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In addition to publication in the Cape Coral Daily Breeze and the Island Reporter, The Lee County Tax Collector's Office delinquent tax notices will be available at numerous locations throughout Lee County including all offices of the Lee County Tax Collector, special newspaper racks and all offices of the Breeze Corp. including North Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres, Pine Island, Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel Island and Gasparilla Island. A full list of locations appears in this newspaper on page 5B.

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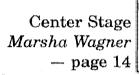
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Bailey-Matthews unveils new exhibit

By Michael Hannan Staff Writer

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum unveiled its new exhibit at a special ceremony Monday evening, April 14th. The exhibit features a Calusa father explaining shell use to his son. A mural behind the exhibit depicts a shell-mound, bayside village. The Calusa, also known as the Shell People, heavily relied on shells. They did little farming, so their diet consisted mostly of seafood and shellfish; and like other native peoples, they made full use of the remnants of their food source.

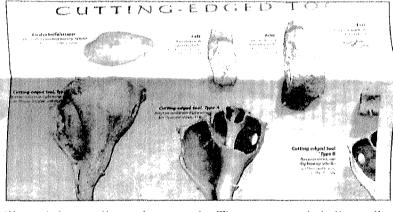
Just as the Plains Indians used bison hides for clothing and shelter and the bones of bison for tools and weapons, so too the Calusa used the fish bones and shells for tools, utensils, and weapons. They made celts — a sharpened shell tool made out of a queen conch to cut and shape wood. They used other shells to weight their fishing nets and also to ensure mesh size while weaving them.



Photo by Karen Nelson

José H. Leal, Ph.D., director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum; exhibit sponsor Anina Glaize; Artist Merald Clark, who painted the exhibit mural; and Douglas S. Jones, director of the Florida Museum of Natural History.

When sharpened shells became dull, they used the them for blunt tools like hammers. They also used them for weapons



like clubs, spikes and spears. They even fashioned utensils, jewelry, and temple ornaments from shells. They made little pottery,

so they hollowed out the inner column of whelks, leaving the rest of the shell intact, to make dippers, cups, spoons, and cooking vessels. They even used shells to dig canals and to create mounds for their houses. The exhibit is especially appropriate given that the area around present-day Sanibel and Captiva, Pine Island, Fort Myers, and Estero was the heart of the Calusa territory. In fact, the Calusa capital is thought to have been Mound Key, which is located on the east side of Estero



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Fishing & Shelling

On Beached Boats

It was a cold, windy March morning a month ago when I walked through the undergrowth of Cayo Costa Island to discover not one, but two beached boats in raging

We boaters have nightmares of this happening, but there in front of me on this deserted beach was a sport fishing boat of about 34

feet being pounded with every wave. A half-mile past that, I could see a small cabin boat which appeared to be anchored just off the beach in four-foot seas being wildly tossed about as the anchor fought to keep it from going into the sand.

I went back to my boat and got binoculars. I couldn't believe what I saw. There were two people aboard the cruiser. I looked long and hard at the second, smaller boat down the shore, but could not see anyone moving about. However, there were some objects on the beach.

I hurried down the beach to the cruiser. Each wave was slapping it wildly back and forth and driving it higher on the sand. Of course, it had inboard engines with the props well under the hull so each wave crashed hard against the transom or spilled into the cockpit.



"Are you okay? Can I call the Coast Guard?" I yelled into the 25-knot wind. The guy came out and was fairly calm. "I've called a towing company. They should have been here

"Is there anything I can do for you?" I shouted. He shook his head "No." "What about the other boat... are they okay? "I don't know... I haven't seen anyone there."

I went back to the boat and called a couple of boat towing companies. One knew of the stranded cruiser and was trying to get through the rough surf to them. I looked out at that stuff, all riled with sand and blown by high winds, and thought 'there is no way they can snatch this boat off the beach without going down themselves.'

I got back on the VHF with the towing company again. "What about the second boat? The smaller one?" I asked. There was a pause and a woman said, "We never heard there was a second boat on the beach." My next call went to the ranger station on the island; they had heard nothing about either boat.

I went on past the cruiser with the man and woman still inside waiting to be rescued. It took 10 minutes more in the soft sand. By now the boat had washed ashore sideways. Each wave pushed it violently higher on the sand.

The dark objects I feared might be bodies were coolers, chairs and stuff which had been washed out of the boat, but no people. I looked for tracks in the sand, but there was no indication of anyone near by. I couldn't do anything for it and,

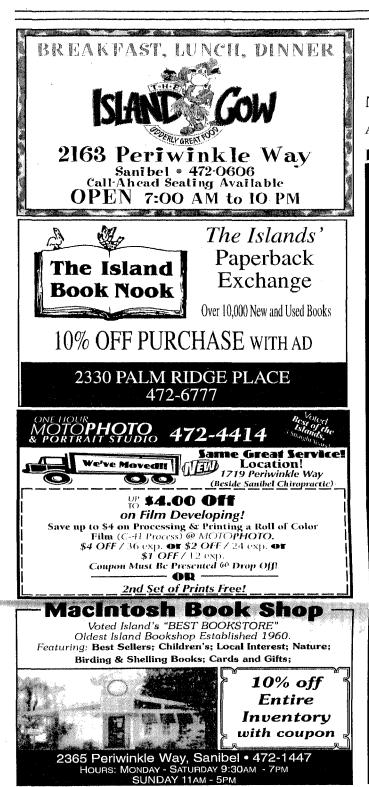
strangely enough, the boat was weathering a severe beaching well. The lower unit was broken off and somehow had wound up in the cockpit... I expect the captain hit something so hard it broke off and then got caught in a storm with no way to motor out.

I had to head back with my shelling party, leaving both the couple in the big boat and the smaller boat, too. A few days later I learned that a tow boat finally did show up and snatched the cruiser off the sand. There was some damage. But they got out alive.

A month later, here in April, my group went up to pose by the smaller boat as they shelled. It sits comfortably about 30 feet from the water. It's upright, still has stuff inside and ironically, there are a couple of tiny, tiny anchors out as it if is going to go somewhere. I have no idea who owns the boat of if they will ever come and get it. For now, it makes a pretty good photo op. I'm just glad I wasn't the one to ride it to the

I find a stranded boat about once every three years — seldom more than one at a time! It always has been in the winter months when strong storms come sweeping in from the

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.



HAPPENINGS

2nd Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt

"What's up, Doc?"

"I'm wabbit hunting."

Well, the hunting season is on, ladies and gentlemen — the second Flashlight Egg Hunt at the Sanibel Rec Complex. Start off with gym time inside while waiting for night to settle in... Then, when all is dark, the middle schoolers will be sent out as the hounds of Easter to seek the eggs hidden in the sand playground behind the gym.

Who will find the golden egg?

Participants will need all their speed, all their hunting skills, all their wabbit lore to find the secret treasure cache of chocolate goodies and other prizes the wabbit has hidden out there.

Who will win the "eggs-tra" award

for the most eggs?

It all goes down Friday, April 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. — for any and all 6th, 7th, and 8th -graders — at the Rec Center.

Be sure to bring a flashlight and small digging tool from home for this

once-a-year event.

Sewing Guild meets

The April meeting of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday, April 26, at the Lee County Extension Service in Terry Park on Highway 80. Trudie Prevatt from Three Crafty Ladies will present a program on Steam-A-Seam II and What's New in Sewing Notions. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 3.

The American Sewing Guild is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of home sewing. Membership is open to all who would like to learn more about sewing. Chapter meetings are held the fourth Saturday of each month. Dues are \$40 per year, and include the chapter newsletter and special discounts from local merchants. For further information, call Club President Diane Stramel at 458-2858.

Vets to meet

The Combat Infantrymen's Association of Southwest Florida, Company A will hold its monthly lunch meeting at Myerlee Manor, 1499 Branydwine Circle (Off of Winkler Road) on April 17, at 11:30 a.m. All Army infantry veterans who were awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Bosnia and Afghanistan are eligible to be a part

of this elite group of men. For information call Dan Sankoff, MAJ/CIA, Adjutant CO A at 368-5006, or contact him by e-mail at:

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SCA annual meeting

The Sanibel Community Association's Annual Meeting and Dinner program will be held in the Association's auditorium on Wednesday, April 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Members will hear reports and be updated on the operation of SCA for the preceding year.

A regular social hour, dinner catered by Island House Restaurant, and program will follow the Annual Meeting. Please call the office at 472-2155 to make reservations prior to April 20 if you would like to attend. The cost is \$13 for SCA members and \$16 for nonmembers (who are more than welcome), with pre-payment requested.

Tax notices to be published next week

By Kevin Duffy Special to the Islander

More than 40,000 delinquent properties are available countywide through Lee's real property tax certificate bidding process, but the savvy buyer needs to look with a sharp eye to find those properties which outshine their outstanding liens.

Anywhere from 25,000-28,000 of those properties, which will be published next week, are concentrated predominantly in two portions of Lee County — Lehigh Acres and north Cape Coral, preplatted communities where assessments sometimes far exceed the value of the land, Lee County Tax Collector Cathy Curtis said. "In Cape [Coral] you can have a \$5,000 lot with a \$20,000 assessment, and people are just walking away."

Nevertheless, interest is building among investors in these areas because developers such as the Bonita Bay Group in Lehigh Acres and The Realmark Group in Cape Coral are planning communities there, Curtis pointed out. The remaining 12,000-or-so properties tend to be scattered throughout the county and are auctioned aggressively by certificate buyers because there is a higher perceived value in those properties, she added, "Most certificate buyers are really researching, and looking for properties where the value exceeds the liens," Curtis said.

There are two types of property auctions: real property or certificate sale; and tangible property which can be electrical

equipment, furniture, etc.

If a delinquent property holder is not in bankruptcy, the tax collector's office can sell the certificate; the property holder then has two years to come up with the money owed. If the money is not forthcoming, the owner of the certificate can call for a tax deed auction, which is held on the steps of the Old Lee County Courthouse. The successful bidder pays the taxes on the property and earns the right to a certain return on interest at the lowest rate that's bid, Curtis explained.

The law is set up to protect the property owner, she continued. "The delinquent property holder has two years to come up with the funds to pay off the certificate holder. Governments have already received the money for the taxes. Doing it this way means government services don't get interrupted."

If a delinquent property holder sees his land advertised for sale, he or she needs to contact the tax collector's office and pay as per procedures outlined in the state statutes.

Tangible property sales work a little differently. A payment plan can be arranged based upon the minimum amount outstanding. "We set up automatic withdrawals and can seize the equipment after one payment is missed," Curtis

In Florida, where businesses are taxed on furniture and fixtures, the tax collector's office can petition the court for tax warrants. "This allows us to seize the property, and sell it to pay the taxes,"

Curtis continued.

Properties are auctioned in the sequence advertised, and all bids begin at the maximum interest rate of 18 percent, allowing bidders to bid downward in minimum bids of a quarter of a percent all the way to zero.

Certificate holders are guaranteed five percent over the first two months. "That's why people can bid to zero if a piece of property is extremely valuable," Curtis

Anyone wishing to unload a certificate has between two and seven years to do so, or he or she is stuck with it after the statute of limitations kicks in, she added.

Through another kind of bidding process, the Breeze Corporation won the right to advertise the available properties by offering the lowest bid to the tax collector's office.

By law, real property must be advertised for three weeks, with one week for tangible property, appearing one actual day in the newspaper per week.

Property owners also receive notices by mail. "We mail three separate notices to say that the taxes are due," Curtis said. The purpose of the advertising is to entice certificate buyers, not to advertise who hasn't paid taxes, she continued; "...to generate interest in buying certificates so the taxes are paid and government services provided.

Delinquent property tax notices will be published in two Breeze newspapers in April and May. The real estate and tangible tax notices will appear in The Cape Coral Daily Breeze and The Island Reporter on April 24 with the real estate notices re-published in each paper on May 1 and May 8.

