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## Let Freedom Ring

*Photo by Ronni Elaine MacPherson*

"Let Freedom Ring" is the theme of this year's Fourth of July Parade on Sanibel. In addition to the parade there will be a number of other entertaining events put on by many hard-working islanders. A schedule can be found inside on page 4.



**Turtles are hatching on Captiva's beaches and it's starting to look like a pretty good year.**

**See story on Page 2.**

**The Home Pages this week take a look at Shabby to Chic a specialized home furnishing business.**

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# Captiva enjoys banner year for turtle hatchings

By Renny Severance  
Executive Editor

Turtle nesting season runs from about April 15 to sometime in September or October, depending on the weather, says Sam Landry, who heads the turtle patrol for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation on Captiva.

This year has been exceptionally good for turtle nests and hatchings, he reports, the best since the banner year of 2000. As of June 28 they have found 88 nests as compared with 98 nests for all of last year and 96 for the year before. Parts of Sanibel and other area beaches have reported fewer nests this year.

With the first one on June 26, two nests on Captiva have hatched so far this season, with apparently good results. The hatchlings are considered a delicacy by ghost crabs and raccoons but Landry reports that there were no signs of their activity on these hatchings.

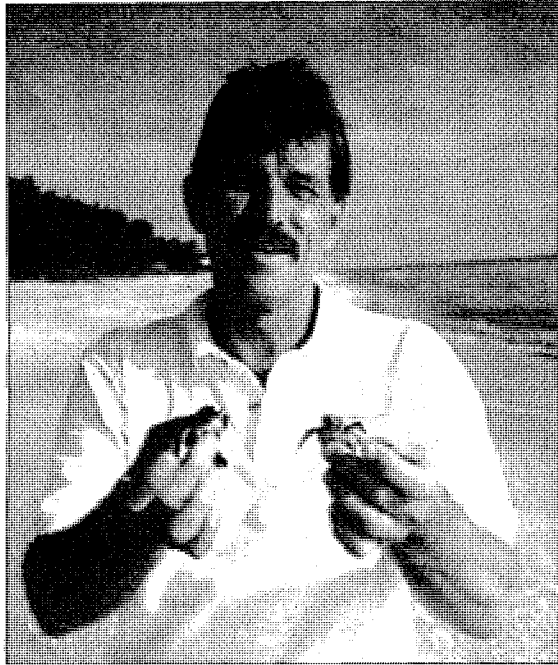
Sam Landry has been patrolling the beach for turtle nests for at least the past decade and for the past six years he has headed the turtle run for SCCF on Captiva.

Every morning at 6 a.m. during turtle season he patrols the 5.2 miles of beach on Captiva from Blind Pass to Redfish Pass. Weekdays different volunteers take turns helping him. "If you ever go on a turtle run you'll never want to quit," Landry observes.

Rain and storms have little effect on the nests and the hatchings, he says. The gestation period of a nest is about 54 days, give or take a bit depending on the weather in that the hatching is triggered by the heat of the nest.

The nests generally hatch at night but it can happen during the day. When it does, the hatchlings detect the warm sand near the surface and their instinct tells them to stay under the sand until nightfall before emerging and heading for the gulf. This offers some protection from predators.

When a nest is discovered in the morning turtle run it is staked and marked with a yellow tag cau-



Shannon Landry photo

**Sam Landry shows two hatchlings rescued from the nest after the rest have gone.**

tioning people to leave it alone and informing of penalties for disturbing the nest.

After the nest hatches, Landry waits 72 hours and then digs it up to take inventory and rescue any stragglers. The second nest this year revealed 143 empty shells and five infertile eggs.

There were also four live babies still in the nest who missed the "elevator" to the surface with the rest. These were rescued and given a free ride to the gulf.

On weekends, Landry still makes the turtle run on his ATV, but instead of volunteers, he usually takes guests.



Sam Landry photo

**A typical dawn on the beach during a turtle run on Captiva.**



Shannon Landry photo

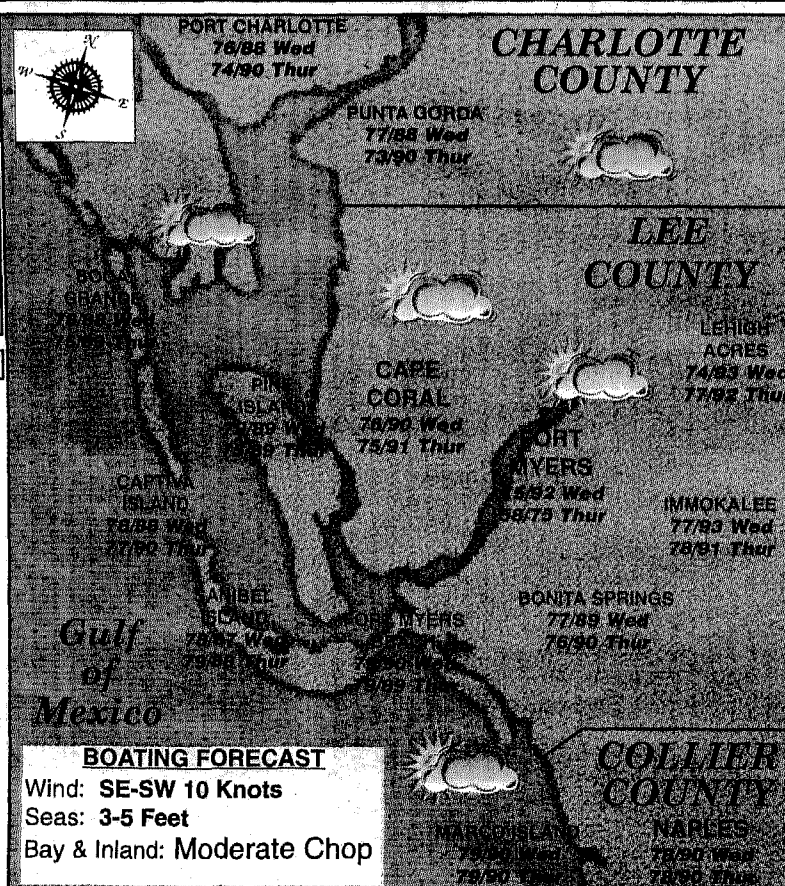
**When Sam Landry finds a dead turtle on the beach, he moves it to a proper location by ATV and digs a hole five feet deep to bury it. This one weighed 375 pounds. Death is often caused by powerboats, sometimes red tide.**

## FORECAST FOR JULY 2 & 3

| WEDNESDAY |      | THURSDAY |      |
|-----------|------|----------|------|
| A.M.      | P.M. | A.M.     | P.M. |
|           |      |          |      |

### WEEKEND TIDES

| City           | Wed. High | Wed. Low   | Thur. High | Thur. Low  |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Cape Coral     | 8:03 a.m. | 1:12 a.m.  | 8:22 a.m.  | 1:52 a.m.  |
| Bridge         | 4:54 p.m. | 11:08 a.m. | 5:47 p.m.  | 12:17 p.m. |
| Captiva at     | 5:53 a.m. | 7:52 a.m.  | 6:12 a.m.  | 9:01 a.m.  |
| Redfish Pass   | 2:44 p.m. | 10:36 p.m. | 3:37 p.m.  | 11:15 p.m. |
| Fort Myers     | 8:56 a.m. | 1:54 a.m.  | 9:15 a.m.  | 2:34 a.m.  |
|                | 5:47 p.m. | 11:50 a.m. | 6:40 p.m.  | 12:59 p.m. |
| Mt. Pass       | 7:31 a.m. | 12:38 a.m. | 7:50 a.m.  | 1:18 a.m.  |
|                | 4:22 p.m. | 10:34 a.m. | 5:15 p.m.  | 11:43 a.m. |
| Pineland       | 6:29 a.m. | 9:32 a.m.  | 6:48 a.m.  | 12:16 a.m. |
|                | 3:20 p.m. |            | 4:13 p.m.  | 10:41 a.m. |
| Point Ybel     | 4:58 a.m. | 7:54 a.m.  | 5:17 a.m.  | 9:03 a.m.  |
|                | 1:49 p.m. | 10:38 p.m. | 2:42 p.m.  | 11:17 p.m. |
| Punta Rassa    | 5:47 a.m. | 7:47 a.m.  | 6:06 a.m.  | 8:56 a.m.  |
|                | 2:38 p.m. | 10:31 p.m. | 3:31 p.m.  | 11:10 p.m. |
| St. James City | 6:18 a.m. | 8:22 a.m.  | 6:37 a.m.  | 9:31 a.m.  |
|                | 3:09 p.m. | 11:06 p.m. | 4:02 p.m.  | 11:45 p.m. |



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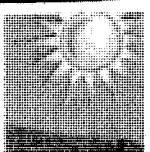
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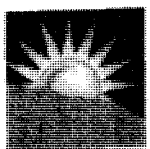
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### STATE FORECAST-THURSDAY

| CITY            | LOW/HIGH |
|-----------------|----------|
| CAPE CORAL      | 75/91    |
| DAYTONA BEACH   | 75/90    |
| FT. LAUDERDALE  | 75/92    |
| FT. MYERS BEACH | 79/89    |
| GAINESVILLE     | 75/88    |
| JACKSONVILLE    | 82/90    |
| KEY WEST        | 75/92    |
| KISSIMMEE       | 77/90    |
| MIAMI           | 77/90    |
| ORLANDO         | 75/92    |
| PANAMA CITY     | 72/88    |
| PENSACOLA       | 75/88    |
| SARASOTA        | 75/80    |
| ST. PETERSBURG  | 75/80    |
| TALLAHASSEE     | 72/88    |
| TAMPA           | 75/90    |
| VERO BEACH      | 75/90    |
| WEST PALM BEACH | 72/82    |



**THURSDAY  
SUNRISE  
6:39 AM**



**THURSDAY  
SUNSET  
8:25 PM**

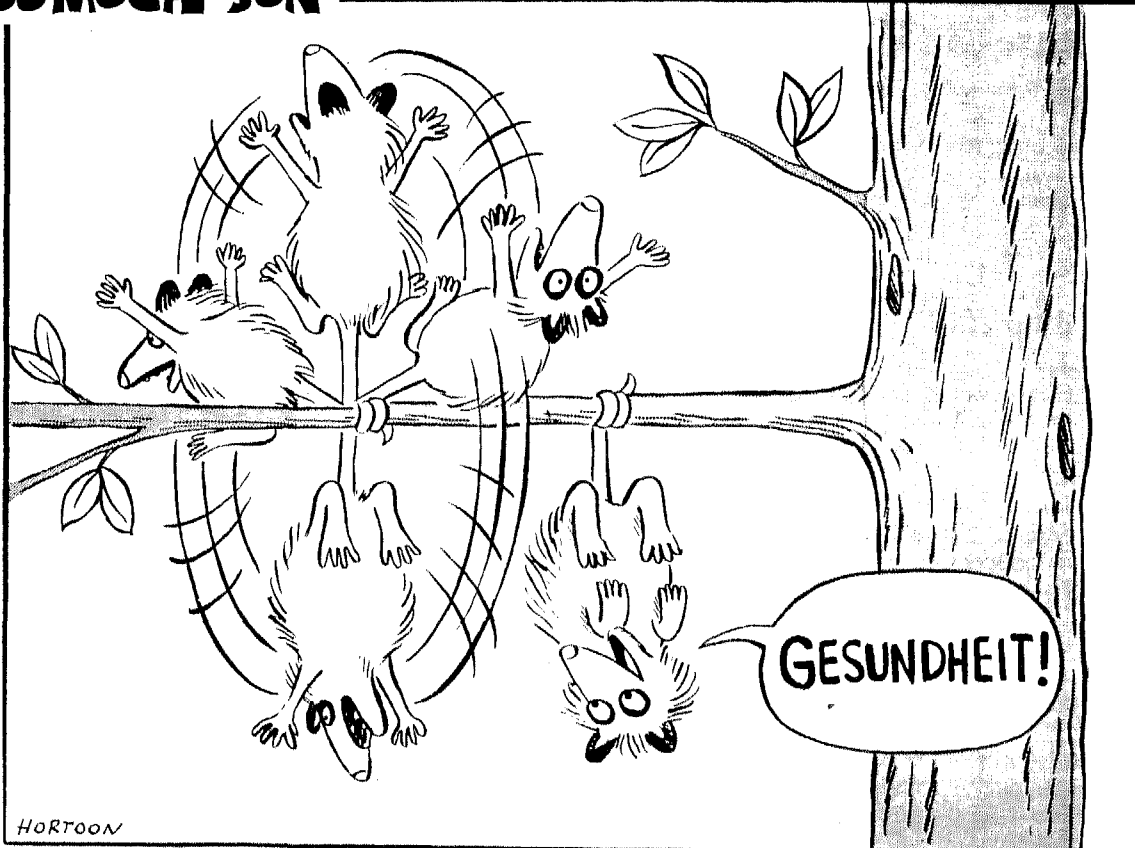
## TOO MUCH SUN



Dave Horton



Lee Horton



Horton

## UP PERISCOPE

July 4th rolls around again. As a mid-20th century child, it was always a fun time, parades, fun in the sun (it was still considered good for your skin in those days) grilled goodies and fireworks.

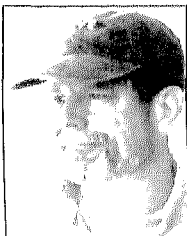
A decade or two later we all got a little jaded, what with unpopular military conflicts in remote parts of the world coupled with being young adults and the urgency of being cool. The holiday became a welcome day off, but not the sort of Norman Rockwell bit of Americana.

