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It's Turtle Time again!



Photos by Linda Gornick

Left: Gene Spencer found the first turtle nest of the season while patrolling Bowman's Beach with Linda Gornick.

Above: Sam Landry of the SCCF turtle monitoring program stakes out the second nest of the season.

See more about turtles on page 7



This week's Home Pages profile Sanibel Air Conditioning and its president, Bryan Hayes.

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Gulfshore Ballet students to study all over the country this summer.

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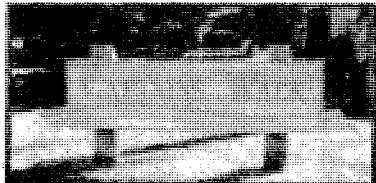
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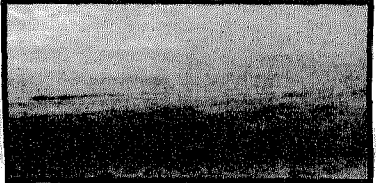
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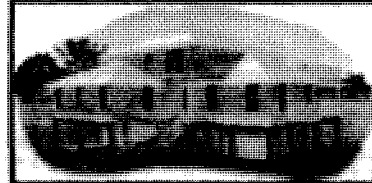
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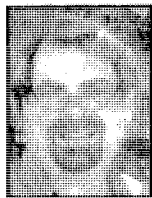
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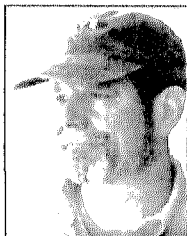
UP PERISCOPE

Okay, the island populations are diminishing once again and you can actually drive the length of Periwinkle inconsiderably less than an hour without even breaking the speed limit.

While the commuting is much easier there are some drawbacks. First, some of our good friends are gone and we won't see them for several months; on the other hand, it's a lot easier to get a seat at the bar. You see the dilemma.

Anyway, another drawback is the reduction in the volunteer pool, and now there is a new organization on Sanibel that could really use the help.

Operation Redstart is the new program underway at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's facility at Tarpon Bay Lab. Under the resourceful leadership of Bob Wasno from the University of Florida, a small but incredibly hardy and hard-working band of volunteers have put together the tanks and pumping equipment that have now

RENNY SEVERANCE
Executive Editor

succeeded in bringing a few thousand redfish hatchlings from just an inch or two up to some six or eight inches.

These babies are doing very well and before long they will be tagged and returned to the part of Tampa Bay from whence they came.

Fascinating as this is — and I assure you, it is — they could use some help. The volunteer corps for this project is some 18 to 20 people who cover a wide spectrum of experience and education. They range from salesman to medical doctor to college professor to fishing guide to chemical engineer, and more.

Some will stay, some will migrate. But even if they all stayed, now that Operation Redstart is up and running, they need help to keep it going. They are

looking to double the number of volunteers who can be available at least two days a week and hopefully a little bit more. Volunteers are needed for two shifts per day to attend to feeding, testing and maintaining water quality, and maintenance of the equipment.

If you ask the current volunteers about their involvement, they will tell you about the fun they have, the things they learn, and the rewards of doing something extremely worthwhile. Many are avid fisherfolk and they all express a strong desire to make sure their grandchildren will be able to go fishing too.

Without research programs like Operation Redstart and a commitment to ways of defeating problems of overfishing and pollution, those kids won't have much to fish for.

The program is both important and fascinating and anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about it can call Bob Wasno at 461-7518 or e-mail him at wasnorm@leegov.com.

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City of Sanibel honors military



Renny Severance photo
Bob Hermna and Randy Carson of the San-Cap American Legion Post 123 retrieve the colors at City Hall on May 6 during the ceremony recognizing May as National Military Appreciation month.

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HAPPENINGS

Surf's Up! Luau Lock-In Pool Party

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TONIGHT, Friday, May 9, Sanibel Recreation Center and the Sanibel School's student government are co-sponsoring a final middle school luau pool party from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Public pool.

The city recreation department will be providing the entertainment while the school provides the cookout. A local band will provide an awesome exhibition live on the pool deck during the party; Middle School sensation Kory Phillips will play solo guitar sets during the band's intermissions. There will be hot dogs and burgers for the kids to munch on as well as games, prizes, and luau music for all. The event is open to all sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

Afterwards, exclusively for eighth graders, there will be a Lock-In at the Civic Center next to the Fire Station on Palm Ridge. That begins at 9, giving the eighth graders an hour to go home, change, and get what they need to spend the night with their buddies. Food and some movies and music will be provided, but the kids are asked to bring at least one CD, movie, or board game. Parents can pick up their kids the following morning between 9 and 10. This is one last great slumber party for the entire class of 2003 before they each go to their separate high schools in the fall.

Cost for the Luau is \$3. For the eighth

graders also attending the Lock-In the price is \$5, and they need remember to bring a board game, CD, or movie. For any questions, please contact Nick Brown or Dave DeFonzo at 472-0345, Hope to see you there!

NOTICE:

The Rec Center's Pool will be closed to the general public tonight, Friday, May 9, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for the Middle School's luau.

For any questions, please contact staff at 472-0345.

Box lunch next Tuesday

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce's monthly box lunch will be Tuesday, May 13, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The Island Cow Restaurant will cater the event.

D. T. Minich, executive director of the Lee Island Coast Visitor & Convention Bureau, will address the audience on what the VCB marketing campaign is.

The cost of the lunch is \$10; reservations must be made by 5 p.m. today, Friday, May 9. After that date, and at the door, the cost is \$14. Call 472-1966 for reservations or e-mail your reservation to office@sanibel-captiva.org.

The chamber hosts a monthly box lunch the second Tuesday of every month. If you would like to help cater the luncheon on future dates, please call Ava at 472-1080, ext. 225.

Sanibel is sizzling with Swing & Salsa



National Dance Champion Honey Larsen will be teaching a New Swing & Salsa Dance Course, basic level, at the Sanibel Fitness Center starting Tuesday, June 3 for four weeks. Meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the course is \$60 per person with a special discount for Fitness Center members. Couples and singles are welcome. Call 415-1951 for registration and more information. The Sanibel Fitness Center is at 975 Rabbit Road.

Veterans' news

The Combat Infantrymen's Association of Southwest Florida, Company A, will hold their monthly lunch meeting at Myerlee Manor at 1499 Brandywine Circle in Fort Myers on Thursday, May 15, at

11:30 a.m. 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 part of this group of men.


For more information call Dan Sankoff at 368-5006 or e-mail: Silverfox236@aol.com.

Red Cross offers babysitting course

Many parents believe that any young person is a good candidate for babysitting services. They need to realize that babysitting is no longer a simple matter of feeding, diapering and putting down children at bedtime. Being around babies, infants, and toddlers does not qualify kids to be good babysitters.

The Lee county Chapter of the American Red Cross can provide proper training through its six-hour babysitting course. The fun, interactive course targets youths ages 11 to 15 and provides them with the information, skills and confidence to care for infants through primary school-age children. It provides a range of injury prevention tips, first aid and basic care skills and helps develop professionalism and skills in decision-making and leadership. It is taught every fourth Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Red Cross headquarters, 2516 Colonial in Fort Myers and covers everything from identifying safety problems around the house and yard to selecting age-appropriate toys and games. It is organized in 35-to-90-minute segments for easy learning and includes information on

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THE METASTATIC LIFE

"To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else."

— Marlene Dietrich

Halfway through radiation, I am besieged by nausea on a daily basis. It reminds me of morning sickness when I was pregnant with Emily and sometimes, when it is at its worst, I pretend that's what it is... as though a good thing is happening and, if I only endure this a little longer, a miracle will be the result. I think I must be crazy but finally decide my coping techniques, just like everyone else's, are unique and should not be questioned.



Lisa Pierot

While the nausea continues without a break, the pain lessens every day and I find myself amused at the trade-off. I know the nausea is only temporary and the lack of pain should be fairly permanent — at least where my lower back is concerned, so it's really a pretty good deal.

But sometimes I just have to laugh as I imagine Gilda Radner in her Rosanne Rosanna Danna role saying, "It's always something! Either you have a pain in your lower back or you throw up all day!"

The first couple of weeks I was a good girl and didn't do anything other than read and nap and let the house crumble around me. But now that the pain is improving, I find myself tempted to take on a project or two.

So I didn't hesitate to promise Emily, who is just turning 13, that I would throw another birthday party to rival last year's when we chose a Disco Inferno Murder Mystery theme complete with black light, disco balls and the best of what I refer to as the "Boogie Fever" songs of the '80s. The kids watched *Saturday Night Fever* and danced until the wee hours, and it was a big thrill for them to visit an era that they weren't around to experience the first time.

This year I found an Italian Dinner Murder Mystery Theme, so I am busy trying to transform the dining room into an Italian restaurant complete with a red checkered table cloth, the best Italian mob hits CD and a recipe that includes spaghetti and meatballs and Tiramisu.

It's fun, but I question my sanity on a daily basis. Fortunately for me, my sister Carrie is here from Virginia and is happily taking on such things as the making of the cake and the shopping for all things Italian. Our mission tomorrow is to find green food coloring in the form of a powder. Carrie is an expert cake maker and informs me that we can only make a cake that looks like the Italian flag with professional powder which will get it really green. I am impressed but remain clueless. I will follow on her coat tails wherever she wants to go.

With only 10 treatments left, I feel like I will be finished soon enough and life just might return to some kind of normal. I don't think too much about the next PET Scan and what it will or won't show. I know there's no point in going there other than to speculate on every ache and pain and I've been doing this long enough to know better.

I realized the other day that Emily was only four when I was originally diagnosed with early stage cancer. I think I threw her a Barney birthday party that year. I could not have imagined then that I would be here now and planning her first official teenage bash.

These are the kind of blessings that make each day a wonder to me. And each day in my mailbox I find a card or letter from one of you offering encouragement. You write because you know me, even though most of us have never met face to face. And I think this is a miraculous thing. I am humbled and in awe of it. I am grateful and I am strengthened by it. You keep me going and there are some days when that's all that keeps me going.

So, this Friday when the girls are listening to Louis Prima and Bobby Darin, and while they are watching *Moonstruck* and *My Cousin Vinny*, I will remember to make a toast to this crazy life and how incredibly blessed I have been to be on this journey with so many of you. I will toast to good health and long life and I will believe anything is possible as long as you have good friends and a sense of humor. Thank you for giving me both.

Until next week...

Happenings, from page 4

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Shake Baby Syndrome along with the new Poison Control Center phone number.

Class size is limited and advance registration and payment of the \$45 course fee are required. Contact Diane Austin, Health & Safety Specialist at 278-3401.

Washed out March of Dimes walk rescheduled

The March of Dimes walkers who got rained and "light'ned" out on April 26 can attend a special celebration and walk on Saturday, May 10 (tomorrow) at Florida Gulf Coast University's new Alico Arena. Registration is at 9 a.m., followed by the walk from 10-noon.

"We hope everyone who raised money for WalkAmerica in Collier and Lee counties will come out to the Arena tomorrow and have a great time," said Norma Eveland, executive director of the Southwest Coast Division of the March of Dimes. Major sponsors of WalkAmerica include Wachovia and A. Vernon Allen Builder, Inc. along with ABC-7, 104.7, 102.9 and 101.9 FM.

State bonsai convention

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida is hosting the Florida State Bonsai Convention from May 23-25 at the Ramada Inn Downtown. This is the first time the local chapter has ever hosted this large event and only the second time it has taken

place on the west coast of the state in its 30-year history.

Speakers and vendors from across the country as well as Florida will be in attendance offering workshops and demonstrations to registrants. The convention will also host an award-winning bonsai exhibit with trees from all over the state, a bonsai bazaar, raffles and special sessions in which the public may watch bonsai masters create bonsai.

Among the speakers are bonsai masters Ernie Kuo and Ben Oki from California and Suthin Sukosolvisit from Massachusetts. Those headliners will be joined by Mike Carrett from Palm City, Mary Madison from Homestead, Richard Miller from Atlantis, James Smith and Jim Van Landingham from Vero Beach, Ed Trout from Pembroke Pines, and Jim Moody and Allen Carver from Jupiter, Florida.

On Saturday, May 24, at 2 p.m. in the Aqua Dome at the Ramada, a free bonsai workshop for 10 people chosen in a random drawing will provide instruction and a free bonsai to take home. At the same time, a demonstration on creating a bonsai from a bougainvillea will take place, and some lucky audience member will receive this tree free of charge.

And, just in case the program doesn't sound complete enough for you, Chef Martin from the Blue Pepper Gourmet Shop & Restaurant will be conducting a hands-on workshop for convention attendees on the art of making sushi. Ten people will get to work with the chef in learning the basics and each will receive a sushi-making kit and recipes.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Brown Cain

Richard Cain of Fort Myers, formerly of Sanibel, died April 30, 2003. He was 88.

A graduate of Seymore High School in 1931, Cain attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa and Iowa State in Ames. He and Irva L. Faris were married in 1936.

He retired from Sivyver Steel in 1979 as vice president of operations after more than 40 years in the steel industry. The couple had moved to Sanibel in 1976 and became active in the Sanibel Community Church and San-Cap Kiwanis. He was a member of Cypress Lake United Methodist Church at the time of his death.

Cain is survived by his wife; two sons — Tom and his wife, Suzanne, and John and his wife, Linda; three grand-daughters and four great-grandchildren.

He was a wonderful, kind and gentle husband.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers 33908. Services are private.

Celebration of Life

Jack Dean Paugh

Jack Paugh died Thursday, May 1, 2003 after a brief illness. Born Sept. 14, 1957 in Kenton, Ohio, Paugh came to Florida shortly after graduation and had worked on Sanibel ever since moving to the state. He was one of the first employees of the

City of Sanibel's Public Works Department and worked for Earth Care, Inc. for the past 16 years.

Paugh's brother, Tony, preceded him in death; he is survived by a sister, Tina Paugh, and a half-brother, Joey Martin, both of Michigan.

Jack will always be remembered for being fun-loving, out-going and an honest person.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held Sunday, May 18, on the causeway at 4 p.m. A reception will follow and all of Jack's many friends are invited to join in.