In addition to publication in The Breeze newspapers, printed copies of the notices will be available at 270 rack locations throughout Lee County, at the Tax Collector's Office and at all Breeze newspapers offices

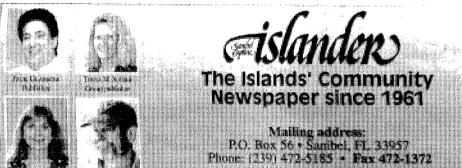
Those offices include:

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- The North Fort Myers Neighbor The Shell Factory, 2787 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers
- The Pine Island Eagle 10700 Stringfellow Road Suite 60, Bokecha
- The Gasparilla Gazette 5800 Gasparilla Road-Courtyard Plaza, Gasparilla Island
- The Island Reporter 2340 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel
- The Sanibel-Captiva Islander 695 Tarpon Bay Road-Unit 13, Sanibel
- * The Fort Myers Beach Observer 19260 San Carlos Boulevard Fort Myers Beach
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- The Lehigh Acres Citizen 1303 Homestead Road, Lehigh.

A direct link to the tax collector's website may be found on The Breeze newspaper's website at:

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OBITUARY

Katherine W. Comella

Long-time Sanibel resident Katherine Comella died March 22, 2003. She had lived on the island since 1979.

Preceded in death by the late Phillip A Comella, Katherine is survived by three sons - Thomas Comella, who lives on Sanibel; Charles Comella, a resident of Lyons; and Gene Comella of Boston; a sister — Rose VanValkenburg, also of Lyons; six grandchildren — Stephen and

Christopher, Erin, Gregory, Matthew and John Paul Cornella; a daughter-in-law -Erin Christine Comella; and one greatgrandchild — Abigail Katherine Comella.

A memorial mass will be held at at 10:30 a.m. on May 3 at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Sanibel. In lieu of flowers, donations in Katherine's honor may be made directly to Hope Hospice of Fort Myers.



Anything we love can be saved. – Alice Walker

pril came and the despair of the previous month lifted. I had letters of encouragement from so many of you and another beautiful photograph of a butterfly from my friend John in New Jersey. He always seems to know just the right time to surprise me and this was no exception, his photo arriving precisely on April the 1st.

What April could not do was to take away the pain in my lower back which worsens with each passing week and makes my life smaller because of its limitations. And so, much as I despised having to do it, I acquiesced to yet another test. This time an MRI of my lower back to discover if the pain is a worsening of my cancer. I go this afternoon to see Dr. Harwin and get the results.

My first inclination was to not agree to any more tests for the time being. There is enough going on with Mom's chemo and my father's upcoming hip replacement. I thought that I could postpone any bad news and resulting treatments for a few



Lisa Pierot

months. I thought I could convince myself on a daily basis that I had simply worked myself into a bad back. After all, so many people do. Why not me?

But some things really never change, and it is not in my nature to postpone. I am aggres-

sive in battle and have been so from the very beginning when I insisted that my surgeon cancel his golf game on Friday in order to perform the mastectomy. I also conned the plastic surgeon into changing his schedule as well. This all happened on a Tuesday when I learned that my biopsy was positive for breast cancer.

Most people allow for some time to adjust to the news, weigh their options. Not me. Never. And I can't even tell you with certainty that this was always the wisest approach. In hindsight, I can see that I would have done many things differently. I would have insisted on chemotherapy after the mastectomy just to be sure there weren't any errant cells, which,

of course, there were. It was not recommended and I was a babe in the woods in my journey with this disease. I knew so little and I wanted so much to believe the doctors when they told me how lucky I was to have caught it so early.

I am in a reflective mood more often than not these days. As I am unable to do much that requires walking or bending, I spend most of my time reading and thinking. I realize that it's not just about survival anymore. It is as likely a possibility that my back is out as it is that there is cancer there. If there is cancer, it means there will be more treatments, likely radiation. If there's not, then its just further proof of the toll all of this has taken on my body.

There are some days when I wish with all my heart that I could run and jump and take for granted that my body is willing and able. Instead, my pain invades even my dreams, adding to whatever random plot is being played out. I am on the beach but unable to walk. I am with a lover but unable to concentrate because my back is throbbing. My carefree childhood dreams now include scripts where I stop sledding so that I can take my pain meds.

I am not depressed. I am not unhappy. I am just trying to accept and it is hard. There is so much that I would like to do. I

want to take my girls to Ireland. I want to remodel the downstairs. I want to put in another butterfly garden. But mostly, I am a captive to the pain and, as such, I surrender to its demands that I rest and take it easy. This has never been my nature. I am not used to such limitations. But I am learning to adjust, learning to accept.

Our lives are so precious and so unpredictable. I want to tell my children to never take anything for granted the way I did, before cancer. Every day is such a gift and I am in awe of each one... regardless of the hardships, in spite of the pain. Just the other day, I received an e-mail from a college student in Saudi Arabia who found my columns on the web. She sent me photos of missile trails over the sea near her home. We wrote of our mutual sadness and condemnation of the war. But she is so much closer to it than I am. It was a miracle to me that she found me and took the time to write. It was April 1st, the same day that the butterfly photo came in the mail. I didn't fail to appreciate that God wanted me to know that March was behind me and spring with its new life was on its way.

I'll take that new life, whatever it brings with it. That's my nature, too. Until next week...

Spring Fling returns to Captiva on April 25



Danny and Bonnie Zaborac with their children on Captiva last

The Captiva Property Owners Association (CPOA) is presenting another Spring Fling with fine food, great music and remarkable vacation packages to be auctioned. Vacation locations in these packages range all the way from Costa Rica to Alaska and include some right here on the islands.

Last year, Danny and Bonnie Zaborac stayed on Captiva using a vacation package purchased at the festival. In a recent telephone interview, Danny raved about the wonderful time he and his family enjoyed. He even said he was considering flying down on short notice upon learning of this year's event coming up.

This year, Spring Fling will feature food, festivities and fun in the central setting of Chadwick's Plaza at the south end of South Seas Resort.

Restaurants from around the island will be serving up their finest, as music by the Troublestarters fills the air. There will be a full range of refreshments as well, and special events for the children are planned.

The event is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. April 25, with the live auction set to start sometime after 7 p.m. Music and food will be offered throughout the event.

Proceeds from the Spring Fling will benefit the community planning effort now under way on Captiva, as well as support administrative activities of the CPOA.

The goals of CPOA are:

- Foster frank and open discussion on issues affecting our island.
- Offer all Captivans an opportunity to debate the future of the island.
- Research and present alternatives to incorporation that will address current concerns without adding an additional layer of government on Captiva.
- · Build consensus on solutions to island
- · Restore and enhance a constructive and interactive relationship with Lee County

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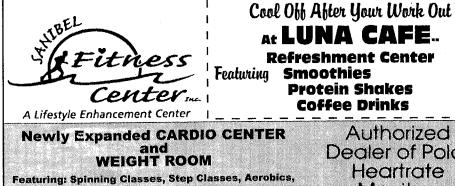
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SERVICE CLUBS

Rotary International

San-Cap Rotary enjoyed some fascinating visitors from the Outback at their April 11 meeting. The group, from New South Wales, was part of Rotary International's Group Study Exchange program which consists of a team of one Rotarian and five young business people representing their area. They tour to another part of the world to share their culture, to learn about others, and act as ambassadors of goodwill, peace and understanding.

The team was led by Lesley Cleaver of Port Macquarie, NSW. Born in England, she grew up in Australia from the age of four and specializes in early childhood special education. She has been the director of the Hastings Early Childhood Intervention Program for the past 18 years, working with developmentally delayed and disabled children.

In 1990 she was part of a an all-women Group Study Exchange program that travelled to Norway.

The five team members included Sam Barwick, 26, a farmer and economic development officer; Anna Ireland, 27, a person-

al assistant in an accounting firm; Raelene Monkley, 37, a collections officer with a credit union; Lindsay Saunders, 37, editor of The Advocate newspaper in Coffs Harbour; and David Turner, 35, an administrative manager with the New South Wales National Parks & Wildlife Service.

Local club members commented after the meeting that this was the best, most informative and enjoyable program of the year

In addition to the Aussies, George Whitson from Flag City USA — Findlay, Ohio — and the ever-lovely Rhode Islander, Tracy Summers, met with the club — in celebration of her birthday, no doubt.

The week before, the speaker Hugh Higgins, was introduced by Friedrich Jaeger. Hugh is the club's Ambassadorial student and he shared his insights into the cultures he encountered while travelling abroad.

He described vivid memories of the people he visited and with whom he studied following September 11. For the most part, the reactions were sympathetic, he reported, although not entirely.

Hugh was based in Austria, where people have a reputation for speaking their minds first and being politically correct second. He reported on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share his views on what life is really like in the United States with others whose only knowledge of the subject comes from what they see in movies.

Kiwanis birthday coming By Bob Wimbush

Kiwanis is celebrating 30 years on this Island! May 17 is our birthday, (Congratulations should be written on the back of a \$20 or larger bill and sent to Kiwanis, Post Office Box 1, Sanibel), and, not coincidentally, that is the average life span of a black bear. Kiwanians have a lot in common with the black bear. At least, it seemed that way listening to Neil F. Payne, black bear expert and guest speaker.

Actually, there are three species of bear—blacks, grizzlies and polars. And that's a little like three species of service clubs. If Kiwanis is the blacks... and we know at least one Rotarian is a polar... that makes the rest of them grizzlies (or female) and, therefore, dangerous.

Payne characterizes black bears as slow breeders: once every two years. And, like Kiwanians, they tend to sleep a lot, November thru May, and their kids are likely to crawl into bed with them the first year. But, after that, the young must leave or be killed — sentiments on child-rearing similar to some I've heard from fellow Kiwanians.

Payne has done research all over the world, but it seems the best place to find black bears is in garbage dumps. In fact,

the dumps in some towns have become tourist attractions because of the bears. Probably because he has lurked in dumps for a great part of his professional life, Payne seemed very much at home in our meeting.

During questioning we learned that CROW is about to build a cage that could contain a black bear — there are between 1,000 and 1,500 in Florida, and the facility is afraid someone might drop one on their doorstep. Payne suggested that a large male would weigh in at about 350 pounds. Once it's built, more than a few Kiwanians could be used to test it.

The similarities continue. Payne has done extensive research on live bears by darting them first in the hip. "They know what's going on, but can't do anything about it" ... a sentiment candidly expressed by more than a score of Kiwanis wives.

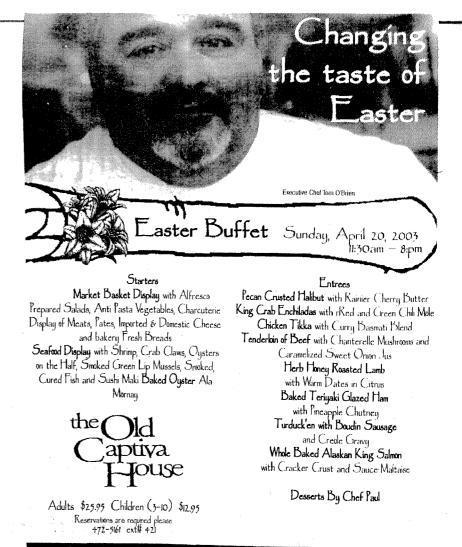
Also, like Kiwanians, black bears are sensitive and shy, and unlikely to attack humans. A poke in the nose will generally send them scurrying... unless you come between a mother (the dangerous ones) and her cubs. Grizzlies, on the other hand, are a lot rougher and, in a run-in with them, he suggests playing dead. In Florida, however, attacks by polar bears or Rotarians are statistically insignificant.

