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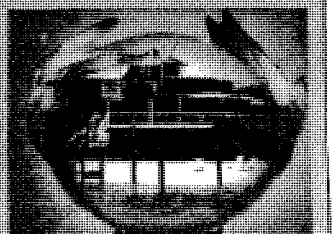
The Sanibel School opened without any hitches or glitches on Monday, August 11. In fact, this group looks quite happy to be getting back!



Sam Bailey presents Leslie Anne Godley with a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Islands Nights Committee. See page 5.

This week's Home Pages feature redecorating without refinancing!

See page 9.





## Sanibel Firefighters excel in professional competition



(L-R) Capt. Tim Barrett, FF/P Tom Tracy, FF/P John Murray and Chief Rich Dickerson. Not pictured was Rob Doerr.

In May, five Sanibel Firefighters competed in the sixth annual Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge in Deerfield Beach, Florida. The team consists of Chief Rich Dickerson, Captain Tim Barrett, Firefighter/Paramedic Tom Tracy, Firefighter/Paramedic Rob Doerr, and Firefighter Paramedic John Murray.

The Firefighters competed against 28 other teams to qualify for the Combat World Challenge XII to be held in Ottawa, Canada this November.

According to Chief Dickerson, the first goal of the team was to beat the two minute mark. They were not entirely sure they could, but they believed they could — and they did, placing ahead of a dozen other teams. This has earned the team a berth in the World Challenge.

The Challenge consists of the following:

1. Carrying a 45 pound high rise pack up five flights of stairs.
2. Hoisting 45 pounds of hose to the top of a five story tower.
3. Driving a 160 pound steel beam five feet with a nine pound hammer.
4. Running 140 feet through an obstacle course.
5. Dragging a fully charged 1½ inch hose 75 feet and hitting a target.
6. Carry a life-sized 175 pound mannequin 100 feet.

All team members are required to be in full turnout

gear with breathing apparatus on during the entire event. This simulates the physical demands placed on fire rescue personnel.

The team is already starting to train for the World Challenge in November. Sometimes this means traveling to Naples to train on the nearest five-story tower. There is a training tower in Fort Myers, but it is only four stories.

Chief Dickerson notes that training as a team is made slightly more difficult since the team members are work on different shifts. However, they will work around that as the competition gets closer.

The cost of travel and competing is borne by the team members themselves, not the City of Sanibel, and the men are hoping to raise community interest in their achievement, along with some financial support.

Anyone interested in helping can contact the Sanibel Fire Department at 472-5525.

## Kasten to race August 24



Ken Kasten, owner of the Sanibel Shell Station, will be racing in Sarasota on August 23-24 on Mel Voss's Vixen, a 27-foot Magnum with an 800 hp Voss racing engine. Kasten is the driver, Dave Howard is his throttle man and Voss is the owner and crew chief.

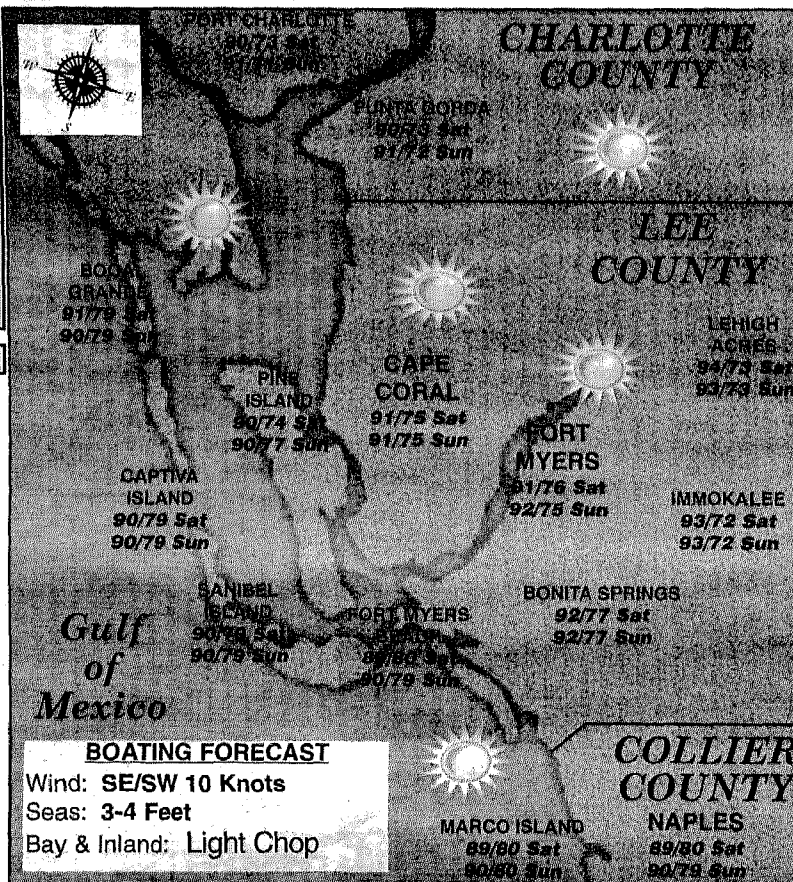
The Sarasota event is a national event and it's an APBA race. There will be well over 100 boats competing (unlike the Superboat International-sanctioned Fort Myers Beach races earlier this year). Ken will be racing at 1 pm on Sunday, August 24. Team Vixen is currently leading in points for the OPBRA Gold Cup, awarded to the boat with the best performance in all four Florida races.

### WEEKEND FORECAST FOR AUGUST 16 & 17

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Look for a sunny day with breezy winds and cooler temperatures.		Look for another sunny day with slightly warmer temperatures.	

### WEEKEND TIDES

City	Sat. High	Sat. Low	Sun. High	Sun. Low
Cape Coral Bridge	6:51 a.m.	1:27 a.m.	7:11 a.m.	1:51 a.m.
Captiva at Redfish Pass	4:41 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	5:01 a.m.	11:02 a.m.
Fort Myers	4:31 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	5:27 p.m.	10:58 p.m.
Matlacha Pass	7:44 a.m.	2:09 a.m.	8:04 a.m.	2:33 a.m.
	7:34 p.m.	2:04 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Pine Island	6:19 a.m.	12:53 a.m.	6:39 a.m.	1:17 a.m.
	6:09 p.m.	12:48 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	1:44 p.m.
Point Ybel	5:17 a.m.	11:46 a.m.	5:37 a.m.	12:15 a.m.
	5:07 p.m.	-	6:03 p.m.	12:42 p.m.
Punta Rassa	3:46 a.m.	10:08 a.m.	4:06 a.m.	11:04 a.m.
	3:36 p.m.	10:37 p.m.	4:32 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
St. James City	4:35 a.m.	10:01 a.m.	4:55 a.m.	10:57 a.m.
	4:25 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	5:21 p.m.	10:53 p.m.
	5:06 a.m.	10:36 a.m.	5:26 a.m.	11:32 a.m.
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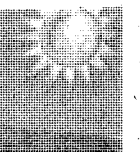
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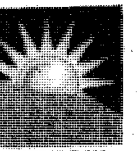
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### STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

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DAYTONA BEACH	90/72
FT. LAUDERDALE	92/75
FT. MYERS BEACH	90/79
GAINESVILLE	90/72
JACKSONVILLE	90/72
KEY WEST	92/82
KISSIMMEE	92/72
MIAMI	90/77
ORLANDO	90/72
PANAMA CITY	92/75
PENSACOLA	92/75
SARASOTA	88/76
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TAMPA	88/72
VERO BEACH	90/72
WEST PALM BEACH	92/75



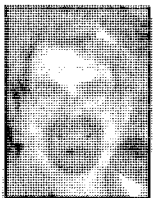
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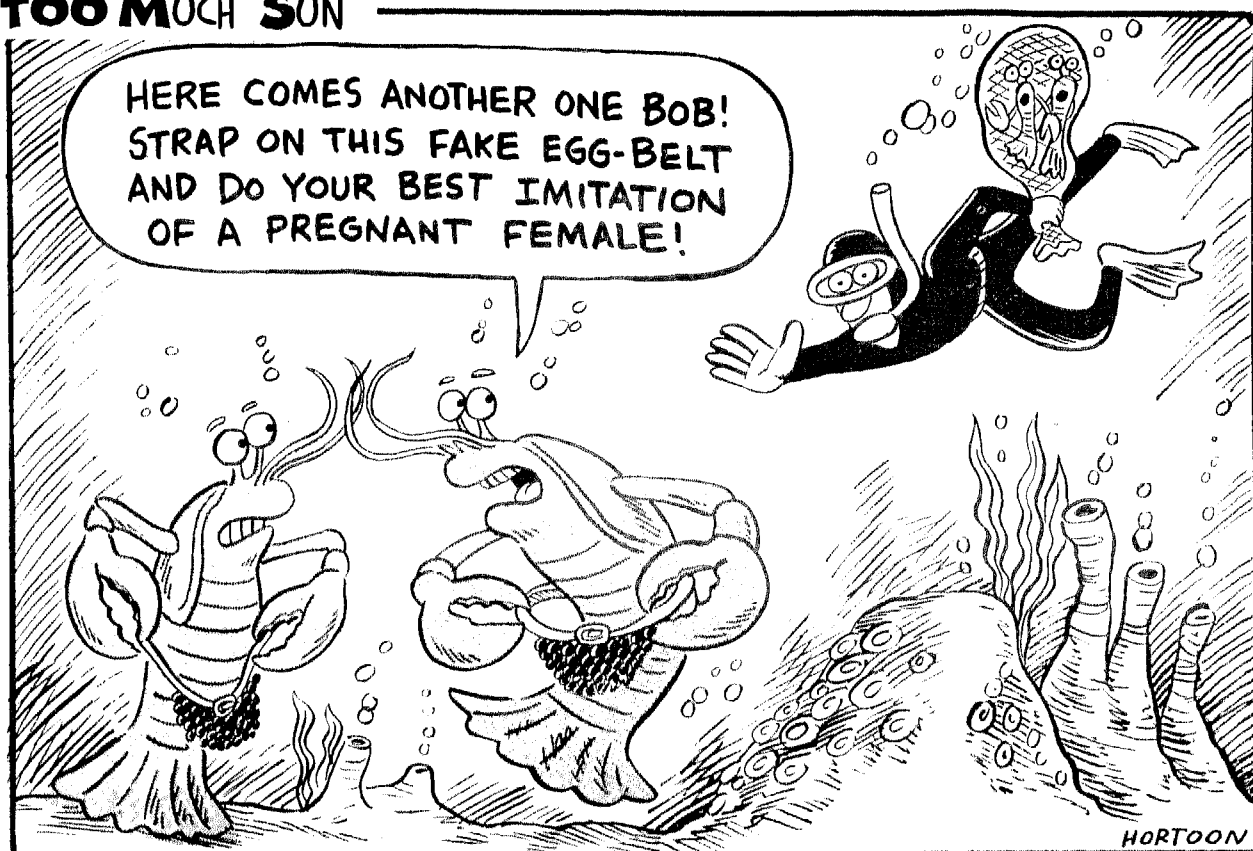
SATURDAY  
SUNSET  
8:03 PM

