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There's a new look at the Four-Way on Periwinkle. Sanibel Beautification has raised something in the neighborhood of \$6,000 to procure a triple royal palm to grace the intersection. In addition, the Lions Club has donated a new and taller flagpole which will be installed in the near future.



**Will the real Willie Compton
please stand up?**

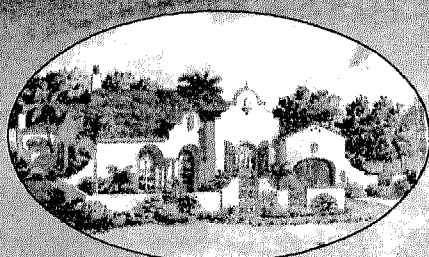
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**Marsha Wagner had a blast at an
ice cream social and band organ
rally in St. Marys, W.Va.**

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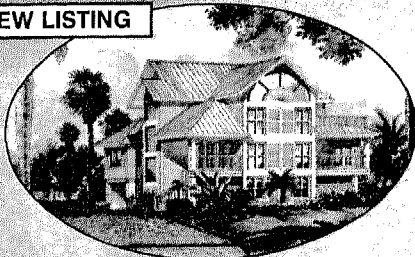
NEW LISTING



MEDITERRANEAN BEAUTY

Totally remodeled, ground level near beach home. This 3BR/3BA home features quality construction, raised ceilings, detailed millwork throughout, spectacular pool and spa with an outside entertaining area. Located in Captiva's "Village" and only a short stroll to the beach.

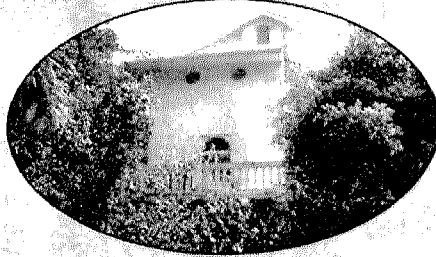
\$1,795,000



NEAR BEACH HOME TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Olde Florida, two-story home with 3BR/3BA, den, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, covered patio for entertaining, observation deck, sun decks, and screen-enclosed pool. Located across from the deeded beach access and just steps to the beach.

\$2,195,000



BAY FRONT BEAUTY

Wonderful 3BR/3BA "Mediterranean Fortress" located in Captiva's Village with unbelievable direct Bay views of Pine Island Sound. Home offers beautiful workmanship, Corian counters, Gulf access, dock and appraised in 2001 at

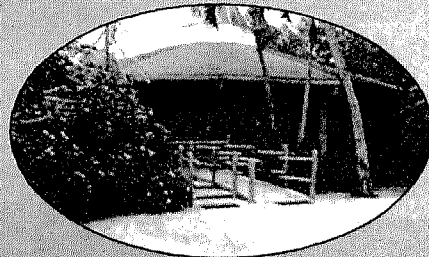
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TROPICAL ESTATE

Beautiful estate zoned home 5BR/4.5BA on Roosevelt Channel with expansive views. Lot offers numerous fruit trees, lily pond, 3 slip deep water dock with Gulf access, deeded beach access, central vacuum, wood and tile floors throughout.

\$2,695,000



SHOREBIRD

Unique and special estate zoned property with 140ft. of frontage. Property offers gorgeous views of Roosevelt Channel, covered boat dock with lift, screen enclosed pool, Oak floors, octagonal wood ceiling, open decks, attached guest suite and lush vegetation throughout the property.

\$2,295,000



NEAR BEACH LOT/CAPTIVA

Bay views are possible from this rare building lot on Captiva Island. Wonderful location and just a short stroll to beaches, marina, shops and Island restaurants. This lot should accommodate a nice sized house with pool.

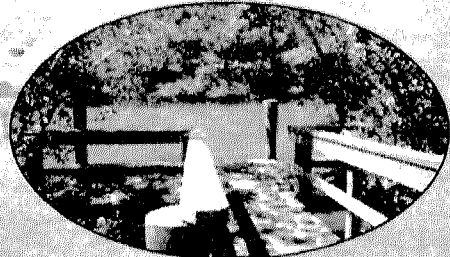
\$799,999



URCHIN COURT/SUNSET CAPTIVA

Desirable 2BR/2BA with loft located in Sunset Captiva. This near beach home is the best value on Captiva and a good investment with regard to rental income potential.

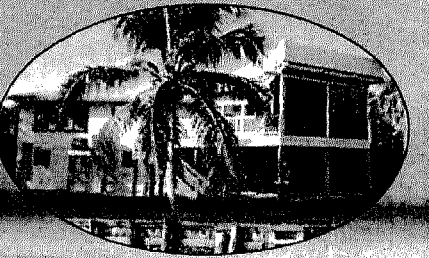
\$850,000



FANTASTIC BUILDING SITE/NEAR BEACH

Fantastic building site located on a cul-de-sac with dock in place. Walk to beautiful Blind Pass beaches. 238' of waterfront and .43acre.

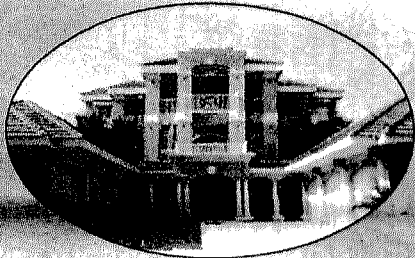
\$649,000



SPECTACULAR VIEWS

Gorgeous custom built home with 2 master suites and 2.5 baths. Views of Dinkin's Bayou from every room. Property features a screen enclosed lan pool, spiral stair case to sunset deck, open porch, dock, Cypress ceiling, Anderson windows, vaulted ceilings, paddle fans, storm shutters, storm shutters, Corian Counters and Elevator.

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SEA HIBISCUS COURT/CAPTIVA

Wonderful 3 BR/3BA home in Sunset Captiva. Home offers: fireplace, wood deck, screened porch, loft, Gulf access, and furnished. Community amenities include: pool, dock, tennis and private beach access.

\$875,000



ESTATE ZONED BUILDING SITE

Beautiful one-acre "Estate Zoned" lot in New Osprey Bay Estates. Subdivision consists of three parcels. All having dockage on Roosevelt Channel and deeded beach access.

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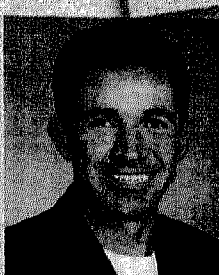
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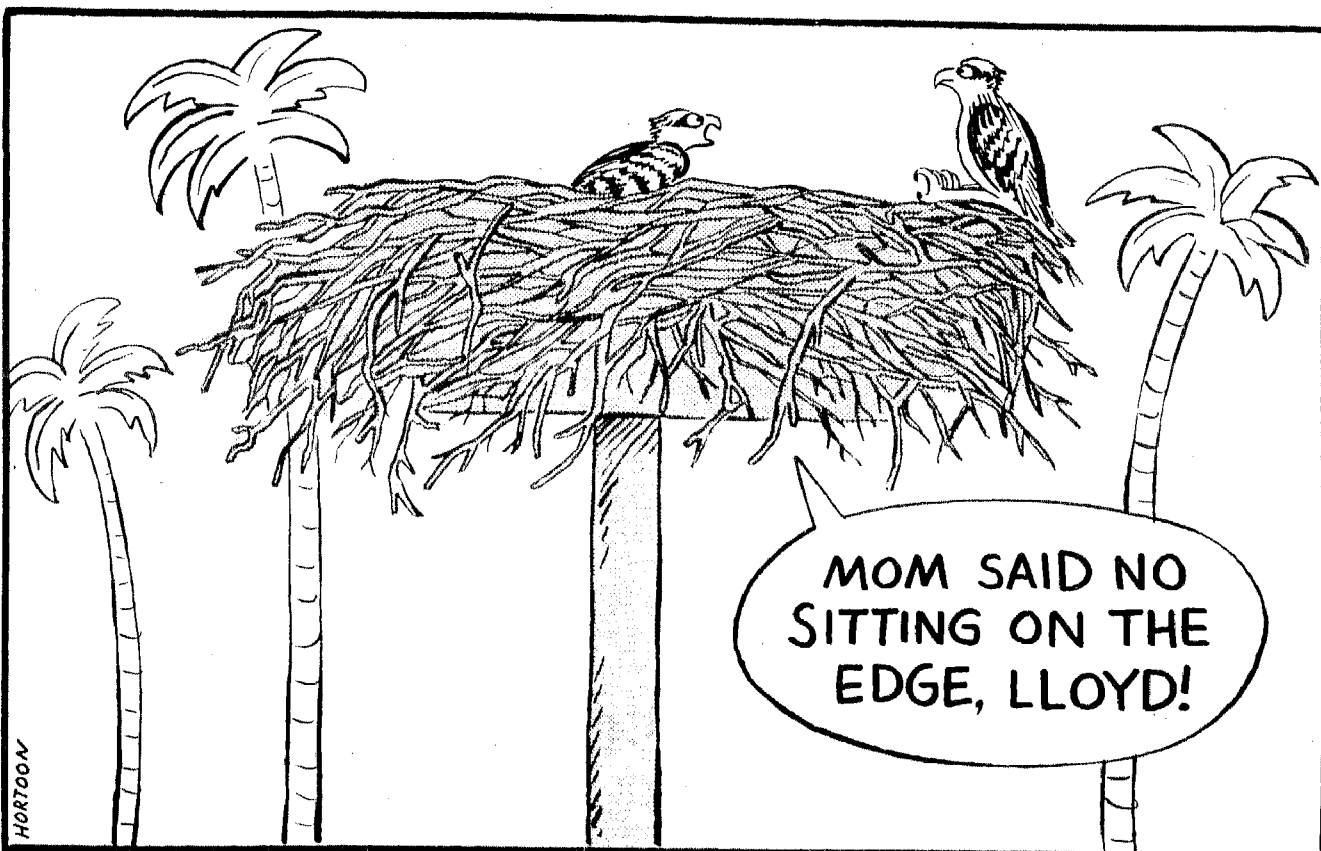
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Horton



COLUMNISTS

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UP PERISCOPE

A hundred years ago doesn't seem like a whole lot when you think of it as being 1903. Yeah, quaint, people wearing funny clothes and driving little open cars that looked a lot more like horseless carriages than automobiles.

Anyone who can read this was born in that century, so we're all still used to have '19' in front of a year in question.

But the fact is, 1903 was a landmark year for major shrinkage of the planet and to think that it was only 100 years ago is a sobering thought.

That year, the Wright Brothers made the first powered flight at Kitty Hawk. The Ford Motor Company was born and so was Harley-Davidson.

Pierre and Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize that year for their studies of radioactivity and the first wireless telegram was sent all the way around the world.

The jury was still out on automobiles. Some thought that they would never be anything more than a toy for the rich.

Henry Ford changed that. While he did not invent the automobile, nor assembly line manufacturing, he did commit to combining those two so as to make that machine avail-



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SEVERANCE
Executive Editor

able to just about everyone in America.

As if to confirm his belief, 1903 was also the first year that anyone crossed the USA by car. It took a long time and a lot of tires, but three different parties managed the feat.

So stuff like cars, electricity, radios, even radioactivity had been around for a couple of years at least, but it seems like 1903 was a technological turning point, even if it wasn't immediately recognized as such at the time.

It was a long haul from the chariot to the Model T — kind of a short one from that to the Indy 500 by comparison.

And the change goes on — faster and faster — but not always at an even pace in all areas of technology. We managed to put a man on the moon using advanced transportation equipment combined with

computers that couldn't run a child's game today.

Now comes the internet. Yes it's been around for a couple of decades, but today it's a regular part of the landscape and many of us can't live without it.

The point is our world is shrinking to something that seems like the size of Rhode Island while our technology gallops ahead.

Hey, I'm all for technology and the advancement thereof. The medical advances alone are worth the effort, let alone being able to speak names into my cell phone and have it dial the right number for me. How 'bout that Buck Rogers?

But we still have some adapting to attend to. Letters have been written for a long time and the proper formats and etiquette evolved along the way. Who knows how an e-mail is supposed to be formatted — who cares for that matter?

If we've come all this way in the last 100 years, what do the next 50 hold?

TURTLE TOTALS JULY 21

	2003			2002		
	Matches	Nests	False Cawks	Nests	False Cawks	Matches
Crawls						
East End	1	30	83	10	40	
West End	18	151	203	172	172	
Captiva	20	121	93	86	93	
TOTALS	39	302	379	268	305	

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HAPPENINGS

Swim Lessons offered

Baby & Me Swim lessons:

Saturdays, August 16th, 23rd, Sept. 6th and 13th from 9 to 9:30 a.m.
Fee: \$5 per class.

Beginning swimming

August 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th from 2 to 2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$10

Advanced swimming

August 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th from 3 to 3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$10.00

Classes take place at the Sanibel Rec Center on San-Cap Road. Pre-registration is required by August 1st. Call Coby at 472-0345.

Become a hero today!

From Citrus down to Collier County, local athletes from novice to experienced are gearing up to run or walk a half or full marathon to help fight the battle against blood cancers. These heroes are helping to eradicate leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma while participating in the Team In Training program. The Suncoast Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program is currently recruiting for the following exciting events to help in this battle:

- Walt Disney World Marathon & Half Marathon, Orlando, FL - Jan. 11, 2004;

- P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Arizona Marathon & Half Marathon, Phoenix, AZ - Jan. 11, 2004; and
- Hops Marathon by Tampa Bay & Half Marathon, Tampa - Jan. 26, 2004

Team members will receive a four-to-five-month comprehensive training program, including coaching on form, technique, race strategies, injury prevention, nutrition and fundraising. Additionally, the Society provides airfare (where applicable), ground transportation (where applicable), hotel accommodations, the race entry fee, a pre-event pasta party and a post-event victory celebration. While training to reach the goal of crossing the finish line, participants will also be raising money to help The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society reach its goal, namely, to find a cure for blood cancers. With thousands of members raising funds nationwide, Team In Training has become a symbol of hope and endurance to those who live with these life-threatening diseases.