So, like Kiwanians, black bears are, well, lovable, and of little threat to society. They need their space and a little food and they're happy. A nice group to have around.

Kiwanis Dinner Coupon Books will be out on April 30 and, if past years are any indication, will sell out in less than 48 hours. So, even if you try to avoided being

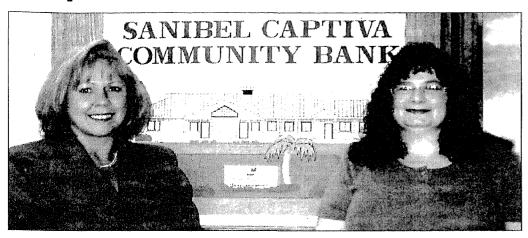
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Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank to sponsor ABWA Poker Pedal



Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank Assistant Vice-President Nora Mohr and Teller Supervisor Debbie Norris are ABWA members.

has generously agreed to sponsor the American Business Women's Association's first annual Poker Pedal. Everyone on the island is invited to participate in this new fundraiser to be held on Sunday, April 27. Just hop on your bicycle or rent one of ours. (You can walk or drive the route as well.)

locations designated on the map and collect a playing card at each stop. Participating businesses include Bailey's, The Beach House, Congress Jewelers, Copikats, The Cotton Veranda, The Island Cow, Islander Trading Post, Kirby Rambo Collections, Lazy Flamingo, Lucky Dog, MacIntosh Bookstore. Sanybel's Finest, Schnapper's Hots, Three Crafty Ladies

pant must complete his or her route between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Grand prizes

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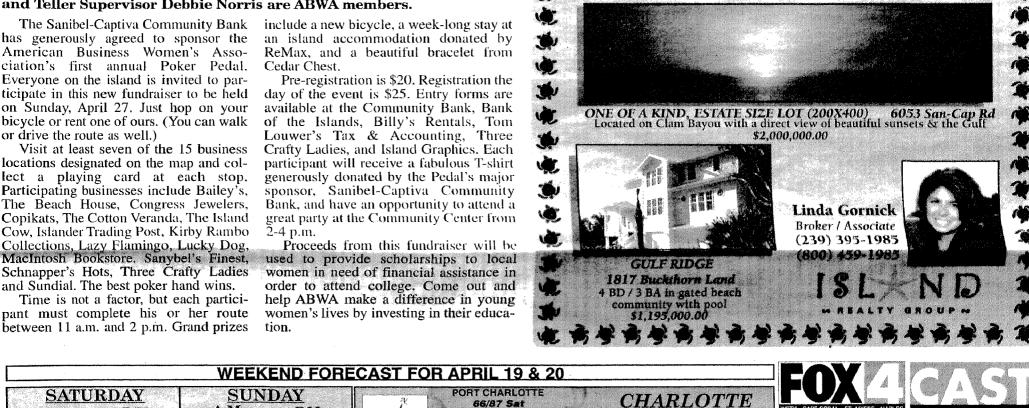
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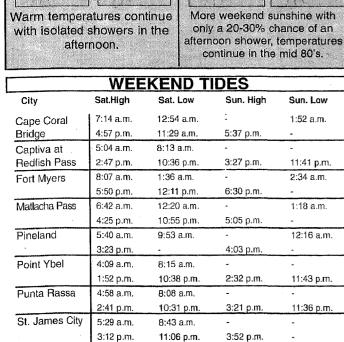
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Kiwanis breakfasts at the Island House

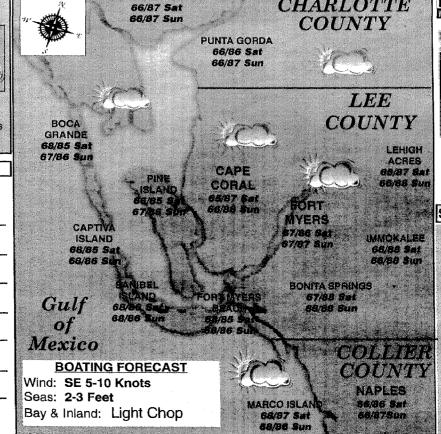
on Wednesdays, and the rest of the time at the local dump. Join us anytime, but the food is somewhat better on Wednesday.







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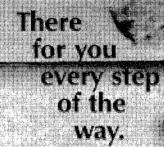
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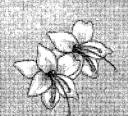
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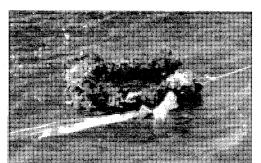
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The Blessing of the Fleet

By Amy Fleming Staff Writer

With Sunday's weather as perfect as could be for an afternoon on the water, more than 70 boats lined up for the annual Blessing of the Fleet at the Sanibel Marina. For the fourth year, Myton Ireland, owner of the Sanibel Marina and Ireland Yacht Sales, hosted the event and led the parade of vessels in in the yacht "Independence." The attendance for this year's blessing was greater than anyone had anticipated.

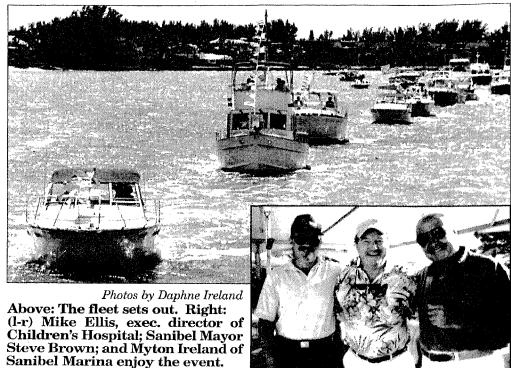
"Each year, we just about double," Ireland said. The Reverend Ed Vanderhey from the Sanibel Congregational Church performed the blessings from one of the boats, with the help of a loudspeaker. Each vessel got a personal blessing, as well as a shell with a prayer written inside.



"It was a little choppy, but everything came together beautifully. This is a

really nice thing for Mr. Ireland to do," said Nancy Albrecht, one of the many sailors out that day.

An evening reception with live music followed, with the marina staff gamely serving up drinks and hors d'oeuvres to a crowd that was nearly double the expected number.





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For meeting times, to schedule a free presentation, or to learn more about LifeLink of Southwest Florida, contact Terri Medina at (941) 957-4737 or (800) 262-5775.

Team In Training gets ready for fall season.

If you would like to experience the satisfaction of running or walking a marathon or half marathon, completing a triathlon or cycling 100 miles while providing support and funds for research to thousands who live with blood cancers, then Team In Training is for you! Team In Training is the world's largest endurance sports training program. Participants fundraise to support the event and to help the Society achieve its mission, which is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma,

and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. With thousands of members fundraising nationwide, Team In Training has become a symbol of hope and endurance to those who live with these lifethreatening diseases.

The Suncoast Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training program is currently recruiting volunteers to train for the following events:

Rock 'N' Roll Half Marathon, Virginia Beach, Va., August 31; Tri-America Series Finale Triathlon at WALT DISNEY WORLD Resort in Orlando, Sept. 28; The CycleFest Century Ride, West Palm Beach, FL, Oct. 4; Dublin Marathon, Dublin, Ireland, October 27.

The comprehensive training program includes personal and group training schedules, personal mentors (past participants there to help you through the program), clinics on injury prevention, nutrition, fundraising, etc., and most importantly, a personal Honored Teammate. An Honored Teammate is a local survivor who works with Team In Training to provide inspiration and motivation to participants. You will be training and fundraising in honor of a specific person; the reward you get from meeting these amazing people will be remembered for a lifetime!

If you are interested in learning more about how you can experience the thrill of competing one of these events, please planto attend the Fall Kickoff Celebration. For further information, or to reserve a seat at the Kickoff, contact the Suncoast Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at (813) 963-6461 (Tampa Bay Area) or (239) 992-5781 (Naples/Fort Myers Area). You can also log onto our website to learn more at www.teamIntrainine.ore/sunnrese, We hope to see you as part of

the TEAM real soon!

AARP meets and remembers

Story & photos by Renny Severance Executive Editor

On Friday, April 11, the local AARP chapter met at the Senior Center on Library and enjoyed a good turnout. There were a number of guests and word had gotten out that some of the islands' longer-term residents were going to be on hand to do some serious reminiscing.

No one was disappointed and everyone was treated to some entertaining stories about island history.

the Bailey's porch - unless you were airlifted off by helicopter as some were in 1960.

Grac Whitehead recalled those earlier days when cityhood was being considered, the first rules were established governing population density and the



Hazel Amon



From left: Shellie Webb, Deb Gleason and Grace Whitehead.

Some, like Deb Gleason of PMR Realty, and Hazel Amon, recalled life hefore the causeway when major procery shopping or other significant events in England. He eventually retired from involved a ferry trip to Punta Rassa. It was interesting to note that the cost of a ferry ride then was comparable to today's toll on the causeway.

It was \$2.50 for a car and driver, and additional passengers cost 50 cents each. Returning to the island, you had to be at the ferry and at least in line by 5:30 p.m. Then, if there wasn't room on the ferry, a second trip would be made and you could still get home for the night.

Gleason also recalled that in those pre-causeway days, the school was segregated — but church was not. The county went after the mosquitoes and children danced in the DDT fog that was dropped on them. Periwinkle was the only paved road and hurricanes were watched from

height of buildings.

She had been an army nurse during World War II and met her husband, Don, the CIA before they moved to Sanibel in 1969. In 1973 Don Whitehead determined that the island needed a newspaper and the Island Reporter was born with help from Porter Goss who had worked for him at the CIA. It took some time and effort, according to Grace, to convince island locals that the CIA was not actually trying to buy the entire

The only speaker at the meeting who was in fact born here was Shellie Webb. She was born the same year the causeway was opened so her ferry rides were all in her mother's womb she said.

All in all, the recollections were both fascinating and entertaining.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS TRIVIA CONTEST - March 21st -BASKETBALL (Pro)-

- Wilt Chamberlain holds the NBA record for the most points scored in a regulation game. How many points did he score? [a] 100
- What is the score of a basketball game which ends in a forfeit? [a] 2-0
- Who invented the game of basketball? [c] James Naismith
- Which professional team has won a record-breaking 16 NBA titles? [b] Boston Celtics
- 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? [d] Sacramento

-BASKETBALL (College)-

- Which college basketball coach was nicknamed the "Wizard of Westwood"? [c] John
- 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? [b] Texas Western
- In 1982 Lorri Bauman scored a record 50 points in a women's NCCA tournament game vs. Maryland. For which team did she compete? [a] Drake
- Which team has been the only Big Ten representative to win the women's NCAA
- In 1983 and 1984 a University of Southern California player won back-to-back women's NCAA tournament MVP honors. Who was the player? [d] Cherly Miller

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Beachview Tennis Club Friday, April 18th **End of Season**

Round Robin & Brunch For Beachview members and regular guests

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This event is our way of saying THANK YOU for a fun and successful winter season!

— Justin, Stacey and Kyle

Beachview Women's Golf Final Scramble • April 9, 2003

Amid swirling winds and rain soaked fairways that finally gave way to sunshine, the Beachview Women's Golf Association held their final scramble of the season on April 9, 2003.

The winning team of Diane Metz, Doris Weaver and Carol House shot a 45.4 with the second place team of Barbara McGuffin, Kathy Krause, Betty Puff and Sally Gillett on a tenth of a point behind carding a 45.5.

The Final Awards Luncheon followed in the Beachview Restaurant. Congratulations were reiterated to the winners of the President's Cup, the Beachview Championship and the Ringer Tournaments as golf balls and cash prizes not previously awarded were handed out at this time.

President Bea Maggio thanked Chef Mike Price and Doris Weaver for planning and providing delicious menus during the year. Kudos went to golf pro, Scott Hatto, and the Beachview golf staff for their help throughout the year. A short discussion of next year's plans for the season followed.