**TOO MUCH SUN**

Dave  
Horton



Lee  
Horton

**Up PERISCOPE**

Its sobering to think that I am the same age as Styrofoam®, a product invented by the Dow Chemical Company more than 50 years ago. Actually, I thought I was considerably older than that stuff — or more correctly, that it was considerably younger than I. Sometimes, it seems as though everything we take for granted in today's world was invented in my lifetime, but I know that really isn't true. Take gravity for example: some guy named Newton invented that stuff a long, long time ago — but hey, we're still looking for its opposite. But if anyone ever finds it, they might just drift away before they get a chance to tell anyone. Maybe they already have? Just one of the hazards of research.

But I digress — yet again.

There is an all-too-human part of me that contemplates the future in extremes. When I think of landfills, I think of vanishing real estate and a world where we are perched on top of an endless mountain range of white plastic to-go boxes covered



RENNY  
SEVERANCE  
Editor

by a layer of plastic trash bags.

Of course, that can't happen because all that land will already be covered with shopping centers, parking lots and condos, all connected by a 12-lane interstate highway system.

My cursory investigation into the technology of landfills these days reveals that they are designed to minimize intrusions of air and water, the very stuff that makes things "biodegrade" — today-speak for "rot." The reason is that the biodegrading process seems to produce a lot of undesirable gases and liquids that threaten to creep into our aquifers and living rooms. So it sounds as if we're wrapping the stuff up in large, hermetically-sealed packages and planning to let our great-great grandchildren figure it out.

Is it just me, or is there some truth to

the notion that every time we invent some new product that makes life better, faster, more convenient, longer-lasting and better-tasting that it results in an alarming and accumulating by-product?

It used to be that the stuff we were done with eventually went away on its own. Hey, even nuclear radiation dies down someday. But some of today's plastics seems to last forever. If so, maybe we shouldn't be throwing them away so readily. We do recycle milk bottles (made from HDPE, or high density polyethylene) as well as glass and cans.

Fact is, we have taken to recycling more and more until it becomes part of our everyday landscape. This is good, of course. But it needs to keep growing. It means making our disposable bits of life more recyclable and creating the infrastructure to deal with it. We need to be finding ways to do away with landfills, not make them larger. After all, no one wants one in their back yard — much less the front yard.

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**TURTLE TOTALS**  
AUGUST 11

	2003	2002	
	Hatches	Nests	Nests
False			Crawls
East End	t.b.a.		11 43
West End	t.b.a.		178 181
Captiva	t.b.a.		90 93
TOTALS	80	320	279 317

A female loggerhead stranded on Monday evening on a sandbar off Buttonwood Lane on the east end of Sanibel. Found by local residents Dee Serage and Luc Century, the extremely lethargic, approximately 80-pound animal was taken to CROW about 10 p.m. where she was placed on wet towels under a heat lamp for the rest of the night.

At presstime Wednesday, she was still alive and seemed to be perking up a bit, according to P.J. Dietschel, DVM.

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## HAPPENINGS

### Hog Roast scheduled

San-Cap American Legion Post 123 is hosting a Hog Roast & Membership Drive at the Legion on Saturday, August 23, from 1 p.m. 'til 7 p.m. featuring live music and entertainment by the Troublestarters. The public is welcome.

Because American Legion facilities are designated as "private club/veterans organization" and hold a special license, they qualify as one of the few places in which it is legal for smokers to indulge since the smoking ban went into effect in Florida July 1.

In order to become a member of the Legion, a man must be a veteran or the son of a veteran who is already a member. A woman can join the Auxiliary if her husband is a member or her late husband was a veteran. Dues for the Legion and for Sons of the Legion are \$25, for the Ladies Auxiliary, \$20.

And, once you're a member, you can participate in Karaoke sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary every Tuesday night from 7 to 10 p.m.

Call 472-9979 for more information on eligibility, or show up at the Hog Roast!

### Teen Challenge Rally

This Sunday, August 17, 30 men from the Teen Challenge Center in Fort Myers will be sharing music, testimonies and a message as they minister at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. worship services at Sanibel Community Church.

Teen Challenge is an international ministry to young people, as well adult men and women who have struggled with drug, alcohol or other addictions. With Christ-centered rehabilitation, Teen Challenge has the highest success rate of any rehabilitation program in the United States. The Fort Myers Center is for adult men.

The public is invited to the service of celebration.

Senior Pastor Dr. Daryl Donovan will preach at the 8 a.m. traditional service, sharing a message entitled "The Dog Days of Summer." The 9 a.m. contemporary service, with praise band and children's ministry, will feature the Teen Challenge guests. The 10:30 service, with traditional hymns will be another opportunity to hear from the men of Teen Challenge.

Sanibel Community Church is a multi-denominational church located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's. Casual attire is welcomed. For more information call 472-2684.

### Genealogy Society meets

The program for this month's meeting of the Lee County Genealogy Society will be presented by two representatives of Elderhostel. The meeting is Thursday, August 21, at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 4141 DeLeon Street in Fort Myers at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in researching his or her family tree is welcome.

### Speakers available

LifeLink of Southwest Florida, the agency which coordinates organ and tissue donations for Southwest Florida, has speakers available for civic groups, churches, schpols, corporations, etc. Presenters will dispel myths associated with organ and tissue donation, share information about who can be a potential donor and explain the organ donation process. Presentations are tailored to the specific audience.

To schedule a free presentation or to learn more about LifeLink of Southwest Florida, contact Terri Medina at (941) 947-4737 or (800) 262-5775.

### Lee area host families needed

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. matches students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 20,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is recognized by the State Department and is listed by the Council on Standards for International

Educational Travel who certify that the organization complies with its standards.

Lee area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at (800) 631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.


### Soccer skill assessment this weekend at Sanibel School

It's that time of year again. School is back in session and island recreational youth soccer organizers are preparing up for another busy fall season. "Yes, our board has been working behind the scenes for months in preparation for fall soccer. And were ready to go. We are really hoping for another fun season of kids soccer," says Keith Cruickshank, president of the Sanibel Youth Soccer League.


The league's first major event is this weekend's Skill Assessment and Development Day. According to Danny Mitchell, SYS Director of coaching, "this is our yearly way of checking on the progress of each kid in the program, noting their progress, and making sure we put together teams with a good balance of skills and talents." All registered players are required to participate with the league noting that children must attend in order to qualify for placement on a team.

Skill Assessment and Development Day is this Saturday, August 16th at the new ball fields at the Sanibel School. There will be three scheduled sessions. 6 and 7 year old kids (age as of July 31) will play from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Children ages 8 and 9 (age as of July 31) will play from 10:30 to noon. And 10, 11, 12, and 13 players (age as of July 31) are scheduled from noon until 1:30. Micro soccer players, kids ages 4 and 5 (as of July 31) will not participate in this event. Parents are asked to make sure children arrive promptly.


If your child is not registered yet, you may register at the field on Saturday or online at [www.sanibelsoccer.org](http://www.sanibelsoccer.org). Registration fees are \$60 through August.




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# Islands Night Committee helps battle cancer

By Donna T. Schuman  
Staff writer

Since moving here in 1995, Leslie Anne Godley has been impressed with the community spirit throughout the city of Sanibel — a spirit she experienced first-hand Monday as the Islands Night Committee presented her with a \$1,000 check to assist her with expenses incurred as she battles cancer.

"I am truly grateful," Godley said to Sam Bailey as he presented her with the check.

As a special education teacher for Lee County Schools, Godley has been offering help to people for many years. She would also spend several hours after work tutoring children on the island. However, she has been on medical leave from the school system since April and, as she fights to put the disease into some form of remission, she is faced with the task of paying her expenses even though the paychecks have stopped.

Bailey and the Islands Night Committee were made aware of Godley's situation through Helene Phillips, the

city's Parks & Rec Director. Every year the committee sponsors Islands Night, an evening of baseball and community involvement for the residents and business people of Sanibel and Captiva.

Bailey started the program 10 years ago when he was approached by the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team to sponsor games. He and the committee have since donated thousands of dollars to various charities and people in need throughout the islands.

"It's a great thing for the community and has grown way beyond my expectations," Bailey commented, adding that Godley, in particular, was very deserving of the donation.

"She is a very fine person and has done a lot of wonderful things on the island," Bailey said. "This donation is very worthwhile and well-deserved."

The Bailey Good Neighbor Fund is also accepting donations on Leslie's behalf.

Donations may be mailed or dropped off at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way. Please note on your check — Leslie Anne Godley.



Photo by MICHAEL PISTELLA

(L-R): Sam Bailey, Leslie Anne Godley, Helene Phillips, and Debbie Gleason. Sam Bailey presents Leslie Anne Godley with a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Islands Nights Committee. Helene Phillips and committee member Debbie Gleason also share in the event. "That's what is so special about Sanibel," said Phillips as Bailey presented Godley with the check.

## A Special Thank You

Dear Friends:

Thank you to the very generous citizens of Sanibel for coming to my assistance in recent months. Since I moved here in 1995, I have been so impressed with the community spirit. I have read about the countless volunteer and charitable efforts that are an every day occurrence here on Sanibel.

Now some of these efforts have been directed to me, and I am very grateful. The kindness and generosity shown towards me have kept me afloat in more than one way! I don't know the names of many of you, so I am sending you a very sincere "Thank you!" through this letter.