Jack Dean Paugh

Jane F. Price

Former part-time Sanibel resident Jane Price, died May 7 at Shell Point. She was 82.

Born in Elgin, Iowa, when Price was 17 she moved to Des Moines where she attended school, worked in publishing and at an aircraft engine factory. In 1941 she married Benjamin F. Price. The couple moved to New York City in 1944, living in Greenwich Village and later in Stuyvesant Town. While in New York, she worked at both NBC News and the New York Daily News.

In 1962, she and her husband moved to Pleasantville, N.Y. where they raised two sons, Jeff and Andy. In addition to running her household, Price did volunteer work with the Junior League and the Northern Westchester Hospital. Later, she began a

real estate career that she pursued successfully in Westchester and Burlington, Vt. for about 25 years.

In 1974 the couple moved to Charlotte, Vt., settling there year-round until the early '90s when they partially relocated to Sanibel, splitting their time between the two locations. Price was a volunteer at the Sanibel Library and a member of Sanibel Congregational Church. Her husband died in 1994; she is survived by her two sons and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Congregational Church on Monday, May 12, at 2 p.m. Contributions in Price's memory may be made to Shell Point Hope Hospice, 1500 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers 33908.

WEDDING

Cappel - Fulkerson

Dawn Cappel and Jai Fulkerson eloped to Las Vegas on March 19, 2003. They were married at the Chapel of Love.

Dawn is the daughter of Kathy and Tom Scott of Punta Gorda and Darrel and June Cappel of Macon, Ga. She is a billing supervisor for Florida Cancer Specialists and works part-time doing casino junkets for Games & Travel.

Jai is the son of Gloria Fulkerson of North Fort Myers and Dan Fulkerson of Stillwater, Okla. He is the owner and operator of Tarpon Bay Builders, Inc., a custom homebuilder and remodeling contractor for residents of Sanibel and Captiva that has been in business since 1984.

The couple has lived in Sanibel for the past four years.

Sanibel School, number one

By Michael Hannan
Staff Writer

Barbara Von Harten, principal of the Sanibel School, learned Friday that the school's eighth graders ranked number one in "Florida Writes," the state's FCAT writing test. The students averaged slightly over 5.1 out of a possible six points, edging out Miami Shores/Barry University. The next highest score in the Lee County School System was the Diplomat Middle School with a 4.4 average.

The test has two versions — expository writing and persuasive writing. Students don't have a choice. When they sit for the test and open their packets, they find out which one they have been assigned. Then they have 45 minutes to respond to a prompt. Fifty-five Sanibel eighth graders sat for the test, 28 got the expository topic; 27, the persuasive one.

No Sanibel student scored less than a 4, which is categorized as "meeting standard." Approximately 27 students exceeded standards (4.5-5.5), and thirteen students scored perfect scores (6).

Von Harten also learned just recently that Sanibel School third graders scored number one in the state among regular schools on this year's FCAT reading test, averaging 3.63 out of a possible 5 points. The only other school in the state that scored higher was Pine View School for the Gifted, which averaged 3.72. The next highest school in Lee County was Celebration School, with an average score of 3.42.

The reading score, as mentioned above, is measured on a five-point scale; however, just as with the writing test, no Sanibel student scored lower than "meeting standard."



Barbara Von Harten

Most were "at or exceeding standard," and 10 students had perfect scores.

When asked to what she attributed such high achievement, Von Harten cited three factors: the kids, the teachers, and a school-wide philosophy that stresses reading and writing especially in the early grades. "The teachers are so focused," said Von Harten, "but they also make learning fun. If children learn to read well in the early grades, kindergarten and first grade, then they can read to learn in the later grades."

Von Harten also cited a three-year continuity of teaching, which she called "looping," that eliminates student assessment at the beginning of each year, because the teacher knows the students and their levels of accomplishment.

When the students were asked, they were less technical; they credited their teachers, especially Mrs. Cheryl Darbyshire and Mrs. Carol Smith, their language arts teachers. And according to Von Harten, they also said "we worked hard — we earned it."



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FISHING & SHELLING

Of ghost traps, snook and flesh-eating shells

The 15th of May officially ends stone crab season for a few months, but often what is left behind as a reminder are lost traps. These can become quite a danger to boaters and manatees.

We call them "ghost" traps because they can appear just about anywhere the tides or strong storms can place them. There is usually a long plastic line with an attached float. Boaters hate to see the ghost traps because the line can wrap around a moving propeller and potentially damage the lower unit.

Once, at Johnson Shoals when there was a deep cut from the Gulf into the inside waters, I watched as it seemed a crab float was being washed into the cut at a speed faster than the tide. It was a manatee with a crab line wrapped around one front fin and neck. It was strong enough to disappear underwater and take the float with it, so I never did find out what happened.

Most trappers are hard-working folks who keep track of expensive traps very carefully. They try and drop the traps in a line and mark them on a GPS (Global



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traps on the route I run daily to the upper islands.

Anyway, trappers and volunteers are going to make an even greater effort this year to clean up the traps, which are a great curiosity to island visitors who find them washed ashore during strong winter storms.

Snook season.

It's over until Sept. 1, so it is all catch-and-release for the next few months. The summer is the best time to catch these fish, but it is also when the big females

Positioning System) so they can use the position finder to return to the traps, even in the darkness of early morning. However, storms will scatter them and bury the traps so no one can pull them up. I am always on the watch for ghost

and clusters of males show up around the passes and along the beaches — i.e., easy pickin's. Over-fishing has resulted in all the closed times for this very popular game fish as state biologists try to bring back the snook population. One way to accomplish that is to close the fishery during the months in which they are easiest to catch.

Freshly caught small fish like the pin-fish, shiner and mutton minnow are very effective for bringing in strikes. Also, the same baits work well on redfish sea trout, Spanish mackerel, jacks and others so although you might be thinking snook, don't be surprised to see others chasing down your fresh, live baits. Carefully release your snook and try not to take it out of the water. Get a quick photo and let it go. Each year snook fishing gets a little stronger.

Flesh-eating shells

During the nearly three week period of red tide a month ago, hundreds of fish were killed and washed to shore, much to the delight of a beautiful shell collectors call a king's crown conch.

There always seems to be one fish which gets hit the worst and this time it was the various groupers in the Gulf which were killed in large numbers. We were finding huge goliath grouper of a

hundred pounds or more washed to the beaches on North Captiva and Cayo Costa islands. While the red tide can be thought of as a massive killing machine, there is some good which comes out of it. Remember in the sea world, nothing goes to waste.

I came upon the remains of a grouper of about ten pounds on the bayside waters of North Captiva island and it was covered in ravenous king's crowns. These black and white pattern conchs are about two to three inches tall and were hard at work eating as much of the fish as possible before the low tide would force them into deeper waters. Many who are new to shelling can't believe that live shells can survive out of the water, but several kinds, including this conch, can stay high and dry for several hours while they devour fish or crabs.

Good shelling this week and remember to release all snook you catch. Law enforcement people have been much more visible checking for fishing licenses and catches, particularly along the causeway islands. So get that license if you are a non-Floridian and over the age of 15.

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

Dead sea turtles on San-Cap total 21

Story and photo(S)
by Karen Nelson

The 21st dead sea turtle of the season was discovered on the beach by Sanibel Arms on Tuesday morning, May 6. Paul Andrews, a permittee in the Sea Turtle monitoring program administered by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, estimated that the female loggerhead weighed between 200 and 250 pounds and was between 20 to 50 years old.

The turtle was tangled in crab trap robes and had also sustained serious injuries to her hindquarters, including the shell. Tissue samples were taken and will be sent to the Florida Marine Research Institute, which maintains statistics on sea turtles and will also determine whether or not red tide had affected the loggerhead. The turtle may have drowned after having been caught in the ropes or paralyzed by red tide; death could have been caused by a boat collision; or the injuries from a boat could have come after she was disabled by entanglement or red tide.

Of the 21 turtles washed up on Sanibel and Captiva beaches, three were Kemps-Ridleys, which are endangered. Two of the 21 were wrapped in monofilament, which may have caused them to drown; one had monofilament wrapped all around its head and one had monofilament wrapped so tightly around one flipper that the flipper was almost amputated. Manatees also lose flippers to monofilament; as the animal tries to twist itself free, it actually winds the monofilament tighter and tighter.

At least two sea turtles were found dead on Sanibel

this week. In 2000, a new record was set when 33 sea turtles were found dead on San-Cap beaches; in 2001 there were 22 and in 2002 there were 19. With 21 to date this year, we will probably break the 2000 record. Other threats to sea turtles include long-line fishing and net fishing; some loggerheads, too large to escape through the turtle excluder device, drown.

Andrews also pointed out that the timing of the Fort Myers Beach Offshore Power Boat Races puts turtles in danger. Sea turtles mate close to shore in about 10-15 feet of water; a mating pair was recently seen off Lighthouse Beach. After mating, the male departs but the female remains close to shore until the water temperature reaches 82° and she can lay her eggs. As of this writing, there have been two sea turtle nests on Captiva and one on Sanibel's west end.

More than 1,250 dead sea turtles have been found in Florida during each of the last two years. This is the greatest number since monitoring began in 1980. The majority of the stranded turtles are loggerheads. Collisions with watercraft, disease and drowning in fish nets are the most likely causes of deaths. Even though TEDS are required in shrimp trawls to allow turtles to escape, the openings are too small for many loggerheads to fit through.

On a local basis, there have been eight strandings to date; the number is not usually this high early in the season.

If you find a dead or live turtle stranded on the beach, please call the Conservation Foundation during regular office hours. During evening hours and week-ends,



Photo by Karen Nelson

please call Bev Ball at 472-0536.

A permittee with a license from the state will be sent to get information on the turtle. If the turtle is live, it will be taken to C.R.O.W.'s rehab facility. If the turtle is dead, the city Department of Public Works will be notified to dispose of the carcass.



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Story and photos
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Where goes the Stock Market?



Dick Pyle and Al Hanser

Perhaps fear of Zontians kept our regular speaker from showing up (missed one heck of a show!), so we leaned on Dick Pyle, Al Hanser's cohort at The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, guest, and perspective new member. Dick used to manage about \$33,000,000,000 (yes, that's a "B") in the upper Midwest — specifically Fargo (but Hanser wasn't sure which state that was in and I don't feel like looking it up, so "upper Midwest" must suffice.) — and, since that's approximately half the net worth of the island's Lion's Club, we decided to listen.

"The glory days [of the market] have turned into a typical business slowdown" It is partially the cause and partially the result of increased productive capacity

worldwide. Supply has outstripped demand. "There is too much stuff", Opined Pyle.

The result is capital cutbacks, and although consumer spending held firm for a while, that, too, is beginning to weaken. Dick feels stimulus will help, but notes that interest rates have already dropped precipitously. (The coupon-clipping crowd expressed anguish, not surprise.) And then he kicked a sacred cow: he regards a position in long-term US Treasuries as dangerous. They pay paltry rates and will drop in value as (and when) interest rates rise.

It sounds like a contradiction, he would increase portfolio safety by assuming more risk: Buy high quality corporate bonds and/or high yield stocks instead. Bright guy!

Dick expects market averages will be unimpressive over the next few years, but foresees plenty of opportunity to pick stocks. For instance, the Dow first exceeded 1,000 in 1966. It then dropped and remained below that until 1982. However, WalMart went public (1974) and a lot of other very successful companies experienced significant run-ups during that period. Many stock pickers did OK.

Dick took no stand on making dividend income tax free. It's an added bonus but nothing to base plans on. Current strategy? He was quick to hedge by citing individual investor needs and temperament, but today he would be 60% in equity and 40% in fixed income with the emphasis on quality. Bottom line: He expects it will take time before the fundamentals and the market



Bob Wimbush photo

Jane Hudson of Rabbit Road Center for Children, and friends accept a check for \$2,000 from Kiwanis Club member Lee Derleth for scholarship tuitions.

are again in sync, but he's optimistic.

In response to questions: He feels the various corporate scandals have shaken investor confidence. MCI's indiscretions resulted in a 10-15% drop in the market. Investors "don't trust the numbers." He finds cash flow per share a better measure than earnings per share.

He suggests analyzing earnings and management track records for consistency, discipline, continuity and obstinance. Looks for managements whose vision constantly innovates, audits, and reinvents itself.

He predicts the uproar over corporate officers' compensation and corporate scandal will bring about structural changes on boards. Traditionally the Board Chairman has represented stockholders while the CEO steers performance. Companies that have sanctioned a Chairman/CEO and then based compensation on performance may have blurred traditional protections and priorities. He feels more boards will redivide those functions. He feels a CEO that can double or triple a company's stock price (in essence, market value) should be well rewarded.

New regulations that require CEO and CFO to certify their financials and disclose potential future impacts and face criminal penalties will help restore confidence in the numbers.

What to look out for? "It all gets down to greed. [Some] corporate managements forgot whom they're serving. You don't want to own a company that acts like that."

Kiwanis, breakfasts every Wednesday at the Island House. The greedy can eat as much as they like, and any one, even Zontians that dance so nicely, are welcome to drop in.



Steve Brown accepts a donation to the Chrissy Brown Fund from Kiwanis president Stan Kucaba. "All the wonderful organizations and people who have contributed in Chrissy's name have doubled our joy, not cut the sorrow in half... This donation will help children in a 5 county area."

Jr. Optimist Club heading to Key West

The Junior Optimist Club of Sanibel and Captiva has been busy raising money for children's charities all throughout this school year. These fifth through eighth graders have logged hundreds of hours of community service helping many of the islands' non-profit groups with their various charitable functions. The Junior Optimist experience has taught the children the importance of helping out for the betterment of their community as well as how to develop their leadership and organizational skills.

The Optimists would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the local residents and businesses for their generous assistance with functions throughout the year. These generous people have truly set an excellent example for the children through their actions. It is this benevolence that we seek to foster in the next generation of island residents.

The annual outing for the Junior Optimist Club has traditionally been to a local amusement park. This year's group has voted to take a trip of a more educational nature — to Key West where we will have a marine biologist and professional divers teach the group about the living coral reef which strongly affects our tourism and economy here in Florida. They will learn how overpopulation, pollution and development have affected the Florida coastline from the days of turtle and sponge harvesting to the modern day effects of tourism on the reef. They will also be taking a historical tour to learn how the Florida Keys have changed over time, have a luau on the beach and visit the new butterfly museum, the largest in the United States.

