist comes down on.

Bierle's hypothesis is that even the simplest organism — let alone something complicated like say a bumblebee — is so complex that it could not have happened by accident. And, although he did not use this example he would further extend the complexity by considering that there are flowers that produce nectar that bumblebees eat, and that there is soil that supports the flowers, and that all three exist in the same geography, and that all this is too complex, ingenious and wonderful to have happened by accident.

The universe, as Bierle (and many hundreds of other scientists he listed on a slide) sees it could not have come together spontaneously. There had (and has) to be an intelligent design. He would not agree that 100 monkeys beating on typewriters could ever write Shakespeare.

"Systems or artifacts that have specified complexity, i.e. have complexity and a specified code of information [like this article's headline] have not been observed to occur by chance." He extrapolates this into virtually every venue of matter, and sees most matter to be specified. DNA, for example. Only a very small portion need be changed to specify that a human would instead be a dog.

None of his evidence is conclusive, but the sheer volume of wonderment is overwhelming. The interesting idea is that he separates intelligence and intelligent design from secular dogma. There was no question of his Christianity, he proclaimed but did not dwell on it. His basic view is that when we are dealing with facts, religion doesn't matter. The idea of intelligent design, although it disagrees with the idea



Dr. Don Bierle

of random evolution, is religiously neutral.

Mount Rushmore, for instance, is obviously intelligently designed and specified. It could not have been created by erosion. Even Darwin, he maintains, would not work without design. Too many things can only be explained by intelligence, by some sort of a plan.

He tells of a Rabbi who listened patiently to a professor explain how science accounted for everything and that God, or the idea of a God, was unnecessary. The Rabbi left. And returned with a wonderful verse presented in the finest calligraphy on an elegant parchment.

Obviously impressed by the quality, the professor inquired as to its origin, and the Rabbi replied, "The cat tipped over my inkwell, it spilled onto this parchment, and this is what resulted."

The headline? Rearranged it reads "The complex is now specified." So I guess feeding Rotarians must be part of the master plan. At least we weren't sent Zontians.

Kiwanis meets every Wednesday at the Island House for breakfast. But our standards are so low, even members of other service clubs, including timorous Zontettes who may be so proper and lady-like they are waiting for an invitation, are welcome.

Zonta's 'Peek at the Unique' another fabulous success

By Sue Denham

Event organizers are celebrating another hugely successful Peek at the Unique, the annual fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. "We exceeded our goals, broke records and we all had a fabulous time," said Susan Dunn, co-chair. With final accounting yet to be completed, expectations are that proceeds this year will exceed \$13,500, earmarked for distribution among more than 20 local charities.

Now in its second year, Peek at the Unique features a guided bus tour of four distinctive homes on the islands. Response was so great that two buses had to be added to the original schedule of eight, Dunn said. The featured homes this year included a remodeled and expanded Gulf-view home at South Seas, and a 1940s, charmingly updated cottage on Captiva; and on Sanibel, an exotic beachfront condominium at Tigua Cay and a restful, mid-island home decorated in an Asian theme.

The 230 "peekers" were graciously hosted from the moment of arrival at the Periwinkle Playhouse Theatre, through their guided tour on air-conditioned buses to the delicious refreshments served before and after the three-hour trip. More than 40 Zonta members (and a few husbands) volunteered their time to perform a myriad of tasks from parking to checking in guests to serving refreshments, and as guides on buses and in each home.

In her message thanking members, co-chair Linda Uhler said: "The response from those who took the tour was very positive. There were many comments such as 'We'll see you again next year.'"

Area businesses and individuals who made the event possible include, first of all, house sponsors: Barrier Island Title Services; Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company; George Parker, Inc.; and Susan Dunn, Realtor. Other financial support came from Dr. James E. Croley of the Cataract & Refractive Institute of Florida; and Bank of the Islands. In-kind sponsors included



Photo by Renny Severance

(l-r): Zonta President-elect Susan Dunn with Past-president Esther Saltzman.

Bailey's Supermarkets, food and beverage donations; Key Lime Bistro, champagne; The Bean, speakers' lunches; Big Red Q, brochure printing; and Rene Atkins, graphic design. Island florists each donated a beautiful floral arrangement for each house -- Weeds 'n' Things; Floral Artistry; Flower Shop of the Islands; and Captiva Cottage Flowers & Fine Gifts.

At each home, a professional designer was on hand to describe elements of the décor. These included Debbie Huddleston of Architrave Interior Design and Space Planning; Beth Traucht from Floral Artistry; Tony Kwak from the Oriental Gallery in Fort Myers; and Leanne Ritchie, A.I.D., from George Parker, Inc.

Finally, thanks are due to the Sanibel Community Association, for providing the use of the newly renamed Periwinkle Playhouse for the event.

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to advance and enhance the status of women. Globally, Zonta focuses on strategies to eradicate inequities and violence against women through education and advocacy; locally, Zonta provides funds and hands-on service to assist women. Additional information is available at www.zontasancap.com.

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By Dee Serage
Special to the *Islander*

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472-2329 for reservations and talk to Dee for more information.



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- **Visitor Center** Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

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- **Tram tours of the refuge** Every hour on the hour 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$10/\$7 — Daily, except Fridays
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- **Shoreline Discovery Walks** Thursdays, 9 a.m.
- **Weeds and Seeds** Mondays, 8 a.m. Meet in Foundation parking lot
- **Beach Nesters & Resters** Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Sanibel Inn
- **Birding with Bev** Fridays, 7:30 a.m.
- **Resident Environmental Orientation** Mondays, March 24, or 31, 2-6 p.m. Free; residents or island business owners only
- **Buck Key Kayaking** Friday, March 28, 1:30 p.m. Captiva Kayak Company, \$35
- **Stars Over Sanibel** Wednesday evenings
- **Tour de Preserves** Wednesday, April 16 \$10 members/\$35 non-members (includes lunch & membership)
- **Take Me to the River** Wednesdays, March 26, 9:30 a.m.
- **Ethnobotany Tour** Wednesdays in March, 10 a.m.

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Neil Payne tells how to change your habitat into what you want

by Nancy Santeusano
Special to the Islander

Neil F. Payne, certified wildlife biologist, researcher, now professor emeritus of wildlife at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and author of many professional books and publications on wildlife management, completed his most recent book *More Wildlife On Your Land: A Guide for Private Landowners* as a readable reference book. "What I've tried to do here is put technical information into everyday language," explains Payne. "With more and more people interested in wildlife, I saw a need to give the private landowner some ideas on what they can do whether they have a wood lot, field, wetland or almost any kind of backyard. This is all about ecology; figuring what you have and what you want to do with it."

When Payne completed his duty in Vietnam in 1967 as a captain in the Marine Corps, he decided he needed a job in wildlife. Already a certified wildlife biologist with an undergraduate degree in biology and both of his advanced degrees in wildlife, Payne's first job was in Newfoundland and Labrador where he managed black bears, polar bears and other furbearers and did research on black bears.

In 1973, with a 100 percent research appointment at the University of Washington, Seattle, he directed a Columbia River wildlife study for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. This was followed by a long-term appointment as professor of wildlife at the College of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Again, he directed graduate research on various wildlife (black bear, muskrat, mink, beaver, gray fox, raccoon, fisher, deer, pigeons, ptarmigan, grassland birds and urban wildlife). He also found time to publish a two-volume set of wildlife habitat books.

Now, as professor emeritus, he is still



The fawn from the cover of Neil Payne's new book

one of the leading authorities on black bears and works with graduate students off campus conducting advanced research.

Even on their own land, many people don't know very much about managing their habitat. They actually care but don't realize that spreading asphalt over a two-lane driveway, replacing wildflowers with Kentucky bluegrass, and using a riding lawn mower to cut the grass raises havoc and pollutes the air in one hour as much as an automobile can in 350 miles.

The best advice is to keep your lawn small and to landscape for birds and butterflies with a combination of bark, rock, wildflowers, fruit-bearing shrubs and trees for food. Payne recommends keeping the driveway narrow and using crushed granite as an alternative to asphalt. It's cheaper and environmentally friendly and helps to maintain a much more interesting wildlife habitat.

Some people like to put up bird houses to observe the birds, but the birds don't need them. Installing, maintaining and replacing nesting material is a big job. These structures require periodic cleaning, and most birds prefer snags, den trees and nest trees.

Unlike birdhouses, bird feeders and birdbaths work for many different species and can be purchased or constructed. Many songbirds are attracted by the sound of running water, and rigging up a small fountain with a pump is a good idea. For a perch or a roost, songbirds in particular, like dead limbs. Leave the limbs where they are and make a brush pile out of several branches as a perch for smaller birds and as a cover for small mammals.

What about a bat house? Like birdhouses you don't really need them, but bats are fascinating critters. Bats are the only mammal that can fly. (Flying squirrels glide.) Most interesting is that bats feed exclusively on insects, sleep all day and drop out of the bottom of the bat house just after sunset to go after insects. Bat houses may not be for everyone but they create high interest and bats devour thousands of insects.

Why do people want to own woodlands? About 70 percent say it's for scenic enjoyment and 75 percent like it for wildlife enjoyment. On the other hand some people are lucky enough to have a shallow wetland marsh on their land. This is very valuable for wildlife habitat and will attract shorebirds, wading birds, geese and ducks. If you have any kind of wetland, all you need to do is protect it and let marsh plants grow on the shoreline. If you have a stream running through your property, you have what is called a

riparian area. Again, the most important thing is to protect it as a wildlife area for songbirds, wood ducks, other mammals, reptiles and amphibians by not cutting the stuff from the sides, causing the stream banks to erode. Again preservation is what counts.

When Payne came to Sanibel in 1998 he called this an easy choice. "There's a different character about this island and one of the things that appealed to me immediately was the large amount of green space (about 67 percent)." Another attraction was the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge along with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Payne has written more books on wildlife management than any other person. He is the author of the wildlife habitat book for the U.S. Forest Service which is used nationwide, four comprehensive books on techniques of wildlife habitat improvement for wetlands and uplands in North America, and a history of wildlife management with Richard D. Taber.

His recent book *More Wildlife on Your Land: A Guide for Private Landowners* complements his scholarly works as a readable "how to" reference book for people who are interested in ecology, looking at their own habitat, even just their own backyard, and figuring what they want to do with it. It is available at Sanibel bookstores or can be ordered at: npayne@uwsu.edu.

Lions Club • Between the Lions

By Jim Graham

Local TV celebs at Lions Fair

Jessica Stilwell and Jim Syoen of NBC2 will help to make the Lions Arts and Crafts Fair this month the best ever.

Jessica is co-anchor for NBC2 News Today at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. She moved to this area from Portland, Oregon, and was first employed as a reporter/anchor for a cable station in Naples. She has been with NBC2 since March of 1997.

Jessica graduated from the University of Southern California in 1995 with a B.A. in Journalism and Political Science. She likes hiking, the water and going to the gym.

Jessica will be presenting prize ribbons to winning exhibitors, chosen by an impartial jury, on Friday Mar. 28.

Jim Syoen is the weathercaster for NBC2 News at Noon and NBC2 News Today.

Originally from Illinois, Jim earned his associates degree in English at Harper College, Palatine, Ill. His broadcasting

career in television and radio has taken him to Illinois, Wisconsin and Ft. Myers.

He is a five-time Best of Southwest Florida award winner, awarded by the Fort Myers News-Press, and was voted TV personality of the year three times by the Fort Myers Beach Bulletin.