If you would like to experience the satisfaction of running or walking one of these life-changing endurance events, then it's time to join the team. To learn more about this fantastic program, sign up online at www.teamintraining.org/suncoast (fill out the "Tell Me More" form) to attend a FREE informational meeting between July 26 and August 19 in your area.

Another option is to call the Suncoast Chapter at (813) 963-5461 (Tampa Bay)

or (239) 992-5781 (Naples/Fort Myers) if you would like to attend an informational meeting or just receive more information about the program.

Imaginarium celebrates 8th Birthday

The Imaginarium Hands-On Museum will host its 8th Annual Birthday Bash tomorrow, Saturday, July 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The celebration will include birthday cake, hands-on activities and the new Mind Magic exhibit. The special admission for the celebration is \$1 per person and free for children under 3, members, and city employees and their immediate families.

Birthday cake will be served at 1 o'clock; hands-on activities and live animal presentations will be held throughout the day.

The celebration will also include this summer's new exhibit, Mind Magic. Let your mind play tricks on you in this special exhibit that features an assortment of brain-bending puzzles & thinking games, a collection of exhibits that shed a little light on illusion, perception and more. Put science to the test as you perform feats that appear to break all the rules! Physics is fun, neuroscience is neat and math is maddening in this cerebral challenge!

The Museum is located in historic downtown Fort Myers at the corner of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Cranford Avenue. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, noon to 5.

Disney and Oldies 95 will be broadcasting family-friendly music. The festival is free and open to the public, with donations accepted to support the new K-8 Gateway Charter School which opens this fall.

Kids ID photos available at Publix

On Saturday, August 9, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Publix Super Markets will offer free safety photos for kids at all Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama stores. When parents return to pick up their photos the following week, they will receive a Kids Emergency Information Folder. The inside cover will have a place for parents to fill in pertinent information about their children, including height, weight, eye and hair color, etc. The photo fits neatly on the other side.


"According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), when a child is missing, the first thing law enforcement will ask for is a photo and description of the child," said Publix spokesman Lee Brunson. "We hope our program will make it convenient for parents to keep this important information handy."

Stores will also hold coloring contests for children, and parents may pick up the current edition of Publix's Family Style magazine, as well as enrollment forms for the Publix Baby Club.

Publix is owned and operated by its more than 119,500 employees, with 2001 sales of \$15.3 billion. Currently Publix has 703 stores in the four states and will begin opening stores in Tennessee later this year. The company has been named one of Fortune's "100 Best Companies to Work For in America" for five consecutive years. In addition, Publix's dedication to superior quality and customer service is recognized as tops in the grocery business, most recently by an American Customer Index survey. For more information, visit the company's Web site, www.publix.com.

Hometown Festival at Gateway

Gateway community is hosting the Gateway Hometown Festival on August 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The festival will showcase what Gateway has to offer in the way of businesses and social organizations with demonstrations and presentations, plus food and refreshments all day. Planned activities include a children's bounce house, face painting, and a fire engine to explore. In addition, Radio



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Vessel safety checks: a good idea

The mission of the Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety program is to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and negative environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means. Vessel Safety Checks support one of the program's key goals: To improve the demonstrated knowledge, skills, abilities and behaviors of boaters.

The VSC program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal, state and local recreational boating safety laws, particularly regarding the carriage of safety equipment. It also heightens boaters' awareness of safety issues through one-on-one

contact by volunteer vessel examiners.

What is a Vessel Safety Check?

It is a free check of a vessel's equipment for compliance with federal, state and local safety requirements.

Some of the items the Coast Guard checks are:

- Proper display of numbers
- Registration/Documentation
- Personal Flotation Devices
- Visual Distress Signals
- Fire extinguishers

- Ventilation
- Backfire Flame Control
- Sound Producing Devices
- Navigation Lights
- State & Local Requirements
- Overall Vessel Condition

Boating Safety Education

During the Vessel Safety Check, the vessel examiner has an opportunity to discuss with the boater the purpose of the marine safety equipment, to clarify various federal, state, and local regulations, to review local boating conditions, to answer any boating-related safety questions and to encourage additional boater education. Some of the topics are:

- Accident Reporting
- Charts and Aids
- Survival Tips
- Fueling/Fuel Management
- Float Plans

- Weather & Sea Conditions
- Safe Boating Classes

Benefits of a Vessel Safety Check

A Vessel Safety Check can identify both safety and money-saving opportunities:

- Prevention of citations by meeting federal and state and local safety equipment requirements.
- Identification of educational and equipment-related possible boating insurance discounts.
- Increasing awareness of safety practices to avoid accidents and costly breakdowns.

A Vessel Safety Check can reduce accidents and injuries by educating the boater as to the value and use of marine safety equipment, and other safe practices on the water.

For more information or to schedule a vessel safety check, call Bob Healy, Past Commander—Sanibel Sail & Power Squadron, at 466-4196 or e-mail him at nansea8987@aol.com.

Sanibel-Captiva Tides

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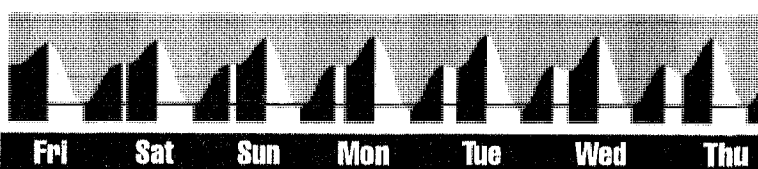
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Sanibel Lighthouse

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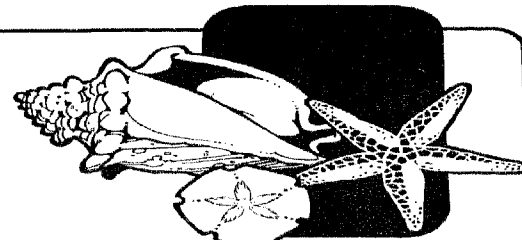
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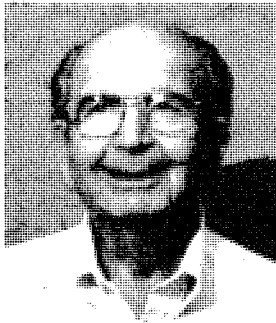
OBITUARIES

John I. Hoggatt

(Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, Daddy J.)

It is with deep and profound sadness that the Hoggatt family accepts the passing on June 29, 2003 of our earthly father, John I. Hoggatt, in Louisville, Ky. at the age of 94.

Born in Indiana on June 28, 1909, Hoggatt was a long time resident of Sheridan, Ind. and Lake Placid and Sanibel Florida. He married Leah Bouslog (who died in 1996) in 1940.



Hoggatt is survived by his two sons, Kirk and David Hoggatt, and their families, both from Sanibel, and his daughter, Jill VanHowe and her family from Louisville. He is also survived by five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and his faithful golden retriever companion, Meggie.

A memorial service will be celebrated at the Sanibel Community Church on Sunday, August 10, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sanibel Community Church Outreach Missions, 1740 Periwinkle, Sanibel 33957. (Please note "Outreach Missions/J. Hoggatt Memorial" on check.)

Donald E. Cooperrider, DVM

"Doc" Cooperrider of Fort Myers and Sanibel died July 21, 2003 in Fort Myers. Born in 1914, he was 88 at the time of his death.

A 1936 graduate of Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine, Cooperrider was an Honor Roll member of the AVMA, a long-time member of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions, and an avid golfer.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Sara Jean Cooperrider, and a brother, Harold M. Cooperrider. He is survived by one sister, Mildred Stiver, of Albuquerque, N.M., four nephews and three nieces.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Zion Lutheran Church in Fort Myers or the Florida Lions.

Katherine Wooten Lindauer

Former Sanibel resident Kittie Lindauer died on July 16, 2003. She was 92 at the time of her death.

Born in McRae, Calif. Sept. 16, 1910, Kittie lived in Springfield, N.J. for 55 years. She was an active member of the Springfield community, involving herself in her daughters' Girl Scout organizations as well as in her church. She was a voracious reader and one of the founding members of the Great Books library group. When B. Altman opened a store in nearby Short Hills, N.J., Kittie joined its staff. She remained with company for more than 30 years.



Some of Lindauer's many attributes were her fine mind, her thirst for knowledge, her delightful sense of humor and her incredible wisdom. She will be greatly missed by her family and the many,

many friends who loved her deeply.

Lindauer is survived by her daughters — Dana Lindauer Mehlig of Sanibel and Elise Lindauer and her husband, Paul Dolinsky, of Spencertown, N.Y.; four step grand-daughters — Leslee Olson and her husband, Ed, Marguerite Sweet and her husband, John, Valerie Curry and her husband, Eric, and Christianne French and her husband Ephraim; and six great grandchildren — Erik and Annika Olson, Cassandra and Eli Sweet, Emma French and Lee Mehlig Curry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emmet E. Lindauer.

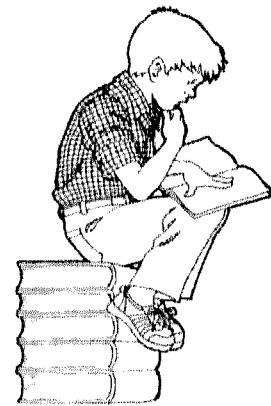
Services will be held at a future date in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Springfield, N.J. 07081 or to the Shell Point Hope Hospice, 15071 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers 33908.

School supply drive needs help

Did you know? Of the 60,000 children in the School System of Lee County, 25,000 are enrolled in the free or reduced-fee lunch program. That's a LOT of kids who (if they were a bit older) would be described as living paycheck to paycheck — just scraping by.

For the fifth year in a row, the Multi-Cultural Centre of Southwest Florida

(MCSWF) is trying to make Back-to-School a little more promising and a little less daunting for these kids. Working with the Lee County School System and several local churches for the past four years, they have been targeting Pre-K through 5th Grade with a school supply drive that culminates this year in an all-day celebration on August 3 at TECO Arena.



At the Back-to-School Celebration, children start at one end of a long line of tables with acquisition of a heavy-duty backpack and make their way to the other end helping themselves to all sorts of first-day-of-school appurtenances — pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks and paper, even underwear and socks. And this year, MCSWF is also putting an emphasis on literacy with the addition of children's books to the mix.

"Kids who participate in this wind up with such a good feeling about themselves," said Jim White, a former manager at Bailey's who's in charge of the Back-to-School Project. "I heard about one boy who had been having a terrible time just spelling out and writing his name... He got his supplies from us in August and, by the time school started, had practiced so much that he had it letter-perfect!"

"With the 'right stuff,'" he added, "they don't feel left out."

The Celebration takes place on August 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and sponsors are still needed — \$25 for non-profits, \$50 for businesses. There'll be a couple of Irish groups performing, a belly-dancer and lots of other entertainment. Any band, group or other musician who'd like to donate an hour or even a half-hour of time to the effort should contact White at 481-6028 or Evelyn Rivera at 453-6355.

"If companies or organizations would like to donate their own logo'd pens or pencils, spiral notebooks or three-prong presentation folders, that would be great, too!" White said. MCSWF needs 16-color crayon assortments, 150-sheet packs of notebook filler paper, the folders (preferably with two pockets), medium-point pens, Elmer's Washable School Glue, and either gently-used or new children's books.

People can drop off backpacks, school supplies and new or used children's books at Bailey's and at the Captiva Library, as well as any of the 10 other Lee County libraries, or at Orangewood Elementary on DeLeon in Fort Myers between 8:30 and 2:30 Monday through Friday. Ron and Pat Morgan (995-1307) are collecting the underwear and socks. With 2,000 kids registered already, the need is obvious.

The Centre is a 501(c)3 non-profit group and any donations are fully tax-deductible. Checks, made out to the Multi-Cultural Centre of Southwest Florida Inc., may be sent to Post Office Box 61713, Fort Myers 33906. Call White if you're interested in volunteering or having a booth at the fair or with any questions. If you're interested in sponsorship, call Leonardo Garcia at 418-1441.



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Margie specialized in Sanibel, Captiva and Ft. Myers real estate. She was named Realtor of The Year by Sanibel and Captiva Assn. of Realtors in 2000 and 2002, and she is co-author of the book, "HOW TO MAKE YOUR REALTOR GET YOU THE BEST DEAL-SOUTH FLORIDA EDITION". Call Margie at PMR 472-1511, or e-mail her at Margie@MargieDavison.com

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BIRDING DIARY

Pocket of wildlife: a June morning at Bowman's Beach

This morning Clair and I walk from Bowman's Beach toward Blind Pass. For a change we're just walking for our own enjoyment, not looking expectantly for the snowy plovers that we've been monitoring almost daily since February. It is a beautiful morning, still cool enough to be comfortable and, thanks to recent rains, the sand is compacted and easy to walk on.

Clumps of sea oats have taken root close to the water's edge. Their ripening seed heads sway in the on-shore breeze. Bright pink blossoms of railroad vine and dark-centered yellow sunflowers add color to the plain, beige dunes. In a bare sand area between two rows of railroad vine, a tiny form runs over the sand. It's a Wilson's plover chick.

Clair and I stand still, and soon a second chick runs from under the shelter of a vine leaf, crosses the sand, and catches up with its sibling. If chicks this small are here, certainly a parent is close by.