The Junior Optimists of Sanibel and Captiva would greatly appreciate any donations toward this annual outing, which the children have earned by working so hard for other charities throughout the year. Please send donations to Junior Optimist Club of Sanibel-Captiva, c/o Elizabeth Weatherby, 1709 Serenity Lane, Sanibel 33957.

Theiss Campaign donates to Optimist education fund



The Campaign of Nola Theiss presented a check for \$434 from remaining campaign contributions to the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club Education Fund for college scholarships. Nola Theiss, a charter member of the Optimist Club and a member of the Education Fund Committee, said she was pleased to support this fund which benefits children of residents or workers on the islands.

"We would like to continue to recognizing a new student every year, while building up an endowment to ensure that the program can continue in the future," she said.



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Between the Lions

On April 30th, the Lions held their annual Installation Dinner at the Dunes Country Club.

After a delicious dinner, prepared and served to perfection, outgoing President, Tom Krekel, rose to introduce Francis Bailey who was charged with installing the new slate of officers and directors for the coming year.

New board members — Harry Bertossa, Jim Graham, Don Peters, Tom Rothman, Dick Travis and Al Winslow — were called to the front and firmly

revered. As the "O/O", Dick is charged with promoting harmony, good fellowship and enthusiasm at all Lions meetings. And, as if this task were not sufficiently daunting, he must also impose fines on the members for various transgressions... both real and imagined. Good luck, "O/O".

Hugh Cameron was installed as treasurer, his third year in a row in this position. Obviously, new treasurers are somewhat hard to come by. Hugh was shanghaied into his job by a press gang headed by the former treasurer. While being charged with his responsibilities

them from fulfilling their destiny. Meanwhile, Jack Samler, George Kohlbrenner, and Cliff Nolan, respectively, will train for the ultimate by standing in for the president when he is unable to attend meetings.

Saving the best for last, the final installation was that of Dave Eaton, our affable new President. Dave has been in the wings for at least three years, eagerly waiting this moment. Everyone already knows what the president does, and Dave is no exception. The group wished him well, and Dave responded with a strained smile, like the good-natured guy he is.

The installations being over, the awards portion of the meeting began.

Lions are a hard-working bunch who contribute their fair share to the club's principle business of raising money for distribution to carefully screened local and national charities. Most of these organizations, in turn, extend aid and assistance to the physically handicapped.

While everyone in the Lions makes a great contribution, there are those, as in any organization, who do just a little bit more each year. These overachievers are rewarded by election to the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

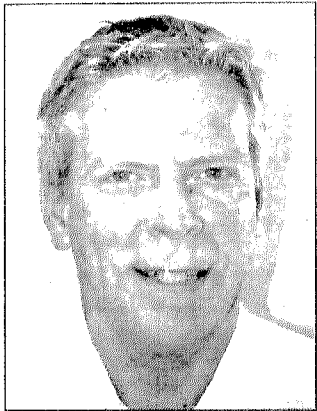
Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions Club International. He is the one

who originally set the course along which all Lions Clubs have sailed ever since. It's a distinct honor to be awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. And, this year, those so honored by other Fellowship members were Harry Bertossa, Gordon Schopfer and Hal Theiss.

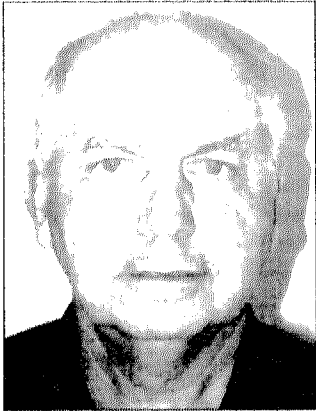
And finally, the award of awards, Lion of the Year. This prize is given by the outgoing president to the one club member who has been the most help to him in accomplishing his goals during the year. The recipient has usually held many jobs and responsibilities in the club and has done them all well. This year the Lion of the Year title went to the indefatigable Tom Nachazel — the same as described above under "Secretary." Congratulations to you, Tom, for a much-deserved honor.

Just before adjournment, outgoing president Krekel, was given a standing ovation for a job well done. Thanks, Tom for leading us through an outstanding year.

Sanibel-Captiva Lions meet for dinner at the Community House on the first and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 6... meeting starts at 7. Guests are more than welcome. For further information, please call Hal Theiss at 395-1737.



Dave Eaton



Tom Krekel



Tom Nachazel

charged with their new duties and responsibilities. It's a tribute to the courage of these gentlemen that Bailey's stern pronunciations caused little or no visible consternation, and no escapes were attempted.

After the new board received their charges, Cliff Nolan was installed as the Lion Tamer. This is the Lion who is responsible for protecting the property of the club and for preparing the auditorium for each meeting. Cliff is a relatively new member, but what he lacks in longevity, he more than makes up for in enthusiasm and willingness to help. When asked if he agreed to accept these duties and responsibilities, Nolan answered, "I do." Later, at the bar, he admitted that the last time he answered that way, it cost him his bachelorhood. Good luck, Cliff.

Next, the "Obnoxious One" was installed. Actually, Dick Travis, the Lion getting the nod for this job, is a very nice guy who is normally loved by one and all... including small children... even dogs. But Dick volunteered for the job of Tail Twister, and for the next 12 months, he will be more feared than

and duties, Hugh was heard to mutter that there were some things that he didn't know he was supposed to do. We all hope that making bank deposits wasn't one of them.

Every club has a really key position, and the job of secretary is it in the Lions Club. This office, which takes a great amount of time to perform adequately, entails so many duties and responsibilities that it would take too much newsprint to cover them all. But the surprising thing is that Tom Nachazel, the incoming secretary, was secretary last year, as well. As a matter of fact, he has held so many offices in the club that he probably could run the whole thing by himself. Tom, you either have a serious memory lapse or you've run out of other things to do.

As you might imagine, the first, second and third Vice-Presidents are in line to become club president some day. As these Lions march inexorably, year after year, toward that fatal day, and as they become more familiar with what the job actually entails, various psychosomatic symptoms develop that may prevent

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SPORTS

Sanibel Youth Soccer sign-ups underway

Sanibel Youth Soccer League sign-ups for the fall 2003 season are now underway. Players aged 4 through 13 (as of this July 31) are eligible to play.

Despite the ongoing Sanibel School construction project, the league's regular season will commence this coming September as planned.

All league games will be played on-island. Two out of three school fields will remain available for league use during the fall season. One field has been lost due to construction needs. Sanibel Parks and Recreation Department Director, Heleene Phillips said that the city would also provide temporary additional playing and practice fields on City owned property off Periwinkle Way to help alleviate the shortage. The league will provide more information about fields and schedules prior to the season.

Spring Registration Drive fees are \$50 for the first child and \$40 for siblings. Fees include full uniforms. Here is the upcoming schedule for sign-ups. All sign-ups will be held at the Sanibel Ball Fields.

Date	Time
Thursday May 8	6 — 7 p.m.
Saturday May 10	9 — 11 a.m.
Tuesday May 13	6 — 7 p.m.
Friday May 16	6 — 7 p.m.
Saturday May 17	9 — noon

The League asks that parents bring cash or checks to registration. This special price will only be available during this sign up period. To avoid late fees, parents must sign-up during these registration days.

Sanibel Youth Soccer is a non-profit organization that administers recreational soccer for Sanibel and Captiva youth. For more information about Sanibel Youth Soccer's recreational soccer programs call Sanibel Youth Soccer at 395-2040 or visit the leagues website at www.sanibelsoccer.org.

First Annual Softball Coaches No-Star Game

When: Thursday, May 15th at 6 p.m.

Where: Sanibel Ball Field.

Why: Here's an opportunity for all the kids to see what their coaches are made of.

Who: Coaches representing all little league, big league and girls softball teams will team up and play nine innings.

Coaches: Who else but Dick Muench (the Commish) against Marty Harrity.

Reaction from the coaches and kids has been phenomenal. This First Annual Coaches Game promises to be the big fun event of the year for the Sanibel/Captiva community.

Sanibel School Tennis triumphs

The Sanibel School Tennis Team crushed Lehigh Middle School on May 1st. The match got off to a slow start for Sanibel as seventh grader Joe Adams lost to 8th grader Raphael Garcia 5-3 in the number one singles position. Sanibel's Zack See defeated Lehigh's Isaiah Jones 5-0 at number two singles.

Sanibel also won number three singles and number four singles with Guy Pepitone and Tyler Baer both winning their matches 5-0.

Sanibel took all three doubles matches with the same score of 5-0. Enrique Salazar and Chris Larsen won in the number one doubles position; Melanie Albert and Alex McDaniel won at number two doubles; Tyson Jess and John-Michael Hodge won in the number three doubles position. Coaches Craig Albert, Terry See, and Eric Carlson were asked how The Sanibel School won by such a lopsided margin they all agreed it was due to their phenomenal coaching.

Women golfers eye WSGA title at Forest Country Club

Upwards of 100 premier amateur women golfers, representing a 15-southern state corridor, anticipate competing for the 2003 Women's Southern Golf Association (WSGA) championship on June 2-6 at the Forest Country Club in south Fort Myers.

WSGA president Nancy Robison of Belden (Miss.) reports this year's competent field faces a supreme test of golfing skills in challenging one of Southwest Florida's foremost championship 36-hole layout. Among the early Southwest Florida entrants are Fort Myers stellar stalwarts including Kathie Westlund, Julie Yates and Edna Mudry, a four-time Forest women's champion. The top-rated trio finished among the top ten players in the recently contested Southwest Florida Ladies championship in Fort Myers.

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2	Jim Clark	28
	Chuck York	
3	Wally Allaire	28
	Earl Sawin	

Back Nine

1	Wilf Mannion	31
	Max Friedersdorf	
2	Doug Tudhope	42
	Bob Davison	

All tires carded-off for place.

The WSGA will be making its initial venture in Southwest Florida in keeping with its policy of rotating the nationally acclaimed venue ranging from Virginia to Texas and the District of Columbia. The 92-year old association titular event has been staged annually with the exception of war years 1918, 1942-45. Registration is scheduled on May 31 and June 1. Contestants will participate in an 18-hole stroke play qualifying round on June 2 and the next four days will feature a match play format with flighted competition.

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Founded in Atlanta in 1911 as a tax-exempt organization, the WSGA has achieved a remarkable standard in women's amateur competition that during its 92-year history has spawned numerous players, both on Curtis Cup teams and in the professional ranks. For tournament information, call Forest Head Pro Michael Scully (239) 481-5700.

WSGA States include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia.

May 14: Safe Boating Day on Sanibel & Captiva

May 14 is Safe Boating Day on Sanibel and Captiva and the public is invited to attend four special presentations, sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

The presentations include: CPR, Chain of Survival; Choosing the right fire extinguisher for your boat; a Man Overboard drill, and How to use your fire extinguisher.

Boat safety brochures will be available as well as a chance to sign up for a Vessel Safety Check and Boat Smart Courses available through the Power Squadron.

Safe Boating Day Schedule

10-10:30 a.m. CPR, Chain of Survival presented by Colleen Capparelli, a certified instructor for the American Heart Association 10:30- 11:00 a.m.

The Right Fire Extinguisher for Your Boat — Mike Counts of Advance Fire Systems in Fort Myers will explain which fire extinguisher is the right one for your boat, where it should be mounted, and when you should seek re-certification and recharging.

11-11:30 a.m. Man Overboard Drill — Carol Robinson of the Sanibel Captiva Power Squadron will explain the proper way to conduct this drill.

11:30 - noon Handling Your Fire Extinguisher the Right Way — Mark Wells of the Captiva Fire Department will explain the proper care and handling of your fire extinguisher.

For more information about Safe Boating Day activities, contact Tom Lagan, Squadron Safety Officer, at 395-3107.

The Back Country Classic

The largest single site back water fishing tournament in Collier County will cast off from the Bay Front area of Naples on July 18 & 19, 2003. The Back Country Classic will provide cash and prizes in excess of \$10,000 to anglers competing for snook, redfish, spotted sea trout, and a variety of other specialty categories-on a catch and release basis.

The Back Country Classic is part of The Caloosa Tournament Series which includes The Caloosa Catch & Release and The Summer Slam Flats Tournaments. Net proceeds of this event will benefit the Collier Building Industry Association (CBIA) scholarship program and will provide 10 scholarships to local students in Collier County.

The Entry fee is \$525 per three person team and CBIA members receive a \$25 discount. Anglers will check in at the Back

Country Registration area at the Comfort Inn and Marina in Naples on Friday, July 18 and receive limited edition, original art long sleeved jerseys, custom hats, and a variety of other great items. The Captain's party will include food and drinks and cover all rules of the tournament. In addition, a silent auction will be held offering art, jewelry, trips, fishing gear, and much more. The public is welcome to attend at a nominal cost of \$25.

The tournament will begin on Saturday, July 19 at 7 a.m. Anglers will check in at The Back Country Committee Boat by mile marker 19 in Naples Bay. Competition will end at 4 p.m. when all anglers will turn in their score cards and cameras of the fish that were caught, measured, scored, and released that day.

There will be an awards banquet held at one of the restaurants at Bay Front on Saturday evening.

For more information contact Tournament Director Ron Riley at 239-671-9347 or Jenny Malone at 239-436-6100 and visit the website at www.backcountryclassic.com.

You can almost "Taste" it!

The time is drawing near to satisfy hungry appetites at the popular epicurean event, Taste of the Islands to be held June 1st, at Gulfside City Park on Sanibel. The beachside bash is the largest fundraiser for CROW, The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

Sanibel's finest restaurants are carefully reviewing their recipes to serve the day of the Taste that will be carefully scrutinized by a panel of experts in the culinary field AND YOU! The delicious food categories and their winners from last year were — The Seafood Factory, Best Appetizer; Gramma Dot's, Best Salad; The Island House, Best Meat; The Seafood Factory, Best Fish/Seafood; Johnny's Pizza, Best Pizza and Best Pasta; RC Otters, Best Vegetarian; Key Lime Bistro, Best Dessert; The Seafood Factory, Best Booth presentation; Two major awards are given —Taste of The Taste which is the determination from the judges on the best overall food served. Last year's winner was the Seafood Factory. The second award is the highly coveted People's Choice award which was

presented to Gramma Dot's —a winner two years in a row.