Jim is a virtuoso on the tuba, and when not playing the big horn, he spends his weekends losing to his girlfriend at golf and trying to start his boat.

Jim Syoen will appear with his Dixieland Jazz Band at the Lions Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, March 29th.

The Lions Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29 at the Sanibel Community

Center 2173 Periwinkle Way. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. each day. Free parking. 140 Exhibitors will be displaying hand-crafted items. All proceeds benefit Lions charities such as: Seeing-Eye Dog Programs, Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida, Florida Eye Bank, Edison College scholarships for the handicapped, support for local charities... and many more.





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COMMENTARY

Island driving

By Anne Bellew
Associate Editor

To the uninitiated, it may seem strange that Sanibel has no pedestrian/bike crossing lights or, for that matter, any traffic lights at all. For over 25 years, the City of Sanibel and Captiva Island have managed to deal with people wanting to cross, turn or enter lines of traffic in a different way — with courtesy and consideration. "New" drivers on Sanibel and Captiva should be aware that we do have a few unwritten rules of the road—rules that may not be common elsewhere but that we follow here:

- 1) Bike paths on Periwinkle, Tarpon Bay or any other island roads are not passing lanes. They are not right turn lanes. They are not for map-reading or temporary parking. (It never ceases to amaze me that the driver of a semi can pull over and unload endless quantities of beer or soda, leaving plenty of room for bikers and pedestrians, but that the driver of a Geo or Hyundai can block the entire width of the bike path while trying to read a map.) Bike paths are also not shortcuts for getting from one store to another without re-entering street traffic. They are for bicycles and pedestrians, period. Do you drive on the sidewalk at home?
- 2) Bicyclists on the bike paths, in cross walks or about to cross, or crossing island driveways and roads have the right of way.
Conversely, when a group is riding together, each rider should be aware that, if a line of cars backs up because the car in front needs to turn across the bike path, the group should pause and let the car through — much as island drivers do for each other on the roads.
- 3) Particularly during season, bikers should try to ride on the paths — especially on Periwinkle. Riding on the street is, unfortunately, hazardous to your health (as well as that of the unwary driver) and tends to disrupt the "flow" of traffic. And, onerous though the idea may be, the words STOP BIKE at intersections are there

to save your life, not create an inconvenience.

- 4) Pedestrians about to cross or crossing a street at a crosswalk or intersection have the right of way. That is Florida law and its violation carries an \$80 fine. Therefore, it behooves bikers to dismount, become pedestrians, and safely walk their bikes across the street.
- 5) And rollerbladers: Remember, you are perceived by the operator of a motor vehicle as a pedestrian. In some ways you are (you're on foot, sort of). But you approach a driveway or intersection considerably faster than the average motorist expects you to. Also, you do not own the bike paths; you share them with young and old — on foot, on bikes, trikes, in pedalmobiles and, yes, even on skateboards.
- 6) If someone is waiting to get into or across a line of traffic and a driver in that line slows or stops close to the wait-er (even going so far as to signal with hand or headlights), the wait-er is being offered the opportunity he/she is looking for. Be cautious, but go for it! Don't just sit there!
- 7) On Sanibel, those hexagonal red signs with the big white letters mean what they say: STOP.
- 8) At the three- and four-way STOPS, the next person "around" the intersection who is completely stopped gets to go, not the car behind the one that just went. This is not Massachusetts (I can say that; I lived there); you don't have to be an aggressive driver here to get where you want to go.
- 9) As the bumper sticker says, "If you're in a hurry, you don't belong on Sanibel." Our speed limits were set for the protection of all of us and, particularly, for the safety of those creatures smaller than we who don't understand that large moving objects can kill or maim in a heartbeat.
- 10) Passing on causeway bridges is verboten, a no-no, taboo, against the law, etc.
P.S. Isn't the leisurely, time-to-smell-the-roses-and-watch-the-water pace on the causeway delightful?!

In search of goals

By Dorothy Simpson

It has come to my attention that it is important to have a goal or goals in the great scheme of life. Therein lies my problem: I don't.

For many years my goal was to raise a family, take care of a home, and help my community whenever possible. Those ideas are now in the distant past. Things are different now, but one goal that I set for myself I did achieve: I decided to move to Sanibel. It came about thanks to an encouraging remark from a fellow employee a thousand miles north of here.

Time and age have a way of making you look at things in a different way than you might have 20, 30 or 40 years ago. I'm no different from anyone else in this respect, and, like many others of my vintage, I was consumed in the past with doing everything that needed to be done

for everyone else. I was so busy seeing that they all got what they needed or wanted that I lost sight of my own needs and wants. Now I know neither what I want nor what I need. I have no goals.

For a long time I have felt that I was destined to do something, but I didn't know what it was. In a comic strip, the light bulb over the character's head shows an idea or a brainstorm. I'm still waiting for one.

I have a good job with wonderful people, a great place to live and food on my table. Please understand that I am not complaining—merely trying to put my mind on a path that might really go somewhere.

I have read several books about goals and desires and how to plan for what one wants. But again the problem rears up: what goals? what desires?

I still work five days a week and there is little time or energy left to think about planning for the rest of my life — so what do I do? Any suggestions?

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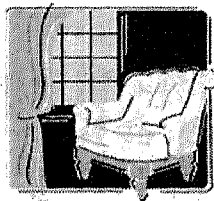
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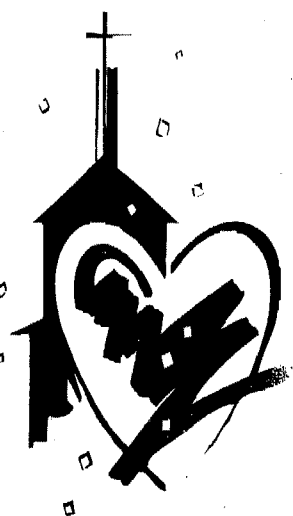
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OBITUARIES

George Walter Kohlbrenner, Sr.

Long-time Sanibel resident George W. Kohlbrenner, Sr. passed away March 9, 2003 at HealthPark. Born in Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1924, he was a Sanibel resident for 28 years.

He was a World War II veteran and served with 629th Army Engineers. In Philadelphia and New Jersey he worked in his family business in Industrial Scrap Metal. He moved down to Sanibel with his family in 1975 where they bought and operated The Beehive Gourmet Store until he retired. Famous throughout the country, a sign out front (now seen in front of the Islands Chamber of Commerce) read something like "Please scrape snow from shoes before entering." At the time of his death he still owned the Islander Shopping Center, where the Beehive was located, at 2407 Periwinkle.

Kohlbrenner is survived by his wife of 56 years, Trudie; his son, George, and his wife, Amy, of Sanibel; his daughter, Trudy, and her husband, Pete, of Virginia Beach, Va.; three grandsons — Zachery, Erin and Geoffrey; and one granddaughter, Lauren.

There will be a memorial service at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

James William Pfahler

Born August 12, 1948, in Mansfield Ohio, Jim Pfahler passed away March 10 at age 54 after a brief illness.

As a member of the famed Ohio Express Band, Jimmie's beautiful voice was heard by many. He was happy to entertain at any opportunity; he just loved being on stage.

His family and friends will always remember Jimmie's God-given wit and sense of humor. He was one of those people who was truly bigger than life.

He is survived by his loving wife Marsha; a daughter, Phaedra Velarde; his mother, Betty; two sisters — Beth Vassel, and her husband, Christ, and Linda Hammett, and her husband, Joe; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held March 13 at the Sanibel Congregational Church of Christ. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Jimmie's name at the church for the garden.

Ellen M. Smith

Ellen Smith, 31-year resident of Sanibel, co-founder of PAWS, and well-known as a lover of both animals and people, died in her sleep at Hospice House Feb. 27, 2003 after a courageous struggle with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. She was 69.

Ellen was born April 3, 1933 in Hamilton, Bermuda to Arthur J. Moniz of Bermuda, and Edna Davis Moniz of New York City. She spent her early years in Bermuda before motorized vehicles were allowed there. Her earliest relationship with an animal was with Peaches, the family horse who pulled their carriage. Her first pet was an Airedale named Buster, given to her by Lady Astor who had a vacation home not far from where Ellen lived.

World War II started in Europe in 1939 and, by 1940, German submarines were noticed near Bermuda. Ellen's parents decided to leave and took Ellen with them — first to New York and later to Miami.

Ellen attended the neighborhood Baptist church in Miami and the public schools, graduating from Miami Senior High School in 1951. She was on the Student Council and became active with the Civil Air Patrol, where she became a certified Observer and learned how to fly an airplane. This led to a blind date with a young Air Force Lieutenant named Chet Smith... The rest is history... it was love at first sight. They were married Dec. 28, 1952 and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this past December.

Chet got out of the Air Force in August of 1953 and entered grad school at LSU in September to pursue a Master's in geology. (He and Ellen had an interval of one month for a delayed honeymoon in New England.) Chet was on the GI Bill, and Ellen worked in advertising for Sears & Roebuck in Baton Rouge to make ends meet. After getting his MS in 1955, Chet received a three-year Fellowship to pursue his PhD at LSU.

Ellen cheerfully stayed the course and continued working, but Chet's academic work and field research required that they leave Baton Rouge to live in Shreveport every summer for the entire three years. Ellen arranged to work for Sears in both cities (which, apparently, Sears found to be a godsend).

When that round of musical chairs finished in 1958, Chet took a position as Research & Exploration geologist for Pan American Petroleum Corporation in their Lafayette, La. district office. Ellen enjoyed

the experience of the Cajun country and did her first volunteer work at a crippled children's clinic.

After a year in Lafayette, Chet went to Georgia State in Atlanta to become chairman of the Geology Department and build the university's degree programs in Geology. Ellen quickly adapted to Atlanta, becoming active in the Georgia State Faculty Wives Club, where she served as vice-president; the Spade & Trowel Garden Club of Atlanta, the oldest such club in town, while still working part-time for Sears. Eventually, Ellen gave up Sears to become a volunteer at Grady Hospital, a large charity hospital in Atlanta. She saw the need for a nursery for the young children accompanying their mothers for their appointments with the doctors in the OB/GYN clinic. Ellen's nursery filled a huge need, and she organized children's programs and recruited other volunteers to help her. She ran the nursery (still going strong) for years.

While at Georgia State, Ellen and Chet frequently vacationed on Sanibel and fell in love with the place.

After 12 years with the university, Chet and Ellen saw a way to move to Sanibel and open a business. They had had Chinese neighbors from Taiwan while living in Atlanta, and they provided contacts in Taiwan for jade jewelry, jade screens, Chinese arts and crafts, pottery, etc. — Chet and Ellen opened an importing retail business in 1971. The Jade Butterfly was very successful. The couple traveled in the slow season to Taiwan, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Singapore to find merchandise, later adding China, Australia, New Zealand, England, France, Germany and Italy, visiting them all. After 12 very busy years and much success, Ellen and Chet sold the shop and retired in 1983.

Retirement soon wore thin... Ellen became an active volunteer wherever she could help with animals in trouble, wild or tame. She helped Shirley Walter and Jesse Dugger start their CROW program for sick or injured wild birds. She later became very active with the Lee County Humane Society, volunteering for years and serving as treasurer during an ambitious building program, in addition to active fund-raising. Ellen did varied chores as a volunteer, including visiting schools in Lee County and presenting educational programs. She also dragged Chet into her Humane Society activities where he also became a volunteer, board member and, at one point, president.