I would also like express my gratitude to Sam Bailey. His caring personality is made known to all each day through his community efforts.

Thank you, also, to the members of the Sanibel Breast Cancer Support Group. You have been there for me every step of the way.

Finally, I am sending a heartfelt thank you to the late Val Pool. Val didn't know me well, but she reached out to me in a way that will always be remembered. Thank you to FISH.

Leslie Anne Godley  
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## OBITUARY

### Thomas A. Sharp

Long-time islander Tom Sharp died August 10, 2003.

Born in Reidsville, N.C., he was the son of James Merritt Sharp and Annie Britt Blackwell Sharp. He was educated in the Reidsville public schools and graduated in 1933 as salutatorian and president of his senior class, then attended the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill where he was a member of Tau Beta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa and president of the local chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. After graduation in 1937 he worked as a research engineer for the E.I. Dupont de Nemours lab in Perlin, N.J.

During World War II, Sharp was employed by the Andover Kent Aviation Corp. as their chief chemist producing radomes and magnetic detector housings made by the low pressure (autoclave) technique. The work was transferred to Remington Rand Laboratory in Connecticut and, after the war, Sharp joined their Advanced Research & Development lab. He was manager of general services which included drafting, chemistry, physics, metallurgy and photography. In 1963 he was transferred to the Sperry Rand Computer UNIVAC Research Laboratory in Philadelphia. Sharp holds two patents.

Sharp and his wife, Bobbie, who wrote a cooking column for many years for the Islander, retired to Sanibel in 1980. He served as president of the board of directors of Island Water Association and, for

years, was a member of the City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee. For all 23 years he was here, he could be counted on for participation in the Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

"Tom was one of those folks who was always available for conservation projects — Great Island Pickup, Coastal Cleanup, Bird Count, whatever," said Erick Lindblad, executive director of SCCF. "He dedicated himself to seeing that the island remained unique... and was quite passionate about that. We'll miss him."

"I respected him enormously," commented Warren Deuber, who succeeded Sharp as IWA's president. "Tom was always looking for ways to make this a better world... For example, he championed having a woman on IWA's board for as long as he was on it, but it didn't happen 'til after he went off. Stella Farwell is the first woman to serve since Carol Davenport's term ended in 1983."

Sharp is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice "Bobbie" Robinson Carpender Sharp of Sanibel, and a daughter, Tyrrell Carpender Sharp, of Laughlinton, Penn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation/Land Acquisition Fund, Post Office Box 839, Sanibel 33957.



## SERVICE CLUBS

### Kiwanis

Books-by-Mail • By Bob Wimbush

The richness of the Lee County Library is close as the mailbox both for children and adults who cannot visit the library system's branches or bookmobile due to a physical or medical disability. They — and their caregivers — qualify for Books-by-Mail, according to David Wilkinson, who has been working with the program for nearly eight years.

"This service has saved my life" is a comment often heard from the 400 Books-by-Mail users. The sad news is "that for some of them we are the only people they talk to."

Now, don't ask the Sanibel Library for Books-by-Mail, because this is a Lee County Library System service. Oh sure, it is as available on the Island as any county service (and much more reliable than that other "service," regular causeway maintenance), but not from our library. Go to Captiva, and you're covered. As you would expect, your Sanibel Library card won't suffice, but there is no charge for a Lee County Card — available in minutes at any branch.

Lee County Library's Books-by-Mail also supplies, large-type books, CD's, tapes, and DVD's, so even Kiwanians or politicians who can't (or don't want to) read because their lips tire from the effort, can have access to the latest literature. "Most new books come out in large print, CD, and/or tape at about the same time [as regular books]." About one third of library patrons request audio books, in fact.

When you call, Books-by-Mail will ask which authors and what types of books you prefer. Once they create a profile for you, they will automatically send books that fit it, if you so request. They



David P. Wilkinson

will also provide a quarterly newsletter detailing the latest offerings, so you can choose your own. The Library always provides outbound postage. Green Bag patrons must pay return postage or drop books off at a Lee County Branch (not the Sanibel Library, please). Red Baggers, primarily users of large type and audio books for the visually impaired, need only give the bag to their postman.

The easiest way to avail yourself of Books-by-Mail is call 1-800-660-6420 Monday through Friday during normal office hours. Or go online to [www.lee-county.com/library/](http://www.lee-county.com/library/) and explore the services section. Anyone with a Lee County Library Card, even those who don't qualify for Books-by-Mail, can access the library's entire collection on the website, locate and reserve books for pick up at a local branch.

*The oh-so-literary Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club meets at the Island House for breakfast on Wednesday.*



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### Optimists donate pizzas and school supplies



(L-R) Adam Howard, Dave DeFonzo, Richard McCurry, Jeff Radke, Lauren Davies, Dani Howard, and Randy Carson. Kids in front: Marta Mazess and Alaine Howard. The Optimist Club has been donating 20 pizzas every Friday to the kids in the Summer Rec Program for the past three years.



(L-R) Randy Carson, Cindy Hoggatt and Richard McCurry. The Sanibel Captiva Optimist Club presents Cindy Hoggatt with a check for \$540 to buy school supplies for children from the Below Market Housing program on the island. This is the third year that the club has made a donation for this purpose.

Photo by Renny Severance

### Horticulture & Tea Society gives to kids again



For their monthly public service project, The Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel-Captiva visited Brightest Horizon Child Development Center in Harlem Heights, an affordable pre-school/kindergarten/ daycare center for children of the neighborhood. Each of the 35 three-year-old children was given personal hygiene products and allowed to choose a book and a toy donated by the society. To find out more about the ladies of HATS, visit [www.HATSSancap.org](http://www.HATSSancap.org).

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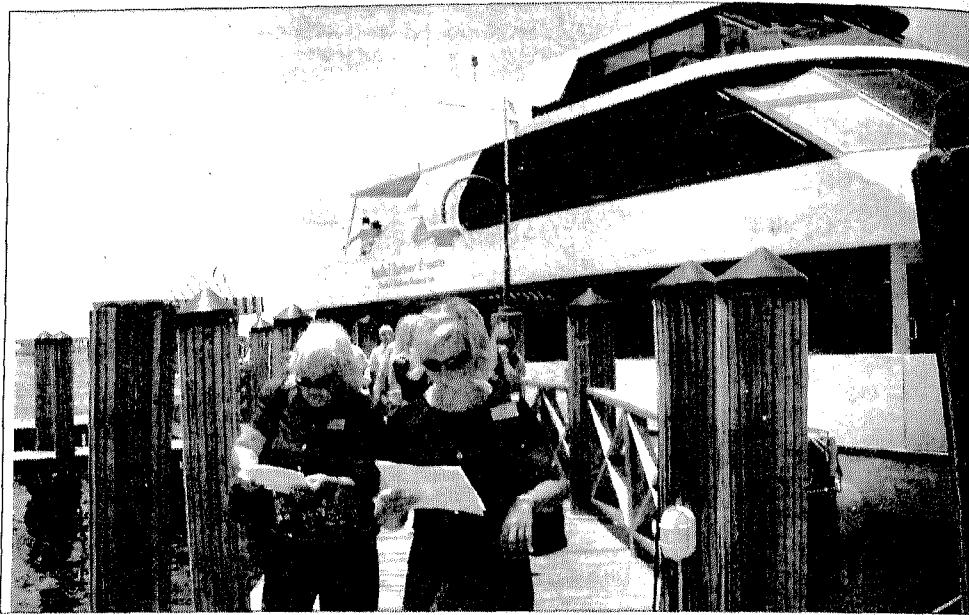
Ann Gee was the top selling agent for the month of July for John Gee and Company. Ann is a Sanibel property owner and member of the Dunes Golf and Tennis Club.

She has been selling real estate with John Gee and Company for over a year and a half. Ann prides herself on customer service and prompt response to phone and email inquiries. She specializes in Gulf front condominiums and homes on the islands and in Fort Myers.



Ann Gee

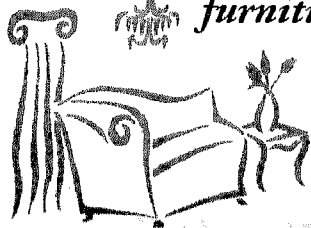
### Chamber hits the high seas for lunch



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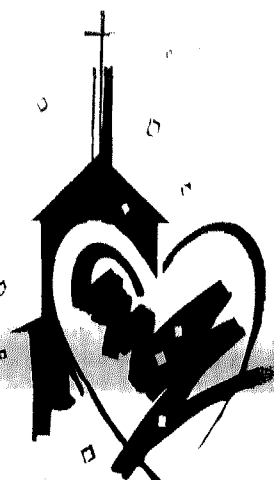
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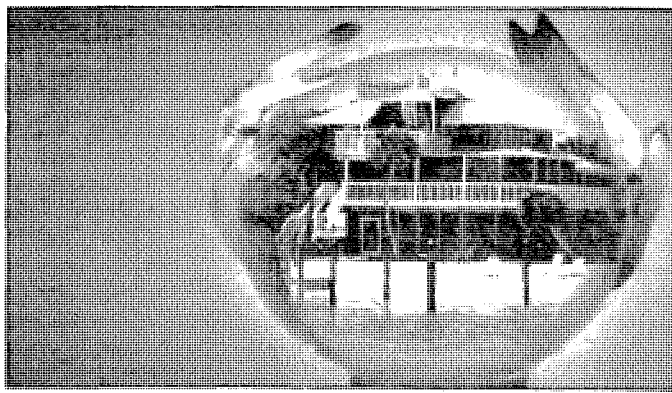
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## Arranging Spaces: Why not try interior redesign for a new look?

by Nancy Santeusano  
Special to The Islander

**M**aybe you've made a major move from north to south, or from the midwest to the south-west coast of Florida... maybe you've moved from a larger to a smaller house in the same locale... or from a house with low ceilings to a house with high ceilings. Or maybe you're just tired of the same old look in the house you've lived for years and want a change but don't want to invest in major renovations right now.

You're convinced that you know what you're doing when it comes to arranging your furniture and accessories in your own house. Who should know better? You live there. But no matter what you try, it still doesn't look right.