To date, this year's participating food establishments are —The Jacaranda, Island House, Timbers, Sanibel Grill, Matzaluna, East End Deli, The Seafood Factory, Gramma Dot's, Johnny's Pizza, The Dunes, Key Lime Bistro and Latté Da.

The event could not be possible without all the elements that make up the flavor of the event. This year's major event sponsor is Michelob. Thank-you to silver and gold sponsors to date —Bank Of The Islands, Molnar Electric, Lifeline Designs, Coral Veterinary Clinic, Eye Centers Of Florida, On The Marc Entertainment, Barrier Island Title Co., and The Islander Newspaper. Check out the event sponsor ad in this edition to reap the great rewards before and while at the Taste!

If you want to be a volunteer and aren't signed up yet, find the event volunteer sign-up form also in this edition.

For more information on the Taste, call Event Chairperson, Anita Pinder at CROW, 472-3644.



Taste Of The Islands Sponsors Reap Great Rewards

Would you like to help CROW by being a sponsor for the 2003 Taste Of The Islands to be held Sunday, June 1st? This year's Taste Team is working very hard to offer a sponsorship that will provide great value to your business in return for your support. Your sponsorship will reward you in three ways. First and foremost, the intrinsic benefits provide you with the knowledge your contribution is helping CROW, to care for injured, sick and orphaned wildlife friends. You will be demonstrating to your community how much you believe in the preservation and protection of our Southwest Florida natural resources. Secondly, great perks will fly your way. A \$1,000 "Gold Sponsorship" includes free admission for 6 guests, 3 parking spaces and transportation to the gate, reserved table for 6 in the VIP tent complete with an open bar of beer, wine, margaritas, soda & water, 100 food tickets (\$100), and 6 2003 Taste Of The Islands T-shirts. A \$250 "Silver Sponsorship" includes free admission for 4 guests, one parking pass and transportation to the gate, 20 food tickets (a \$20 value), and 4 2003 Taste of the Islands T-shirts. Thirdly Gold sponsors can't beat the advertising exposure that will help promote your business. Your business name, brief description, address and telephone numbers will appear as an event sponsor in all print advertising and in a special section of the Official Taste Program. You will receive a complimentary quarter-page advertisement in the Official Taste Program. An engraved award plate (same as those given to the restaurants who win food awards) listing your business as a sponsor will be presented to you during the awards ceremony day of the Taste at 4:15 p.m.

For inquiries on sponsorship please call Anita Pinder Event Chairman at 472-3644 Watch the Islander weekly for the latest updates on this exciting event!

Sponsorship Confirmation

____ YES! We want to be a sponsor for the 23rd Annual Taste Of The Islands.
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 Phone: _____
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 Contact Person: _____
 Guest # (max 6): _____
 Additional sponsor guest passes may be purchased by calling CROW at 472-3644, Ext. 4.
 Please return this form with your check by May 16th to:
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C.R.O.W., Inc.
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Sanibel FL 33957-0150

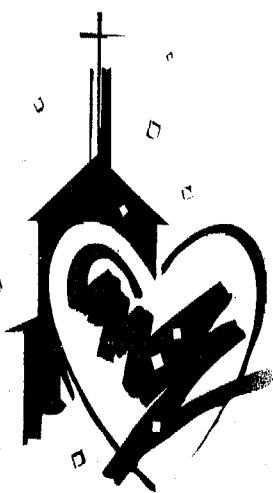
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ENVIRONMENT

4th Annual Realtors' Workday

SCCF's land manager, Brad Smith, welcomed about 20 Realtors to Frannie's Preserve early Saturday morning for the 4th Annual Realtors' Workday. Smith and Danny Rogers had planned a session of planting native shrubs and trees and all hands turned to in the effort to help.

"We really appreciate the Realtors turning out like this. With 20 people we can get a week's worth of planting accomplished in a matter of hours. We never plan enough work for them — they're done in no time! Several years ago this group planted several hundred shrubs, trees and marsh grasses around two newly restored wetlands areas in the Preserve, which are now fully grown and providing food, shelter and habitat."

This year the two restoration special-

ists had gathered from the Foundation's native plant nursery an array of varnish leaf, coco plum, Jamaican caper, pigeon plum and a variety of other plants and had selected several areas which had previously been cleared of dense Brazilian pepper stands. After a few years of monitoring to make sure there was no exotic re-growth, it was time to help nature fill in the cleared areas.

In past years, the Realtors have also gathered a few tons of garbage, appliances, bottles, beer cans and other debris in cleaning up the Preserve. There are no roads back in there, so all of it had to be hauled out by hand or small mule or tractor. Organizer Jack Samler pointed out that "Most of our group prefers the planting sessions, but we we're amazed every time we see the trash piles. We could work for months and still have work to do. Whatever the Foundation plans for us, we're happy to jump in to help."

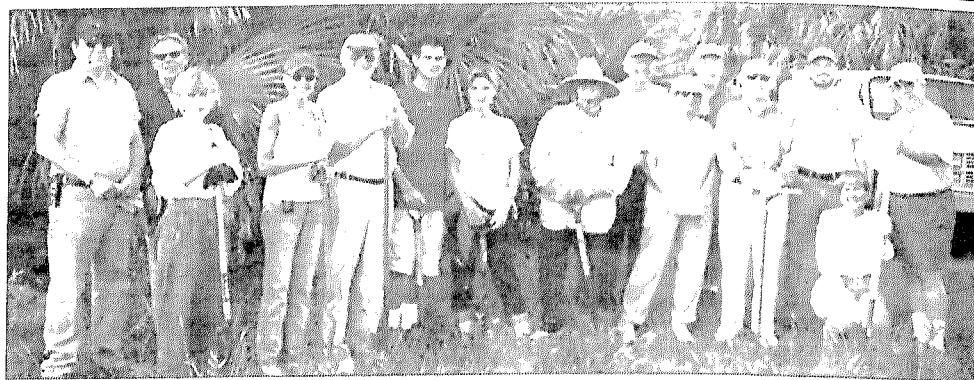


Photo by Danny Rogers

Gathered for the 4th Annual Realtors' Workday at Frannie's Preserve were: Judie Anderson, Mike Badenoch, Karen Bell, Jay Branyon, John Buskirk, Kara Cuscaden, Dave Eaton, Ed Gray, Andy Gelberg, Isabella Heider, Michael Heider, Judy Reddington, Susan Rosica, Jack Samler, Mark Saunders, Roberta Schuldenfrei, Bill Schumacher and Glen Simmons, are shown along with Brad Smith of SCCF.

This year's crew represented VIP Realty, Karen Bell Realty, Century 21—JB Novelli and Sun State, Buyers' Choice Realty, South Seas, Sanibel and Captiva Properties, Island Realty Group, Coldwell Banker, Priscilla Murphy Realty and affiliates Gopher Enterprises and Novastar Home Mortgage.

Each spring the Realtors gather this group together even though it's still a busy time of year for them. Bill Schumacher, who's shown up all four years, said, "April or May is great; everything should survive with the spring weather and before the summer heat sets in!" Roberta Schuldenfrei said, "David had a client this morning, so I volunteered to take his place and help out."

It's a great day for all involved and "Brad, get us more work for next year!" was more than once.

One thousand, seven hundred and fifteen...

1,715?! No, this was not the number of mosquito bites I received this week! This was the number of jellybeans in the jellybean jar at Tarpon Bay. On Sunday, April 20, Tarpon Bay Explorers hosted an all-day Treasure Egg Hunt & Jellybean Count. Although there were prizes for everyone, Miss Jordyn Pierce of Toma, Wisc. took home the grand prize. Although not quite 4-years old, Jordyn knows her jellybeans. With a

near-perfect guess of 1736, Jordyn became the proud new owner of a Sanibel Cruiser graciously donated by Billy's Rentals of Sanibel. But Jordyn wasn't the only winner. Congratulations to all those who participated in our Treasure Egg Hunt and thanks again to Captiva Cruises, Hungry Heron, Island House Restaurant, Resort Salon Services and The Seafood Factory for donating so many fabulous prizes.

And, though the jellybeans are gone (yes, even the black ones), there is still fun to be had at Tarpon Bay. Join the Explorers for a tram tour along Wildlife Drive, or cruise the tranquil bay waters on their Nature and Sea Life cruise. Rent kayaks, bikes, or spend the day fishing. There really is something for everyone.

Tarpon Bay Explorers is located at the north end of Tarpon Bay Road and can be reached by calling 472-8900. The company is a licensed concessionaire of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, providing recreational and educational opportunities to the public under contract.

Native Plant Society annual conference

The Coccoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society is hosting the 23rd Annual State Conference of the Florida Native Plant Society, through Sunday, May 11, 2003 in Fort Myers. The conference is being held at the Holiday Inn Select at Bell Tower and is open to the public. This year's theme is Symbiosis: The Power of Partnerships.

Over 20 off-site field trips and workshops have been scheduled through Sunday morning. Mike Duever of the South Florida Water Management District will present the opening address, South Florida Plant Communities: Past, Present, and Future on Friday, May 9. Sessions under the general topics of People, Plants, and Animals, Restoration Projects and Partnerships, and Community are scheduled concurrently throughout May 9 and 10. A variety of presentations has been planned, including Butterfly Migration and Biomagnetism, the Fakahatchee Strand Orchid Restoration Project, and Bio-prospecting for American Medicinal Plants. For more information about the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS), visit the website

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Volunteer Sign-up

You Can Help CROW by being a volunteer at "Taste of The Island"

SATURDAY, MAY 31st--

9:00 AM:

- ☐ Set fencing around sea oats and dunes
- ☐ Assist with tent set-up
- ☐ Assist with restaurant table set-up
- ☐ Pick-up plants/canopies on island as needed (trucks helpful)

2:00 PM:

- ☐ Open, bag and distribute garbage boxes; Butt buckets
- ☐ Prepare raffle ticket packets
- ☐ Distribute wine cases and supplies to beverage tent
- ☐ Hang Signs (Gates and Tents)

SUNDAY, JUNE 1-- Day of the Event (3 1/2 hour shifts)

9:00 AM:

- ☐ Assist with Sponsor Arena set-up and decorating
- ☐ Assist with Tee Shirt folding and set-up

11:00 AM:

- ☐ Sell Tee Shirts
- ☐ Entrance Gate Ticket Takers
- ☐ Main Beverage Tent
- ☐ Remote Beverage Tent
- ☐ Food and Beverage Ticket Sales
- ☐ C.R.O.W. Information Table
- ☐ Raffle Ticket Sales Table

6:00 PM:

- ☐ Fold and stack tables and chairs
- ☐ Remove Signs
- ☐ Clean up gate areas & Butt Buckets

AVAILABLE SHIFT TIMES

11:00AM-3:00PM

3:00PM 6:00PM

Please fax form back to C.R.O.W. at 472-8544 by May 16th

A packet will arrive by mail with your assignment letter, parking pass and a coupon for a DISCOUNT on an event shirt. Entry wristbands will be given to you at the volunteer check-in tent when you arrive at the event

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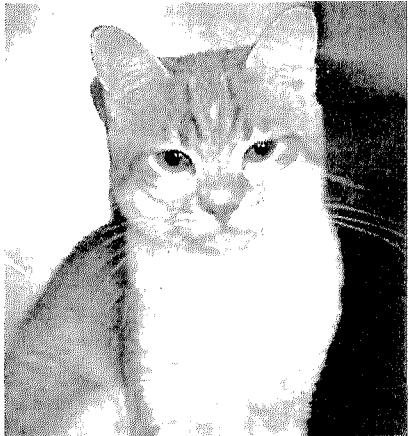
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Sanibelian's ship comes home



Richard "Shane" Adams

Sanibel resident, Helen Adams headed out to Everett, Wash. last weekend to meet up with her son Shane who is stationed aboard the *USS Abraham Lincoln*. The Lincoln has been on duty in the Persian Gulf since last July and Helen and Shane will return to Sanibel around May 8. Shane will spend a couple of weeks of leave here before returning to duty on the aircraft carrier.

BUSINESS

April's top producers at PMR



Glen Simmons



Claudia Frey

Priscilla Murphy Realty has announced its top producing Island Sales Division associates for the month of April.

Claudia Frey has achieved the Top Listing Agent status for the greatest number of listings developed, and Glen Simmons is this month's Top Selling Agent for the greatest number of sales.

Frey and Simmons are experienced, knowledgeable professionals, and consistent PMR and Association of Realtor top producers. They are market specialists of homes, condos and homesites on Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

Awards spotlight the Best of Lee County

From Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach and Matlacha to Sanibel Island, Cayo Costa and Bonita Springs, 16 workers were recognized for their exceptional customer service skills with the Elaine McLaughlin Outstanding Hospitality Service Awards at a presentation in Fort Myers.

Sponsored by the Lee Island Coast Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB), the program acknowledges employees within the hospitality and allied industries who

positively influence a visitor or resident's experience on the Lee Island Coast. The "E" Awards is a collaboration with various local businesses to increase public awareness of, and to encourage and support the out-of-the-ordinary service excellence being provided by Lee Island Coast hospitality professionals.

In addition to the Honor of Distinction which went to Colleen DePasquale of the Residence Inn by Marriott in Fort Myers, Marion Wright, a museum store employee at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, and Billy Kirkland, owner of Billy's Rentals on Sanibel and Captiva, took firsts. Lana Waltzer, group sales manager in the Barbara B. Mann box office, was also among the 16 workers honored.

Named for Elaine McLaughlin, the VCB's former executive director, the "E" Awards exemplify their namesake's core belief that providing outstanding customer service is one of the major cornerstones of success for all businesses. Nomination categories included Accommodations, Attractions, Restaurants, Retail, Transportation and Other Services/Businesses. Winners were chosen by a steering committee of industry representatives.

"The VCB is pleased to give recognition to our area's employees who work hard to provide noteworthy customer service for those visiting or doing business within our destination," said D. T. Minich, VCB executive director. "These efforts make a big difference in which businesses that visitors and residents choose to patronize."