This was in Boston after all where protest is something of an institution. But the exception in this case was the fireworks on the Charles River.

You could actually go to any of a number of grassy riverside locations, spread a blanket, enjoy a nice mouton-cadet and some brie, or even potato chips and beer.

You got a spectacular display of pyrotechnics along with the incomparable Boston Pops Orchestra doing their stuff under the direction of the legendary Arthur Fiedler.

Cool can wait — this was not to be

RENNY SEVERANCE  
Executive Editor

missed, and hardly anyone did.

Well we don't have the legendary Fiedler here on the islands, but then neither does Boston anymore.

But we do have the newly formed Island Band and we do have a splendid bunch of traditions to celebrate the day. In this era of computer wizardry and amazing special effects in movies, it is really refreshing to find a genuine hometown parade where it's hard to tell whether there are more people in the parade or watching it.

Where else can you find a Chamber of Commerce director riding a float and looking like the Incredible Hulk dressed up as the Statue of Liberty? I can't wait to see what shows up this year.

Back to the Island Band for a moment. These guys got together earlier this year with various horns, drums, clarinets and

assorted other noisemakers and began to practice on a fairly regular basis.

Their first public appearance came on Islands Night at a Miracle game in June — sort of a warm-up for the Fourth. They weren't bad, especially considering the conductor couldn't make it and a last-minute substitute filled in.

I expect they've practiced a bit more since then and the parade will give them a chance to really show their stuff.

The point is this is all great fun, from the parade to the picnic to the Optimist Club Road Rally to the fireworks on the causeway.

The best part is that it's all done by us, not some professional production company from out of town. Well, okay, the fireworks are under the control of some people who actually know what they're doing, but you get the point.

Pray for good weather and look forward to joining your neighbors in a traditional good time that just gets better each year. Cool can wait awhile longer.

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JUNE 30

|          | 2003  |             | 2002  |             |
|----------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|
|          | Nests | False Crawl | Nests | False Crawl |
| East End | 21    | 58          | 6     | 32          |
| West End | 111   | 163         | 121   | 129         |
| Captiva  | 89    | 61          | 65    | 70          |
| TOTALS   | 221   | 282         | 192   | 231         |

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## HAPPENINGS

### SWF Gardening Columnist to conduct free seminar

Southwest Florida gardening columnist Ron Sympson will conduct a free seminar on gardening on Sunday, July 6 at 2 p.m.

Sympson, a landscape designer and consultant, is the author of Ron Sympson's South Florida Garden Guide. His weekly columns appear in several Southwest Florida newspapers, including the *Island Reporter* and *Captiva Current*.

Among his topics:

- **Knowing where you live is the key to good gardening** — Factors affecting specific areas of Southwest Florida, such as beachfront or inland location and average winter temperatures, can make a big difference in what plants you select.
- **Attracting birds and butterflies to your back yard** — By meeting their basic needs of food, water, shelter, and housing, and selecting the plants that will make them happy, you can make your garden come alive in flying color.

Sympson will also participate in a lively Q&A session with attendees and will provide free handouts on gardening in Southwest Florida.

The seminar will be held at the North Hall of Holiday Condo, 16410 San Carlos Blvd., South Fort Myers — six blocks north

of Summerlin next to the Dodge Store.

While there is no cost to attend, pre-registration is encouraged by calling 432-9423, or by sending an e-mail to [Ronsympson@earthlink.net](mailto:Ronsympson@earthlink.net).

### Soccer Stars '03 summer camp coming

Sanibel Youth Soccer is proud to announce The 2003 Soccer Stars Summer Camp scheduled for Monday, Aug. 4, through Friday, Aug. 8. The camp is designed for male and female players of all abilities. The program will be professional, instructive and fun for all levels. The camp is available on a first-come basis and is filling up fast. Act now to reserve your spot.

#### Session 1

Ages 4 - 10 (boys & girls); 9 a.m. - noon

#### Session 2

Ages 10 - 14 (boys & girls) 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Director of Coaching Danny Mitchell will manage the camp. A former professional player in the UK, Danny holds an Advanced Soccer Coaching License from the English Football (Soccer) Association. He has extensive soccer camp experience as the Pioneer and Director of Soccer Programs for the Adidas Soccer Academy, based at the IMG Sports Facility in Bradenton.

The camp will also feature current college players whom Danny has coached in State Cup Teams or individually. The camp is one of Danny's SOCCER STARS

CAMPS, which provides programs and services for players, coaches, parents and soccer organizations throughout Florida.

#### Fees

- \$90 per player
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Registration fee includes camp T-shirt and a soccer ball. Players must bring their own water bottle, shin-guards and soccer cleats. Note: Scholarships may be available. Please contact Coach Mitchell.

For more information please call Danny at 472-1772.

### Chamber box lunch

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly Box Lunch Tuesday, July 8 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

Thistle Lodge will cater the event by offering a sumptuous buffet of Maryland Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Martini with Remoulade Sauce, Red Snapper over Braised Leeks, Jumbo Lump Crab Ragout and Prime Aged Grilled Center Cut Filet with Grilled Prawns. In addition, a Beachfront Salad and Key Lime Cheese Cake will complement the meal.

Detective Bob Breeden of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will address the luncheon attendees on "Cyber Crime."

Cost of the lunch is \$10 and you must register by 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 3. After that date and at the door, the cost is \$14. Call 472-1966 for reservations or email your reservation to: [office@sanibel-captiva.org](mailto:office@sanibel-captiva.org).

The Chamber hosts the monthly Box Lunch the second Tuesday of every month. If you would like to help cater the luncheon at future dates, please call Ava at 472-1080, ext. 225.

### Chamber AfterHours

Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa will host the Sanibel-Captiva chamber of Commerce monthly AfterHours on Monday, July 14 from 5:30 until 7 p.m. at The Spa, located across from Courtside Steak House and Sports Bar.

Reservations must be made by Friday, July 11, at 5 p.m. for all attending. There is also a \$5 charge for guests. Please call 472-1966 or email your reservation to [office@sanibel-captiva.org](mailto:office@sanibel-captiva.org).

Chamber AfterHours is usually held on the third Monday, with an exception made for this month. Chamber members, prospective members and guests are invited to attend.

For more information on attending or hosting an AfterHours, call Ava at 472-1080, ext. 225.

### Cruise ship workshop


Marcia Parish, of the Sanibel Cruise Club and a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, recently returned from an extensive 4-day series of professional workshops, training sessions and cruise ship inspections in Miami Beach while attending the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cruise-A-Thon, conducted by Travel Trade Productions.

She was among other travel industry leaders who agreed that while the ports of call are certainly important, nothing is more important than the cruise ship itself, from the exclusivity of "small ships" to the exciting experience of sailing on one of the new "megaships."

Having completed these workshops, Marcia was named a "Master Cruise Ship Inspector" and received an official Travel Trade/CLIA Ship Inspection Certificate.

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## JULY 4 • EVENTS OF THE DAY

**9:30 am - 11:30 am, 13th Annual Parade along Periwinkle Way from Tarpon Bay Rd. to Casa Ybel Rd.**

**11 am - 2 pm, City of Sanibel sponsored food, childrens' games, live and recorded music, pony rides, and many other events.**

**11:30 am - 4pm, 24th Annual Optimist sponsored Sanibel Road Rally, ending at the Island House Restaurant approximately 4 pm.**

**Dusk to approximately 9:30 pm, the City of Sanibel Fireworks display, off the Sanibel Causeway.**



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## View from the Chamber...

As the summer season officially gets underway, so many business owners and residents are asking the Chamber of Commerce what to expect in terms of our local economy for the months ahead.

From the occupancy studies and the supporting data we have seen thus far, both expectations and reservations are on the rise and summer is pointing to year-over-year increases from in-state, out-of-state, Canadian and European travelers.

Our summer markets are traditionally fed by in-state and European traffic and the reports are, that for the first time in many months, bookings from Europe are up, with Germany and the United Kingdom accounting for the majority of reservations. Surprisingly, our reputation as a wedding destination has spread to the other side of the Atlantic, and we even have a few couples making the trip here this summer to get married.

The in-state traffic is expected to be strong as a result of the aggressive media marketing campaigns going on in our three largest Florida markets, Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa and Orlando. You will begin to notice the Florida license plates from Dade, Broward, Hillsborough and other counties making their way to our area.

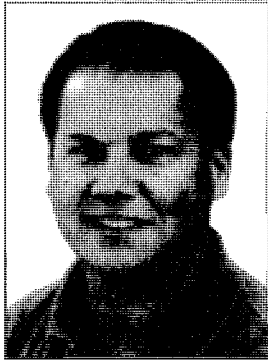
Another positive factor for the summer is that our ADR's (Average Daily Room Rates) seem to be increasing. While the rates fluctuate greatly depending on the month, the percentage increases are healthy. In March for example, the average rate for a room on Sanibel and Captiva was \$233.32, up 3.4% from March of 2002 when it was \$225.66. April showed an even

better increase of 13.3% from \$173.17 in 2002, to \$196.20 this year. This is partly due to the end of the deep discounting which so many were doing in an attempt to lure travelers following the September 11th tragedy.

To put our room rates in a bit of perspective, the ADR's for all of Lee County (which include our numbers) can run between \$30 to \$100 less per night, depending on the month. For example, a typical room in Lee County in March 2003 was \$137.57 and a typical room on the islands was \$233.32, over 70% higher.

There is one statistic we are watching carefully for the summer however, and that is our occupancy rate. While there were increases in March and April for the ADR's, there were also one percentage point declines in occupancy for those months. In March we went from 96.6% occupancy in 2002 to 95.4% in 2003. April went from 88.3% to 87.3% during that same time. Expectations are for stability and perhaps even small growth for summer occupancy percentages. In a nutshell, summer looks good.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who continue to do so much to support our local community. The Taste of the Islands was once again a success thanks to the hard work and generosity of so many of our restaurant owners. The Independence Day Picnic is also bringing us all together and the Chamber of Commerce is proud to be a part of that effort as well. A healthy business community is critically important if we hope to maintain the quality of life we all cherish. Working together to help each other prosper is the formula for our continued greatness.



STEVE GREENSTEIN

## THE METASTATIC LIFE

"I don't like the fact that doctors are referred to as practicing."

— Janet Schwartz

I am still in the land of uncertainty as far as what is or isn't going on with my cancer. Tomorrow I will have the final test which will be an MRI of my lower lumbar spine and sacrum. All the tests thus far are unremarkable, a term used by doctors not meaning that you aren't special, but rather that nothing special or dramatic is going on with your disease. You never want to hear a report which says anything about you is remarkable, as odd as that sounds, because it certainly is bad news.

My bone scan and my PET scan showed some healing and some areas of possible concern but nothing new as in a new place where cancer decided to move to and grow. My blood tests are basically normal. And so the main area of concern is my pain. I always remember the three rules for determining if a pain is cancer vs. something else. First, it doesn't go away. Second it wakes you up at night. Third, it gets worse with time. I am three for three. Dr. Harwin is trying to find a pain medication regimen that will provide relief. It is frustrating that modern medicine could come so far and still be so remiss in its efforts to provide a simple thing like pain control.



Lisa Pierot

Really frustrating!

The thing about chronic pain is that it weaves itself into every single aspect of your life. Simple tasks are no longer simple. Complex ones like running errands or tackling a household project other than the every day pick ups are all but impossible. Even daydreaming is fraught with the what ifs that plague your mind at every turn.

I am trying very hard to find my bearings. I do not like crying at the drop of a hat. I do not like being afraid. I have spent years thinking about how I wanted to be if and when I was back in the thick of it again. I wanted to be strong and positive and still able to find joy and laughter in the midst of bad news.

But it is much harder than you might imagine. Or at least it has been for me. However, I am proud to be able to say that I am fighting it, all of it, with all that I've got. I spent yesterday trying to find other reasons for my pain which is centered exactly at the bottom of my back almost or entirely where radiation was given just a month or so ago. So I started making calls to see if there could be some explanation other than the bad one and sure enough, my sister Cynthia knows an orthopedic doctor who assured her that it is entirely plausible that my back pain is caused from

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## OBITUARIES

### Albert Millar Bridell

Albert Millar Bridell passed away on June 3, 2003. He had been a full time resident of Sanibel since 1985, when he married Mary Havourd, former owner of Sanibel Seashell Industries. Al and his family had been coming to Sanibel for many years before that time, when they were residents of Highland Park, Illinois.

He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, November 2, 1910. He graduated from Washington University (St. Louis) in 1933 with a Law Degree, and he married the former Emlee Blauner, who died in 1979. He practiced law for a short time before joining Gilman Fanfold Company as a business forms salesman. Later, he co-founded American Lithofold Corp. in St. Louis, and American Paper Corp. in Chicago, which later became American Tara Corp.

Wherever Al lived, he was active in community affairs. He was very involved in Boy Scouts of America, North Shore Area Council, from which he received the coveted Silver Beaver Award. On Sanibel Island, he was one of the founders of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and was a Membership Chairman in the Southwest Florida Fossil Club. He was a long-time member of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder, and he was a member of the Sanibel Community Church.