Outgoing vice-president, Kathy Krause, presented Bea Maggio a set of four rocks glasses designed by Lucas Century from the League members.

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South Seas honors ace performers





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Vicki Panico & Fred Newman





Mary Ann Cowart

Lori Pierot

South Seas Sanibel & Captiva Properties has announced its sales leaders for the month of March and for the first quarter of 2003.

For March, the Top Listing Agent for the Resort office was Gloria O'Flannery; for the Periwinkle office, GG Robideau & Lori Pierot.

The Top Selling Agents were Fred Newman & Vicki Panico in the resort office; Jane Reader Weaver, the Periwinkle Office, who was also Top Producer for that office; and, at the Sundial office, Lori Pierot, also Sundial's top producer. Bruce Jordan was South Seas Vacation Ownership Top Producer, and Fred Newman & Vicki Panico shone again for South Seas Resort.

The leaders for the First Quarter of 2003 included Top Listers, Mary Ann Cowart (South Seas); and, again, Robideau & Pierot for the Periwinkle office and Pierot for Sundial.

Top Sellers were the Three Marketeers Cowart, Weaver and Pierot; and the Top Producers were Rebecca Tracey for South Seas Vacation Ownership and Cowart, Weaver and Pierot for the other three.

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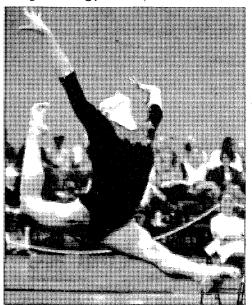
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Albert and Martell to Regional gymnastics



Stephanie Albert

It was off to the USA Gymnastics Level 10 Regionals in Birmingham, Ala., the first week of this month for Willow Martell, daughter of Scott and Faye Martell, and Stephanie Albert, island banker Craig Albert and Monica's daughter. Stephanie is also a reporter for The Sanibel School Beacon.

But things don't always go as planned... Willow managed to dislocate her elbow during practice after she got to

Birmingham and will be wearing one of those off/on casts for the next few weeks. Needless to say, she didn't compete. "But I do plan to continue with gymnastics," she said, "hopefully leading to a college scholarship. After all, I've been doing it since I was two!"

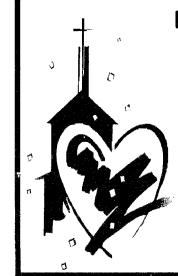
But Stephanie did compete. Did she ever! Seventh on the parallel bars and fifth on her floor routines — among competitors from eight southeastern states.

"I missed having Willow there competing," she said, "but it all worked out OK." Stephanie, as well, hopes to get a scholarship at one of the many colleges that now offer them.

Helen Dunn graduates from FBI Academy

Congratulations to Helen Dunn, shown here with her brother, Mike, and dad, Skip, at Hogan's Alley on the training grounds of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. Helen graduated as a Special Agent from the Academy on April 2 and has been assigned to the Chicago Field Office in the Violent Crimes Unit, specializing in gangs and drugs. She is currently on special assignment in an undisclosed place for 30 days and will be given a week's leave at the conclusion of that assignment to return home to Sanibel before reporting to Chicago.

A cancer survivor, Helen is the daughter of Barbara Dunn who works at the Sanibel Police Department and Capt. Skip Dunn of Tagger II Charters.



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Celebrate spring at Tarpon Bay!

This Sunday April 20, Tarpon Bay Explorers will host an all-day Treasure Egg Hunt on the grounds surrounding Tarpon Bay, in the heart of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The rules are simple — find an egg, win a prize. Everyone's a winner! When you find an egg, bring it to the gift shop and trade it for an egg with a prize inside. Win candy and other treats, FREE tours, rentals and merchandise from Tarpon Bay Explorers or one of many prizes donated by local businesses including Billy's Rentals, Captiva Cruises, Hungry Heron, Island House Restaurant, Resort Salon Services, The Seafood Factory and many others.

Think you're pretty smart? Children (12 and under) can try to guess how many jellybeans are in the Explorers' jellybean jar. At the end of the day, the child who guesses closest to the actual number will be awarded our Ultimate Grand-Prize — a cool Sanibel Cruiser bicycle generously

donated by Billy's Rentals.

Of course, it's not all about eggs and jellybeans. Tarpon Bay Explorers will also be offering a full schedule of guided tours and educational opportunities. Join them for a Guided Kayak Tour, Nature & Sea Life Cruise, or Tram Tour along Wildlife Drive. If it's solitude you seek, rent a kayak, bicycle or fishing boat and explore the lands and waters of our National Wildlife Refuge on your own. Summer will be here soon, so take time to celebrate spring and join us at Tarpon Bay.

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

Summer employment for youngsters

For the 11th consecutive summer, the J.N. "Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge is hiring high school kids for an eight-week Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. Designed for young men and women aged 15

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provides program the work/earn/learn experience. From June 9 to August 1, the young people work on landscape maintenance, construction/maintenance of boardwalks and trails, and removal of non-native plants, as well as assist with wildlife surveys and participate in environmental education field trips. No prior work experience is required.

The program is extremely rewarding, not just for the participants, but also for the refuge. According to Assistant Refuge Manager Susan White, "Without these kids' help, many important projects could not be completed. Past YCCs have rebuilt boardwalks, maintained trails, built fences and done routine landscape maintenance around." The job is not all work, however. Every year the kids spend approximately one day each week visiting various preserves and parks around the area. The two-prong goal is to develop responsible work habits in the youths and to teach them about the Southwest Florida environment.

Many U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service employees began their careers with YCC. Former "Ding" Darling Manager --- now Florida Refuges Supervisor --- Lou Hinds started with a summer job in the Youth Opportunity Corps (predecessor to YCC) in 1967 at Great Swamp NWR in New Jersey. "That period at Great Swamp was a life-changing experience for me," he says. "It's a great program for any high school kid who is considering a career in natural resource management.'

YCC is administered by agencies in the Departments of Agriculture and Interior, and employment is without regard to social, economic, racial or ethnic backgrounds, A Florida work permit is required, however. Kids are paid minimum wage (\$6.50/hour) and work a 40-hour week. Applications are available from local high school guidance counselors and at the refuge office. Application deadline is May 2.

For more information call 472-1100 X226 or X225.

April is Butterfly Gardening Month

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson has announced that the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services has initiated several educational activities to help celebrate April - Florida Butterfly & Butterfly Gardening Month, as proclaimed by Governor

The insect order of the butterfly and moth, Lepidoptera, contains an estimated 225,000 species. In the scientific world they are considered to be an, indicator of environ-

Five snowy plover nests found on Sanibel

By Karen Nelson Staff Writer

A second island-wide survey of Snowy Plovers on Sanibel beaches was done on April 10, and 29 birds were sighted; of those 20 were paired. The reported numbers might be lower than actual since there was a lot of sand blowing on the beach on the day of the survey and the birds may have been ducking for cover.

The first nest of the season was found on February 26 but it was predated on March 17. On April 9, the second nest was found and as of Monday, April 14, there were five nests with a total of nine eggs.

The nesting season is starting late this year and that does not apply only to Snowy Plovers. Noted Shane Johnson of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, which is coordinating the count, "With the cold winter and bad red tide, a lot of birds are nesting later

mental health because of their sensitivity to pesticides and the fact that many only occur when their host plants are present. Therefore, if the environment is degraded by poor soil conditions, plant pests or diseases, or if the area has been oversprayed, fewer species will be found.

Florida is home to close to 3,000 Lepidoptera species of which 189 are butterflies including the Zebra longwing, the state butterfly. It is known that during their caterpillar stage Lepidoptera can frustrate gardeners by causing considerable damage to certain native plants. However, it is only the moths that wreak this havoc making the Lepidoptera species a case of the beauty and the beast.

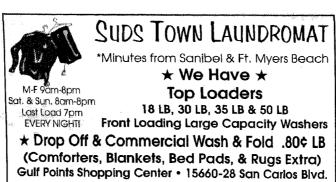
The Department's Division of Plant Industry (DPI) deals with both biological aspects of this insect. Through education efforts going on this month and beyond, Florida gardeners will learn ways to control the harm those pesky moth caterpillars can cause, while at the same time learn gardening techniques that will produce the magical trans-

formation and emergence of butterflies.

DPI's Florida State Collection of Arthropods consists of over 8.5 million specimens including approximately 1.8 million butterflies and moths. "Specimens from our renowned collection will contribute 60 percent of the insects to the University of Florida's McGuire Center for Lepidoptera Research, which is set to open in 2004 and will be the world's second largest facility of its type," Bronson said. The McGuire Center will be located on a property adjacent to DPI headquarters in Gainesville. A variety of colorful butterflies inhabit DPI grounds where the landscape includes many Lepidoptera-attracting plants chances are they will be visiting the live butterfly display that is planned for the McGuire Center.

Educational activities that DPI has planned include tours of the FSCA, public service announcements with educational tips for gardeners, butterfly exhibits at DPT headquarters, and creation of a butterfly page on their website with links to numerous other butterfly sites. For more information contact the toll-free DPI Helpline at (888)

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Breakfast with the birds!

Start your Earth Day on Saturday morning, April 26, at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge from 8-10 a.m. At 8, in the refuge parking lot, there will be FREE donuts, coffee and juice, followed by several programs from 8:30-10.

Programs include:

- Advanced Adult Birding Tour (Adults)
- Bike tour through the refuge (Bring your own bike; all ages welcome)
- · Birds, Bills and Beaks How do they eat? (All ages welcome)
- · Manatee Talk with giant puzzle! (All ages welcome)
- Kids Craft Table

No sign up is necessary, if you have any questions call Refuge Ranger Toni Westland at 472-1100 Ext. 236. Later that day, the Annual Earth Day activities will be held at SCCF and along San-Cap Road from 12-4 p.m. Music, environmental booths, programs and children's activities are scheduled.

On the San-Cap Road, pick up their Eco-Activity Sheet. Participants must answer four questions, get four different stamps from various other Earth Day exhibits, and then put the completed sheet in a raffle box at the "Ding" Darling Barth Day exhibit. A raffle drawing for prizes will be held at 3 p.m. at SCCF's Nature

Earth Day lecture on Friday

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will be hosting an Earth Day

lecture by Dr. John Fitch, professor of Environmental Science at Florida Gulf Coast University. The lecture will be held the day before the Earth Day — on Friday, April 25, at 1 p.m. in the Auditorium at SCCF's Nature Center.

Fitch was hired as the Senior Faculty Fellow at FGCU to build the Environmental Studies Program and enjoyed the position so much he decided to stay on as associate professor of Environmental Studies.

His lecture, "Building a Sustainable Future for Southwest Florida" will cover a wide variety of topics such as green building technologies and ecosystem management. The lecture is free of charge and open to everyone.

Music for Earth Day

The musical talent at this year's Earth Day event on April 26 will provide a wide range sounds from jazz to folk to good old rock 'n' roll. Most of the music will be at SCCF's Nature Center on San-Cap Road, but Tarpon Bay will once again be featuring the Tropical Jazz music of J. Robert who will be playing all afternoon from noon to 4 p.m. The Nature Center is featuring at least six artists, plus an open mike opportunity for anyone who wants to celebrate the day through song. The lineup of musicians at SCCF's Nature Center and Tarpon Bay includes:

Mark Vee of Estero is an accomplished musician who grew up in Miami. At the young age of seven, his parents bought him a guitar and sparked his interest in music.