Sponsors of this year's "E" Awards include Geraci Travel, Ports of Call and Perkins Restaurants. For more information, contact Visitor Services at 758-4374.

at www.fnps.org

For conference registration information, go to www.conference@fnps.org

Janisse Ray, the noted author of *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*, will be reading selections from her new book *Wild Card Quilt: Taking a Chance on Home*, as the featured guest speaker on this evening, Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Holiday Inn's Cayo Costa Room.

Ray, who grew up in the midst of poverty in a South Georgia junkyard, is a strong environmental advocate, committed to restoring the vanishing longleaf pine ecosystem. The reading will be followed by a reception and a book signing together with a group of authors who are presenting concurrent sessions at the conference — Ray and Pat Ashton (*Plant Diversity, Habitat Management, Humans, and Gopher Tortoises*), Roger Hammer (*South Florida Native Plants and Wildlife*), George Gann (*Rare Plants of Southwest Florida*), and Alice Snow and Dr. Susan Stans (*Seminole*

Traditional Medicine). Books will be available for purchase. Flautist Kat Epple will play from her collection of flutes acquired during her travels around the world.

The reading and reception are free and open to the public — no registration required. However, space is limited. The public is invited to join the Coccoloba Chapter in welcoming "the wild and dynamic" Janisse Ray to Southwest Florida as she embarks on a national reading tour and media campaign.

Laser Show: Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon

Tonight, Friday, May 9, at 9 p.m., celebrate the upcoming lunar eclipse by watching our special 30th anniversary edition of the laser show, and receive information for observing the real "dark side of the Moon" later in the week. The \$10 ticket includes a free pass to visit

the Nature Center. Seating limited to 90 per show. Reserve your seats now with a credit card by calling 275-3435. Tickets available at the door for \$12.

Song List: *Speak to Me, Breathe, On the Run, Time, Breathe (Reprise), The Great Gig in the Sky, Money, Us and Them, Any Colour You Like, Brain Damage, Eclipse. Encores: One of These Days, Run Like Hell.*

For more information call Carole Helper, Planetarium Director at 275-3435.

See Solar Storms on National Astronomy Day

The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium, along with members of the Southwest Florida Astronomical Society (SWFAS), will host Astronomy Day this Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

A number of special activities are planned, including three different plane-

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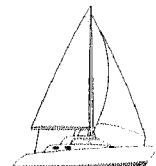
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BIRDING DIARY

By Bev Postmus
Special to the Islander

Any way you look at it, the area bordering Wildlife Drive is big and often impressive, even a bit overwhelming at time. That's when it is good to look for little pockets of wildlife within the big pocket.

The nearly dead strangler fig tree close to the Cross Dike is one little pocket of wildlife. It's a beautiful old tree with a massive trunk that branches into thick limbs only a few feet above the ground. At the base, a vibrantly green Florida privet (wild olive) stands guard. One large branch that had obviously overextended its reach toward the road must have been cut off long ago. On the underside of this branch a red-bellied woodpecker is raising a family.

As Clair and I approach this tree, a gray kingbird sits on a horizontal branch silhouetted against the blue sky. What a handsome bird! Its white underparts are vibrant in the warm sunlight. Its head and back are pale gray, and as it turns its head from side to side, I can clearly see the black mask over its eyes and its heavy, black bill. At nine inches, this bird is about the size of a catbird but not nearly so secretive.

The kingbird perches unmoving, appearing content to enjoy the sunlight, while Clair goes through several rolls of film. Finally the bird begins its twittering "tik-teeerr" call that eventually brings in a second bird. The newcomer perches on the same branch, just a couple feet away from the first bird. It does its twittering call and at the same time flairs its tail and flutters its wings. The first bird responds in kind. This is repeated for several minutes and then the first bird leapfrogs over the second landing a few feet away. Both birds twitter, flair, and flutter some more. The second bird leapfrogs the first, but runs out of branch and lands on the one below. Now they are quiet. We've witnessed part of their mating ritual.

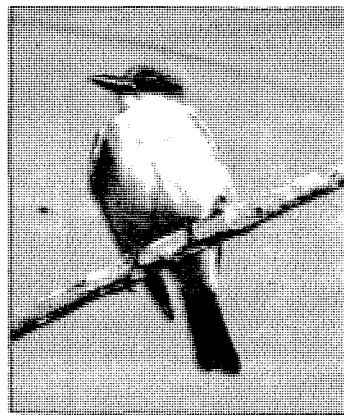
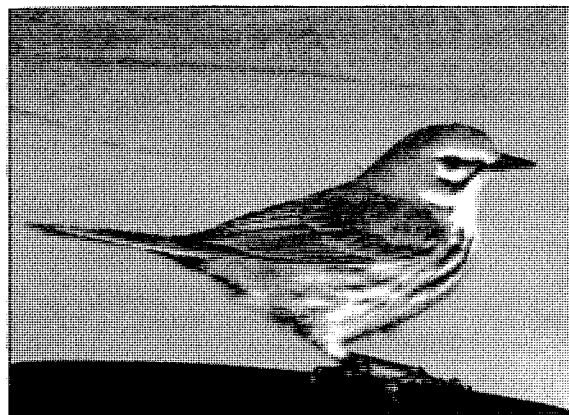
Gray kingbirds arrive on Sanibel around mid-April from their wintering grounds in northern South America. For me, they signal the end of winter season and the departure of friends heading north. These kingbirds nest along the Florida and Georgia coasts and leave us again in September. They usually build their twig nests near water and, according to some reference books, prefer the horizontal branches of red mangroves when they are available. While I have seen nests in mangroves, I've seen just as many in black olive and buttonwood trees. Further north, they nest in oaks and pines. Often their nests are so flimsy, their three or four mottled, pinkish eggs can be seen through the bottom.

All kingbirds belong to the genus *Tyrannus*. This is an appropriate name as kingbirds have the reputation of being aggressive toward other birds. I've seen four members of this genus on Sanibel, but only the gray kingbird nests here. The eastern kingbird is seen frequently in both spring and fall migration. Western kingbirds and scissor-tailed flycatchers are a rare and wonderful treat.

Even though the kingbird is the main attraction, I am aware of the red-bellied woodpecker parents going in and out of their nest carrying insects to feed the young. The chick's muffled "cheeping" increases when a parent arrives at the hole.

A beautiful prairie warbler calls attention to itself by perching near the top of the fig and singing its up-the-scale, buzzy "zee-zee-zee-zee" song to declare territory. Periodically it drops down into the privet at the base of the tree to glean insects. Its bright yellow color, accented with black streaks on face and flanks, is a bright splash of sunshine among the fresh, green leaves. We are so lucky to have these sweet, five-inch warblers with us year-round. Soon they will build nests of grasses and plant-down in the mangroves where they will raise four or five chicks.

Within the big pocket of wildness along Wildlife Drive, this dying, weathered strangler fig provides a small pocket for wildlife - both migratory and resident.



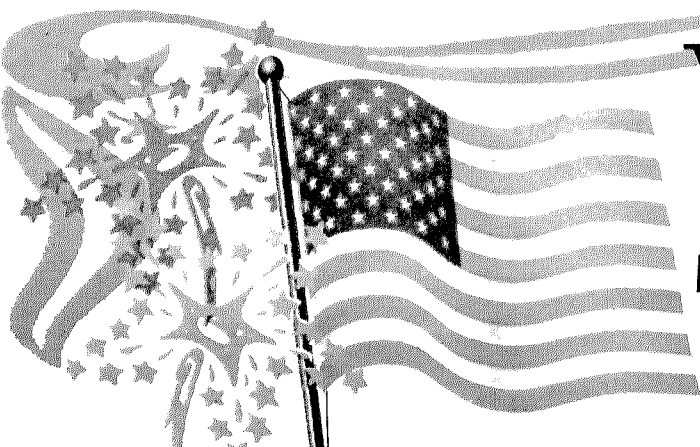
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Prairie Warbler

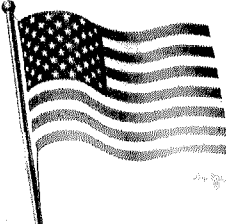
Center Left:
Woodpecker

Near Left:
Gray Kingbird





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tarium shows at 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Members of the public will get a chance to look at the sun through specially-filtered telescopes, weather permitting.

In addition, one of the Nature Center's telescopes will be set up with a hydrogen-alpha filter, allowing people a rare chance to see material as it is ejected from the sun — a solar prominence. With ordinary white light filters, views of sunspots are easily seen, but in hydrogen-alpha light, spectacular prominence activity can be seen at the limb, or edge, of the sun.

"We are borrowing the H-alpha filter from SWFAS especially for Astronomy Day," said Planetarium Director Carole Helper. "Normally, we only show sunspots to visitors and I am excited that we can show people solar matter as

it leaves the sun."

Besides solar observing, there will be a number of telescopes on display, and the day provides an excellent opportunity for people who are considering buying a telescope or those who already have one but want more information on how to use it, to ask questions. Information about exploring the night sky is also available.

All Astronomy Day activities, as well as activities associated with International Migratory Bird Day, (which is also being held at the Nature Center on May 10), are included in the regular admission charge of \$7 for adults; \$4 for children ages 3-12.

For more information contact Carole Helper, Planetarium Director, at 275-3435.

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- **Aquarium/Touch Tank Presentations** Daily 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15 p.m.
- **Nature & Sealife Cruise** 11:30 a.m., 2:30 & 6 p.m. Daily

Some activities require reservations. Call 472-8900.

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- **Shoreline Discovery Walks** Thursdays, 9 a.m.
- **Butterfly House Tours** Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- **Ethnobotany Tour** Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- **Weeds and Seeds** Mondays, 8 a.m. Meet in Foundation parking lot
- **Beach Nesters & Resters** Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Sanibel Inn
- **Seagrass Wading Trip** Wednesday, May 14, 9 a.m.
- **Buck Key Kayaking** Fridays, May 16 & 28, 9:30 a.m. Captiva Kayak Company, \$35

Many programs require reservations. Call 472-2329. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, 10-3 Saturday. Unless indicated otherwise, most programs are free with admission or request only a modest donation.

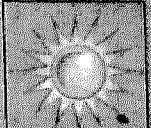

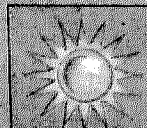



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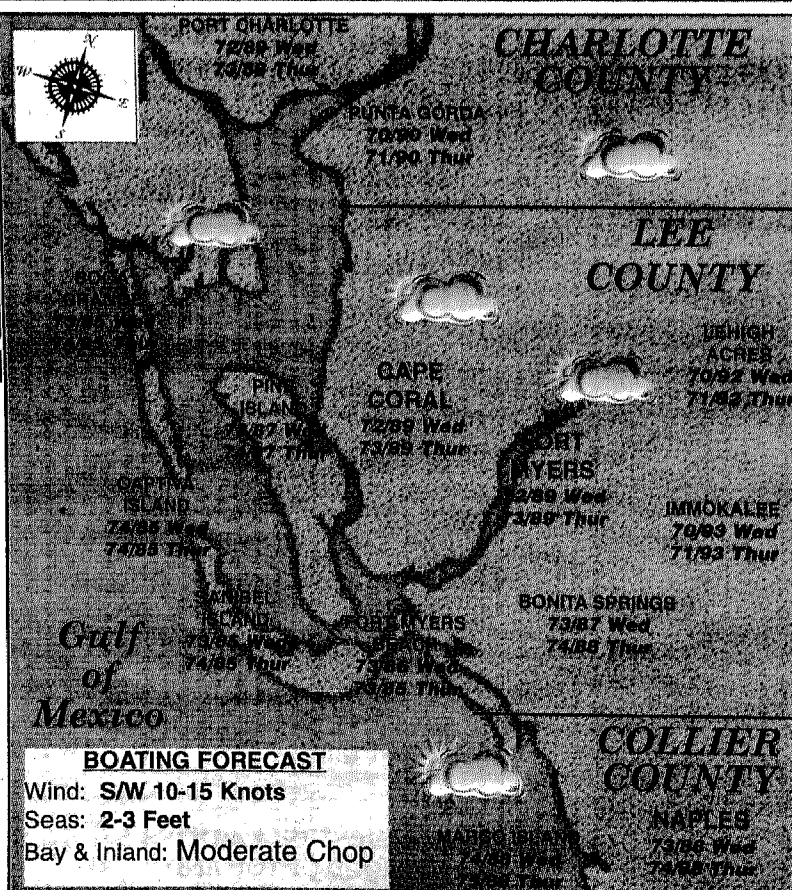
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Expect a very sunny, very warm day with only a slight chance of an inland thunderstorm.		Another day with plenty of sun and plenty of heat with only a slim chance of a thunderstorm.	