Your best shot at keeping your frustration level under control is to call Vinnie Fisher of Arranging Spaces for a free consultation. She's a trained redesign expert who can take a fresh look at your space, your furniture and your accessories. She will listen carefully to your priorities for as long as it takes, and set up a "rearranging space list" that you have worked on together, but with a complete focus on you and your space needs.

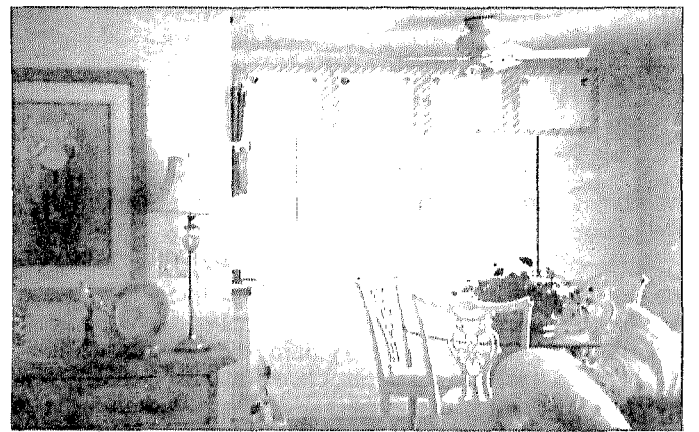
Some clients have a hard time with the control factor and can't imagine leaving their house for a matter of hours or a whole day and letting some interior redesign expert "play around."

Will all my furniture be out on the lawn? Won't this be complete chaos? Why can't I stay home and help? What if I'm unhappy when I come home and look at my house?

Fisher answers these logical questions by explaining that she never ends a consultation until she knows exactly



**Before and after: valance added for window interest. The valance had been rolled up and put away. The chest was pulled over and the table arrangement and picture added.**



what you want her to achieve. "I get ideas from you and ask if there are things you don't want me to move, or areas you don't want me to enter. Once I know the ground rules, I can go to work."

She explains that there is a "trust" factor and you must have confidence in her ability to redesign before you can feel comfortable letting her go to work. Without that rapport, nothing will work well.

One reason Fisher asks you not to come home until the end of the day is to achieve what she calls the "WOW" effect. "That's when you come home and see your things arranged so differently that you're actually amazed that this is truly all yours."

The ground rule is that you must live with the redesign

for two weeks before you call and ask Fisher to return to your home and put things back the way that they were. "This has never happened but, if it did, that would be at my expense. The goal is to enjoy the redesign and feel happy with it. Isn't that the reason you called Arranging Spaces in the first place?"

Fisher begins her redesign by cleaning the room out first. That doesn't mean scrubbing the space but, instead, removing most of its furniture and accessories. Her redesign concept is to use people's things in different and unusual ways to create a new, aesthetically pleasing look with comfort and livability as the top priorities.

**Arranging, see page 11**

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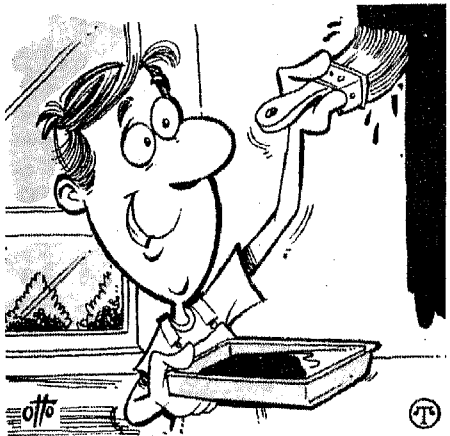
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## HOME IMPROVEMENT

### You Can Paint Practically Anything

(NAPSI)-A fresh coat of paint can quickly change the look of any room in your home. While painting some surfaces can be fairly easy, there are challenges when painting many others. But don't worry-any project can be easy if you have the right tools. Take the advice of the primer experts at Zinsser when painting the following hard-to-paint surfaces:

- Painting a light color over dark colored surfaces-Apply a coat of a high quality primer-sealer before you paint to hide previous colors and prevent them from showing through your new paint job. Quality primer-sealers, like Bulls Eye 1-2-3®, are formulated to completely block even the darkest colors, including deep reds and dark browns, so they won't bleed through, or change, the color of your new paint job.
- Painting over glossy surfaces -Don't expect a paint to do a primer's job. Ordinary paint won't stick to slick surfaces, like glossy paint, clear finishes, metal, Formica®, cabinets, paneling or tile. By applying a quality primer to the surface first, your paint will not only stick to the surface, but your paint job will last



longer and won't crack, peel or blister over time. Tip from the Pros: Want to eliminate sanding from surface prep? Use a primer like Zinsser's B-I-N® or Bulls Eye 1-2-3. They're formulated to stick to all surfaces without sanding.

• Painting porous surfaces like builder's flat paint and new dry-wall-Porous surfaces absorb paint unevenly and often result in an inconsistent color and sheen that requires multiple coats of paint. A good primer will seal the surface so paint spreads more evenly and easily for a better-looking finish with less paint. Tips from the Pros: For best results, tint your primer toward the color of your paint. Research shows that one coat of tinted primer

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### Online Wallpaper Store Puts New Looks At Your Fingertips

(NAPSI)-Forget lugging heavy wallpaper pattern books to and from the store! Without leaving the house, do-it-yourselfers can get an extra dose of creative inspiration when they visit [www.swdecorating.com](http://www.swdecorating.com). The new Web site from the home décor experts at Sherwin-Williams makes easy work of reviewing and ordering wallcoverings, while helping to spur ideas and imagination.

Featuring more than 100,000 wallcovering and border patterns pre-selected by Sherwin-Williams color and design experts, [www.swdecorating.com](http://www.swdecorating.com) ensures do-it-yourselfers the fast track to all the hot new looks. Look for popular color trends and six of today's most exciting decorating trends to be heavily represented among the color and pattern selections:

- 1) The emergence of spring in romantic floral bouquet or single flower themes, featuring fresh colors such as blues infused with teal, and lovely pastels;
- 2) A continuation of the island look, represented by rich, tropical prints and natural textures;
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- 6) Americana themes represented through charming folk art patterns, or even retro '50s and '60s looks.

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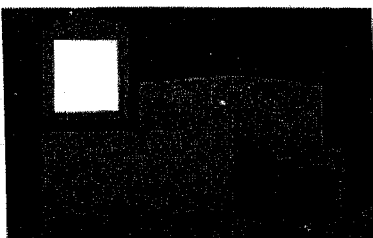
Need help searching for the ideal pattern? At [www.swdecorating.com](http://www.swdecorating.com), whether your style is contemporary, designer or traditional-or somewhere in between-it's easy to find the look you'll love. Narrow your search to a specific style, color, subject or theme, or just indulge your aesthetic fancy by browsing through the deep assortment of options until you find the wallcovering that's perfect for your project.

Once you know what you want, order samples for a closer look. To make decorating decisions easier, home décor tips and paint and color information from Sherwin-Williams all are linked to [www.swdecorating.com](http://www.swdecorating.com).

## HOT SUMMER SALE

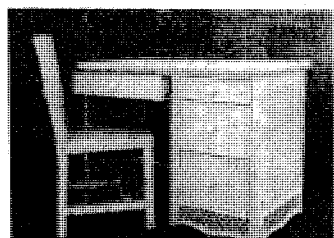
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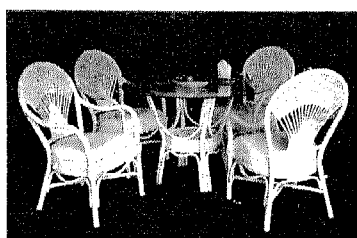
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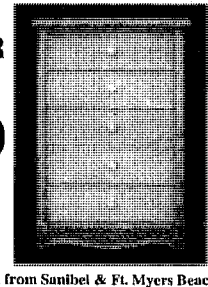
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## HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Arranging, from page 9



Before and after: the sofa was moved to a different angle and the artwork re-arranged. Also, a larger dried arrangement was put on the table.

Fisher asks permission beforehand to do what she calls "shopping the house." Sometimes that means finding things in other rooms, in closets, in storage areas or even in the garage, and her cardinal rule is one that many people often forget: "Just because you own it, you don't have to use everything at the same time." Sometimes that can mean decluttering as well as rearranging the space to create eye appeal.

"Sometimes there are spaces that cannot be rearranged. When I have encountered those spaces and the furniture arrangement works best the way that it is, that's fine too. I can still achieve a different look by changing the accessories and giving a whole new dimension to the room."

Interestingly, people tend to make the same decorating mistakes again and again. Traditionally they place their large pieces of furniture against the wall giving the room a bit of a bus station look... or they are using only small accessories. Fisher explains that when you move to a house with taller ceilings, you need to think big. You can often achieve this with larger art work or a grouping of art work, larger indoor, decorative trees, or table arrangements with more height. The idea is to bring up the eye and create an aura of spaciousness to give the room a more appeal-

ing look. With respect to color, Fisher points out that people should not be afraid of color which, when used properly, can be a very warming and comforting aspect of a room. For example, changing from white to a deep accent color in the master bedroom and bringing that same color out into the adjacent living room with an area rug, pillows and accessories can change a space from a boring, bland eighties look, give the

room more vibrancy and make everything look more luxurious and upscale.

Today, more and more TV channels such as HGTV's "Decorating Cents" are regular program features, and Interior Redesign Industry Specialists or I.R.I.S., organized in 1997 in California, has gained national visibility and interest. Fisher completed some of her formal interior redesign training from I.R.I.S. and is an active member of the organization. This relatively new

approach in redecorating concepts places a high priority on affordability, practicality and preserving what you love most in your home.

Vinnie Fisher of ARRANGING SPACES can be reached by calling (239) 574-0900 or by e-mail at [vinfish1@earthlink.net](mailto:vinfish1@earthlink.net). Her fee is \$75 per hour for consultation and redesign and \$50 per hour for shopping at a client's request.