In her final volunteer effort, Ellen was pressed into dealing with a serious stray cat problem on Sanibel. Father Madden, then the rector of St. Michael & All Angels, needed help feeding and tending to a large colony of stray cats behind Bailey's. He was in failing health and Ellen took over his chores.

She discovered there were other stray cat colonies on the island, some large, some small. She worked long and hard, feeding, trapping, getting veterinary services



(including spaying and neutering), treating for worms, ticks, fleas and other parasites. She learned to tame the wild cats using food as a control. Cats that could be tamed (and nursed to good health) were put up for adoption. Area vets allowed "her" cats to be displayed in cages in their offices for adoption. Drs. Phyllis and Paul Douglass were especially helpful at their Coral Veterinary Clinic, and she could not have carried on the operation in recent years without the help of Val Pool.

Ellen worked long hours for many years on the feral cat problem, and many islanders adopted their furry family members from her. She loved animals and people as well and touched many lives. She was a very special person and will be long remembered and missed.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Chester R. Smith; her brother, Albert Moniz, and his wife, Patricia of Miami; two nephews — Albert Edward Moniz, Jr. and Joseph Moniz; and numerous cousins in Bermuda, Canada, New York and Florida. Other survivors include a sister-in-law, Camilla Small, of Berlin, N.H.; a brother-in-law, Lloyd Smith, of Fremont, Cal.; and nephews and nieces — including Wesley and Betty Britt and family of Clarksville, Tenn.; Deborah and Gordon Hill and family of Madison, N.H.; Stephanie and Daniel Roy and family of Milan, N.H., and Lloyd Smith, Jr. and Tommie Smith and families of Lumber City, Ga.

Memorial services for Ellen will be held Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Church, next to Jerry's Shopping Center. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ellen's memory may be made to PAWS of Sanibel, 446 Lagoon Drive, Sanibel 33957; Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers 33908; the Humane Society of Lee County, Post Office Box 50430, Fort Myers 33994; or CROW, Post Office Box 150, Sanibel 33957.

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P.J. Deitschel, DVM to speak at Nat'l Osprey Foundation



Dr. P.J. Deitschel

CROW staff veterinarian P.J. Deitschel will talk about the growing incidence of wildlife injuries when she gives the keynote address at The International Osprey Foundation's annual meeting on March 30.

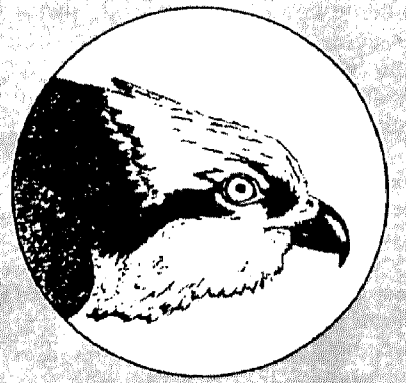
Deitschel, who joined Sanibel's Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife in November, 1998, said the volume of critters CROW handles has increased nearly 100 percent since then. Last year, CROW treated 3,400 critters found injured around Lee County — 500 more than the previous year. Ospreys make up a small portion of the total, but not an insignificant one.

"And they are difficult patients," Deitschel said. "I will talk about some of the unique aspects of rehabbing ospreys and raptors." For example, she explained, they are hard to feed in captivity. "We always cringe a bit when we get one in."

To illustrate her talk, which will be geared to introducing people to CROW and its work, Deitschel will show slides. There will be time allowed for questions afterwards.

Deitschel is a native of New Mexico who studied at Colorado State Veterinary School. She's been a wildlife rehabilitator for 20 years. Before coming to Sanibel on an externship — and then getting hired — she worked at a facility that handled about 8,000 animals a year.

The TIOF annual meeting will take place Sunday, March 30, at Sanibel Community House, starting at 7 p.m. It is open to the public. There will be a brief board meeting prior to the program. Admission is free for TIOF members; non-members are asked for a \$3 donation.



International Osprey Foundation

Nature and Sea Life Cruise at Tarpon Bay

Don't feel like paddling a kayak? Afraid your canoe might tip over? No problem. As of Wednesday March 12, there is a new way to explore Tarpon Bay, in the heart of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Since they opened their doors in December, 2002, Tarpon Bay Explorers has striven to improve the Tarpon Bay experience, from offering additional educational opportunities to providing brand new kayaks, bicycles, and trams. Just two weeks ago, they unveiled a beautiful 1,100-gallon aquarium and touch tank, displaying local fish and invertebrates. Now they are pleased to announce their latest addition, a 26-passenger electric pontoon boat, and cordially invite you to come aboard.

The vessel was designed specifically for cruising the tranquil waters of Tarpon Bay. Instead of the traditional gasoline motor, the pontoon's dual electric outboard motors provide power with no environmental impact. Even at maximum capacity, the pontoon draws just 15 inches of water — a necessity, as most of Tarpon Bay is less than five feet deep. The Tarpon Bay seagrasses provide food and habitat for countless marine organisms. Consequently, a no wake zone has

been established for all of the bay, to help protect the delicate seagrasses and the manatees that feed on them. The shallow draft of the pontoon boat helps to ensure that it will not harm the bay bottom. Her construction took more than three months, but she passed U.S. Coast Guard inspection with flying colors and survived the six-hour road trip from Tavares to Tarpon Bay. She is fully handicapped-accessible and is even equipped with a marine head.

You are cordially invited to join the Explorers for a close-up look at the wildlife of Tarpon Bay. Learn about the mangrove estuary and why it is considered one of the most productive ecosystems on the planet. You'll observe rookery islands, home to pelicans, egrets, herons, and ibis. Tarpon Bay is also home to bottlenose dolphins and manatees, and it is not uncommon to encounter these fascinating creatures while underway. Hear tales of Sanibel's early history and the days of the Calusa Indians. At the cruise's end, you'll join a marine biologist for an interactive presentation at the aquarium and touch tank.

The pontoon cruises several times daily, including a popular sunset cruise. Sunset is one of the best times to observe

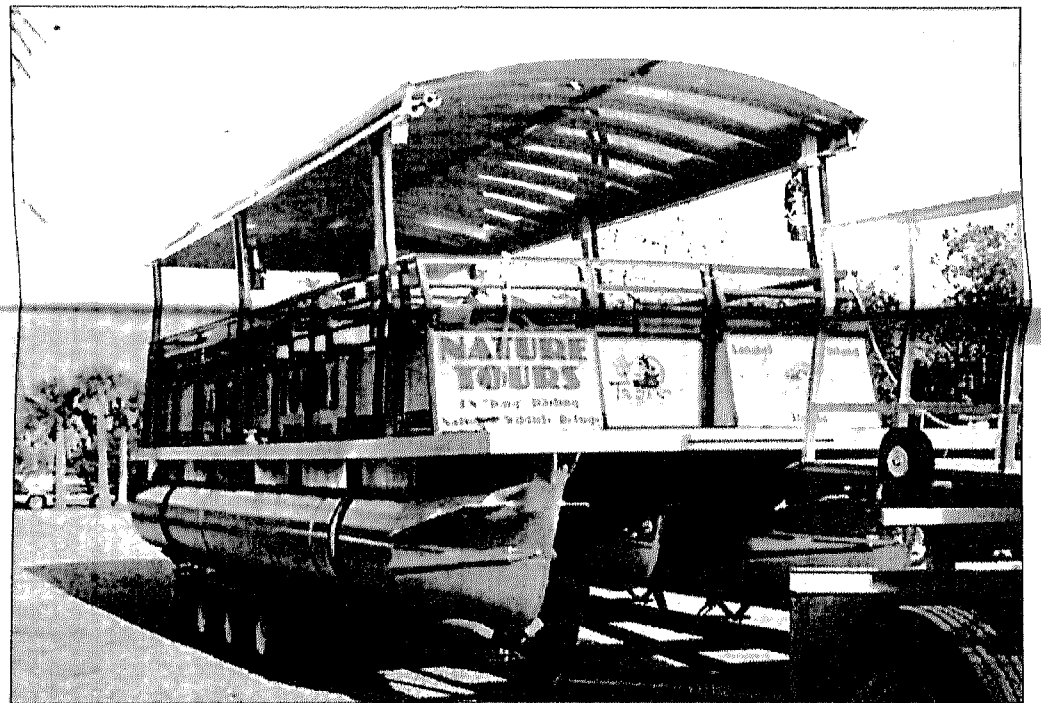


Photo by Winston Spurgeon

the rookery islands, as more than 1,500 birds return to roost for the night. But, no matter when you come, the nature and sea life cruise offers something for

everyone.

Tarpon Bay Explorers is located at the north end of Tarpon Bay Road and can be reached by calling 472-8900.

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SHELLING & FISHING

There's no good news from a note in a bottle

I came upon my fourth one just a few days ago. It was in a high-priced champagne bottle. The cork was tight and the note dry inside and I had this urge to just wade past it and keep looking for shells — you'd think I'd have learned by now... Of course, I went back and got it.

As a communications device, it might be one of the oldest methods of all. As long as there have been wine bottles and tight fitting corks, I guess there have been people sending messages out.

The curious part is that I always feel that something is wrong, that someone is in trouble. A slowly sinking ship, a stranded person on a remote mangrove island in the sound or something like that.

The first one was from a postal worker in the mid-west whose hobby was to send out bottles. I eagerly opened it up, fished out the note with a coat hanger and found a note which basically said anyone finding the bottle was asked to write back with the time and location. I thought I was doing some good by answering. The guy had visited the east coast of Florida and tossed in a few bottles (an environmental no-no these days) he had a request — he wanted to send me a bunch of bottles with the same message and have me put them in the water for him. And he wanted to start a kind of chain message thing where we all keep track of each other.

The second one was from a guy on a cruise ship and came ashore on North Captiva Island. He too wanted to find out where it ended up, but with a little note-in-the-bottle experience going for me, that one was put in the dumpster.

I found the third one on the sand flats in the northern part of Pine Island Sound when I was fly fishing and wading at low tide. Now this one was a little more like what I figured a note should be. Two guys were out on Sunday afternoon, got drunk and ran the boat hard aground. Then they proceeded to get good and drunk, so the letters in the note were about an inch high. It said they spent the night on the sand bar, mosquitoes and all. Judging by the size of the half-gallon clear bottle, it

couldn't have been all that painful. At least, they didn't ask me to join a pen pal club. They did express deep remorse in what my son Thomas calls "potty talk" about coming to the bottom of the wine bottle before floating off.



CAPT. MIKE
FUERY

My idea of a really great note in the bottle goes something like this: A person abandons ship under dire circumstances. He or she takes as many personal possessions in the life raft as possible. In the days of drifting on the sea it is apparent that rescue is not forthcoming. After downing the last of a bottle, large denomination bills are rolled into scrolls and forced into the bottle, along with something to the affect

that the finder should notify next of kin. Maybe there is a deed to a Caribbean Island or the instructions on how to make a killing in the stock market. Or perhaps a vault key to a Swiss bank and note that begins, "Congratulations, you are now a millionaire..."

...One has to wonder if there ever really was a note like that... the sea water leaked in and the ink ran and somewhere in a bank sits a half a ton of gold with no one to claim it.