WEEKEND TIDES

City	Wed. High	Wed. Low	Thur. High	Thur. Low
Cape Coral Bridge	-	3:23 a.m.	-	4:26 a.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	6:43 p.m.	-	7:50 p.m.	-
Fort Myers	-	12:07 a.m.	-	1:10 a.m.
	7:36 p.m.	4:05 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	5:08 a.m.
Matiacha Pass	-	2:49 a.m.	-	3:52 a.m.
	6:11 p.m.	-	7:18 p.m.	-
Pineland	-	1:47 a.m.	-	2:50 a.m.
	5:09 p.m.	-	6:16 p.m.	-
Point Ybel	-	12:09 a.m.	-	1:12 a.m.
	3:38 p.m.	-	4:45 p.m.	-
Punta Rassa	-	12:02 a.m.	-	1:05 a.m.
	4:27 p.m.	-	5:34 p.m.	-
St. James City	-	12:37 a.m.	-	1:40 a.m.
	4:58 p.m.	-	6:05 p.m.	-



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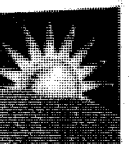
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GAINESVILLE	68/88
JACKSONVILLE	68/88
KEY WEST	78/85
KISSIMMEE	72/88
MIAMI	75/87
ORLANDO	72/88
PANAMA CITY	67/85
PENSACOLA	68/85
SARASOTA	70/88
ST. PETERSBURG	70/88
TALLAHASSEE	65/88
TAMPA	70/88
VERO BEACH	72/88
WEST PALM BEACH	68/90



THURSDAY
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6:46 AM



THURSDAY
SUNSET
8:04 PM



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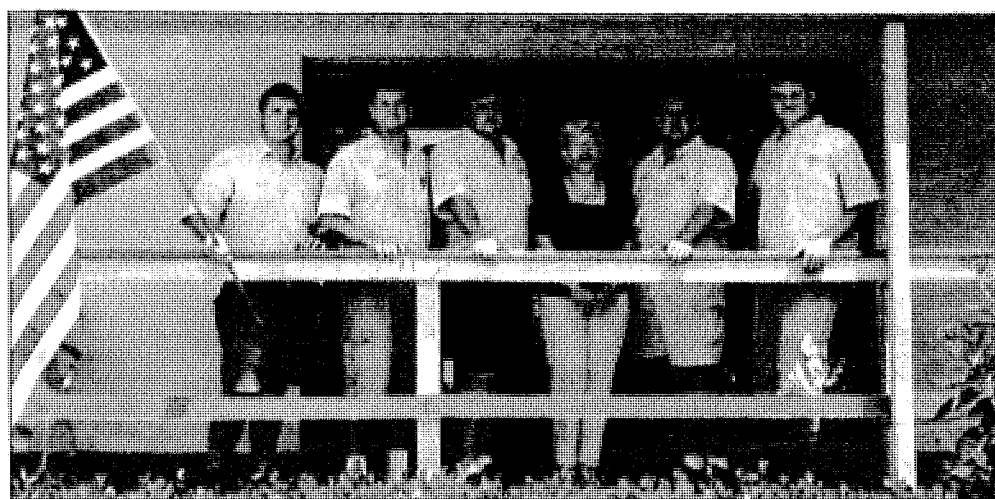
By Nancy Santeusano
Special to The Islander

According to the president of Sanibel Air Conditioning, Inc. Bryan Hayes, "Our goal is to build customers for life." That's what's been happening since 1989 when his father started the business. The three most important factors in the company's success continue to be quality of product, impeccable service and fast response time.

Their motto is "We do what we say we're going to do." Now they have added, "We were here before the bridge problem, we'll be here during it and we'll be here after the bridge problem has been solved."

Hayes points out that one of the immediate concerns encountered by many island businesses has been the change in bridge weight limits. However, with a crane now stationed on the island, much of the heavy equipment can be lifted without requiring the one be brought onto the island for a specific job. Most companies work multi-county but Sanibel Air Conditioning concentrates its efforts on Sanibel and Captiva.

Hayes emphasizes that, as a service-based company, "SAC has to treat every customer as though he or she were our only customer." One of their goals is to never let air conditioning problems



L-R: Chris Brightman, Todd Hayes, Peter Irish, Carol Shapiro, Bryan Hayes, and Mike Merchant. Not shown: Dan Hayes.

remain overnight. "We provide service when you need it, not when it's convenient for us." People are excited to learn that they will receive help within an hour or two, and that promise is kept. This is true especially today when many of the off-island companies simply don't want to deal with the bridge.

Recently, Sanibel Air started offering a new product line, a germicidal ultraviolet light, which assists in preventing the growth of micro-organism contaminants like mildew and mold in the

HVAC system. The UV light breaks down the cells of these micro-organisms. Hayes explains, "These mildew

and mold invaders need moisture, a food source and a place to grow. What they cannot tolerate is sunlight and that's where the UV comes into play. We've had great success with these devices."

The UV light can be installed on the recommendation of your service technician during a regular check of your system. Air conditioners are, as Hayes puts it, "a mold and mildew factory." Often customers express concern about mildew and mold; they can see it on the vents or detect a musty smell. Hayes emphasizes, however, that Sanibel Air does not sell customers devices they don't need. The UV lights are not inexpensive and there's upkeep with yearly replacement of the bulbs. That's where having the experience and knowledge gained over the years makes the difference in making the most practical and best recommendations to customers.

Another source of indoor air pollu-

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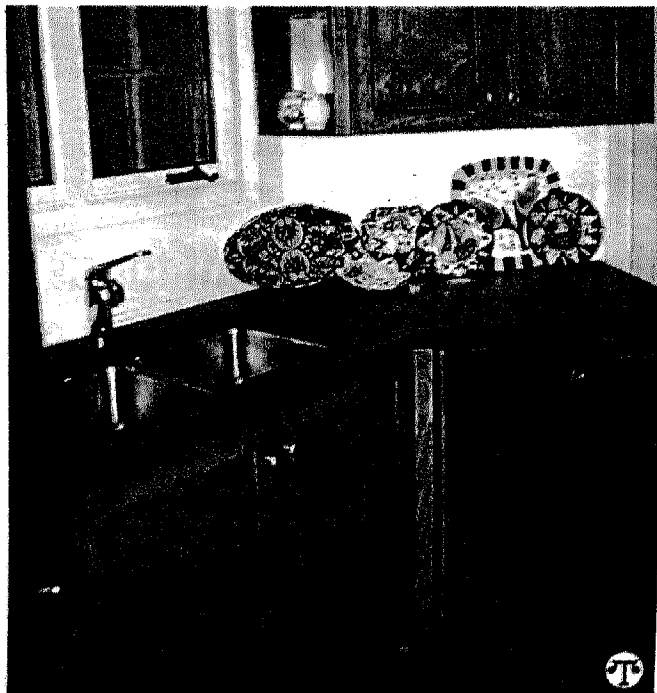
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Do-it-yourself concrete countertops



(NAPSA) - If you're cooking up a do-it-yourself project that can improve the look of your kitchen or bath, you may want to check out concrete countertops. The counters have become popular with professionals and do-it-yourselfers because of their unique appearance, low price, high durability and—perhaps equally important—they're easy to build and install.

If you want concrete countertops in your home try these tips:

Start by getting Precision Non-Shrink Grout, a product called Cement Colors and a product called Cure & Seal—all of which are made by Quikrete. You'll also need a drill with a paddle mixer, trowel, cement float, 5-gallon bucket, 1-gallon bucket, 3/4-inch laminate wood board, 3/4-inch laminate wood strips, 1 1/2-inch wood screws, caulk and caulk gun, form release agent, 2-inch paint brush, rubber mallet and sandpaper.

- Construct the countertop form by securing the laminate strips to the laminate board with the wood screws.
- Run a small bead of caulk into the joint and let it dry.
- Apply a form release agent to the inside of the form for easy removal of the countertop, once the concrete has cured.
- Mix the Non-Shrink Precision Grout to a plastic yet flowable consistency using the drill with the paddle mixer.
- For a decorative touch, add the Liquid Cement Color (available in red, brown, buff, charcoal, terra cotta) to the mixing water.
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- Tap the sides of the form with a rubber mallet before finishing the concrete countertop to reduce air pockets that could leave voids on the surface.
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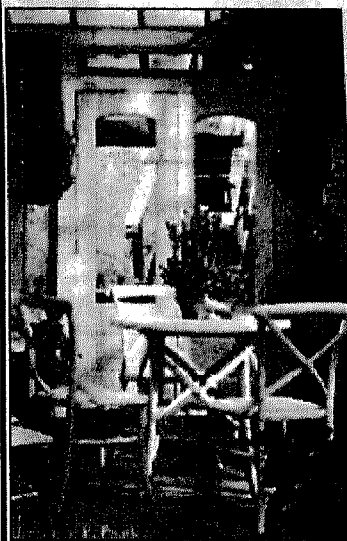
Ideal times to consider duct cleaning are in the spring before you leave your property or upon your return in the fall. Of course, the cleaning can be done at any time during the year and should be based upon a visual inspection of your duct system by a service representative.

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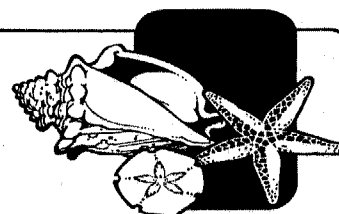
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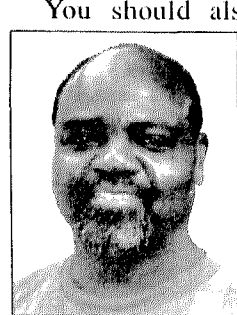
Sherlock Holmes was a great detective. He picked up clues as he went along in order to solve the case he was working on at the time and gained experience for future cases.

From now on, when you walk through your home or business think of it as a possible crime scene and you as the great Sherlock Holmes looking for clues. The crimes I speak of are any potential plumbing problems that can rob you of your hard-earned money due to costly repair bills. Undetected plumbing leaks can cause ceilings to fall in, hardwood floors to buckle and mold in walls just to name a few. You can avoid being a potential crime victim by using your Sherlock Holmes detective skills every day as you walk through your home or business.

You can lose the magnifying glass. You won't need it at all. The only thing you will need is to pay a little closer attention to the plumbing fixtures in your home. They are always trying to give you clues. You just have to pay attention.

For instance, the next time you are putting groceries away and have to put items under the kitchen sink cabinet, take a look at the shut off valves, supply lines and drains. If you notice any drips on any plumbing or corrosion on any

pipes or stops, that's your clue that a possible crime is in progress. You'll need to do more investigating or call for back up — ie, your local plumber.



RON GAVIN

You should also note where your water heater is located because, if something goes wrong, you could have a major crime scene on your hands. The heater could be in several different places, the most critical being the attic. This could present a major assault on your wallet should you have a leak and the safety pan failed. Once you find the water heater, you want to check it for possible leaks. The first place to look the safety pan — look for damp or wet spots on the bottom. This is your first clue. This pan will also have a drain line that goes to the outside of the building; make a note in your crime-stopper notebook to keep an eye on that drain. If you ever see water dripping from it, you have a leak at the water heater. That's elementary, my dear Watson... or it could be the element. (So much for comic relief.) Valves which could also be the source of the leak.

At this point it may be necessary to call in the crime scene experts, a.k.a. a plumber.

Before we wrap up this investigation, we want to clue you in on a few more tips. Remember that every plumbing fixture is a potential crime, so let's not forget to periodically check all plumbing — washing machine hoses, bathroom sink faucets, stops, drains, main shut-off valves, sprinkler systems, etc.

If detective work isn't your cup of tea, you can always call your local plumber and ask for an in-home plumbing inspection of all your fixtures and your pipes in the attic.

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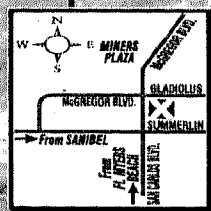
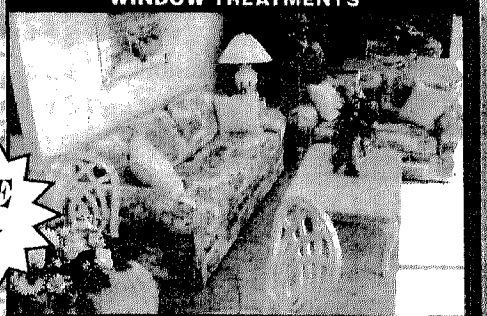


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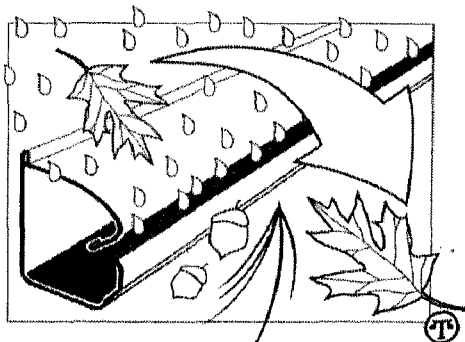
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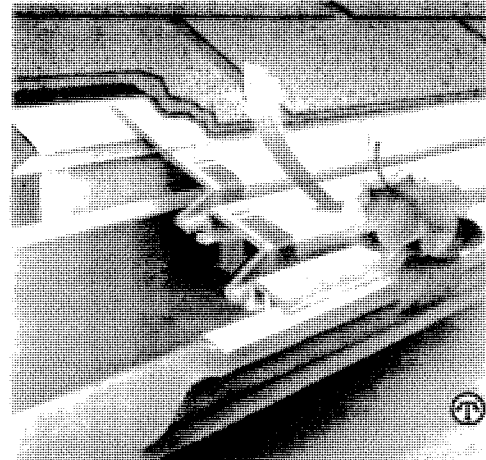
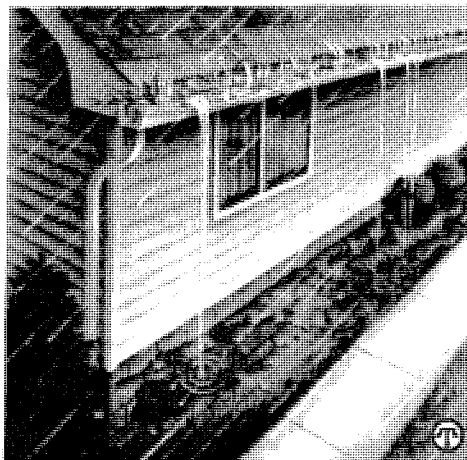
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Sobczak at Sanibel Library

On Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m., Sanibel author Charles Sobczak will be at the Sanibel Public Library to discuss his newest novel, "A Choice of Angels." Set in Atlanta, Georgia and Istanbul, Turkey, it tells the story of the unexpected romance between Daniel Harris, the son of a Baptist minister from Macon, and Ayse Yalcin, an Islamic exchange student from Istanbul. The novel explores the historical and modern divisions that exist between the two cultures, and although it was begun before the events of September 11, 2001, it is definitely a tale for our times.

Sobczak began his writing career over thirty years ago as a regular columnist for The Statesman, a weekly newspaper for the University of Minnesota, where he was pursuing a degree. After college he did little in the way of writing for the next fifteen years until he started writing a fishing column for the "Island Reporter". In 1999 he published his first novel, "Six Mornings on Sanibel", which is a best-selling title on the island. His second novel, "Way Under Contract, a Florida Story" was published in 2000 and was awarded the "Patrick Smith Award for Florida Literature in 2001". When he is not writing, Charles makes his living selling island real estate. He lives on Sanibel with his wife and two sons.

The program will be held in the ground floor meeting room of the Library and is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Library at 472-2483.