Peter Kyne, friend of Al's said of him, "As I reflect on the man, I see first a gentle man (of the old school) with a kind and gracious manner. He had a warm and ready smile and saw the best in everyone. As I grew closer to him, I became aware of an uncommon strength that carried him beyond and above his infirmities. He was a source of encouragement and joy to me, as well as to all those who knew him. I was fortunate to be able to spend much time in conversation with him - discussing many various subjects - from politics, to eco-

nomics, to world affairs, and of course, shelling. His keen interest and depth of knowledge never ceased to amaze me. He was well-read and stayed on top of current events up until the very last. I count it an honor to have known Al Bridell, a man who will be remembered for having run the race with courage, and for having fought the good fight with hope and strength."

He is survived by his wife, Mary Bridell, daughters, Lorraine B. Clark (Barry) of Deerfield, Illinois, Jessamine B. Scheele (Henry), of West Lafayette, Indiana, son, Robert J. Bridell (Audrey), of Landrum, South Carolina, eleven grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and a sister, Evelyn Kinsloe, of Miami, Florida.

Memorial services were held at Sanibel Community Church on June 6, 2003, and at the First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield on June 21, 2003.

### John P. Skrovanek

John P. Skrovanek, 95, a longtime resident of Sanibel, passed away on Wednesday, June 18. He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Hortense. He is survived by two daughters, Dolores (married to John Simek of Deposit, NY and The Village, FL); and Marlene (married to Elliott LaRose of McDonough, NY and Sanibel); as well as by his grandchildren, Kathleen Shell, Syracuse, NY; Robert and Annette Simek, Binghamton, NY; Lynn and Shawn Rosenbarker, Newark Valley, NY; Michael Simek, Endwell, NY; Richard LaRose, Raleigh, NC; and Jill and John King, Cincinnati, OH. He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

A private viewing for the immediate family was held Thursday evening, June 19. A funeral mass and burial were held on Saturday, June 21.

## FISHING & SHELLING

The evolution of the flats fishing boat is an interesting one, starting as a copy of the freshwater bass boat and turning into a revolutionary trend.

The genre of boats even started a whole new name for guides — "Flats guides" — who only use boats which could be pole-pushed in less than a foot of water. That allowed anglers to sneak up on the most of wary of fish like redfish or bonefish.

Flats boats went from boat-and-engine outfits of about \$18,000 to well over \$40,000 as the years went on. Flats boats emerged about 20 years ago from Florida Keys guides who wanted a shallow water boat for chasing bonefish in inches of water.

There was an early maker of boats which were heavy and durable and held value. But, as more guides got into the game, the boats were lightened up considerably, and the first of the line — the heavier, smoother riding boats got phased out because they were too difficult to pole.

"Poling" means just that — the guide stands on the rear platform of the boat, over the outboard, and poles the boat with a 15-foot-or-more pole as the angler looks for shallow water species.

Believe me, it got to a very complicated way of fishing in just a few years.

The more traditional guides who worked deeper draft boats, including outboards and inboards, came to realize that they were going to have to get two boats to survive. This was particularly true for Keys guides who did offshore and shallow water charters. I talked to one very famous guide from there once who told me what his boat payments were. Staggering! But, without the shallow water boat, his business would drop big time.

The offshore service was to be split dramatically and even tarpon, which would normally be in deep water, were being caught in just a few feet of water in the shallows.

There is a famous flats fishing guide out of Boca Grande who takes out the Bush family — the president on down — and he has a state of the art flats boat. When we have tournaments at "Tween Waters Marina, my "home port," each contest is a boat show of the most modern vessels. They have about everything but a fax machine and I'm sure that's coming soon.

However, the flats boat, while trendy, wasn't any more efficient than an aluminum jon boat with a 15-hp engine. As a matter of fact, a well-known Saturday morning saltwater fishing host is often shown fishing from a rig which might, perhaps, cost \$3,000 (twenty times less than the high and flats boat these days) and, of course, with his skill he does very well.

The flats boat has a couple of major flaws anglers endured for some time. One is that in the typical 16-18 foot boat, it gets way too crowded for more than a few hours. There is no sun shade, no protection from frequent rains and there is no "head," which in marine talk is a place to well ...you know.

So that cut many people out. Next was the rough ride. I had a guy from Hilton Head, N.C. who bought a famous brand flats boats made in Miami, came all the way down, bought a trailer and pulled it over to the marina and we did the maiden voyage. Not a problem until about noon when the southerly winds picked up and started blowing down Pine Island Sound. That was the closest I have ever come to calling for the Coast Guard helicopter to save me.

You know that all things change, and now there's the emergence of what most makers are calling a "bay boat" — a little longer, a lot more stable, a much more comfortable ride, and gunwales, the rails that hold the passengers in the boat should a strong wave hit. Flats boats have flush decks and, should a wave come in, it goes right into the cockpit.

The really big thing about bay boats is that they can be taken off the beaches for a variety of fish or worked shallow.



**Capt. Mike Fuery**

## CORRECTION

In last week's *Islander* the ringbearer for the Traucht-Crowell wedding was incor-

rectly identified. The ringbearer was Carson Crowell, son of the groom's brother and best man, Steven Crowell.

We apologize for the error and regret any inconvenience that might have been caused by this.

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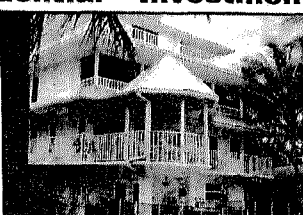


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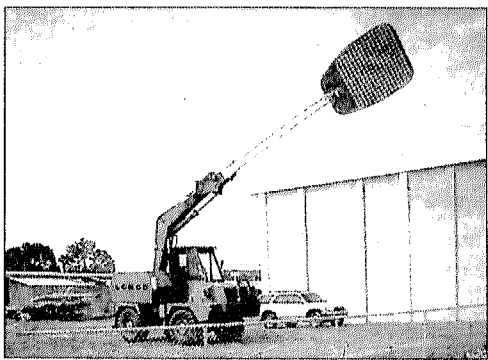
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## SERVICE CLUBS

## Kiwanis: Refuge lands increase island mosquitoes

By Bob Wimbush

If current rainfall projections are correct, there may not be enough blood left for the bloodmobile's next visit, jested Dennis Monroe, Entomologist for the Lee County Mosquito Control District and probably the only person who moved here for the bugs. Southwest Florida is the best (or the worst) place in the US for mosquitoes depending on your point of view. In either case it's a lot better now. According to one old-timer, "Before mosquito control you didn't swat mosquitoes, you just wiped them off."



Dennis Moore unveiled the district's newest mosquito fighting equipment.

Essentially there are two lines of defense against mosquitoes here: Larvicide and Adulticide. Larvicide uses helicopters and a mist you can see. Adulticide is 3-dimensional, involves fixed-wing aircraft and spray trucks. If you don't see the big planes, it means larvicide is working.

The way they tell is by sampling, and there are basically 2 kinds: We've all seen the trap trucks with the big scoop on the top and a filter in the back. Technicians count the mosquitoes in the filter after



Timmy Gardner

limited to the Sanibel building department? Charts Dennis projected verify that the high season is May to October, with occasional spikes in other months. Always it's rain related.

Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, but the little buggers are smart. They target areas that will remain moist. The eggs will survive for about six months where there is some (even minimal) moisture, and then hatch after a good rain. Males hatch first, females the next day. They breed; the males die, and the females go off in search of blood.

Dennis gave the usual caveat about standing water — like people on Sanibel have old tires or planter made there from in their yards — and then, in response to questions, dropped the bomb. State and federal lands — that's the refuge — aren't sprayed. It doesn't want to be sprayed.



Jack Lamano, Tom Uhler, and Steve Mullins have questions for Dennis Moore.

each run, and the base line data is used to gauge an increasing or declining population. The second sampling is called Landing rates. A district employee goes out, bares some skin for a predetermined time, and counts the number that land. How many thought human sacrifice was

Mangroves are an ideal breeding and hatching environment. Salt marsh mosquitoes can easily fly 10-20 miles. Draw your own conclusions.

What works? Bug Zappers don't. Frequency devices don't, Citrosa plants

## ABWA to learn about Atocha treasure

Mel Fisher's most famous quotation "Today's the Day!" became a reality on July 20, 1985. After 16 years of hardship, tragedy, and determination, he had finally discovered the "Mother Lode" of the *Nuestra Senora de Atocha*, the richest Spanish treasure galleon ever lost in the Western Hemisphere.

Over \$40 million worth of actual artifacts recovered from the *Atocha* are featured at Mel Fisher's Treasure Exhibit and Sales on Sanibel. Jackie Fisher of Mel Fisher's Treasure Exhibit will tell the tale of the recovery of this ancient treasure at the July meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association (ABWA).

ABWA, a networking and friendship association of business and professional women, will meet at the Sundial Resort on Tuesday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge.

If you would like to obtain membership information and would like to attend the July meeting, please call Lisa Cochran at 246-8876.

Members of ABWA should call Trudie Kohlbrenner (472-4969) to make their reservation. Reservations are required.

The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of ABWA meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Contact Carol Simontacchi at 472-4499 for more information.

don't. Mosquito Magnets catch a lot of mosquitoes (and a lot on no-see-ems), but is it enough? Foggers are effective until reinfestation occurs. He recommends a 30% DEET repellent. He also recommends you give the district about a week's notice before your planned outdoor event. They're happy to make house calls, especially since Tim Gardner, our local mosquito pol, who was present, grinning and shaking hands, will be running for reelection. No guarantees on no-see-ums, however. They emerge every day.

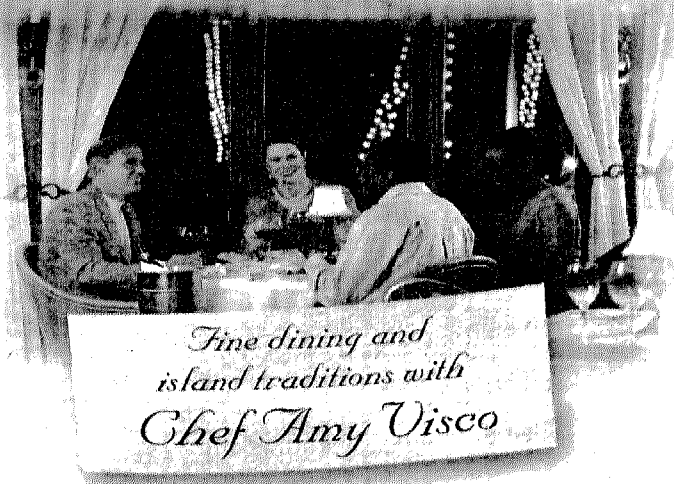
Mosquitoes carry over 20 diseases, but the current focus is on West Nile Virus. Birds get it, raccoons get it, alligators (yes, alligators) get it humans get it (why doesn't Island government get it?), and all can

pass it on via mosquito carriers. He presented interesting data showing birds only get it once, so an area that's hot this year likely will not be next year. Only 2 states don't have West Nile... Yet. If you're looking for relief, don't go to the Midwest. Illinois had 56 deaths last year, Ohio had 36, and Michigan had 46. Florida had 2.

The bad news is the good news. Mosquitoes are a big problem here. Therefore we have them — and to a large extent, West Nile — under control.

Watch for the Island Band — sponsored by Kiwanis and BIG ARTS in the parade on the 4th, and come back to the Community Association for fun afterward.

Kiwanis breakfasts at 7:30 Wednesday at the Island House.



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## Ogden named Furman Scholar

Jessica Ogden of Sanibel is a junior at Canterbury School in Fort Myers and has been named a Furman Scholar by Furman University in Greenville, SC.

Students so named demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and shown interest in attending a liberal arts college, were nominated by their high school college counselors. All the Scholars have a minimum 3.75 grade point average, rank in the top five percent of their classes and have strong test scores.

The Furman Scholars are invited to attend a special gathering on campus in April that honors their academic achievements and better acquaints them with the university. Furman Scholars who are accepted for admission to the university

are guaranteed a tuition scholarship of \$3,500. The Scholars program has consistently produced some of the school's most distinguished graduates.


Furman University is a private, liberal arts college of 2,600 students. Widely recognized for its excellent academic program and strong faculty, Furman is one of four colleges that receive annual funding from The Duke Endowment.

### Reynolds on Dean's List

Wake Forest University has announced that Amanda Kane Reynolds of Sanibel is on the Dean's List for this spring. Reynolds is a junior and majoring in political science.

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## Homes for screech owls

The Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel-Captiva's President, Barbara Ganz, has donated Eastern Screech Owl and Great Crested Flycatcher nest boxes to her community association of Little Lake Murex.

Hammerheads (l-r) Bob Wiggins, Dean Skaugstad and Harry Bertossa, shown with Barbara, volunteered to fasten the boxes to trees at the Little Lake Murex tennis court and picnic grounds.

The boxes are designed to increase nesting habits for cavity nesting birds. It is the Society's hope that other sub-divisions and



associations will assist in helping to keep Sanibel-Captiva Community Foundation's Landscaping for Wildlife's bird box program going. You can purchase these boxes at SCCF.

## Programs at Calusa Nature Center

### Is that mosquito bite deadly?

Ask Jim Burgess, Supervisor of Disease Surveillance, at his seminars on mosquito-borne diseases. Topics will include West Nile Virus, St. Louis Encephalitis, Eastern Equine and others. Mosquito Larvae and microscopes will be on display during the programs. These seminars are free and open to the public. This program will be presented in the Planetarium on:

Tuesday, July 8 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, July 29 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 12 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 26 9:30 a.m.

The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium is a private, not-for-profit environmental education center which offers fun for people of all ages! The Museum and Trails are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Join Volunteer Docent Norm DeWolfe every Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. for a guided walk of the Cypress Swamp Boardwalk. Daily programs allow visitors to get up close and personal with some of the fascinating creatures of Southwest Florida! The snakes are fed every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. — if you've never seen a snake swallow and digest prey, this is an event not to be missed!