The last bottle came while I was wading an inside flats in Pine Island Sound. One of my charter people saw it and we talked about my previous experiences on the way home. We didn't open it, and it sat downstairs in my office for a day or so. Why rush to bad news? They called a couple of days later saying they couldn't stand it. What did the note say? My wife, Cheryl, used the trusty coat hanger to finally get it out. Inside was the surprise. It said they were a couple who had just retired, were celebrating with a bottle of good champagne and wanted to wish the world a beautiful sunset.

That, of course, makes me want to open up the next one. God, I hope that postal worker has retired by now.

Good shelling and fishing this week.

Have a question or comment. You can reach Capt. Mike Fuery at 466-3649 or by e-mail at junonia4@aol.com

Global economy or protectionism? The seventh in the Forum series

By Michael Hannan
Staff Writer

Robert Penn Warren, in *All the King's Men* wrote, "I eat a persimmon and the teeth of a tinker in Tibet are put on edge." Perhaps esoteric, but the "flower in the crannied-wall theory" has economic as well as literary merit. Warren was not an economist — thank God — but I think he had it right, and so does Lawrence Davidson — the seventh speaker in this year's BIG Arts series of distinguished scholars.

Davidson pointed out that after WWII, the United States produced 58 percent of the world's output with only 7 percent of the world's population. An interesting statistic, but the times were extraordinary: Europe and Asia were in shambles. There weren't many, if any, "developing countries" then. Nonetheless, for a long time we took that post-war circumstance as our economic model.

The United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference at Bretton Woods, N.H., in July of 1944 established the International Bank for Reconstruction (World Bank) and International Monetary Fund as the Western powers addressed postwar economic problems. The monetary system formulated at Bretton Woods pledged every participating country to keep its currency within a percentage point or two of an agreed dollar value, and the IMF committed itself to provide moral suasion and credit to keep the system alive. The system remained in effect until March of 1973, when the U.S. unlinked the dollar from any gold value.

So the vine in the crannied wall is different today. For one thing Davidson said, the U.S. now produces only 35% of the world's goods; for another, world economics has changed dramatically.

While we may be the sole remaining military superpower, Davidson said, in the economic world, we have a number of equals — notably in Europe and in Asia. And the best way to move ahead in a world with equals is to take leadership.

Unfortunately, there are two encumbrances to that tactic, said Davidson: President Bush's preoccupation with the war with Iraq, and our belief and practice of economic hegemony.

There are a number of contradictory factors in the economic world, he said. On the one hand, there is the economic collapse (or at least economic crisis, since '95) of Mexico, Russia, Turkey, parts of Asia, and Latin American. On the other hand, there is the opportunity of a global economy. And therein lies the rub, he said. The long horizon — three to ten years — suggests globalization is the way we should proceed, but the short view dictates that we cover our current interests.

He reduced the complicated economics to an on-island analogy, saying suppose you had a Gramma Dot's fried grouper sandwich that not only tasted great, also promoted health and provided the benefits of the little blue pill (the audience's laughter suggested they knew he meant Viagra). However, suppose people were apprehensive about switching from the old standby that at least tasted great. That's the world economic situation today, he said.

Davidson espoused the expansion of capital markets as the process of creative destruction that will lead to a new economic paradigm. There will be winners and losers, he said, which explains the apprehension, but there will be more losers if countries keep doing business as usual, which is the same message delivered by Gomez-Ibanez three weeks ago.

Alan Greenspan is championing globalization, saying that it will create more political and economic freedom, provide a better level of goods and services (including health, education, and environmental awareness), and raise the standard of living, as long as the leadership ensures that globalization doesn't raise any moral dilemmas.

Davidson was quick to point out that Greenspan is not without detractors, who champion tariffs and protectionism; but in Davidson's mind, Greenspan is right. We have to lead the world and show them that protectionism will limit growth not enhance it. It is in our interests to work for ways to raise the standard of living. Poverty, he said cannot be improved by a direct approach. Approaching poverty via economic strategies, however, will not only lessen poverty, but also open new markets because people who earn more money can spend more.

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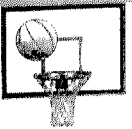
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SPORTS TRIVIA CONTEST

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1. All answers must be circled on the *original* answer sheet below.
2. All entries must be received by mail, fax (472-5302) or by hand to the Islander office at 695 Tarpon Bay Rd., Unit 13, Sanibel, FL 33957 by 5 p.m. Friday March 28, 2003
3. Only one answer per question.
4. Answer sheet must include entrant's name, address and telephone number.
5. Employees of the Islander and the Island Reporter are not eligible.
6. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by random drawing.

QUESTIONS

- BASKETBALL (Pro)-**
1. Wilt Chamberlain holds the NBA record for the most points scored in a regulation game. How many points did he score?
[a] 100 [b] 83 [c] 55 [d] 91
 2. What is the score of a basketball game which ends in a forfeit?
[a] 2-0 [b] 10-0 [c] 11-0 [d] 1-0
 3. Who invented the game of basketball?
[a] Abner Doubleday [b] Tomas Sorenson [c] James Naismith [d] Frances Oulmet
 4. Which professional team has won a record-breaking 16 NBA titles?
[a] New York Knicks [b] Boston Celtics [c] L.A. Lakers [d] Chicago Bulls
 5. The NBA record of 17 straight losses at the beginning of the season is jointly shared by the L.A. Clippers (1999) and what other team in 1988?
[a] Portland [b] Cleveland [c] Miami [d] Sacramento

- BASKETBALL (College)-**
6. Which college basketball coach was nicknamed the "Wizard of Westwood"?
[a] Adolph Rupp [b] Jim Bayhelm [c] John Wooden [d] Jim Valvano
 7. From the 1964 to 1973 (10 years) basketball seasons UCLA won the NCAA championship nine times. Which team captured the title once during those years, denying UCLA 10 straight titles?
[a] Georgetown [b] Texas Western [c] Providence [d] LaSalle
 8. In 1982 Lori Bauman scored a record 50 points in a women's NCAA tournament game vs. Maryland. For which team did she compete?
[a] Drake [b] Tulsa [c] Cincinnati [d] Memphis State
 9. Which team has been the only Big Ten representative to win the women's NCAA championship?
[a] Purdue [b] Iowa [c] Penn State [d] Ohio State
 10. In 1983 and 1984 a University of Southern California player won back-to-back women's NCAA tournament MVP honors. Who was the player?
[a] Tonya Edwards [b] Tracy Claxton [c] Jennifer Azzi [d] Cheryl Miller



The Feb. 21 Sports Trivia Contest produced 2 participants with 10 correct answers. Per the rules, the winner was determined by random draw.

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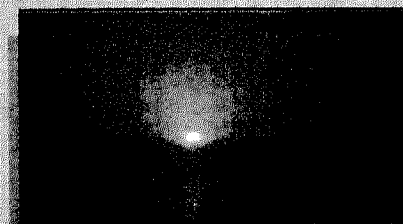
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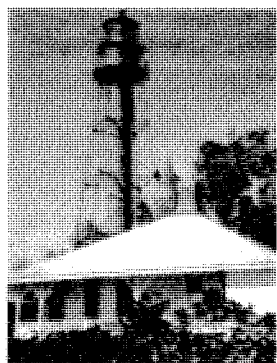
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The Sanibel-Captiva Art League's Juried Show hangs in the Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS through March 30. The gallery is open daily from 1 to 4 p.m. See page 20 for details. Featured here are (Background) "Obsession" by Nancy Cameron Smith; and (clockwise from top right) "Jensens" by Joan Bitzer, "Koa John" by Peg Cullen, "Crotons #3" by Pat Cleveland; and "The Performer" by Peg Cullen.

THE BOOK REVIEWS



Charles Sobczak

By Jay Kingsley

A Choice of Angels

By Charles Sobczak

Charlie Sobczak's new, compelling novel *A Choice of Angels* is due in the bookstores within days. There was no way for Charlie to know that the timing of his novel would coincide with our country making a decision about going to war with a Muslim nation; he started writing it several years ago.

Ayşe Yalcin, a lovely Muslim girl from Istanbul, Turkey is from a family uncomfortable with her attending a small college in Georgia. Daniel Harris, rebellious son of an affluent Baptist minister in Georgia, attends the same small college. Each knows the strict rules set out by their families and that Muslims and Christians are not supposed to mix.

But they meet and are attracted to each other; they conspire to meet for educational purposes over the period of a semester. Trying as hard as possible to keep up pretenses, they fall in love. Sobczak writes:

Like two lonely planets we have
accidentally
Fallen into each other's field of gravity.
Now, caught in a dance of cosmic
design,
We wait.

Soon the cat is out of the bag. Rev. Clay Harris angrily hurls Biblical passages at Daniel to break up the friendship, to save him from the Devil. Ayşe's mother will no longer speak to her.

The two young people try to stop seeing each other, but it is impossible. Driven by their love they take a weekend away and get married — out of the sight of their nearly hysterical families.

What happens then is nearly indescribable. Sobczak leads us through a canyon of human inconsideration and hate so heart-rending that it raised the hairs on my neck. The result is that Daniel and Ayşe's marriage is in serious jeopardy. Aboard an aircraft flying back to Istanbul, Ayşe is visited by her angel and comforted. In the very bowels of depression Daniel meets his own angel, Joshua.

As Sobczak also writes: I believe that

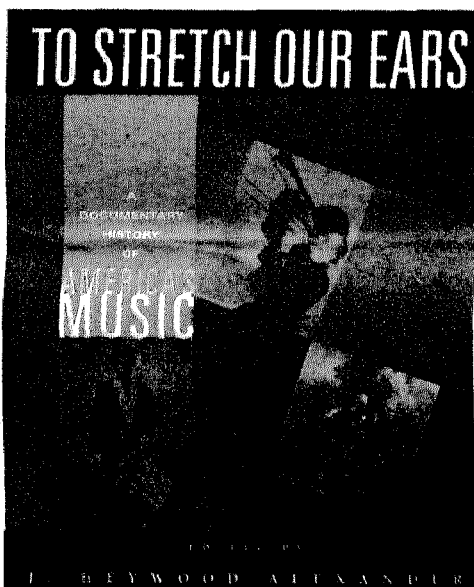
God would want us. His children, to choose love over the clothes we dress Him in... Therein lies the moral of this gripping story, so very pertinent to today's world and our place in it.

Sobczak has scored a hat trick with this new novel following *Six Mornings on Sanibel* and the acclaimed, prize-winning novel *Way Under Contract*. He also recently published a wonderful collection of his newspaper articles and poetry called *Rhythm of the Tides* and is fast becoming a writing force to be counted among the best of Florida's literary artists.

This one definitely rates a five on the Kingsley turtle scale.



Charles Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island with his wife, Molly, and sons, Logan and Blake. His most recent novel, *Way Under Contract*, a Florida Story won the 2001 Patrick D. Smith Award for Florida Literature. He is currently planning another novel.



By Harold Lieberman

To Stretch Our Ears

By J. Heywood Alexander

J. Heywood Alexander, pianist, organist and Professor emeritus of music at Cleveland State University, has compiled and edited a comprehensive source book examining and documenting the evolution of American composers and performers who, over the past 400-plus years have contributed to the fabric and development of American music.

To Stretch Our Ears begins with Native American music in 1579 and continues with accounts of Yankee Tunesmiths, early sacred music, Colonial songs, African-American music and the reform of New England psalmody.