Farwell designs one more



Captiva artist Stella Farwell has done one final patriotic vehicle and delivered it to happy owner Ron Gavin of Ronald K. Gavin, Inc. Residential Plumbing. A year ago she completed her Patriotic Project which included 20 passenger vehicles and the three Captiva fire trucks. Fifteen of the vehicles led off last year's Sanibel-Captiva Fourth of July Parade.

Recently Gavin asked Farwell if she would do a patriotic design on his new truck. Her response was, "We are at war and this man wants to display his patriotism. I have to do this."

Gavin's vehicle is a huge truck eight-and-one-half feet high. "The size alone presented a challenge," Farwell said. "I have tried to make sure the design does not interfere with the operation of the rear lift door or any of the service compartment doors." She spent a lot of time up on a ladder completing the design. And just before Gavin took delivery, the artist affixed her signature on the rear driver's side.

"I can't wait to get this one the road!" was Gavin's reaction.

Farwell donated her creative artwork and its application to the owners' vehicles. To pay for their patriotic designs, owners made donations to charities of their choice that spanned the world. Ron's donation will be to the American Cancer Society in Fort Myers. The Patriotic Truck was delivered to Ronald K. Gavin Plumbing on Monday, May 5. Ron says he plans to drive it in this year's parade.

Focus on healing and healers

"Healing Stories" will be the theme of the Thursday, May 15, meeting of the Tamiami Tale Tellers (TTT).

These stories may relate to sorrow, tragedy, physical or mental problems, damaged personal relationships, revenge, anger, bitterness, or negative attitudes, explained by TTT spokesperson, Bert MacCarry, of Sanibel. "Healing stories can be found in ethnic folklore collections from around the world. We can also find stories of healing in our personal lives, and in the lives of friends, neighbors, acquaintances and strangers. Our newspapers, magazines, TV and radio programs are full of healing stories."

"Healing Stories" was third on a list of choices made by TTT members for themes for their monthly meetings.

TTT meetings held the third Thursday of each month at the Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers from 7 to 9 p.m. They are free and open to the public for ages 5 to 95. Both tellers and listeners are welcome.

For information, call 472-1781.

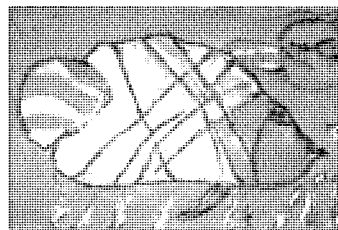
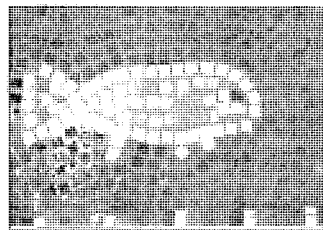
Painters in summer mode

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association has switched to its summer schedule until reopening full-time in mid-October. However, the Indoor Painters will be opening the Gallery and Studio on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this time they invite all artists, visitors and beginners, to join them in an informal session where they sketch and paint from still life setups or merely do their own thing.

In addition to providing an ideal, well-lit, air-conditioned setting for doing one's art, the Gallery is exhibiting an All Member Summer Show, where one can browse and buy works by one's favorite artists.

The Art Association is located at corner of Donora & Shell Mound Boulevards, just behind the Fire Station on the Beach. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday during the summer. One can call at these times for further information, or check out the Art Association's Web Page at www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

Next Wednesday, May 14, the Outdoor Painters of the Art Association will be on the Beach at Bowditch Point Park; on May 21 the group will meet at the Edison Home. They encourage visiting artists to join them in their sessions and bring along a brown-bag lunch for critique time at noon. For additional information on the Outdoor Painters, call Lisa Grinter at 463-2980.



FISHWORKS, an exhibit of 350 pieces of artwork by our islands' youngest artists, is sure to catch your eye and your heart. BIG ARTS' Phillips Gallery has been transformed into a delightful display of drawings, paintings, mosaics, prints and sculptures by the students of The Sanibel School under the guidance of their teacher, Suzanne Skinner. This incredibly huge exhibit mixes interesting and expressive art with lesson plans that teach students skills they can use in other areas of their lives as they mature. The public is welcome at the May 15 reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and another on May 16 from 5:30 to 7:30. The gallery is open weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m. through May 21.

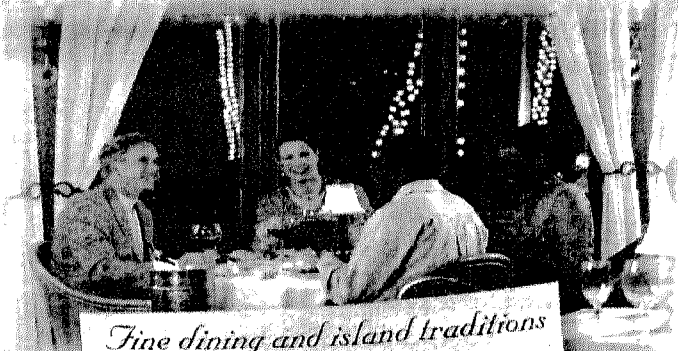
Many of the projects proceeded in stages and required careful planning and visualization. The batiks on paper, for instance, started with line drawings; then new materials were introduced to produce colors and texture. Some of the drawings are quite detailed while others have a good concept of mass and composition. It is a difficult media to master and the paintings are quite successful.

The clay fish were sculpted, then painted, and required creative thinking, dexterity

and patience from young fingers and minds. The mixed media paintings of colored chalk and glue on black backgrounds are imaginative with many variations.

The mosaic fish were made independently by each artist on backgrounds that required both work and disciplined energy. Although they are made from inexpensive materials, they are exhibited together as an eleven-foot long fish that looks like a beautiful glass mosaic wall. Because of much of the artwork was damaged when the classroom flooded, many of the completed hanging fish had to be recreated. All of these projects express ideas in a variety of materials and give students the opportunity to learn new skills while in an academic and disciplined setting. Skinner has included informative lesson plans that describe materials, objectives and procedures.

This is an exhibit that will leave your face smiling and your head swimming with youthful ideas. Included in it are fish that are exciting, elaborate, natural, thoughtful, representational, imaginary, comical and colorful — each one with a personality of its own, no two alike. BIG ARTS is at 900 Dunlop Road. For more information call 395-0900.



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Symphony shines... or is it Scheins?

A small but highly appreciative audience filled Schein Hall last Saturday for *Classic Sanibel — A Concert & Conversation Program*, an excellent finale to the Gulf Coast Symphony's 2002/2003 season. This group of some 50 musicians is a non-professional community orchestra, made up of volunteers of all ages. Its mission "... is primarily one of education. The orchestra encourages the growth of symphonic music in the greater community by performing a variety of concerts each year, including classical, pops and family education concerts." Eight years ago, Dr. Andrew Kurtz founded Gulf Coast Symphony and acts as its music director as well as its conductor/narrator.

Last Saturday's program featured Reiko Miiya, concertmaster of the Southwest Florida Symphony, performing *Concerto for Violin No. 3 in b minor* by Camille Saint-Saëns. The program also included Tchaikovsky's triumphant *Symphony No. 4 in f minor*. The highly interesting conversation part of the evening was designed in such a way as to allow the audience to become more actively involved as well as more appreciative of the music being performed.

Kurtz not only discussed the musical selections, he had the orchestra and the soloist demonstrate excerpts and the various elements that made these particular selections and their composers so unique.

At the outset of the evening Miiya was presented a certificate honoring her dedication to music and music education. Kurtz then went on to explain the dual function of a concerto — (a) feature a solo instrument, (b) illustrate how the composer has the solo instrument influence the orchestra and vice versa. In the opening piece, the Saint-Saëns, the violinist's four-note variant was played against the orchestra, which served as background, the orchestra then played a melody, which in turn was picked up by the soloist. Phrases of music became the sentences of a conversation between the violin and the full orchestra. Miiya — diminutive in stature but certainly not in talent — gave the piece an intelligent, sensitive,

clear and concise, though emotional, reading.

Kurtz had pointed out a rather difficult harmonic passage between the violin and the clarinet, which was played beautifully and was enjoyed even more since the audience had been made aware of it ahead of time. The detailed descriptions preceding the playing of this familiar concerto doubled my enjoyment, and allowed me to pay attention to the composer's emotional intentions and the colors he wished to express. Meanwhile, the orchestra did their very best to fill Schein Hall with lovely lush sounds. As the final notes faded away, the enthralled audience rose as one to its feet with applause, bravos and a well-deserved standing ovation.

Tchaikovsky's Fourth came after the intermission. Kurtz discussed the power and passion the composer intended with this rather challenging symphony, pointing out that Tchaikovsky defines sexuality, depression and the role of fate in our lives, all within this one piece. The conductor demonstrated musically the themes of fate, lamentation, and depression — evolving into despair, escaping into dreams, emerging into hope. The composer's final symphonic comment is "that life is possible."

Both Kurtz and The Gulf Coast Symphony proved their mettle with their skillful rendering of this really difficult piece. I was particularly impressed since Kurtz had said that the orchestra had a mere 15 hours and five rehearsals to learn this formidable symphony. Kurtz has gained much knowledge and assuredness over the past few years. His touch is strong, sure, precise, yet filled with passion and a joy of performing that is positively winning.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable — as well as educational — evening at BIG ARTS. The last time I heard Gulf Coast Symphony was about four years ago, and I can assure you it will be on my regular schedule next season. If you're wise, you'll be sure to include it on your next season's concert schedule as well.

And, when you call for reservations, don't forget to tell 'em Marsha sent you!



Marsha Wagner



Art exhibits — Out and about

Up the West Coast

- *Tutankhamun—Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb*. Through August 15. Southwest Florida Museum of History, 2300 Peck Street, Fort Myers. 332-5955.
- *Eye Contact*. Through May 23. *Corealism: Modern Art & Architectural Design*; *Song of Life: The Gow Collection of Ancient Chinese Art*; *Gilbert Lesser Theatre Posters*; *Flor Garduño, Inner Light: Still Life & Nudes*; and *Masters of Miniature*. Through July 31. Naples Museum of Art, 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard (800) 597-1900.
- *Sacred Treasures: Early Italian Paintings from the Southern Collection*. May 31-August 10. Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota (941) 359-5700.
- *Barbara Sorenson: Monumental Ceramics*. Through June 29. Gulf Coast Museum of Art, Largo (727) 518-6833.

St. Petersburg/Tampa

- *The Photographs of D.W. Mellor*. Through June 8. *The Power and Passion of Dance: The Carol Halsted Dance Photography Collection*. Through June 15. Museum of Fine Arts (727) 896-2667.
- *Florida Craftsmen's 50th Anniversary Exhibition*. May 23-August 11. Santa Fe Gallery, Santa Fe Community College (727) 821-7391.
- *Modern Art in Florida*. May 11-July 6. Tampa Museum of Art (813) 274-8130.
- *Sumptuous Silver*. Through Oct. 31. Henry B. Plant Museum, Tampa (813) 254-1891.

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- *Ancestors of the Incas: The Majesty of Ancient Peru*. Through July 20. *Decade of Growth: Selections from the Permanent Collection*. May 31-August 17. Orlando Museum of Art (407) 896-4231.
- *1776*. June 4-July 11. Mark Two Dinner Theater, Orlando (407) 843-6275.
- *Three Women of Taste & Style: Their Hats from the 1870s through the 1940s*. Through Sept. 28. *The Illuminated Vision—Lamps of Tiffany Studios*. Through Jan. 4, 2004. Morse Museum of American Art, Winter Park (407) 645-5311.

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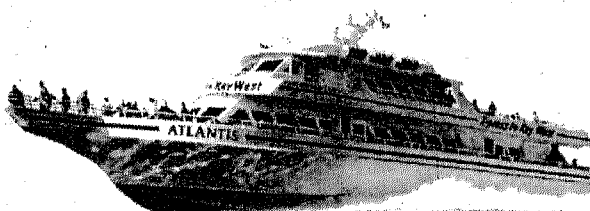
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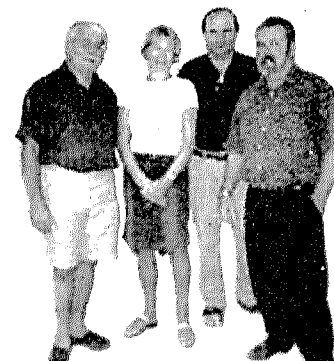
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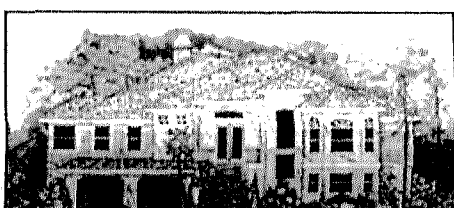
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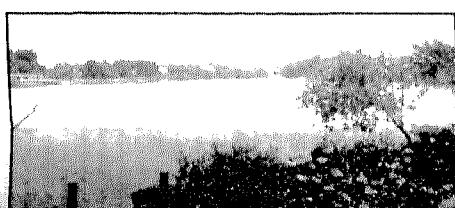
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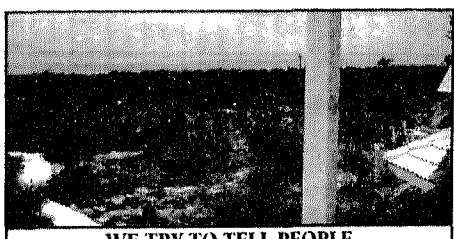
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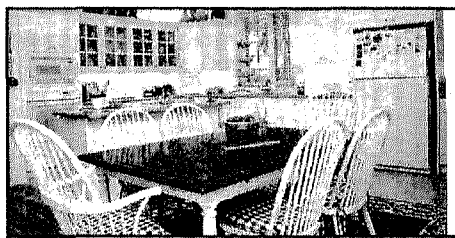
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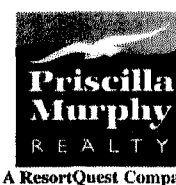
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Gulfshore Ballet has announced that 25 of their students have been accepted for study at prestigious summer ballet programs all across the United States. During the early months of winter, Gulfshore students auditioned in competition with ballet students from across the country for several dozen well known summer programs. All were accepted to at least one, and, in some cases, to all of the programs for which they auditioned!