The Center consists of a living natural history museum with over 100 live animals including a bobcat and new albino raccoon, an Audubon Aviary which houses permanently injured birds of prey (hawks, owls, vultures, bald eagles, and more!), nature trails, a picnic area, a gift shop with an excellent assortment of nature books and a Planetarium which features astronomy programs and laser light shows.

The Center is located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue at the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and Six Mile Cypress in Fort Myers, one minute from I-75 at Exit 136. Additional information is available at [www.CalusaNature.com](http://www.CalusaNature.com) or by calling 275-3435.

Admission to the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 3-12). This new one-price admission includes the Museum, Trails, and all Planetarium Shows scheduled that day. Group rates are available for 15 or more people.

### SHELLING THE ISLANDS



Paige, Blake, Brian and Brandon Thompson, from Gainesville, FL found some great shelling at Blind Pass on June 27. Blake found a large conch snorkeling off Blind Pass and his brothers and sister also found an alphabet cone and many large olives. The Thompsons vacation on Sanibel each summer, and they've been shelling for 11 years. Their mom started the tradition back in the 1960s, when they vacationed every year at the Sanibel Moorings.



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# Hurricane planning

## What to do when

Plan your evacuation in advance. Know when, where and how you are going to evacuate prior to a storm. Have three evacuation choices, if possible, their phone numbers readily available and exact directions for getting to each.

Sanibel has posted all primary evacuation routes with blue and white signs, and evacuation time could be as long as 18 hours. Because some of the island's evacuation routes are prone to flooding early in a storm, the time required to evacuate may be longer.

Your evacuation plan should provide for your pets, your personal hurricane supplies (food, medicine, etc.) and insurance considerations. When evacuating, take proper ID plus important personal papers and documents along with you. Sanibel residents need only their Florida Drivers' licenses to return to the island after evacuating; other non-resident home owners need a Sanibel Hurricane Pass to return to Sanibel after a disaster. This pass can be obtained from the Police Department.

**HURRICANE WATCH:** Hurricane conditions are a real possibility for the area, usually within 36 hours:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio and TV for up-to-date storm information.
- Prepare to bring indoors lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants, and anything else that can be picked up by the wind and act like missiles.
- Prepare to cover ALL windows of your home. If shutters have not been installed, use precut plywood. If you do not have plywood, do what you can to protect windows from breaking. Tape does not work.
- Plan your evacuation route, know where to go, and fill your car's gas tank.

- Recheck manufactured home tie-downs.
- Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water, and medications.

### HURRICANE WARNING:

A hurricane is expected within 24 hours:

- Listen for weather updates, pay attention to your ALERT radio, and stay informed.

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The state hurricane HOTLINE is:  
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- Keep portable radio and flashlight on hand — with fresh batteries.
- Clear your yard of all loose objects.
- Move your boat to safe harbor and moor securely.

### DO NOT STAY WITH THE BOAT.

- Store drinking water in clean containers.
- Shutter or board all windows, secure double-door entrances and brace garage doors.
- IF ORDERED TO EVACUATE, DO SO IMMEDIATELY!  
Turn off water, gas and electricity. Don't forget your evacuation kit.
- Do not re-enter evacuated areas until local officials have issued an all-clear.
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## Alpha Alpha Chi to help local ministry

The members of Alpha Alpha Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority have selected the Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc., as the recipient of the sorority's yearly community service project. Beta Sigma Phi is an organization of more than 250,000 members around the world that offers women opportunities for service, knowledge and friendship. The local Alpha Alpha Chi chapter is made up of ten career women from the Fort Myers/ Cape Coral area.

Services provided to the Community Cooperative Ministries by Alpha Alpha Chi members in the past year include:

- Delivery of several carloads of paper goods, including paper plates, napkins, paper towels and toilet paper, which has fulfilled a portion of the Soup Kitchen's



Alpha Alpha Chi Sorority members visit Community Cooperative Ministries, recipient of the sorority's community service project.

From top left: Gene McGonigle, Joy Hoffman, Lydia Ryan, Linda Rakos, Rosemary Lind.

From bottom left: Jeanne Miller, Betsy Murin (CCM), Cathy Jaffray. (Missing from photo: Kathy Nordman, Mary Cervenka.)

growing need for disposable products

- Forty-eight pies were contributed for the Soup Kitchen's Thanksgiving meal for the needy.
- At Christmas, cash donations were made for the purchase of children's books for use at the Ministry's child care center
- Last Easter, baskets complete with Play-Doh filled plastic Easter eggs were delivered for the children at the child care center
- The sorority has acted as liaison between the Ministry and School District of Lee County Food and Nutrition Services to provide eligible children with hot lunches and snacks during this summer through the District's Summer Feeding Program.

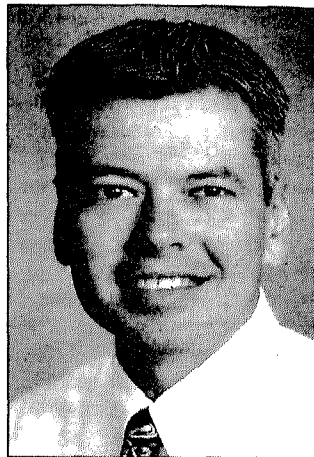
Sorority members recently toured the facility and discussed some of the operation's future needs with Betsy Murin, Executive Director of The Community Cooperative

## Lisenbee promoted to VP at Bank of the Islands

Robbie B. Roepstorff, president of Bank of the Islands, is pleased to announce the promotion of Robert W. Lisenbee to the position of vice president.

"Rob's performance has made him an invaluable member of our team," says Roepstorff.

In addition to his duties as office manager, his responsibilities have been expanded to include those of branch coordinator, specifically operations, policies and procedures, and computer systems support for all offices.



Robert W. Lisenbee

Lisenbee brings more than 25 years of banking experience to this position. A native of Lee County, he also serves as treasurer on the Sanibel School Fund and the Southwest Florida Chapter March of Dimes Board of Directors.

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Bank of the Islands is located at 1699 Periwinkle Way at Casa Ybel Road.

Ministries. The Ministry operates the Soup Kitchen, offering lunches six days a week; the Food Pantry, which provides emergency groceries to those in need; and in partnership with Meals on Wheels of Lee County, provides home-delivered meals. The Community Cooperative Ministries also operates an affordable fully-licensed childcare service within the facility.

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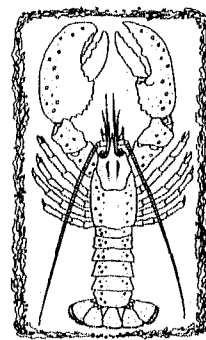
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## Shabby to Chic: the fun is finding what you least expect!

By Nancy Santeusario  
Special to The Islander

When you walk into Shabby to Chic in the Island Plaza Shopping Center at 15675 McGregor Boulevard for the first time, you may find an antique croquet kit with its original mallets and balls stored in their wooden box. You might also find collector's items such as mounted citrus fruit labels from the ends of the wooden packing crates of the '40s and '50s, or an accent piece like a small kitchen table from the '40s with its sparkling, enamel white top. The fun is finding what you least expect!

When Ernie Kapanke, a successful Florida real estate broker, and his wife Joan, manager of a large law firm in Orlando, decided to live fulltime on Sanibel, they started looking for a new venture.

Ernie explained, "I've lived with Martha Stewart, Jr. for over 16 years and a shop like this has always been her dream." Both of the Kapankes have been avid collectors of rare items for 25 years and had filled their Orlando home and other houses with many



of these magnificent treasures. With space a priority in their Sanibel home, many of these had been stored in Orlando.

The answer was clear. This was the time

to start looking for Joan's dream shop. In March 2003 they saw that the former business located at 15675 McGregor Blvd. was for sale. "We closed on it in April 2003 and it's been like a whirlwind since the day we closed with painting, decorating and bringing in our stock from Orlando" Ernie jokes, "I'm shabby and Joan's chic. I'm the mule who's here to lift and lug. The other day I was unloading some wicker furniture and a lady bought it so fast that it never made the store."

With natural curiosity people have asked, "How did you find the name for your

store?" Joan explains that there's a copyrighted design style called "shabby chic." "In shabby chic, everything is white, floral and feminine. We have a little of that, but we're also buying some things that may look shabby to someone else, but we work on them and turn them into something chic. We also have gift items like candles, fancy soaps, housewarming and hostess gifts. This wooden wine bottle box is very popular and we already sold one of these in the first week that the shop was open."

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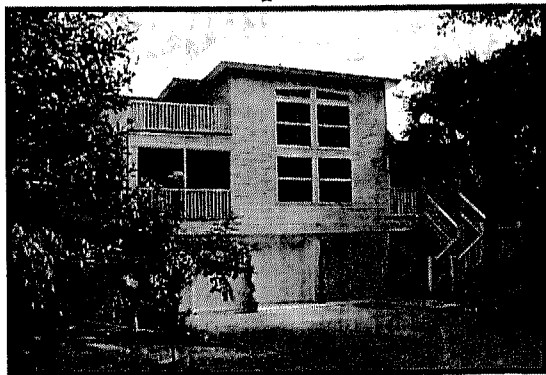
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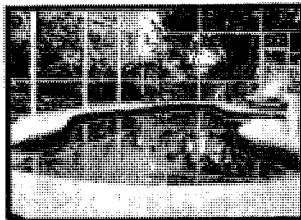
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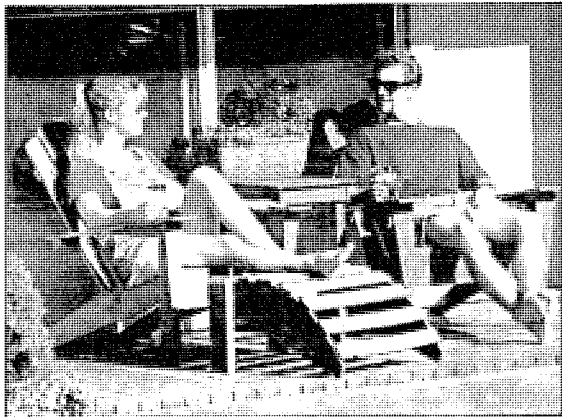
Secure an Adirondack chair pattern from a home center, hardware store or online site, such as [www.diy.net](http://www.diy.net) and gather tools needed for this project, such as Delta Machinery's ShopMaster scroll saw, drill/driver, band saw and disc sander. Additional materials include four 1x2, one 1x3, three 1x4 and four 1x6 pieces of hardwood board, woodworker's glue, 1 1/4-inch galvanized screws, tape measure, wood clamps, a square and wood finish. Once the materials are gathered, follow these step-by-step instructions:

## Legs and Front Assembly

- For the front legs, cut two 1x4 boards to be 21 inches long. Use a scroll saw to create notches 4 inches wide at 10 3/4 inches.
- Position a third 1x4 at 23 inches long in the notches to use as the front seat support and screw in place.
- Trace the leg pattern onto the wood and use a band saw to cut the legs.
- Drill holes into the back brace and legs.
- Add the back brace across the center of the legs and attach with screws.

## Back Support and Arms

- Cut two, 29-inch-long arms from two pieces of 1x6 wood with a band saw.
- To create a bracket, measure 9 inches from the narrow edge and cut a square edge.
- Glue and clamp the bracket perpendicular to the front edge of the base assembly and repeat on the other side.
- Allow the arms to extend 3 inches from the edge of



the leg and connect with screws after countersinking.

## Back Assembly

- Cut all the back slats to the dimensions listed in the pattern.
- Use 1/4-inch thick scrap wood as spacers at the top and the bottom of each slat.
- Place a 1x3 at 20 inches long as the lower cleat across the bottom of the back.
- Countersink two holes into the cleat and center slat and one hole through the cleat and back slat. Affix with 1 1/4-inch galvanized screws.
- Remove the spacers after all the slats are screwed to the cleats.
- Position one 1x2 at 21 inches in length as an upper cleat 9 inches from the top edge.
- Countersink and drive screws into the cleat in the center of each slat.
- Flip back assembly over and cut the top arch with the scroll saw. Drill pilot holes into the front surface of the bottom of the slats for later assembly purposes.

## Finishing the Chair

- Bevel the back brace at 33 degrees.
- Attach the back assembly to the base assembly with screws.
- To assemble the seat, cut the slats and drill two holes in the end of each to secure to the seat with screws.
- Sand all the exposed surface edges and apply your desired finish.

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# Wall Power

Are the walls in your home off-white? Are they this color because you like them this way, or do you secretly want to make a big color statement but fear the powerful impact that could result?

This is a common fear among homeowners, so many will turn to an interior decorator to make the daring change for them. And few ever regret finally using their wall power!



Cindy Malszycki

If you are just beginning to add color, you probably have collected dozens of small paint chip samples. There are two things to consider when selecting a color from these nifty little samples. First of all, being so small, it's tough to judge how the color will look on an entire wall. Secondly, often times, the tiny sample will appear darker than when the actual paint covers an entire wall.

To properly select your color scheme, consider painting a small wall, or portion of the wall in your favorite pick. Then you can judge the color in different times of the day under varying lighting conditions. If your favorite is a flop, you haven't spoiled every wall in the room and it's easy to salvage color sanity.

Take a look at a room's orientation and climate. For the warm room with a southern exposure, choosing a sunny yellow could make inhabitants feel uncomfortably warm without knowing why. This is the room where cool colors from the blue, violet, and teal families will serve best. Save your sunny yellows and peaches for places with northern exposures. They will bring warmth to an otherwise cool room.