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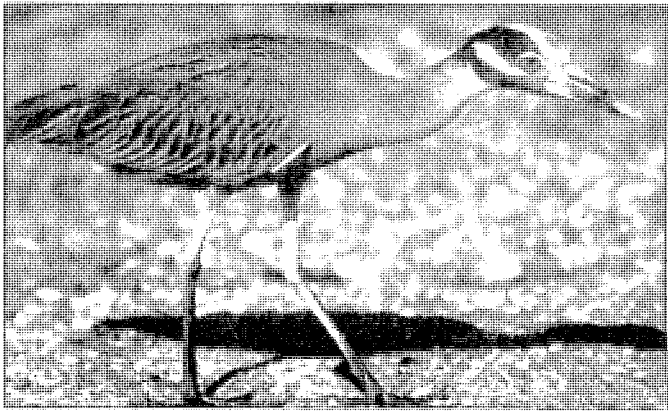


Photo by Clair Postmus
Night Heron

It isn't long before we hear a soft "wheet" call and the male parent moves toward the chicks from behind some sea oats. Compared to the snowy plover chicks that we have been observing all season, these chicks seem big. I'm guessing, however, that they are not more than a week old. The chick's down is darker than that of snowy plover chicks and they hold themselves more upright.

The adult Wilson's plover is not only darker but also bigger than a snowy plover adult by almost two inches, bill to tail. Although members of the same genus, Wilson's plovers are known to pick on and sometimes kill snowy plover chicks.

We skirt around the plover family and continue along the beach until we come upon a yellow-crowned night-heron stalking ghost crabs. I love to watch this. The heron is as stealthy as a cat and is concentrating so hard it is oblivious

to us. Its bill points toward a crab — eyes totally focused on the prey.

Very slowly, very slowly, it moves one foot forward, then the second. A drop of moisture forms at the tip of its bill. Do herons really salivate? This crab escapes down its hole.

The heron stalks other crabs, but they always escape down holes before the heron can get them. After five or six tries, the persistent heron is lucky.

One ghost crab is not close to one of its holes and, like a spear, the heron extends its neck and nabs its prey. The crab fights wildly, its legs trying in vain to gain purchase in the air. The heron cracks the exoskeleton by slowly working the crab back and forth in its bill. Finally, the crab is dropped to the sand and the heron uses its strong, thick bill to break away the shell. The amount of flesh seems small, but it must be satisfying as no sooner finished with this meal, the night-heron stalks another crab.

Just ahead, the beach narrows. Fallen trees extend out into the water and behind them tall Australian pines reach toward the blue sky. Right now over 60 brown pelicans roost in the pines. It always amazes me that slender branches don't bend more under the weight of the pelicans. These birds look heavier than their average five pound weight.

Most of the pelicans are just loafing. They pay no attention to newcomers landing among them, even though the landings are none too graceful. From time to time, a pelican launches itself, skims low over the Gulf, rises sharply as it banks, then plunges after prey.

Feeding pelicans often attract gulls. It's only a few minutes before some laughing gulls fly in and hover near the feeding pelican. They stay nearby as the pelican lifts off the water, soars, and plunges again. As soon as it settles on the surface with catch in pouch, the gulls move in.

One is so eager for an easy meal, it settles right on the pelican's head. As the water drains from the dark pouch, the gulls snatch any fish that might escape.

It's such a pleasant scene to watch — there's no sign of annoyance on the part of the pelican, nor aggression among the gulls. Perhaps they know there are fish enough for all.

Pocket of wildlife like this are a gift — beautiful sky, beautiful sea, pleasant music of the lapping waves, and wonderful wildlife meeting the day to day challenges of staying alive.



Photo by Clair Postmus
Snowy Plover chick

Goings on at SCCF

Kayaking for environmental ed

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, in cooperation with Captiva Kayak Company, offers regular naturalist-led kayak outings in local estuarine waters.

The tour will discuss the importance of the back bay estuary as participants paddle in and around Buck Key, an island just off Captiva. The next tour is on Friday, August 1, at 9:30 a.m. These tours help fund the Foundation's Environmental Education programs while educating participants about the natural and cultural history of Pine Island Sound.

No kayaking experience is necessary. Very stable kayaks are used and paddling instruction is provided. Space is limited so reservations are required. Reservations and additional information can be obtained by calling the Conservation Foundation at 472-2329.

Swale Slosh

The SCCF also has also been offering Swale Sloshes in July and has at least one scheduled for August. This educational program is an opportunity to learn about Sanibel's interior fresh wetlands, its environment, and its fascinating inhabitants.

The program will explore the submerged swale with dip nets and other sampling equipment to see the diversity of macro-invertebrates and other water-dwelling creatures.

The Swale Slosh lasts approximately an hour and a half and is appropriate for the whole family. Bring old sneakers or water shoes (boots can be provided with advance notice) for this unique exploration of the Sanibel's interior freshwater system.

It will be offered on Wednesdays, July 30 and August 6, at 10 a.m. starting at the SCCF Nature Center. There is a \$3 fee for adults (children and members free). Space is limited; reservations are required. Call 472-2329.



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Supportive care is a growing service that meets the needs of seniors across the county. Yet many people still are unaware the option exists and how it can help seniors who need assistance in their daily lives.

"Supportive care is providing assistance to help an individual complete the daily activities of living while maintaining his or her independent lifestyle," said Sandra Foland, owner of the Right at Home Bonita Springs office. "Supportive care from a company such as Right at Home provides help with tasks that an individual can no longer take care of because of aging, illness or disability." While supportive care is not a new concept, most people aren't familiar with it until they faced with a situation where someone they know needs it.

According to the U.S. Administration on Aging's analysis of 2000 census data, nearly 14 million non-institutionalized citizens over the age of 65 have some level of disability. Because of this need, approximately one in every four households across the nation is involved in caregiving to persons age 50 or over, according to the National Alliance for Caregiving.

"As the population of the country ages, the need to provide some level of care for seniors continues to increase," Foland said. "In today's busy society, it's harder for family members to find the time to care for a senior over a long period of time. At the same time, families do not want to see the senior have to leave his or her home. This is where supportive care is a valuable solution."

Right at Home provides supportive care in an individual's home from trained, bonded and insured caregivers. The company offers support based on the individual's needs, from a few hours per week to around-the-clock care. Supportive care includes handling everyday activities of living such as light housework, medication reminders, meal preparation, shopping and errands, local transportation and simple companionship.

Perhaps one of the most significant items a supportive care program can provide is a driver for routine trips. The California marketplace tragedy has re-ignited the debate on how old is too old to drive. Having reliable transportation available, either on call or pre-scheduled, means that some level of independence can be retained by an elderly person living alone. Alternative do exist — low-cost buses or taxis — but sometimes those services aren't available, convenient or are so complicated to arrange that the individual needing the service will do without rather than trying it again.

"It can be either a long or short-term solution," Foland explained. "Right at Home has assisted people who have permanent health conditions that limit household activities as well as individuals recovering from an accident or surgery who need help until they are able to resume their normal activity level."

"The biggest challenge in supportive care is educating seniors and their families on the difference this type of care can make in someone's life," said Right at Home Founder Allen Hager. "The more information seniors and families receive on supportive care, the more they see the benefits it offers in terms of helping an individual maintain an independent lifestyle."

To learn more about supportive care, individuals can contact the local Right at Home office at (239) 949-1070. Right at Home is a national franchise organization, with a local office that serves the communities in Lee and Collier Counties. It offers in-home supportive care to seniors and other adults to help them continue living independently. Right at Home is based in Omaha, Nebraska, with franchise offices throughout the United States.

For more information on Right at Home, please visit the company's website at www.rightathome.net or the Bonita Springs office website at www.rightathome.net/swfla.com.

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The state of the turtles...

Sea turtles being researched

Dr. Stephen A. Bortone, Director of the Marine Laboratory of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, recently raised a question about loggerhead turtles and received the following reply which he has kindly shared with others.

Conservation Committee Members - Below is part of a reply I received from Dave Addison of the Conservancy in Naples with regard to my query on temperature conditions necessary to affect sex ratios in sea turtles:

Jill Schmid at Rookery Bay NERR just finished her MS. It addressed the sex ratio question for turtles on Keewaydin Island [in Naples Bay]. Her findings indicate that the sex ratio of hatchlings on Keewaydin does have a bias towards males.

Sand moisture levels as influenced by nest location with respect to tidal amplitude, storm tides, beach elevation, and rainfall events certainly influence sex determination. Sex determination occurs during the middle third of the incubation period so the timing of such events also plays a role. Generally, nest temperatures are enough lower over here to bias sex ratios towards males. The pivotal temp for loggerheads is 29 degree Centigrade (50/50 ratio of males and females).

Interestingly, east coast beaches produce mostly female hatchlings, so west coast beaches may well be an important source for the recruitment of male hatchlings.

As note of interest, we have a turtle that nested once in 1988 reappear again

this summer. She has nested twice to far after an absence of 16 summers.

Hope this helps in our understanding of sea turtles.

This is of particular interest just now as the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation offers the following report:

SCCF reports on turtles

Under a permit from Florida Fish and Wildlife, graduate students from FAU, Boca Raton will spend a number of days on Sanibel during the summer doing research on sea turtles nesting here. Last year's research by students of Dr. Jeanette Wyneken proved Sanibel turtles to be unique in its 80% to 20% ratio of males to females. East coast nests have a larger ration of females. One of the factors of determining sex in sea turtles is the temperature of the nests. Apparently nest temperatures here are low enough to bias sex ratios toward males. A study last year of turtles at Keewaydin Island reported the same results.

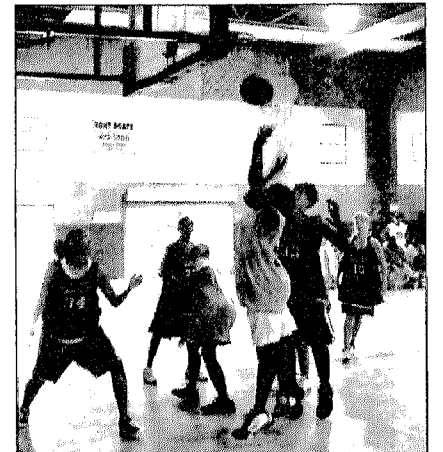
A few nests about to hatch will have cages put on them to catch the hatchlings. Some of them will be kept at FAU in salt water tanks and cared for until they are three months old. [The balance will be released into local waters right away.] They will then be transported to the Gulf Stream off the east coast. It is believed that this will give them a better chance of survival. Other hatchlings will be followed by kayak as they get into the sea to determine the survival rate within their first 15 minutes in the water.

Basketball prep school at Sanibel Rec Center

Every Monday and Wednesday for the last three weeks high school and college basketball players have braved the Sanibel Recreation Center's lack of air conditioning. More than 30 young woman are participating in the four-team PrivateSky Aviation's NCAA Women's Summer Basketball League's inaugural season.

"We had more apply, but we couldn't take any more because we couldn't get enough court time," said Vincent Wolanin, PrivateSky's chairman and CEO.

With about half of the participants in college, half in high school, the league allows high schoolers to compete at a higher level, while NCAA sanctioning means colleges can scout the games for upcoming talent. "We all have something to offer," said Kelli Cone, who played for Tarleton State last year. "It really gets them ready for college."



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Editor's note —

Since receiving these reports, we have been advised that one of the cages covering a sea turtle nest on a Sanibel beach was recently removed. Although these cages are clearly marked as being part of authorized research, this one was removed only a short time before researchers came along to check on the project.

The result was that ghost crabs and other predators ate many of the

hatchlings and none were available for research.

The cages are put on a very short time before the nest hatches — hopefully just a day or so. They are monitored closely so as to preserve the hatchlings which are retrieved right after hatching.

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Kiwanis: Return of the Judie

By Bob Wimbush
and Bob Laswell

City Manager Judie Zamomra's first public appearance on Sanibel was two years ago at Kiwanis. This year, ably

We need to develop a master plan for Island bike paths. But bike path construction is expensive. For various reasons, a lot of this work must be done by hand. Perhaps the bike club would like to transfer some of its sweat from the



Photo by Bob Wimbush

Rachael and Judie and Kiwanian Don Feiner.

assisted by her niece/goddaughter, Rachael Zamomra, Judie provided her third spirited update on the State of the City of Sanibel. As usual, she worked without notes and displayed an encyclopedic grasp of what's going on. On the eve of her second anniversary she is obviously and comfortably in charge.

Basically, the 5-year budget committee has done its work well, and essentially created the FY 2004 budget. Tax rates will stay the same, revenues will go up 7%, and the City will spend \$2,000,000 more than it takes in. Cash reserves will be reduced to \$4,000,000.

County adjustments to causeway revenues will cut \$1.2 million per year of toll income that the City currently receives for the next 30 years.

Because of causeway weight limits, sludge is an accumulating problem at the Island sewage plants.

seat of a bike to the handle of a shovel?

The city gets just 10% or your real estate tax bill. The County gloms 4 times that much -- that's 40% for those who went to school in Florida -- and the schools take 45%. One Kiwanian recommended a tax increase to cover the deficit. Several others recommended tar and feathers.

Overall the City's in pretty good shape, and obviously it's in good hands. Great presentation by a neat lady in a tough job. She's good enough, in fact, to work two shifts at the Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner for the third year in a row.

Kiwanian Rob Robison, who suffered a serious stroke several weeks ago, is coming home Friday and will now be dunned for missing any more meetings -- it's not policy, it's because we miss him.

Kiwanis meets every Wednesday for breakfast at the Island House.

BUSINESS

Smith joins Executive Title



Executive Title is proud to announce the appointment of Joanie Smith as Assistant Manager of the Sanibel Office. Joanie joined Executive Title in 2001 and brought with her extended experience in the industry. She has worked for various title companies from developers to large corporate title agencies, but finds her experience with Executive Title to be the best of all.

Shortly after joining ET Joanie commented "I think I've died and gone to heaven. It's a jungle out there, and having been other places, Sanibel is the best place to be." Gilda Suarez, Vice President said the company is truly honored to have such a person working for the company.