Part II contains essays and lectures by philosophers, music educators and songwriters of the 19th century. Folk and

devotional music, including the unique "fa, sol, la" of "The Sacred Harp" are examined as are early theater and opera, minstrelsy, parlor songs and those of social reform, bands and orchestras of the 1800s. Also, church music to concert hall music, log house to opera house, slavery and the civil war are covered in this unique section. New Orleans and Boston composers — Gottschalk, Foote and Beech — romanticism and nationalism, Hawaiian music, music and religion, Sousa, Tin Pan Alley and the American cowboy all are part of this section of the book.

Part III looks at American music in the 20th Century and includes

composer Charles Ives, who serves as the inspiration for the book's title. Along with Ives, seminal American composers, Henry Cowell, W.C. Handy, Gershwin, Berlin, Sissle, Blake and ragtime pianist Scott Joplin are thoroughly researched.

Jazz innovators — Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Ellington, Count Basie, Parker, Coltrane, all the way to Wynton Marsalis — are given ample and insightful examination. The business of music, the American musical, rock and roll, bluegrass, gospel, third stream and minimalism conclude this thorough and enlightening section.

Alexander has presented astute introductions and choice original sources that add greatly to this significant work. This is not only a text book to be kept on the shelf but, rather like a good coffee table book, it can be displayed and opened to any topic where one can read an introduction — written in concise, informative and crystal-clear non-academic prose — and then read the source as extracted by the author. It is a book to be opened again and again for information as well as pleasure.



By Anne Bellew

The Year 2002 WHEW!

By Fran Nuelle

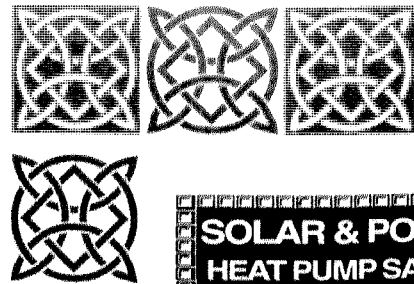
Lifelong journalist (Memphis Press-Scimitar, St. Louis Globe-Democrat and, later, the Island Reporter and the Island Sun) Fran Nuelle has sailed out of so-called retirement with an incredibly clever and astute little book of political verse.

The Year 2002 WHEW! minces no words and nails 'most everyone on the national scene — or at least on the national scene as described by her favorite source of news, The New York Times. From the Columbia School of Journalism to Merrill Lynch, from the Ladies of Augusta and "girlcotting Hollywood," to "the PhRMA phallacy of phancy pharmaceuticals and accompanying phanfare" and the FDA — all are fair game for her dry, biting wit and wry ascerbic verse.

Not that we haven't seen this bent before... As a one-time city reporter for both the Islander and the Island Reporter, I would frequently leave Nuelle mes-

sages complimenting her coverage of an all-too-long council or commission meeting — her free-wheeling stories often captured the flavor of those marathon sessions (think Australian pines, beach furniture, restaurant parking, quasi-judicial hearing) much better than mine had.

Apparently a closet poet for years (in her Foreword she includes three short poems she wrote for her young children some 50-60 years ago), she claims, "The verse almost wrote itself after I took a poetry course from Marilyn Koren" and tore herself away from T.S. Eliot traditionalism. I shudder (well, no, not really — more a silent giggle) to think what Nuelle would have done to the City Council and the Planning Commission if she had met Koren years ago!



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Sharon Roffman, violinist, was the featured "Young Artist" at Schein Hall on Sunday, March 16. Roffman, a student of Donald Weilerstein and the famed violinist, Itzhak Perlman, has won many musical awards and prizes and has appeared as soloist with several prestigious ensembles. She received her Bachelor's and Master's from the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Accompanist, Anita Pontremoli, is on the faculty of the Cleveland Institute of Music and has performed with many internationally renowned artists as well as gifted younger artists like Sharon Roffman. Opening the proceedings, Emcee Norma Gillespie welcomed the audience, thanked them for their support of young artists and expressed the hope that it would continue.

The first selection was Mozart's "Sonata, K. 376." The three movements, Allegro, Andante and Rondeau, were cleanly played by both artists. The violin sound was, at times, dwarfed by the boldness of the piano, causing an imbalance of sound. As the concert progressed, however, this problem was resolved. Roffman displayed excellent musicianship with sensitive phrasing, correct Classic Era ornamentation and accurate intonation. Pontremoli's accompaniment was also very musical while being firm and supportive of the soloist.

Roffman spoke about the history of the next work Sonata for violin and piano by the French composer, Francis Poulenc. The work was dedicated to violinist, Ginette Neveu who died in an plane crash in 1949. Pontremoli added that Poulenc was fond of jazz, and strains of "Tea For Two" could be heard throughout the work.

In the first movement, Allegro con fuoco, the recognizable harmonic and rhythmic language of Poulenc was evident. However, the melodic content is a challenge to distinguish as melodies played by both violin and piano at the same moment do not always mesh — like two people speaking at the same time. The "Intermezzo" that followed was beautifully performed, the violinist exhibiting finely tuned double-stops with a dark and sonorous sound, especially in the violin's lower register. The third movement, "Presto tragico," allowed the Roffman to execute highly technical passages with interesting pizzicatos and the obvious inclusion of "Tea For Two." The "tragico" portion of this movement was quite somber and mournful. After intermission, Sonata in G, Op. 78 by Brahms allowed both artists to display pleasantly balanced sounds. Although the first movement is titled, Vivace the tempo of the movement's meter of three, sounded more like a medium-tempo waltz. The violin's warm and expressive lyrical qualities were evident in this work and Roffman captured this mood beautifully, especially in the Adagio." The artist had explained to the audience that this movement was written for Clara Schumann whose son had died to express how much the composer loved her and her son. Both musicians



Sharon Roffman

communicated great depth of feeling with just the right dynamics and climactic development resulting in elegant phrases of great depth.

The last selection was Carmen Fantasy by the Spanish violinist, Pablo de Sarasate. Roffman wittily "tossed off" Carmen's complicated plot line to the delight of the audience. Performing now with no music or music stand, Roffman projected much better and her violin tone was much more full-bodied and resonant. She displayed virtuosic technique with melodic disjunct motion, cascading cadenzas and skilfully executed bowing in the violin's upper tessitura. ...A perfect closing piece.

The bravura performance was met by a standing ovation of "Bravos." The artists satisfied the audience's demand for more with one of the most beautiful of encores, Salute d'amour, a miniatures composed by Sir Edward Elgar. This haunting melody was exquisitely played and concluded an outstanding performance by two very accomplished artists. Fortunately, there were quite a few "young artists" in attendance who may be inspired to further their musical interests and goals.

Art Attack!

Seaweed Gallery on March 28

The Seaweed Gallery will showcase four local artists on Friday, March 28 from 5 to 9 p.m. — Honey Costa, Joan Klutch, Madith Mantyla and Nancy Wilson.

Honey Costa's spirited water colors reflect her time in the Caribbean, particularly Grenada. Her bright, clear colors enliven scenes of Caribbean houses and islanders. Renowned watercolorist Joan F. Klutch, who teaches a number of watercolor classes locally and is a member of the American Watercolor Society.

Artist Madith Mantyla paints charming small watercolor scenes of Island landmarks. This year, she has added Cap'n Al's, the Island Cow, Timbers, Morgan's Tropical Forest, Jacaranda, Cheeburger Cheeburger and the Shell Museum. And if you miss her on Friday, you can catch her at the Captiva gallery on Saturdays and Sundays.

Nancy Wilson has been working in a vibrant new style, using acrylic and gesso to create richly textured, bright paintings of island scenes.

Please drop by and meet the artists and enjoy the music and refreshments.

Seaweed Gallery is in the Forever Green Shops at 2055 Periwinkle Way, next to Katie Gardenia's Restaurant. For more information, please call 472-2585.



Joan Klutch's delightful watercolor, Roses

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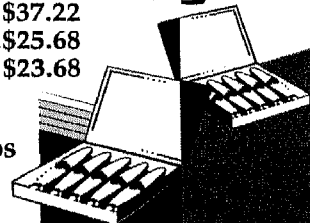
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Couple designs look for *Kiss Me, Kate*

Kristian Perry and Cathleen Crocker-Perry are the dynamic duo responsible for the beautiful sets and fabulous costumes in *Kiss Me, Kate*, the current main stage production at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Audiences and critics alike have been impressed with the rich and elaborate look of the show. The couple traveled to Fort Myers for their debut at the Broadway Palm from their home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Kristian Perry created "the look" for the show, from the opening number that takes place backstage during the rousing "Another Op'nin', Another Show," to courtyards in Italy and the Shakespearean feel of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Kristian is a freelance scenic designer and scenic artist who currently serves as the resident scene designer at the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival in Louisville, and frequently designs for the Mac-Haydn Theatre in Chatham, N.Y. He also designs and paints for the Bijou Theatre and has been the scenic artist and prop master for the Clarence Brown Theatre, both in Knoxville. Kristian has worked in theatres all over the eastern United States and enjoys designing for Shakespearean productions and musicals.



Cathleen Crocker-Perry is the costume designer for *Kiss Me, Kate*. Currently, she is the resident assistant costume designer for Opera Theater of Saint Louis and designs for the Mac-Haydn Theater as well. Her latest projects include *The Magic Flute*, *Hamlet*, *Oklahoma!*, and *Crazy For You* as well as assisting the costumer on two national tours of *Cabaret*. When she's not designing, Cathleen works at the Clarence Brown Theater in costume construction.

Check out the Perrys' wonderful designs in *Kiss Me, Kate*, playing through April 12. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Ticket prices are \$21 to \$42. For reservations and show information call 278-4422. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers, or online at www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Gulf Coast symphony presents...

The Gulf Coast Symphony's *Symphonic Sensations* Series ends with *A Viennese Ball* on Sunday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Hall. Enjoy some of the greatest music ever written by Johann Strauss, Jr. and dance the night away at Count Orlovsky's Magical Viennese Masked Ball. Enjoy a semi-staged version of Johann Strauss's famous *Fledermaus* party (sung in English), complete with dancers, full orchestra and more. The evening will be filled with Strauss waltzes and surprise guests, including local favorite Tommy O! This production will be directed by Henry McCarthy of the Baltimore Opera and is sponsored by Times of the Islands, Island Pursuit, Designers' Rug Center and American Airlines/American Eagle.

Tickets for *A Viennese Ball* are \$10-\$30 and can be purchased in person at the Mann Hall box office, or by calling 481-4849.

The following Saturday, March 29, the symphony is presenting its seventh annual fund-raising auction and dinner, *A Brazilian Carnivale*, at the Helm Club at the Landings. *The Brazilian Carnivale* will be complete with costumes, masks, authentic food and an open bar — a true South American Mardi Gras -style celebration! The evening's entertainment

includes real street entertainers including a fireeater and real Brazilian music. The event begins at 6 p.m. and will feature both a live and silent auction. Prizes — from weekend getaways, golf packages, artwork, jewelry, gift certificates to local restaurants, and an All-Inclusive Vacation to Punta Cana with airfare, courtesy of American Airlines — will be available. Proceeds from this benefit directly support the Gulf Coast Symphony's multiple educational initiatives, including our Musical Gateways program and our Galloway Magic Carpet Family Concerts.

The Gulf Coast Symphony is a 501(c)(3) non-profit institution and all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Tickets for the evening's festivities cost \$50 per person and can be purchased by calling the symphony office at 472-6197.

On Sunday, March 30, Gulf Coast Symphony presents a benefit concert — *That's Showbiz!* — featuring pianist Anthony Lombardo and soprano Laura Vicari. The concert starts at 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Myers.