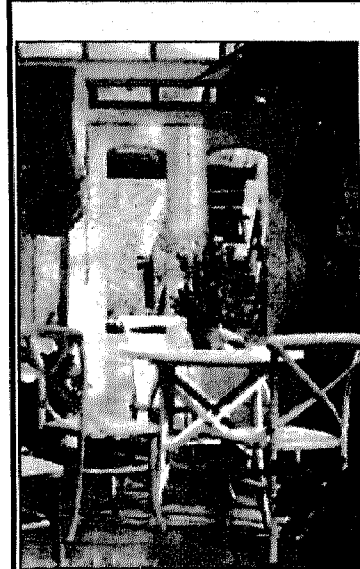
Contrast in paint colors can accentuate interesting architectural design. Remember, the higher the contrast, the more attention it will draw. Low value contrast is usually safe because it will simply and beautifully provide depth and richness. And keep an eye out for coordinating borders. This could add a finishing touch to any paint job.

Color has a psychological impact, which is probably why many of us fear using too much of it on the walls of a room. But would you wear off-white clothes every day to ward off too much psychological impact? Of course not! Color is a wonderful way to wake up a room's interiors.

Take the plunge and show off your wall power. Adding decorative hues to your walls will bring a change to your home that almost compares with the brilliant changing of the seasons.

Cindy Malszycki has been an interior decorator with Sanibel Interiors by Decorating Den for 13 years. She has received numerous awards and has been among the top 10 in sales for her company where she receives on-going education in decorating. A native of Minneapolis, she has lived in Florida for the past 16 years.

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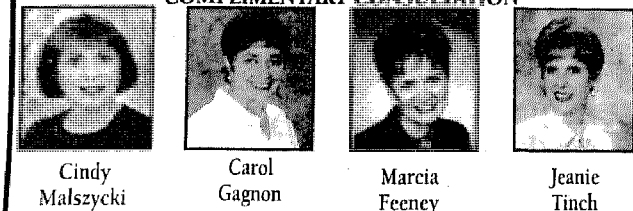


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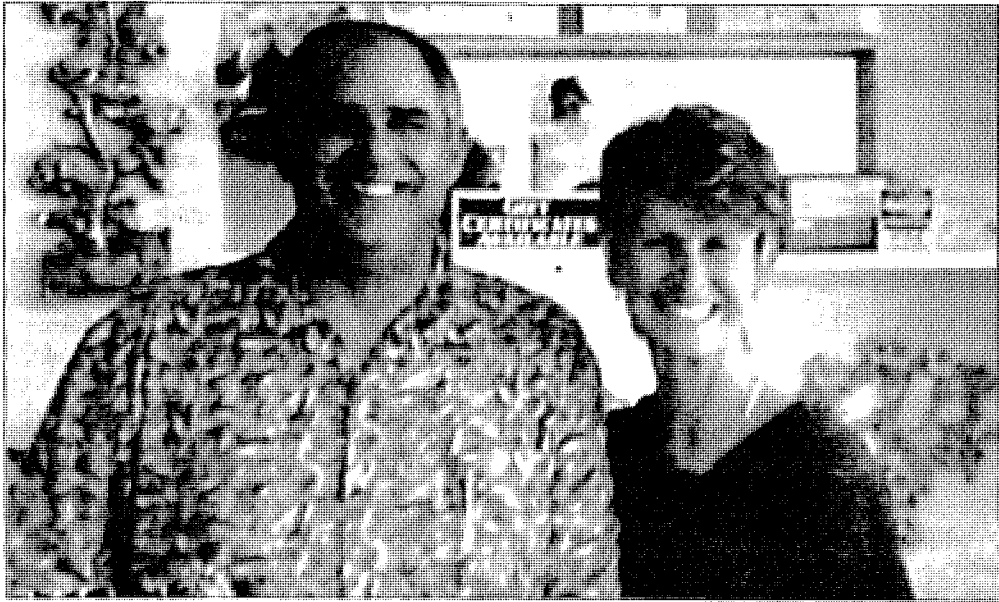
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## Shabby to Chic, from page 11



Joan has divided Shabby to Chic into appealing sections of interest. When you enter, it's the "garden area" with lots of architectural items like concrete pillars, vintage windows, a potting bench made from an old table and ceiling tin, iron planters for pots, a garden weather vane and even some concrete cupids.

A beautifully finished old maple table sits in the "dining area" adorned with dramatic margarita glasses, painted stemware with palm trees, candlesticks and unusual gift items.

Joan is featuring some Bentwood chairs and lyre backs that have been transformed

from the dark and ugly to a new look with paint and re-upholstered seats in country cottage or tropical fabric. Here is also an East Lake Dresser from the Adirondacks with its own distinctive style.

To the "Tommy Bahama and import area" Joan has added some startling pieces including a large mirror from Mexico with its sparkling tin frame, a reproduction of a large Manchester clock seen in train stations dating back to 1869, and an antique croquet set with every piece arranged perfectly in place.

The "bedroom and linens" area represents "shabby chic" with much of the white,

floral and feminine décor in furniture, hand-made lamps, mirrors, a shabby chic dresser, a child's rocking chair, hand covered pillows and old and new quilts. Many of these have been created by Joan as the designer.

The "kitchen area" is especially delightful to those who seek the déjà vu with its blue willow dishes, rolling pins, old, rare cookbooks, a shiny electric coffee urn in perfect condition dating back to the 1940s, and some of Ernie's valuable collection of citrus labels mounted for display and popular with any kitchen décor. A "best seller" new gift item in the kitchen area is a cheese board with matching knife which Joan has had to reorder already.

An unusual "men's area" at the back of the shop is Ernie and Joan's dual creation.

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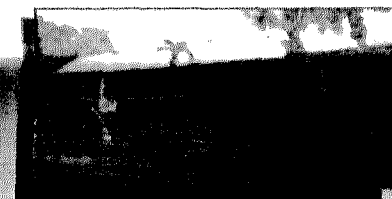
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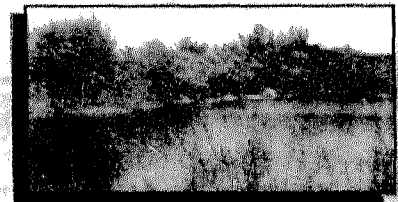
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## BIG Ideas for small spaces

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(NAPSI)-Vern Yip, a master of design, is known for creating big ideas in small areas. According to Yip, you don't have to be a designer to create a stylish look in your own small room. With a few easy hints, you can create an intimate room with a grand feeling.

### Simplify

Examine the items in your room and eliminate what you don't need. Follow Yip's example and cut the clutter to create instant serenity, freeing up much needed space. Table surfaces that only showcase one or two accessories create a serene, calming environment that opens up your room and brings attention to the quality of the pieces.

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## Shabby to Chic,

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This is designed as a place where women can shop for men. Even if you don't need to buy a thing for a gentleman, this area must not be missed. Here you can find a copper-lined tobacco humidor, antique "Lucky Strike" and "Camel" metal cigarette boxes, cedar lined cigar boxes made into men's jewelry boxes, partitioned and lined with black felt and even some Hartman leather luggage which is better to look at than to lift! To add further interest from former camping days are moose horns and fishing creels.

Ernie emphasizes that this is not Dad's antique store, it's more "shabby to chic."

Except for the gifts interspersed throughout the collection, most of the items are one of a kind. The goal is to feature quality, keep the shop stocked with exciting and hard-to-find items while maintaining a good sense of balance and fairness in prices.

Shabby to Chic in the Island Plaza Shopping Center at 15675 McGregor Boulevard, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The other two days of the week the Kapankes are out doing what they have always loved: browsing and buying for the best they can find. Look for their black and gold Shabby to Chic sign and have fun finding what you least expect.

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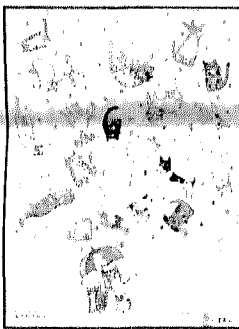


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# Joewood: Sanibel's official plant

By Berdena Thompson  
Special to the Islander

If you want to experience one of Sanibel's rarest treasures look for a joewood in bloom during July and August. Admire and enjoy the fragrance of these lovely white flowers. On June 20, 1989, by city proclamation, the joewood (*Jacquina keyensis*) was declared Sanibel's official plant. Joewood's scientific name honors Nicholas Joseph von Jacquin (1777 - 1817), a distinguished Austrian professor who collected, cataloged, drew and painted many West Indian plants.

"Keyensis" recognizes the Florida Keys where the plant is often found. The common name of joewood is a contraction of cudejoewood found on Cudjoe Key. The story goes: an African slave,

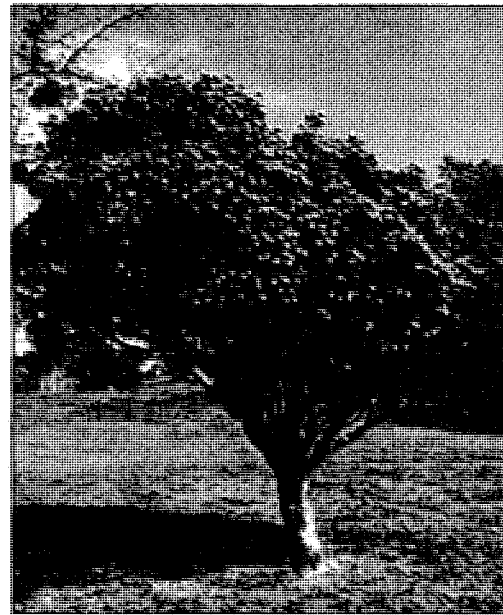


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thin, blue gray and usually marked by pale or nearly white blotches. The leathery leaves are about one to three inches long. Each leaf has an obscure midrib and covered on the lower surfaces with pale dots.

The fragrant bouquet of the joewood flower is possibly more aromatic than that of any other of our native plants. The flowers are ivory-white and star-shaped, arising at the ends of branches in clusters. Each is stalked and has a short lobed green leaf-like calyx. The white petals spread wide when the flowers open. There is a pronounced difference between the male and female flowers both of which appear on the same plant. Since the flowers are attractive and sweet-scented, insects are obvious pollinators. Flowers appear from November through June, but are more abundant in July and August. The fruit ripens in autumn. Its tiny berries are about 1/3 of an inch in diameter, orange-red and hard coated when fully ripe. The leathery coat encloses the enlarged and fleshy placenta. In this tissue are several flat, round seeds.

Joewood grows in dry soil or silica sand in the immediate neighborhood of the shore or coast. Occasionally, it may be associated with mangroves growing on exposed soil. It has also been found on dry hammocks and pinelands of the Everglade Keys. While not abundant,



joewood is found in some 50 Florida sites. It ranges north to Symrna Beach on the east coast and to Gasparilla Island on the west coast. It is more common in Cuba, Jamaica and the Bahama Islands.

Joewood is a slow grower and does not transplant easily. On Sanibel, some fine specimens were carelessly destroyed along the dry ridge Gulf front. Many of our natural coastal areas have been altered and developed. Joewood was abundant in the Wulfert area. At the time of the Sanctuary development, a 14 ton tree spade was used to relocate many fragile plants. It employed four shovels simultaneously digging about four feet into the ground and about two feet from the plant in order to attempt to keep the earth intact around the root system. Not many of the transplanted joewoods survived. This was particularly unfortunate since joewood is on the threatened plant list.

On Silver Key, there is a display of joewoods with one measuring 15 feet. At one time this area was under intense pressure for the development, but was later purchased by the city.

Directions for Silver Key: Walk from Bowman's Beach Parking Lot. After crossing the bridge turn right on path. Walk to the end of the path, approximately one mile. A beautiful walk.



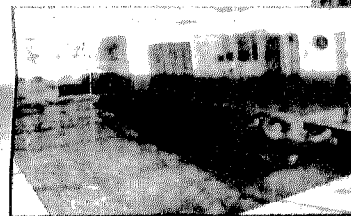
named Cudjoe, escaped from the West Indies to the Florida Keys. Cudjoe Key supposedly was named after this African slave.

Classified as shrub or small tree, joewood has an attractive sculptured appearance. It is an evergreen with many branches forming a compact round top. Most are considered a shrub but heights can be 15 feet or more. It has a straight trunk and rigid spreading branches. The wood shows no growth rings. It's bark is

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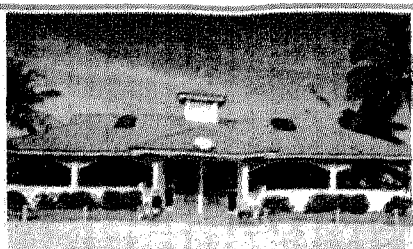
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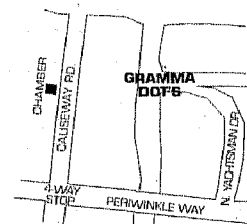
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## Pierot, from page 5

swelling which is in turn caused from the aforementioned radiation. This good news was further verified by my family's trusted and closest personal friend, Dr. Harold Crocker, whose advice we always take seriously even if he is actually a veterinarian.

It's amazing how the human spirit can hang on to just the tiniest bit of hope and cultivate it into something that will get you through first the hour, then the day and on into the next. I spend my time now looking for those tiniest bits of hope and hang on to them for dear life. Until I am told otherwise, this is not cancer. This is not cancer. Say it with me, "This is not cancer."