Pet of the Week

My name might be Frosty because I'm white, but I'm a warm-hearted playful 10 month old girl with a wonderful personality. Before someone abandoned me, I learned good manners, like walking well on a leash.

Do you have a home for me, I need one. If you can adopt Frosty, call Lee County Animal Services at 432-2083 and ask about animal ID#181254. Lee County Animal Services is located in Six Mile Commercial Park off of Six Mile Cypress Parkway. To view pictures of other adoptable pets, go to www.leelostpets.com.



P.S. The cat, Peaches-N-Cream, is still available for adoption.

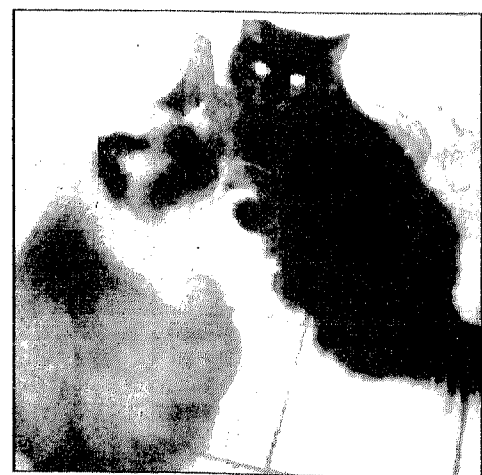
Last week we ran this same story, but with the wrong photo. This is what Bailey and Pepper really look like.

Newly weds Kathy and Steve Mologousis couldn't have been happier these days 'til the boom was lowered. The ready-made loving family of cats, along with Kathy and Steve has to make some heartbreaking changes. Four felines have to go. The couple is devastated. The cats are their children and well taken care of at that.....all but one are spayed or neutered, kept in doors and have no claws on their front feeties. Will someone come to their rescue?

Meet Bailey (on left in photo). This pretty putty is ten years young and a pure bred Himalayan. He is neutered, mild in manner and is without his front claws.

He is great friends with Shadow, a 9-year old female (not shown) who happens to be on the chubby side....her short black hair and part-Siamese ancestry makes her distinguished in appearance. (She has put in a request that possibly she and Bailey could be adopted together).

Meet Pepper, (on right). This two-year-old with a beautiful black, shiny coat is very prominent as he boasts a bobbed tail --his mom and dad think he is part Manx. Also not shown is Mikey, a nine-year old female, also declawed who has allergies which has caused her to



lose most of her coat. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder....it's what's inside this loving cat that counts. The Mologousis's family fears the worst that she will have to be put to sleep.

If you don't have a cat and would like an adorable pet, any of these adoptees would welcome a wonderfully kind home. If you are a cat lover, you know there is always room for one more cat! If you can help, please call their kitty hotline at 415-7785.

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A whole lotta Led! Laser Zeppelin covers a wide range of their hits from the 70s including Kashmir, Black Dog, and of

course Stairway to Heaven. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. The \$10 ticket includes a free pass to visit the Nature Center. Seating limited to 90 per show. Please call 275-3435 to reserve your seats now with a credit card. Tickets available at the door for \$12.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH AT 7PM IS THAT MOSQUITO BITE DEADLY?

Ask Jim Burgess, Supervisor of Disease Surveillance from the Lee County Mosquito Control District, 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 also be presented August 26th at 9:30am.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 7-9PM HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

7pm - Planetarium Show - Fire Fall features collisions between Earth and various objects in the Solar System and provides historical information on meteor showers.

8pm - Come hear stories of the night and enjoy the campfire. We will provide the makings of s'mores for this fun evening. Museum will be open.

Register by 5pm on August 15th by calling 275-3435. Free for members. Regular admission for non-members.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 11AM SWAMP WALK

Did you ever wonder what you would see in the middle of a swamp? Come join us as we explore the swamp up-close and personal. A change of clothing will definitely be necessary on this exciting morning. Included with admission. Register by August 15th by calling 275-3435.

AUGUST 21-23 AND AUGUST 26-30 MARS WATCH 2003

In August, Mars will be closer than at any time in past 55,000 years. View the Red Planet and other celestial objects through telescopes at several dark-sky locations in Southwest Florida. August viewings will be held, weather permitting, at RC Park (August 21), the Children's Science Center (August 22, 23, 27-30), Florida Gulf Coast University (August 29-

30), and at the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium (August 26). For directions to the observing sites, please go to www.theeyepiece.org. This event is co-sponsored by the Southwest Florida Astronomical Society, the Children's Science Center, FGCU, and the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium. Admission to all viewings, except those at the Children's Science Center, is free.

AUGUST 22ND, 8 PM LASER DOORS

The mystique of The Doors and Jim Morrison's unique blend of 60s rock and psychedelia in a show that has been a hit with generations of Doors fans.

Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. The \$10 ticket includes a free pass to visit the Nature Center. Seating limited to 90 per show. Please call 275-3435 to reserve your seats now with a credit card. Tickets available at the door for \$12.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH AT 9:30 AM IS THAT MOSQUITO BITE DEADLY?

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 8:30 PM MISSION TO MARS

Learn all about Mars - past, present, and future, including what scientists know and what they hope to learn using the four spacecraft currently en route to the Red Planet. After the show, observe Mars and other celestial objects through a telescope (weather permitting). \$5 non-members; free to members, call 275-3435 to pre-register.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 9AM - 3 PM MARS DAY, ALL ALIENS ARE FREE!

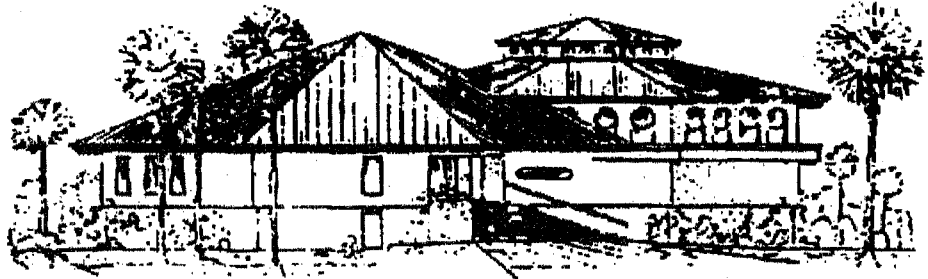
On August 27, Mars will be closer to Earth than at any time in the past 55,000 years. To celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event, the Planetary Society has declared this day as Mars Day. Celebrate Mars by dressing in your favorite science fiction character costume and get FREE admission to the Nature Center and Planetarium! Be sure to visit the Planetarium for tips on observing Mars, information about NASA's Mars missions, and ideas for activities to try at home.

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WHO'S WHO ON THE ISLANDS

Willy Compton -

living on the edge and coming out on top

by Nancy Santeusano
Special to The Islander

W Compton always loved taking a few chances, getting out of a dilemma by the skin of his teeth and finding some new adventure.

Before coming to Sanibel in the fifties, Compton lived with his family in Westchester, N. Y. and attended a boys' boarding school. During those years his mother, Adelaide Edgar Compton, bought a lot and built a house on West Gulf Drive where Compton spent time on the island when he wasn't in school.

In those days it was impossible to ride a bike on the soft roads and, using his natural ingenuity, he figured out that the best way to find the kids was to hitch a ride on the road grader to meet the school bus on its return trip home from school.

Wil Compton admits publicly that he didn't go to college when he graduated from prep school in 1964 because he was a terrible student and ready for a complete change from the "prep school jacket and tie."

On his first job he boarded a shrimp boat out of Fort Myers and today admits that this was the worst job he ever had. "We were out for about two weeks, had mechanical problems and got towed in. When we hit the dock, I was gone like a rat from a sinking ship and thinking about what to do next."

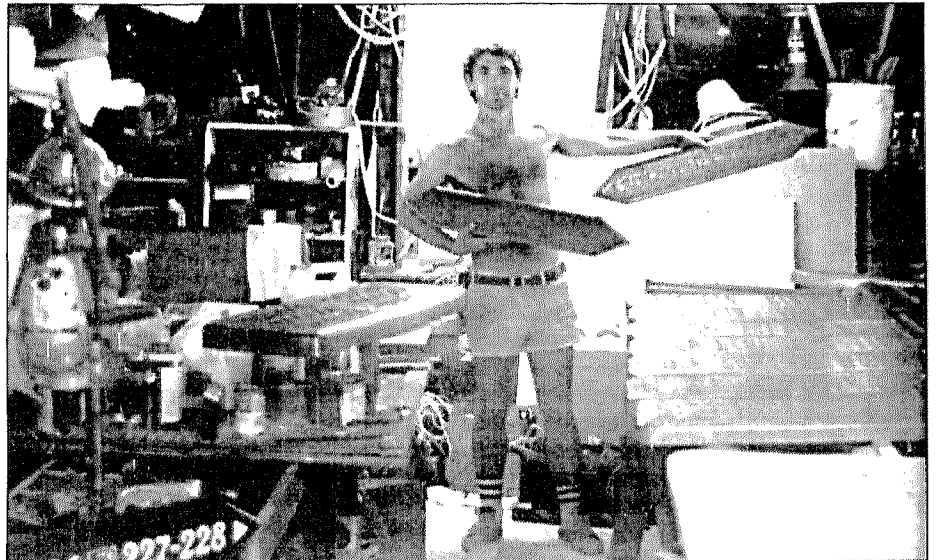
His next job was with the Department of Interior on Sanibel determining the borders of the Ding Darling

Sanctuary. The problem was that the government-issue mosquito repellent didn't work. He had to resort to a substitute, using outboard motor oil mixed with gas for the chain saw. "With all that sawdust I looked like something out of a horror movie by the end of the day," he relates.

Intrigued by pictures from the island of St. Thomas, Compton bought a one-way ticket and stayed for almost three years. He still remembers the day he and his buddies were sitting in an open-air restaurant, a police car pulled up and the officer announced, "I'm looking for a guy named Wil Compton. It's been six months since you called your mother."

Compton complied immediately and vowed never to let this happen again. One Christmas his mother and stepfather were living in Greenwich Village in Manhattan. Compton had forgotten about the seasons and arrived at the airport from St. Thomas in T-shirt, shorts and no shoes with 12" of snow on the ground. By the skin of his teeth he missed a bout with pneumonia.

Wil calls himself part of the "beat generation" and specifically a "beatnik. While in St. Thomas, he worked with a singing group called the Mugwumps who later changed their name to The Mamas and the Papas. "For me this was the right age, the right place and the right time. The



Making a sign for Gulfside in the '80s.

music' was awesome, the parties were unbelievable and I'm surprised that I'm still alive!" admits Compton.

In 1967 he returned to Sanibel as a "mature man," worked at the Sanibel Marina for Bill Way. With his adventurous spirit welling up again, he bought a 1951 Ford sedan, took off for California with his buddy John Dickersen and stayed for almost three years — but this time he remembered to call his mother.

Compton chose to live in Laguna Beach, a pretty "hip" place and far ahead of its generation. He learned to surf, listened to incredible music and saw rock band stars like Jimmy Hendricks, Janice Joplin and Eric Clapton who, to this day, still give him "goose bumps" when he thinks about them.

At one point Compton went to St. Lucia on a shrimp boat. They encountered a storm and, with two feet of water in the engine room, came very close to sinking. "That was probably as scared as I've ever been," Compton managed to escape and about three weeks later learned that the boat had sunk.

When Compton returned to Sanibel in 1970, he started a craft business in the location now occupied by Cheeburger, Cheeburger. Periwinkle Way looked very different in those days. "There was no young population and I was a long-haired surfer-artist in a community of retirees," he says.

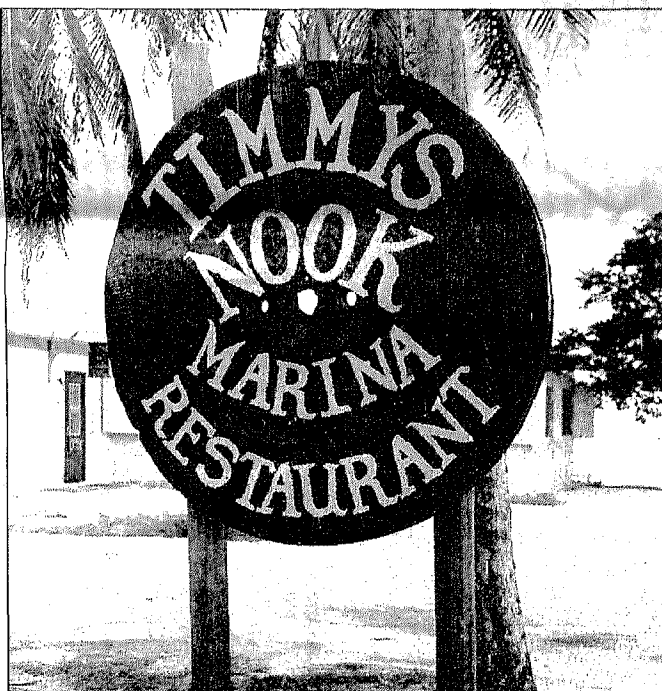
Dickersen and Compton were selling everything they made from decorative tables to pottery, even fiberglass tables with embedded shells to Scotty's Pub on Periwinkle.

Eventually the craft shop evolved into a sign shop when a man from Captiva asked him to make a sign to put out by his mailbox. This was soon followed by orders for signs for almost every house on Captiva Drive.

Compton always yearned to have his own boat, and in 1977 he went to Key Largo for six weeks. There he lived in



Wil Compton in the early '70s with his VW bug and surfboard.



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ISLAND HISTORY

Footsteps from the past

By Jeri Magg

Sanibel is more than shells, sandy beaches and beautiful sunsets. Nestled under towering Australian Pines, and bordered by a small lake, visitors can trace the footsteps from the past as they meander along the trails and pass the restored buildings of the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum.