Anthony Lombardo is celebrating his 50th year as a pianist. His career includes being an accompanist to stars such as Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr., Sonny &

Musical excellence personified

By Charlotte Heimann

Christopher Parkening! His is a name to conjure with in the world of classical guitar. Without a doubt, he succeeds the legendary Andres Segovia as the world's pre-eminent artist on this extraordinarily challenging instrument.

The Fort Myers Community Concert Association brought Parkening to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on March 13, with the added wonder of the aptly-named young baritone, Jubilant Sykes. The evening's sponsor was Mrs. Sidney R. Davis.

A program note puts it this way: "Mr. Parkening continues to offer a collaborative recital program, *Braziliana*, with electrifying baritone Jubilant Sykes, featuring music of Brazil and the Americas."

In his spoken introduction, Parkening said he had just been talking with Barbara Mann and her family, reminiscing about his last appearance for a Community Concert in Fort Myers. "That was at least 30 years ago, so we decided we were all teen-agers at that time."

Then he got right down to the business of the evening

— the sound of the attentive guitar he held close with his strong, sensitive hands. Nothing he asked of it was too much, from the quietly romantic to the floor-stomping rhythmic.

Six varied Latin-American composers, including Villa-Lobos, began this unusual concert. After a slight pause, Parkening returned with Jubilant Sykes, a tall, handsome

The combination of guitar and baritone would seem to be rare indeed, but no information could be found as to how these two artists came together. The only thing that approaches the unraveling of this musical mystery is that Parkening and Sykes began their collaboration in 1996, according to one source.

However it happened, audiences everywhere benefit. Sykes has a command of whatever language he's singing, making it come alive with minimal gesture and maximal understanding. Even without words, a particular favorite was Panjola's "Lamento" (Vocalise) from his *Suite Brasileira*. Parkening's flowing pattern and Sykes's effortless humming blended in moving, emotional harmony.

It was an evening of musical import, clearly appreciated as evinced by a standing ovation at the concert's conclusion.

This was the final offering of the Fort Myers Community Concert Association's 53rd season. For the 54th, the program will include the Russian State Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Empire Brass, *Tosca*, Quartetto Gelato, and the Russian National Ballet. Bargain membership prices for all of this remarkable series: \$50 to \$95. Call 939-3236 for more information.

Charlotte Heimann is a well-known local actress who, many moons ago, was the *Islander* arts critic. She has been active in the theatre for a long time. Among other venues, she was in Charles Coburn's stock company, *The Mohawk Drama Festival*, for three years — and she has done community theatre wherever she has lived — for over 75 of her 85+ years.

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The Gulf Coast Symphony is Southwest Florida's only non-professional community orchestra. Its season features its highly popular Symphonic Sensations Series at the Mann Hall and its free Galloway Magic Carpet Family Concert Series at the Galloway Ford Showroom. It performs a Concert & Conversation Classic program at BIG ARTS on Sanibel Island and also sponsors a comprehensive arts education program, Musical Gateways, dedicated to providing ongoing educational opportunities for adult and youth alike.

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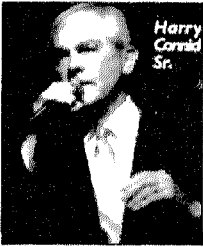
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At Mann Hall

Riddle Orchestra to play

A Salute to the Music of Frank Sinatra, featuring Sinatra's long-time backup, The Nelson Riddle Orchestra, plays Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Christopher Riddle, Nelson's son, conducts the performance which highlights special guest, Harry Connick, Sr.

Tickets are \$16 to \$24.



South Pacific on tap

Winner of nine Tonys and the Pulitzer Prize, Rodgers' and Hammerstein's glorious tale of wartime romance on an island paradise plays Friday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 29, at 8, and Saturday and Sunday, March 29 & 30 at 2.

Tickets range from \$28 to \$48.

Paul Anka here April 1



One of the greatest singer/songwriters of all time, Paul Anka, will present a concert on Tuesday, April 1, at 8 p.m., sponsored by Sanibel Steakhouse.

Beginning his career by entering amateur contests and sneaking into clubs, Paul Anka has gone on to become one of the most prolific, successful songwriters in history. He has achieved unprecedented

success in every venue — stage, screen, television and recording. His musical compositions are internationally known and have been recorded by the greatest names in the entertainment industry.

Raised in Ottawa, Ontario, Anka developed a talent for songwriting through school courses in English and journalism. His life would forever be altered, however, on a trip to New York with a song he had written for a girl four years his senior. "Diana" launched his career as an international teen idol at the age of sixteen, with sales totaling over 20 million copies worldwide. Before he turned 18, he had five Top 20 hits. With such notable hits as "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," "You Are My Destiny," "Lonely Boy" and "Puppy Love" in the early '50s, Paul Anka was quickly a household name. By the end of that decade, he had established himself as a prolific and successful singer/songwriter — appearances on American Bandstand only increased that fame.

Despite the British invasion, the Anka's music remained timely — such classics as "Steel Guitar and a Glass of Wine" and "Love Me Warm And Tender" are from that period. In the '70s, he ushered in another wave of chart-topping hits — "(You're) Having My Baby," "I Don't Want To Sleep Alone" and "One-Man Woman." His success continued into the '80s with "Hold Me 'Til The Morning Comes" recorded with Peter Cetera.

With well over 900 songs to his credit, Paul Anka has created songs that have been performed by such greats as Elvis Presley, Barbara Streisand, Tom Jones, Buddy Holly, Linda Ronstadt, The Sex Pistols, Nina Simone and the Gipsy Kings — to name but a few. In addition, his "My Way" not only became Frank Sinatra's

signature, but a number that is one of the most recognized and performed in the world.

In the realm of TV, Anka wrote what is probably *THE* most recognized theme song in history... When Johnny Carson made his debut as host of *The Tonight Show* in 1962, the Anka-written theme was there. Since the debut, the theme song has been performed over 1,400,000 times! For films he penned the theme music for *The Longest Day*, *No Way Out* and *Atlantic City*. In addition, his songs have been used in some of the biggest commercial campaigns for companies such as Ebay, AXA, Pet Smart and Mercedes Benz.

Since the inception of his career, Paul Anka's songs have been performed well over 150 million times, while his album and single sales collectively number more than 60 million. He holds three number one songs — "Diana," "Lonely Boy" and "(You're) Having My Baby"... 22 Top 20 hits and over 33 in the Top 40.

And Anka shows no signs of slowing down, continuing to tour 10 months out of the year and still proving that he is a force to be reckoned with in the music industry with a boundless commitment to satisfying his dedicated fans.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$55.

Performance tickets can be purchased at the Mann Hall box office, by calling 481-4849, or from Ticketmaster at 334-3309 or any Ticketmaster location. Groups of 20 or more should call 489-3033, extension 3122.

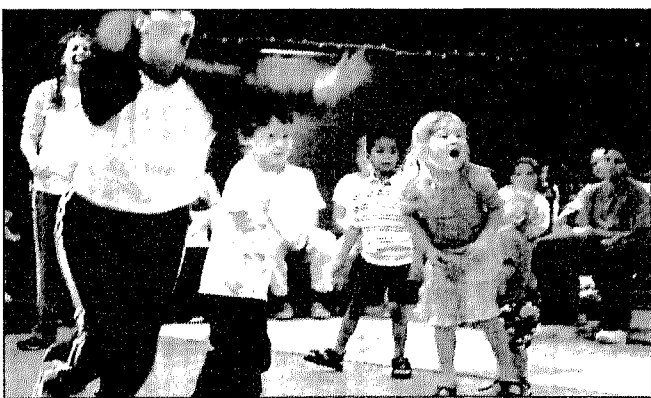
The Stories of Dr. Seuss at Rep

Attention Southwest Florida Families! Embrace the wackiness, rhythm and rhyme of your favorite Seuss stories on Family Day, Saturday, March 29, at the Florida Repertory Theatre.

The Stories of Dr. Seuss is a zany adventure enjoyable by children of all ages. This 45-minute, interactive, acrobatic performance brings to life five Seuss classic tales — *Oh, the Places You Will Go*, *The Sneetches*, *The Butter Battle Book*, *The Zax*, and *The Lorax*.

Rep Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo says, "Too often parents have to leave their kids at home when they come to the theatre. Family Day gives parents and their kids the opportunity to enjoy live theatre together. This play is really for anyone who is young at heart. Adults will get just as much out of *The Stories of Dr. Seuss* as the young people sitting beside them."

Live theatre is an incredible experi-



ence, but to share it with your loved ones makes it even more exciting! Let your imagination soar while you and your family sit back and enjoy the show! Curtain going up on the Florida Rep stage at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, at the Arcade Theatre in Historic Downtown Fort Myers, between Jackson & Hendry and First & Bay Streets. Tickets are \$8 each. For reservations, call the box office at 332-4488 or toll-free at (877) 787-8053.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS TRIVIA CONTEST - FEBRUARY 21, 2003

-M.L. BASEBALL-

1. Cleveland Indians pitcher Herb Score suffered a career ending injury from a line drive off the bat of which New York Yankee player? **(b) Gil McDougall**
2. In what year did Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs? **(d) 1927**
3. Willie Mays made his famous "Basket catch" in the 1954 World Series. Who was the batter? **(c) Vic Wertz**
4. Which major league stadium is home to the "Green Monster"? **(c) Fenway Park**
5. How many stitches are on a regulation baseball? **(a) 108**
6. Don Larson of the New York Yankees pitched the only "perfect" game in a World Series in what year? **(c) 1956**
7. Name the major league pitcher who holds the record for most career strikeouts. **(d) Nolan Ryan**
8. The Polo Grounds was the early home to which major league team? **(a) N. Y. Giants**
9. I played second base for the Chicago White Sox in the 1959 World Series. Who am I? **(b) Nellie Fox**
10. Which major league pitcher holds the record for most consecutive (59) score-less innings? **(b) Orel Hershisier**

Potpourri, from page 3

prints created by world-renowned artist Robert Rauschenberg and produced by Universal Limited Art Editions, Inc., of New York City. The prints comprise the complete series, *Ruminations*, which was produced in 1999. The series of prints comes to Edison through the generosity of collector and arts patron June Rosner of Captiva.

The works will be on display in the new Student Services Building, Madeline S. Taeni Hall, located at the center of campus. In celebration of the loan, there will be a reception in Taeni Hall on the second floor from 5 to 6 p.m., Thursday, March 27. The reception is open to the public.

For additional information call the office of the Art Gallery at 489-9313. The week of March 17 through 23 the Gallery will be closed for the college's spring break. It will return to normal operating hours following the break and reopen to the public on March 25, Tuesday.

Two-Family House final Monday movie

The Monday Evening Outstanding Film Series in Schein Hall will wrap up its season March 24, with a showing of *Two Family House* at 7 p.m. This is a sweet, wise, heart-warming sleeper. After missing his shot at becoming a professional lounge singer, Buddy Visalo (Michael Rispoli) has turned his life into a series of money-making opportunities. His latest venture lands him in a two-family house where he has hopes of turning the ground floor into a bar where he can perform. Along with the house, though, come the tenants upstairs, which include Mary, a pregnant Irish girl, and her abusive husband. During a moment of confrontation between Mary and Buddy's gang of Italians, the girl goes into labor, testing everyone's limits of tolerance. The film was shown at the Sarasota Film Festival last November and was very well received.

Tickets are \$4.50. Following the movie there is a wine and cheese party where those attending can discuss the film.