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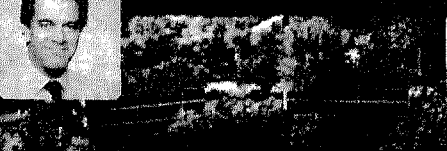


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# Arts & Leisure

## Florida Rep presents Ira Levin's Veronica's Room

If you liked the chills of Rosemary's Baby and the thrills of Deathtrap let us scare you all over again with Ira Levin's Veronica's Room. Florida Rep, the only professional regional Equity theatre south of Sarasota, brings us Veronica's Room, an engaging psychological thriller with plot twists at every turn.

Set in the early 1970s in a small town outside of Boston, Veronica's Room takes place in the eerily antiquated bedroom of Veronica, a tuberculosis-plagued invalid who lived and died her short life in the 1930s. A young college girl, Susan, (Bari Newport) and her date, Larry, (Zolan Henderson) are drawn to the room by its long-time caretakers, a charming Irish couple who swear Susan looks exactly like Veronica. Eventually, the older couple shares their plan to have the young woman dress up like Veronica, "just for 15 minutes," they say, in full 1935 costume, and assume her identity to relieve the delusions of the dead girl's crazy, dying sister who still lives in the house.

Any more information would spoil the thrilling twists and turns as we spiral into

Susan's worst nightmare. Yet, as is typical of Levin, this nightmare is filled with as many laughs as there are gasps.

The cast of four, including Stephanie Davis, tackle this thriller with the enthusiasm and energy it takes to create a fast-paced, "edge of your seat" experience. Ms. Davis is a Florida Rep ensemble member who has acted in over 20 Florida Rep shows since its inception, including Wit, Over the River, Dinner With Friends and The Rep's 1999 production of Veronica's Room. Ms. Davis is also the popular Fort Myers News Press columnist, The Downtown Diva.

New York and regional theatre actor Mark Brey makes his Florida Rep debut. Mark has worked at such acclaimed venues as LaMama in New York and at the Old Globe in San Diego. Florida Rep audiences will recognize ensemble member Zolan Henderson from his turns this past season as Detective Trotter in The Mousetrap and as Reverend Lee in The Foreigner. Florida Rep's Associate Director Bari Newport completes the cast and makes her Florida Rep onstage debut

as Susan. Bari began working as an actress when she was a child and has extensive regional and off-Broadway credits including performing with Mark Brey at The Sacramento Theatre Company. Together, this ensemble of fine actors bring to life a hair-raising, spine-tingling tale that will keep its audiences guessing.

"Veronica's Room was so incredibly popular when we produced it in our inaugural season that I couldn't wait to bring it back. It is the first show that we have ever produced twice. Audiences of all ages really were turned on by it. Young people, who had never come to the theatre before, were lining up at the door for tickets. It was amazing!" says Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo who is also directing the show. Cacioppo has directed over 25 productions at Florida Rep, most recently the critically acclaimed productions of Proof and Brighton Beach Memoirs. He is doubly pleased to have long time ensemble member and Southwest Florida favorite Stephanie Davis reprising her complicated, demand-

ing role. Cacioppo says, "This exceptional ensemble is going to give our audience quite a scare and a few laughs as well."

With tickets as low as \$15, and student tickets available at half price, Florida Rep's professional live theatre is the best bargain in town!

Veronica's Room opens at Florida Rep on July 11 and runs through August 3; performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$26 and \$32 (students half price). Group rates are available. Call the Florida Repertory Theatre Box Office at (239) 332-4488 or toll-free at (877) 787-8053. Florida Repertory Theatre is located in the Arcade Theatre in historic Downtown Fort Myers, on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry. Florida Rep is online at [www.floridarepitorytheatre.com](http://www.floridarepitorytheatre.com)

Warning: This play contains adult language and situations and is not suitable for young children.



## Local arts students receive awards



Art students James Barrett Milne, Lena Kridle and Hallie Nachtsheim received awards in this year's BIG ARTS competition.

BIG ARTS announces the recipients of the 2003 BIG ARTS/Robert Rauschenberg Awards: Tiffany Hetmanek, James Barrett Milne, and Hallie Nachtsheim, and the 2003 BIG ARTS Youth Merit Scholarship for Middle School students:

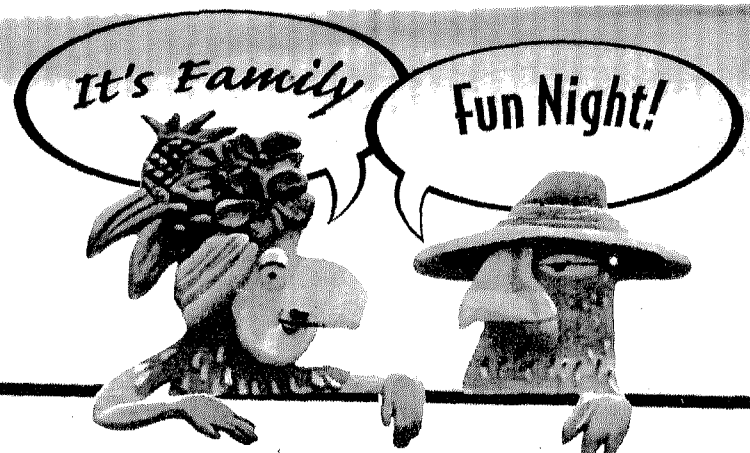
Lena Kridle.

Tiffany Hetmanek is a Dance minor at the University of Florida, Gainesville where she has finished her freshman year and performs with the dance team Floridance, a student run dance troupe that requires dance classes and rehearsals. She keeps her passion for chemistry alive as a Pharmacy major. In the future Tiffany wants to teach and own her own dance studio. Last year Tiffany taught dance at BIG ARTS Summer Camp. This summer, BIG ARTS is thrilled she took on the responsibility of the Summer Camp Coordinator.

James Barrett Milne, a recent graduate of Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts, has been accepted to the Art Institute of Chicago. He plans to study oil painting, photography, sculpture and other media new to him.

Milne has volunteered his artistic talent in creating murals in the Imaginarium children's Natural Science Museum and at HealthPark Hospital.

Awards, see page 18



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## Awards, from page 17

Hallie Nachtsheim, currently a student at Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, plans to pursue a BFA in textiles for a career in the visual arts. Miss Nachtsheim was a Florida Bright Futures Merit Scholarship recipient 2000-2003. In 2002 Nachtsheim had three works featured in Tracings Literary Magazine of Santa Fe Community College.

The BIG ARTS/Robert Rauschenberg Award encourages the development of artistic ability in various fields of art including photography, writing, producing, directing, dance, radio and recording, film, artistic technicians, or anyone involved in an artistic endeavor. Candidates must show local ties to the community or BIG ARTS, accomplishments in their chosen field, and how the award would help accomplish his or her artistic goal.



**Tiffany Hetmanek, a dance minor at the University of Florida, received her second award.**

## Disaster Piece Theatre to benefit foster care



Out of the Box Production, a local theatrical company, presents "The Disaster Piece Theater" an entertaining satire based on the popular PBS series, "Masterpiece Theater" at the Periwinkle Playhouse. The two performances, on July 18 and 19, will benefit the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida, Inc.'s Making It On Purpose (MIOP) mentoring program for teenage girls in the foster care system in South Florida.

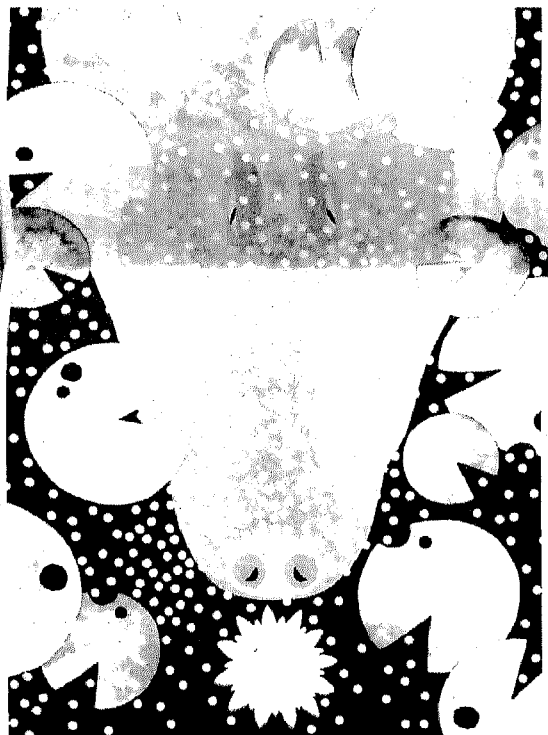
Join Alistair Kook as he reunites some of the show's most famous guests and classic stars on stage for two nights only. The show also features spotlight appearances from television and movie star Jim Labriola, best known as Benny Barony, aka "The Donut Guy" from TV's "Home Improvement."

Friday's performance includes a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 6:30 p.m. preceding the performance, which begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$65. Saturday evening's festivities include a gourmet dinner at the Sanibel Community House, complimentary wine, cash bar, live music, and silent auction. Doors at the Community House open at 5:30 for dinner with the seating for the play to begin at 7:45 p.m. Tickets for Saturday's performance are \$100.

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## CENTER STAGE

### On the road with Marsha

In case you summer Islanders didn't know, this theater critic has put on her travelling shoes in search of fun, work, adventures and theater out here in beautiful downtown Colorado Springs. But first some notes on my solo trip in my version of a covered wagon, the tried and true Toyota Corolla. This mode of travel is not for the faint of heart or the easily bored. The first hours started well enough, speeding along with the other snow birds heading north on I-75. I've got to admit the whole idea of four months alone had a feeling of unreality about it as I toddled along the road.

It was at the first gasoline fill'er up that I had my first moment of "Oh my gosh, what am I doing, going all by myself across the USA to a city where I only know two people (Islanders Geri Harrand and her husband Dieter) to explore the possible-but-not-promised Pilates teaching work, for the summer? All my doubts came crashing in, and my usual fearlessness disappeared for about five minutes, as I wrestled with turning around and going home.

Just as I was about to give in and turn back a car pulled in with a bumper sticker that read "Relax! God Is In Control." That did it for me, and right there and then I decided that those words would guide my summer, along with all the adventures I expected to experience.

My mind eased, I scooted off and headed further north & west on route 98 to my first motel stop 786 miles later: The Red Roof Inn in Tallahassee. My first meal was next door at the Cracker Barrel, and consisted of chicken pot pie with collard greens and hush-puppies. Gotta tell you — there are lots of strange meals one can ingest while heading across the South and to the West. After looking over my AAA Trip Tik for the next day, I proclaimed it 'nuff for the night and caught my 40 winks.

The next stop was to be in Columbia, Mississippi, some 281 miles later and completely through Alabama. The state of Alabama is a pretty green state with lots of trees, rolling hills, and endless roads with no one on them for simply miles and miles. I really was glad of two things: one was that bumper sticker; the other was my books on tape that I had borrowed from our wonderful library. Had lunch at another place we all know and love — the ever-trusty, friend of the traveler, McDonald's.

The roads leading into Columbia, Miss. are like roads leading into any and every city, big or small in this country. They all look like a version of Route 41 — the numbers are different, but the names are the same, Pizza Hut, Home Depot, Lowes, Wallgreen, Kroger, Safeway, Wynn Dixie, etc. etc.

Stayed at a Best Western where the staff was the friendliest ever. I took my one and only dip in the pool.



Marsha Wagner

Had another strange meal of crab salad. I'm convinced that once you leave any urban area for smaller cities, all restaurant food is fried. Now why would you fry crab to put it on a salad? Is it any wonder that there is a fattening trend in America, when every blessed thing is fried, including salad? I wasn't able to find any unfried food till I got to Kansas and an Applebee's.

The next day my Trip Tik had me traveling to Hardy, Ark., some 320 miles away, in and through BIG FARM country. My heavens! I've never seen such big farms or such big farm equipment. To a big-city girl these machines seem as big as the state of Rhode Island. Whatever do they do with the monsters? It was on this trip to Hardy that I discovered that you can take the girl out of New York City, but you can't take New York out of the girl. I am really truly an Easterner with all that implies. I've discovered I really don't need "...land, lots of land under starry skies above!" Just show me the lights, maybe a few trees spaced here and there (like Central Park), houses and, best of all, PEOPLE.

All that empty space gave me an unearthly feeling that was an almost out-of-body experience. It was as though I wasn't driving at all, but dreaming and flying without a body through all of this space. SPOOKY, I'll tell you. But I also have to say this was also a kind of spiritual voyage. Saw an accident in one of the itty-bitty small towns where I stopped for gas, proving bad things can happen in the least likely places. I simply repeated my bumper sticker mantra and moved on to Hardy and another Best Western Motel with another fried repast — fried catfish, more hush-puppies, FINALLY a baked potato and beet salads but always iceberg lettuce that tastes like nothing at all, just whatever dressing covers it.

Hardy is a cute town in the Ozarks that has lots of country music and mountain crafts. Unfortunately, every shop was closed, and no music 'til the weekend and this was Wednesday. Ah, such is life when you stop driving at 4:30 p.m. on a weekday.

Three hundred and fourteen disembodied, lonely miles later, with lots more green spaces (this time, flat level green spaces), I arrived in Fort Scott, Kan. Fort Scott was built in 1842 to keep peace among the warring Indian tribes and the settlers. In the Civil War it was a divided town where the East side of town was pro-slavery and the west side anti-slavery.