Cindi-Lee Overton and Carol Provonsha. Cindi-Lee Overton is the pub-

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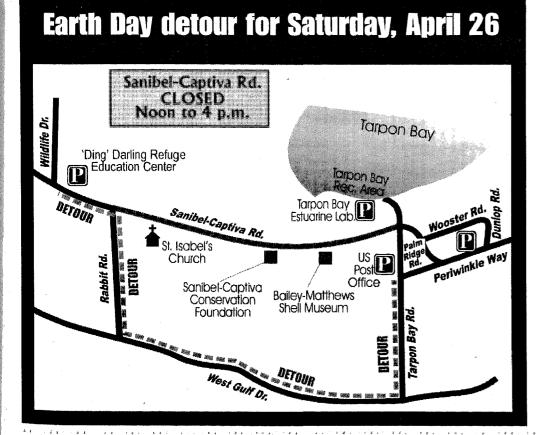


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lic relations & development director for Florida Repertory Theater.

Carol Provonsha is a well-known throughout Florida and "abroad" — a 30-year stage veteran with Actors Equity — who has appeared in over 90 different plays.

Cindy Hackney has been writing and performing songs about the Greater Everglades, native Florida culture, and local land development politics for nine years.

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Chris Lechowicz, a biologist/herpetologist and bass player, and Shane Johnson, snowy plover technician and rhythm guitar player, met in college and formed the band Vernal Pool, which was a rock cover band.

In order to make up for the missing 2/3 of the band, other SCCF employees have volunteered to sing at this event. **Beth DeGrauwe**, the nursery manager at SCCF, was the singer in a band called BEV in the early '90s. **Emily Lindland**, a marine biologist at SCCF's Marine Lab, has experience singing and playing guitar. **Erick Milbrandt**, another marine biologist at the Marine Lab, will also help with his guitar skills.

Worship Calendar for Holy Week & Passover

Chapel By The Sea

11580 Chapin Lane, Captiva 472-1646

April 18 — Good Friday

Noon. Half-hour service

April 20 — Easter

11 a.m. service with music starting at 10:30

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

2050 Periwinkle Way 472-0497

Good Friday — April 18th

Three-hour traditional service — noon to 3 p.m. (20-minute segments)

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Chapel — 7:45 a.m. Full Services — 9 and 11 a.m.

Sanibel Community Church 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's) 472-2684

April 18—Good Friday Service of Darkness

Characters from the Bible will present dramatic reflections upon the cross of Jesus Christ at the Tenebrae (Good Friday) services. The service will begin at 8 p.m. in dark shadows as the audience is encouraged to reflect upon the final words of Christ from the cross.

The cross of Christ is central to the Easter Story, for if He had not died as the "Lamb who takes away the sins of the world," the triumph of the tomb would not have its full effect.

April 20—Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. — Sunrise Service on the Causeway. Music by the Chancel Choir, the Praise & Worship Team, Teen Challenge and a special soloist. Donations go to Teen Challenge and Kids Around the World. Worship services — 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 9 & 11 a.m. Contemporary services, 10 a.m. Traditional service.

St. Michael & All Angels Church 2304 Periwinkle Way 472-2173

Good Friday

Liturgy at Noon One-hour evening liturgy: Meditations on Seven of the Stations of the Cross — 7 p.m.

Easter Weekend

The Feast of the Resurrection

Saturday at 5 p.m. Eucharist with Hymns

Easter Day

Eucharists at 8 & 10 a.m. (The earlier service is less crowded.)

St. Isabel Catholic Church San-Cap Road at Rabbit Road 472-2763

Good Friday, April 18th
Stations of the Cross — 12 noon
Veneration — 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 19th Easter Vigil — 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Easter Mass — 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

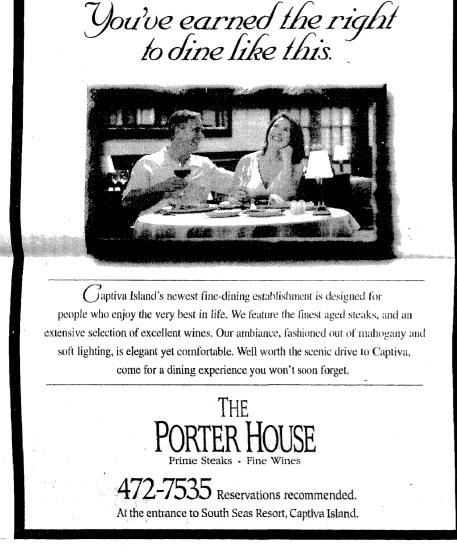
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Easter Sunrise Service on the Causeway

Sunday, April 20 at 6:30 a.m., hundreds will gather in darkness on the Sanibel Causeway to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. As the dawn breaks, a shout will rise up, "He has risen! He has risen indeed!"

The early morning service will begin with jubilant traditional Easter songs of praise and worship led by the contemporary praise band. An enthusiastic choir will sing the Hallelujah Chorus. The men of Teen Challenge Choir will fill the morning air with the sounds of joyous praise.

Early in the morning, while it was yet dark, the two Mary's went sheepishly to the tomb of Jesus. Much to their amazement, they found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty except for neatly folded grave clothes. With great excitement they ran to where the disciples were and declared, "He has Risen! He has risen indeed!"





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- 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 April 25, 2003
- Only one answer per question.
- Answer sheet must include entrants 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,

OlyMPICS (Summer)

- In which city did the modern day (1896) Summer Olympics originate? [a] Athens [b] Rome [c] New York [d] London
- Which is the only country not to win a gold medal while hosting the Summer Games?

lal France

[b] Canada

[c] Italy

[d] Australia

- Name the city which hosted the 1968 Summer Games.
 - [a] Los Angeles [b] Moscow [c] Mexico City [d] Melbourne
- Which boxer captured a gold medal in the heavyweight class at the 1960 summer Olympics?
 - [a] George Forman [b] Sonny Liston [c] Cassius Clay [d] Floyd Patterson
- 5. In the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics, Ohio State athlete, Jesse Owens, stunned the German fans by winning four gold medals in track and field. What high school did Jesse Owens attend?

[a] Glimore Academy

[b] East Tech

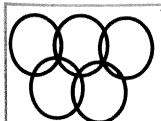
[c] Shaw

[d] Warrenslville

OLYMPICS (Winter).

- Who was the head of the committee that organized the opening day ceremonles at the 1960 Winter Games?
 - [a] John Kennedy [b] Danny Thomas [c] Fred Astaire [d] Walt Disney
- The first woman to medal in both the Summer and Winter Games was Christa Luding. Which was the county she represented? [a] West Germany [b] East Germany [c] Austria [d] U.S.A.
- In 1980 the U.S. hockey team accomplished a feat termed "The Miracle on Ice" by defeating the highly favored Russian team and winning the gold medal. Where were the 1980 games contested?
 - [a] Sarajevo [b] Lake Placid [c] Seoul [d] Squaw Valley
- I won the ladies' figure skating gold medal in 1968 at the Genoble, France, Winter Olympics. Who am I? [a] Gaby Seyfert [b] Hana Mascova [c] Carol Heiss [d] Peggy Flemming
- In which year did the Soviet Union first compete in the Winter Olympics? [a] 1956 [b] 1952 [c] 1960 [d] 1948

Name:



The March 21 Sports Trivia Contest produced 2 participants with 8 correct answers. Per the rules, the winner was determined by random draw.

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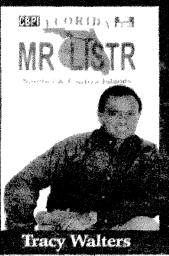
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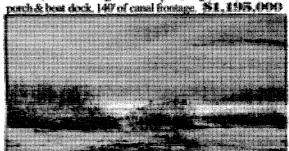
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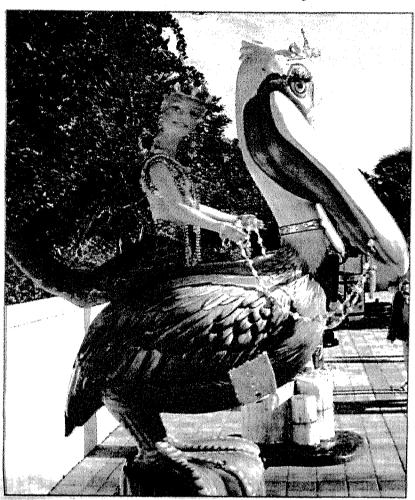
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Pelican Party at Coconut Point

Story & Photos by Amy Fleming ~ Staff writer



Michelle Wilke's "Pelichic of the Sea" graced the gateway to BIG ARTS for the past few months

The patio at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point was overflowing Saturday evening with supporters of the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and 39 of the most unique pelicans ever to gather in Southwest Florida.

The Pelicans in Paradise Gala & Auction was the culmination of a public art project to benefit the Chrissy Brown Inpatient Hematology Oncology Unit, the oncology wing of the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Chrissy, the daughter of islanders Steve and Lena Brown, died a couple of years ago after battling cancer. She loved working with children and her parents thought a treatment center for kids would be an appropriate memorial to her.

The evening raised a total of \$177,600, according to Patricia Chlipala, the foundation's director of development.

"This should put us right at our goal," Chlipala said. "We applaud all the support we've had from this community."

For those who missed the auction, porcelain miniatures of "Cast-a-Spell-ican" and "Ball Anyone?" are still available through the foundation.

Judy Wilson and Jim Schwartzel, of the foundation, came up with the idea of having artists decorate the pelicans, taking their cue from other cities who had similar projects. They put out a call to artists to submit proposals, and garnered some 700 responses.

Those 700 submittals gradually got narrowed down to 39, with artists getting a choice of two different fiberglass birds, with wings and legs that could be cut and reshaped to suit their designs.

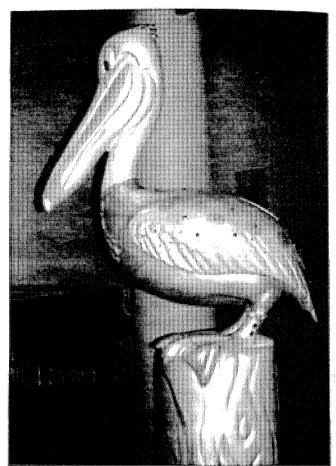
"It gave the artists the freedom to be expressive," said Schwartzel. "We were looking for creativity, uniqueness, and themes that would fit with this area."

The two molds were made by a Sarasota artist who has also done work for Universal Studios. Each pelican weighs about 70 pounds.

"The two main reasons for this project are 1) to raise funds, and 2) to bring art into the community," Schwartzel said. "This way, you get to have this kind of art all over the community, every day."

The islands had both sponsors and artists participating in the project, with Bailey's General Store, Bank of the Islands, Chico's FAS, John and Lucy Armenia, Sanibel/Captiva Trust Company, South Seas Resort, Sundial Beach Resort and 'Tween Waters serving as sponsors. Noted local artists Ikki Matsumoto and Teresa Kostrubala applied their artistry to the fiberglass fowls, which were on display for the last three months at Chico's headquarters in Fort Myers and at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Kostrubala's "Party Pelican" netted \$6,000 at auction, while Matsumoto's "Catching a Big One" pulled in \$3,250.

The gala evening had its share of islanders as well, with 47 residents piling into a bus for the drive down to



Theresa Kostrubala's "Party Pelican"

Bonita Springs. Steve Brown, who is the mayor of Sanibel, reiterated the need for the center, noting that three children who came in after Thanksgiving had to be referred to a hospital in Miami, because of a lack of space.

"We draw from a three-county area," Brown said, "Thirty to forty percent of the children come from Collier, 50 percent are from indigent families."