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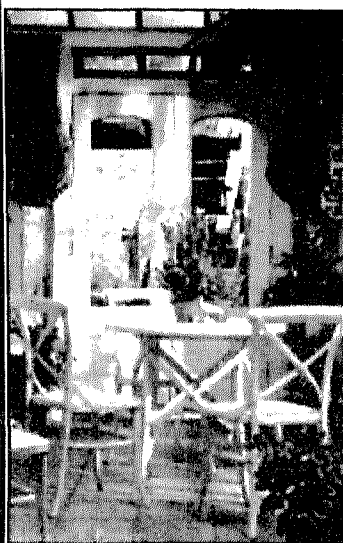
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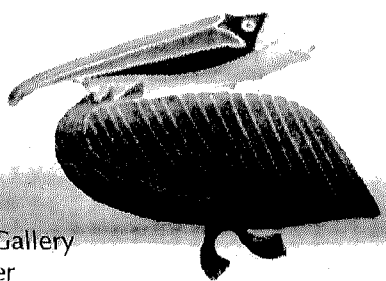
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Today "the closet guy" is a consultant for ClosetMaid ([www.closetmaid.com](http://www.closetmaid.com)), developing a line of custom closet systems. He trains installing dealers throughout the country in the intricacies of designing closets for homeowners who want more space and an upscale look at an affordable price.

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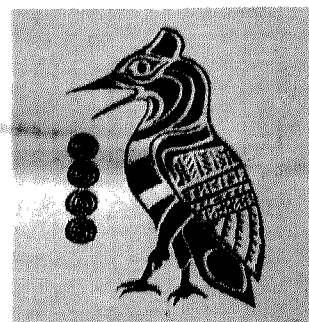
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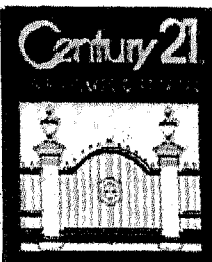
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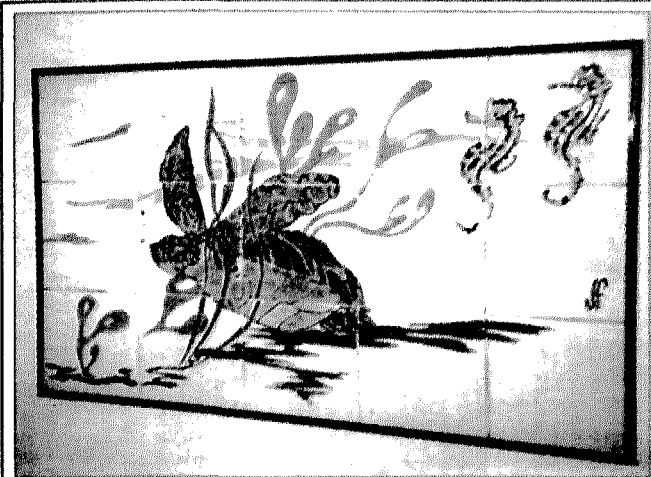
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# Arts & Leisure

## POTPOURRI



Judy Friedman's tile depiction of an underwater scene is among the works on display through Oct. 3 in the annual San-Cap Art League summer show at BIG ARTS and the Sanibel Public Library. Both buildings are on Dunlop Road on either side of City Hall. Phillips Gallery has more than 60 paintings along with 100 FISHWORKS by the artists of Sanibel Elementary School, while the Founders Gallery features many large impressive tropical watercolors. In the library works depicting local scenes, wildlife, still life and abstracts in a variety of media are on exhibit. Call 395-0900 for BIG ARTS or 472-8423 for library information.



### North paintings at Citrus Expo

The Color Orange will be the theme of an exhibit of William North's oil paintings at the 2003 Florida Citrus

Expo on August 27-28 at the Lee County Civic Center. Again this year North's impressionist still lifes of Florida juice oranges and orange grove landscapes will be a feature of the annual industry trade show.

The artist began his "Real Florida Oranges" series about 10 years ago after realizing that



juice oranges did not look like the standard pictures of oranges on juice cartons and in other art. Instead they had distinctive markings and varied greatly in color — details he picked up in his traditional still lifes that featured the fruit. Grove owners and others in the citrus industry loved the work, declaring they had never before seen pictures of oranges that looked like the real thing.

North is also recognized in conventional art circles, has had many shows and received many awards for his work which is available at Sanibel Gallery and Crossed Palms Gallery on Pine Island.

### At BIG ARTS

Join Jan Budd in her workshop, Pottery at the Wheel, on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The new workshop series will start August 19 and run through Sept. 23. The cost for the six weeks is \$72 plus clay. Call BIG ARTS to register, 395-0900.

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### "That Reminds Me..."

Storytellers will be taking their cues for story ideas from the tellers who precede them at the Tamiami Tale Tellers (TTT) monthly meeting on Thursday night August 20.

"One storyteller will get the ball rolling with a personal (or family) story or folktale," explained TTT spokesperson Bert MacCarry of Sanibel. "Then other tellers who follow may 'piggyback' on something suggested by the first storyteller or any who follow. The theme pot of ideas, of course, grows and grows."

"That Reminds Me..." has been a popular and successful theme used previously during the summer months of the TTT meetings.

The Tamiami Tale Tellers meet on the third Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grand Court, 8351 College Parkway in Fort Myers. Both tellers and listeners are welcome. There is no charge. For more information, call 472-1781 or 543-4872.

### Sleeping Beauty at Foulds

With a "doze" of pageantry and elaborate costumes, Blanche Marvin's adaptation of the timeless classic, Sleeping Beauty, plays tomorrow, Saturday, at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. In this restoration comedy, based on music from Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty Ballet, court life is spoofed through fop-pish gents and bickering ladies who continually angle for the graces of royalty. Baffled by all this foolishness is

Prince Charming who guides the audience through an amazing story that is the sleeper hit of the summer. Tickets are \$5 with group rates available; call 936-3239. The Foulds is at the Lee County Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Kids Conspiracy, founded in 1999, presents quality family theatre year 'round using local actors.

### Save this date!!!

Join Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. at Harborside Convention Center on Saturday, August 23, from 5:30 to 11 p.m. for the Arts for ACT, 2003 Fine Art Auction. This, as always, will undoubtedly be the biggest social event of the summer with Actress Meryl Streep as this year's guest auctioneer! An array of hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. More than 150 artists have donated artwork to be bid on in either the voice or silent auctions, including originals from world-renowned artist Robert Rauschenberg and international artists Darryl



The featured poster for this year's auction, "Looking Ahead" by Leo Johnson is available for \$53, is signed by the artist.

Pottorf, Leo Johnson, Malcolm Morely and a sculpture by Don Gummer (Streep's husband). Tickets for this exciting event are \$75 and may be purchased in advance by calling

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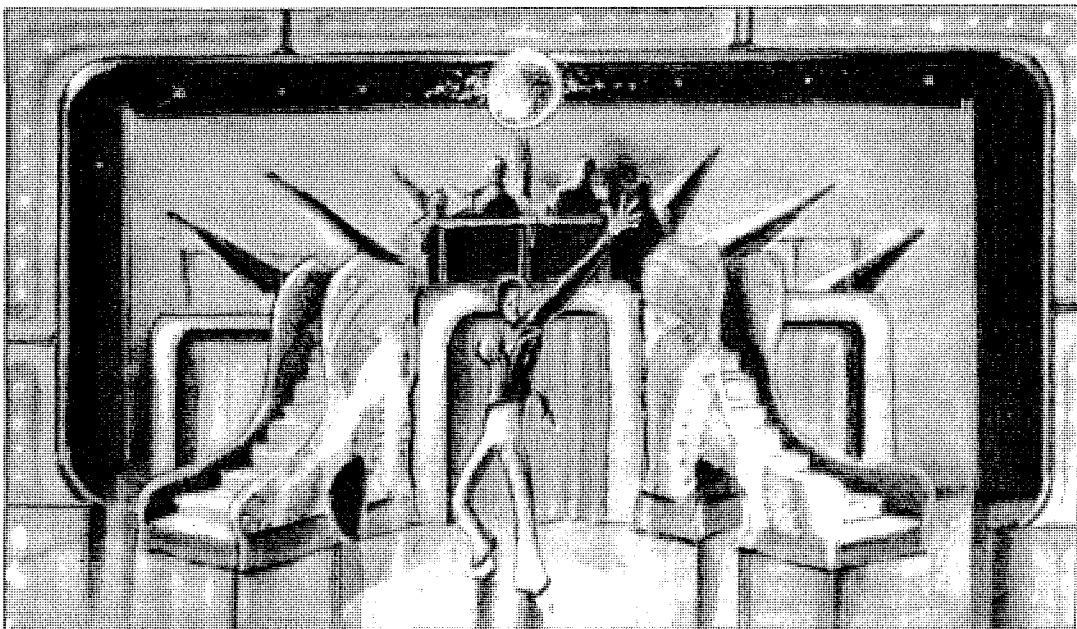
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## The Beat Goes On ~ A Celebration of the '70s



The Naples Dinner Theatre has announced the premiere of *The Beat Goes On*, a musical revue celebrating the music, fashions and fun of the 1970s.

Retro is in, and NDT is getting into the action with a fast-paced disco dance down memory lane.

The original script and compilation of all the chart-busting songs of the 1970s has been honed down to its final form. The '70s outfits are being sewn by the costume department, and the eye-popping set featuring two large staircases in the shape of platform shoes is being built.

The show starts with a take-off on the *Sonny and Cher Show*, and a salute to the end of the '60s, featuring songs that hit the charts in the late sixties and stayed there into the next decade. Included are The Temptations' "Get Ready," Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," Sonny & Cher's "The Beat Goes On" The Archies'

hit, "Sugar, Sugar," and "Build Me Up, Buttercup." "Heard it Through the Grapevine," "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" and others.

Next is a send-up of the favorite TV game show, *The Dating Game*, where the male contestants give musical answers to the questions of the Bachelorette. No '70s revue would be complete without featuring Rock Opera hits, such as tunes from *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Godspell*, *Tommy*, *The Wiz* and *Godspell*. Another game show favorite, *The Gong Show*, is revisited in one of the show's funniest segments, and Act One closes by remembering *Soul Train*, and many Motown hits like "Sir Duke," "One Less Bell To Answer," "Everybody Plays the Fool," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "I'll Be There," "ABC" and many others.