The Village, opened in 1984, and now comprised of six separate buildings, allows for a respite from the usual vacation experiences. Here one can imagine what life was like for a Civil War widow teaching school, a farmer trying to raise plants to make rubber, and Thomas Edison sitting on the porch of the Casa Ybel Resort.

The Museum will be closed from August 9th to October 29th.

The Calusa felt threatened and they attacked, killing almost half the Spaniards. Ponce de Leon was wounded and died ten days later in Havana.

The next real attempt to settle the island happened in 1833 when a group of hardy folks ventured north from Key West. In 1884 a ninety-eight foot lighthouse, powered by kerosene, was built on the tip of the island. In 1888, the federal government opened the island to homesteading. Settlers received 160 acres for free if they farmed it for five years.

For the next 60 years only the hardest came to the island — not quite a paradise — and tilled the soil, fished the backwaters, raised families, and built the foundation for what Sanibel is today.



The Rutland House formed the original nucleus of the Sanibel Historical Village and Museum.

In 1974, the City of Sanibel was incorporated to control the unbridled development on the island. Troubled by the destruction of Sanibel's past, Elinore Dormer and Sam Bailey helped form the Historical Preservation Committee. Land was set aside for the Historical Village, and the committee raised the \$3,500 needed to move the donated Clarence Rutland House to its present site.

The house was opened as a museum on November 10, 1984. The Old Bailey Store, Miss Charlotta's Tea Room, and the Old Post Office were added in 1991 and 1992. With the additions of the Burnap Cottage and the Morning Glories houses in 1998 and 2001, the village was almost complete. Sam Bailey still hopes to add the Old Schoolhouse Theater someday.

The buildings within the village, some dating back to 1898, have been fully restored by volunteers, and stand as testament to a group of early pioneers who braved wars, hurricanes, and insects to establish roots and build a community.

Records show that Ponce de Leon first met the Calusa Indians somewhere in San Carlos Bay in 1513. In 1521 he returned with 200 colonists, horses, cattle, and equipment. Their settlement was likely built at Punta Rassa, across from Sanibel.

Clarence Rutland and his family, part of those first hardy pioneers, arrived on Sanibel in 1896. Clarence's home, the first building you enter when visiting the village, is a typical "cracker" style, ("cracker" deriving from the sound Florida cattlemen made when cracking whips), built of Florida pine on cement pilings with eleven-foot ceilings.

Clarence, a jack-of-all-trades, farmed, fished, earned seven cents per crate packing tomatoes and peppers, and resided in the house from 1928 until 1982.

Further along in the Village, the Old Bailey Store beckons. Originally built on the shore of San Carlos Bay, the shelf displays are reminiscent of another time. The store served as a place for islanders to buy groceries, wait for the mail boat, meet friends traveling by ferry, and gossip.

No visitor can walk by the Old Post Office, complete with mail drop and Old Glory flying out front, without stepping inside. Because of the actions of the National Grange, a farmer's organization, rural free delivery began on Sanibel on April 2, 1900. Will Reed was postmaster at the time, and the mail sack was put off the steamer at Reed's dock on San Carlos Bay. After the hurricane of 1926, all that was left of Reed's house was enough debris to



The Old Bailey Store, moved from its original location on San Carlos Bay.

build the present structure.

Miss Charlotta's Tea Room, originally built as a gas station, was the only building left standing after the 1926 hurricane hit the island. The Morning Glories House, a Sears & Roebuck prefabrication, came to the island in separate parts on a flatbed truck in 1925.

A walk through the village is more than a history lesson. It's a chance to hear the sounds and see the sights of the past, and even maybe meet a ghost!

The oldest building in the village, the Burnap Cottage, tells many a tale. Island legend swirls around the last owner of the house, Nellie Brewster. It seems that on the night she died in Pennsylvania, a neighbor

on Sanibel saw a light in the living room of her empty house. Could it be that Nellie's spirit still haunts the house? Visitors should keep alert.

Come and follow these footsteps from the past and listen to the wonderful stories told by volunteer docents. Life on Sanibel before the bridge may have been a hard time, but for many, it was a mystical time too.

The Historical Village and Museum is located on Dunlop Road next to the Big Arts Building. Summer hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are only two weeks left to step back in time. The Museum will be closed from August 9th to October 29th.

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the back of his truck in a trailer park while he worked at Glander Boat Works, building the hull and deck for his first boat.

About three years later, when he was getting ready to launch his boat, Dickersen reminded him that back in their days in St. Thomas, Compton had promised himself that he was going to name his boat *Summer Wind* from Sinatra's song, "When the Summer Wind Comes Blowing In".

With his adventurous Type A personality, it's not surprising that Compton competed in almost 100 Triathalons from 1986-1994. He still runs every day, lifts weights and tries to keep up with his teenage daughters, Emily and Jami.

Tylor, his wife, is a perfect match whom he met at a party while she was racing the sailboards. At the time, he was crewing for a friend in a sailing regatta.

Today, Compton is a prostate cancer survivor, a successful land developer, a respected island Realtor and a US licensed Coast Guard Captain who is rebuilding a 33 foot sailboat. He is planning its maiden voyage with Tylor, Emily and Jami as crew. That's the excitement in his life right now. "Life is good," claims Compton, who has lived on the edge and came out on top with a great family, lots of "by the skin of your teeth" memories and a business that will always keep him on the edge of challenge.



Building a sailboat in Sanibel.



The Comptons — then and now.

1964, Wil Compton graduates from St. Peter's School. His grandparents, the Edgars, joined him along with Adelaide, his mother, and her husband, Lawrence Holmes.

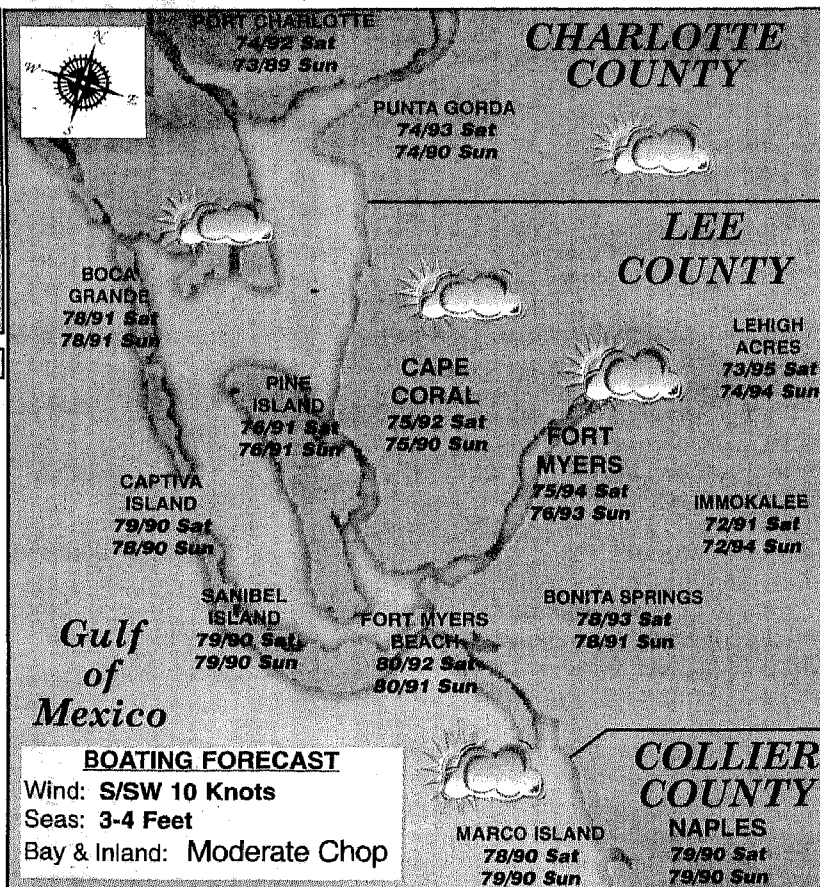
These days, Wil Compton enjoys sailing with his wife, Tylor, and their children, Emily and Jami.

WEEKEND FORECAST FOR JULY 26 & 27

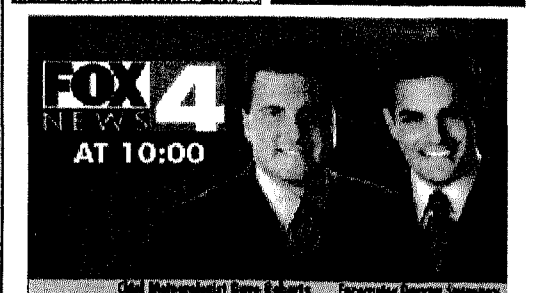
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WEEKEND TIDES

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Cape Coral Bridge	1:11 p.m.	10:23 p.m.	1:57 p.m.	11:02 p.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	11:01 a.m.	7:07 p.m.	11:47 a.m.	7:46 p.m.
Fort Myers	2:04 p.m.	11:05 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	11:44 p.m.
Mattacha Pass	12:39 p.m.	9:49 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	10:28 p.m.
Pineland	11:37 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	12:23 p.m.	9:26 p.m.
Point Ybel	10:06 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	10:52 a.m.	7:48 p.m.
Punta Rassa	10:55 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	11:41 a.m.	7:41 p.m.
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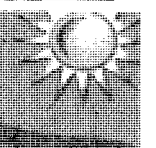
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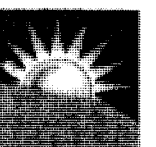
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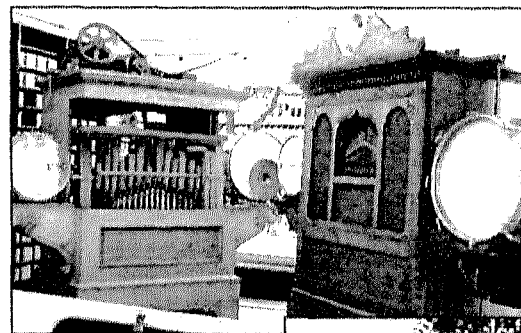
From small, hand-cranked hurdy gurdies to the grand old band organs (calliopes), this Band Organ Rally proved to be the biggest and the best. All of downtown Marietta was decked out in her patriotic best with banners, bunting, flags, flowers and 'most all the town's folk done up in red, white, and blue. It was amazing to see Front Street (the main street) of this usually quiet, sleepy little town chock-a-block full of happy throngs of people listening to and smiling at the music of umpteen band organs all operating full tilt. It was a kid's dream of carousel heaven.

These are, bar none, some of the happiest sounds I've ever heard in one place at one time. Everybody was responding to the music by wearing an ear-to-ear grin on their faces... some folks lost all their inhibitions, laughed out loud and actually danced in the street. Young and old, everybody became about 10 years old, as they waited in a long queue for a free ride on the magical carousel. It was simply grand to see America once again responding to a more innocent time when band organs, carousels and the circus meant a good time of fun with family and friends. I vote for more band organ rallies nationwide to relieve the gloom and doom of a diminishing economy and generally bad national and international news.

The people who own, restore, and operate these amazing band organs are as interesting as their instruments. These are no ordinary folks — they are truly committed to their hobby, attending, joining, and touring to rallies sponsored by the two national band organ organizations: The Carousel Organ

Association of America (which puts on five rallies a year) and The Music Box Society International (who put on this once-a-year rally, held in Marietta this year). Let me introduce you to a few of these unique hobbyists.

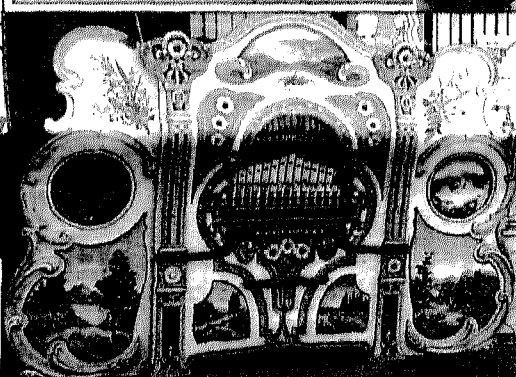
Fred and Linda Grant purchased their band organ after Fred retired. He fell in love with the band organ the first time he saw one as a child at the J.L. Cronin Shows (a traveling carnival). Later, as an adult he discovered and purchased



some recordings of band organ music. That did it! he was hooked; now he needed to own one. Fred tracked down his instrument when he saw not one but two Band Organs listed for sale in the Antique Trader, a trade paper well-known to antique dealers and collectors. Fred purchased his two beauties and spent the next five years in his workshop putting his instruments in operating order. This is not quite as simple as it might seem. It requires hours of studying and exploring how these instruments are constructed, then constructing the wooden levers, bellows, wheels, and tuning parts that make the music happen. But this effort was all worthwhile, since Fred and Linda are now two happy campers operating and touring their band organs for the enjoyment of one and all.

Another band organ operator I spoke to was Harry H. Garrison, a professional. He is a factory owner and rebuilder, of musical instruments. Garrison has run his Player Piano Shop in Cincinnati for 45 years. Here is where he restores grand pianos, builds and restores band

organs, coin operated nickelodeons, he is also an agent and installer of Pianodiscs and Pianomation. Whew! And if that isn't enough, Garrison is a card-carrying member of AGVA (American Guild of Variety Artists) — a professional magician, no less! Garrison also holds the World's Record for blowing the most smoke rings, a feat he per-



formed on National TV on the *Johnny Carson Show*. He's quite an interesting guy, and not at all shy about sharing his experiences.