Groundbreaking for the Chrissy Brown Inpatient Hematology Oncology Unit is scheduled to take place next year



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The exact year is stored in a rather cloudy sector of my memory, but I'm certain it was Don Ameche who invented the telephone—and thank goodness, too. Otherwise I could never have received that exciting call from Norma

Storch a couple of months

"Is Sanibel anywhere close to Clearwater?" she wanted to know. Told the cities are about two hours apart, her level of enthusiasm clicked up three notches. She and her famous comic husband, Larry, were going to be in Clearwater for a whole week as Larry was co-starring with Tony Curtis in the stage musical, *Some Like It Hot.*

"Any chance you and Ginny can come up and spend some time with us? You missed out on Annie

and Reba, so I don't want you to miss this one." Checking our schedule, we asked if January 1st would be okay. Norma echoed our thought that the first day of the new year would be prophetically appropriate. Besides, for the past 30 years I've always enjoyed spending bonus time with Norma and Larry. "And don't forget your scissors," Norma added. "The way my hair has been cut lately, my curls have all disap-

Our friendship started because of hair but it continues out of pure love-coated friendship. Interesting, isn't it, the various ways we meet the most important people in our lives. I've been privileged to meet some of the greatest people on earth because of my hairstyling business, and I am not referring to famous people only, not by a long shot. The statement was true in the Hollywood/Beverly Hills area, and that truth most certainly continues here on Sanibel. No rap intended in any way, shape or form, but after a bit more than three years of extreme scrutiny, Sanibel is precisely the primo location in more than a 100-mile radius, just as Beverly Hills was for all those years.

After talking to Norma that day, I sat there quietly for a moment, my thoughts

drifting back in time. March 5, 1973, rose from the mist, as that Monday is indeed one of those positive Red Letter Days. That is the day I officially assumed ownership of Cosmo's Hairstyling Salon, the place referred to in previous columns that

was located just around the corner from Schwab's Pharmacy, the famous Hollywood Hangout for movie people.

A long-time client at Cosmo's was Dr. Eddie Cantor, an ENT who is no relation to the famous comic. Dr. Cantor referred Tim Conway to me; Tim in turn referred writer-producer-director Larry Sands; Larry referred astronaut Scott Carpenter, then Norma and Larry Storch, Whew! I could do five columns on this one paragraph!

The Ruth Eckerd Auditorium in Clearwater is a beautiful facility. Amazingly to me, it seats just over 2,000 people and is designed without center or mid-aisles, just those on the parameter. I'm aware of similar multi-plex designs, but they seat only 100 or so people.

Some Like It Hot was fabulous, four stars in my book, and I promise you, rose-colored glasses were not in play. Ten of the dancers have performed as Rockettes. Sugar, the Marilyn Monroe-originated character, was given new life by Jodi Carmeli, who had previously played Maureen and Mrs. Cohen on Broadway in Rent. If she becomes a household name some day, I get an 'Attaboy,' given the way I've been "Doin' it for Sug-ggaarr..."

Tony Curtis was vintage Bernie Schwartz. You could feel the pulse of the audience quicken, not just on his entrance, but anytime he took the stage. Sing? Dance? He was surrounded by consummate pros, so with understandable tongue-in-cheek facial expressions, he drew the audience in and all went with the flow. It was obvious he was loving it and, very importantly, so did we.

Larry Storch was born for the stage, always perfectly cast to make sure the audience takes its place as part of the

show. Larry's performance was reminiscent of his constant show-stopping run with Oklahoma! Many wise stars over the years, like Sinatra and Dionne Warwick,

often signed Larry on to go out and tenderize an audience like very few others ever could.

Curtis and Larry go back quite a ways... in fact, all the way to the Proteus. No, it didn't appear on Broadway; that would have caused quite a stir. The Proteus was a battle-worn subtender. We're focusing on the year 1943, when 20-year-old Larry, an already seasoned nightclub comic and celebrity mimic, was sought as an advisor and confidante by a 17-year-old swab named Bernie Schwartz. "I wanna be in show biz when this is over," Bernie confided to Larry. "Hey kid," Larry advised, "with your looks, go for modeling. That way you'll probably eat better,"

After "it" was over, Bernie read in the papers that Larry was appearing in the bar, that rehearsal was private. As Bernie nervously sat waiting, he wondered if Larry would even remember him.

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A couple of excruciatingly long hours

later, Bernie decided that this could be, perhaps, a very significant moment in his life... that if he had enough — what, charisma? — for Larry to so much as remember him, then, Hollywood, here I come! But, God forbid, if Larry didn't even remember him...

When Larry finally emerged from the door leading to the stage, the security guard approached, but Larry ran past him to the bar, arms outstretched, and gave Bernie the bearhug of his life. Literally. And all heads turned as he shouted "Bernie Schwartz, my good friend!" The rest, in case you've been living on Mars, is history.

Doggone it, done it again. Outta space. See you next time, Charlotte et al, 'n' I'll tell you the inside skinny on the making of the movie, Some Like It Hot. Stay tuned...



Yep, that's right — Bernie Schwartz



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Show raises awareness to stop violence against women

The North American touring production of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues, the celebrated and provocative play that has become a cultural phenomenon worldwide, will play Fort Myers for eight performances from May 6-11. Margot Kidder will take the center chair and share the stage with New York -based touring actors, Gretchen Lee Krich and Joyce Lee.

In the play, Ensler has given voice to a chorus of lusty, outrageous, poignant, brave, highly original and thoroughly human stories. Based on over 200 interviews with a diverse group of women from around the globe, the play explores the humor, power, pain, wisdom, outrage, mystery and excite-

ment hidden in vaginas. Having seen The Vagina Monologues, no one - woman or man — will look at the world the same way again.

Monologues has grown from an Off-Broadway hit into an international cultural phenomenon and has been performed in over 40 countries along with two North American touring companies, currently booked in over 160 cities in the US & Canada, and has been translated into over 35 different languages. Here in the U.S., the play has entered the popular consciousness and has been referenced on several hit television programs, including Will & Grace, The

Simpsons and MAD-TV to Ally McBeal and Everybody Loves Raymond, among others. It also has been a hot topic on national talk shows including The Oprah Winfrey Show and *The View* and featured in top media outlets from CNN, The New York Times and The Washington Post to Marie Claire, People and Entertainment Weekly. During appearances to promote her engagement in the Off-Broadway production, Calista Flockhart tried unsuccessfully to get David Letterman to say the word "vagina" on-air, but did join with Kathie Lee Gifford in getting the studio audience of Live with Regis and Kathie Lee to chant it repeatedly.

To capture the essence of the Off-Broadway production, The North American tour is specifically designed to incorporate guest performers. The tour travels with Gretchen Lee Krich and Joyce Lee, plus a well-known performer or celebrity filling the third chair in each city. Past guest performers have included Brooke Shields, Maria Conchita Alonso, Ricki Lake, Sharon Gless, JoBeth Williams, Jerry Hall, and Kelly McGillis, among many others, in addition

The Vagina Monologues is raising millions of dollars to stop violence against women and girls. In 1998, as an outgrowth of the success of the show, V-Day was born. V-Day is a non-profit organization that funds grassroots groups working to stop violence against women and girls and helping those who are survivors of violence.

The play was originally produced in an Obie Awardwinning run in 1996 by HOME for Contemporary Theatre and Art at HERE, in New York City and opened with

Ensler in the lead in its smash-hit Off-Broadway run at the Westside Theatre on Oct. 3, 1999. Following that soldout run, the play continued performances with three amazing women sharing the stage in multiple-week engagements. The Vagina Monologues is directed by Abby Epstein; Joe Mantello did the original New York

Performance dates are Tuesday, May 6, and Sunday, May 11, at 7:30 Wednesday through Saturday., May 7 through 10 at 8, Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11, at 2.

moment during the tour Ticket prices are \$25, \$35 and \$45 and are available at the box office by calling 481-4849, from Ticketmaster at 334-3309 and all Ticketmaster locations. Groups of 20 or more should call 489-3033, Ext.

3122. About the players Margot Kidder made her film debut at 18 in Norman Jewison's Gaily Gaily; starred in The Great Waldo Pepper

with Robert Redford and in Some Kind of Hero with Richard Pryor. She played twins in Brian DePalma's Sisters and starred in Quackser Fortune Has a Cousin in the Bronx with Gene Wilder, but it was her role as Lois Lane in Superman (et al.) with Christopher Reeve that

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Phil, Heartaches (for which she won the Canadian Genie Award as Best Actress), Trenchcoat, The Amityville Horror and Little Treasure. She was co-producer and star of the cable film version of Pygmalion with Peter O'Toole and starred in three HBO features - Bus Stop, Louisiana and Glitter Dome. She directed her own 50-minute drama And Again and produced two well-regarded short films, White People and Love 40.

Kidder is an alumna company member of The Vagina Monologues, having recently performed with the Off-Broadway company as well as in multiple engagements of the show across the U.S. and Canada. She is a peace activist and author.

Gretchen Lee Krich is a seasoned theatrical performer. She has been seen in New York in Dancing At Lughnasa, Uncle Tom's Cabin, The Seagull, Lear, Medea Eats, Mad Shadows, Summer/The Holy Mother of Hadley New York, The Three Sisters, Good, On the Verge, and many more.

In regional theatre she has played in *The Cosmonaut's* Last Message... at La Jolla Playhouse, Dollhouse on the Hartford Stage, The Beauty Queen of Leenane (Hartford Theatreworks), Spinning Into Butter at the Hangar Theatre, Ti Jean Blues (Actors' Theatre of Louisville), Anton in Show Business (ATL Humana Festival), Auto Delete, a performance of the JAW West Festival on Portland Center Stage, Krapp's Last Tape at the Beckett Festival in British Columbia.

She has appeared in Law & Order, Third Watch and As the World Turns on TV and in the film, Henry Fool.

Joyce Lee, a graduate of New York University Tisch School with a Master's in Fine Arts, was most recently seen at TheatreVirginia in William Mastrasimmone's Tamer of Horses. She received an AUDELCO award for her portrayal of Mattie in New Federal Theatre's production of August Wilson's Joe Turner's Come and Gone. She played Dolly in Target Margins' OBIE award-winning production of Mamba's Daughters. At LaMama ETC. she appeared as Mary in White Dresses, and as D.A. Robinson in The Covote Bleeds at the Worth Street Theatre in N.Y. Other credits include Our Town, Trifles, and the eight-hour epic drama, Sister Carrie, at People's Light & Theatre Co. in Malvern, Pa; Joe Turner... for the Milwaukee Rep, and Machinal with the Missouri Rep. Lee has toured Japan with People's Light & Theatre and studied traditional drama in Ghana, West Africa, where she performed at the Ghana National Theatre and wrote The Ethnic Groups of Ghana, a documentary she directed and edited.

And the playwright & director

Eve Ensler's Obie-Award-winning play, The Vagina Monologues, has been translated into 22 languages and run in theaters all over the world, including three sold-out years at Off-Broadway's Westside Theater and on London's West End where it took a 2002 Olivier Award nomination for Best Entertainment. It also initiated something called V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. Ensler's performance in the play can be seen in the the recently released HBO film. Her play Necessary Targets opened Off Broadway at the



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Variety Arts Theater in February 2002, after a hit run at Hartford Stage. Both The Vagina Monologues and Necessary Targets have been published by Villard/Random House. Other plays of Ensler's include Conviction, Lemonade, The Depot, Floating Rhoda and the Glue Man, Extraordinary Measures. Ladies, and Scooncat. She is currently working on her book and play, The Good Body, also to be published by Villard/Random

Ensler is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship Award in Playwriting, the Berrilla-Kerr Award for Playwriting, the Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Solo Performance, and the Jury Award for Theater at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival, as well as the 2002 Amnesty International Media Spotlight Award for Leadership.

Abby Epstein directed the Toronto, the Mexico City and the first national touring productions of The Vagina Monologues. She also served as the artistic director for the V-Day Worldwide Campaign 2002, supervising benefit performances of the play in 32 countries. Directing credits include the national tour of Rent (also the productions in Barcelona and Mexico City), Life Under Thirty, Stuck, Ecstasy, Problem Child, Exploding Hotel and Orestes (an alternative rock musical), The Lights, subUrbia, Manifest, Road, Catastrophe and Lion in the Streets. Her recent production of the comedy, Platonically Incorrect (featuring Sean Hayes of TV's Will & Grace) had a workshop at the Westside Theater in June and is currently playing in Los Angeles.