Act Two starts with Don McClean's "American Pie," one of the '70s' giant hits, accompanied by a slide show remembering

the great moments of the decade. Then it's off to an aerobics class, where the women burn the fat and sing the songs of defiance so associated with the early years of the women's movement. Next a coffee house for a salute to Soft Rock, featuring music by Carole King, James Taylor, Loggins and Messina, Hall and Oates, the Carpenters, and Elton John. Love songs get their moment at the Coco Club & Casino in Weehawken, New Jersey where Bill and Adele Bellagrazia tell the story of their 30-year love affair in a shlocky set of songs. In another part of town, at a honky tonk bar, four drunk guys celebrate their machismo with Rod Stewart's "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?" The Village People's "Macho Man" and "My Ding-a-Ling," and Three Dog Night's

mega-hit, "Joy to the World." The show concludes with a salute to Disco with hits by Gloria Gaynor, Donna Summer, Sister Sledge, The Village People, The Bee Gees, Abba, Barry Manilow's "Copacabana" and, of course, "Saturday Night Fever."

Costumer Susie Hartman and Director Michael Wainstein have exhaustively researched the styles of the period. The audience can expect a cavalcade of platform shoes, bell bottoms, leisure suits, glitz, and glamour. It will be an eye-popping array of styles from a period known for bad taste, bright colors and big hair.

The cast includes Shawna Hamic, from California, whose powerhouse vocals are reminiscent of Aretha Franklin; Christopher Noffke, resident choreographer and performer at NDT for the past year; Akil, an accomplished singer and artist from North Carolina; and, from New York City, Rubin Singleton, Tanea Renee, Molly Curry, Nicole Alessi and Justin Wilcox.

*The Beat Goes On* begins regular performances as the first main stage show of the fall season with two low-priced previews (\$35 for dinner and show) on August 20th and 21st. Opening night is officially slated for August 22nd. See NDT's website for more information at [www.naplesdinnertheatre.com](http://www.naplesdinnertheatre.com). Performances are Tuesday through Saturday nights (dinner at 6 p.m., show at 8), Wednesday and Sunday matinees (lunch/brunch 11:30 a.m., show at 1:15 p.m.), and one Sunday evening twilight show on August 24th (dinner at 5, show at 6:45). Always, *Patsy Cline* will play on Saturday Matinees and Sunday Twilights thereafter.)

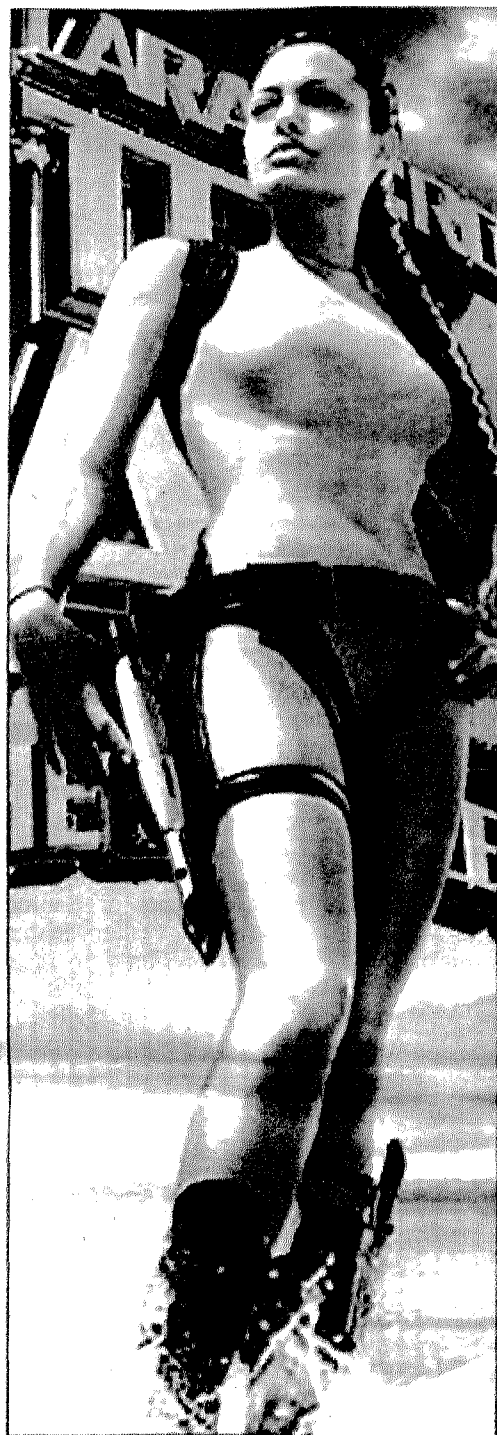
The Naples Dinner Theatre serves a full buffet prior to each show; full bar service includes wine and cocktails. Specialty coffees and frozen drinks are always available. Tickets are \$37.50 for Wednesday and Sunday matinees and \$42.50 at all evening performances. Full price tickets includes meal, tax and show but not gratuity. There are special rates for groups of 20 or more. Tickets may be ordered by calling the box office at (239) 514-STAR (7827). The box office is open daily from 9 a.m. 'til 8 p.m. All sales are final, no refunds or exchanges.

*Nunsense*, the second NDT fall show, opens on Sept. 21st.

## It's all in the attitude

Movie review

By Kate Thompson ~ Staff writer



Sequels are often disappointments. Not so with *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life*. This movie is a rare exception and is even better than the first in the series.

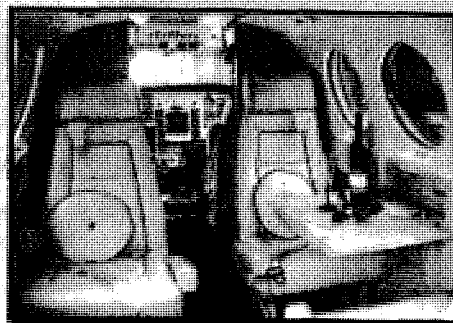
Angelina Jolie stars as Lara Croft again and, this time, has an even better script to work with. Sure, it's kind of a guy movie since she prances around in costumes that leave little to the imagination but, since Lara takes little guff from the men around her and ultimately triumphs, she's fun for women too.

Once again, Lara has been called on to save the world. But that's what these adventure films are all about.

In this film, archeologist and adventurer Croft is in Greece where an earthquake may have uncovered the lost temple of Alexander the Great's trea-

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## CENTER STAGE

## ~ Benefit features Lee Greenwood ~ Marietta features fun ~

Recently, five-time Grammy Award winner Lee Greenwood came to Marietta to open Marietta College's brand new, multi-million dollar Dyson Baudo Recreation Center with a benefit concert for the Washington County Red Cross. As a function of Ohio's 200th Birthday Celebration, the show was very patriotic and drew over 1,000 concertgoers from far and wide — proud to be Americans and proud to be some of this country singer's biggest fans. Greenwood performed non-stop for 90 minutes — not only his biggest hits but also material from his soon-to-be-released album, *Stronger Than Time*, due out in September. This is Greenwood's first new album in eight years as he has spent the last few years parenting his children, Dalton and Parker, along with his wife, Kim.

Before the program started I found myself sitting next to a young Marine, Will Allberry, in full-dress uniform, who had just recently returned from Iraq. His tour of duty ends August 14, and he was looking forward to starting his college career at Marietta for the fall semester. While waiting for the concert to begin, we talked about his adventures in the Marines and especially his impressions of Iraq. He was there when Jessica Lynch was rescued and was all excited to tell me that her hometown of Elizabeth, West Va. is not very far away from Marietta. This particular concert was free to any servicemen in the area, and there were quite a few in attendance, including a Color Guard that marched in before the National Anthem.

Greenwood may be physically small but his talent is mighty big. He connected with the audience from the get-go, raising the roof with lots of old favorites — "I'm Glad It's Over," "Somebody's Gonna Touch You," "Down A Dusty Dixie Road," "Gonna Take My Baby On A Morning Ride" and "Hearts Aren't Made To Break." Many of these tunes may be goldie oldies, but they were delivered as though they were spanking new with lots of sparkle and feeling.

The versatile Greenwood then grabbed his tenor sax and encouraged the audience to jump up and rock 'n' roll in place to the Latin beat of "Tequila." When he introduced the new material from his upcoming album, I

picked a couple of potential hits... one of my favorites was "Cadillac Cornfield," which has a catchy tune, and the other, "I Will Not Go Quietly," is a soft, sensitive, heartbreaker.

Greenwood ended the concert with his 22-year-old favorite "God Bless the U.S.A." which, of course, had the audience on its feet and singing along. Greenwood feels that he is known as a patriot and he reiterates that "God Bless the U.S.A." is a good representation of who he is, an all-American Country Western singer who loves his country. This was one terrific all-American concert celebrating Ohio's 200th Birthday in one of the sweetest little All-American towns there is, Marietta, Ohio.

Marietta really is an ideal representation of small-town America. It is located on not one but two rivers — the beautiful Ohio and the languid, lovely Muskingum. Front Street, the main shopping area, is always flag-and/or flower-festooned and features another bit of nostalgia — the old brick paved road running in front of all the stores. The shops



are varied and the sorts of businesses necessary to a small town. There's a bookshop, bakery, chocolate emporium, Post Office, banks, flower shops, clothing boutiques, restaurants, local craft and gift shops, a co-op art gallery and even a brewery with the best darn root beer ever. In other words, Marietta

is a perfect example of a typical little turn-of-the-century all-American hometown.

But there are some outstanding features that make Marietta unique and extra special. At the edge of downtown, where the two rivers meet, stands the majestic old Lafayette Hotel. Built in the 1900s, it has long been a welcoming site for those arriving either by land or by water on the Ohio. The Lafayette is famous for its comfortably furnished period rooms, stylish lobby, and the splendid Gun Room where you can go for an elegantly served, delicious repast. In front of the hotel you can hire a horse and carriage for a one-hour ride around town or take off on a jolly and informative trolley ride.