One of my very favorite band organs (they all have individual sounds, looks and personalities, much like their own-

ers) was titled "Das Eichhornchen" (the Little Squirrel). This beautiful 2-year-old instrument was hand crafted in Bussum, Holland by Elbert Plier. The instrument has 4 octaves and was designed to specifications by owner/operator Kevin Sheehan. Sheehan insisted that Das Eichhornchen be manually operated, which helped keep the orchestra pitch true as well as pure, the tempos now depend on the strength and steadiness of the grinder. (I gave this one a try, and it really was quite a grueling grind). According to Kevin, half the fun is in the operation. Kevin is a retired automobile test driver

as well as an engineer. He really gets into character by dressing the part in lederhosen (leather pants) and suspenders, emulating the original Dutch street musicians who pushed these indigenous instruments through the streets of Amsterdam as well as other Dutch cities and towns. When asked why the squirrel mascot and conductor for the organ band, he explained how the squirrels around his log cabin in Sebago, Maine are the only outdoor pets he and his wife are not allergic to.

Other folks like Leroy and Betty Schumacher of Massillon, Ohio are fascinated to restore these wonderful old musical instruments. Their Wurlitzer Special Carousel Band Organ was manufactured in Tonawanda, N.Y. around 1917 or 1918. This instrument has traveled in many different guises from carousel to traveling circuses, from carnivals to State Fairs. It even appeared in an NFL broadcast as the centerpiece of the half-time show.

As you can see, owning and operating a band organ, be it big or small (like

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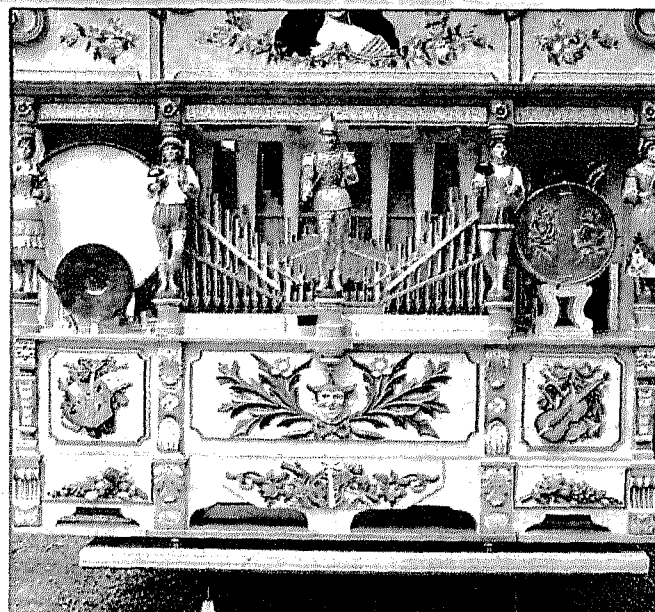
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the sweet little hurdy gurdies sprinkled around the rally) takes a special kind of person, one who likes to work and operate all at the same time. Thanks, guys, for bringing a smile to all of us and making us remember what it's like to be a kid again, riding a carousel, watching a circus parade or going to the carnival.

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Whoop-de-Doo and Fa-la-la! there's an Ice Cream Social coming to Marietta! There were big doings at Broughton's 20th anniversary Ice Cream Social at the Washington County Fairgrounds. The day was perfect for this nostalgic event — just hot enough for an ice cream cool-down and ideal for basking in the sun or sitting in the shade of the big oak trees sprinkled around the edges of the fair grounds. Marietta folks brought their lawn chairs or plunked themselves down at the picnic tables provided for the occasion.

The crowd (estimated at more than 10,000) brought in a bit more than \$20,000 to benefit the Marietta Family YMCA. That's a cool bit of change, considering that, for a mere \$2.50, you could indulge in eating all the Broughton ice cream you desired, plus any number of sumptuous sundaes with Snuckers toppings (chocolate, pineapple, strawberry, caramel, butterscotch, whipped cream, cherries and nuts). Super-delicious home brewed root beer floats were provided by the Marietta Brewing Company, and also included in the price were, lemonade, iced tea and coffee. And, as if that weren't enough, the home-grown local talent that abounds in Marietta entertained the audience non-stop from 2 until 6 p.m. Broughton reported that the folks attending the social ate more than 700 gallons of ice cream, filled up on 8,000 sundaes, drank 5,000 root beer floats, and downed countless cups of ice tea, lemonade and coffee. No, I personally did not drink 5,000 root beer floats although I did give it my best shot. I'm addicted to this brew and am bringing some back to Sanibel if I don't consume it on the drive home. All funds raised from this event are to be used to build a new rec center for the Yand for scholarships for the community's kids. Maybe this kind of fun fundraiser could work as well for some of Sanibel's worthy programs.

Seven music groups kept the beat going all afternoon entertaining the folks to a fare-thee-well while they sat sipping and slurping up ice creams non-stop. Steve and Bev Pottmeyer kicked up the proceedings into high gear with their Country Western songs accompanied on duo guitars. The Rotary Singers warbled some old fashioned Barber Shop ditties and the audience sang along any time they were asked to join in.

Michael "Moon" Mullen and the Muskingum Mud Ducks plinked and plunked out so much joyful noise on their guitars, fiddles, banjos mandolins and bass, that everybody's feet started a-tap-pin' and fingers a-snappin'. Mullen is running for Mayor of Marietta next election. If his energy and lively playing are any

indication of his political skills, then this guy's a shoo-in.

The Doug Hess Concert Band blew a mighty blast of the "Bravura Circus March," but at such a dirge tempo, that this listener almost fell into a deep slumber. It was interesting, but slow? dead wrong. This conductor had a rather

unique way of conducting, ambidextrously while seated and never lifting his nose out of the music. This unusual conducting style might have been the rationale for the sagging tempos that went from slow to turgid sliding right into terminal.

I chose this interval to check out the restrooms. After the pause that refreshes, I interviewed four band organ operators who chose to stick around Marietta and add an additional note of nostalgia to this festival of ice cream and goodies. In the interim, unfortunately I missed a duo called Ancient Gas. Wouldn't you just love to know exactly what it was they performed? The summer stock crew of young performers from the *Showboat Becky Thatcher* managed to get it all back together, for a rousing grand finale of Broadway show tunes. All in all it was my first time at an Ice Cream Social and I can tell you it won't be my last. I had an old fashioned blast.

This summer has been all about experiencing a whole lot of "firsts." My first trip driving across the country to Colorado Springs, my first 1,000 foot decent down into the Molly Kathleen, a now defunct gold mine, first time on a horse. In Marietta, my first Band Organ Rally, first Ice Cream Social, my first trip down the Ohio River on a pontoon boat, the first viewing of a "Mud Trucker Race," my first taste of fried elephant ears, the first audience experience listening to my favorite brother-in-law's oompahing the tuba in a band concert. I'm having a hard time listing my favorite firsts in Marietta, but here goes.

One of my husband Frank's brothers Jerry Wagner lives in the old family homestead, where my darling was born, in Raven Rock, West Virginia on a bluff overlooking the beautiful Ohio River. Most of Frank's family grew up there and still live in the next little town of St. Marys. One day last week after a Raven Rock picnic, one of the cousins, Dave Carpenter took us for a pontoon boat ride up the river past St. Marys to view an old bridge named after one of Frank's relatives, Uncle Hiram.

It was a perfect day for a slow drift up this beautiful river. We passed several coal barges as they transported their coal upriver to the power plants and got gently rocked in their wake. We drifted past several islands, that once belonged to Uncle Hiram (he grew potatoes there), which have been purchased by the state and turned into bird sanctuaries. The history of Uncle Hiram is really remarkable, for it is the story of a modern day pioneer and entrepreneur — quite an unforgettable character. This river trip confirmed my impression that West Va. is not only "wild and wonderful," but a place of undisturbed

natural beauty that is as surprising as it is peaceful. The primary purpose for this trip was to see the old Hiram Carpenter Bridge; another was to have dessert at everybody's favorite ice cream parlor, The Jug. All in all there is no nicer way to see this lovely corner of the world than on a slow pontoon boat surrounded by family and friends.

The next first took me to a country fair in Mineral Wells. The fair part was a typical 4H-club happening with blue-ribboned competitions, carnival rides and food. Indulging in my first bite of fried elephant ear was a taste thrill, but the fat and calorie content will limit my devotion. The first Mud Trucker Race is another thriller-diller. If you can picture this sophisticated New Yorker sitting on a dirt bank, whistling and yelling for a bunch of big trucks driving "hell bent for election" through deep mud, kind of makes you wonder what's next... moonshine and spitting?

The St. Marys Community Band was a whole new wonderful first. Not

only does Handsome John oompah on his tuba with style and grace, he plays with one terrific band. Director Bill Duer (a retired St. Marys High School Band Director) opened the program with the National Anthem and continued to conduct the rest of the proceedings with vim and vigor. Duer really has a handle on this community band and is a totally in-charge kind of conductor. The opera overture from Haydn's *Armida* followed and featured the winds, timpani and brass — all of which did a fine job by giving this sel-

Steve and Bev Pottmeyer play Country/Western on their dueling guitars



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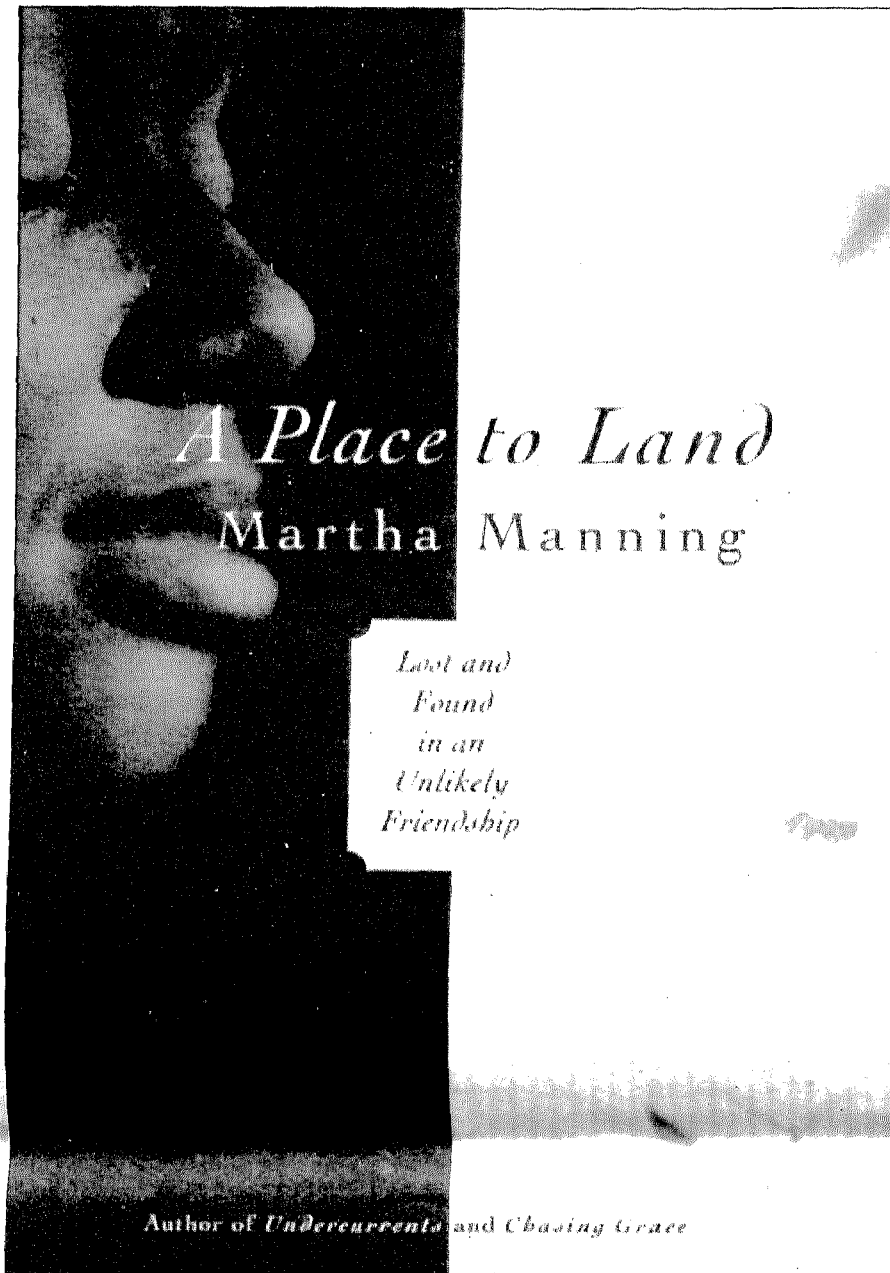
Most of us on Sanibel have volunteered for one group or another on the island and know how easy it is to become overly involved to the point of the volunteer work taking over one's life. If you can relate to that, then *A Place to Land* by Martha Manning, published by Ballantine Books, will make you feel like a slacker. Manning is a Ph.D. clinical psychologist who decided to become a Secret Santa for a local woman's shelter. Thinking she could spend money and help a family without getting involved, she is soon caught up in a vortex of connections with the young single mother and her three children. Before she knows it, she has become "Aunt Martha" to the children and a good friend to their mother, Raina. Even Raina's extended family gets over their resistance to a white do-gooder who genuinely loves the children and respects Raina. When one of the twin boys develops leukemia, both families are thrown into an upheaval — complicated even further when Raina becomes pregnant by her promising boyfriend who then leaves her.

This book is a recognition of the strength of people whom secure middle-class people often look down upon. We wonder how they get themselves in fixes and why they can't just "pull themselves up by their bootstraps." Perhaps because Manning suffers from depression, an illness that people don't understand well and often respond to by telling her to pull herself together and get over it, she is able to understand and relate to Raina with great empathy and, better yet, she makes even the most oblivious reader understand as well.

As in *Nickel and Dime* (subtitled *On (Not) Getting By in America*) by Barbara Ehrenreich,

Manning gets past the stereotypes by becoming part of the life of someone who is struggling.