The students and the programs they have selected to attend are:

Miami City Ballet: Rebecca Bluitt, Doney Dinh, Danielle Fisher, Morgan Leppanen, Sarah Pomarico, Avila Stahlman and Kelsey Wacker

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San Francisco Ballet: Zoe McDonie

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Sponsored as they are by major ballet companies, these summer programs, provide intensive training for students who want to pursue their ballet studies during the summer months when their home schools are closed. They also serve to introduce students to the world of professional ballet, and are a valuable educational experience for all who attend.

Fall semester auditions coming up

Gulfshore is holding placement auditions for interested new students, ages 5-17, from May 16-22. Training is offered at seven different levels and auditions are required in order to determine which level of study is best suited for each student. Classes begin on Sept. 2.

Gulfshore students have a unique opportunity to study with the most experienced classical ballet faculty in Southwest Florida — Melinda Roy, former Principal Dancer, New York City Ballet; Tomislav Vukovic, former Principal Dancer, Hamburg Opera Ballet; Glenda Lucena, former Ballet Mistress, Miami City Ballet; and Christine Simpson, former Principal Dancer, Hubbard Street Dance. Artistic advisors for the school are Olga Kostitsy, School of American Ballet, and Jock Soto, Principal Dancer, New York City Ballet.

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Day trips/long weekends

From the Ancient Ones of many thousands of years ago to today's Miccosukee and Seminoles, Florida's Native Americans are a most important part of the state's culture. Many tribal remains are being preserved and interpreted on the **Trail of the Lost Tribes** (941/953-3108; 941/794-8773), a network of publicly accessible archaeological sites, museums and archaeologists. Here are a few of them...

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- **The Mound House**, Fort Myers Beach. A work in progress, Estero Island's oldest house will eventually have exhibits detailing the history of the site from the Calusas through its early-1900s inhabitants. 765-0865 or MoundHouse@fmbeach.org.

And here are some vintage sites from later periods in Florida's history...

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- Well over two centuries old, **Kingsley Plantation** on Fort George Island near Jacksonville is a National Park Service historical site. (904) 251-3537 or www.nps.gov/timu.
- **Bulow Plantation Ruins**, 9 miles south of Bunnell, Fla. and **Castillo de San Marcos** in St. Augustine are two of the state's finest examples of coquina construction. The **Spanish Coquina Quarries**, Florida's oldest, were established circa 1565 along the Matanzas River on Anastasia Island and are now part of the Anastasia State Recreation Area.

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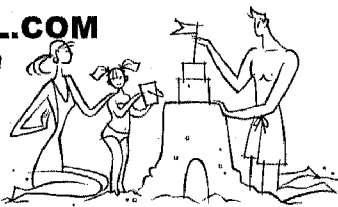
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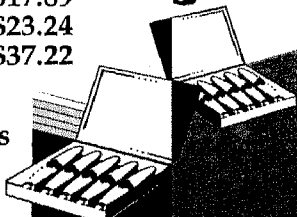
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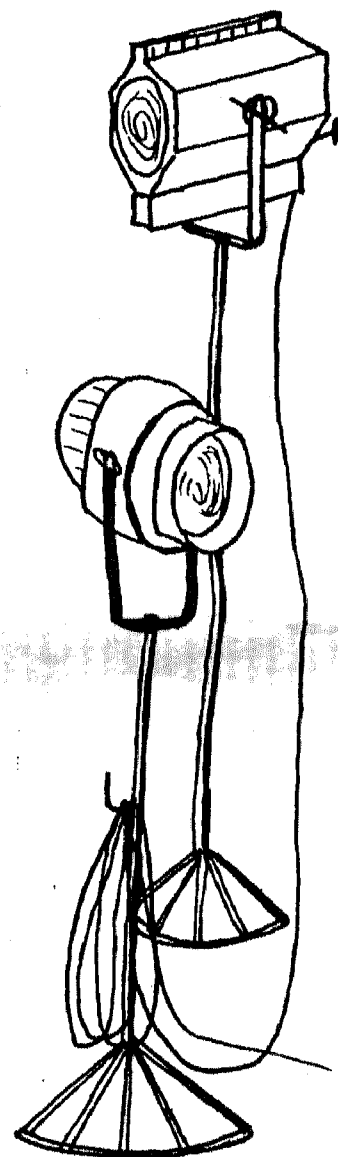
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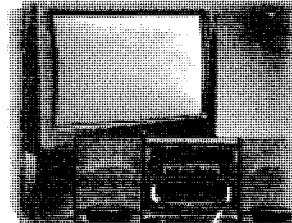
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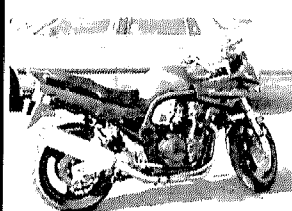
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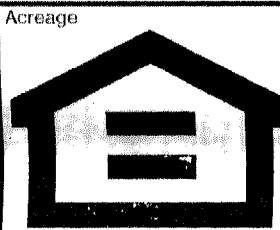
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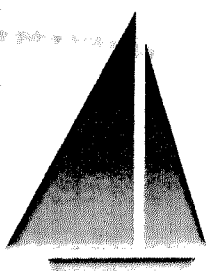
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Mound House competitions and tours

By Vivian McMahon, Staff Writer
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Fort Myers Beach Observer

Mound House is the oldest home on
Estero Island, and is built on a Calusa
Mound which was excavated last year by
FGCU archaeologists.

Florida Gulf Coast University archaeol-
ogy professors Theresa Schober and her hus-
band Corbett Torrence have been confirmed
for a second year as directors by the Fort
Myers Beach Town Council.

During the past
year, the Mound
House property has
undergone an archae-
ological dig which
revealed fish and cat-
tle bones, shards of
pottery (attributed to
the ancient Calusa
Indians which once
inhabited the shell
mound) and even
decorative beads

(which could only have come from
European settlers.)

Since January, volunteers have virtually
completed reassembling a clay pot which
was found in over 300 pieces. The pot was a
puzzle, Schober said, "because people don't
throw away a perfectly good pot. It was
unusual to find a complete pot, even though
it was in 300 pieces."

Plans call to eventually have Calusa as
well as modern day exhibits of life at the
site. "We are hoping for help from people in
the community with the construction of
these exhibits," Schober said.

"Programs are being put into place, and
now Mound House is open 12 hours a week
instead of four," Schober said. "It is a way to
grow, and we average 42 volunteers every
week." The dock has been refurbished, and
since the property is now on the Great
Calusa Blueway Trail, Schober said they are
applying for the permits to construct a land-
ing area for canoes and kayaks.

The directors are also looking into mak-
ing the current swimming pool into a walk-
in area where visitors would be able to see
into the ancient Calusa mound. "Osprey
[Florida] has something like that that is very
popular and informative," Schober
explained.

Logo Contest

The Mound House has announced a con-
test to design a new logo for the facility. The
new logo will provide a dynamic means to
visually describe the site by incorporating a
variety of time periods and interesting
aspects of the site's history.

The ideal logo should appeal to a variety
of visitors by touching on major aspects of
The Mound House's mission to inform and
educate Florida residents and visitors about
Florida pre-history, the Calusas, early pio-
neer settlement, and life on Estero Island as
it relates to the William H. Case House. The
logo may also incorporate design elements
that emphasize the sensitive marine/estuar-
ine environment in which the site is situated.

Competition Rules

- Design must include the name
"The Mound House."
- Design must incorporate the major ele-
ments of our mission statement.
- Design can be rendered in color (up to
4), but should also be suitable for a

monochrome version.

- Design should not have been used previ-
ously in public.

Entries can be submitted in hard copy on
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Beach and The Mound House. The selected
design may be reworked by professional
designers to prepare it for use. Deadline for
entries is May 15.

Archaeological and historical tours

Guided tours of the Mound House are
offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays
between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. through May 14.
Reservations for tours are not required. The
Mound House is located at 289 Connecticut
Street. Parking is available on site. Grounds
are open daily for walking, bicycling, and
picnicking from sunrise to sundown.

Volunteer Archaeology Laboratory

The Mound House is hosting a volunteer
archaeology laboratory on Saturdays from
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10 a.m.
to 2 p.m. through May 31.

Artifacts from the archaeological assess-
ment of the site conducted by FGCU's
Cultural Resource Management Program in
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archaeology, the history and prehistory of
Estero Island and Southwest Florida, have
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and patient person, join us and try your hand
at archaeological reconstruction. Visitors are
also welcome to watch and/or take a tour of
the house and grounds.

Calusa Netting Technology Workshop

Have an interest in fishing and crafts? In
preparation for a Calusa exhibit room at The
Mound House, we will begin to construct a
Calusa fishing net using indigenous plants
for cordage and archaeological net gauges
and weights. A cordage workshop is being
held on Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Interested in Volunteering?

The archaeology lab is just one of the
many ways that volunteers can become
involved at the site. Our group topics have
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ology and the Calusa Indians, Cuban fisher-
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For more information on all the Mound
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Art exhibits, from page 22

Miami & Up the Gold Coast

- *Shirin Neshat*. Through June 3. Roberto Behar & Rosario Marquardt. Through June 22. *Selections from the Permanent Collection*. Through Nov. 16. Miami Art Museum (305) 375-3000.
- *Hannalore Baron: Works from 1969-1987*. Through June 15.
- *Florida Remembers World War II*. Through June 1. Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Miami (305) 375-1492.

- *Close Up in Black: African American Film Posters*. Through July 17. The Wolfsonian, Miami Beach (305) 531-1001.
- *Manhattan Stories: Enduring Legacy*. Through May 27. Lowe Art Museum, Coral Gables (305) 284-3503.
- *Hollywood All-Media Juried Biennial*. May 17-June 29. Art & Culture Center of Hollywood (954) 921-3274.
- *Tumultuous Fifties: Photography from the New York Times*. Through July 13. Fort Lauderdale Museum of

Art (954) 525-5500.

- *Reality & Figuration: The Contemporary Latin American Presence; and Passages: The Paintings of Arturo Rodriguez*. Through Nov. 3. Boca Raton Museum of Art (561) 392-2500.
- *My Reality: Contemporary Art & the Culture of Japanese Animation*. Through June 15. *The Human Comedy: Portraits by Red Grooms*. May 24-August 24. Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach (561) 832-5196.

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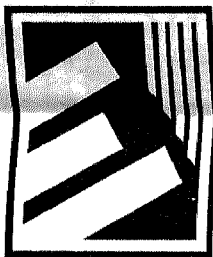
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Jack Nicholson. Through August 30; *Janet Fish.* Through Sept 28. *The Land Through a Lens; Highlights from the Smithsonian American Art Museum.* May 20-August 10. Harn Museum of Art, Gainesville (352) 392-9826.

- *Seeing the Unseen.* May 30-August 31. Mary Brogan Museum of Art & Science, Tallahassee (850) 513-0700.
- *The Art of Hatred.* Through June 1. Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee (850) 488-1484.

Out of state

- *All the Queen's Horses: The Role of the Horse in British History.* Assembled from 67 public & private collections including that of the Royal Family. Through August 24. Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kent.
- *Entertaining America: Jews, Movies & Broadcasting.* Through Sept. 14. Jewish Museum, New York City. www.thejewishmuseum.org
- *The Floating World Revealed—Ukiyo-e paintings & prints (1615-1868).* Through May 26. *Whistler in Venice: The Pastels.* Through June 15. *Chinese Buddhist Sculpture in a New Light.* Through July 13. *Religious Art of Japan.* Through Dec. 12, 2004. Freer Gallery, Washington, DC.
- *Ethiopian Icons: Faith & Science.* Through Oct. 5. *Journeys & Destinations: Contemporary African Artists on the Move.* Through Nov. 30. *The Ancient Nubian City of Kerman,*

2500-1500 BC. Indefinite. National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.

- *Fountains of Light: The Nuhad Es-Said Collection.* Indefinite. Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- *After Totems: Love, Distress & Moss,* a site-specific installation by Yvonne Pickering Carter. Through Oct. 1. *Captive Passage: The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the making of the Americas.* Through Oct. 31. Anacostia Museum, Washington, D.C.
- *September 11, 2001: Bearing Witness to History.* Through July 6. *An Odyssey in Print: Adventures in the Smithsonian Libraries;* and *West Point in the Making of America, 1802-1918.* Through Jan. 4, 2004. *Bon Appétit: Julia Child's Kitchen.* Through Feb. 15. *Within These Walls and The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden.* Permanent. *Preserving the Star-Spangled Banner;* and *Amati and Stradivarius Instruments Collection.* Indefinite. National Museum of American History, Washington, DC. [www.icanhistory.si.edu/1942](http://www.americanhistory.si.edu/1942).
- *A Passion for Plants: Botanical Art from the Shirley Sherwood Collection.* Through Nov. 1. National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.
- *The 1847 Issue: America's First Stamp.* Through June 9. *Artistic License: The Duck Stamp Story.* Permanent. National Postal Museum, Washington, D.C.
- *Light Screens: The Leaded Glass of Frant Lloyd Wright.* Through July 20. *Grand Salon—George Catlin's Indian Gallery, Catlin in Europe (Part 2).* Through Dec. 31. *30th Anniversary Exhibition.* Permanent. Renwick Gallery, Washington, D.C.

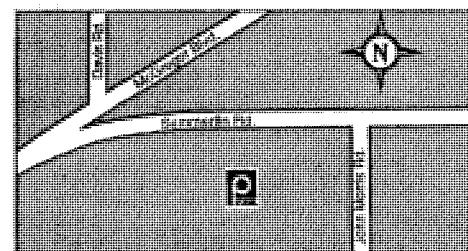
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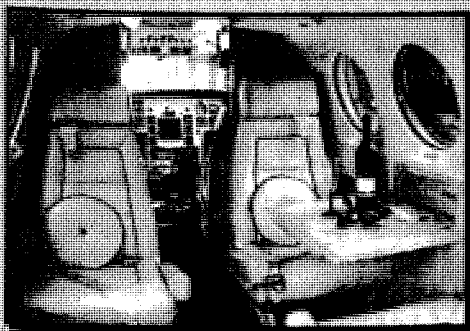
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