Epstein is the recipient of two Joseph Jefferson Awards and an LA Weekly Award. She is a member of NYTW's Usual Suspects and the founder of Chicago's award-winning Roadworks Theater Company. Next season she will direct Eve Ensler's new piece, The Good Body.

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month across the nation, observed in order to bring attention to this "secret" aspect of society;

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• Rape is responsible for 11-20 percent of

teen pregnancies.

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Top Broadway stars jazz it up

The Tony Award-winning musical Ain't Misbehavin' swings into the Florida Repertory Theatre, on Friday, April 25. Based on the music of legendary Thomas "Fats" Waller, Ain't Misbehavin' celebrates his sounds and styles — jazz, swing, stride, boogie-woogie, and runs at the Rep through Sunday, May 18. Featuring such standards as "Mean to Me," "Honeysuckle Rose," "Black and Blue," and "Tain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do," the show is full of the rhythm, humor, and energy that made Waller a legend.

Inspired by Waller's music, Ain't Misbehavin' creators Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby, Jr., wanted to transform the jazz pioneer's exuberant personality into musical theater. Ain't Misbehavin' premiered off-Broadway in 1978, subsequently moving to Broadway and winning three 1979 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Featured Actress in a Musical (Nell Carter), and Best Director of a Musical (Maltby).

The ensemble cast for Florida Repertory Theatre's 25th Anniversary revival includes Gil Pritchett, III, Franz Jones, Heana Kirvan, Victoria Lauture, SheVon Jacob, and Philadelphia native Raimundo Santos on piano.

Both Pritchett and Jones have extensive Broadway credits. New York Theatre-goers will recognize Pritchett as Three-Fingered Jake from the very hot Gregory Hines musical, Jelly's Last Jam. Jones played Bill in the original Broadway cast production of the much-loved Tom Sawyer musical, Big River. Both Pritchett and Jones make their Florida Rep debut in Ain't Misbehavin.'

Southwest Florida audiences may remember other cast members from their local productions and roots. The dynamic Illeana Kirvan has belted out showstoppers in productions of The Rocky Horror Show and Little Shop of





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Horrors at The Naples Dinner Theatre. Victoria Lauture returns to Fort Myers after making a name for herself nationally on the regional theatre and New York circuit. Lauture, an exceptional dancer with a remarkable voice, is a proud graduate of Cypress Lakes High School for the Performing Arts. The cast also includes SheVon Jacobs, a sultry and powerful singer, making her Florida Rep debut.

Director and Choreographer Jay Berkow comes to Florida Rep directly from New York, where his production of Jolson was recently an Off-Broadway sensation.

Fats Waller's flamboyant personal life contributed to his legend. At a notorious 300 pounds, Waller had an appetite for food, liquor and women. His taste for high living and his generosity to friends frequently left him broke and in jail, writing songs in exchange for bail money. The composer of more than 500 tunes, he wrote the scores for two Broadway shows, appeared in three feature films, and died at age 39 of pneumonia.

Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo says, "Fats Waller's music still has the power to excite audiences and influence music. His legacy has

endured the test of time.'

Ain't Misbehavin' runs April 25 to May 18, Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with matinees on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 2.

Tickets from \$15 to \$32, Call the box office at 332-4488 for tickets and information.

Florida Rep plays The Arcade Theatre in Fort Myers on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry.

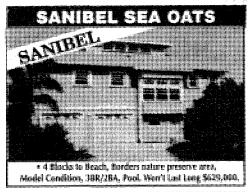
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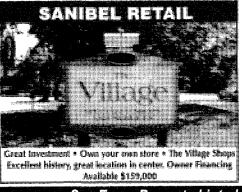


Gil Pritchett and Victoria Lauture in Ain't Misbehavin



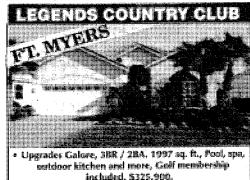












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The world of classical music may have The Three Tenors to dazzle us with their talents, but here on Sanibel we have The Three Talents — J.T. Smith and Friends - playing at The Old Schoolhouse Theater 'til May 17. J.T. has concocted a three-man cabaret-styled entertainment, featuring J.T. at the 88s and starring two veterans of the Schoolhouse stage, Jeffrey Searles and John Vessels. Both Jeffrey and John have performed their own one-man shows at the Schoolhouse, in addition to having appeared in lots of J.T.'s other revues. The program notes state that this show's goals are to "totally entertain you, get your toes a-tappin' and make you laugh... a lot!" And that is exactly what these three guys do.

The show kicks off with "Welcome" from the musical Cabaret, then segues into some marvelous comedy material like "Hand for the Hog" and "Thank God, I'm A Country Boy" which introduce both Jeffrey and John — not as the polished performers we know and love, but as country boys. Jeffrey hails from the small town of Harrington, Maine; John was born in the farinland country of Payneville, Ky. (pop. 218, for those of you who are interested); J.T., another country boy, comes from upstate New York.

Much of the first half of the show is that delicious concoction of comedy material that J.T.'s creatively fertile mind cooks up. When John launches into his

J.T.and Friends'll knock you out!

famous one-man version of The Wizard Of Oz, he plays all the parts from munchkins to witches - including lions 'n' tigers 'n' bears, (oh my), the Scarecrow, Tin Man, Dorothy and Toto, too — in less than a minute, with appropriate voices and ges-

tures. What a hoot! Jeffrey comically counters with "Cuz I'm a Blonde," followed by the three men sending us into gales of giggles with "I'm Past My

Prime.' Just when you can't stop laughing, J.T. changes the pace beautifully with some poignant love songs. Jeffrey engages the audience totally with his smooth, unvarnished interpretation of "Scotch and Soda" and "My Favorite Year." This talented singer savors lyrics, creating moods by utilizing his wealth of acting abilities... above Jeffrey Searles loves his material as well as his audience. His tender song stylings are a treat to the ears, the eyes and, most definitely, the heart. Bottom line - this guy is not only a treat, he is also a

mighty talent.

John more than holds his own in the singing department, with that bigger-thanbig beautiful voice of his. He blew the opening night audience out of their seats with the old Mario Lanza favorite, "Be My Love," followed by "On the Street Where You Live" from My Fair

Lady. Act One closed with a wonderfully sung, but campy, rendition of "La Cage Aux Folles" from the show of the same name.

Act Two picked up the pace with more adeptly staged, well-performed material. John goes on to do a screamingly funny take-off — an original musical based on the Hunchback of Notre Dame titled Quasimodo (including a hump and a bell pull). The zany "Three Men and a Baby Grand" which followed has the terrific trio is all decked out in Afro wigs and silver spangled dinner

jackets, proving that neither costumer Jim Conti nor J.T. has lost his offthe-wall sense of humor when it comes to selecting funny material. Jeffrey once again changed the mood with a tender rendition of Buddy" into the lilt-ing "Old Friend."

"I Love to Laugh" and "Teeny Tiny" had the audience in stitches once again, thanks to John's rubber-faced antics. Another high spot in this show that was filled with high spots was J.T.'s "I Love A Piano" — always



Marsha Wagner

one of my personal favorites. The rest of the show continued to roll merrily along 'til we crashed into that endless, yet wellknown, finale, "Don't You Hate It??" during which the opening night audience romped, stomped, clapped, and sang as directed by the cast.

J.T. Smith and Friends features three talented men — each different and each endowed with his own unique performance style. It is the kind of show that does just what it sets out to do, totally entertain us, get our toes a tappin', make us laugh a lot, have a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoy the whole thing.

So, if you're ready for one long ear-toear grin and great singing, you've got 'til May 17 to join J.T. Smith and Friends at the Old Schoolhouse Theater. Phone 472-6862 for your fun fix... just don't forget to tell 'em Marsha sent you.

The play's the thing...



The Sanibel Playreading Group.

...presented a reading of the full-length musical play, Mama, Mamee, (Uncle, Auntie in Tamil) — book and lyrics by Ruth Yonan Iyengar, music by Judith Marinelli Godfrey — at the Sanibel Library on April

Five members of the group — Judy Maurer, Winnie Donoghue, Bob Maxeiner, Claudia Burns and Iyengar —were joined by four professional actors —Robert Schelhammer, former artistic director of the Wood Theatre, Kelly Parker (Nunsense and Barefoot in the Park at the Wood), Rob Rosenberger (Asher's Command at the Wood and numerous productions on Fort Myers Beach) and Ken Johnson (Eighteen and Company for Florida Rep.) Sid Simon was the sound technician.

Mama, Mamee is a love story between Shirin, a young Asian-Indian woman, and John, a midwesterner, who meet when Shirin presents a Tagore poetry reading. They fall in love but are unprepared for the obstacles put in their way. John's mother had not envisioned an intercultural marriage for her son and Shirin upsets the dynamics of this upper-middle class family. To further complicate matters, there is

an unexpected visit from Rajiv, who still has strong feelings for Shirin that stem from many years ago when there had been talk of an arranged marriage. Grams, John's recently widowed grandmother, helps defuse the situation with humor and compassion. Shirin's uncle, Shyam Sunder, helps John's mother see why the young couple's love should be

encouraged. All involved have the opportunity to examine their prejudices and sometimes selfish needs as they discover how much this intercultural relationship

can enrich their lives. Included in the musical are two classical Indian Ragas composed exclusively for it by Shubhendra Rao, a protegé of Ravi Shankar. The poems "Come Home With Me" and "What Imagination in an Oriental Rug" are recited as the Raga CDs are played.

This is the first time that the Sanibel Playreading group has invited professional actors to participate in a reading. There were approximately 25 people in the audience. A valuable critique by actors and audience members followed the reading.

Mama, Mamee will have a second reading this fall in the Chicago area with actors from the New Writers' Workshop (formerly 'N Tuners). Two of the art songs from the musical were selected for a concert performance at the Musicians Club of Women in March held at the Three Arts Club of Chicago.

Kids Conspiracy into orbit

The next Kids Conspiracy show is out of this world as two brave felines prove they're no scaredy cats in Lucky Hightops and the Cosmic Cat Patrol, Episode One: Captives of the Dog Star by Lane Ridsley. The first of this campy series pits Lucky and her catty companions against the mad genius Dog Robber and his Mongrel hordes. Shows are May 4, 5, 9, 10, 17 and 24.

When Spaceport's top patrol sergeant Lucky Hightops is missing after a dangerous mission, Rufus and Cirrus making a daring rescue attempt and uncover Dog Robber's plan to rule the galaxy by unleashing his Ultimate Weapon. Can the two junior space cadets put Dog Robber in the pound? Will they rescue Lucky in time? Tune in in May to find out.

Lucky Hightops and the Cosmic Cat Patrol will be presented at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers on Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m.; Monday, May 5, at 11 a.m.; Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (There is also a performance on Saturday, May 17, time and location to be announced). On Saturday, May 24, the play will be presented at 11 a.m. at BIG Arts on Sanibel.

Tickets are \$5 with group rates available. For information, call 936-3239.

All Kids Conspiracy productions are free of violence and commercialization. Kids Conspiracy, founded in 1999, is the children's theater division of Theatre Conspiracy Inc., a 501 (c)3 non-profit theater company and the resident theater company of the Foulds Theatre.

Buddy Holly Story at Broadway Palm The Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is presenting the award-winning musical,

Buddy, The Buddy Holly Story, from April 17 through May 31. More than 40 years after "the day the music died," the life and



times of this true rock and roll icon come to the Broadway Palm stage in thrilling production celebrating the singer's brief

but spectacular career,

Buddy creators Alan Jane and Bruce Welch have been meticulous in their quest to recreate the story of his life, his music,

and the style of that golden age of rock 'n' roll. Everything that happens in the show is based on actual events.