Ehrenreich, an investigative reporter, walked in the shoes of the working class by spending one year of her life taking on minimum-wage, unskilled jobs all over the country. She wanted to



answer some of the questions people seem to have about why people can't just get a job, get off welfare and support themselves. She tried to house and feed herself — trying to survive as a waitress, salesclerk, hotel maid, housekeeper and nursing home aide. While she had little trouble getting jobs, she found the difficulties of keeping them almost insurmountable. The pressures and high costs of housing, child care, transportation, etc. — not to mention the sheer physical and mental exhaustion of living on the edge where any injury or miscalculation of scheduling can put one into a tailspin of financial disaster — are fully

described in this book. While most of her jobs were considered unskilled, she found that they all required many skills, but skills not valued in our society or taught in our schools. We all laud those professionals who multi-task... Try being a waitress who has to juggle 10 tables — while having to depend on cooks, bus-boys, the whims and demands of customers — and carry heavy loads and be on your feet all day. That's multitasking! Both Manning's book and Ehrenreich's give the average reader great insight into the struggles of "those people" who just can't seem to make something of themselves.



NOLA THEISS

A Place to Land is not a social treatise on society's inequities or an investigative report, however. Manning writes with great love for the family of Raina, Jade, Darren and Deven. Each person, even the youngest child, is an individual with a personality, a sense of humor, and a quality that makes the reader cherish them. If you don't cry for Deven and his family by the end of the book, your tear ducts must have frozen. But the book is also funny, self-deprecating, honest, well-written and not the least bit maudlin.

I am also recommending a novel this month which could be described with those same words. *The Dogs of Babel*, by Carolyn Parkhurst, published by Little, Brown, is a first novel which promises to be as much a success as last summer's *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold. Both books have been highly touted in the press (*Dogs* is a *Today Show* Book Club choice.) and both are about grief.

When the narrator's wife, Lexy, dies from falling from a backyard apple tree, the only witness is their dog, Lorelei. In his grief, Paul, who is a trained linguist, decides that the dog knows something about the death and tries to teach him to communicate. Even he realizes how ludicrous this is, but he can't seem to move to the next phase of his life until he solves the mystery of her death. Gradually, he gathers clues that Lexy left him and comes to understand what really happened. The book is about communication and how difficult it is to connect with another person and yet how desperately we need to. Rather than speaking our hearts, we take very convoluted paths to avoid facing the truth. Some of the symbolism in the story is obvious; for instance, Lexy is a mask-maker and a truth hider. Paul is a linguist who can't understand his wife's needs until she is dead. Parkhurst is able to take an almost silly premise, a grieving man tries to teach his dog to talk, and turns it into a story of understanding and eventual communication, and the passage from life's darkest moments to the gradual lifting of the darkness. It is quietly wonderful and, like the first two books, is filled with insight.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSE

By Donna T. Schuman
Staff writer

Disaster Piece Theatre proved to be anything but for all who attended.

This Out of the Box Productions presentation, styled after the classic comedy hour shows, played July 18 and 19 at the J. Howard Wood Theatre.

The shows opening act was comedian Jim Labriola, best known for his portrayal of Benny Barony, aka "The Donut Guy" on the television show Home Improvement. Labriola's act was definitely what the audience needed to get pumped up for the evening's feature presentation. His tales about the trials and tribulations of growing up in a tough neighborhood in Queens, New York were hilarious.

"I went to a tough church," Labriola said. "It was called Our Lady of I'll Break Your Face. The nuns were so tough, they were men."

Labriola went on to inform the audience that more 'heart attacks' occur in New York than anywhere else.

"Everyone in New

York dies of a 'heart attack'."

Labriola

told the

audi-

ence

in

his



thick New York accent —

"This guy once fell off a 20 story building and the police were asking what happened. I don't know, I says, he must have had a heart attack."

As Labriola concluded, it was time for Disasterpiece Theatre to go "on the air."

As the lights went up, Alistare Kook played by Dick Steele, took his place as the host of the evening's show. Steele's stuffy demeanor was a perfect representation for the role parodied after Alistare Cook, the host of Masterpiece Theatre.

One by one Kook gave a brief history into each guest while warning the audience of their individual quirks.

The three opera divas, played by Kristen Flanagan, Nichole Gelinas and Monica De La Torre, were energetic and entertaining in their interpretations of opera classics like *Madame Butterfly*, *Carmen* and the *Macarena*.

Billy Stinkle's audition for the

Saxophone chair in the Disaster Piece Theatre orchestra was both earshattering and disturbing. Before Billy, played by Michael Gilmore, would break into his melodic squeals, he would make sure the mouthpiece was well saturated with saliva — much to the disgust of the audience.

The Beatnick bit made for a funny conclusion to the first act. The character known as the Beat Poet, played by Lou Quattrucci, recited his smooth prose while Ima Cool and Reah Lee Cool — played by the show's directors Wende Gilmore and Kristen Flanagan — and their enormous backsides slowly made their way across the stage dancing with their walkers.

In the second act the audience was educated on the finer points of drinking tea by British sophisticate Penelope Pennington III, also played by Wende Gilmore. However, unbeknownst to Pennington, prior to her demonstration the tea had been replaced some form of alcohol.

The one-eyed Ninja Joe, played by Mike McCurdy, shared his experiences as an

artists and ninja with the audi-

ence. His first painting

— a hand-traced

picture of a

turkey

— and later

works

like

this

painting of a

black box

titled

"Nothing"

would be excellent

additions to any art

con-

noisseur's collection. Joe,

who lost his eye in a battle with a clown bearing a water shooting flower, paints only on the left side of the canvas — unbeknownst to him.

The show concluded with an energetic and colorful interpretation of Mozart's *Magic Flute* performed by the Nuthouse Ballet Company.

The true stars of the Disaster Piece Theatre performance were the girls of the *Making It On Purpose* program — to which all proceeds from the evening went.

The program, which is the brainchild of its director Judi Woods, provides mentors to girls in need. Woods started the program two-years-ago in an effort to identify teenage girls in foster care who are approaching independent living and pair

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POTPOURRI



The Annual Summer Art Exhibits by Sanibel-Captiva Art League members are on view at BIG ARTS and Sanibel Public Library. Phillips Gallery has more than 60 paintings along with 100 FISH-WORKS by the artists of Sanibel Elementary School. Founders Gallery next to the office features many large impressive tropical scenes by advanced watercolorists. Call 395-0900 for more information. The library also has a display of local scenes, wildlife, still life and abstract paintings in a variety of media. For library hours call 472-8423.

For more information about the art league's portrait workshops, paintouts or meetings call 472-8834, 472-2726 or write to Sanibel-Captiva Art League, Post Office Box 1192, Sanibel 33957

Benefit for Voices for Kids

Bell Tower's July 25th FridayFest on will feature the contemporary sounds of Ocean Reef from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free with proceeds from beverage sales to benefit Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida.

Voices for Kids is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support the Guardian Ad Litem program in Southwest Florida and raise money to assist with the special needs of the abused and neglected children served by the program. Guardian Ad Litem serves children throughout Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.

Voices for Kids volunteers will also be raffling off a couple of tickets to Broadway Palm's production of *Footloose*, two tickets to any upcoming event at the Florida Rep, and an Alltel cell phone package valued at \$1,000. Voices for Kids and Bell Tower invite everyone to come out for some great music and a beautiful Southwest Florida evening.

For more information on Voices for

Kids and the Guardian Ad Litem program, call (800) 269-6210.

Calling all crafters!

The 21st Annual Sanibel-Captiva Lions Arts & Crafts Fair will be held on the 19th and 20th of March 2004, event chairman Tom Rothman announced recently.

The Lions had 144 exhibitors for the 2003 Fair and about 5,000 attendees. Unfortunately, there were some exhibitors who couldn't participate because they failed to make the application deadline. This year the announcement is being made early, so that qualified exhibitors have plenty of time to apply.

Booth space is available both inside and outside the Sanibel Community Association Building. Fees are \$120 inside, and \$130 outside plus a non-refundable jury fee of \$20.

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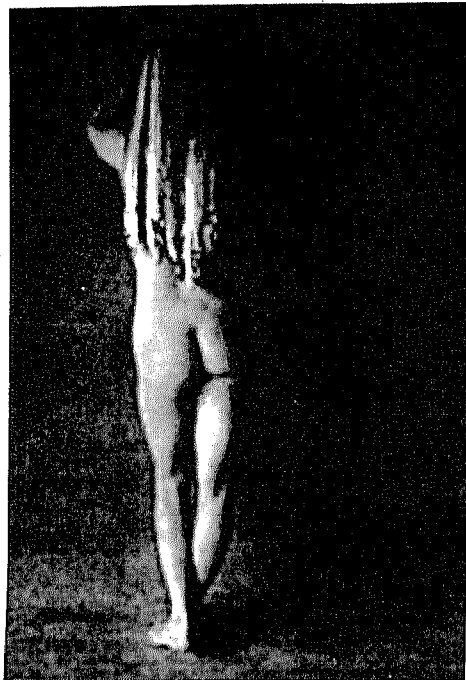
Inner lights shine at the Naples Museum of Art

By Amy Fleming
Art critic

She is one of Mexico's foremost photographers, described as a "poet photographer," and a chronicler of the "mythically feminine." This is particularly evident in the serenely beautiful exhibition of her work now showing at the Naples Museum of Art, *Inner Light: Still Lives and Nudes*.

Flor Garduno was born in Mexico City in 1957, and studied at the Academy of San Carlos, later working as an assistant to photographer Manuel Alvarez Bravo. Her book, *Witnesses of Time*, a photographic study of remote Latin American villages, was published in six editions, and toured in major museums throughout the world.

The birth of her second child led to the current series, when Garduno set up a small adobe studio near her home in Tepoztlan, where her women friends posed for her. *Inner Light* is infused with earth-mother femininity, with glowing nudes posed against the smooth, baked mud walls of the adobe studio. Many of the women posed with tropical leaves and fruits, giving an underlying sense of eroticism and fertil-



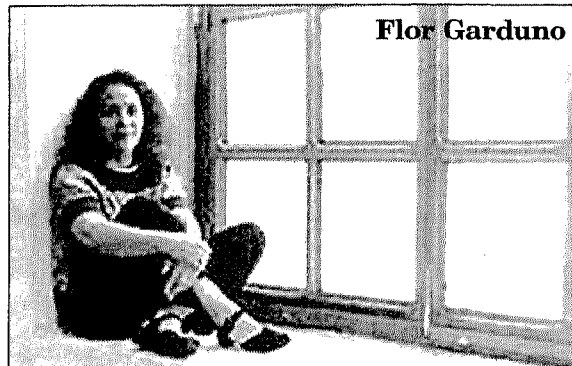
"Medusa"

ity to her subjects. In fact, seven of the ten women who posed for Garduno became pregnant, starting a running joke that any woman who wanted to conceive should pose for her.

Garduno's work has elements of Caravaggio in the softly glowing forms that seem to produce their own light, of Henri Rousseau in their lush primitivism and elongated, reclined nudes, and combined elements of both mythology and Catholicism.

"Medusa, Mexico, 1998" draws on ancient Greek mythology, but transposes it to present day Mexico. In this image, a woman stands with her back to the lens, so we cannot see her face, while several shimmering eels cascade down her back. "Gatamonte, Mexico, 1998" shows a young woman reclining

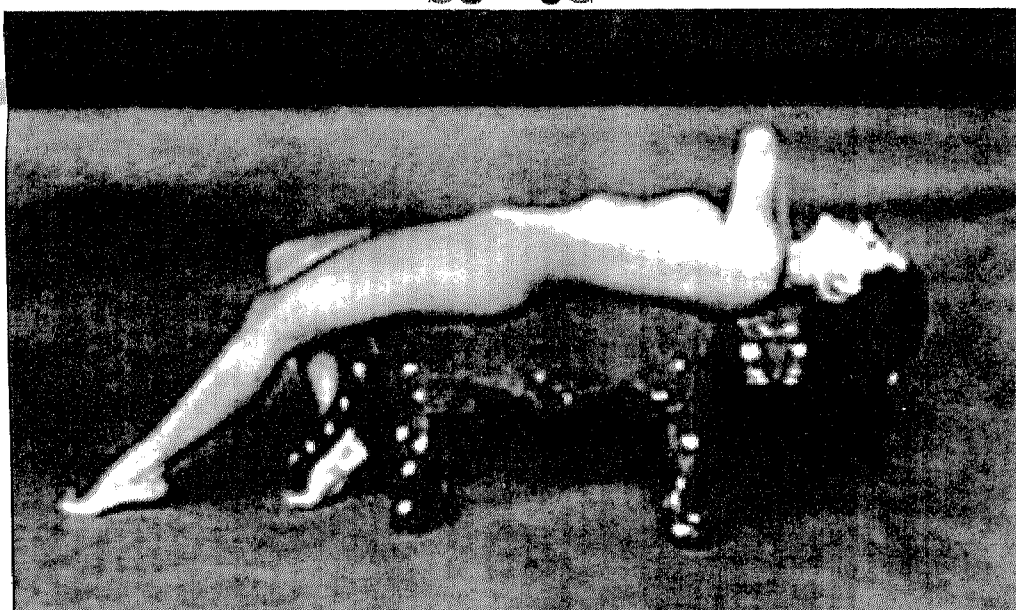
"Roses"



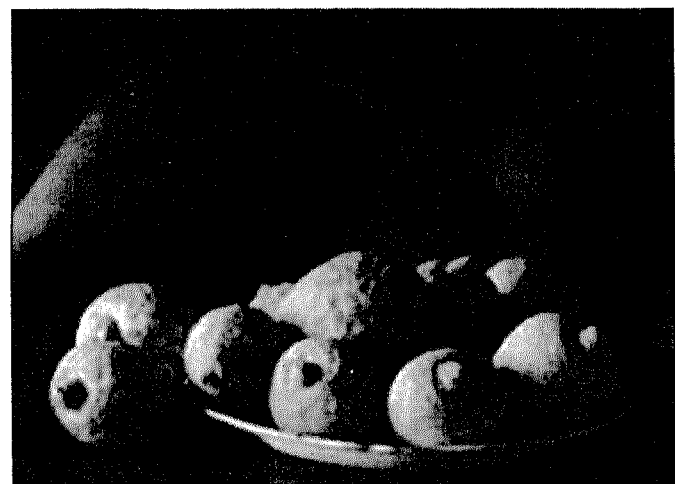
Flor Garduno

on a hard wooden bench carved in the shape of a mountain lion, her smooth skin and curved form a textural contrast to the rough, flat surface of the bench. "Gatamonte preñado, Mexico, 2000" shows the same woman in the same pose, now about six months pregnant. If "Gatamonte" is a study on contrasts, "Roses" explores the parallels between youthful femininity, as expressed in the head and torso of a beautiful girl, and the blossoming roses — long a symbol of female sexuality — that encircle her.