After the war, the town became a premiere city and challenged Kansas City as the largest rail center west of the Mississippi. This brought lots of wealth to the town

which is reflected in some grand Victorian homes and wonderful Main Street shops and boutiques — all of which I managed to see after signing in at yet another Best Western.

Took a 45-minute trolley ride through town with a great, informative tour guide named Bill. It's quite a neat little town, with lots of history, one of the first established National Cemeteries, plus Gunn Park, a city park that covers 140 acres.

Onward down the Yellow Brick Road and 318 miles later my covered wagon and I arrive at the well-known western town of movie and TV fame, Dodge City. This is where Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson battled crime with six guns and rifles. Went to the famed Boot Hill Cemetery (which is lots smaller than you might think) and the wild and woolly, infamous Front Street with its saloons and bawdy houses.

It's kind of calmed down now but nevertheless rather touristy. This is where I got my first real unfried meal at Applebee's — a huge Caesar salad with beef (I'm in cow country, remember). The meals are so humongous, that even the half-salad I ordered couldn't be completely consumed by yours truly.

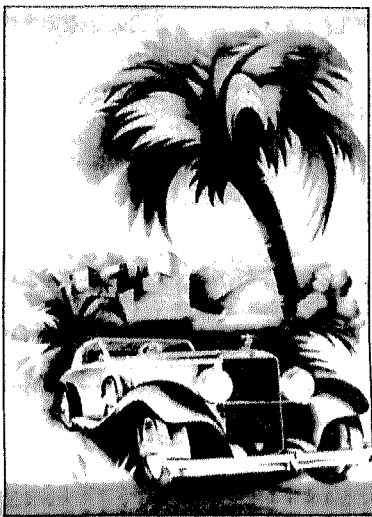
Let me tell you, Kansas is so flat, that the green of the plains really does meet the blue of the sky... divided only by a long, long ribbon of road (not even yellow brick at that). The other thing... you can smell Kansas, a rare perfume combining cow manure and whatever the feed is they feed these critters. If you're into natural odors, you'd be in cow heaven in Kansas. This city girl is more partial to eau de Chanel# 5.

Another long haul through more of Kansas took me to Colorado and a town called Rush ('cause people rush through it). At mile 10,184 I'd reached my destination Colorado Springs, and my friends Geri and Dieter.

Whew! Would I do this again? I think not. I'll return in a more normal way along the big interstates going hell-bent-for-leather and home.

Have I learned something from this trip? You bet, lots of things. East or West, home is best; I've become my own best friend; I don't like too much empty space; my family and friends are the most important things in my life; and that, no matter what, I can always "Relax! God Is In Charge."

Stay tuned as I continue my adventures in Colorado Springs.



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**DATELINE: The Hollywood File**  
**"Yesterday, It Was Always Now"**  
 (Part 2 of 3)

by **Little Joe Micale**  
*Special to the Islander*

When last we were together, we were munching on Life's cherries. Moving from one section of this vast country to another can play a large part in causing the psyche to use wide eyes on various aspects of life. That move from Cleveland to Hollywood helped me to consciously acknowledge the fact that, in my long-standing and kooky methodology of renaming otherwise everyday events, Life provides a daily dose of cherries, or situations that foster immediate and/or long-term benefits. The final part of the lesson here is the understanding that the cherries usually do not fall into one's lap on their own; they need to be picked.

It's kind of like snow, if you ever lived among the white stuff. Snowballs are not natural, but snow is. When there is sufficient snow, it's no big deal to make a snowball; provided, of course, that there is a conscious desire for snowballs.

During my teenage years, I started a life-altering relationship with a priest named Father Michael. (He was the Good, Old-Fashioned kind, not one of "those." I wrote a book about our time together, the same book you've heard about that is in pre-publication.) The point here is that the Good Father and I had a particular conversation early on wherein he alerted me to the fact that profound opportunities are available to each of us on a daily basis, if only we will attune ourselves properly. That conversation, I came to realize, was the seed of a greater awareness to come. I acknowledge that my comprehension of the principle might not have been the same, or occur at precisely the same, "early" time, if the cross-country move had occurred without the aforementioned conversation. Now that I have a seasoned perspective and a proper forum, I joyously present this personal experience to those who will use it for



**Little Joe Micale**

personal gain. All that said, there is more to tell about the principal subject of this tree-parter, my late good friend who came into my life via the cherry route, Freddie de Cordova.

There was one day in particular, sometime in the '70s, after I had taken over Cosmo's and renamed it Little Joe's. The phone rang and Guess Who was on the line. Yep, Freddie and no, I am not blasé; the point is that I have lived in Cherry Heaven because I have been more aware, as I hope you will be from now on. And what d'ya mean, "which year?" Why, somebody keeping score? Anyhow, Freddie asked me if I did color. Yes, and just like that, too: "Joey, you do color?"

I had to laugh. He always had that way of his to start a conversation; y'know, go right to the point, no frivolity, just wham! Pleasantly, though.

"Sure Freddie, you need a little color?" I was pulling his chain, as I figured he was calling for someone else.

"No-no, not me," he responded through his laughter. "I got this couple, our guest stars for tonight, said they didn't have a chance to go to their hairstylist in New York before coming out, and they won't go on unless they can get their hair done. They're both red-heads, but not out of the same bottle, they tell me. You do red, don't you?"

I don't think I was on the floor laughing then, but I've had to dab my eyes more than once now while putting this incident on paper. With all that Freddie had said, I got a delayed realization of the word "tonight" in his comments. "Hey Freddie, please don't tell me you have two people who want color today. It's eleven A-M and I'm booked solid all day."

"Joey, y'gotta help me on this one. They're serious about not going on unless they can both get color and a trim. You're the only one I can trust! I got the limo standing by. They can be there in 30 minutes."

"You say 'couple,' you mean a man and woman? They got names?" I asked, looking to get a line on the required time-frame to clear.

"Y'ever hear of Stiller and Meara?"

Now he was pulling my chain. "Come on, Freddie; everyone's heard of Stiller and Meara. They're going to be with Johnny tonight? Wow, that'll be a great show!"

"Sure it will," he said. "If you come through. Otherwise I'm dead meat."

I told him to "stand by," that I needed to make some

calls to clear up some time. What a dilemma! And that was the other quirk in Freddie's many requests over the years. The nature of his needs might vary, but the time frame was always "Now!" Think he'd call about tomorrow, or next week? Never!

I have few but very strong operating policies, my

**...the cherries usually do not fall into one's lap on their own; they need to be picked...**

Cardinal Rules, that I follow rigidly. When up against a situation like the one being related here, I simply tell it straight and rely on the goodness of those with whom I deal regularly. The policy works so well I'm hard pressed to recall an exception.

The first person I called to ask to move over was my one o'clock client, an honest-to-goodness rocket scientist named Bob Goldstein. "Any chance you can move over to one P-M tomorrow? I've gotta find room to do tonight's stars for the Carson show," I pleaded.

"Interesting," I remember Bob saying. "Who are they?" "Jerry Stiller and Ann Meara. Ever catch their act?" Bob asked if I was nuts, that probably everyone had caught their act at some time or another. Most importantly, Bob said he'd gladly move over on one condition. There was some pant-pant on my part, but needlessly. All he wanted was an autographed picture of them, addressed to him personally. "Done, and Thanks! I'll have it for you tomorrow," I told him.

When I called the next clients in chronological-time order, I started by saying something like "How would you like to have a photo of Stiller and Meara, personally autographed to you?" Made me a big hero as all cooperated enthusiastically. Freddie was thrilled, too.

But you know what really ticks me off? I'm outta space. Again! How do I so often end up against this wall? Per usual, best part comes next week, promise. My first tree-parter.

### Fuery, from page 6

My boat is one which fits this category — it draws about 10 inches; however, I regularly take it in the gulf and go through two or three foot seas with no problem.

The true flats boat has taken a long journey and it will be around in some form for a long time to come. Some of the flats guides have boats which will float in five inches of water. No bay boat will do that and not beat up the passengers.

Freshwater anglers often show us saltwater fisherfolk which way the trend is going. Many of the lures used now, for example, came from early worm lures.

Good fishing and fishing this week.

Have a question or comment? You can reach Capt. Mike Fuery at 466-3649 or by e-mail at [junonia4@aol.co](mailto:junonia4@aol.co)

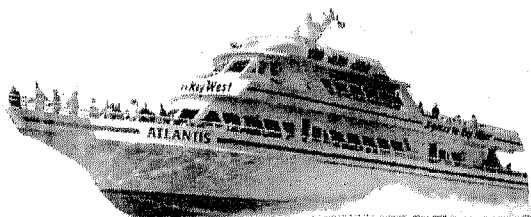
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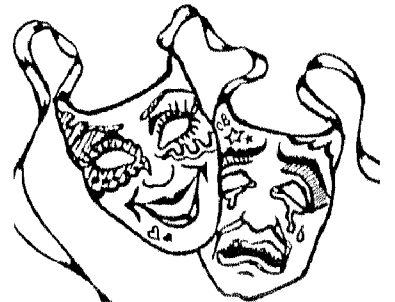
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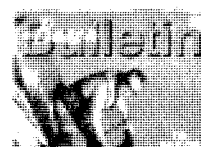
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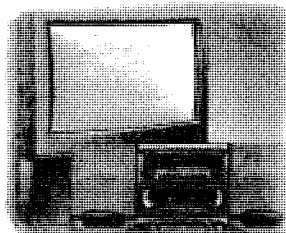
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## Veronica's Room, from page 21

information would spoil the thrilling twists and turns as we spiral into Susan's worst nightmare. Yet, as is typical of Levin, this nightmare is filled with as many laughs as there are gasps.

The cast of four, including Stephanie Davis, tackle this thriller with the enthusiasm and energy it takes to create a fast-paced, "edge of your seat" experience. Ms. Davis is a Florida Rep ensemble member who has acted in over 20 Florida Rep shows since its inception, including *Wit*, *Over the River*, *Dinner With Friends* and The Rep's 1999 production of *Veronica's Room*.

New York and regional theatre actor Mark Brey makes his Florida Rep debut. Mark has worked at such acclaimed venues as LaMama in New York and at the Old Globe in San Diego. Florida Rep audiences will recognize ensemble member Zolan Henderson from his turns this past season as Detective Trotter in *The Mousetrap* and as Reverend Lee in *The Foreigner*.

Florida Rep's Associate Director Bari Newport completes the cast and makes her Florida Rep onstage debut as Susan. Bari began working as an actress when she was a child and has extensive regional and off-Broadway credits including performing with Mark Brey at The Sacramento Theatre Company. Together, this ensemble of fine actors bring to life a hair-raising, spine-tingling tale that will keep its audiences guessing.

"*Veronica's Room* was so incredibly popular when we produced it in our inaugural season that I couldn't wait to bring it back.

It is the first show that we have ever produced twice. Audiences of all ages really were turned on by it. Young people, who had never come to the theatre before, were lining up at the door for tickets. It was amazing!" says Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo who is also directing the show. Cacioppo has directed over 25 productions at Florida Rep, most recently the critically acclaimed productions of *Proof* and *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. He is doubly pleased to have long time ensemble member and Southwest Florida favorite Stephanie Davis reprising her complicated, demanding role. Cacioppo says, "This exceptional ensemble is going to give our audience quite a scare and a few laughs as well."

With tickets as low as \$15, and student tickets available at half price, Florida Rep's professional live theatre is the best bargain in town!

*Veronica's Room* opens at Florida Rep on July 11 and runs through August 3; performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$26 and \$32 (students half price). Group rates are available. Call the Florida Repertory Theatre Box Office at (239) 332-4488 or toll-free at (877) 787-8053. Florida Repertory Theatre is located in the Arcade Theatre in historic Downtown Fort Myers, on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry. Florida Rep is online at:

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## Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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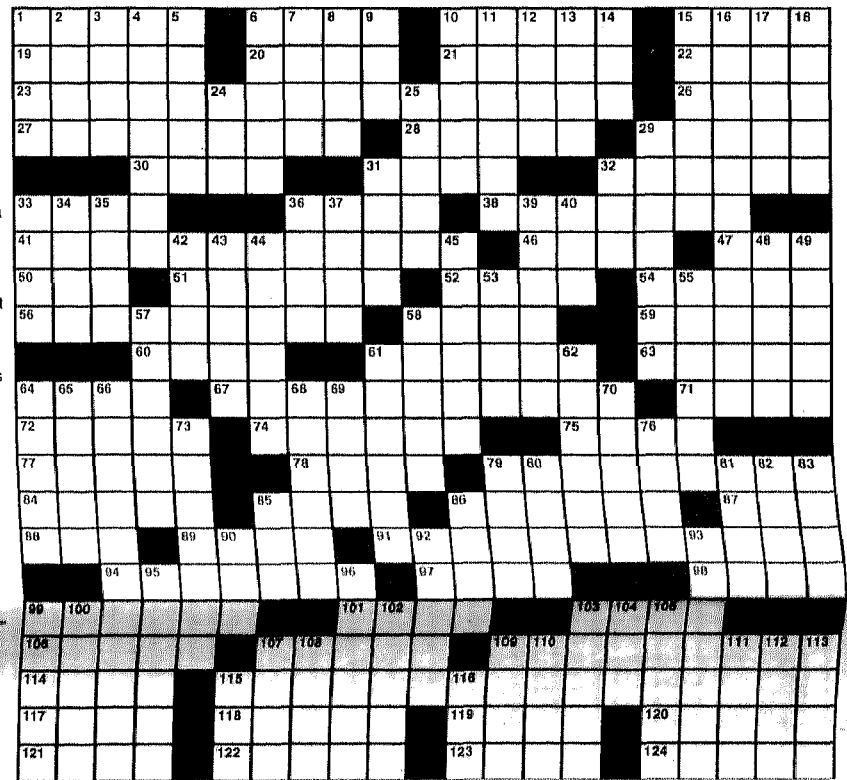
By FRED PISCOP