Buddy's original sound and dazzling talent are highlighted with live renditions of his greatest hits, including "Maybe Baby," "Every Day," "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," "Oh Boy," "It Doesn't Matter Anymore" and "Rave On," along with Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" and the Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace."

On April 17, get ready to go backstage, onstage and live on tour with the hiptwistin,' earth shakin,' history-makin' Buddy. Tickets are \$21- \$42. The show plays through May 31 at the Broadway Palm. Call 278-4422 for reservations, visit the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers, or order tickets online at

www.BroadwayPalm.com.

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Guild show & Market Day

For someone who NEVER wins anything, the call on Sunday morning from Emily Muench was almost overwhelming. In the Guild Show raffle, not only had I won a framed Carol Swayze print, but also a beautiful little peach-colored clay lady's sun hat with a floppy brim, donated by the Tom Campbells.

The Southwest Florida Craft Guild's Fine Craft Market Day on April 12, featured local artisans, including past recipients of the Guild's scholarship awards, selling their fine crafts both inside and outside the Sanibel Community House. The Guild's awards program benefits students of fine craft at Edison Community College and Cypress Lake Center for the Arts. Raffle items were available at \$1 per chance or six for \$5 (that would be me).

The crafts on display were all over the map — I bought a pair of sterling silver earring "jackets" from Pine Island's Sara Aune (I need several more — different shapes)
— ranging from Gabrielle A. Nappo's intricate woven shawls and cover-ups to Muffy
Clark Gill's exquisite tiles. Gill's work took first place at the opening of the Craft
Guild's annual Exhibit of Excellence in the Phillips Gallery. For additional information, call Emily Muench at 472-2812.

--AWB

Streep to be guest auctioneer

Oscar-winner Meryl Streep will be "struttin' her stuff" as guest auctioneer at this year's Arts for ACT on August 23, annually one of the area's biggest social and arts events. Once again, artists Robert Rauschenberg and Darryl Pottorf have wooed and won a leading actress for the annual Abuse Counseling & Treatment benefit. Starting with Sharon Stone in 1999, then Lauren Hutton in 2000 and Lily Tomlin in 2001 and '02, the two Captiva artists have successfully elevated a "local" fund-raiser to something approaching a world-class event.

ACT Executive Director Jennifer Benton takes it all in stride: Pottorf is her brother. "They're just very well-connected," she said... [It really is all in whom you know!]

More than 1,000 people attend and participate in the annual event at Harborside; last year the auction raised \$350,000 — a full \$50,000 over goal. Pine Islander Mel Meo was last year's featured artist; her Tower of Hope sold for \$15,000.

Leo Johnson, who currently has a oneman show in Kassel, Germany, is featured this year. He and his wife Krista, also an artist, teach the Open Doors Art Program for the Alliance for the Arts. Open Doors Art opened earlier this month in the Founders Gallery at BIG ARTS.

For more information on Arts for ACT, call 939-2553.

Sobczak signings

On Friday, April 18, award-winning

Sanibel author Charles Sobczak will be signing his newly released novel, A Choice of Angels at CW's in the South Seas Resort, Captiva from noon to 1:30 p.m.

This is the first time ever you can own a hardcover copy of a Sobczak novel. Offered exclusively on the islands, a limited number of signed and numbered edition hardcover copies will be available for purchase.

For more information, call South Seas at 472-5111 or Indigo Press at 472-0491.

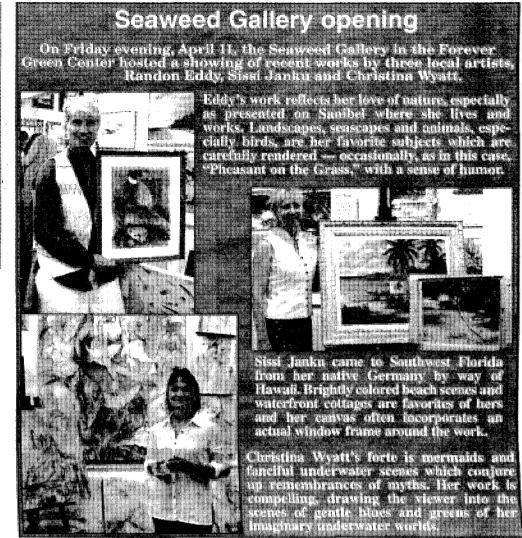
Books for Peace Project: In an effort to promote religious tolerance, the first nine customers customers at the MacIntosh signing and the first customer at the South Seas signing will receive a complimentary paperback copy of the novel.

Writers to meet

The next meeting of Gulf Coast Writers Association will be Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m.-Noon at the Beacon Executive Suites, 8359 Beacon Boulevard (just off Crystal Drive in South Fort Myers). Award-winning author Charles Sobczak will discuss his new, enthralling and timely book, A Choice of Angels.

All writers are welcome; no reservations are required. First time guests are free.

Check out the Association's website at www.gulfwriters.org for more information or call 489-1673.









Dr. James Brock, FGCU professor, left; and 17-year-old high school student, Jesse Millner, on the right, read from their work at the Sanibel Library.

The Sanibel Library saw a gathering of some of Southwest Florida's finest poets on Saturday, April 12. Sanibel Poet, Joe Pacheco, emceed the affair and participants included Don Brown, Tanya Hochschild reading her moving poems about her native South Africa, Laura Barr, Dr. Jim Brock and Jill Drumm of FGCU, and others.

One of the delightful surprises came from Jesse Millner, a 17 year old student at Dunbar High School in Fort Myers whose elegant poetry of sympathetic magic and primitive images artfully played in counterpoint against such modern and mundane expressions of "Hey Dude, where's my latté." She was introduced by Dr. Brock who commented on her remarkable abilities as a poet all the more notable given her age.

commented on her remarkable abilities as a poet, all the more notable given her age. Nearly 30 people attended the event and many read either favorites by other poets or works of their own.



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At the Seahorse Festival

By Charles Sobczak Special to the Islander

he evening wobbles into darkness, balanced precariously on the din of a thousand conversations and the constant parade of unsupervised grade schoolers darting through the crowd. Lines form and unform at the sumptuous buffet table, where chicken wings, bratwurst and ropa vieja vie for attention. The sights, sounds and smells of a spring festival in overdrive.

what they might like for dinner, juggling three

flimsy Styrofoam plates, an assortment of plastic

silverware, one Coke and two waters in their

hands as they do... a feat that would be the envy

of the best of clowns in this circus of friends and

Troublestarters fire up the first few bars of a blues

tune in Schein Hall as the man conducting the

silent auction in the courtyard yells into his mike,

encouraging everyone to "Bid higher, it's going for a good cause!" Buyers double back to the

Images of Mayberry by the Sea return. The



weekend retreats and dinners all search for bidders as the clock ticks its way toward the close of the silent auction, Determined buyers hover near their coveted prizes, determined to go \$5 higher than the last scribbled bid. Mrs. Von Harten, the lofty principal, and Mrs. McDole, her

understudy, bounce from parent to parent reassuring each and every mother that, yes, Rebecca's above average and, yes, Sean's finally showing some promise in math. Accolades and compliments permeate the cool evening air, while reporters from the Islander, the Island Sun and the Island Reporter snap digital cameras and look as professional as they can manage amidst this melee of reveling natives.

The wine tasting room is unceremoniously closed while thirsty parents fall back to the less expensive brands being offered in the foyer. No one objects. Dollars are stuffed into the plastic donation box as the Chardonnay and Merlot are poured copiously into thin plastic cups. Everyone knows the bartender, just as the bartender knows everyone. It is, after all, a big party on a small island.

Darkness envelops the event. The Troublestarters wind up their set as Johnny Bulldog and his band commandeer the stage. The night is perfect, as though handcarved out of a two-day blow by



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the side. I'm a part of it,

'though I remain distant,

observing the calculated pan-

demonium spread out before

me with a writer's eye. I watch

the parade of time passing.

Parents age, the lines around their eyes gathering, their waistlines several sizes larger

than anticipated. A scattering

I sit on the stairwell off to

of Florida in early April.

can put up with all this racket. The line breaks apart for a minute while a few of the children join their parents on the dance floor. They wiggle and shuffle about, never quite in rhythm to the music.

an angel. Cool, mystical air descends over the Parents pick up their kids and place them high on crowd and a gathering moon rises in the east. A simple village fair on a barrier

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dance to the sound of an old Creedence Clearwater song. They wear eyeliner and lipstick, making certain everyone is aware of their recent transition from adorable little girls to sophisticated young women. The eighth grade

boys are conspicuously absent, cruising the

perimeter of the party in makeshift gangs. Boys

acting tough and teenaged, never to be caught

round and round the chairs in Schein Hall as the

band rocks on. Some of them holding their fin-

gers in their ears, wondering how their parents

The lines of children move inside, circling

dead on a dance floor.

their shoulders, laughing together as its done. The lead singer looks out over the crowd and smiles, noting this welcome change from the smoky nightclubs they play in most Friday nights.

Time is lost in a whirlwind of joy. It might as well be a medieval fair, with the band playing lutes and recorders and the crowd dressed in

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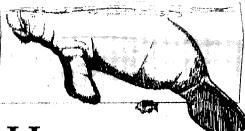
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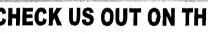
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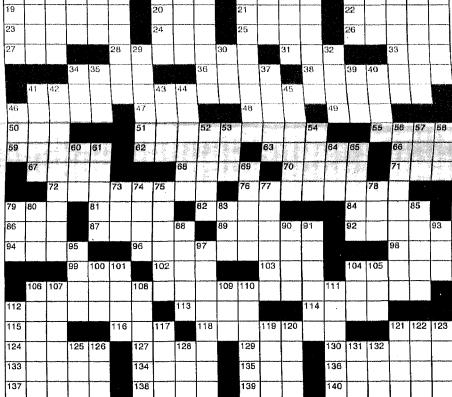
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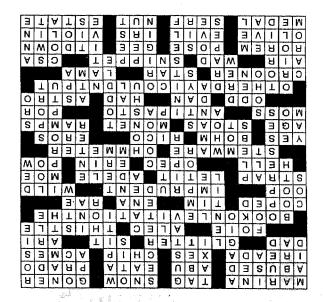
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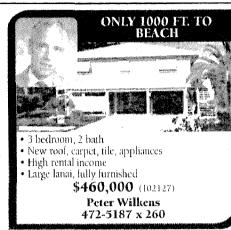
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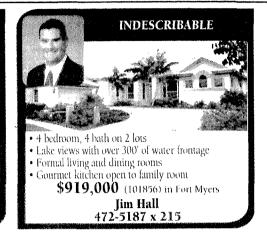






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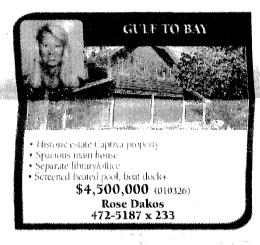


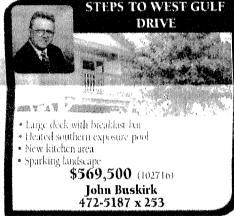




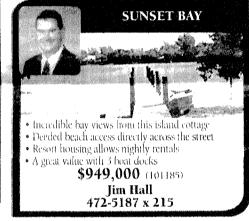




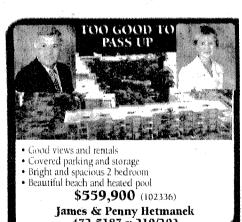


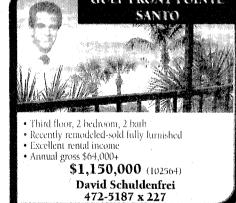














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