"Gatamonte," below



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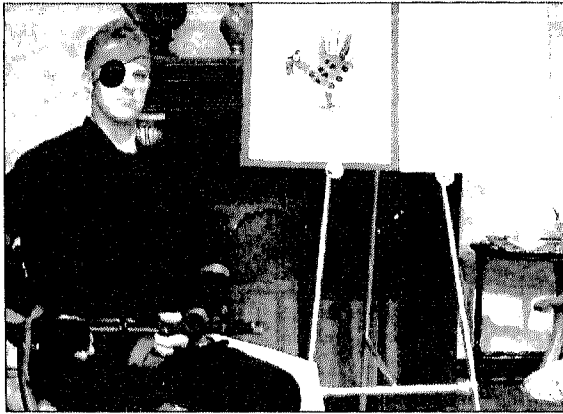
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them with women throughout the community who can provide them with life coaching and mentoring.

The evening was a great success, raising more than \$35,000 for the program. A goodly portion of that money was amassed through an impressive silent auction held at the Sanibel Community House. The auction featured a veritable gallery of pieces donated by the Tower Gallery, plus jewelry, theatre tickets, fishing trips and other items donated by island merchants.

"Every single thing was donated, from the linens to the catering staff, all of the alcohol and flowers," Woods said.



"Jim Labriola performed for free. The support we got from the community was outstanding." In all, donated services amounted to close to \$10,000.

A raffle, held during the Friday night performance, included a gift certificate to Sanibel Steakhouse complete with limo ride donated by Diamond Limousine. A jewelry piece designed by Jayne Baker of Jayne's Jewels, and brunch at Chadwick's were also raffled.

The next fundraising event for Making It On Purpose will be the organization's Second Annual Gala Happening on Nov. 21 and 22 at the Heitman House on First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Ninja Joe, played by Mike McCurdy, shares his artwork and his many ninja battles

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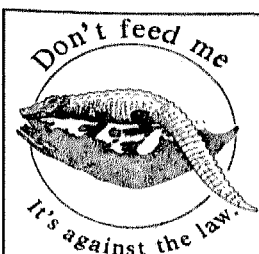
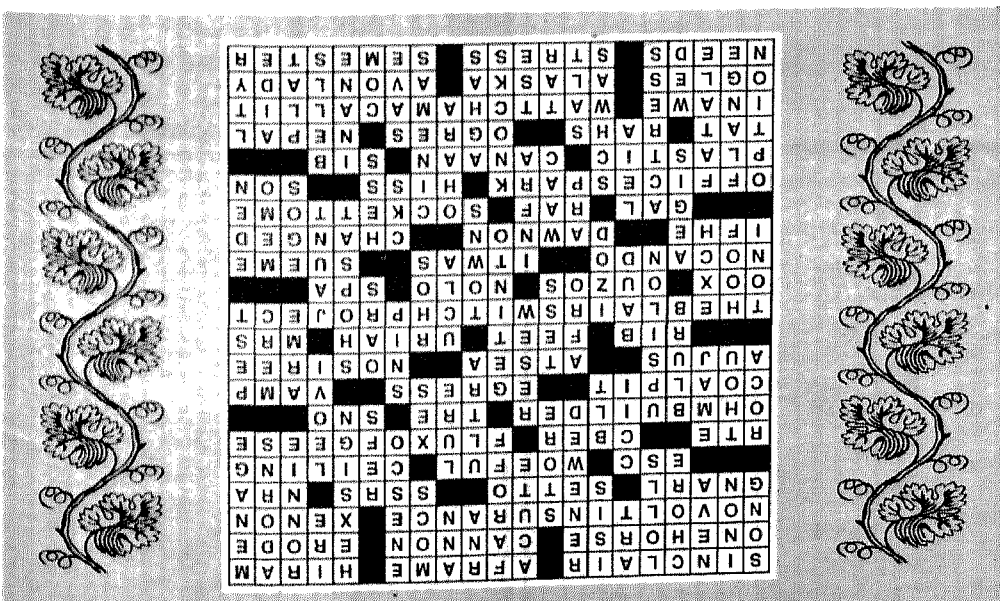
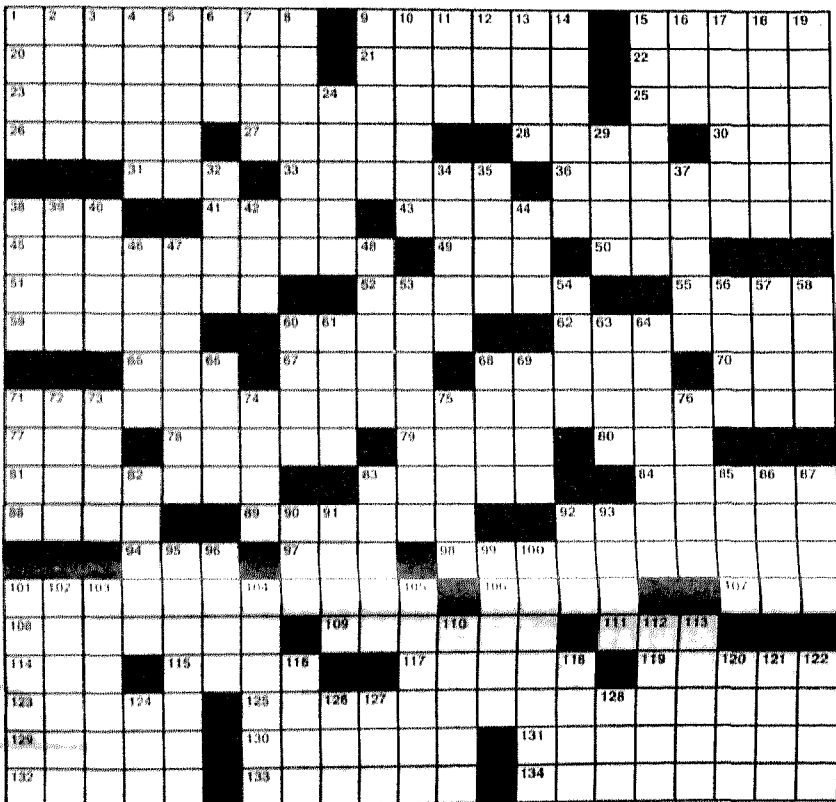
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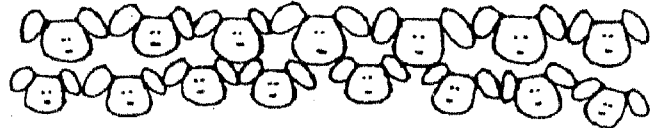
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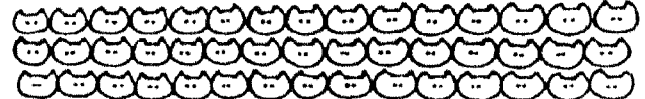
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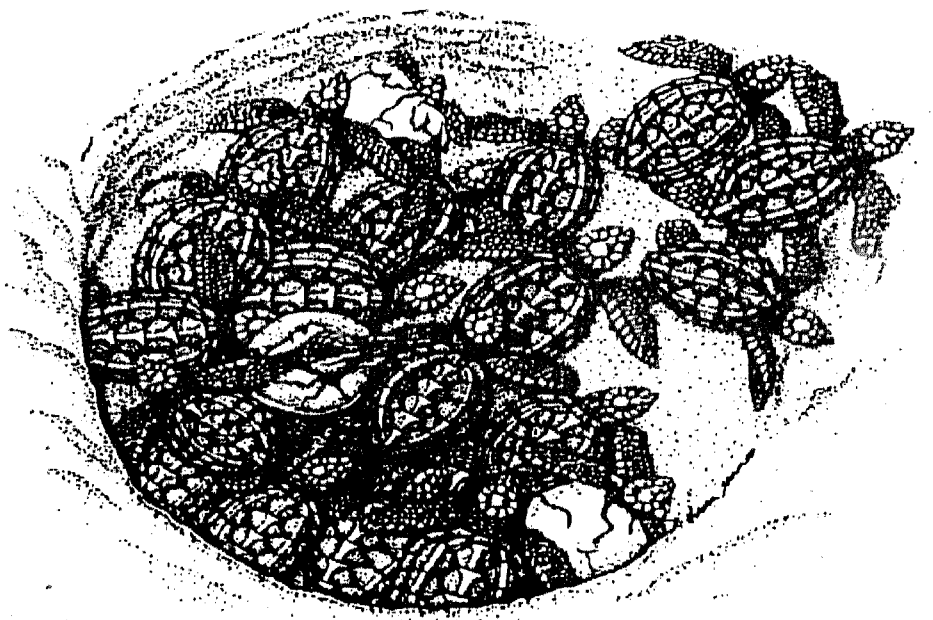
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During the summer, take advantage of Early Bird Dinner specials from 4 pm to 8 pm. Periwinkle Place has a fun Kids Menu that's filled with goodies like Goopy Grilled Cheese and Wild Grouper Fingers — and if the kids get restless, the shopping center's playground is within view of the Bistro's windows.

Periwinkle Place Bistro serves Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner and it's also the perfect spot for a refreshing shopping break. Chill out while you people-watch with a frozen smoothy (virgin and non-virgin smoothies are available). The full menu also includes a lot of "light" choices, like a Salad or Soup with quiche or a sandwich.

Their Sanibel Chowder is famous on the Islands and you always have your choice of three soups (made daily), including the Sanibel Chowder, New England Clam Chowder and a soup of the day.

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For dinner, try the scrumptious Sesame-Crusted Salmon (sesame-crusted, sautéed and baked with a special tropical glaze). Swordfish, grouper, tuna and salmon arrive fresh every day at Periwinkle Place Bistro and people rave about the Cedar Planked Catch of the Day. All fish can be prepared Grilled, Bronzed, Blackened, Caribbean Jerk, Lemon Pepper or Fried.

The Captiva Crab Cakes are lightly grilled with hollandaise sauce and you can satisfy your shrimp craving with the Sanibel Shrimp (beer battered and lightly fried). Filet Mignon and Steak Tetrazzini (sliced tenderloin sautéed with green peppers, onions and mushrooms and served over rice) are richly satisfying and all dinners are accompanied by a fresh vegetable and your choice of rice or baked potato.

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Accompany your meal with a draft or bottled beer, or choose a pinot grigio, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay or white zinfandel from the very good wine list.

Great desserts include the homemade Keylime Pie, made fresh every day. There's a yummy Turtle Sundae (caramel, hot fudge, pecans and vanilla ice cream) and a super-duper Sanibel Split. Periwinkle Place Owners Craig Albert, Tom Albert, Trevor Nette and Dave Owens invite you to drop by and enjoy a wonderful meal in a casual and inviting setting. They're open daily from 8 am to close.



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The mighty Mud Ducks of St. Marys

dom-played overture a thrilling reading. An Austrian hymn, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," reworked years ago to become Germany's national anthem, was played with just the right amount of pomp and heroics. Sousa's "The Pathfinder of Panama," honoring the opening of the Panama Canal, builds to a big blast-off finish, which culminated in a thunderous round of applause. An unusual but fun musical interlude introduced the TV themes from some famous shows: *Happy Days*, *Bewitched*, *Brady Bunch*, *I Love Lucy*, *The Addams Family*, and the like. This comic segment proved that this is one versatile band and made me wonder what today's TV themes would sound like — not much we'd recognize, I'd wager. Two of the high points in the evening's program were a rousing rendition of Meredith Wilson's "76

Trombones" from *The Music Man* and some sweet and sentimental songs from the World War II era — "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "White Cliffs of Dover," "Bell Bottom Trousers," etc. The big flashy finish that got the audience up on its feet was a rip-roarin', stirring interpretation of the "Bravura Circus March." (as opposed to the earlier Doug Hess Deadly Dirge rendition). To sum up — the St. Marys Community Band was simply GRAND. I'm happy to report that marching bands are still alive, well and thriving in small towns like St. Marys, West Virginia.

Next week — the Summer Season at the *Showboat Becky Thatcher*. Bye for now from Wild and Wonderful West Va. and beautiful downtown Marietta, Ohio.

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- *Rocky Horror Show*
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July 25th & August 16th, 8 p.m.
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Ice Cream Theatre

- *The Jungle Book*
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Off Broadway Palm

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Through August 16th

Children's Theatre

- *Jungle Book*
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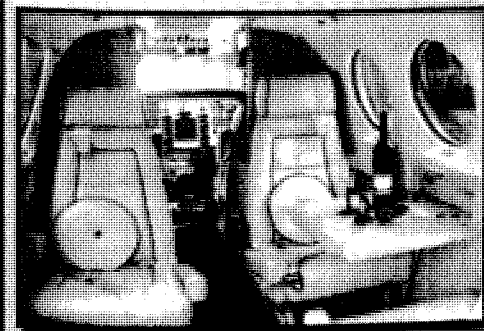
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