The Amici String Quartet at BIGARTS

The celebrated Amici String Quartet will conclude the season for BIG ARTS Great Performers on Saturday, March 29, at 8 p.m. The quartet was formed in 1985 and consists of four well-matched, but distinctly individual, musical personalities from the Cleveland Orchestra drawn together by their love of chamber music — Tako Masame, violin, Miho Hashizume, violin, Lynne Ramsey, viola, and Ralph Curry, cello. Masame and Hashizume alternate between first and second violin, which adds an exciting dimension to the ensemble.

The foursome has appeared in concert series such as Chamber Music at Stan Hywet, the Columbus and Cleveland Museums of Art and the Reinberger Chamber Music Series at Severance Hall, also in Cleveland. Under the auspices of the Ohio Arts Council, the Quartet has performed at colleges and universities throughout the state.

The Quartet's performances are critically acclaimed. The Cleveland Plain Dealer said, "The musicians uniformly display their virtuosity in purely musical expressiveness ... A consistently high level of musicianship coupled with vibrant interpretations." And the Akron Beacon Journal said, "The



performance was alive, warm and, like this ensemble's name, friendly."

The Amici String Quartet is considered a serious and exhilarating young string quartet that displays captivating interpretations of works by the great masters, as well as illuminates difficult and unfamiliar scores. The Quartet's association with the Cleveland Orchestra enables it to draw from a rich source of outstanding musicians for guest appearances.

Tickets are \$30, and available at BIG ARTS from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday — 395-0900.

Headshot opportunity

Kids Conspiracy is offering area youth an opportunity for an inexpensive head shot. Nadine Miller of F-Stop Studios will be taking professional headshots of anyone under the age of 20. Participants will receive three 8x10 hand-printed photographs of the same pose with no reproduction restrictions. Head shots will be chosen by the photographer; however, contact sheets of all exposures and additional pho-

tographs will be available for an added fee. The cost is \$50 and reservations are required.

The remaining date for this opportunity is Saturday, March 29, from 3 to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 332-7992.

Miller is an award-winning fine arts and portrait photographer. She has instructed many area students and is offering her studio as a service to area youth.

China Cry at Library

Christian Film Ministries next film presentation — *China Cry* — will be on Tuesday, March 25, at the Sanibel Library.

A romantic true story set in Communist China, *China Cry* was voted one of the 10 best films the year it was produced. It demonstrates how people with great courage can overcome a repressive state and how the spirit can survive persecution.

Admission to the film, which starts at 7 p.m., is free (including popcorn!), but a love offering would be appreciated.

Quartet Caps Concert Series

The New Artists Piano Quartet, a resident ensemble of the Florida West Coast Symphony of Sarasota, will perform works by Beethoven, Brahms and Gwyneth Walker this Sunday, March 23. The concert, the finale of the fourth season of the UU Performing Arts Society concert series, begins at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church (13411 Shire Lane, off Daniels).

The Quartet, founded in 1991, is one of four resident ensembles of the Florida West Coast Symphony. Felicia Brunelle, violin, Thomas Kreuder, viola, Christopher Schnell, cello, and Jonathan Spivey, piano are known for innovative programs.

Brunelle holds a doctorate in music from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Since 1993 she has served as concertmaster for the Missouri Chamber Orchestra during its summer season. She was formerly principal second violin with the New World Symphony, and a faculty member at the Eastern Music Festival.

Kreuder holds a Master of music from Juilliard, where he studied with Samuel Rhodes. Before becoming assistant principal violist with The Florida West Coast Symphony, he was a fellow in the New World Symphony, assistant principal of the Aspen Chamber Symphony, and a member of the Metamorphoses, Spoleto Festival USA and the Ohio Chamber Orchestras.

Schnell is a graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia and has been a regular substitute with the Philadelphia Orchestra. During the summer, he performs with the orchestra of the Santa Fe Opera. A former member of the Milwaukee Symphony, Miami's Florida Philharmonic and the New World Symphony, Schnell also has performed at the National Orchestra Institute, Grand Teton Orchestral Seminar and the Haddonfield Symphony.

Spivey earned his doctorate from Stony Brook, as well. A national finalist in the 1985 Music Teacher's National Association Auditions, Spivey's recent concert appearances include Long Island, Carnegie Hall and Seoul, Korea. He has studied under Stig Ribbing in Stockholm, Laurence Morton and Martin Canin of Juilliard and Stony Brook.

Featured works for the March 23 concert include Piano Quartet in E-flat, Op. 16, by Beethoven, Letters to the World for Piano Quartet by Walker, and Piano Quartet in C, Op. 60, by Brahms.

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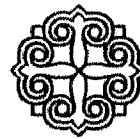
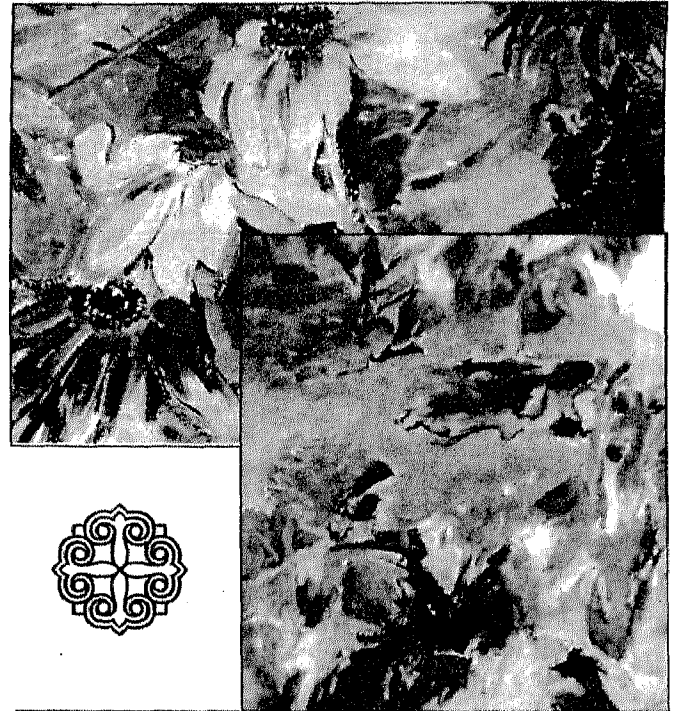
Les Femmes — Artistes de Giverny

What happens when eight devotees of Claude Monet spend their summer days painting in Giverny, France? The results are now on display at the Captiva Civic Association. Led by instructor Gale Bennett, artists Betty Cater, Lytha Weston, Sheila Hoen, Rosalyn McGlynn, Anne Walter, Mollie Paulson, Judie Jones and Karla Greene immersed themselves in all things Monet, with the occasional offshoot of Gauguin and Matisse, and emerged with nearly 60 paintings for this month's show.

ArtStudy Giverny is a program for artists and photographers to spend 11 days in Giverny, working on location at Monet's home, gardens, studio, and village. The program accommodates only eight students at a time, and entails personal instruction from Bennett, who divides his time between Cape Coral and Giverny. Bennett has also taught at BIG Arts, as well as Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers and Matlacha Art Gallery.

The resulting show is bright in colorful Impressionist inspired gardens, ponds, flowers, and sunwashed village streets. There are some renditions of Monet's famous Giverny bridge, as well as vines, heavy with flowers, cascading through tree arbors. Pink building facades peek through greenery, and vases overflow with flowers.

Les Femmes — Artistes de Giverny will be on display through March 26 at the Captiva Civic Center, 11550 Chapin Lane. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon.



Photos: Amy Fleming

Top right
down: Wildflowers by
Karla Jones Greene,
Monet's Garden by
Sheila E.F. Hoen; and
Rose Arbor and White
Lilies by Rosalyn
McGlenn

27th Annual Art League Juried Exhibit

It's almost spring, and it's time for the San-Cap Art League's juried show at the Phillips Gallery in BIG Arts. It's open to members of art leagues from the Arts Council of Southwest Florida, which includes members from Charlotte and Collier Counties.

The show is all two dimensional paintings — no photography or three dimensional work — most with a Florida theme.

Miami artist Peter Spataro served as juror, selecting five awards from the 82 pieces included in the show. Artist Peg Cullen won big, walking away with both Best in Show and 2nd place for her "Koa John" and "The Performer." Both are larger-than-life portraits, one done in softly modulated water media, the other in brilliantly colored mixed media.

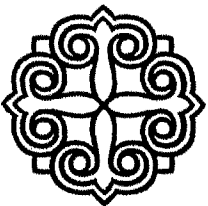
Third place went to Pat Cleveland's "Crotons #3," a bee's eye view of local flora. Joan Bitzer's graphite rendering of the Captiva landmark, "Jensen's" won an honorable mention, as did one of the few abstract images, "Obsession," by Nancy Cameron Smith.

Watercolor has long been a favorite choice among local artists, and there are several expert painters represented here. Dena Shepherd's detailed renderings of seagrape trees, Don Daniels' "Tropical View," and Susan Scott's "Blue Moon" all show different ways of handling this medium effectively.

Collage, which had a run of popularity back in the early 1970's, is making a comeback. Be sure to check out Jane Hudson's "Celebration," and "Latifa," as well as Martha Harris' "The Dance."

Kathy Taylor, Sanibel's monoprint instructor, has a small scale, very charming example of that technique in "Duet."

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League 27th Annual Juried Exhibit runs through March 30 at the Phillips Gallery. The gallery is open daily from 1 to 4 p.m.



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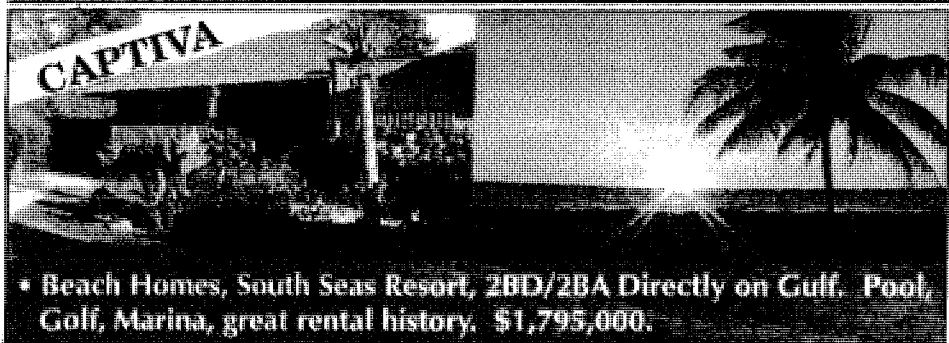
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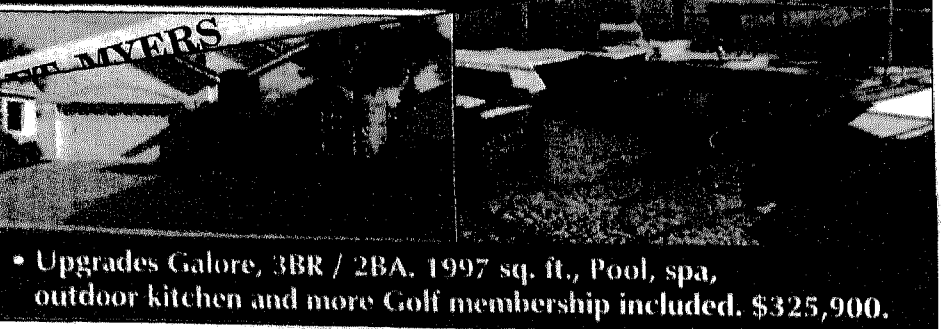
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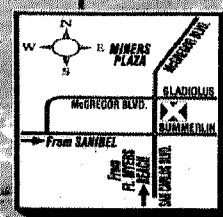