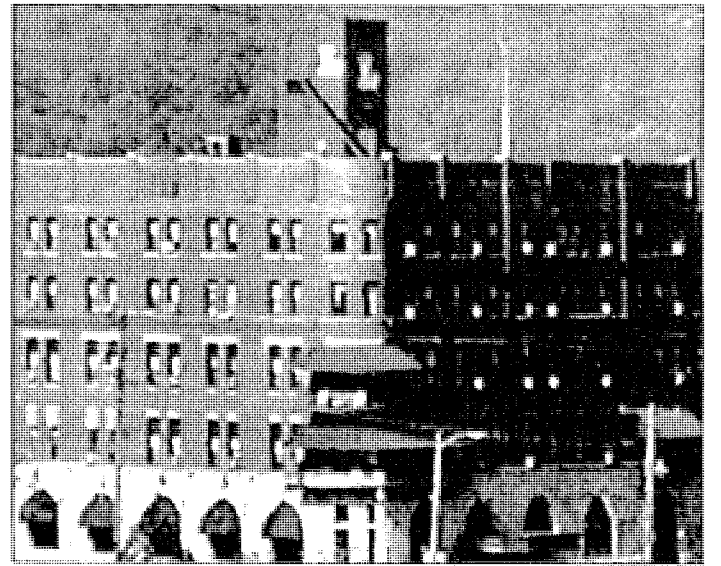
The hotel is across from a small park and the levee where strollers can walk along the Ohio River's banks. The levee is the gathering place for families, couples, neighbors and tourists to walk, talk, or simply sit eating an ice cream cone or a having coffee from one of the two ice cream dispensaries, while watching the barges and boats cruise on the beautiful slow moving river.

The levee is also the place to be every Friday and Saturday evening from 7 'til 8:30 p.m. when there are free concerts. These concerts feature a mixed bag of performers, ranging from Dixieland bands to classic guitarists, from barbershop quartets to Country Western singers or a gospel chorus.

Front Street, which starts at the levee, meanders past an old railroad bridge that has been transformed into a walkway to Historic Harmer Village across the Muskingum, then continues up along the river's edge till it ends at Muskingum Park. This grassy park is another setting for free summer concerts, these on Thursday evenings. The streets above Front Street are where the Marietta folk live in neat, well-kept Victorian homes, with big wrap-around porches and neat gardens running down to the tree-lined, brick streets. It all looks like a New England/Mid Western version of a Norman Rockwell

painting.

Marietta College (founded in 1835) is literally in the center of town as well serving as the center for the many cultural activities that take place in Marietta. Theatrically speaking, there is not one but two theaters. One houses the Mid-Ohio Valley Players and the other, a soon-to-be-revamped Colony Theater, will



bring in small professional touring companies. In addition to these two theaters there is the permanently anchored Showboat Becky Thatcher for plays, musicals and melodramas.

Musically, in addition to the free weekly summer concerts, Music In The Park and Music on the Levee, there is the River Cities Symphony. The Theater at Marietta College and the Washington State Community College Film Series are also big parts of the performing arts scene and play year 'round. You can see why, with all this going on, Marietta rates high as one of my favorite towns. Here life moves slowly and time passes easily and peacefully.

(Having heard all that, you might just want to take a jog over to Marietta and see for yourself what this pretty little bit of Americana is all about as you wend your way back from your summerup North. I highly recommend it.)

Adios for now... keep watching this space for my further adventures as I travel up to Massachusetts and "do" the New England Scene.

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## Regional premiere at Florida Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre is presenting the regional theatre premiere of Steve Martin's wild and crazy adaptation of the 1910 German farce, *The Underpants*.

*The Underpants* concerns itself with an unusual problem: Louise Maske, the wife of a respectable German man has mistakenly lost her underpants! They fell to her ankles as she was watching the king's parade! A public scandal! Her husband swears to keep her in the house until she can find some less unruly panties, but Louise has some ideas of her own.

Suffering from almost a decade of poor translation, *The Underpants* finally found its ideal champion in actor, comedian, novelist, playwright and Academy Awards host, Steve Martin. Martin, whose contemporary adaptation was commissioned and staged by The Classic Theatre Company as part of their "Classic Adaptations" series and created a sensation when it premiered Off-Broadway last year. The New York Times wrote, "Mr. Martin shares [Sternheim's] time-honored belief in the seriousness of silliness."

The cast of six includes Florida Rep favorites as well as familiar faces from television. Fort Myers audiences will be excited to see Niels Miller in his 31st production at the Rep and Carol Provonsa (*The Fat Lady Sings, Nonsense*) in another show-stopping performance.

Florida Rep alumnus, award-winning actor Michael O. Smith (*Room Service*) has Broadway and National Tour credits including *The Elephant Man*, *Amadeus* and *1776* in addition to extensive television credits.

Another regional theatre favorite, Mark Brey, brings down the house in a comic turn, after his chill-inducing performance in Florida Rep's recent thriller, *Veronica's Room*.

Los Angeles actors, Alana Arco and Jason Peck are making their Florida Rep debuts. Young audiences will recognize Peck from his three seasons on the hit sci-fi drama, *Roswell*. And Arco has played leading roles Off-Broadway at The Mint Theatre and at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre House in San Francisco.

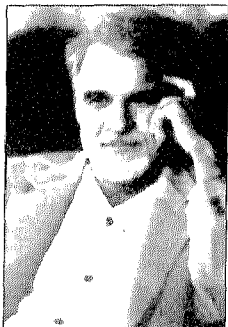
After completing a successful run on stage in *Veronica's Room*, Associate Director Bari Newport, takes a seat in the director's chair for *The Underpants*. It was Newport's innovative creativity that snagged the rights to *The Underpants*, making the Florida Rep production, the national premiere. Upon discovering that the professional production rights for *The Underpants* were still unavailable, Newport wrapped two pairs of ladies underpants, emblazoned with the statement, "We want Underpants!" and sent them to Martin and his publishing agent. "Florida Rep" was on the back side. Not long after, the theatre received a fax granting permission to produce the show.

No one could be happier than Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo. "I cannot tell you how excited we are to be the first theatre outside of New York to produce such an outstanding show. This is a rare opportunity for audiences in the area to be part of a regional theatrical premiere."

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

Now you too can chant, "I've seen London, I've seen France, I've seen Steve Martin's *The Underpants*."

The play opens next Friday, August 22, and runs through Sept. 14 — Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2. Tickets range from \$15 to \$32, and group and student rates are available. Call the box office at 332-4488 or toll-free at (877) 787-8053 for reservations. Florida Rep is located in the Arcade Theatre, downtown Fort Myers.



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Pre-bidding on all artwork has started and will continue until the night of the auction. View the artwork, read each artist's biography and bid on-line by going to [www.actabuse.com](http://www.actabuse.com) and clicking on the Arts for ACT logo. Bids are updated daily.

Proceeds help benefit Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., a non-profit agency established to provide shelter, 24-hour hotline, counseling and education to victims of domestic violence and their families and survivors of sexual assault, serving Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties.

For additional information contact Claudia at Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. at 939-2553.

## 2nd Annual Art & Theatre Festival

Koreshan State Historic Site is making preparations for its second annual Family Art & Theatre Festival scheduled to take place on Saturday, Nov. 15. Currently, there are for several 45-minute performances, for artists, and for one full-feature production for the festival finale. The park plans to set up a centrally located stage in the Koreshan Unity Settlement; throughout the rest of the settlement grounds, artists will have works on display for sale and/or be providing demonstrations. For information on presenting a performance or for tickets, call Ranger Michael Steen or Specialist Ron Bogner at (239) 992-0311.

Ranger-guided tours of the Settlement at Koreshan State Historic Site are given at 10 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday. The tours last approximately one hour and 15 minutes. On the tour, rangers walk with guests through the settlement grounds and discuss the Koreshan ideologies of communal living, celibacy and hollow earth theory. Also during the walk, rangers interpret the structures built by the Koreshans and their significance. Cost for the tour is \$1 per person plus the park entrance fee of \$3.25 per vehicle. For group tours, call (239) 992-0311.

Florida State Parks are in various stages of accessibility. If you require special assistance to attend any of the activities, contact the park as early as possible to make arrangements.

## Tango Workshops offered

Dance Workshops in the passionate and sensual Argentine tango will be offered on Saturday, August 16, at Asylum



Fitness, 13211 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers by national dance champion, Honey Larsen.

Larsen has performed tango on stage as well as in film (*Blue In the Face*), on television (*Cosby Mysteries*), and was one of the dancers to promote Julio Iglesias' Tango CD in New York City. Recently she choreographed the tango sequence in Florida Rep's production of *The Guys*. She has studied with the legendary tango dancer Juan Carlos Copes as well as Daniel Trenner and Rebecca Schulman.

Each workshop is one and a half hours will feature classic steps, styling and technique in leading and following. Basic tango 1 p.m., Intermediate 2:45, Advanced 4:15. One workshop \$15; two workshops \$25.

Contact Larsen at First Dance Productions 415-1951 or [kylehoney@aol.com](mailto:kylehoney@aol.com) for details and registration.

## Update on JT...

The latest word on island impressario JT Smith, from his friend and chair of the Old Schoolhouse Theatre Board, Ginny Fleming (who is herself recovering after weeks in the hospital) is that he is home and doing "all right. Getting better all the time with the love and support of a host of friends and members of the community."

And, yes, he appreciates the cards and good wishes.

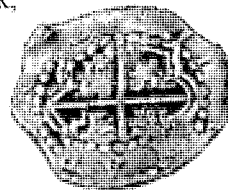


**JT (center) and friends—John Vessels (top) and Jeffrey Searles**

## Book signing at Mel Fisher's

On Monday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jedwin Smith, Pulitzer Prize -nominated journalist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, will be signing his new book, *Fatal Treasure*, at Mel Fisher's Treasure Exhibit & Sales on Sanibel.

The book is about Fisher's quest for the *Atocha* and the author will be joined by Kim Fisher, CEO of the Mel Fisher Company, at the event. Tours of the exhibit — 380-year-old treasure, cannons, and tools from the ocean floor — will be free that day.