### ACROSS

- 1 New moon, e.g.
- 6 Skewed view
- 10 Signs of shock
- 15 Propose in court
- 19 Sci-fi weapon
- 20 Protester
- 21 Europe/Asia divider
- 22 Strummed strings
- 23 Reducer of smoking receptacles?
- 26 Pucker-producing
- 27 Stereotypical bum's home
- 28 "Halt, salt!"
- 29 "Tell It to My Heart" singer Taylor
- 30 "... fair in love
- 31 Govt. agent
- 32 Ventriloquist with a head-in-a-box dummy
- 33 Business intro?
- 36 "... and Away"
- 38 Enlarge, as a home
- 41 Where to auction coverlets?
- 46 Beanery handout
- 47 D-Day vessel
- 50 Medical Nobelist von Euler
- 51 Much of Oceania
- 52 "... Baby": "Hair" song
- 54 Triangular deposit
- 56 Sworn statement
- 58 Hardy Boys' pal
- 59 Tinker's target
- 60 Valley
- 61 Doves and loves
- 63 Painter of ballerinas
- 64 Cain's victim
- 67 Cosmetics company analysis?
- 71 Defaulter's risk
- 72 Paparazzo's quarry
- 74 Mouths off to
- 75 "Ah, me!"
- 77 Anchor cable area
- 78 Resist, with "off"
- 79 Lot subdivider
- 84 Tickle pink
- 85 Casino game
- 86 Rah-rah
- 87 "... glance
- 88 "L.A. Law" actress
- 89 Actress Singer

### DOWN

- 1 Surveyor's map
- 2 Slung fare
- 3 Big Apple stadium
- 4 Do a judge's job
- 5 Actor Flynn
- 6 Mathematician with a theorem
- 7 Raise: Abbr.
- 8 "That's not ...": Mom's warning
- 9 Actor Alastair
- 10 Jelly fruit
- 11 Secret stuff
- 12 Exams for srs.
- 13 Story line
- 14 Old map initials
- 15 Sci-fi character, perhaps
- 16 University for mediocre students?
- 17 Fogg's creator
- 18 Colorado's Park
- 24 Belt maker's tool
- 25 Argentine expanse
- 29 Stripped bare
- 31 Clumsy ships
- 32 Took the gold
- 33 Blue hue
- 34 ... Stream
- 35 Jazz motif
- 36 Aptly named fruit
- 37 Assault repeatedly
- 39 Composer Shostakovich
- 40 Poor mark
- 42 Mock fanfare
- 43 Author Calvino
- 44 Borders buys
- 45 "Gulliver's Travels" brutes
- 48 Helmet feature
- 49 Renaissance Italian poet
- 53 Gripe
- 55 Exceedingly
- 57 Least busy
- 58 Hollowed, as an apple
- 61 "Strangers and Brothers" novelist
- 62 Works really hard
- 64 Felt lullish
- 65 Handy's "Street Blues"
- 66 Sporting a designer quarterback's outfit?
- 68 Gardner pseudonym
- 69 River of Belgium
- 70 "Maria ...": 1940s song
- 73 No-nonsense route
- 76 Height: Prefix
- 79 Scott in 1857 news
- 80 Best of theater
- 81 Bar that engages with a ratchet
- 82 Cousin of etc.
- 83 Sea-bottom fish
- 85 Not to
- 86 Pop singer Tori
- 90 Schnozz extender
- 92 Cousteau's milieu
- 93 Shoots over
- 95 Baseball's Hank and Tommie
- 96 Easter Island feature
- 99 Adult insect
- 100 Pianist Glenn
- 102 Astrologer Sydney
- 103 Venerable one
- 104 Pub offering
- 105 Twilled fabric
- 107 ... Linda, California
- 108 Curved shape
- 109 Silent
- 110 Stud fee?
- 111 Diner orders, briefly
- 112 Hobbling
- 113 Peepers
- 115 Drink, dog-style
- 116 Coming-out party?



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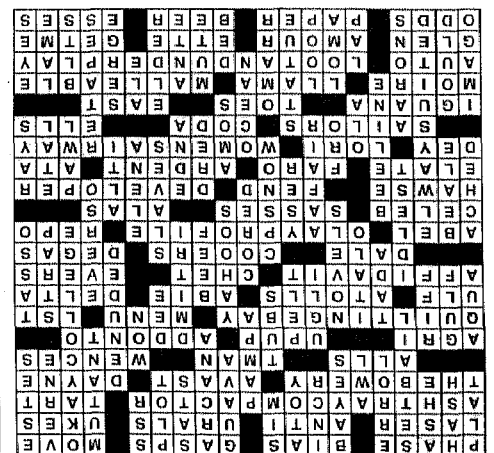
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the University of South Florida. Leo has shown in New York City, California and throughout the United States.

He is currently having a one-man show at Der Flur Gallery in Kassel, Germany and will be showing in Berlin, Germany in September 2003. Leo has been teaching painting to underprivileged, disabled and at-risk children.

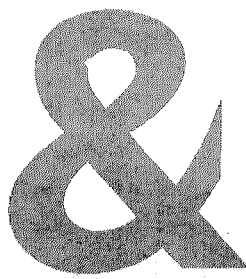
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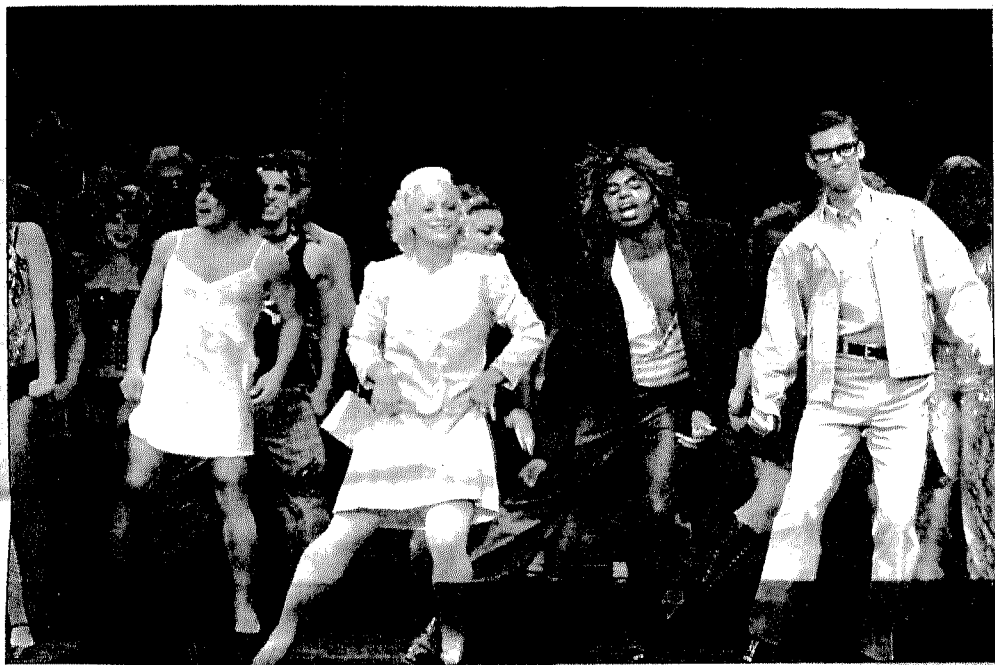
A new production of The Rocky Horror Show opened on June 28th at the Naples Dinner Theatre and it will be playing (at midnight) Saturdays (and one Friday) through August 16th. The rock musical is performed by live singers and a live rock band.

Naples Dinner Theatre resident company members of the Naples Dinner Theatre make up the cast, which includes Seth Kinney in the role of Frank, the owner of the castle and the maddest scientist you will ever encounter. Kinney has been seen as Bernardo in West Side Story among other roles. Henrique Ramos and Jenny Lee Stern appear

as Brad and Janet. Ramos has been with NDT for a year, playing many roles including Riff in West Side Story. Stern was seen as Roxie in Chicago this past season. Rocky, the monster, is played by Bobby Diebolt. Other cast members include John Avant III as Riff Raff, Jenn Furman as Magenta, Tracey Petrillo as Columbia, Aaron Fuksa as Eddie and Dr. Scott, Meredith Toole and Christopher Noffke as the Phantoms, and Dick Westlake as the Narrator. Leading the five-piece band is Jeremy Randall. Chris Noffke is creating new choreography and NDT Artistic Director Michael Wainstein will direct.

Performances will be at midnight on Saturdays, with doors opening at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$25. A cash bar and light appetizers will be available for purchase. There will be two 8 p.m. performances on July 25th and August 16th. These early shows will be accompanied by a full buffet dinner at the regular evening show price of \$42.50. While no props except lighters, newspapers and flashlights will be permitted, costumes are encouraged.

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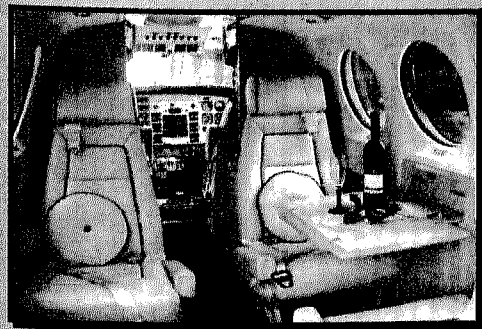
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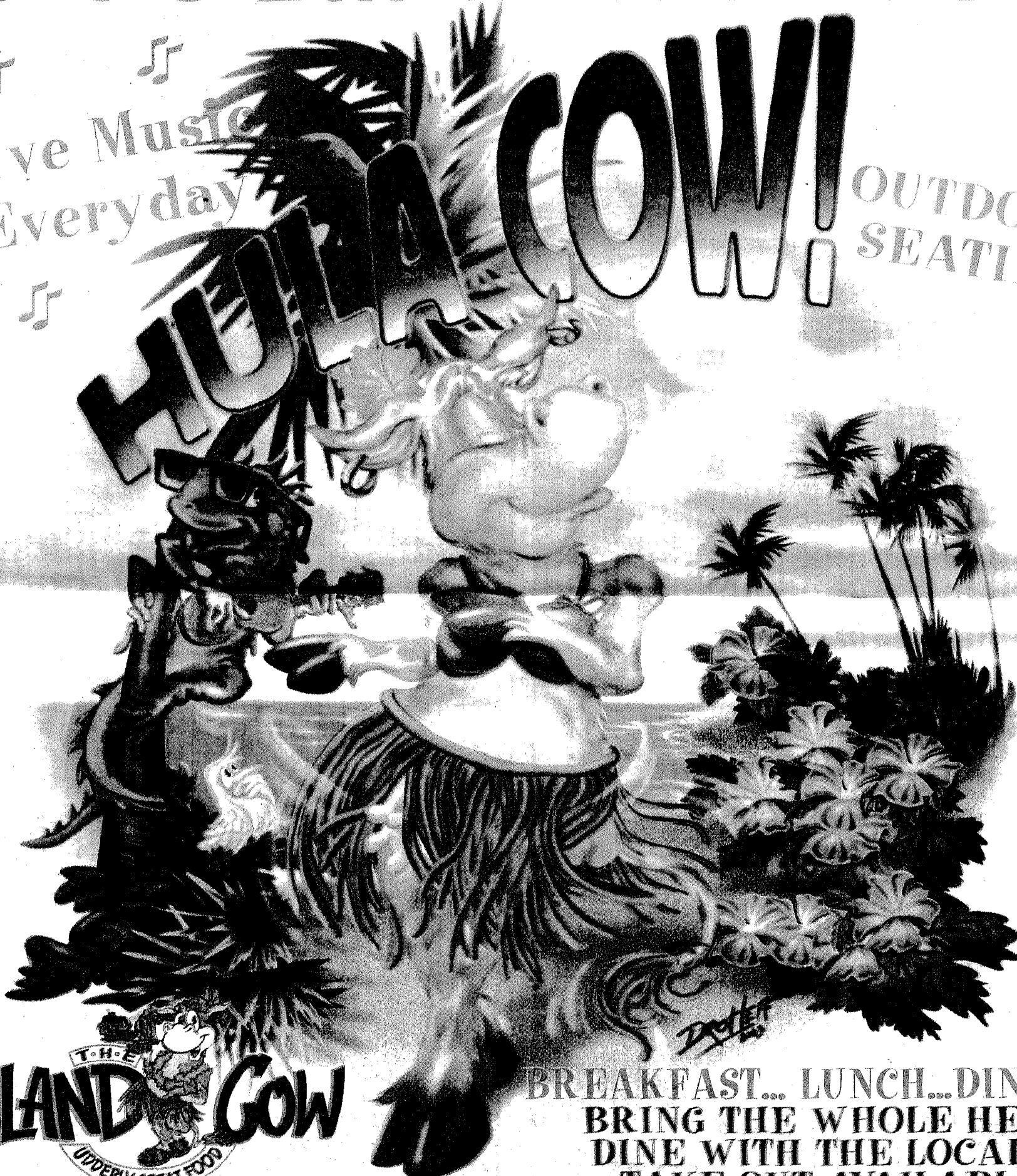


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