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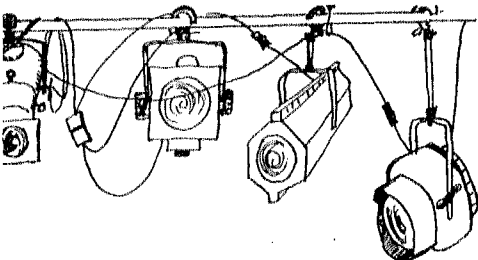
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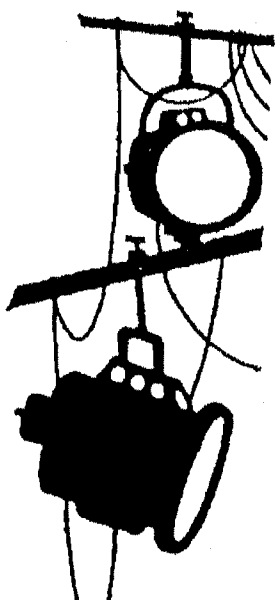
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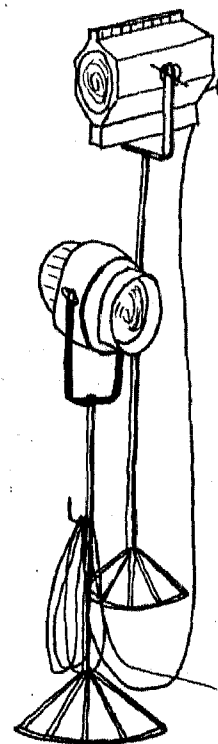
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In addition, the Network seeks to promote greater public awareness of what aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are and the threats they pose to the water resources of Southwest Florida. A poster is being distributed to pet shops, schools, bait shops and marinas in the region alerting residents not to release their aquatic pets.

In addition to ecosystem damage, invasive non-native aquatics can have an enormous economic impact and also negatively affect human health. A recent study at Cornell University estimated that invasive species of all types cost Americans about \$137 billion every year.

Florida, especially South Florida, has one of the high-

est rates of invasion and establishment of nonindigenous fish in the U.S. There are many examples in Southwest Florida of non-indigenous invaders of aquatic resources like plants, fish, mollusks and other invertebrates.

The Aquatic Nuisance Species Surveillance and Education Network is funded by a \$2,960 minigrant from the Charlotte Harbor NEP minigrant.

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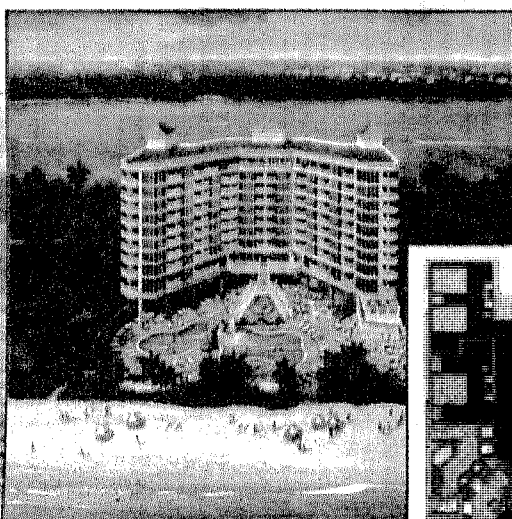
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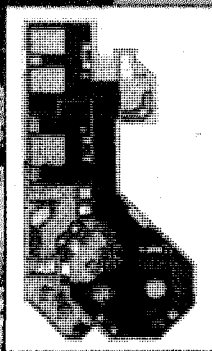
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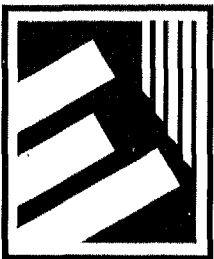
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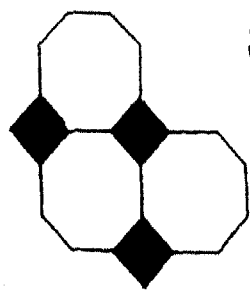
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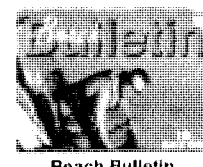
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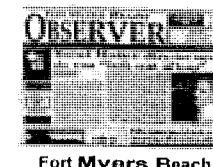
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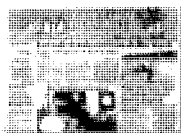
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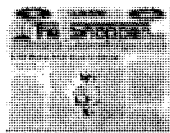
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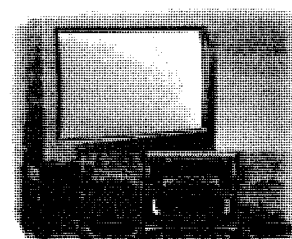
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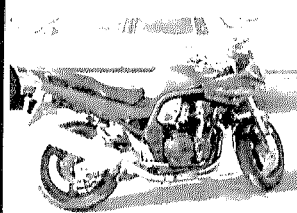
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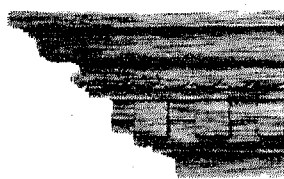
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Exploring the new Old Datsun Trail

By Carla Kappmeyer-Sherwin

The Charlotte Harbor Aquatic & State Buffer Preserves field office of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has announced a new guided trail walk program on the Old Datsun Trail, a public access point located at 12301 Burnt Store Road (County Road 765) in Punta Gorda. This 1.75 mile loop trail winds through old agricultural fields, live oak/cabbage palm hammocks, pine flatwoods and freshwater marsh. Walks will be conducted on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m. by reservation. The field trips, which are free of charge, are scheduled now through mid-May and will resume in the fall. Group size is limited and registration is required. For reservations and information, please call DEP at (941) 575-5861. Parking is limited — park at the Preserve office and walk back to the trailhead off Burnt Store Road.

The Old Datsun Trail is an extraordinary tapestry. Hikers must be skillful in unraveling the interwoven patterns that reveal the complexity of nature and disturbance by humans. Originally pine flatwoods, the area was cleared and farmed as row crops. Only a few fence posts, rusted strands of barbed wire, and remnant furrows are left of the abandoned agricultural fields. Slash pines and a tangled understory of flatwoods grasses, shrubs, and vines have reclaimed the land over 40 years of oldfield succession. Although fire is a natural force within southeastern pinelands, and pine flatwoods and other plant communities are dependent on fire, years of fire exclusion resulted in dense underbrush. Oaks and shade-tolerant species became established.

Hikers will be struck by the tallest of cabbage palms standing shoulder to shoulder with towering oaks and pines. Odder still is a group of saw palmetto

"trees" that grew vertically upwards through the shrub layer in an intense competition for space and sunlight. Rest benches are located all along the trail, and visitors may linger in the shade of spreading live oaks and observe warblers, woodpeckers, and a red-shouldered hawk on its nest.

Another major stop is an isolated wetland, severely impacted during the 1960s by the construction of drainage ditches. The soil disturbance and draining of this wetland facilitated the spread of exotic, invasive Brazilian pepper, which displaced the native marsh plants and destroyed the habitat of wading birds and other wildlife. Restoration of the hydrology by blocking the ditches and habitat restoration through extensive removal of Brazilian pepper were undertaken during the past two years. This major resource management project was funded by the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program and the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Surface Water Improvement Program in partnership with DEP. Hikers should be able to see woodstorks, herons, ibis, egrets, and other birds feeding in the now-visible shallow pools. Native succession is well underway with new growth of cattails, golden canna, marsh grasses and sedges. A spartina and leather fern marsh at the head of a creek further along the trail escaped the impacts of the hydrologic alteration, and visitors may see black racers or an armadillo. Those who look closely may spy a wood rat's nest, bobcat scat, and a beautiful red fungus at the trail's edge. Flower lovers will find any number of wildflowers including paw-paw, St. John's Wort, and pennyroyal in bloom. Guided walks will be expanded this fall and during the winter 2004 season.

Carla Kappmeyer-Sherwin is outreach project director of The Charlotte Harbor Aquatic & State Buffer Preserves.

Join in the Great Island Pick-up

A free lunch, or dinner is just a cow patty away

By Amy Fleming
Staff writer

Captiva and Sanibel's Great Island Pick Up's tree cookies are now cow patties, courtesy of the Island Cow restaurant.

The late Grover Arp, founder of Visitors' Television, added 'tree cookies,' little discs hidden among the debris that could be redeemed for all kinds of good stuff, to the island-wide annual clean up which began in late 1980s. This year, Rob DeGennaro, owner of the Island Cow, will be tossing in 50 cow patties good for all kinds of things from the popular Sanibel eatery.

"It was an Optimist Club idea," DeGennaro said. "It's going to be really neat, we've got all these tree cookies with numbers on them. Each number means you get a free meal."

"We're a community restaurant," he added. "That's what we're here for."

The Great Island Pick Up is one of two annual trash cleanup events held on the islands — the other is September's Coastal Cleanup — which yield large amounts of trash and recyclables.

According to Melissa Upton of the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, last year two 8-yard dumpsters were filled half way, and another was filled one-third of the way with recyclable

material. Cigarette butts are the most frequently found items, but sometimes the beaches and roadways yield bigger things as well, such as refrigerators or mattresses.

"To move big items, just tell us where it is," Upton said. "The city of Sanibel always provides two public utilities trucks and two workers."

Keep Lee County Beautiful will again donate use of the dumpsters, which are picked up at the end of the morning by Florida Recycling.

Sanibel Air Conditioning donated \$500 for food and beverages to be served after the cleanup at SCCF, while Bank of America donated \$250.

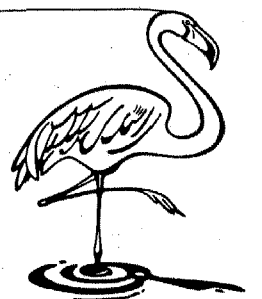
In addition to cleaning up Sanibel, Bank of America assistant vice president David Lowden will be coordinating cleanup of the causeway island, Sam Landry of Earthgraphics will be handling Captiva's cleanup.

The Great Island Pickup starts at 8 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers should meet at the SCCF Nature Center, the south side of the main causeway island near the restrooms, or at McCarthy's Marina on Captiva. They will be assigned either a road or a beach zone in teams of two, four, or six people. Bottles of water and garbage bags will be provided and volunteers should bring hats, gloves, and sunscreen.



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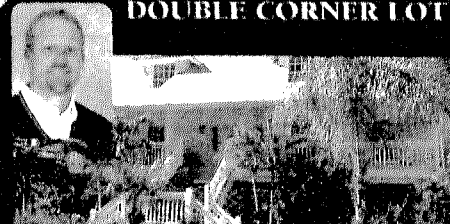
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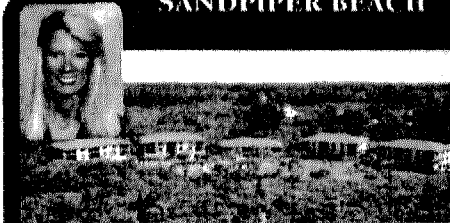
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