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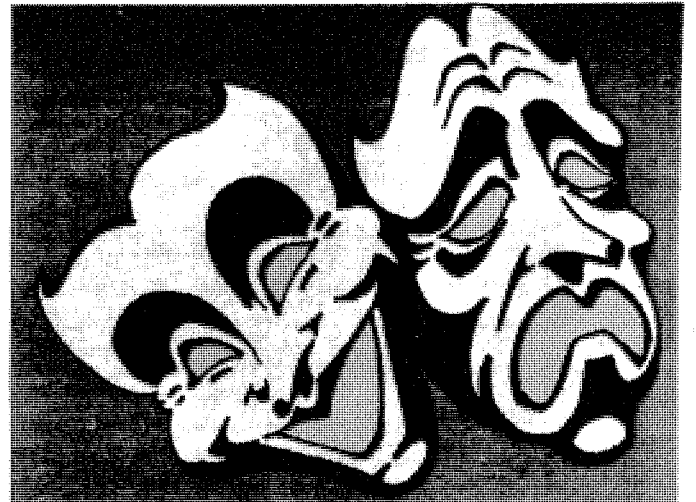


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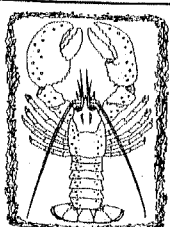
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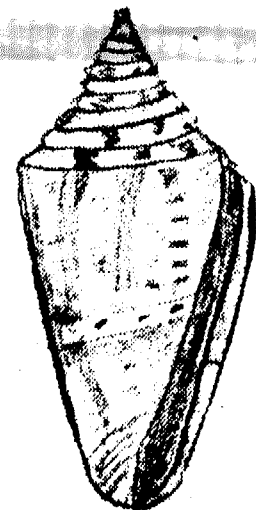
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The popular Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! seminar is coming to Sarasota this weekend. This award-winning program, hosted by Florida's Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and presented by Mercury Outboards, has scheduled its first-ever seminar in Sarasota for August 22-24, 2003 at the Sarasota Yacht Club.

The seminar will kick off with a welcome reception at the Yacht Club on Friday evening. The classroom portion, where fishing techniques will be taught at beginner and intermediate/advanced levels by expert instructors, starts at 7:30 am on Saturday. Speakers and fishing topics will be: Inshore, Capt. Geoffrey Page; Offshore, Capt. Larry McGuire; Bottom, Capt. Dave Zalewski; Basics, Chuck Baldwin; and Fly, Capt. Merrily Dunn.

After lunch, the women will participate in several hands-on fishing stations, such as conservation techniques, spin casting, net casting, landing and releasing, knot tying, gaffing grapefruits, boat handling, trailer backing and reeling against pressure. On Sunday, a fishing trip is offered, concluding with a fillet class and Fish Tales Party. There will be opportunities for local businesses and area anglers to participate.



"We're excited to add Sarasota as a new location for 2003, especially with its great year-round fishing and superb facilities!" commented Betty Bauman, the program's founder. "Based on the high number of inquiries from the Sarasota area, we are expecting up to 100 women."

Featured on NBC's *Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*, the series is partially underwritten by the FWC through the Sport Fish Restoration Program and by partners such as Mercury Outboards, Bass Pro Shops, Ranger, Boat/U.S. Marine Insurance, Gulfstream International Airlines, Lowrance and Marine Industries Association of South Florida. Annual partners include Magic Tilt Trailers, Eagle Claw, Maxima, MinnKota and others.

While it is too late to register for Sarasota, seminars are also held in Fort Lauderdale, Stuart, and Islamorada, as well as Alaska and Costa Rica. Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! also offers a national association, with annual memberships and local chapters.

Registration is \$105 and includes the Welcome party, meals, classes at beginner/advanced levels, lunch, hands-on skill stations, Fish Tales Party, T-Shirts, goody bags and door prizes. The fishing adventure, with fishing tackle and bait provided, is additional. Contact LLGF, Post Office Box 550429, Fort Lauderdale, 33355; phone (954) 475-9068, fax (954) 474-7299, or call toll free (888) 321-LLGF (5543); email: billfishbetty@hotmail.com. The program's website is [www.ladiesletsgofishing.com](http://www.ladiesletsgofishing.com).

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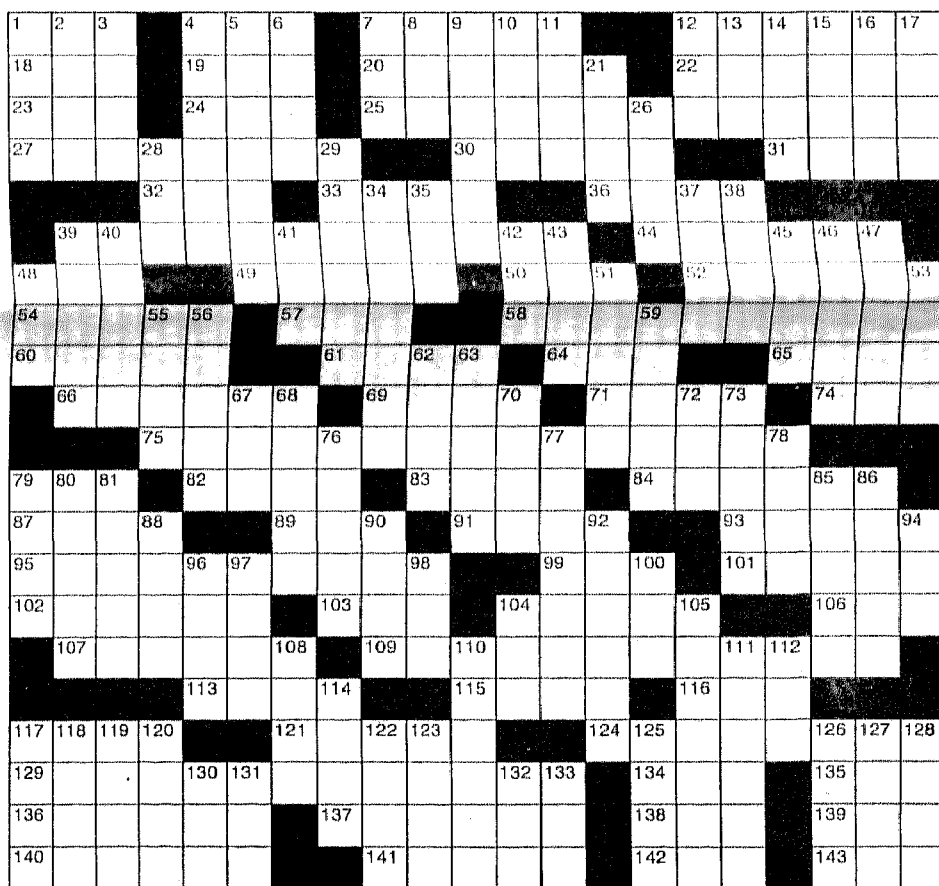
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23 He was liked in '56  
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25 Martial artist?  
27 Albert's wife  
30 Tracking tool  
31 Inspect too closely?  
32 — tu (Verdi aria)  
33 Swigs  
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39 Monstrous artist?  
44 Sentimental song  
48 Tell it like it isn't  
49 Honolulu hello  
50 Low digit  
52 Track shoes  
54 Kick out  
57 Room for improvement?  
58 Artist's wrinkles?  
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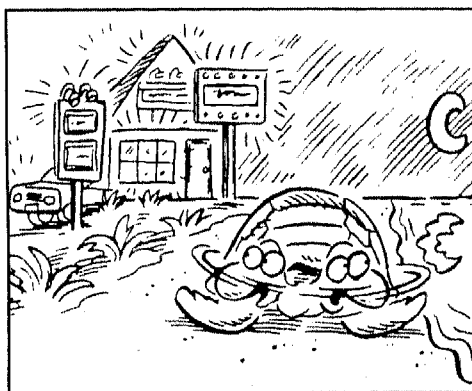
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3 Crude cartel  
4 Like ugly clothes?  
5 Goulash spice  
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7 "You bet!"

8 Tolkien creature  
9 Opposed  
10 Hindu deity  
11 Prepared to drive  
12 "Quiet!"  
13 — man (everyone)  
14 Mythical vessel  
15 Improve oneself, in a way  
16 Enjoy the weekend  
17 Director — C. Kenton  
21 Hose  
26 Zodiac crustacean  
28 Herbal concoction  
29 Vexes  
34 "Moby-Dick" narrator  
35 Child welfare org.  
37 Endure  
38 "The Sound of Music" setting  
39 Repair  
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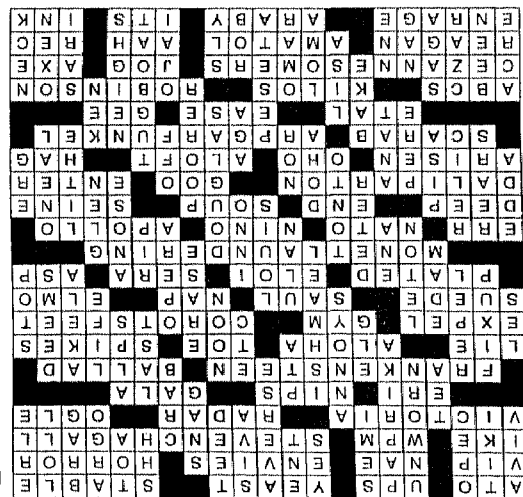
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## Tomb Raider, from page 14

asures. She and her team dive, discovering amazing treasures, including an amber sphere that contains a map to Pandora's box.

The glowing sphere and great treasures, however, have drawn the bad guys led by Chen Lo who turn up in time to kill Lara's companions, steal the orb and leave her floating in the ocean, unconscious, clinging to a piece of her boat. They also blow up the underwater temple, leading to some pretty spectacular special effects.

Once rescued, Lara begins a quest to find the orb and decode it to prevent the bad guys from reaching

Pandora's box and unleashing all manner of disaster on mankind.

Chief baddie Dr. Jonathan Reiss is played by Ciarin Hinds. He has made a business of selling diseases to the highest bidder and intends to sell the Pandora's box — which he hasn't even yet acquired.

To foil him, Croft teams up with an old boyfriend, Terry Sheridan, played by Scottish actor Gerard Butler, and brings back two of her regular characters from the first film.

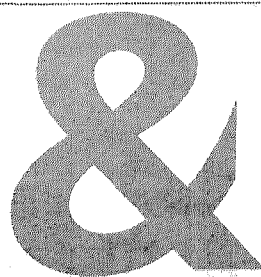
The orb, when decoded, leads our feisty heroine, the

baddies and all their sidekicks to Africa, the cradle of life, where Pandora's box has been under the protection of a benevolent primitive tribe that time forgot.

Some of the movie is predictable. But it was still a fun ride while it lasted. It has holes in logic such as the fact that Pandora's box, once opened, already unleashed disaster. According to the myth, what was left after that wasn't more deadly disaster or disease but hope. But the special effects are good, the action is non-stop and the actors seem to be having fun. So does the audience.

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